

Subject Specific Entry Requirements 2026

Subject	Entry requirements
Art	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Art
Biology	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Biology and grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics or Grades 6-6 or above, GCSE Double Science and grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Business	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
BTEC Business	No additional requirements
Chemistry	Grade 6 or above, GCSE chemistry and grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics or Grades 6-6 or above, GCSE Double Science and grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Computer Science	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Computer Science (if taken) or Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
WJEC Criminology (Applied Level 3)	No additional requirements
Dance	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Dance or Merit or above in Dance BTEC, level 2 or Grade 5 or above in external dance exams
Drama	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Drama or Merit or above in BTEC Performing Arts, level 2 or Grade 5 or above, English Literature/Language <i>only if Drama has not been studied at GCSE</i>
AAQ BTEC National Early Childhood Development	Grade 4 or above, GCSE English Language and two other Grade 4's in any GCSE (or equivalent) subjects or Grade 4 or above, GCSE English Literature and two other Grade 4's in any GCSE (or equivalent) subjects
English Language	Grade 6 or above, GCSE English Language and in English Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 or above, GCSE English Literature and in English Language
English Literature and Language	Grade 5 or above, GCSE English Literature or in English Language
Film Studies	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Film Studies (if taken) or Grade 5 or above, GCSE English Language or Grade 5 or above, GCSE English Literature
French	Grade 6 or above, GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 or above, GCSE Mathematics <i>Students must also take Mathematics A level</i>
Geography	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Geography (if taken) or

	Grade 6 or above in any other Humanities subject (eg GCSE History, GCSE EP) <i>only if Geography has not been studied at GCSE</i>
History	Grade 6 or above, GCSE History (if taken) or Grade 6 or above, GCSE Geography or GCSE English Literature <i>only if History has not been studied at GCSE</i>
Mathematics	Grade 7 or above, GCSE Mathematics
Music	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Music and grade 5 or above in performing (ABRSM or Trinity examinations)
Photography	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Art or Film Studies or Grade 5 or above, GCSE DT (Graphics, Product, Textiles) <i>NOT Food</i>
Physics (student must also select Maths A-level)	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Physics and grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics or Grades 6-6 or above, GCSE Double Science and grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Politics	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Humanities subject (History, Geography, EP/RS) or Grade 5 or above in either GCSE English Language or Literature
Product Design	Grade 5 or above, DT subject (Paper and Board, Timbers or Textiles) or Grade 6 or above, creative subjects (Art, Creative I-media, Dance/Drama- must be the Design approach) and Grade 5 or above, GCSE Mathematics
Psychology	Grade 6 or above, GCSE English Language and grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics or Grade 6 or above, GCSE English Literature and grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics
BTEC Applied Psychology	No additional requirements
Sociology	Grade 6 or above, in GCSE English Language/GCSE English Literature and a grade 6 or above in any humanities subject (e.g. GCSE History, GCSE Geography, GCSE EP)
Spanish	Grade 6 or above, GCSE Spanish
BTEC Sport (Applied level 3)	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Physical Education or Merit or above in Sport BTEC, level 2 or Grade 5-5 in double Science or Grade 5 in Biology <i>only if PE or Sport has not been studied at GCSE</i>
Textiles	Grade 5 or above, GCSE Textiles or Grade 5 or above, GCSE Art or Grade 5 or above, GCSE Design

PLEASE NOTE: Plans for Year 12 courses at NSG are provisional, dependent on group sizes and timetabling constraints. All rights to modify the provisional curriculum lie with the school.