

# Subject Specific Entry Criteria

## 2025



A LEVEL SUBJECT	Minimum GCSE grades required	
	Where subject studied at GCSE	Alternative where subject not studied at GCSE
Art – Fine Art Art - Textiles	Grade 6 in Art <b>or</b> Textiles	By agreement of the Head of Department, following a portfolio assessment
Biology	Grade 6 in Biology, Grade 6 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English *	Grade 6 in Combined Science, Grade 6 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English*
Business	Grade 6 in Business	Grade 6 in English Language <b>and</b> Maths
Chemistry	Grade 6 in Chemistry, Grade 6 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English*	Grade 6 in Combined Science, Grade 6 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English *
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computer Science	By agreement of the Head of Department
Design & Technology	Grade 6 in Design & Technology	By agreement of the Head of Department, following a portfolio assessment
Drama	Grade 6 in Drama	Grade 6 in English <b>and</b> by agreement of the Head of Department
Economics	Grade 6 in Economics <b>and</b> Grade 6 in English Language <b>and</b> Maths.	Grade 6 in English Language <b>and</b> Maths
English Literature	Grade 6 in English Literature <b>and</b> Language	
French	Grade 6 in French	
Geography	Grade 6 in Geography	By agreement of the Head of Department
History	Grade 6 in History	Grade 6 in English
Maths	Grade 7 in Maths	
Further Maths (AS/A level)	Grade 8 in Maths	
Music	Grade 6 in Music <b>and</b> the ability to perform Grade 5+	By agreement of the Head of Department
Philosophy & Ethics	Grade 6 in RE (full course)	Grade 6 in English
Physical Education	Grade 6 in PE <b>and</b> suitable strength in ONE sport*	Grade 6 in ONE Science (Triple) <b>or</b> 6 in Combined Science and 6 in English <b>and</b> suitable strength in ONE sport*
Physics	Grade 6 in Physics, Grade 7 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English. Must be studied alongside Maths A level*	Grade 6 in Combined Science, Grade 7 in Maths <b>and</b> Grade 5 in English. Must be studied alongside Maths A level*
Psychology	Grade 6 in Psychology	Grade 6 in Science, English and Maths
Sociology	Grade 6 in Sociology	Grade 6 in English
Spanish	Grade 6 in Spanish	

\*See subject information page in our Post-16 prospectus for further guidance / speak to Head of Department

BTEC/DIPLOMA SUBJECT	Minimum GCSE grades required
BTEC Business National Diploma	Grade 4 in Maths <b>and</b> English Language. It is not a requirement to have studied Business Studies GCSE as the course assumes no prior knowledge
BTEC Business Foundation Diploma	
BTEC Health & Social Care Extended Certificate	Grade 4 in English Language. It is not a requirement to have studied Level 2 BTEC Health and Social Care
BTEC IT Extended Certificate	Grade 4 in Maths <b>and</b> English Language
Food Science & Nutrition Diploma	Grade 5 in Design Technology <b>OR</b> Food Preparation & Nutrition <b>OR</b> Science

Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate (IT/ Health & Social Care) and Food Science Diploma are equal to a single A level programme. In Business, BTEC Foundation Diploma is equal to 1.5 A levels and BTEC Diploma is equal to 2 A levels.

**CONSORTIUM SUBJECTS**

Please check the entry requirements carefully for subjects offered at Sir John Lawes, Katherine Warington, and St George's schools. This information is available in our Post-16 Prospectus.

CONSORTIUM SCHOOL	Minimum GCSE grades required
Sir John Lawes	<b>German:</b> Grade 6 in German
	<b>Media Studies:</b> Grade 6 in GCSE Media or Film Studies, or grade 6 in English (if Media or Film have not previously been studied). All students must have an APS of 4.5
St George's School	<b>Politics:</b> Five full GCSEs or equivalent at grades 9-5, which would include English and Maths. Three of these passes must be at grade 6 or above, and include either History or English Literature at a minimum grade 6.
Katherine Warington School	<b>Chinese:</b> Grade 7 in Mandarin. The course is suitable for both Cantonese and Mandarin speakers.
	<b>CTEC Sport &amp; Physical Activity:</b> Grade 4 in Physical Education and English, or if not taken, Grade 4 in Science (Biology) and a keen interest in sport.
	<b>BTEC National Diploma Performing Arts:</b> Grade 4 in English, plus evidence of commitment to performing through involvement in shows and productions.

GCSE points score for Level 1/2 BTEC:	P1	M1	D1	P2	M2	D2	D*2
BTEC IT and BTEC Health & Social Care	1.25	2	3	4	5.5	7	8.5