



# 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.

To ensure students are on the most appropriate programme of study we use the average point score (APS) system. At Barnwell Sixth Form we take a student's best 6 grades and calculate an average from this. Information on how to calculate your 'best 6 APS' can be found on the following page. The table below shows the combination of subjects you should aspire to study, based on your best 6 APS.

Your best 6 APS	Recommend pathway
Above 6.0	3 academics subjects
5.5 - 6.0	2 academics + 1 vocational
5.0-5.5	1 academic + 2 vocationals
4.0-5.0	3 vocational subjects

Academic Subject Requirements		
Subject	Minimum 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
Chemistry	5.5	Grade 6 – GCSE Chemistry or Grade 7-7 – GCSE Combined Science
English Lit. & Lang.	5.5	Grade 6 – English
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
Psychology	5.5	Grade 6 – Psychology (if taken) Grade 6 – English Grade 5 – Maths

### Vocational Subject Requirements

Subject	Minimum best 6 APS	Additional entry requirements
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 – English Merit – BTEC Music (if taken)
BTEC Psychology	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Psychology (if taken) Grade 4 – English & Maths
CTEC Sport & Physical Activity	4.0	Level 2 Merit – Sport
RSL Perf. Arts (Dance)	4.0	Level 2 Merit – Dance (Required)
RSL Perf. Arts (Drama)	4.0	Grade 4 – GCSE Drama (Required)
WJEC Criminology	4.0	Grade 4 – English & Maths

\* More courses are available via our consortium schools, please feel free to enquire about this.

\*\*We expect to offer all the courses listed, subject to demand. Should any courses be undersubscribed, we reserve the right to withdraw them from our curriculum offer. Should this be the case you will be contacted to discuss an alternative Programme of Study.

### Calculating Best 6 Average Points Score (APS)

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

GCSE	
Grade	Equiv. points
9	9
8	8
7	7
6	6
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1
U	0

Level 2 BTEC	
Grade	Equiv. points
Distinction*	8.5
Distinction	7
Merit	5.5
Pass	4
Level 1 BTEC	
L1 Distinction	3
L1 Merit	2
L1 Pass	1.25

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

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