

Subject Entry Requirements – for Level 2 & Level 3 courses starting in September 2017

It is very important that you read the information detailed below so that you are aware of the entry criteria for the particular subjects that you have applied for, as the entry requirements for some subjects may have been altered since publishing our prospectus. Please also refer to the 'Information for Applicants' booklet and the 'Tariff table' (available to download via Admissions portal) about how many and what types of course to study, depending upon your GCSE grade profile in August. **Where there is a GCSE English requirement to start a course, either English Language or Literature will be accepted.**

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L3 A Level Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Business or BTEC equivalent, a grade C/pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English <u>and</u> a grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are aiming at a career in Accountancy, you will require grade 6 in both GCSE Maths and English Language
L3 A Level Ancient History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE History a grade C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please discuss at enrolment if you wish to study this course alongside Modern History A level
L3 BTEC Applied Science (Single- Extended Certificate & Triple- Extended Diploma)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade C or above in GCSE Core and Additional Science Or an A*-C grade in GCSE Applied Science If you have studied BTEC Science a pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have taken other Science qualifications, you will need to discuss this with us The single award is equivalent to 1 A level The triple award is equivalent to 3 A levels
L3 A Level Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade C in an Art & Design subject (Art, Graphics, Photography, etc.) or a related area, such as Design Technology If you have studied L2 BTEC Art and Design/Art and Design Extended Certificate/Art and Design Diploma a Pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grade 4 or above in GCSE English is recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students without GCSE in Art or a related subject will need to present a folder of work for negotiation, which must include at least one drawing made from direct observation

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L3 A Level Art & Design (Graphics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade C in an Art & Design subject (Art, Graphics, Photography, etc.) or a related area, such as Design Technology If you have studied L2 BTEC Art and Design/Art and Design Extended Certificate/Art and Design Diploma a Pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grade 4 or above in GCSE English is recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students without GCSE in Art or a related subject will need to present a folder of work for negotiation, which must include at least one drawing made from direct observation
L3 A Level Art and Design (Photography)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grade 4 or above in GCSE English is recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You do not have to have any previous qualifications of photography or drawing skills for this course
L3 A Level Art and Design (Textiles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade C in an Art & Design subject (Art, Graphics, Photography, etc.) or a related area, such as Design Technology If you have studied BTEC Art and Design/Art and Design Extended Certificate/Art and Design Diploma a Pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A grade 4 or above in GCSE English is recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students without GCSE in Art or a related subject will need to present a folder of work for negotiation, which must include at least one drawing made from direct observation
L3 A Level Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Biology a grade B at the higher level paper If you have studied GCSE Science a grade C in Core Science <u>and</u> a Grade B in Additional Science (at the higher tier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English <u>and</u> a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have taken other Science qualifications, you will be required to discuss this with us It is also strongly recommended that Chemistry is also taken In the new A Level Biology course there will be a minimum 20% weighting of Maths skills within the assessment
L3 A Level Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Business or BTEC equivalent, a grade C/pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English <u>and</u> a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	
L3 BTEC in Business (Single- Extended Certificate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied L2 BTEC Business a pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in <u>either</u> GCSE English or GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is equivalent to 1 A level
L3 A Level Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Chemistry a grade B If you have studied GCSE Science a grade C in Core Science <u>and</u> a Grade B in Additional Science (at the higher tier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have taken other Science qualifications, you will need to discuss this with us In the new A Level Chemistry course there will be a minimum 20% weighting of Maths skills within the assessment.

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L3 A Level Computer Science		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not essential to have studied Computing/IT at GCSE Skills in Maths and written English, including reading on a regular basis, would be an advantage for the theory part of the course It is possible to study both IT and Computer Science if the required entry criteria for both courses is met
L3 AS Level Critical Thinking		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English <u>and</u> a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students considering medicine, law, dentistry, veterinary science, and Oxbridge entry may wish to consider this course. In all such cases this will necessitate a discussion at enrolment Critical Thinking is taken in addition to your other 3 main A level subjects
L3 A Level Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Dance a grade C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous dance experience is essential
L3 A Level Drama and Theatre Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Performing Arts/Drama a grade C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must also have a strong interest in performance-based work and be willing to take part in a number of public performances
L3 A Level Economics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English <u>and</u> a grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest in current affairs is advisable
L3 A Level English Language		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language & Literature combined GCSE (known as GCSE English) is not recommended for an English A Level
L3 A Level English Literature		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> a grade 4 or above in GCSE English Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language & Literature combined GCSE (known as GCSE English) is not recommended for an English A Level
L3 A Level English Language and Literature		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> a grade C or above in GCSE English Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language & Literature combined GCSE (known as GCSE English) is not recommended for an English A Level

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L3 A Level Film Studies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest in English Literature is desirable
L3 A Level French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade B at GCSE French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	
L3 A Level Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Geography you must have a grade C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	
L3 A Level Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have achieved a grade C in GCSE Core Science <u>and</u> a grade C in GCSE Additional Science (at the higher tier). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not essential to have studied Geology/Geography at GCSE If you have taken other Science qualifications you will require to discuss this with us
L3 A Level German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade B at GCSE German. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	
L3 A Level Government and Politics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a strong interest in current affairs
L3 BTEC Health and Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade C in a Single Award Science or equivalent. If you have studied GCSE Health and Social Care you must have a grade C (or grade CC if a double award) If you have studied L2 BTEC Health and Social Care a pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is equivalent to 1 A level
L3 A Level History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE History, you must have a grade C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please discuss at enrolment if you wish to study this course alongside Ancient History A level
L3 BTEC in Information Technology (Single- Extended Certificate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied L2 BTEC IT a pass grade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in <u>either</u> GCSE English <u>or</u> GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that you have a grade 4 or above in English as you must have skills in written English and undertake reading on a regular basis in order to be successful in the theory part of the Course It is not essential to have studied Computing/IT at GCSE This course is equivalent to 1 A level

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L3 A Level Law		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not essential to have studied Law at GCSE You must be comfortable with expressing legal argument in essay format
L3 BTEC Applied Law (Single-Subsidiary Diploma)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is equivalent to 1 A level
L3 A Level Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A combined GCSE points score of 5.0 or above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your combined GCSE points score will be calculated at enrolment based on success in your GCSE's
L3 A Level Further Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To study Further Maths, a student must also be studying Maths A Level A combined GCSE points score of 6.0 or above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 7 or above in GCSE Maths if this is part of a 3 A level timetable. A grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Maths will be required if Further Maths is to be part of a 4 A level timetable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion must take place with a Maths teacher at enrolment if you wish to consider Further Maths. Your combined GCSE points score will be calculated at enrolment based on success in your GCSE's Further Maths is a full-time A level like any other, so Maths and Further Maths count as two subjects For some students it may be appropriate to take an AS in Further Maths – depending upon career choices. Again this will be discussed with the Head Of Subject depending upon individual circumstances. Further Maths is usually taken by academically strong students with high ability in Maths.
L3 AS Mathematics over 2 years (Maths Pathways)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A combined GCSE points score of 5.0 or above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion must take place with a Maths teacher at enrolment if you wish to consider Maths pathways If you have a grade 5 and a GCSE points score <u>less than 5.0</u>, then the suitability of the course can be discussed with the HOS and a decision made at enrolment. Your combined GCSE points score will be calculated at enrolment based on success in your GCSE's

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L3 A Level Media Studies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interest in English Literature is desirable.
L3 A Level Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must also be of approximately Grade 4 standard on your principal instrument or voice You must have gained Grade 4 in Music Theory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have not studied GCSE Music you may be considered for the course if you have a grade 5 or above qualification in Music Theory.
L3 BTEC Music Technology (Single-Subsidiary Diploma)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in <u>either</u> GCSE English <u>or</u> GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should have a strong interest in music and recording technology Whilst playing an instrument may be beneficial for this course it is not a requirement This course is equivalent to 1 A level
L3 A Level Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE PE or BTEC equivalent, a grade C/pass You will require a grade C or above in Core <u>or</u> Additional Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must be training and participating in one sport, in competitive fixtures at a club level or higher You must be free from long term injury and able to participate in practical assessments
L3 A Level Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have studied GCSE Physics you must have a grade B If you have studied GCSE Science you must have a grade C in Core Science <u>and</u> a Grade B in Additional Science (at the higher tier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have taken other Science qualifications, you will need to discuss this Physics at A level has a strong mathematical component It is strongly recommended that you take Maths AND Physics, as without it, progression to a Physics / Engineering degree will be very difficult
L3 A Level Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade C in GCSE Science or an equivalent Science course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths <u>and</u> a grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not essential to have studied Psychology at GCSE
L3 A Level Sociology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not essential to have studied Sociology at GCSE

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L3 A Level Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You must have a grade B in GCSE Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English	
L3 A Level Religious Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you have studied GCSE RE you must have a grade C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You must have grade 4 or above in GCSE English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is not essential to have studied RE at GCSE

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We also offer a number courses for students who wish to improve their L2 profile and progress to L3 courses in the subsequent year

Level 2 Courses		
GCSE's	MINIMUM general entry requirements	Further Information
GCSE Art & Design (Graphics/Photography)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that both courses will be taught in one class, allowing students to choose with advice, which specification will be most suitable. For this reason it will not be possible to take both courses.
GCSE English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most colleges and universities require GCSE Maths as an entry requirement, as do many jobs and careers.
GCSE Italian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will need to have gained a grade B in another language at GCSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is only available as part of a L3 study programme
GCSE Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most colleges and universities require GCSE Maths as an entry requirement, as do many jobs and careers.
GCSE Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	
GCSE Philosophy & Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	
GCSE Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New course- will only run if viable
BTECs		
BTEC Level 2 Applied Science (First Award)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A GCSE Maths grade 4 is recommended to be successful. A GCSE Science grade D is also recommended - but not essential
BTEC Level 2 in Business (First Award)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted). 	
BTEC L2 Information Technology (First Award)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 A*-D GCSE grades (equivalents accepted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New course will only run if viable

In exceptional circumstances a student may request to start a course without the exact entry requirements detailed above. These individual cases must be discussed with a member of the leadership team at enrolment.

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