

Pathway Criteria

The General Pathway

You will need English and Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above

The Extended Pathway

You will need English and Mathematics at Grade 5 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 5 or above

The Combined Pathway

You will need English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above

The Specialist Pathway

You will need English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above

The T Level Pathway

You will need English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above

Subject Criteria

Acting (Performing Arts) – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English or Mathematics and a background in Drama would be preferable.

Art

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in Art, Textiles or a Technology subject.

Biology

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in Mathematics and have studied Science with a significant Biology component (for example, Core and Additional Science) and achieved Grade 5 or above.

Business – Advanced Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above.

Business – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

Business Studies

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

Chemistry

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in Mathematics and have studied Science with a significant Chemistry component (for example, Core and Additional Science) and achieved Grade 5 or above.

Children's Play, Learning and Development - Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics or English

Computer Science

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in Mathematics.

Core Mathematics (AS Only)

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in Mathematics

Criminology – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics

Dance Performing Arts – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English or Mathematics.

Digital Production, Design and Development – T Level

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English or Mathematics and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above.

Drama and Theatre Studies

Students who have not taken a GCSE Drama subject must see the Curriculum Leader of Drama before they apply for the course, to confirm suitability

Economics

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

Education and Child Care – T Level

You will need to achieve English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above.

English Language

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language.

English Literature

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature and a 4 or above in English Language.

Environmental Science

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Science as well as a Grade 4 or above in Mathematics, A Grade 4 in Geography is preferable but not essential.

Film Studies

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language. Students who are currently studying Media should achieve a Grade 4 or above.

Financial Studies – Certificate-Diploma

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

French

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE French from a higher tier paper

Further Mathematics

You will need to achieve a Grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

Geography

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in Geography and/or Science.

German

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in German.

Health and Social Care – Advanced Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above.

Health and Social Care – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English or Mathematics.

History

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English Students who are currently studying History should achieve a Grade 4 or above in the subject

Information Technology – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English or Mathematics.

Mathematics

You will need to achieve a Grade 6 or above from the higher tier in Mathematics.

Media Studies

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in English Language.

Medical Science – Specialist Qualification

You will need English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and Double Award Science with Grades 4-4 or above.

Music

You will need to achieve Grade 4 or above in Music and be able to perform to at least Grade 5 standard on your instrument or voice.

Music Performance – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English or Mathematics.

Philosophy

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language.

Photography

You will need to enjoy working independently and being responsible for your own ideas, building up a portfolio of photographs.

Physical Education

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Physical Education and Science.

Physics

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in Core Science and Additional Science, along with Mathematics at Grade 5 or above.

Politics

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in History or English Language.

Product Design

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above from your GCSE Design and Technology course. You must also have been entered for the Higher GCSE Mathematics paper.

Psychology

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in Mathematics, Grade 5 or above in English Language and a Grade 5 or above in Science.

Sociology

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.

Spanish

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Spanish from a higher tier paper

Sport – Advanced Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve English or Mathematics at Grade 4 or above and at least four other GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above.

Sport – Specialist Qualification

You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English or Mathematics.

Textiles

You will need to achieve a Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art or Technology