



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Admission in Sept 2022)

Pathways 2022

Please find below our current curriculum offer. Sometimes a course may be withdrawn if it is not viable to run as a result of low application or enrolment numbers. Should there be any changes to our curriculum offer, this will be communicated with prospective students and further advice and guidance will be offered.

A Level / Mixed Study (Students choose to study 3 subjects from the list below)	T Level (Students study one course)
Accounting (A-Level)	Education - Early Years
Applied Science (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	Health
Art & Design – 3D Design & Technology (A-Level)	
Art & Design – Fine Art (A-Level)	
Art & Design – Graphic Design (A-Level)	
Art & Design – Photography (A-Level)	
Art & Design – Textiles (A-Level)	
Biology (A-Level)	
Business (A-Level)	
Business (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Chemistry (A-Level)	
Computer Science (A-Level)	
Criminology (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Dance Performance (Vocational A-Level equivalent)	
Digital Games Production (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Drama & Theatre (A-Level)	
Economics (A-Level)	
English Language (A-Level)	
English Literature (A-Level)	
English Language & Literature (A-Level)	
Film Studies (A-Level)	
Further Mathematics (A-Level)	
Geography (A-Level)	
Health & Social Care (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
History (A-Level)	
Information Technology (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Law (A-Level)	
Law (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Mathematics (A-Level)	
Media Studies (A-Level)	
Music Performance (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Music Technology – Music Production & DJ (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Music Technology – Studio & Live Engineering (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion (A-Level)	
Physics (A-Level)	
PE – Sport Science (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
PE – Sport Studies (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Politics (A-Level)	
Psychology (A-Level)	
Public Services (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)	
Sociology (A-Level)	
Spanish (A-Level)	
	Vocational (Students study one course)
	Level 3 Business Early Years Educator (Childcare & Education) Forensic Science Health & Social Care Information Technology Media Production (TV & Film) Music Production Public Services Sport Coaching & Development Sport Coaching & Development (Football) - in partnership with Manchester City FC
	Transition Programme
	Education & Health

Additional Qualifications

Core Maths (Certificate equiv to 1 AS Level)
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Admissions Requirements for September 2022

XL PROGRAMME

- A minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade 7 including English Language or Maths (with no lower than a 5 in the other)

A LEVEL

- A minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade 6, 2 x GCSEs at grade 5, 2 GCSEs at grade 4 including English Language **and** Maths
- Individual course requirements must also be met

T LEVEL

- A minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade 5 and 3 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language **and** Maths
- Individual course requirements must also be met

MIXED STUDY

- A minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade 5 and 3 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language **and** Maths
- Individual course requirements must also be met

VOCATIONAL

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language **and** Maths for the following courses:
 - Business
 - Forensic Science
 - Health & Social Care
 - Information Technology
 - Media Production
 - Music Production
- A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language **and** Maths for the following courses:
 - Early Years Education
 - Public Services
 - Sports Coaching
 - Sports Coaching (Football)
- Individual course requirements must also be met

TRANSITION PROGRAMME (EDUCATION & HEALTH ONLY)

- A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 3 but must include a grade 4 in English Language or Maths

A-LEVEL / MIXED STUDY– SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA

Below you will find A-Level/Mixed study courses which require additional entry criteria. Please note entry requirements can be subject to change but will be communicated with prospective students. Sometimes a course may be withdrawn if it is not viable to run as a result of low application or enrolment numbers.

Subject	Course type	Exam board	Assessment	Specific Entry Criteria
Accounting	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Applied Science	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	GCSE grade 4 in GCSE Maths plus a minimum of 2 x 4 in GCSE Science or Applied Science <i>This course cannot be studied alongside A-Level Science subjects</i>
Art and Design - 3D Design - Fine Art - Graphic Design - Photography - Textiles	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam	GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Biology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	3 GCSEs at Grade 6 which must include Biology and Chemistry or Combined Science. GCSE grade 5 in Maths <i>It is strongly advised students take another Science, PE, Psychology or Geography alongside Biology</i>
Business	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	GCSE grade 5 in Maths
Business	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
Chemistry	A-Level	OCR	100% exam	3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include Chemistry and Biology or Combined Science. GCSE grade 5 in Maths. <i>Students must take another Science OR Maths at A-Level (can include Computer Science)</i>
Computer Science	A-Level	OCR	80% exam 20% non-examined assessment	3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include GCSE Maths
Criminology	Applied Diploma (Vocational A Level equiv)	Eduqas	50% exam 50% controlled assessment	No additional requirements
Dance (Performance Dance)	Extended Certificate (Vocational A	Pearson		Dance experience/ dance training required

	Level equiv)			
Digital Games Production	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	Mix of internal and external assessment	Grade 4 in Maths is desirable
Drama & Theatre	A-Level	Pearson	40% exam 30% coursework 30% practical	No additional requirements
Economics	A-Level	Pearson	100% exam	GCSE grade 6 in Maths
English Language	A-Level	EDUQAS	80% exam 20% coursework	No additional requirements
English Literature	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
English Language and Literature	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
Film Studies	A-Level	EDUQAS	70% exam 30% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
Further Maths	A-Level	Pearson	100% exam	GCSE grade 8 in Maths recommended PLUS: At least 3 x 6 grades & 2 x 5 grades in other GCSE subjects one of which should be a Science
Geography	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE Geography is not required however if the student has studied GCSE Geography then a minimum of a Grade 5 must be achieved.
Health & Social Care	Technical Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	NcFE CACHE	Coursework with an externally assessed unit	No additional requirements
History	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% non-examined assessment	A grade 5 is required in either GCSE History (if studied at GCSE) OR a relevant essay based subject
IT	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	GCSE grade 4 in Maths
Law	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	No additional requirements
Law	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements

Maths	A-Level	Pearson	100% exam	GCSE grade 7 in Maths (or a grade 6 with a 6.5 GCSE average point score from best 8 GCSEs) PLUS: At least 3 x 6 grades & 2 x 5 grades in other GCSE subjects one of which should be a Science
Media Studies	A Level	EDUQAS	70% exam, 30% coursework	No additional requirements
Music Performance	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	Mix of internal and external assessment	Audition required
Music Technology - Music Production & DJ - Studio & Live Engineering	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	33% exam 67% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
Physics	A-Level	OCR	100% exam	3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include Physics or Combined Science and Maths <i>It is strongly advised that students take Maths at A-Level alongside this course</i>
Politics	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	Grade 5 in GCSE History (if taken at GCSE) or a relevant essay based subject
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% exam	No additional requirements
Psychology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 5 in Maths
PE - Sport Science - Sport Studies & Fitness	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	Mix of internal and external assessments	A minimum of a grade 4 in GCSE Biology or 55 in combined science plus Grade 4 in GCSE PE/Merit BTEC Sport if taken
Public Services	Diploma (Vocational A Level equiv)	NCFE	100% internal assessment	No additional requirements
Sociology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 5 in English Language <u>or</u> English Literature
Spanish	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% exam	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish or native speaker

T LEVEL – SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA

Course	Course type	Specific entry Criteria
Education - Early Years	T Level	No additional requirements
Health	T Level	Grade 4 in GCSE Science

VOCATIONAL – SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA

Below you will find full time Level 3 vocational courses which require additional entry criteria. Please note entry requirements can be subject to change at any time.

Course	Course type	Exam board	Assessment	Specific entry Criteria
Business	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Early Years Education (Childcare & Education)	Technical Diploma	NcFE CACHE	A mix of internal and external assessment	A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Forensic Science	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language, Maths and Science/Applied Science
Health & Social Care	Extended Diploma	Pearson	A mix of internal and external assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Information Technology	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Media Production (TV & Film)	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Music Production	Extended Diploma	Pearson	A mix of internal and external assessment	A minimum of 5 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Public Services	Extended Diploma	NcFE	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Sports Coaching & Development	Extended Diploma	Pearson	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths
Sports Coaching & Development (Football) - in	Extended Diploma	Pearson	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths <i>Applicants will be invited to attend a taster</i>

partnership with Manchester City FC)				<i>session to assess their ability to play football at a competitive level</i>
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TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Course	Course type	Assessment	Entry Criteria
Transition Programme in Education & Health	Cache Award (equivalent to 1 A-Level)	100% internal assessment	A minimum of 4 GCSEs* at a grade 3 but must include a grade 4 in English Language or Maths

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Course	Course type	Exam board	Information
Core Maths	Level 3 Certificate	AQA	This is an extra qualification (equiv to 1 AS Level) and would be studied alongside your 3 x course choices. This qualification would suit students choosing to study Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Applied Science, Accounting, Economics and Business (or any course with a Maths element except A-level Maths/F Maths). Students must not have chosen to study A-Level Mathematics or Further Mathematics.
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Level 3 EPQ	AQA	The EPQ is an additional qualification, equivalent to 1 AS Level, that allows you to develop your personal interest in a topic or area that interests you.