

Minimum Grade Requirements for KS5 Subjects 2026-27

SUBJECT NAME	MINIMUM GRADE REQUIRED AT GCSE IN THAT SUBJECT	MUST HAVE STUDIED AT GCSE	ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS REQUIRED	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Art Photography	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE Art: Grade 6+ and photography portfolio required
Art	6	Yes		
Arabic	6	Yes		
Biology	7	Yes - Single and Double Award accepted	GCSE Maths: Grade 7+	For Double Award: Grade 7/7+ and GCSE Maths: Grade 7+ For iGCSE: Grade 8+
Business Studies	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE Maths: Grade 6+ and GCSE English: Grade 6+
Chemistry	7	Yes - Single and Double Award accepted	GCSE Maths: Grade 7+	For Double Award: Grade 7/7+ and GCSE Maths: Grade 7+ For iGCSE: Grade 8+
Computer Science	6	Yes		
Design & Technology	6	Yes		
Economics	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE Maths: Grade 6+ and GCSE English: Grade 6+
English Language	7	Yes		
English Literature	7	Yes		
French	6	Yes		
Further Maths	9	No	GCSE Maths: Grade 9 (90%+)	
Geography	6	Yes		
History	6	Yes		
Information Technology	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE Maths: Grade 6+ and GCSE English: Grade 6+
Law	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE English: Grade 6+ or GCSE History: Grade 6+
AS Mathematics	6	Yes		
Mathematics	7	Yes		For iGCSE: Grade 8+
Media Studies	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE English: Grade 6+
Physical Education	6	Yes	GCSE Biology Grade 6+ or Double Award 6/6	
Physics	7	Yes - Single and Double Award accepted	GCSE Maths: Grade 7+	Must be taken with A level Maths. For Double Award: Grade 7/7+ and GCSE Maths: Grade 7+ For iGCSE: Grade 8++
Politics	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE English: Grade 6+ or GCSE History: Grade 6+
Psychology	6	No		If not studied at GCSE: GCSE Maths: Grade 6+ and GCSE English: Grade 6+
Spanish	6	Yes		
VOCATIONAL COURSES				
All BTEC and RSL courses: Enterprise & Entrepreneurship / Creative Media Production / Sport / Travel & Tourism / Hospitality / Applied Science / CAPA / MUSPRA		5 GCSE's Grade 5+ (including English and Maths)		

