

## GCSE CRITERIA FOR ACCESS TO AS LEVEL SUBJECTS IN YEAR 13 2020-2021

The essential GCSE criteria for study at AS Level are outlined beside each subject. Other desirable qualifications and aptitudes that would be advantageous, though not essential, are stated where relevant and while it will be possible to study the subject at AS Level without these, a pupil choosing to do so would be likely to have to make a more determined and sustained effort to ensure success.

SUBJECT	MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENT (ESSENTIAL)	DESIRABLE GCSE REQUIREMENT
ART	Grade 'B' in Art with evidence of a high level of commitment and motivation demonstrated at GCSE.	Grade 'A' in Art.
BIOLOGY	i) Grade '7' in AQA Biology with a grade 'C' in Chemistry and a grade 'B' in Mathematics and English <b>OR</b> ii) grade 'AA' in Double Award Science with a grade 'A' mark in the Biology <b>and</b> Chemistry modules and with grade 'B' in Mathematics and English.	Grade '8 or 9' in Biology with a grade 'C' in Chemistry GCSE.
BUSINESS STUDIES	No prerequisite. The pupil's overall performance at GCSE will be applied if oversubscribed.	Grade 'B' in any one of English Language, English Literature, History or Religious Studies.
CHEMISTRY	i) Grade 'A' in Chemistry <b>OR</b> ii) grade 'AA' in Double Award Science with a grade 'A' mark in the Chemistry module and either grade 'A' in Mathematics or grade 'B' in Mathematics plus a grade 'C' in Further Maths.	GCSE Chemistry score of 355 and over and grade 'A' in Mathematics.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	Grade 'B' in Digital Technology <b>or</b> Grade 'A' in Mathematics.	Grade 'A' in Digital Technology and have a good record of being able to meet GCSE coursework deadlines.
ENGLISH LITERATURE	Grade C* in both English Language and English Literature at GCSE Level.	Grade B in both English Language and English Literature at GCSE Level.
FRENCH	Grade 'B' in French.	Grade 'A' in French.
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	Grade A* in Mathematics plus a grade A in Further Maths.	Grade A* in Mathematics and at a grade A* in Further Maths.
GEOGRAPHY	Grade 'B' in Geography.	Grade 'A' in Geography.
GERMAN	Grade 'B' in German.	Grade 'A' in German.
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	No prerequisite. The pupils' overall performance at GCSE will be applied if oversubscribed.	Grade 'B' in any one of English Language, English Literature, History or Religious Studies.
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	No prerequisite. If oversubscribed the pupil's performance in English Language will be considered.	If the course is oversubscribed then priority will be given to those who have obtained at least a 'B' grade in Home Economics and/or a satisfactory attainment level in controlled assessment work at GCSE.
HISTORY	Grade 'B' in History.	Grade 'A' in History.
LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES	Grade 'C*' in Biology <b>and</b> Chemistry GCSE higher tier and have a good record of being able to meet GCSE deadlines due to the need to independently complete practical investigations. (*Note: This course may not be taken in conjunction with another science A level)	Grade B in Biology and Chemistry and a Grade 'C' in Physics and have a good record of being able to meet GCSE deadlines due to the need to independently complete practical investigations.
MATHEMATICS	Grade 'A' in Mathematics with a minimum UMS mark of 345 <b>or</b> Grade 'A' in Mathematics and a grade 'B' in Further Mathematics.	Grade A in Mathematics and at least a grade 'C' in Further Maths.
MOVING IMAGE ARTS	No prerequisite.	If the course is oversubscribed then priority will be given to those who have obtained at least a 'B' grade in ICT, Art or Drama and/or a satisfactory attainment level in controlled assessment work at GCSE.
MUSIC	Grade 'B' in GCSE Music and at least grade 5 practical by the end of Year 12.	Grade 'A' in GCSE Music and at least grade 5 practical by the end of Year 12.
NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE	Grade 'B' in HE or grade A in Biology <b>and</b> grade A in Chemistry.	Grade 'A' in HE.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Grade 'B' in PE.	Grade 'A' in PE.
PHYSICS	i) Grade 'A' in Physics <b>OR</b> ii) Grade of 'AA' at Double Award with a high grade 'A' mark in the Physics module, as well as a grade 'A' in Mathematics GCSE and a grade 'A' or a 'B' in Further Mathematics.	Grade 'A' in Mathematics.
PSYCHOLOGY	Grade 'B' in Mathematics and grade 'C' in English and grade 'C' in a Science.	A grade 'B' in any one of English Language, English Literature, or a Science subject.
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	Grade 'C*' in Religious Studies.	Grade 'B' in Religious Studies.
SOCIOLOGY	No prerequisite. The pupils' overall performance at GCSE will be applied if oversubscribed.	Grade 'B' in any one of English Language, English Literature, History or Religious Studies.
SPANISH	Grade 'B' in Spanish.	Grade 'A' in Spanish.
TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN	Grade 'B' in Technology and Design.	Grade 'A' in Technology and Design with a proven track record in meeting coursework deadlines.
THEATRE STUDIES	Grade C in Drama at GCSE Level.	Grade B in Drama at GCSE Level. Raw mark at GCSE will be applied if oversubscribed.
COLLABORATIVE COURSES AT SERC	All collaborative courses offered through SERC require passes in English Language and Mathematics.	