

# Sixth Form Admissions and Pathways

## 2019 Entry Requirements for the Birchwood Sixth Form

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.

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

We operate a Total Point Score system that measures what students achieve at GCSE / Level 2. This will be done by taking the best 8 subject grades. These are then added together to produce a Total Point Score, as shown in the worked example below.

### Total Point Score

Grade GCSE	Grade BTEC Level 2 (Business, ICT, Construction, Health & Social Care)
9	
8	<i>DISTINCTION</i>
7	
6	<i>MERIT</i>
5	
4	<i>PASS</i>
3	
2	
1	

Total Point Score - calculation		
Subject	Grade	Points
English Language	7	7
English Literature	6	6
Maths	5	5
History	4	4
Media	7	7
Science	4	4
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French	6	6

Total = 43

## Pathways

### Pathway 1

For admission onto Pathway 1 to study **4 A levels** students should have a **minimum total point score of 48 and the specific subject grade – 6 (for chosen subject)**.

### Pathway 2

For admission onto Pathway 2 to study **3 A levels or 2 A levels & BTEC single** students should have a **minimum total point score of 42 and the specific subject grade – 6 (for chosen subject)**.

### Pathway 3

For admission onto Pathway 3 to study **1 Double BTEC and 1 BTEC single OR A level** students should have a **minimum total point score of 36 and the specific subject grade – 6 (for chosen subject)**.

### Pathway 1

TPS 48 & specific subject grade

A level	A level	A level	A level
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### Pathway 2

TPS 42 & specific subject grade

A level	A level	A level or BTEC Single
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### Pathway 3

TPS 36 & 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
Core Maths	Clubs & Societies	Compulsory for all Year 12 students
Extended Project (EPQ)	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Gold	
Online Courses	House Captains	
	Leadership Committee	
	School Council	
	Sixth Form Ambassadors	
	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.

# Courses and Entry Requirements

The information that is below lets you see what courses are available to you and what the Entry Requirements are for the course. If you are unsure please ask. TPS refers to total point score.

Subject	Level	Entry Requirement
Art & Design (Fine Art)	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Art or Graphics
Biology	A level	2 Grade 6's in GCSE Double Science or Triple Science including Biology
Business	BTEC Diploma	TPS 36
Business Studies	A level	BTEC Business Merit or English & Maths Grade 6
Chemistry	A level	2 Grade 6's in GCSE Triple Science including Chemistry
Drama and Theatre Studies	A level	Grade 5 in GCSE Drama If GCSE Drama was not taken a Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature)
Economics	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature
English Language	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature and English Language
Film Studies	A level	Grade 5 in GCSE Film or Media or Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Financial Studies	LIBF Diploma	TPS 36
Football Academy	BTEC Extended Diploma	TPS 36
French	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE French or the ability to study French to the equivalent level
Geography	A level	Grade 6 in Geography
German	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE German or the ability to study German to the equivalent level
Health & Social Care	BTEC Diploma	TPS 36
History	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE History
IT	BTEC Certificate	TPS 36
Mathematics Core	Level 0.5 of an A level	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics
Mathematics	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics (A grade 7 is highly recommended; exceptional students can succeed with a Grade 6 at GCSE but this is unusual)

Mathematics Further	A level	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics
Media Studies	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Media or Film. If not taken at GCSE Grade 6 in English
Music	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Music or Grade 5 in an instrument/voice if GCSE Music has not been taken
Performing Arts (Dance)	BTEC	TPS 36
Philosophy and Ethics RS	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE RS or Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Physical Education	A level	Grade 6 GCSE in PE or Grade 6 in Combined Science including Biology
Physics	A level	2 Grade 6 's in GCSE Double Science or Triple Science including Physics and Maths
Politics	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE History or English Literature
Product Design D&T	A level	Grade 6 GCSE in any Design and Technology subject or Art
Psychology	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Sociology	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature and Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Spanish	A level	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish or the ability to study Spanish to the equivalent level
Sport	BTEC Diploma	TPS 36