

Y12 Entrance Criteria 2017-2018:

A level courses:

- Minimum of 6 GCSEs at grade C (minimum of a grade 4 in English and Mathematics).
- Minimum of a grade B (or grade 6 in English and grade 7 in Mathematics) in the subject to be studied at A level, e.g. minimum of grade 6 in English Literature to study A level English Literature.

BTEC/OCR National courses (Health and Social Care and Sport)

- Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C (*ideally a grade 4 in English and Mathematics but grade 3 can be accepted*).

Specific Subject Entrance Requirements:

A level Mathematics:

- Students wishing to study A level Maths will need to have achieved at least a **grade 7** in GCSE Maths.
If a student wishes to study A level Maths with a grade 6, they MUST speak to Mr Jethwa.

A level Further Mathematics:

- Students wishing to study A level Further Maths will need to have achieved at least a **grade 8** in GCSE Maths.
If a student wishes to study A level Further Maths with a grade 7, they MUST speak to Mr Jethwa.

AS level Core Mathematics:

- Students wishing to study AS level Core Maths will need to have achieved at least a **grade 5** in GCSE Maths.
If a student wishes to study AS level Core Maths with a grade 4, they MUST speak to Mr Jethwa.

Sciences: Physics, Chemistry and Biology

For those students who have studied separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, the following criteria apply:

- A minimum of a grade B in the GCSE(s) of the science subject(s) they wish to study at A level
- At least a grade B in the Unit 3 examination(s) of the science subject(s) they wish to study at A level.

- A minimum of a **grade 6** in GCSE Mathematics for A level Biology and A level Chemistry and a minimum of a **grade 7** in GCSE Mathematics for A level Physics
- Evidence from previous years tell us that students who have not achieved at least a grade B in the Unit 3 examination find the A level very difficult indeed.

Students who do not meet the above criteria and who want to study an A level in the sciences must speak to the Head of Subject, i.e. Mrs Shore or Miss Mayor or Mr Ram

Sciences: Additional Science

For those students who have studied GCSE Additional Science the following criteria apply:

- A minimum of a **grade A** in Additional Science
- At least a **grade A** in the examination(s) of the science subject(s) they wish to study at A level. For example, a student who wishes to study A level Biology is expected to achieve a grade A in Additional Science and a grade A in the Biology examination, although they may have achieved a grade B in the Chemistry and/or Physics examinations that make up the Additional Science GCSE.
- A minimum of a **grade 6** in GCSE Mathematics for A level Biology and A level Chemistry and a minimum of a **grade 7** in GCSE Mathematics

Students who do not meet the above criteria and who want to study an A level in the sciences must speak to the Head of Subject, i.e. Mrs Shore or Miss Mayor or Mr Ram

Sciences: Psychology

- A minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE English AND Mathematics
- A minimum of a grade C in GCSE Additional Science
- A minimum of a grade C in GCSEs Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Sciences: Computer Science

- A minimum of a grade B in GCSE Computer Science
- A minimum of a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

Students who do not meet the above criteria and who want to study A level Computing must speak to the Head of Subject, i.e. Mr Ravenscroft or Mr Jethwa