

Course Entry Guidelines

The grades required for each subject at QESixth

We are proud of our identity as a Sixth Form where the vocational and academic are valued equally.

So our curriculum offer is made up of A-Levels and vocational Pathway qualifications. Students can choose 3 subjects: either all A-Levels, all vocational Pathways or a combination.

The following pages list all our subjects, along with 'essential' and 'preferred' requirements for grades. However, it's worth noting that each application will be considered on its individual merits.

Minimum Requirement

For a place in QESixth, achieving **five grades 9 – 5** is the minimum requirement including at least a grade 5 in English Language and Maths.

Essential

To be accepted onto a course you must have gained **both** our **minimum entry** plus the stated requirements in the '**essential**' column

Preferred

But the best guide for your suitability to a course is to **also have the 'preferred' column** combined with a full appreciation of the expectations of the course content as shown in the subject sheets on our website.

Level 2 Vocational/Technical – Converting Grades

Below are equivalent GCSE grades from Level 2 Vocational/Technical results for Sixth Form entry.

Grade	GCSE Equivalent
Pass	Grade 4
Merit	Grade 5.5
Distinction	Grade 7
Distinction*	Grade 8.5

Subjects offered at QESixth

Subject	Preferred	Essential	Qualification
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Biology or Combined Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Biology or Combined Science And Grade 6 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Maths & English Language And 5 in Business Studies, if taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Maths & English Language And 5 in Business Studies, if taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Chemistry or Combined Science And Grade 7 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Chemistry or Combined Science And Grade 6 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Maths And 7 in Computer Science, if taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Maths And 6 in Computer Science, if taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Criminology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in English Language Grade 5 in Maths Grade 5 in Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in Criminology
Digital Creatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merit in Digital Creatives/iMedia and/or Grade 5 in Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass in Digital Creatives/iMedia Or Minimum entry criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge Technical Level 3 in IT
Drama & Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Drama or Significant experience in Drama outside school may be considered. Please see Mr Brown to discuss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Maths Grade 6 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Maths Grade 5 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in English Language Grade 6 in Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in English Language Grade 5 in Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Fashion and Textiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Textiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Textiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level

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French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 or above in History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature And Grade 5 in History, if taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Further Maths AS or A2 Only available as a 4 th A Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 9 or a high Grade 8 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A high grade 7 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Music Advanced skills on instrument & grade 5 ABRSM theory may be considered, please see Mr Leather to discuss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Biology And in both PE theory papers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Biology and GCSE PE (if taken) And a high performance level and/or coaching or officiating experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L2 Merit in Performing Arts or Grade 6 in Drama Grade 6 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L2 Pass in Performing Arts Grade 5 in English plus experience in Dance and/or Drama either in or outside school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 or above in Maths Grade 6 in Science And Grade 6 in English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Maths, Science and English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in Art Plus the submission of a CD with 20 digital images on the theme of Location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Physics or Combined Science And Grade 7 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Physics or Combined Science And Grade 6 in Maths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level

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Product Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Design & Technology Grade 7 in Maths and English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Design & Technology Grade 5 in Maths and English Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Maths Grade 5 in English Language And Grade 6 in Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 in English Language and Maths Grade 5 in Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 in Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 in Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level
Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L2 Merit in Sport Grade 6 in English Language Grade 6 in PE Grade 6 in Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L2 Pass in Sport Grade 5 in English Language Grade 5 in PE or high-level performance level/coaching or officiating experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Extended Certificate in Sport

Other Qualifications

Subject	Preferred	Essential	Qualification
Extended Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Grades 9 - 6 at GCSE And a Grade 6 in English Language and Maths plus a record of excellent effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Grades 9 – 5 And a Grade 5 in English Language and Maths plus a record of excellent effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AS

Although every attempt will be made to offer the courses shown, the school reserves the right to limit places if demand is too high or to close courses if numbers are too low.