

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 13 2026

General Criteria

Any pupil wishing to study A-levels after completing her G.C.S.E. examinations must achieve the following to be sure of being offered a place in Year 13:

1. A minimum of seven G.C.S.E. Grades A* – C (to include at least four A* – B).
2. A minimum of Grade C in G.C.S.E. English Language
3. A minimum of Grade C in G.C.S.E. Mathematics.
4. The Subject Specific Criteria for each subject to be taken at AS/A2 Level (see below).
5. A good record of attendance in Year 11 and Year 12 (95% +)

Subject Specific Criteria		
Subject	Essential	Desirable
Art	Grade B in GCSE Art	Grade A in GCSE Art
Biology	Grade A in GCSE Biology + Grade B in GCSE Chemistry, <u>or</u> , Grade AA overall in GCSE Double Award Science with a Grade A in the B2 Biology component (<i>See Note 2 below</i>)	
Business Studies	Grade B in GCSE Business Studies, <u>or</u> , <i>in the case that the pupil did not sit GCSE Business Studies, a Grade B in GCSE Maths and a Grade B in GCSE English Language/ Literature.</i>	Grade A in GCSE Business Studies
Chemistry	Grade A in GCSE Chemistry <u>or</u> Grade AA overall in GCSE Double Award Science with a Grade A in the C2 Chemistry Component + Grade A in GCSE Mathematics (M4/M8) (<i>See Note 2 below</i>)	GCSE Further Mathematics studied
Digital Technology	Grade B in GCSE Digital Technology + Grade B in GCSE Mathematics	Grade A in GCSE Digital Technology + Grade A in Mathematics
English Literature	Grade B in GCSE English Literature + Grade B in GCSE English Language	Grade A in GCSE English Literature + Grade A in GCSE English Language
French	Grade A in GCSE French (3 higher papers taken)	
Geography	Grade B in GCSE Geography + Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature + Grade B in Mathematics	Grade A in GCSE Geography Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Health and Social Care	Grade C in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade C in GCSE Health and Social Care
Health and Social Care Double Award	Grade B in GCSE Health and Social Care Grade C in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade A in GCSE Health and Social Care Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
History	Grade B in GCSE History + Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature. (<i>In the case that the pupil did not sit GCSE History, Grade A in GCSE Politics.</i>)	Grade A in GCSE History Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Irish	Grade A in GCSE Irish (3 higher papers taken)	

Life and Health Sciences	Grade BB in GCSE DA Science <u>or</u> Grade B in GCSE Chemistry and Biology <u>or</u> Grade A* in GCSE SA Science, and Grade B in GCSE Maths.	
Mathematics	Grade A in GCSE Mathematics (M4/M8 modules) + Grade B in GCSE Further Mathematics	Grade A in GCSE Further Mathematics
Media Studies	Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade B in GCSE Media Studies Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Moving Image Arts	Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> English Literature <u>or</u> Art and Design <u>or</u> Drama <u>or</u> Music <u>or</u> Media Studies <u>or</u> History.
Music	Grade A in GCSE Music + Grade 5 in a Musical Instrument/Voice	Grade 6 in a Musical Instrument Grade 5 in Music Theory
Nutrition & Food Science	Grade B in GCSE Home Economics or Grade B in GCSE Single Award Science or Grade BB in GCSE Double Award Science	Grade A in GCSE Home Economics Grade B in GCSE English Language or English Literature
Performing Arts	Grade B in GCSE Drama	Grade A in GCSE Drama Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Physics	Grade A in GCSE Physics <u>or</u> Grade AA overall in GCSE Double Award Science with a Grade A in the P1 & P2 components. + Grade A in GCSE Mathematics (M4/M8) + Grade B in GCSE Further Mathematics. (See Note 2 below)	Grade A in GCSE Further Mathematics
Politics	Grade B in GCSE Politics + Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature. (<i>In the case that the pupil did not sit GCSE Politics, Grade A in GCSE History.</i>)	Grade A in GCSE Politics Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Religious Studies	Grade B in GCSE Religious Studies + Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade A in GCSE Religious Studies Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Sociology	Grade B in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature	Grade A in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> GCSE English Literature
Spanish	Grade A in GCSE Spanish (3 higher papers taken)	
Sports Studies (BTec)	Grade B in GCSE PE <u>or</u> Evidence of a commitment to engagement in sports	Grade A in GCSE PE
Technology & Design (Product Design)	Grade B in GCSE Technology and Design <u>or</u> Grade B in GCSE Art	Grade A in GCSE Technology and Design <u>or</u> Grade A in GCSE Art

Note:

- Only subjects from those listed above may be chosen.**
- Pupils wishing to take discrete Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) must choose at least 2 of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geography, Technology and Design, Nutrition and Food Science. (Life and Health Sciences should not be chosen alongside Biology, Chemistry or Physics.)**
- Some Universities do not accept Media Studies and Moving Image Arts as two separate subjects.**
- If more pupils choose a subject than there are places available, additional criteria will be applied. Priority will be given to pupils who have achieved:**
 - The Desirable criteria for the subject selected and/or**
 - A higher GCSE grade in the subject selected and/or**
 - A higher overall performance at GCSE Level**