

Subject Specific Entry Criteria For A Level & BTEC

Entry to Year 12 2026



If a student has achieved 6s in the STEM subjects (Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and wants to take them at A Level at Hollyfield Sixth Form then this will depend upon their subject combinations and at the discretion of the Head of Sixth Form.

Subject	Minimum GCSE / BTEC Level 2 Entry Requirements
Art (Fine)	6 in Art and Design or 'Merit' at BTEC Art
Biology	In combined science 6/6. In separate sciences two 6's including Biology. Plus 6 in Mathematics
Business	5 in English Language and 4 in Mathematics
Chemistry	In combined science 6/6. In separate sciences two 6's including Chemistry. Plus 6 in Mathematics
Computing	5 in Mathematics and 6 in Computer Science or ICT, if taken.
Drama	6 in Drama
Economics	6 in both Mathematics and English Language. Plus a grade 6 in another humanities subject – History or Geography
English Language	5 in English Language
English Literature	5 in English Literature and English Language
French	6 in French
Further Mathematics	7 in Mathematics
Geography	6 in Geography if taken. Or 6 in Science if no GCSE Geography.
Gov and Politics	5 in English
History	6 in History and 5 in English
Mathematics	7 Recommended in Mathematics OR 6 (Sitting an AS Examination at the end of Year 12)
Mathematics (Core)	5 in Mathematics for Core
Music	6 in Music. Plus Grade 5 in one instrument minimum
Music Tech	4 in Music
PE	6 in PE or Science, or 'Merit' at BTEC Sport if taken. All students need experience of performance, officiating or coaching.
Philosophy	5 in English.
Photography	4 in GCSE English and commitment to Photography
Physics	In combined science 6/6. In separate sciences two 6's including Physics. Plus 6 in Mathematics
Psychology	5 in GCSE English Language and 5 in Mathematics and 4 in Science
Sociology	4 in English Language plus one other Humanity at grade 6
Spanish	6 in Spanish

Subject	Minimum GCSE/BTEC Level 2 Entry Requirements
BTEC Business Enterprise	GCSE English Grade 4 and GCSE Maths Grade 4
BTEC Health & Social Care	5 GCSE's at a minimum of Grade 4
BTEC PE	GCSE PE Grade 4/BTEC Level 2 PE Merit and GCSE English Grade 4
BTEC Applied Science	4 in GCSE Maths and two Science subjects at Grade 5
BTEC IT	C in GCSE IT or pass in DiDA and 4 in both English and Maths
BTEC Media Studies	4 in Media Studies or 'Merit' at BTEC Media Diploma if taken