

Key Stage 5

The Key Stage 5 curriculum again follows the principle of pathways accessible to different groups of students and ensures that we retain the comprehensive ethos that drives the provision at other key stages. The range of subjects offered is broad and balanced.

As from September 2017 the structure and requirements of Post 16 study are changing from previous years. This is in line with government reforms to A Level and BTEC qualifications.

The vast majority of students will study for 3 subject choices over the course of two years. For A Level these will be linear in structure, with examinations taken at the end of the two years. Unlike in the past, AS examinations will not form part of the majority of student's pathways. This is a significant change and means that students should select very carefully the subjects they wish to pursue from the start of Year 12.

With this in mind our admissions pathways are designed to ensure students are following appropriate courses based upon their previous levels of achievement.

We will be retaining an Average Points Score (APS) system that measures what you achieve at GCSE.

Grade	Points Score Equivalence	Grade English & Maths only
	64	9
A*	58	8
A	52	7
B	46	6
	43	5
C	40	4
D	34	3
E	28	2
F	22	1

In principle the following pathways will apply for the academic year 2017 / 2018

Pathways

Pathway 1

For admission onto Pathway 1 to study **4 A Levels** students should have a minimum APS of **49** and the specific subject requirement.

Pathway 2

For admission onto Pathway 2 to study **3 A Levels or 2 A Levels & BTEC single** students should have a minimum APS of **43** and the specific subject requirement.

Pathway 3

For admission onto Pathway 3 to study **BTEC and 1 Level 3 course (BTEC single OR A Level)** students should have a minimum APS of **40** and the specific subject requirement.

September 2017

From 2017 we move to a two year linear model for all A Levels (a majority of students choosing 3 A Levels; some 4 A Levels).

There are no AS examinations partway through the course except in exceptional circumstances.

Enrichment and EPQ becomes more robust to use alongside 3 linear A Levels.

Introduction of single BTECS or equivalent Level 3 and a suite of 1 year AS Levels for some students to study in addition to the 3 linear A Levels.

Sixth Form

Pathway 1

APS 49 & specific subject grade

A Level	A Level	A Level	A Level
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Pathway 2

APS 43 & specific subject grade

A Level	A Level	A Level or BTEC Single
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Pathway 3

APS 40 & specific subject grade

BTEC Double / Single	BTEC Double / Single	BTEC Single / A Level
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BTEC Triple Football Academy	BTEC Triple Football Academy	BTEC Triple Football Academy
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Students should select the most appropriate combination based upon future plans, current projections and aptitude / enjoyment of selected subjects.

Academic Enrichment	Personal Enrichment	Work Experience
Arts award	Clubs & Societies	Compulsory for all Year 12 students
Core Maths	Duke of Edinburgh	
Creative Writing	Duty and Site Prefects	
Extended Project	House Captains	
Financial Studies	Leadership Committee	
Global Citizenship	School Council	
LAMDA	Sixth Form Ambassadors	
MFL QCF	Sixth Form Prefects	
	Sports Leaders	

Students will be required to supplement their subject studies with appropriate academic and personal enrichment. Work experience will be a compulsory element.

Subject	LEVEL	Minimum Entrance Criteria
Art and Design	A Level	B in GCSE Art or Graphics
Biology	A Level	2 B's in GCSE Science including Biology
Chemistry	A Level	2 Grade B's in GCSE Science including Chemistry
Design and Technology: Product Design	A Level	B in GCSE in any Design and Technology subject or Art
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level	B in GCSE Drama OR a Grade 6 in English
English Language	A Level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	A Level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Lit. & English Language
Film Studies	A Level	C in GCSE Film / Media OR 5 in English (Language or Literature)
French	A Level	B in GCSE French or ability to speak to equivalent level
Geography	A Level	B in Geography OR B grade in Science
German	A Level	B in GCSE German or ability to speak to equivalent level
Government & Politics	A Level	B in GCSE History OR 6 in English Literature
History	A Level	B in GCSE History OR 6 in English Literature
Mathematics	A Level	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
Mathematics Further	A Level	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics
Music	A Level	B in GCSE Music or grade 5 in an instrument/voice
Physical Education	A Level	B in GCSE PE or B Double Science including Biology
Physics	A Level	2 Grade B's in GCSE Science including Physics
Psychology	A Level	6 in GCSE English (Language or Literature) & B in GCSE Science
RS: Philosophy and Ethics	A Level	Grade B in GCSE RS or Grade B in GCSE English Language or Literature
Spanish	A Level	B in GCSE Spanish or ability to speak to equivalent level

Applied Science	BTEC Certificate	APS 40 and a C in Science
Business	BTEC Diploma	APS 40
Financial Studies	IFS Certificate	APS 40
Health and Social Care	BTEC Diploma	APS 40
ICT	BTEC Certificate	APS 40
Media Studies	BTEC Certificate	APS 40
Music Technology	BTEC Certificate	APS 40
Performing Arts	BTEC Certificate	APS 40
Sport and Exercise	BTEC Diploma	APS 40