

The Curriculum at Key Stage 5

The curriculum at Key stage 5 further builds on the substantive and disciplinary knowledge developed across Key Stages 3 and 4, with students able to select the main components of their curriculum. We offer a wide range of academic and vocational subjects, taught by subject specialists which inspire, challenge and support all of our students.

The key aim of our Key Stage 5 curriculum is to successfully facilitate students' progression onto their chosen pathway post-18, whether that is going to university, getting an apprenticeship or moving into the job market.

In the Sixth Form, students have flexibility and can study subjects of their choice, but according to their ability. Our Sixth Form offer is designed to enable all students to succeed. We do all in our power to avoid setting any students up to fail. Therefore, we guide students carefully in their choices.

Advice and guidance is available from both the Sixth Form team and our careers support to ensure students can maximise their outcomes by choosing the right courses for them. As with KS4, we offer a Pathway Model to guide students towards a suite of courses we know they will succeed in. Again, please note that the pathways model is only a guide for individual students: where a student wishes to study according to a different pathway, accommodation can usually be made to suit a particular aspiration or interest in a subject.

Pathway 1	5 grades 9-4, or equivalent, including English and Maths. This must include 4 GCSEs at grade 5 or above. You must then have met the entry requirements of the A-Level subjects you wish to study.	3 (or 4) full A Levels
Pathway 2	5 grades 9-4, or equivalent. You must then have met the entry requirements of the A-Level and BTEC subjects you wish to study.	3 subjects, to include a maximum of 2 A Levels
Pathway 3	You must have met the entry requirement for the double BTEC within your chosen package.	A package of 1 double and 1 single BTEC, plus GCSE Maths and/or GCSE English re-takes if required

Single Awards – available on Pathway 1 and 2

Art	GCSE Art at grade 5 or above
Biology	GCSE Biology at grade 6 or above, or GCSE Combined Science at grade 6/6 or above
Business Studies	GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above and a GCSE in English at grade 5 or above
Chemistry	GCSE Chemistry at grade 6 or above, or GCSE Combined Science at grade 6/6 or above
Computer Science	GCSE Computing at grade 5 or above
Drama and Theatre Studies BTEC	Drama at Level 2 Pass or above
English Language and Literature (joint course)	GCSE English/English Literature at grade 5 or above
English Language	GCSE English at grade 5 or above
English Literature	GCSE English Literature at grade 5 or above
French	GCSE French at grade 5 or above at higher tier
Geography	GCSE Geography at grade 5 or above
German	GCSE German at grade 5 or above at higher tier
Government and Politics	GCSE English/English Literature at grade 5 or above
Health and Social Care BTEC	Health and Social Care Level 2 Pass or above, or GCSE English/English Literature at grade 4 or above.
History	GCSE History at grade 5 or above
ICT BTEC	GCSE English/English Literature and GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above
Law	GCSE English/English Literature at grade 5 or above
Maths	GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above
Further Maths	GCSE Maths at grade 8 or above
Media Studies	GCSE English at grade 5 or above or GCSE Media Studies at grade 5 or above
Music BTEC	Music at Level 2 Pass or above
Performing Arts BTEC	Music or Dance or Drama at Level 2 Pass or above
Physics	GCSE Physics at grade 6 or above or GCSE Combined Science at grade 6/6 or above
Psychology	GCSE Maths at grade 5 or above, or a Science GCSE at grade 6 or above
Religious Studies	GCSE RS at grade 5 or above, or GCSE English at grade 5 or above
Sociology	GCSE English at grade 5 or above
Spanish	GCSE Spanish at grade 5 or above at higher tier
Sport BTEC	Sport BTEC Level 2 Pass, or GCSE Combined Science at Grade 5/5 or above, or GCSE Biology at grade 5 or above

Double Awards - available on Pathway 1 and 2

Health and Social Care BTEC	Health and Social Care Level 2 Pass or above, or GCSE English/English Literature at grade 4 or above.
Performing Arts BTEC	Music or Dance or Drama at Level 2 Pass or above
Sport BTEC	Sport BTEC Level 2 Pass, or GCSE Combined Science at Grade 5/5 or above, or GCSE Biology at grade 5 or above

Triple Award - available on Pathway 1 and 2

Sport BTEC	Sport BTEC Level 2 Pass, or GCSE Combined Science at Grade 5/5 or above, or GCSE Biology at grade 5 or above
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Pathway 3 Packages

Package 1	Sport Double Award BTEC	ICT Single Award BTEC
Package 2	Health and Social Care Double Award BTEC	ICT Single Award BTEC
Package 3	Performing Arts Double Award BTEC	ICT Single Award BTEC

The development of broader life and employability skills, such as numeracy, literacy, resilience and independent learning, continues to be a focus throughout Key Stage 5, delivered primarily through our weekly PSHE programme, and through the Sixth Form Tutor team.