



ENTRY CRITERIA & OPTIONS 2018

Quick guide

KHS YR 11 APPLICANTS DEADLINE	EXTERNAL APPLICANTS DEADLINE
Monday 4 th December 2017	Monday 19 February 2018

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Between 4-6 GCSE grade 6 GCSEs depending on the A Levels you choose.
Check each A Level on the subject-specific entry criteria.

English Language grade 6 for A Levels.

Maths must be a grade 4 minimum but often grade 5 or 6 & even 7 is required for some subjects.

Progress to university or degree apprenticeships

Read the rest of this booklet for specific entry criteria about each A Level

In 2017, 65% of our A Level grades were at A*-B

with progression to the very top Russell Group universities and the most competitive courses

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Five GCSE grade 4 including 4 in English Language and/or 4 in Mathematics.
You can re-sit one but not both.

Progress to university or degree apprenticeships.

Read the rest of this booklet about different types of Btec National courses

In 2017, 90% of our Btec grades were at Distinction/Distinction*

with progression to Russell group universities

ACCESS TO A LEVELS (1 trial year + 2 further years = 3 years)	ENTRY CRITERIA
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Five GCSE grade 4 including 4 in English Language and/or 4 in Mathematics.
You can re-sit one but not both.

Trial year of AS & Btec in Year 1 followed by two further years of A levels and/or Btec Nationals.

Choose between two routes in Year One (1) Science route or (2) Humanities route (ie not science)

Progress to a range of A Level or Btec National options the following year and study for a further 2 years.

Typically, 75% of Access to A Levels students choose to stay on after the first year. Some continue to the second year of their Btec course or A Level (Biology, Maths and Sociology) whilst mixing with new courses. Many choose just the Btec route and others choose essay-based courses whilst a very small number opt for more science courses.

NOTE – Our entry criteria needs to be met to secure a place on your chosen course. Our decision in exercising judgement over the application of the entry criteria is final. Be aware that occasionally courses might not run if we fall below expected numbers at enrolment: though this is very rare indeed.



A LEVELS SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA 2018

YOU MUST ACHIEVE GRADES IN CERTAIN GCSEs AS PART OF THE OVERALL GCSE REQUIREMENT

<i>Special Additional Entry Requirements for A Level Courses</i>				
AS LEVEL SUBJECT & overall entry criteria <i>Minimum entry is 4 grade 6s</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	Grade required in the subject at GCSE	Additional information Requirements <i>Minimum entry is 4 grade 6s</i> <i>Some courses require more than this minimum to study A Levels</i>
ART & DESIGN <i>4 grade 6s</i>	5	4	6 in Art	6 in Art Key to this subject is your Art grade. What you combine it with is the issue so you might not need 4 grade 6s.
BIOLOGY <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6 (Biology) 66 (Double)	Students MUST choose one other science, Maths or Psychology. You cannot choose ONE science only.
BUSINESS <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	6		Plus 6 in Geography/History or Sociology
CHEMISTRY <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6 (Chemistry) 66 (Double)	Students are strongly advised to study Maths A Level if you choose Chemistry
COMPUTER SCIENCE <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	7		7 in Maths We look for strength in Maths and sciences
ECONOMICS <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	7		You ought to be studying A Level Mathematics with Economics. Otherwise choose Business A level
ENGLISH LANGUAGE <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6 in English Language	You need 6 in English Language. We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
ENGLISH LITERATURE <i>(no AS level offered)</i> <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6 in English Language as well as Literature	You need 6 & 6 in both English Language and Literature. We are looking at GCSEs which show a consistent strength in writing & evidence you enjoy reading novels independently.
FRENCH <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6	6 in French
GEOGRAPHY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6	6 in Geography You need to enjoy both physical and human geography sides
GERMAN <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6	6 in German
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4		6 in Geography, History or Sociology We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
HISTORY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6	6 in History We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
LAW <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4		6 in Geography, History or Sociology We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing

MATHEMATICS <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	7	7	7 in Maths
FURTHER MATHEMATICS <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	8		8 in Maths and 7 in Further Maths
MEDIA <i>4 grade 6s</i>	5	4		5 in English Language We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
MUSIC <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6	6 In Music
PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6	6 in Geography/History/Sociology plus 6 in Religious Studies We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
PHYSICAL EDUCATION <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6	6 in PE We look for strength in a sport, writing and science
PHYSICS <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6 (Physics) 66 (Double)	Students are strongly advised to choose Maths A Level to study Physics ie we prefer 7 at GCSE Maths
PSYCHOLOGY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6 in Biology	6 in Biology or 6 & 6 in Core & Additional We look for the ability to write essays as well as be competent at science
SOCIOLOGY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6	6 in Geography/History/Sociology/Religious Studies We look at GCSEs showing a strength in writing
SPANISH <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4	6	6 in Spanish





OUR BTEC NATIONALS PROVISION 2018

Progress to university and apprenticeships

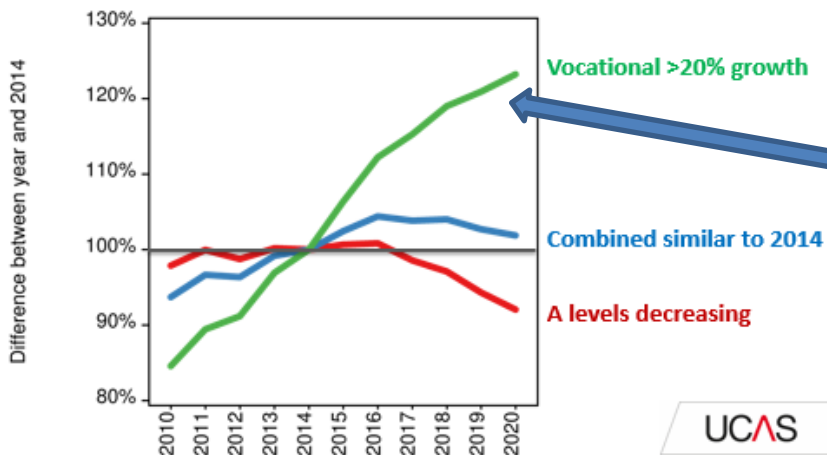
BTEC NATIONALS ARE A WELL-ESTABLISHED ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY

Universities and employers have recognised the value of Btec Nationals for over thirty years.

Since A levels are no longer modular, the number of students choosing to study Btec Nationals has increased and is expected to rise even further over the next few years.

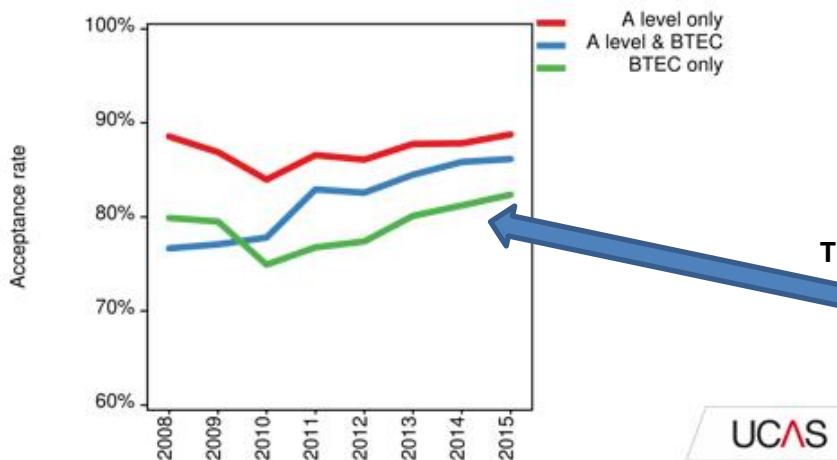
Many of our Btec students progress to highly competitive universities and include Russell Group (top 24). Some go into degree apprenticeships, along with an increasing number of A level students such as Deloitte, KPMG and Capgemini.

The rise in Btec Nationals 2010-2020



Students on Btec National courses are increasing – these vocational courses are set to increase by 20%. The proportion taking A Levels is decreasing.

The rise in students at university with Btec Nationals



The proportion of students going to university with Btec is rising



BTEC NATIONALS LEVELS ENTRY CRITERIA 2018

YOU MUST ACHIEVE GRADES IN CERTAIN GCSEs AS PART OF THE OVERALL GCSE REQUIREMENT

Special Additional Entry Requirements for Btec Nationals Level Courses				
BTEC NATIONALS & OVERALL ENTRY CRITERIA	English Language	Mathematics	Grade required in the subject at GCSE	Additional information Requirements
ART EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (worth 1 A Level) Four grade 4s	4	4	4 in Art	Key to this subject is your Art grade. What you combine it with is the issue. This is worth one A Level so you need two more. <i>Suggestions: A Level Photography, Media, Btec ICT, Btec Business Diploma (worth 2 A Levels)</i>
ART DIPLOMA (worth 2 A Levels) Four grade 4s	4	4	4 in Art	Key to this subject is your Art grade. You can resit either Maths or English but not both. What you combine it with is the issue. This is worth two A Levels so you need one more. <i>Suggestions: A Level Photography, Media, Btec ICT</i>
BUSINESS DIPLOMA (worth 2 A Levels) Four grade 4s	4	4		Key to this subject is your English Language grade. You can resit Maths This is worth two A Levels so you need one more. <i>Suggestions: A Level Photography, Media, Btec ICT, Art. Look at the specific A Level entry criteria if you wish to combine with an A Level</i>
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE EXTENDED DIPLOMA (worth 3 A Levels) Four grade 4s	4	4	4 & 4 in Core and Applied science	Key to this subject is your English Language grade. You can resit Maths This is worth three A Levels so you do not need any more courses
ICT EXTENDED CERTIFICATE (worth 1 A Level) Four grade 4s	4	4		Key to this subject is your English Language grade and Maths however you can resit either Maths or English. This is worth one A Level so you need two more. <i>Suggestions: A Level Photography, Media, Btec Business (worth 2 A Levels), Btec Art.</i> <i>Look at the specific A Level entry criteria if you wish to combine with an A Level</i>
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<p>ICT EXTENDED DIPLOMA</p> <p>(worth 3 A Levels)</p> <p>Four grade 4s</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Key to this subject is your English Language grade and Maths however you can resit either Maths or English.</p> <p>This is worth three A Levels so you do not need any more courses</p>
<p>ENGINEERING EXTENDED CERTIFICATE</p> <p>Four grade 4s</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Key to this subject is your Maths grade however you can resit English.</p> <p>This is worth one A Level so you need two more. <i>Suggestions: A Level Photography, Media, Btec Business (worth 2 A Levels), Btec Art, Btec ICT</i></p> <p><i>Look at the specific A Level entry criteria if you wish to combine with an A Level</i></p>





ACCESS TO A LEVELS PATHWAY

You must achieve the same grades as for Btec Nationals

COURSE DETAILS

'Access to A Levels' is a one year course which was created to offer students who are not yet ready for A levels or need to trial A Level and Btec Nationals to test which route suits them best.

Students choose from a range of science and essay-based AS Levels and complete these in Year 1.

Success allows students to choose from the full range of relevant A levels the following year.

Students also study a Btec National Certificate (equivalent to an AS Level) to see if Btec Nationals are the route to choose the following year.

Around 75% stay on the following year and either choose A levels or Btec Nationals.

SCIENCE ROUTE

If you wish to take A Levels in Science and/or Maths then you will study **AS Biology** and **AS Mathematics** as well as **English Literature and Language** to help you improve your written work. If you do not wish to study AS Mathematics then may opt not to study this. Also you must choose either **Btec Media** or **Btec IT**. You will therefore start with four courses.

SCIENCE ROUTE. You study...

AS Biology

AS English Literature and Language

Plus choose **AS Maths** if you wish to study A Levels in Maths or Physics

Plus you **MUST** choose Btec National **Media** or Btec National **IT**



HUMANITIES ROUTE (ESSAY-BASED)

If you wish to take A Levels in essay-based subjects then you will study **AS English Literature & Language** and **AS Sociology** to help you improve your written work. Also choose either **Btec Media** or **Btec IT**. You will therefore start with three courses.

ENTRY CRITERIA

The entry criteria is the same for Btec Nationals, students need at least three grade 6s at GCSE plus 4 in English and in Maths. Students studying a Btec in Year 11 will need a Merit.

HUMANITIES ROUTE. You study...

AS Sociology

AS English Literature and Language

Plus you **MUST** choose Btec National **Media** or Btec National **IT**





ACCESS TO A LEVELS ENTRY CRITERIA

Entry Requirements for Access to A Levels				
ACCESS TO A LEVELS OVERALL ENTRY CRITERIA	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	Grade required in the subject at GCSE	Additional information Requirements
BIOLOGY (AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	4	4 in Sciences	SCIENCE ROUTE SUBJECT Key to this subject are your Science grades. You need to study this in order to take science subjects in Year 2 and 3.
MATHEMATICS (AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	5	5 in Maths or 6 preferred	SCIENCE ROUTE SUBJECT Key to this subject is your Maths grade. Minimum of 5. You need to study this in order to take Maths and Physics subjects in Year 2 and 3. Otherwise do not take this.
SOCIOLOGY (AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	4	4 in English, prefer 5	HUMANITIES ROUTE SUBJECT Key to this subject is your English Language grade. You can resit Maths You need to study this in order to take all A levels other than sciences
ENGLISH LITERATURE & LANGUAGE (AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	4	4 in English, prefer 5	ALL ACCESS TO A LEVEL STUDENTS TAKE THIS Key to this subject is your English Language grade. You can resit Maths This subject helps you continue to develop your written skills for essay-based A Levels and extended answers in sciences.
MEDIA <i>Btec National</i> (worth an AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	4		ALL ACCESS TO A LEVEL STUDENTS TAKE MEDIA or ICT You can resit Maths or English This subject helps you develop skills of managing coursework and it will help you have a plan B if you do not get minimum of a D in your AS exams. You need a Merit to take Btec courses in Year 2.
ICT <i>Btec National</i> (worth an AS Level) <i>Four grade 4s</i>	4	4		ALL ACCESS TO A LEVEL STUDENTS TAKE ICT or MEDIA You can resit Maths or English This subject helps you develop skills of managing coursework and it will help you have a plan B if you do not get minimum of a D in your AS exams. You need a Merit to take Btec courses in Year 2. and extended answers in sciences.