



# **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Admission in September 2023)**

## Course options 2023

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 Sometimes a course may be withdrawn if it is not viable to run as a result of low application or enrolment numbers.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.

<b>A Level / Mixed Study</b> <b>(Students choose to study 3 subjects from the list below)</b>	<b>T Level</b> <b>(Students study one course)</b>
Accounting (A-Level) Applied Science (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) Art & Design – <i>3D Design &amp; Technology</i> (A-Level) Art & Design – <i>Fine Art</i> (A-Level) Art & Design – <i>Graphic Design</i> (A-Level) Art & Design – <i>Photography</i> (A-Level) Art & Design – <i>Textiles</i> (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) Geology (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 – <i>Music Production &amp; DJ</i> (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) Music Technology – <i>Studio &amp; Live Engineering</i> (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) Philosophy, Ethics & Religion (A-Level) Physics (A-Level) PE – <i>Sport Science</i> (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) PE – <i>Sport Studies</i> (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) Politics (A-Level) Psychology (A-Level) Public Services (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) Sociology (A-Level) Spanish (A-Level)	Education - Early Years Health Media Broadcast and Production  <b>Vocational</b> <b>(Students study one course)</b>  <b>Level 3</b> Business Early Years Educator (Childcare & Education) Forensic Science Health & Social Care Information Technology Public Services Sport Coaching & Development Sport Coaching & Development (Football) - in partnership with Manchester City FC  <b>Transition Programme</b> Education & Health (Pre T Level course)

<b>Additional Qualifications</b>
Core Maths (Certificate equiv to 1 AS Level) Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

## Admissions Requirements for September 2023

### **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 a minimum of a grade 3\*\* in GCSE Maths for the following courses:
  - Business
  - Forensic Science
  - Health & Social Care
  - Information Technology
- A minimum of 4 GCSEs\* at a grade 4 or above including English Language **and** a minimum of a grade 3\*\* Maths for the following courses:
  - Early Years Education
  - Public Services
  - Sports Coaching
  - Sports Coaching (Football)
- **\*\*PLEASE NOTE there are some variations to these entry requirements for individual courses. Please see individual course details for specific entry requirements.**
- *\*1 GCSE can be replaced with a Level 2 vocational qual. This must be at a Merit/Distinction/Distinction\**
- *A student who has not achieved a minimum of a Grade 4 in Maths or English Language (and has satisfied entry reqs for their chosen L3 course) will be enrolled on to an appropriate Maths or English course alongside their Level 3 study programme*

### **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 <b><i>This course cannot be studied alongside A-Level Science subjects</i></b>
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  <b><i>It is strongly advised students take another Science, PE, Psychology or Geography alongside Biology</i></b>
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. <b><i>Students must take another Science OR Maths at A-Level (can include Computer Science)</i></b>
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)			
<b>Digital Games Production</b>	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	Mix of internal and external assessment	Grade 4 in Maths is desirable
<b>Drama &amp; Theatre</b>	A-Level	Pearson	40% exam 30% coursework 30% practical	No additional requirements
<b>Economics</b>	A-Level	Pearson	100% exam	GCSE grade 6 in Maths
<b>English Language</b>	A-Level	EDUQAS	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
<b>English Literature</b>	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
<b>English Language and Literature</b>	A-Level	Pearson	80% exam 20% coursework	GCSE grade 4 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
<b>Film Studies</b>	A-Level	EDUQAS	70% exam 30% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
<b>Further Maths</b>	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
<b>Geography</b>	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.
<b>Geology</b>	A-Level	Eduqas	100% exam	GCSE grade 55 in Combined Science/Separate Sciences and grade 5 in Maths
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	Technical Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	NcFE CACHE	Coursework with an externally assessed unit	No additional requirements
<b>History</b>	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
<b>IT</b>	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	GCSE grade 4 in Maths
<b>Law</b>	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	No additional requirements

<b>Law</b>	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
<b>Maths</b>	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
<b>Media Studies</b>	A Level	EDUQAS	70% exam, 30% coursework	No additional requirements
<b>Music Performance</b>	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	Mix of internal and external assessment	Audition required
<b>Music Technology - Music Production &amp; DJ - Studio &amp; Live Engineering</b>	Extended Certificate (Vocational A Level equiv)	Pearson	33% exam 67% non-examined assessment	No additional requirements
<b>Physics</b>	A-Level	OCR	100% exam	3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include Physics or Combined Science and Maths  <b><i>It is strongly advised that students take Maths at A-Level alongside this course</i></b>
<b>Politics</b>	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	Grade 5 in GCSE History (if taken at GCSE) or a relevant essay based subject
<b>Philosophy, Ethics &amp; Religion</b>	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% exam	No additional requirements
<b>Psychology</b>	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 5 in Maths
<b>PE</b> - Sport Science - Sport Studies	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
<b>Public Services</b>	Diploma (Vocational A Level equiv)	NCFE	100% internal assessment	No additional requirements
<b>Sociology</b>	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 5 in English Language <u>or</u> English Literature
<b>Spanish</b>	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
Media Broadcast and Production	T Level	No additional requirements

## 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 <b>5 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including Maths and a minimum of a 3 in English Language
Early Years Education (Childcare & Education)	Technical Diploma	NcFE CACHE	A mix of internal and external assessment	A minimum of <b>4 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including English Language and a minimum of a 3 Maths
Forensic Science	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of <b>5 GCSEs*</b> 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 <b>5 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including English Language <b>and</b> a minimum of a grade 3 in Maths
Information Technology	Extended Diploma	Pearson	42% exam 58% non-examined assessment	A minimum of <b>5 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including Maths and a minimum of a 3 in English Language
Public Services	Extended Diploma	NcFE	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of <b>4 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including English Language and a minimum of a grade 3 Maths
Sports Coaching & Development	Extended Diploma	Pearson	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of <b>4 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including English Language and a minimum of a grade 3 in Maths
Sports Coaching & Development (Football) - in partnership with Manchester City FC)	Extended Diploma	Pearson	100% Internal assessment	A minimum of <b>4 GCSEs*</b> at a grade 4 or above including English Language and a minimum of a grade 3 in Maths <i>Applicants will be invited to attend a taster session to assess their ability to play football at a competitive level</i>

## TRANSITION PROGRAMME (1 YR PRE T LEVEL COURSE)

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	<b>This is an extra qualification (equiv to 1 AS Level) and would be studied alongside your 3 x course choices.</b> 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). <b>Students must not have chosen to study A-Level Mathematics or Further Mathematics.</b>
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.