

Post-16 APS Guidance Sheet

Average Point Score: **40 (Blue)**

Applied Science	Essential: A minimum of two 'C' grades in any of the GCSE Sciences for either Double or Triple. A minimum of a grade '5' in GCSE Maths and A minimum of a grade '5' in GCSE English (grade '7' is desirable).
Art	Essential: A* - C in GCSE Art; students who intend to do two Art based subjects at A Level (Art, Graphics and/or Photography) will require A* - B in GCSE Photography, Graphics and/or Art.
Business - BTEC Level 3	Essential: a grade 5 at GCSE in English Language; a grade 5 at GCSE in Mathematics. You do not need to have studied Business at GCSE/BTEC Level to take this qualification.
Early Years Education	Essential: a grade 5 or above in GCSE English and Mathematics. A strong desire and aptitude to work with children!
Film Studies	Desirable: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language.
Graphic Communication	Essential: A* - C in a Visual Arts subject at GCSE; students who intend to do two Art based subjects at A Level (Art, Graphics and/or Photography) will require A* - B in GCSE Photography, Graphics and/or Art.
Health & Social Care	Essential: a grade 5 at GCSE in English Language. Desirable: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language.
ICT - Cambridge Technicals	You do not need to have taken ICT at Level 2 to take this course.
Media Studies	Desirable: a grade 5 at GCSE in English Language.
Music Technology	Essential: Grade 4 ABRSM/ Trinity/ Rock School or equivalent (subject to audition) on your main instrument .Good ICT skills. Desirable: GCSE Music (A*-C).
Performing Arts - Cambridge Technicals	Essential: a grade B at GCSE in the performance units for 'Performer' route; substantial previous experience through contribution to the Academy Tech team or within the wider community through extra-curricular productions/activities for 'Production' route.
Photography	Essential: A* - C in a Visual Arts subject at GCSE; students who intend to do two Art based subjects at A Level (Art, Graphics and/or Photography) will require A* - B in GCSE Photography, Graphics and/or Art.
Sport - BTEC Level 3	You do not need to have taken Sport at GCSE or BTEC Level to follow this course.

Average Point Score: **42.5 (Green)**

Business Studies	Essential: a grade 5 at GCSE in English Language and Mathematics. Desirable: a grade 6 at GCSE in Mathematics. You do not need to have studied GCSE Business or Economics to take Business Studies.
Classical Civilisation	Essential: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Literature.
English Language & Literature	Essential: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language and English Literature; an enjoyment of reading fiction and non-fiction for pleasure and a willingness to read outside the set texts.
Food Science & Nutrition	Desirable: a grade C in GCSE Catering, Hospitality, Food Technology or Home Economics.
Product Design	Essential: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language. Desirable: a grade C in a Design & Technology subject.
Religious Studies	Essential: a grade 5 at GCSE in English Language.
Sociology	Essential: a grade 5 in English Language. Desirable: a grade 6 in English Language.
Government & Politics	Desirable: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language.

Average Point Score: **45 (Orange)**

Economics	Essential: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language; a grade 6 at GCSE in Mathematics. You do not need to have taken GCSE Economics or Business Studies to take this qualification.
English Literature	Essential: at least grade 6s at GCSE in English Language and Literature. You must regularly read for pleasure and be willing to read fiction other than the set texts.
French	Essential: a grade B at GCSE in French.
Geography	You do not need to have studied Geography at GCSE.
Geology	Essential: a grade B in GCSE Science and a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.
German	Essential: a grade B at GCSE in German.
History	Desirable: a grade 6 at GCSE in English Language.
Law	Essential: a grade 5 in English Language. Desirable: Grade 6 in English Language.
Physical Education	Essential: a Distinction at Level 2 BTEC or a Grade B in the GCSE PE examination paper; regular training and competing in at least one sport. Desirable: a Grade 6 at GCSE in English and a Grade B in Biology.
Psychology	Essential: a grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics and a Grade C in Biology. Desirable: a grade 6 in English Language and Mathematics and a Grade B in Biology.
Spanish	Essential: a grade B at GCSE.

Average Point Score: **47.5 (Purple)**

Biology	Double students: a grade A in Biology element and a B overall; Triple students: a grade A in Biology and a grade B in either Chemistry or Physics. Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics.
Chemistry	Double students: a grade A in the Chemistry element and a B overall; Triple students: a grade A in Chemistry and a grade B in either Biology or Physics. Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
Computing	Essential: minimum of a high grade 6 at GCSE Mathematics. Desirable: a grade 7 at GCSE Mathematics.
Further Maths	Essential: minimum of a grade 7 at GCSE in Mathematics; students must also be studying or have A Level Mathematics.
Maths	Essential: minimum of a high grade 6 at GCSE Mathematics. Desirable: a grade 7+ at GCSE Mathematics.
Physics	Double students: a grade A in Physics element and a B overall; Triple students: a grade A in Physics and a grade B in either Biology or Chemistry. Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.