

GCSE Requirements 2026

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS	GCSE REQUIREMENTS
Art	GCSE grade 6 in Art or a task if Art not studied at GCSE
Applied Science	GCSE grade 5/4 in Combined Science or a 5/4/4 in Triple Science subjects and a minimum of 4 in Maths and 4 in English Language
Biology	GCSE grade 6 in Biology or 6/6 in Combined Science
Business Studies	GCSE grade 5 in Business or Economics or a grade 4 in Mathematics and grade 5 in either English Language or Literature if Business or Economics not studied at GCSE
Chemistry	GCSE grade 6 in Chemistry or 6/6 in Combined Science
Computer Science	GCSE grade 5 in Computer Science or grade 4 in Maths if Computer Science not studied at GCSE
Dance	GCSE grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Design Technology	GCSE grade 6 in a Design Technology subject
Drama & Theatre Studies	GCSE grade 4 in Drama or a grade 4 in English Language or Literature if Drama not studied at GCSE
Economics	GCSE grade 5 in Business or Economics or a grade 5 in Mathematics and grade 5 in either English Language or Literature if Business or Economics not studied at GCSE
English Language	GCSE grade 6 in English Language or Literature
English Literature	GCSE grade 6 in English Language or Literature
Film Studies	GCSE grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Geography	GCSE grade 6 in Geography or grade 6 in English Literature if Geography not studied at GCSE
German	GCSE grade 6 in German
Graphics	GCSE grade 6 in Art or Design Technology based GCSE
Health & Social Care	GCSE grade 4 in English Language or Literature and grade 4 in Science (Biology if Triple Science)
History	GCSE grade 6 in History, or grade 6 in English Language or Literature if History not studied at GCSE
Law	GCSE grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Maths	GCSE grade 6 in Maths
Maths/Further Maths	GCSE grade 7 in Maths
Media Studies	GCSE grade 4 in English Language or Literature
Music	GCSE grade 5 in Music, or grade 4/5 standard
Philosophy	GCSE grade 5 in English Language
Photography	GCSE grade 5 in Art or Photography or a task if Art or Photography not studied at GCSE
Physical Education	GCSE grade 4 or equivalent in level 2 PE qualification or grade 4 in English Language or Literature and a grade 5 in any Science or BTEC Merit if PE not studied at GCSE or equivalent
Physics	GCSE grade 6 in Physics or 6/6 in Combined Science and grade 6 in Maths
Politics	GCSE grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Psychology	GCSE grade 5 in Psychology or grade 5 in English Language or Literature if Psychology not studied at GCSE
Sociology	GCSE grade 4 in Sociology or grade 4 in English Language or Literature if Sociology not studied at GCSE
Spanish	GCSE grade 6 in Spanish
Textiles	GCSE grade 5 in Art or Textiles and Grade 5 in English Language or Literature