

Sixth Form Minimum Entry Requirements 2025 Entry – A Levels:

For A Levels there is a **minimum general entry requirement of 3 GCSE subjects at Grade 6 and 2 subjects at Grade 5**. For each subject offered, a minimum of a Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature is required unless the subject specific requirements state otherwise. Please note, if you wish to study 4 different A Level courses, Grade 7 is required in all GCSEs studied. (Further Mathematics requires a Grade 8).

Subject Specific Requirements below:

**** indicates that it is not essential to have studied this subject at GCSE. All subjects without this MUST have been studied at GCSE.**

A Level Subject	Minimum Subject Grade at GCSE where studied	Minimum Maths Grade	Additional minimum requirements and information (Please note all require subjects require a minimum of a Grade 5 English Language or English Literature unless otherwise stated)
Fine Art	7	4	Grade 7 in GCSE Art (inc. Fine Art, Art Craft and Design, Textiles).
Biology	7	6	For Double Science students minimum Grade 7 is required.
Chemistry	7	6	For Double Science students minimum Grade 7 is required.
Computer Science **	7	7/8	GCSE ICT is NOT accepted in place of Computer Science. Unless there are exceptional circumstances you need to have studied GCSE Computer Science. If you did not study Computer Science and feel that you have outstanding coding skills then please contact the Curriculum Team Leader, Mr Berkin, nberkin@nsbtrust.school before submitting your application. If GCSE Computer Science is NOT studied, then minimum Grade 8 is required in GCSE Maths. If a Grade 7 is achieved in GCSE Computer Science then minimum Grade 7 is required in GCSE Maths.
Dance **	6	4	Evidence of strong Dance related skills maybe accepted if GCSE Dance is not studied. Please contact the Curriculum Team Leader, Miss Clinton, aclinton@nsbtrust.school before submitting your application.
Drama **	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 is required in either English Language OR Literature. If you did not study Drama and feel that you have evidence of outstanding Drama related skills then please contact the Curriculum Team Leader, Ms Hasan, hasan@nsbtrust.school before submitting your application.
Economics **		7	Minimum Grade 6 is required in either English Language OR Literature.
English Language	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in both English Language AND English Literature is required.

English Literature	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in both English Literature AND English Language is required.
French	7	4	
Further Mathematics	8 (GCSE Maths)	8	Minimum Grade 4 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
Geography	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
German	7	4	
History	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
Mathematics	7	7	Minimum Grade 4 in either English Literature OR English Language is required
Media Studies**	6	4	If GCSE Media Studies is not studied, then minimum Grade 6 in English Literature AND English Language is required. If a Grade 6 or higher is achieved in GCSE Media Studies, then minimum Grade 6 in English Literature OR English Language is accepted.
Music **	6	4	<p>If GCSE Music has been studied a minimum Grade 6 on a main instrument is required. If GCSE Music has not been studied a minimum Grade 7 on a main instrument is required.</p> <p>If GCSE Music <u>has been studied</u> but an instrument has not been studied to the required Grading Level by the applicant, the student must, at the point of application and entry, play within a County Level ensemble⁺. The Director of Music will have the final determination as to whether this county ensemble standard has been met in discussion with NMPAT Chief Executive. Please note that the County ensemble level is only an alternative to the musical instrument grading for those students <u>who have studied</u> GCSE Music.</p> <p>⁺Examples of County Ensembles could be any County Youth ensemble (Orchestra, Concert Band, Brass Band, Big Band and Choir) or a Training Group (Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Brass Band, Jazz 2 or Training Choir)</p>
Music Technology **	6 (Music GCSE)	4	<p>If GCSE Music has been studied a minimum Grade 6 on a main instrument is required.</p> <p>If GCSE Music has not been studied a minimum Grade 7 on a main instrument is required.</p> <p>Instrumental keyboard skills are a necessity.</p>
Photography**	7	4	If GCSE Photography is not studied, a Grade 7 in a GCSE Art related subject is required.
Physical Education **	6	5	<p>GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 66 is required.</p> <p>If a Grade 7 or better is achieved in GCSE PE, then Biology/Double Science Grade 66 is not required.</p> <p>Please be aware that you must have a practical sport (see link on website for a full list) to undertake this course.</p>
Physics	7	7	For Double Science students minimum Grade 77 is required.

Politics		4	One GCSE Humanities (Citizenship / RE / History / Geography) at minimum Grade 6 is required. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
Product Design	6	5	
Psychology **	6	5	GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 6 is required regardless of whether Psychology has been studied at GCSE. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.
Religious Studies **	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required. If RE is not studied at GCSE a Grade 6 will be required in GCSE History OR GCSE Geography.
Spanish	7	4	
Sociology **	6	4	If Sociology is not studied, one GCSE Humanities subject (Citizenship / RE / History / Geography) at Grade 6 is required. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature OR English Language is required.