

## Sixth Form Minimum Entry Requirements 2023 Entry – A Levels:

For A Levels there is a **minimum general entry requirement of 3 GCSE subjects at Grade 6 and 2 subjects at Grade 5**. For each subject offered, a minimum of a Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature is required unless the subject specific requirements state otherwise. Please note, if you wish to study 4 A Level courses, Grade 7 is required in all GCSEs studied. (Further Mathematics requires a Grade 8).

### Subject Specific Requirements below:

**\*\* indicates that it is not essential to have studied this subject at GCSE. All subjects without this MUST have been studied at GCSE.**

A Level Subject	Minimum Subject Grade at GCSE where studied	Minimum Maths Grade	Additional minimum requirements and information (Please note all require subjects require a minimum of a Grade 5 English Language or English Literature unless otherwise stated)
Fine Art	7	4	Grade 7 in GCSE Art <b>ONLY</b> (not an Art related subject).
Biology	7	6	For Double Science students minimum Grade 7 is required.
Chemistry	7	6	For Double Science students minimum Grade 7 is required.
Computer Science **	7	7	Unless there are exceptional circumstances you need to have studied GCSE Computer Science. GCSE ICT is <b>NOT</b> accepted in place of Computer Science. If you did not study Computer Science and feel that you have outstanding coding skills then please contact the Curriculum Team Leader, Mr Berkin, <a href="mailto:nberkin@nsb.northants.sch.uk">nberkin@nsb.northants.sch.uk</a> before submitting your application.
Dance **	6	4	Evidence of strong Dance related skills maybe accepted if GCSE Dance is not studied. Please contact the Curriculum Team Leader, Miss Clinton, <a href="mailto:aclinton@nsb.northants.sch.uk">aclinton@nsb.northants.sch.uk</a> before submitting your application.
Drama **	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 is required in either English Language OR Literature. If you did not study Drama and feel that you have evidence of outstanding Drama related skills then please contact with the Curriculum Team Leader, Ms Hasan, <a href="mailto:hhasan@nsb.northants.sch.uk">hhasan@nsb.northants.sch.uk</a> before submitting your application.
English Language	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in both English Language <b>AND</b> English Literature is required.
English Literature	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in both English Literature <b>AND</b> English Language is required.
French	7	4	
Further Mathematics	8 (Maths)	8	Minimum Grade 4 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.
Geography	6	5	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.

History	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.
Mathematics	7	7	Minimum Grade 4 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required
Media Studies**	6	4	If GCSE Media Studies is not studied, then minimum Grade 6 in English Literature <b>AND</b> English Language is required. If a grade 6 is achieved in GCSE Media Studies, then minimum Grade 6 in English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is accepted. If a grade 7 or better is achieved in GCSE Media Studies, then Grade 5 in English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is accepted.
Music **	6	4	If GCSE Music has been studied a minimum Grade 6 on a main instrument is required. If GCSE Music has not been studied a minimum Grade 7 on a main instrument is required.
Music Technology **	6 (Music)	4	Grade 5 required on main instrument and instrumental keyboard skills a necessity.
Photography **	7	4	If GCSE Photography is not studied, a Grade 7 in a GCSE Art related subject is required.
Physical Education **	6	5	GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 66 is required. If a Grade 7 or better is achieved in GCSE PE, then Biology/Double Science Grade 66 is not required.
Physics	7	7	For Double Science students minimum Grade 77 is required.
Politics		4	One GCSE Humanities (Citizenship / RE / History / Geography) at minimum Grade 6 is required. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.
Product Design	6	5	
Psychology **	6	5	GCSE Biology Grade 6 OR GCSE Double Science minimum Grade 66 is required regardless of whether Psychology has been studied at GCSE. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.
Religious Studies **	6	4	Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required. If RE is not studied at GCSE a Grade 6 will be required in GCSE History <b>OR</b> GCSE Geography.
Spanish	7	4	
Sociology **	6	4	If Sociology is not studied, one GCSE Humanities subject (Citizenship / RE / History / Geography) at Grade 6 is required. Minimum Grade 6 in either English Literature <b>OR</b> English Language is required.