

TBSHS Post-16 Course Options and Prerequisite Subjects

September 2025 Entry

General Principles:

There are two study pathways in TBSHS Sixth Form

1. **2 year 'A' Level course:** (3 linear 'A' Level subjects over both years, plus Curriculum Enhancement option – see below)
Students with exceptional GCSE grades (at least 5 with grades 8-9) may study **4** subjects.

Requirements:

- Total points score of at least 44 from eight GCSEs
- At least 5 in Maths **and** English Language or Literature
- Must meet each chosen subject's criteria – generally a grade 6 but check table overleaf

2. **2 year BTEC Level 3 in Sport + 1 'A' Level:** plus Curriculum Enhancement option – see below

Requirements:

- Total points score of at least 36 from eight GCSEs.
- At least grade 5 in Maths **and** English Language or Literature
- Must meet chosen BTEC and A level subject's entrance criteria - check table overleaf

Curriculum Enhancement Options

On both routes, all students are expected to study a curriculum enhancement qualification in Year 12 to acquire further skills and experiences that will serve them well in the future. Please note that if a student wishes to study Biology or Chemistry and achieved a grade 5 in Maths, they must choose the Core Maths option

Extended Project – Core Mathematics – Duke of Edinburgh – Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership – Fundamentals of Finance

See next page for table of 6th Form subjects currently offered and their prerequisite GCSE courses.

Points Equivalency:

Grade	Grade	2024 Points
G	1	1.0
F		1.5
E	2	2.0
D	3	3.0
C	4	4.0
	5	5.0
B		5.5
	6	6.0
A	7	7.0
	8	8.0
A*		8.5
	9	9.0

Post-16 Courses and GCSE Prerequisites

6 th Form Course	2025 Entry Requirements (5s in English – Lit or Lang - and Maths required for ALL courses)
Art and Design	6 in Art
Biology	6 in Biology Separate Science or 6 in all Biology modules of combined Science qualification; 6 in Maths recommended; if 5 in Maths have to take Core Maths for enhancement option
BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport	At least 36 points from best 8 GCSEs; 5 in Mathematics and English (Language or Literature)
Business Studies	6 in Business Studies or, if not studied, 5 in English Language
Chemistry	6 in Chemistry Separate Science or 6 in all Chemistry modules of combined Science qualification; 6 in Mathematics recommended; if 5 in Mathematics have to take Core Maths for enhancement option
Computing	6 in Computing or, if not studied, 5 in Mathematics
Design & Technology: Product Design	6 in Design Technology
Drama and Theatre Studies	6 in Drama and Theatre Studies
Economics	6 in Mathematics and, if studied, 6 in Business Studies
English Language	6 in English Language
English Literature	6 in English Literature
Environmental Science	6 in any Science
French	6 in French
Geography	6 in Geography
German	6 in German
History	6 in History
Mathematics	6 Mathematics – but a grade 7 is highly recommended
Core Mathematics	5 in Mathematics (recommended that this is at Higher Tier)
Further Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Media Studies	6 in Media studies or, if not studied, 5 in English (Language or Literature)
Music	6 in Music
Music Technology	6 in Music
Physical Education	6 in PE or, if not studied, 5 in Biology Separate Science or 5 in all Biology modules of combined Science qualification
Physics	6 in Physics Separate Science or 6 in all Physics modules of combined Science qualification; 6 in Mathematics
Politics	5 in English (Language or Literature)
Psychology	6 in Psychology or, if not studied, 6 in English (Language or Literature)
Religious Studies: Theology, Philosophy & Ethics	6 in RS or, if not studied, 5 in English (Language or Literature)
Sociology	5 in English (Language or Literature)