



Entry into the Sixth Form - September 2025

General Admissions Information

Entry requires as a minimum 5 GCSEs of grade 5 or above including Maths and English in order to meet a basic academic standard - one which shows individuals can meet demands placed on them. Students on an A-level pathway will study 3 A-levels, with a fourth subject possible in exceptional cases. In line with our curriculum aims, we do not facilitate students studying solely one BTEC subject

Specific subject entry requirements for Level 3 courses

Subject	Entry Requirements
Art & Design – Fine Art	Grade 5 in Art
Art & Design – Photography	Grade 5 in Photography or English and evidence of a strong portfolio via interview
Art & Design – Textile Design	Grade 5 in Textiles or Art
Biology	Grade 6/6 in Dual Science and grade 6 in Maths or grade 6 in single science Biology and grade 6 in Maths
Business Studies	Grade 6 in Business Studies or grade 6 in English <u>and</u> Maths
Chemistry	Grade 6/6 in Dual Science and grade 6 in Maths or grade 6 in single science Chemistry and grade 6 in Maths
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computer Science and grade 6 in Maths
English Language & Literature	Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 in English Literature
French	Grade 6 in French
Geography	Grade 6 in Geography
German	Grade 6 in German
History	Grade 6 in History
Mathematics	Grade 7 in Maths
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 in Maths
Media Studies	Grade 5 in Media or grade 5 in English Language or grade 5 in Literature
Physical Education	Grade 5 in GCSE PE or grade 5 in GCSE Science and a sound practical background in PE evidenced in interview (must play competitively at club level, for example)
Physics	Grade 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in Maths or grade 6 in single science Physics and a grade 6 in Maths
Politics	Grade 6 in English, Geography or History
Product Design	Grade 5 in Design & Technology
Psychology	Grade 6 in Science
Religious Studies – Philosophy, Ethics & Theology	Grade 5 in RE and a grade 5 English Language
Sociology	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature
BTEC Performing Arts	One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 in Drama • BTEC Level 2 Merit in Dance with a proven interest in dance outside of school
BTEC Health & Social Care	BTEC Level 2 in Health & Social Care at Merit level
BTEC Music	GCSE Music Qualification (grade 5) or BTEC Level 2 Music (Merit+) or Music Grading 5 on an instrument and theory
BTEC Sport	Grade 5 in PE or BTEC Level 2 PE at a Merit level

While we aim to offer all of these subjects, please note the running of a course will ultimately depend upon sufficient levels of student interest and we may have to revise the curriculum offer in light of this.

North Leamington School Sixth Form is a local community school and will consider all applications from parents/carers who wish to send their children to this school. We will treat all cases on their own merits as we endeavour to offer the best advice and guidance to prospective students regarding the suitability of courses to meet their needs and to ensure their success in the sixth form. Therefore in exceptional circumstances, students with a very good GCSE profile but who have not achieved either Maths or English to a grade 5 at the start of the programme may be considered.

Any student securing <4 in either English or Maths GCSE will **not** be offered a place irrespective of their other GCSE results. In such cases where a student scores a 4 but not a 5 in either English or Maths and is offered a place, they will be encouraged to continue studying for the GCSE English or Maths at Grade 5+ via independent study and paying for a re-sit – this is to further their likely options post-18.

All qualifications on entry point must be GCSE/BTEC L2 or recognised as equivalents by the gov.uk (e.g. iGCSE) listing – irrespective of what companies who offer a service comparing qualifications from abroad with the UK say, this gov.uk list will be our referral point.