

STA Post 16 Entry Requirements 2026

- A-Level Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 9-5 (English and Maths requirements dependent on subject) with 3 at grade 6 or above.
- Vocational Entry Requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 (including English and Maths)
- Mixed A level/Vocational Entry Requirements: Minimum Vocational requirements of 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 (including English and Maths) and meet the specific grade entry requirement for the A-level subject chosen.

A Level Subject	GCSE English	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Subject Specifics / Other Requirements
Art & Design	5	4		6/L2M in Art/Photography
Biology	6	6	7/7 combined 7/5/5 triple	Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Chemistry	6	6	7/7 combined 7/5/5 triple	Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
English Literature	6	4		
Computer Science	4	6	5/5 combined 5/5/4 triple	6 in Computer Science
Economics	6	6		Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Geography	5	5	5/5 combined 5/5/4 triple	6+ in Geography Recommended Core Maths or Sustainability elective
Government and Politics	6	5		
History	6	4		6+ in History 6+ in English Lit
Mathematics	5	7		6+ in Statistics
Further Mathematics	5	9		Must have 7+ in Statistics Must be paired with A Level Mathematics
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	6	4		6+ in RE
Physics	6	6	7/7 combined 7/5/5 triple	Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Psychology	6	6	6/6 combined 6/5/5 triple	Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Sociology	6	5	5/5 combined 5/5/4 triple	6+ in Sociology (If studied)
Law	6	5	5/5 combined 5/5/4 triple	

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Vocational Subject	GCSE English	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Subject Specifics / Other Requirements
Business Studies	5	4		Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Criminology	6	4		
IT	5	5		5 in IT
Digital Media	4	4		
Performing Arts	5	4		5 / L2M in Performing Arts
Health and Social Care	5	4	5/5 combined 5/4/4 triple	L2M in Health and Social Care (If studied)
Sport	4	4	5/5 combined 5/4/4 triple	Must currently take part in Team and Individual sports
Music	5	4		5 / L2M in GCSE/BTEC Music Must currently play an instrument
Food Science and nutrition	4	4	5/5 combined 5/4/4 triple	5 / L2M Hospitality and catering
Finance	4	5		Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics
Human Biology	5	5	5/5 combined 5/4/4 triple	Recommended Core Maths elective unless studying Mathematics