

Bishop Douglass Sixth Form

A LEVEL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

For progression to A Level from GCSE, students should have a minimum of five 9-4 grades at GCSE in five different subjects including English Language and Mathematics. BTECs are only worth one GCSE and only two BTECs can be counted as equivalencies. Students will pick at least three A level subjects and may be considered for four subjects depending on their GCSE results. Subject specific or additional course requirements are as follows:

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Art	Grade 6 in Art. Grade 5 in Art with teacher recommendation
Biology	Grade 7 in two sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics and English Language. Grade 6 in two sciences, Grade 5 in Mathematics or English Language with teacher recommendation
Business Studies	Grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language. Business Studies desirable
Chemistry	Grade 7 in two sciences. Grade 6 in two sciences with teacher recommendation. Grade 6 in Mathematics
Computer Science	Grade 7 in Computer Science or Mathematics
Drama	Grade 4 in English Language and Grade 4 in English Literature. Drama desirable. Students must audition for the course
Design and Technology	Grade 4 in DT. Art candidates may also be considered on the basis of a strong portfolio
Economics	Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics
English Literature	Grade 5 in English Language and Grade 6 in English Literature. Grade 5 in English Literature with teacher recommendation
Extended Project Certificate	Grade 5 in English Language and Maths. Grade 6 average GCSE grade.
French	Grade 6 in French
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 in Mathematics
Geography	Grade 5 in Geography and Grade 4 in English Language
History	Grade 4 in English Language
Mathematics	Grade 7 in Mathematics
Media Studies	Grade 5 in English Language. Media Studies desirable
Music	Grade 6 in Music. Students must audition for the course

Physics	Grade 7 in two sciences. Grade 6 in two sciences with teacher recommendation. Grade 7 in Mathematics
Politics	Grade 5 in English Language
Psychology	Grade 5 in English Language. Grade 5 in Mathematics. Grade 6 in two Sciences
Sociology	Grade 4 in English Language
Spanish	Grade 6 in Spanish
Theology	Grade 5 in RE. Grade 4 in English Language

LEVEL 3 VOCATIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

For progression to BTEC Level 3 Vocational Courses from GCSE, students must have a minimum of four 9-4 grades at GCSE or passes at BTEC Level 2. Level 2 BTECs are only worth one GCSE and only two Level 2 BTECs can be counted as equivalencies. Those who are yet to achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Mathematics will need to retake these subjects. Subject specific or additional course requirements are as follows:

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applied Science	Grade 4 in two sciences
Business	Grade 4 in English Language or Mathematics
Finance	Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics
Health and Social Care	Grade 4 in English Language
IT	Grade 4 in English Language and Grade 4 in Mathematics. Teacher recommendations possible for IT or Computer Science students
Music	Equivalent of grade 3 in performing their instrument. Music desirable
PE	Grade 4 English Language

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 Level 3 Vocational programme the following year. Subject specific or additional course requirements are as follows:

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Business	No additional requirements
IT	No additional requirements
PE	No additional requirements
Retake English Language	Compulsory for students without a grade 4 in English Language
Retake Mathematics	Compulsory for students without a grade 4 in Mathematics

