



ENTRY CRITERIA & OPTIONS 2019

Quick guide

A LEVELS (2 years)	ENTRY CRITERIA
<p>Between four to six GCSE grade 6 GCSEs depending on the A Levels you choose. Science A Levels requires six grade 6 GCSEs Humanities A levels require four grade 6 GCSEs Check each A Level on the subject-specific entry criteria.</p> <p>English Language grade 6 for A Levels.</p> <p>Maths must be a grade 4 minimum but often grade 5 or 6 & even 7 is required for some subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Progress to university or degree apprenticeships</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Read the rest of this booklet for specific entry criteria about each A Level</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In 2018, 61% of our A Level grades were at A*-B</p>	

BTEC NATIONALS (2 years)	ENTRY CRITERIA
<p>Five GCSE grade 4 including 4 in English Language and/or 4 in Mathematics. You can re-sit one but <u>not</u> both.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Progress to university or degree apprenticeships.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BTEC National courses – Art, Business, Health & Social Care, Information Technology.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In 2018, over 80% of our Btec grades were at Distinction/Distinction*</p>	

ACCESS TO <u>HUMANITIES</u> DEGREES AT UNIVERSITY (2 or 3 years)
<p>ENTRY CRITERIA</p> <p>Five GCSE grade 4 including 4 in English Language and/or 4 in Mathematics. You can re-sit one but not both.</p> <p>AS Sociology, AS Criminology, AS Media in year 1. Option to continue or re-choose in Year 2</p>

ACCESS TO <u>SCIENCE</u> AND <u>ENGINEERING</u> DEGRESS AT UNIVERSITY (2 years)
<p>ENTRY CRITERIA</p> <p>Five GCSE grade 5 including 5 in English Language <u>and</u> 5 in Mathematics.</p> <p>BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (Bio-medicine) <i>Equivalent to 2 A-Levels and will gain access to a wide range of science degrees. Combine with another A Level or BTEC in IT or Art.</i></p> <p><i>Interested in Engineering degrees? Add A-Level Maths in this pathway with a 6 at GCSE Maths</i></p>



A LEVELS SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA 2019

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

	Special Additional Entry Requirements for A Level Courses			
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 four grade 6s.
BIOLOGY <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6 (Biology) or 66 (Combined Science)	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) or 66 (Combined Science)	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
HISTORY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6	6 in History 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>5 grade 6s</i>	6	8		8 in 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
PHOTOGRAPHY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	5	4		What you combine this with is the issue so you might not need 4 grade 6s.
PHYSICS <i>6 grade 6s</i>	6	6	6 (Physics) 66 (Combined Science)	Students are strongly advised to choose Maths A Level to study Physics ie we prefer 7 at GCSE Maths but will accept a high 6
POLITICS <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4		6 in Geography, History or Sociology We look at GCSEs showing a consistent strength in writing
PSYCHOLOGY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	5	6 in Biology 5,6 (Double)	6 in Biology or 5 & 6 in Combined Science We look for the ability to write essays as well as be competent at science
SOCIOLOGY <i>4 grade 6s</i>	6	4		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 2019

Progress to university and apprenticeships

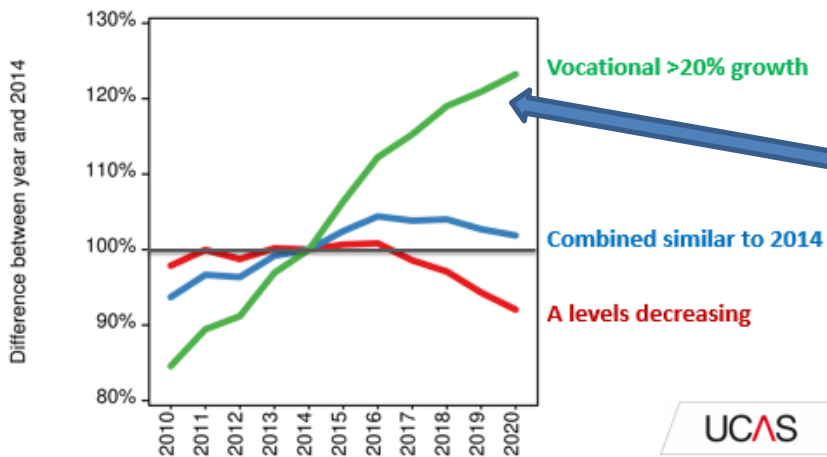
BTEC NATIONALS ARE A WELL-ESTABLISHED ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY

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.

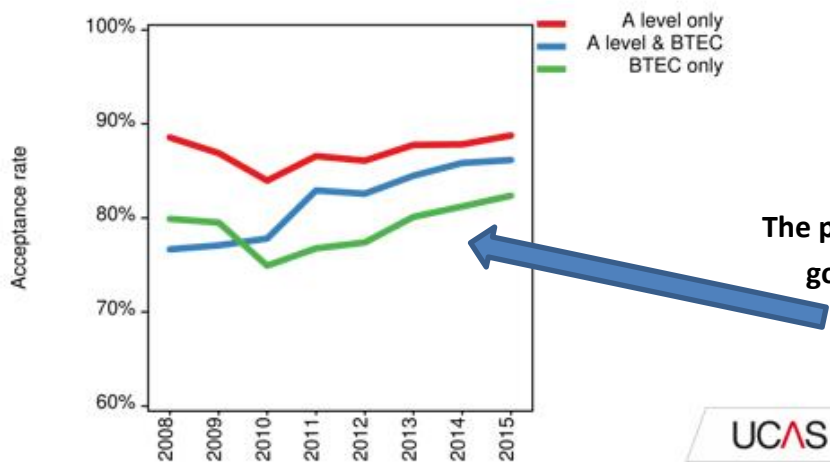
Many of our BTEC students progress to highly competitive universities including the Russell Group Universities (top 24). Some go into degree apprenticeships, along with an increasing number of A level students, such as top companies such as Deloitte, KPMG and Capgemini.

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

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 Combined 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
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 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> <i>Turn to next page</i>

<p>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXTENDED DIPLOMA</p> <p>(worth 3 A Levels)</p> <p><i>Four grade 4s</i></p>	4	4		<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>APPLIED SCIENCE DIPLOMA</p> <p>(worth 2 A Levels)</p> <p><i>Four grade 5s</i></p>	5	5	<p>5 & 5 in Combined Science</p> <p>Or 5s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics</p>	<p>Key to this subject is your English Language grade and Maths You cannot resit either Maths or English if you choose Applied Science.</p> <p>This is worth two A Levels so you need one more course. With a grade 6 in Maths you can opt to take Mathematics A Level in with this package to allow progress to study engineering in the future.</p>





ACCESS PATHWAYS

ROUTE 1 - A LEVELS AND PROGRESS TO UNIVERSITY HUMANITIES DEGREES

ROUTE 2 - APPLIED SCIENCES AND PROGRESS TO UNIVERSITY SCIENCE DEGREES

ROUTE 1 - HUMANITIES A LEVELS – ACCESS TO ESSAY-BASED DEGREES



If you wish to take A Levels in essay-based subjects then you will study three AS Levels:

AS Criminology + AS Sociology + AS Media

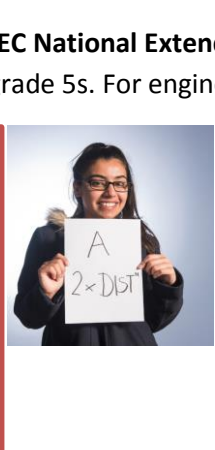
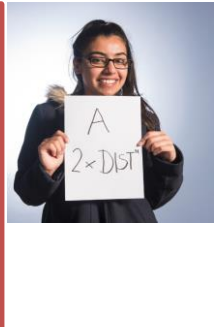
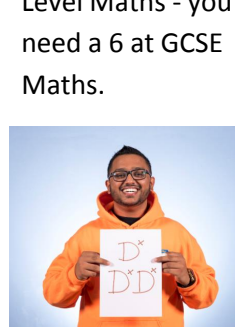
These will help you improve your written work. After you receive the AS exam result, you can choose to continue with these courses and complete them after two years. **Alternatively**, if you show that you can achieve grade C or more on these courses, you can re-choose to start a range of essay-based A Levels such as Politics, Law, Philosophy and Ethics and Psychology, Business and English Literature.

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The entry criteria is the same for main offer of Btec Nationals, students need at least four grade 4 at GCSE including English and you can resit Maths if required.

<p>YEAR 1 in KHS</p> <p>AS Sociology AS Criminology AS Media</p>	<p>YEAR 2 in KHS</p> <p>A Sociology A Criminology A Media</p>	<p>PROGRESS TO</p> <p>DEGREE or APPRENTICESHIP</p>		
	<p>YEAR 2 – in KHS</p> <p>Choose new A Levels or switch to BTEC National</p>	<p>YEAR 3 in KHS</p> <p>Complete second year of new courses</p>	<p>PROGRESS TO</p> <p>DEGREE or APPRENTICESHIP</p>	

ROUTE 2 – SCIENCES – ACCESS TO SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DEGREES

<p>Year 1 in KHS</p> <p>Btec National Applied Science (worth 2 A Levels) so combine with another A Level</p> <p>Engineers choose A Level Maths</p>	<p>If you wish to take science or engineering then BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Sciences is the perfect route if you have grade 5s. For engineers, also choose A</p>			<p>Level Maths - you need a 6 at GCSE Maths.</p>
	<p>Year 2 in KHS</p> <p>Continue with second year of the BTEC (and Maths if you opted for it)</p>	<p>PROGRESS TO</p> <p>Science degrees Engineering degrees Apprenticeships</p>		



ACCESS PATHWAYS

ACCESS TO - SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DEGREES

Entry Requirements for BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE (for Bio-med and engineering)				
ACCESS TO SCIENCE DEGREES OVERALL ENTRY CRITERIA	English Language	Mathematics	Grade required in the subject at GCSE	Additional information Requirements THIS IS A TWO YEAR COURSE
For bio-medical degrees BTEC National Diploma in Applied Science Worth 2 A Levels Four grade 5s	5	5	Biology 5 Chemistry 5 Physics 5 Or Combined Science 5,5	For those interested in science and engineering careers BTEC National Diploma in APPLIED SCIENCE (Biomedicine) You need to show strength in sciences, maths and writing
For engineering add MATHEMATICS A Level As part of the Applied Science Pathway only		6		For those interested in engineering add A Level Maths You need a 6 at GCSE Maths This A Level Maths set is <u>only</u> available for students on the BTEC Applied Science pathway. On the main A Level Pathway you need a 7 in Maths to study A Level.

ACCESS TO - HUMANITIES DEGREES

Entry Requirements for Access to Humanities A Levels				
ACCESS HUMANITIES DEGREES OVERALL ENTRY CRITERIA	English Language	Mathematics	Grade required in the subject at GCSE	Additional information Requirements THIS CAN BE EITHER A <u>TWO YEAR</u> COURSE OR A <u>THREE YEAR</u> COURSE
AS Sociology AS Criminology AS Media Four grade 4s	4	4		Year 1 Study 3 AS Levels (AS Sociology, AS Criminology & AS Media) Year 2 AS grade D, continue & finish at the end of Year 2 Or Year 2 & Year 3 AS grade C, option to restart with new humanities A-Levels AS grade E or less, restart with a BTEC National course