

Blue Coat Subject Specific Entry Criteria for 2026

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A level	GCSE Subject	Grade needed
Art & Design: Fine Art	GCSE Art	Grade 5
Art & Design: Graphics		Standard entry criteria
Art & Design: Textiles	Design Technology or Art	Grade 5
Art & Design: Photography		Standard entry criteria
Biology	GCSE Biology Maths English (one of the English grades)	Biology 6 or combined 6:6 Maths 6 English 6
Business studies		Standard entry criteria
Chemistry	Chemistry Combined science Maths	Chemistry 7 Combined 7:7 Maths 6
Computing	GCSE Computing GCSE Maths	Computing 6 Maths 6
Performing Arts	GCSE Drama GCSE English GCSE Dance	6 Drama or 6 English
Economics	English (one of the English grades) Maths	6 in English 6 in Maths
English Language & Literature	English Language English literature	English Lang 6 English Lit 5
English Literature	English Literature	English Lit 7 English Language 5
French	GCSE French	7
Geography	GCSE Geography	5
German	GCSE German	7
Politics	GCSE History GCSE English (one of the English grades 5) Or if haven't studied History	History 5 English 5 RE 6
Health and Social Care (BTEC, EX cert single)	GCSE Maths GCSE English (one of the English grades 5) GCSE Science Biology or Combined	GCSE Maths 5 GCSE English 5 GCSE Biology 5 Combined 5:5
History	GCSE History	GCSE History 5

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Law	GCSE History GCSE English (one of the English grades 6) Or if haven't studied History	GCSE History 6 GCSE English 6 GCSE RE 7
Mathematics	GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths 7
Further Mathematics	GCSE Maths	GCSE Maths 8
Media Studies	GCSE English Language (one of the English grades 5)	GCSE English 5
Music	GCSE Music and grade 5 in any instrument and theory	GCSE Music 6
Music Technology	Expected to demonstrate some expertise on an instrument or vocally	Standard entry criteria
Physics	GCSE Physics or GCSE Combined GCSE Maths	GCSE Physics 7 GCSE Combined 7:7 GCSE Maths 6
PE A level	GCSE PE GCSE Biology	GCSE PE 6 GCSE Biology 6
Philosophy and ethics	GCSE RE	GCSE RE 5
Product Design	GCSE Design Technology or Art	GCSE 6
Psychology	GCSE English (one grade 5 one grade 6) GCSE Maths GCSE Biology or Combined	GCSE 65 GCSE 6 GCSE 6 OR 6:6
Sociology	GCSE English both	GCSE English 5:5
Sport BTEC Ext Cert (1 A-level equivalent)		Standard entry criteria
Sport BTEC Diploma (2 A-level equivalent)		Standard entry criteria