

Grade Requirements for the Senior College

In order to enter the Senior College, you must fulfil the following GCSE requirements:

A-level Subject	Minimum GCSE Requirements
Art & Design	7 in Art
Biology	7 in Biology
Business Studies	6 in an English Subject AND 6 in Mathematics
Chemistry	8 in Chemistry AND 7 in Mathematics
Dance	7 in English Language and 7 in GCSE Dance OR Grade 5 in Modern/Ballet OR an exceptional audition
Drama & Theatre Studies	7 in Drama
Economics	7 in English Language AND 7 in Mathematics
English Literature	7 in English Literature
French	7 in French OR 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department
Geography	6 in Geography OR if not taken, 7 in English Literature
History	7 in History
History of Art	7 in English Literature OR one Humanities subject
Italian	7 in Italian OR 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department
Latin	7 in Latin

Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Further Mathematics	9 in Mathematics
Music	7 in Music OR Grade 5 Theory and Grade 5 First Study
Physics	8 in Physics AND 8 in Mathematics AND ideally be taking A-level Mathematics
Politics	7 in History, English Literature or Religious Studies
Psychology	7 in English Language AND 7 in a Science subject
Religious Studies	7 in Religious Studies, OR if not taken, 7 in English Literature/ a Humanities subject
Spanish	7 in Spanish OR 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department

These A-level subject grade requirements can be met in the Year 11 November mocks, or in the external summer examinations. If a student meets the requirement for a subject in the mocks but then gains a considerably lower result in the external summer examinations, e.g. two grades below the requirement, then choices will need to be discussed again in August to ensure the best possible chances of success in A-levels.

In addition, students need (I)GCSE Mathematics and (I)GCSE English Language; these must be retaken if the minimum standard is not met.

If a student wishes to be considered for studying four A-levels, the mock results and GCSE outcomes should, in general, be extremely strong, with six 8 grades or above in the mocks as well as exceeding the grade requirements for most of the selected subjects in the external summer examinations. Students may be required to drop down to three A-levels if academic performance is not strong at any stage during the Senior College.