



Bishop Douglass School

A Level Course Requirements:

For progression to A Level from GCSE, students must have a minimum of 5 9-4 grades at GCSE in 5 different subjects including English Language and Mathematics. Students will pick three A level subjects but may be considered for four subjects depending on their GCSE results. All students will have the option to study for the EPQ. Subject specific or additional course requirements are as follows:

Subject	Entry Requirements
Religious Education	Grade 5 or above in RE if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
Art	A grade 4 or above in Art if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE. Students may need to show sketchbook/portfolio to the department.
Biology	Grade 7 in 2 Science GCSEs. Candidates who have 2 6 grades will need a teacher recommendation.
Business Studies	Grade C or above in Business Studies if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
Chemistry	Grade 7 in 2 Science GCSEs. Candidates who have 2 6 grades will need a teacher recommendation.
Computer Science	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths or grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science
Drama	Grade 4 or above in Drama if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
Design and Technology	Grade 4/Merit or above in Resistant Materials, Engineering or Graphics at GCSE. Art candidates may also be considered on the basis of a strong portfolio.
Economics	Grade 4 or above in Maths and English
English Literature	Grade 6 or above in English Literature and a grade 6 or above in English Language.
French/Spanish	Grade 6 or above in French or Spanish if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
Geography	Grade 4 or above in Geography if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
History	Grade 4 or above in History if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.
Mathematics	Grade 7 in Maths GCSE
Media Studies	Grade 5 in English Literature and 5 in Media Studies if it has been studied at GCSE
Physics	Grade 7 in 2 Science GCSEs and at least a 6 in GCSE Mathematics. Candidates who have 2 6 grades will need a teacher recommendation.

Psychology	Grade 4 or above in English Language and 2 Science GCSEs at grade 6 or above.
Sociology	Grade 4 or above in Sociology if the subject has been taken previously at GCSE.

Level 3 Vocational Course Requirements

For progression to BTEC Level 3 Vocational Courses from GCSE students must have a minimum of 4 passes at GCSE at grade 4 or above or the equivalent. Candidates are expected to have at least a grade 4 in English Language at GCSE.

Level 2 Vocational Courses

Students that don't meet the requirements for A Levels or Level 3 Vocational Courses will be able to choose from our Level 2 Vocational courses and will retake both GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics. Students on this pathway will need to secure at least a merit in their level 2 BTEC subjects to progress onto the L3 vocational programme the following year.