

Central Sixth Curriculum Review – Entry Expectations

Aims

The aim for the Central Sixth review is to ensure that we have clarity of what the GCSE attainment expectations are for our students to enrol on Level 3 courses.

We must make choices that are best for the students that will enable them to be as successful as they could be at KS5. Therefore, the starting point is crucial – students who lack the essential knowledge at KS4 are highly unlikely to be successful at KS5.

| Subject | Suggested entry requirements. |
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| A Level English (English Literature and Language – combined) | Minimum GCSE grade 6 in either English Language or Literature (with a minimum grade 5 in the other one). |
| A Level Film Studies | Minimum grade 6 English due to the essay writing skill demands. |
| BTEC Media (Single) | Minimum grade 4 English due to the accessibility to exam components. |
| Cam Tech Media (Double) | Ideally grade 4 English, but discretion is to be given by the Learning Leader. |
| History | Grade 6 in History at GCSE. If the student has not previously sat the subject, then at least a GCSE grade 6 in English. |
| Mathematics – A Level | Minimum grade 7 |
| Mathematics – Further Maths | Minimum grade 8 |
| Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Mathematics) | Minimum grade 5 in mathematics (and grade 4 in English) |

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| A Level Photography | Minimum requirements are GCSE English Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject. |
| A Level Graphics | Minimum requirements are GCSE English Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject. |
| A Level Fine Art | Minimum requirements are GCSE English Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject. |
| A Level Textiles | Minimum requirements are GCSE English Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject. |
| BTEC Art and Design (Foundation and Diploma) | Minimum requirements are GCSE English Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject. |
| A Level Geography | Minimum GCSE Grade 5 in Geography as well as grade 5+ in mathematics and English. |
| Applied Science (BTEC) | Minimum requirements are GCSE Science Grade 5 and a minimum GCSE Grade 5 in mathematics |
| A Level Biology | Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Science, as well as GCSE grade 5+ in English and mathematics |
| A Level Chemistry | Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Science, as well as GCSE grade 5+ in English and 6+ mathematics |
| ICT (Cambridge National) | Minimum GCSE grade 5 or above in English and L2 BTEC Merit grade or above. |
| Music (BTEC – L3) | For both we would need a L2M/ GCSE 4 and above achieved in the subject area i.e., Dance, Drama & Music. English 4 and above due to the high level of theoretical content. |
| Performing Arts (BTEC – L3) | |
| Business (BTEC L3) | Minimum Merit or grade 5 in subject. Grade 4 in English and grade 4 in maths |
| A Level Computer Science | Minimum grade 6 in subject. Grade 5 in English and grade 6 in maths |
| A Level Physics | Minimum grade 6 in subject. Grade 5 in English and grade 6 in maths |
| A Level Sociology | Minimum grade 6 in English and grade 5 in maths |

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| A Level Psychology | Minimum grade 6 in English and grade 5 in maths |
| A Level Business | Distinction in subject. Grade 5 in English and grade 5 in maths |
| A Level Economics | Minimum grade 5 in English and 6 in Mathematics |
| A Level Music | Minimum grade 6 in the subject at GCSE. Grade 4 in English and a Grade 3 Instrument |
| A Level Dance | Minimum grade 6 in the subject at GCSE. Grade 4 in English and an audition. |
| A Level Drama | Minimum grade 5 in the subject at GCSE. Grade 4 in English and an audition |
| Health and Social Care (BTEC L3) | Minimum Merit in L2 BTEC and Grade 4s in English and Mathematics |
| Travel and Tourism (BTEC L3) | Minimum Merit in L2 BTEC and Grade 4s in English and Mathematics |
| Sport (BTEC L3) | Minimum Merit in L2 BTEC and Grade 4s in English Language and Mathematics |