



# Barnwell Sixth Form Entry Requirements 2025

Our entry requirements are in place to ensure all students enrol on a programme of study in which they can be successful and achieve their full potential.

We treat all applications on an individual's basis, however these entry requirements provide a guidance for students regarding what is required for them to successfully make the next step to level 3 study.

Subject	Best 6 APS	Additional entry requirements
Art & Design	5.5	Grade 6 – GCSE Art & Design
Biology	5.5	Grade 6 – GCSE Biology or Grade 7-7 – GCSE Combined Science
BTEC Business Studies	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Maths Grade 4 – GCSE Business (if taken)
AAQ Health & Social Care	4.0	Merit – Health & Social Care (if taken)
OCR AAQ Human Biology	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Biology Grade 5-5 – GCSE Combined Science
BTEC Info. Tech.	4.0	Grade 5 – GCSE Computing Merit – Info. Tech.
BTEC Music Technology	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Music (Required)
Psychology	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Psychology (if taken) Grade 4 – English & Maths
Chemistry	5.5	Grade 6 – GCSE Chemistry or Grade 7-7 – GCSE Combined Science
CTEC Sport & Physical Activity	4.0	Level 2 Merit – Sport
English Lit. & Lang.	5.5	Grade 6 – English
Environmental Science	5.5	Grade 6 – Combined Science Grade 5 – A Single Science Grade 6 – Geography (if taken)
Further Maths	5.5	Grade 8 – Maths
Geography	5.5	Grade 6 – Geography
History	5.5	Grade 6 – History
Law	5.5	Grade 6 – English
Maths	5.5	Grade 7 – Maths
Media Studies	5.0	Grade 5 – English Grade 5 – GCSE Media (if taken)
Physics	5.5	Grade 6 – GCSE Physics or Grade 7-7 – GCSE Combined Science
RSL Perf. Arts (Dance)	4.0	Level 2 Merit – Dance (Required)
RSL Perf. Arts (Drama)	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Drama (Required)
Sociology	5.5	Grade 6 – English
WJEC Criminology	4.0	Grade 4 – English & Maths

## Calculating Best 6 Average Points Score (APS)

Use the tables below to identify how many points your GCSE grades are worth:

GCSE	
9	9
8	8
7	7
6	6
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1
U	0

Level 2 BTEC	
Distinction*	8.5
Distinction	7
Merit	5.5
Pass	4

Remember that combined science is worth 2 GCSEs:

e.g. 7-7 = 2 GCSEs 7 and 7.

e.g. 6-5 = 2 GCSEs 6 and 5

### How to calculate your best 6 APS:

1. Identify your best 6 GCSE point scores
2. Calculate the sum of these 6 GCSEs
3. Divide this number by 6

$$\text{Best 6 APS} = \frac{(\quad + \quad + \quad + \quad + \quad + \quad)}{6}$$