

CRITERIA FOR AS/A2 COURSES

- ALL STUDENTS MUST STUDY 4 AS SUBJECTS – ONE FROM EACH OPTION BLOCK
- TO STUDY AS SUBJECTS STUDENTS MUST HAVE 5 A*-C GRADES AND MEET THE CRITERIA STATED BELOW.
- ENTRY TO A2 IN YEAR 13 IS DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESS AT AS IN 3 SUBJECTS AND A MINIMUM 80% ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT YEAR 12

Course	Required GCSE grade	Subject teacher to endorse choice	Criteria
Biology	B	Science	A 'B' grade in Science and a B grade in Mathematics. Students with lower grades may seek permission from their Science teacher to apply for this course, but they will need to meet targets set in a trial period.
Chemistry	B	Science	At least a 'B' in Science.
Physics	B	Science	At least a 'B' grade in Science and a 'B' grade in Mathematics.
Mathematics	B	Maths	Students must have followed the Higher Level Course.
Geography	B	Geography	Students with lower grades may seek permission from their Geography teacher to apply for this course. Students with lower grades may be allowed to start the course on a trial basis, only after discussion with their Geography teacher during Y11
Design Technology	C	Design	Minimum grade 'C' at GCSE Higher Level Tier. Only students studying – System & Control, Resistant Materials, Textiles & Graphic Products. Home Economics students may find it difficult to adjust to this course. Good academic skills needed for written papers.
Product Design: 3-D Design	C	Design	All students studying GCSE Design Technology are welcome, but there will be a gap in practical knowledge that will require determination and hard work to close.
Product Design: Textiles	C	Mrs Blankley	Textile students would suit this course. If any Graphic students would like to consider this course they must discuss it with Mrs. Blankley
Economics & Business	N/A	Maths	Students <u>do not need</u> to have studied GCSE Business Studies, but a grade 'B' in Maths and a 'C' in English would be beneficial.
Sociology		English	A 'C' grade in English would be beneficial to students studying Sociology.

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<i>Psychology</i>		<i>Maths</i>	<i>A 'C' grade in Mathematics would be beneficial to students studying Psychology.</i>
<i>Intermediate GNVQ Courses</i>		<i>Mrs Reading</i>	<i>Students are required to have achieved 3 grade D's in their GCSEs.</i>
<i>Media</i>	<i>C</i>		<i>At least a C grade in English. Students with particular artistic, design or IT skills but with a lower English grade will be considered on an individual basis</i>

<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Must have studied PE at GCSE.</i>
<i>Art</i>		<i>Mr Bird</i>	<i>Students are expected to have at least a grade C at GCSE</i>
<i>French & German</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>P/G</i>	<i>At least B in relevant language</i>