



**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**(Admission in Sept 2018)**

**A Levels and Vocational courses available for September 2018**

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| **A Levels/Mixed Study *(Students choose 3 from the list below. If the student is predicted high grades they may study 4 from the list below)*** | **Full time Vocational *(Students study one course from the list below at Level 3 or Level 2)*** |
| Accounting (A-Level)Applied ScienceArt & Design - *3D Design & Technology* (A-Level)Art & Design - *Fine Art, Craft & Design* (A-Level)Art & Design - *Graphic Design* (A-Level)Art & Design – *Photography* (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 (A-Level)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) ***\* NEW***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 (A-Level)Music Technology (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)Philosophy, Ethics & Religion (A-Level)Physics (A-Level)Physical Education – *Fitness & Coaching* (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)Physical Education – *Sport & Exercise Science* (Vocational - A-Level equivalent)Politics (A-Level)Psychology (A-Level)Sociology (A-Level)Spanish (A-Level)Video Games Development (Vocational - A-Level equivalent) | **Level 3 (2 year pathway)**Business Early Years Educator (Childcare & Education)Forensic ScienceHealth & Social CareInformation TechnologyMedia Production (TV & Film)Music ProductionPublic ServicesSportCity in the Community – Sport & Football Programme***\* NEW***  |
| **Level 2 – (3 year pathway – Level 2 then progression to Level 3)**BusinessEarly Years Education & Care (CACHE)Media Production (TV & Film)Public Services |

**Admissions Requirements for September 2018**

**XL PROGRAMME**

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

**A LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMME**

* 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

**MIXED STUDY PROGRAMME**

* 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

**FULL TIME VOCATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMME**

**Level 3 (2 year pathway)**

* 4 GCSEs\* at a grade 4 or above. A minimum of a grade 3 in English Language and a grade 2 in Maths must be achieved
* Individual course requirements must also be met

***A student who has not achieved a minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language and/or Maths will be enrolled on to an appropriate English/Maths course alongside their Level 3 study programme***

**Level 2 (3 year pathway)**

* 3 GCSEs\* at a grade 3 or above. A minimum of a grade 2 in English Language and Maths must be achieved
* Individual course requirements must also be met

***A student who has not achieved a minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language and/or Maths will be enrolled on to an appropriate English/Maths course alongside their Level 2 study programme***

*Full time Vocational pathway*

**\***A Level 2 Certificate at Merit/Distinction can replace 1 GCSE

\*A Level 2 Extended Certificate at Merit/Distinction would replace 2 GCSEs

\*A Merit/Distinction achieved in a Level 2 Diploma in the same or a related subject with Grade 3 in English
 Language and no lower than a Grade 2 in Maths will be considered

**A-LEVELS/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 at any time.

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| **Subject** | **Course type** | **Exam board** | **Assessment** | **Specific Entry Criteria** |
| **Accounting** | A-Level | **AQA** | 100% exam | GCSE grade 6 in GCSE Maths  |
| **Applied Science**  | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | Pearson | 100% coursework  | GCSE grade 4 in GCSE Maths plus a minimum of 2 x 4 in GCSE Science or Applied Science ***This course cannot be studied alongside A-Level Biology*** |
| **Art and Design** **- 3D Design** **- Fine Art & Textiles** **- Graphic Design** **- Photography** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 100% non examined assessment  | 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***It is strongly advised students take anotherScience, PE, Psychology or Geography alongside Biology***  |
| **Business**  | A-Level | Pearson | 100% exam | GCSE grade 5 in Maths |
| **Business** | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | Pearson | 100% coursework | 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.***Students must take another Science at A-Level (can include Computer Science)*** |
| **Computer Science** | A-Level | OCR | 80% exam20% non examined assessment  | 3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include GCSE Maths |
| **Criminology** | Vocational A Level(Certificate) | WJEC | 50% exam50% controlled assessment | No additional requirements |
| **Dance** | A-Level | AQA | 100% exam50% theory50% practical | No additional requirements |
| **Drama & Theatre**  | A-Level | **Pearson** | 30% coursework40% exam30% practical | No additional requirements |
| **Economics** | A-Level | Pearson | 100% exam | GCSE grade 6 in Maths  |
| **English Language** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 80% exam20% non examined assessment | No additional requirements |
| **English** **Literature** | A-Level | **Pearson** | 80% exam20% non examined assessment | GCSE grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature  |
| **English Language and Literature** | A-Level | **Pearson** | 80% exam20% non examined assessment | 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 | **AQA** | 100% exam | **GCSE grade 7 in Maths**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 % exam20% coursework and compulsory fieldwork | Grade 5 in GCSE Geography **plus** a GCSE grade 4 in Maths  |
| **Health & Social Care** | Vocational A Level(Certificate) | CACHE | Coursework with an externally assessed unit | This course is equivalent to 1.5 A-Levels and is studied alongside 2 other subjects |
| **History** | A-Level | Pearson | 80% exam20% non examined assessment  | Grade 5 in GCSE History or a relevant essay based subject  |
| **IT**  | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | **Pearson** | 100% coursework | GCSE grade 4 in Maths  |
| **Law** | A-Level | AQA | 100% exam | No additional requirements |
| **Law** | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | BTEC | 100% coursework | No additional requirements |
| **Maths**  | A-Level | AQA | 100% exam | **GCSE grade 6 in Maths**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 2 exam papers30% non examined assessment | No additional requirements |
| **Music** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 40% exam 60% examined coursework | Audition required |
| **Music Technology** | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | Rock School | 100% coursework | No additional requirements |
| **Physics** | A-Level | OCR | 100% exam | 3 GCSEs at grade 6 which must include Physics or Combined Science and Maths***It is strongly advised that students take Maths at A-Level alongside this course*** |
| **Politics** | A-Level | Pearson | 100% exam | Grade 5 in GCSE History or a relevant essay based subject |
| **Philosophy, Ethics & Religion** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 100% exam | ***This course cannot be studied with Religious Studies*** |
| **Psychology** | A-Level | AQA | 100% exam | GCSE grade 5 in Maths  |
| **PE****- Sport & Exercise Science** **- Fitness & Coaching** | Vocational A Level(Subsidiary Diploma) | BTEC | 100% coursework | Sport and Exercise strand **should**have minimum of a grade 4 in GCSE Biology or 2 x 5 grades in core and additional ScienceFitness and Coaching **preferably the above** |
| **Sociology** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 100% exam | GCSE grade 5 in English Language or English Literature  |
| **Spanish** | A-Level | EDUQAS | 100% exam | Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish or native speaker  |
| **Video Games** **Development** | Subsidiary Diploma | **Pearson** | 100% coursework | Grade 4 in Maths is desirable |

**FULL TIME VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3 – SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA**

**Below you will find Full time Vocational courses which require additional entry criteria.** Please note entry requirements can be subject to change at any time.

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| **Course** | **Course type** | **Exam board** | **Assessment** | **Specific entry Criteria** |
| **Business**  | Extended Diploma | Pearson | A mix of assessment – internal and external | Grade 4 in Maths |
| **City in the Community – Sport & Football Programme with Manchester City** | Extended Diploma | BTEC | A mix of assessment – internal and external | Grade 4 in English Language and Maths*You will be invited to attend a taster session to assess your ability to play football at a competitive level* |
| **Early Years Educator (Childcare & Education)** | CACHE Diploma | CACHE | A mix of assessment – internal and external | Grade 4 in English Language or Maths |
| **Forensic Science**  | Extended Diploma | Pearson | A mix of assessment – internal and external | 2 x 4 grades in GCSE Science or Applied Science |
| **Health & Social Care** | Extended Diploma | Pearson | A mix of assessment – internal and external | No additional requirements |
| **Information Technology (Networking & Systems Support)** | Extended Diploma | Pearson | A mix of assessment – internal and external | Grade 4 in Maths |
| **Media Production (TV & Film)** | Extended Diploma | OCR | A mix of assessment – internal and external | No additional requirements |
| **Music Production** | Extended Diploma | Pearson/Rock School | A mix of assessment – internal and external | Grade 3 in Maths preferred |
| **Public Services** | Extended Diploma | BTEC | A mix of assessment – internal and external | No additional requirements |
| **Sport Extended Diploma** | Extended Diploma | Edexcel | 100% coursework | No additional requirements |

 **FULL TIME VOCATIONAL LEVEL 2 – SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA**

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| **Course** | **Exam board** | **Assessment** | **Specific entry Criteria** |
| **Business Diploma** | OCR Cambridge National | 100% exam | GCSE grade 3 in Maths |
| **Early Years Education & Care Certificate** | CACHE | 100% coursework  | No additional requirements |
| **Creative Digital Media Production Extended Certificate** | **Pearson**  | 20% exam80% coursework | No additional requirements |
| **Public Services Diploma** | BTEC | 100% coursework | No additional requirements |