



NCS Entry Requirements 2023-2024

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Context

The NCS curriculum is academically rigorous and challenging, as such places will be offered to applicants who are assessed to meet our minimum entry criteria. All conditional offers are based on a student's predicted grades and/or actual GCSE grades submitted on their application form and if administered, entrance tests.

General Criteria

In order to study A Levels, students need a minimum of 62 points from their best 8 GCSEs, which must include the EBacc subjects, (vocational courses e.g., BTEC courses, subjects without a substantial written examination and community languages will not be included in the best 8). Students must also have at least a GCSE grade 7 in English Language and Mathematics to study A levels. If students choose a subject at A level that they have not studied at GCSE, their other grades will be taken into consideration (see individual entry requirements for more details).

Individual Entry Requirement Criteria 2023/24

A Level Subject	GCSE Grades
Maths	8-9 in Maths
Further Maths	9 in Maths
Biology	Please see science entry criteria below
Chemistry	
Physics	
Economics	7-9 in Maths + 7-9 in English Language
Government & Politics	7-9 in English Language
Psychology	7-9 in Biology + 7-9 in English Language
English Literature	8-9 in English Language and Literature
History	8-9 in History + 7-9 in English Language
Geography	8-9 in Geography + 7-9 in English Language
Religious Studies	8-9 in Religious Studies + 7-9 in English Language

Entry requirements for Sciences

If the student wants to study:	Minimum entry requirement in GCSEs				
	Double science GCSE	Separate Science Biology	Separate Science Chemistry	Separate Science Physics	Mathematics
Single Biology	87	8-9	7-9	7-9	7-9
Single Chemistry	87	7-9	8-9	7-9	7-9
Single Physics*	87	7-9	7-9	8-9	7-9
Biology + Chemistry	89	8-9	8-9	7-9	8-9
Chemistry + Physics*	89	7-9	8-9	8-9	8-9
Biology + *Physics	89	8-9	7-9	8-9	8-9
All three sciences	99	Students must have at least two Grade 8s and one Grade 9			8-9

*Students choosing to study Physics A- level must also study mathematics A- level.