

Grade Requirements for the Senior College

In order to enter the Senior College, you must fulfil the following GCSE requirements:

- At least a grade 5 in both (I)GCSE Mathematics and (I)GCSE English Language.
- **AND** a minimum overall points score from all GCSEs as follows, where a grade 9 gains 9 points etc. Grades below 5 do not count towards overall points:
 - 55 points total if 10 or more GCSEs are being taken
 - 50 points total if 9 GCSEs are being taken
 - 45 points in total if 8 GCSEs are being taken
- **AND** meet the minimum GCSE grade requirements for each subject you wish to study at A-level:

A-level subject	Minimum GCSE grade requirements
Art and Design	7 in Art
Biology	8 in Biology
Business Studies	6 in an English Subject AND 6 in Mathematics
Chemistry	8 in Chemistry AND 8 in Mathematics
Dance	7 in English Language and 7 in GCSE Dance OR Grade 5 in Modern/Ballet OR an exceptional audition
Drama & Theatre	7 in Drama
Economics	7 in English Language AND 7 in Mathematics
English Literature	7 in English Literature
French	7 in French OR 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department
Geography	6 or above in GCSE Geography as long as 7 obtained in English Language
History	7 in History
History of Art	7 in English Literature OR one Humanities subject

Italian	7 in Italian <i>OR</i> 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department
Latin	7 in Latin
Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Further Mathematics	9 in Mathematics
Music	7 in Music <i>OR</i> Grade 5 Theory and Grade 5 First Study
Physics	8 in Physics <i>AND</i> be taking A-level Mathematics
Politics	7 in History, English Literature or Religious Studies
Psychology	7 in English Language <i>AND</i> 7 in a Science subject
Religious Studies	7 in Religious Studies
Spanish	7 in Spanish <i>OR</i> 6 with the discretionary guidance of the Head of Department

These grade requirements can be met in the II Junior November mocks, or in the external summer examinations. If a student meets the requirement for a subject in the mocks but then gains a considerably lower result in the external summer examinations, eg two grades below the requirement, then choices will need to be discussed again in August to ensure the best possible chances of success in A levels.

If a student wishes to be considered for studying four A levels, the mock results and GCSE outcomes should in general be extremely strong, with six 8 grades or above in the mocks as well as exceeding the grade requirements for most of the selected subjects in the external summer examinations. Students may be required to drop down to three A levels if academic performance is not strong at any stage during the Senior College.