



Rationale for entry into Sixth Form – September 2021

- To ensure all students (Raising the Participation Age) can access appropriate qualifications from Key Stage 4 and have a broad and balanced Programme of Study to support them onto higher education, further education and/or employment with training.
- Admission to the Sixth Form is subject to the student attributes below and the course entry requirements.
- All students must be coursed on a minimum of 3 x Level 3 subjects OR 2 x Level 2 subjects (plus resit English and/or Maths as required)
- Progression from Year 12 onto Year 13 courses requires satisfactory progress in line with students' ALPS targets, based on internal assessments including Mock examinations.
- Every place in the Sixth Form is subject to continued participation in a full time programme study, determined by satisfactory progress, effort, behaviour and attendance.
- Please note that A Level courses have now moved to linear assessment (i.e. no marks accrued in Year 12 A/S examinations can be carried forward to Year 13). Students will be taught on the basis that they will follow the course for two years. If they choose to drop the course after one year and sit A/S Level examinations, they must understand that teachers will not have explicitly prepared students for A/S Level content or assessment criteria, both of which now differ from full A Level.
- Level 3 Applied General/BTEC courses are A Level or equivalent courses.
- Please refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus on the school website for detailed information about courses offered
- All courses are offered subject to sufficient uptake
- In recommending students for places on courses in Sixth Form, the Sixth Form team will give due consideration to any Covid-related mitigating factors that may have meant that performance fell short of meeting entry criteria when this would normally have been expected/predicted
- Entry to Sixth Form is ultimately at the discretion of Mr. Alderman, Head teacher

Student attributes for Level 3 courses (AS/Applied and BTEC) - Evidence:

- The recommendation of teachers in Year 11 and the Year 11 Progress Leader
- Year 11 pastoral record without serious concerns (school report)
- These criteria apply to external applicants
- Each student's results and entry into Sixth Form can be discussed in further detail during their interview for Sixth Form

Access to Year 12 Study Programmes 2020/21

Programme of Study	Entry requirements
X4 A Levels/L3BTEC + Core RE + Enrichment + 1 week Work Experience (Extended Project Qualification will be optional)	Pathway only open for students with minimum GCSE Grade 7 in all chosen Level 3 subjects (or other qualifying subjects)
X3 A Levels/L3 BTEC courses + Core RE + Enrichment + 1 week Work Experience + Core Maths + resit English and /or Maths	Minimum of 5 x 9 - 4 at GCSE and average grade of Grade 4 or above across all subjects OR Grade 5 or



as required (Extended Project Qualification will be optional)	above in all of the x3 chosen Level 3 subjects (or other qualifying subjects)
X2 A Level/L3BTEC subjects and weekly Work Experience Pathway + Core RE + Enrichment + resit English and /or Maths as required (only for students not considering university)	Minimum Grade 4 or above in specified subjects
X2 Level 2 BTEC subjects + Core RE + Enrichment + 1 week Work Experience + Core Maths + resit English and /or Maths as required	Average Grade of 2.5 or above across all subjects

Subject-specific entry requirements 2020/21

These requirements are to be met in addition to the requirements for Access to Year 12 Study Programmes (above)

Subject	Entry requirements	Possible alternative entry requirement
Art (A Level)	GCSE grade 4 or above in Art or Pass in Graphics	If a student has not taken either Art or Graphics at GCSE, evidence of Art work they have completed outside of lessons, such as a mini project, sketchbook or portfolio will be required
Biology (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Biology and grade 5 or above in Maths.	GCSE grade 5 or above in Additional Science and Grade 5 or above in Maths
Business (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Business and Grade 4 or above in Maths.	GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Maths if student did not study GCSE Business
Chemistry (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Chemistry and grade 5 or above in Maths.	GCSE grade 5 or above in Additional Science and Grade 5 or above in Maths
Dance (Tech Cert)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Dance	Discussion with Curriculum Leader if not studied at GCSE
Digital Media (Tech Cert)	GCSE grade 5 or above in ICT	GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Maths
Drama (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Drama	Discussion with Curriculum Leader if not studied at GCSE
English Literature (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in English	
English Combined Lang/Lit (A)	GCSE grade 4 or above in English	
French (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in French	



Geography (A)	GCSE Grade 5 or above in Geography	Discussion with CL if grade 4 Geography is achieved, or if Geography is not studied at GCSE.
Health & Social Care (Applied General)	GCSE grade 4 or above in Health and Social Care or equivalent	5 x GCSE grade 4 or above including English and Maths
History (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in History	Discussion with CL if the requirements are not met. GCSE History is not a pre-requisite for this course
Maths (A)	GCSE grade 6 or above in Maths in Higher Paper	
Music (Tech Cert)	GCSE Grade 5 or above in Music	Discussion with Curriculum Leader if not studied at GCSE
Politics (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in English	Discussion with the CL if the requirements are not met.
Physics (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Physics and grade 5 or above in Maths.	GCSE grade 5 or above in Additional Science and Grade 5 or above in Maths
Psychology (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in English; grade 5 or above in Maths or grade 4 in Science	
Religious Studies (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in RE	
Sociology (A)	GCSE grade B or above in Sociology	GCSE grade 4 or above in English
Spanish (A)	GCSE grade 5 or above in Spanish	
Travel & Tourism (Applied General)	Pupils to meet overall requirements for entry into Sixth Form to gain a place on the course.	

Progression to Year 13

- Most students who join Sixth Form in September 2019 will study with us for two years.
- This can be reviewed in situations where students wish to leave after Year 12 or where performance, attendance or conduct in Year 12 suggest that the students has not been fully participating in education (for example if they do not achieve minimum grade D or better in at least 3 A/S and/or Internal Mocks and/or BTEC subjects or their equivalents).
- Repeats of Year 12 will not be allowed except in a very few cases (e.g. where serious illness has prevented attendance).
- It may be possible for students to 'drop' certain courses provided that they are still following a full-time Programme of Study and that there is reason to believe that this will help raise their attainment in their other subjects.
- Entry to Sixth Form and progression to Year 13 courses is ultimately at the discretion of Mr. Alderman, Head teacher.