SIXTHFORM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



UNIVERSITY^{OF} BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL

for September 2025 entry

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MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Sixth Form students must achieve at least five GCSE's at Grade 6 or above Students must also achieve a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Art and Design	Art and Design GCSE or Photography GCSE – Grade 6 or BTEC First in Art and Design (Level 2) – Distinction or Cambridge National (Level 2) in Creative iMedia - Distinction	
Biology OCR (A)	 Biology GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; Combined Science GCSE - Grade 6-6 	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
Business Studies AQA	Business Studies GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • English Language GCSE – Grade 6 • or Mathematics GCSE – Grade 6 Note: BTEC Business students must meet the English/Maths r	requirements
Chemistry AQA	Chemistry GCSE – Grade 6 plus Mathematics – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • Combined Science GCSE - Grade 6-6	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
Computer Science OCR	Computer Science GCSE <u>or</u> Computing GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • Mathematics - Grade 7	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
English Literature AQA (B)	English Literature GCSE – Grade 6 or English Language GCSE - Grade 7	
French AQA	French GCSE – Grade 6	
Geography Pearson Edexcel	Geography GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • English Language - Grade 7	
History OCR	History GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • English Language - Grade 7	

Maths Pearson Edexcel	Mathematics GCSE – Grade 6	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
Maths with Further Maths Pearson Edexcel	Mathematics GCSE – Grade 8 *Further Mathematics is only available students studying A-Level Mathematics and must be studied as a fourth subject in addition to three core A-Levels.	
Music Pearson Edexcel	Music GCSE – Grade 6 or BTEC First in Music (Level 2) – Distinction If the applicant <u>did not study</u> the qualifications listed above, but has achieved ABRSM Practical/Performance qualifications at Grade 4 or above, please contact us directly to discuss an application.	
Physical Education OCR	Physical Education GCSE – Grade 6 or BTEC First in Sport (Level 2) – Distinction or Cambridge National in Sports Studies / Sports Science (Level 2) – Distinction If not studied, we require; Biology or Physics GCSE – Grade 6 or Combined Science – Grade 6-6	
Physics AQA	 Physics GCSE – Grade 6 plus Mathematics GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; Combined Science GCSE - Grade 6-6 	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
Politics AQA	English Language GCSE – Grade 6	
Psychology AQA	 Psychology GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; English Language - Grade 6 	Subject expected to be oversubscribed If so, students with Grades 7 or above will be given priority
Religious Studies OCR	Religious Studies GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • English Language - Grade 7	
Sociology AQA	Sociology GCSE – Grade 6 If not studied, we require; • English Language GCSE – Grade 6	

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

In the event of oversubscription for any chosen subject, the relevant grade requirement/s will be increased accordingly, typically to a Grade 7 or above.

The final list of oversubscribed subjects for 2025 will be determined once all applications have been received, however in recent years, the highlighted STEM subjects have typically been oversubscribed.