

Choosing A Level Subjects

GCSE Requirements and Point Score Guidance



Minimum Point Score

You will need a minimum point score of 5.0 to study 3 AS subjects and a minimum points score of 5.5 to study 4 subjects at AS Level plus need to look at subject specific criteria.

There will be some discretion according to individual circumstances, however the above provides the general guidance of entry requirements.

Entry on to A2: students usually required to have achieved a minimum of grade D at AS level to proceed to A2.

Calculating your GCSE Point Score

To calculate your average GCSE points score, add the points for all subjects you have taken and divide the total by the number of subjects.

Grade	Point	Grade	Point
A*	8	D	4
A	7	E	3
B	6	F	2
C	5	G	1

You must include **all** your grades, not just the A - C grades (even fails). This will give you your average points score.

A score of between 5.00 and 5.5

A score of between 5.00 and 5.5 , and an overall number of at least 6 subjects at grades A - C including English and Mathematics, will entitle you to choose 3 main AS subjects drawn from the list below:

- Business Studies
- Certificate in Financial Studies
- Communication & Cultural Studies
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Government & Politics
- History
- Applied ICT
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Sociology

A score of more than 5.5

A score of more than 5.5, and an overall number of at least 6 subjects at grades A - C including English and Mathematics, will entitle you to choose 4 main AS subjects taken from the list above, with the addition of:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Italian
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology (point score 5.2)
- Spanish

AS subjects specific GCSE

The following individual AS subjects have a specific GCSE grade requirement in addition to the general entry requirement based on your average point score.

SUBJECT	REQUIREMENTS
Biology	B B in Science
Chemistry	B B in Science, B in Maths
Italian and Spanish	B at Higher level
Mathematics	B in Maths
Physics	B B in Science, B Maths
Economics	B in Maths and English