

Blue Coat Subject Specific Entry Criteria for 2025

The entry criteria for Sixth Form are as follows:

- To study A levels and BTECs (*on their own or combined with BTECs*) all students must achieve at least five grade 5-9 (*including Maths and English*).
- Please note some subjects require subject specific grades – see below

A Level Subject	GCSE Subject	Grade Needed
Art & Design: Fine Art	GCSE Art	Grade 5
Art & Design: Graphics	-	Standard entry criteria
Art & Design: Textiles	Design Technology Subject OR Art	Grade 5
Art & Design: Photography	-	Standard entry criteria
Biology	GCSE Biology or GCSE Combined Science, and GCSE Maths	Grade 6 in Biology Grade 6:6 in Combined Science Grade 6 In Maths
Business Studies	-	Standard entry criteria
Chemistry	Chemistry or Combined Science Maths	Grade 7 in Chemistry or Grade 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science and Grade 6 Maths
Computing	Computing Science and Maths	Grade 6 in Maths Grade 5 in Computing
Performing Arts	GCSE Drama, Dance or English	Grade 6
Economics	English and Maths	Grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 6 in English
English Language & Literature	English Language	Grade 6 in Language and Grade 5 in Literature
English Literature	English Literature	Grade 5 in English Language and Grade 7 in Literature
French	French	Grade 6
Geography	Geography	Grade 5
German	German	Grade 6
Government & Politics	-	Standard entry criteria
Health & Social Care (BTEC Ex Cert Single)	Maths, English, Science	Grade 5 in English, Grade 5 Maths and Grade 5 in Biology and Grade 5:5 in combined

History	History	Grade 5
Law	History or English	Grade 6
Mathematics	Maths	Grade 7
Mathematics (Further)	Maths	Grade 8
Media Studies	-	Standard entry criteria
Music	GCSE Music and Grade 5 in any Instrument and Theory	Grade 6
Music Technology	Expected to demonstrate some expertise on an instrument or vocally	Standard entry criteria
Physics	Physics or Combined Science grade Maths	Grade 7 Grade 6
PE (A level)	Biology or PE	Grade 6
Philosophy & Ethics	RE	Grade 5
Product Design	Design Technology Subject OR Art	Grade 6
Psychology	English Biology	Grade 6 Grade 6
Sociology	-	Standard entry criteria
Sport (BTEC Ext Cert, Single)	-	Standard entry criteria