



Sixth Form Entry Guidelines for September 2022

Basic entry criterion

Students need to achieve at least 5 good grades (GCSE grades of 4 or above including any BTEC grades at L2 Pass or above)

Pathways

Students will be placed on a programme in the Gryphon Sixth Form according to the grades they achieve at GCSE.

The **Oxbridge Programme** – minimum entry requirements = 9 or more top grades (9, 8, 7)

The **Russell Group Programme** - minimum entry requirements = 5 or more top grades (9, 8, 7)

The **Progression Programme** - minimum entry requirements = 7 or more good grades

The grades that can count towards this are:

- GCSE grades of 4 or above in Maths, English Language and English Literature
- Students can additionally count one (but not more) L2 BTEC grade at Pass or above.

The **Professional Programme** - minimum entry requirements = 5 or more good grades

The grades that can count towards this are:

- GCSE grades of 4 or above in Maths, English Language and English Literature
- Students can additionally count any number of BTEC grades at L2 Pass or above.

Number of courses

Students meeting the entry criterion above will typically choose 3 A-levels to study throughout Years 12 and 13.

However, students may additionally choose the Level 3 Mathematical Studies course. This course is half the size of an A-level and therefore may be taken by any student as a fourth option. The course could be taken by students whom wish to study Maths further but whom do not meet the qualifying criteria of a 7 in Maths GCSE which is required for Maths A-level. In addition the course will appeal to students taking Social sciences / Humanities A-levels as the skills developed on this course will support achievement on such A-levels.

A small number of students may wish to choose 4 A-levels to study throughout Year 12 and 13. Only students achieving the grades for the Oxbridge Programme or the Russell Group Programme will be allowed to take 4 A-levels.

Entry criteria for each A-level

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| Subject | Minimum Requirements to be accepted on course | Qualifications that the ideal candidate would have |
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| A-level Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design) | 4 or better in Art GCSE | 5 or better in Art GCSE |
| A-level Art and Design (Three-dimensional Design) | 4 or better in Art or Art 3D GCSE | 5 or better in Art or Art 3D |
| A-level Biology | 6 or better in Combined Science or Biology GCSE 5 or better in Maths GCSE | 6 or better in Maths GCSE |
| A-level Business | 4 or better in English Language GCSE | 4 or better in Maths GCSE |
| A-level Chemistry | 6 or better in Combined Science or Chemistry GCSE 6 or better in Maths GCSE | |
| A-level Classics (Ancient History) | 5 or better in History GCSE or equivalent humanities course | 6 or better in History GCSE 5 or better in English Language GCSE |
| A-level Computer Science | 5 or better in Maths GCSE 5 or better in IT GCSE | 6 or better in Maths GCSE 6 or better in IT GCSE |
| BTEC Creative Digital Media | | 4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in Media Studies GCSE or 4 in a IT GCSE |
| A-level Drama and Theatre Studies | 4 or better in Drama GCSE | 5 or better in English Language GCSE |
| A-level Economics | 6 or better in Maths GCSE 5 or better in English Language GCSE | |
| A-level English Language | 5 or better in English Language GCSE | |
| A-level English Literature | 5 or better in English Language GCSE 5 or better in English Literature GCSE | |
| BTEC Enterprise and Entrepreneurship | 4 or better in Maths GCSE | 4 or better in English Language GCSE |
| A-level Film Studies | 4 or better in English Language GCSE | |
| A-level French | 6 or better in French GCSE | |
| A-level Further Mathematics | 7 or better in Maths GCSE | 8 or 9 in Maths GCSE |
| A-level Geography | 4 or better Geography GCSE | 5 or better in English Language GCSE 5 or better in Geography GCSE |
| BTEC Health and Social Care | 4 or better in Combined Science or Biology GCSE | Pass or better in BTEC Health and Social Care |
| A-level History | 5 or better in History GCSE | 6 or better in History GCSE 5 or better in English Language GCSE |

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| BTEC Hospitality | | Pass or better in BTEC Hospitality or equivalent course |
| A-level Law | 4 or better in English Language GCSE | |
| Level 3 Mathematical Studies | 4 or better in Maths GCSE | |
| A-level Mathematics | 7 or better in Maths GCSE | |
| A-level Music | 5 or better in Music GCSE | Grade 5 or better in Music Theory |
| A-level Photography | 4 or better in Art GCSE | |
| A-level Physics | 6 or better in Combined Science or Physics GCSE 6 or better in Maths GCSE | |
| A-level Psychology | 4 or better in English Language GCSE 4 or better in Maths GCSE 4 or better in Science GCSEs | |
| A-level Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) | 4 or better in English Language GCSE | 4 or better in Religious Studies GCSE |
| A-level Sociology | 4 in English Language GCSE | |
| A-level Spanish | 6 or better in Spanish GCSE | |
| BTEC Sport | | Pass or better in BTEC Sport |
| A-level Sports Studies | Merit or better in BTEC Sport exam or 6 in GCSE PE 5 or better in Combined Science or Biology GCSE Play sport at a "good" standard | 4 or better in English Language GCSE |