

### **A-Level/BTEC programme of study:**

In order to study A-Levels, all students need to have a minimum of **5 GCSE grades A\*-C (or equivalent)** to follow this pathway. Some students may wish to mix some A-Levels with the BTEC L3 qualification in Creative Media Production as part of their programme as well. Our curriculum offer is THREE (or FOUR) linear A-Level subjects at the start of Year 12 with all students sitting terminal A-Level examinations at the end of Year 13. Students will, therefore, continue all of their subjects through to Year 13.

Those students who have to re-sit GCSE English Language or Maths will have to take this alongside their other subjects and, therefore, are likely to study THREE A-Level subjects and their GCSE re-sit.

### **Vocational programme of study:**

There are varying entry requirements for vocational subjects and please see details later on in this document. Those students who have to re-sit GCSE English Language or Maths will have to take this alongside their vocational programme.

### **Subject specific/course specific entry requirements**

<b>A Level Subjects</b>	<b>Entry Requirements for AS Subjects</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Art	C grade in Art, plus a grade 4 in English Lang	Students will also be required to produce their own portfolio of artwork to be seen by the HoD.
Biology	If students have taken Triple Science at GCSE, they must have at least a B in Biology and a grade 5 in Mathematics.  If students have done Double Science at GCSE, they must have at least a C in Core Science and a B in Additional Science, plus a grade 5 in Mathematics.	There are significant glossaries that students will need to use so a firm grasp of English (at least a grade 4 in English Language) would be required.
Business	C grade in Business Studies from Higher Tier paper (if taken) or grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics	It is not necessary to have studied GCSE Business. However, students will need a certain confidence in Mathematics due to the finance modules that they undertake. Additionally, they will need to have interest in business/current affairs.

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Chemistry	<p>If students have taken Triple Science at GCSE, they must have at least a B in Chemistry and a grade 5 in Mathematics.</p> <p>If students have done Double Science at GCSE, they must have at least a C in Core Science and a B in Additional Science, plus a grade 5 in Mathematics.</p>	There are significant glossaries that students will need to use so a firm grasp of English (at least a grade 4 in English Language) would be required.
Computing	Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics and, if taken, ECDL Level 2, GCSE IT grade B or GCSE Computing grade C	This is a SHAPE course, some lessons are taught at Collingwood.
Dance	C grade in Dance, if taken, or a grade 4 in English Language	This is a SHAPE course, taught solely at Tomlinscote, but with Collingwood students joining us for all lessons (if applicable).
Economics	Grade 4 in English Language and grade 5 in Mathematics. If taken, GCSE grade B in Business Studies (Higher tier).	This is a SHAPE course with the majority of lessons taught at Collingwood. Students will be required to communicate theories and provide arguments with supporting knowledge. Additionally students will need to undertake numerical calculations and interpret data presented in a variety of formats; as well as analysing and evaluating economic problems and solutions. A keen interest in the news and current affairs is also strongly encouraged as work is often based around present data and issues.
English Language	Grade 4 in English Language from the higher paper	This course is about the influence of cultural trends on the development of languages. Students will be expected to debate and discuss social influences and different genres of language.
English Literature	Grade 4 in English Literature and English Language, both from Higher paper	This is an essay based subject where students are expected to analyse, interpret and compare contextualised understanding of various texts.

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Film Studies	Grade 4 in English Literature	This is a SHAPE course with the majority of lessons taught at Collingwood.
French	B grade in French	Students are expected to undertake a visit to France (visit to involve a home stay or work experience). This is a SHAPE course, taught solely at Tomlinscote, with some Collingwood students joining us for all lessons.
Geography	C grade in Geography from the Higher paper	One of the modules is a field work paper so students will need to be able to commit to the compulsory field work visit in order to complete this module.
German	B grade in German	Students are expected to undertake a visit to Germany (visit to involve a home stay or work experience). This is a SHAPE course, taught solely at Tomlinscote, with some Collingwood students joining us for all lessons.
Graphics	C grade in Graphics, Textiles, Art, Photography or Resistant Materials (if taken)	If students have not taken any of these subjects or have not met the entry requirements, they will need to be referred to the HoD for consideration.
History	C grade in History and a grade 4 in English Language from the Higher paper.	N/A
Law	Grade 4 in English Language from the Higher paper	Students will be required to write detailed and analytical essays/arguments. A keen interest in political, ethical and social events as well as an understanding of the news and current affairs.
Mathematics	Grade 6 in Mathematics	N/A
Mathematics (Level 3 Certificate)	Grade 4 in Mathematics	This is a Level 3 Certificate which is equivalent to an AS Level

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Physical Education	B grade in PE (if taken) If not, C in both Core and Additional Science.	If students have not taken GCSE PE (regardless of whether they meet the additional entry requirements) this will need to be referred to the HoD.
Philosophy	Grade 5 in English Language from the Higher paper	Students will be required to write extended styles essay questions with well-reasoned arguments and judgements.
Photography	C grade in an Art based subject at GCSE (if taken) or grade 4 in English Language GCSE (if an Art based subject has not been taken)	If students do not meet these entry requirements then they need to go and see the Head of department to discuss the production of a portfolio of work.
Physics	<p>If students have taken Triple Science at GCSE, they must have at least a B in Physics and a grade 5 in Mathematics</p> <p>If students have done Double Science at GCSE, they must have at least a C in Core Science and a B in Additional Science, plus a grade 5 in Mathematics.</p>	There are significant glossaries that students will need to use so a firm grasp of English (at least a grade 4 in English Language) would be required.
Psychology	Grade 5 in English Language and in Mathematics	Psychology is, in one sense, a Humanities subject where there will be extended answers and debate about the origins of different psychological disorders which is why there is a grade 5 in English as a requirement. However, there is also a heavy scientific base to the course where experiments are run and data analysed which is why there is a grade 5 in Mathematics as a requirement.
Sociology	Grade 4 in English Language from the Higher paper	<p>In all modules there are extended essay style questions and will require an ability to research, structure an argument in written prose, hence a grade 4 in the higher paper in English Language as a requirement.</p> <p>The skills required in Sociology are most like those required in History.</p>

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Spanish	B grade in Spanish	Students are expected to undertake a visit to Spain (visit to involve a home stay or work experience). This is a SHAPE course, taught solely at Tomlinscote, with some Collingwood students joining us for all lessons.
Theatre Studies (Drama)	C grade in Drama plus grade 4 in English Language	A full commitment to rehearsals out of lessons is expected. This is a SHAPE course with some lessons taught at Collingwood.
<b>BTEC Level 3 Courses</b>	<b>Entry Requirements for BTEC Level 3 Courses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Creative Media BTEC Level 3	3 GCSE's (or equivalent) grade C or above	This is a two-year course, equivalent to an A-Level.
<b>Vocational Courses</b>	<b>Entry Requirements for Vocational Courses</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Beauty Therapy  Level 2 NVQ (Year one)  Level 3 NVQ (Year two)	No specific entry criteria.	Each qualification is a one year programme. It is expected that students will complete the Level 2 qualification in Year 1 and the Level 3 qualification in Year 2. However, progression onto the Level 3 programme in Year 2 is dependent upon successful certification of the Year 1 Level 2 qualification.
Child Care  CACHE Level 2  CACHE Level 3	Level 2: No specific GCSE entry criteria.  Level 3: 5 A*-C grades (or equivalent), including grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics	If students do not achieve the entry criteria for the Level 3 programme for the start of the course (see left) then they will be placed on the Level 2 programme for Year 1. In this case, it is expected that students will complete the Level 2 qualification in Year 1 and the Level 3 qualification in Years 2 and 3. However, progression onto the Level 3 programme in Year 2 is dependent upon successful certification of the Year 1 Level 2 qualification.  If a student starts out on the Level 3 programme then it is expected that this will be a two year programme.

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Professional Cookery  Level 2 NVQ (Year one)  Level 3 NVQ (Year two)	No specific entry criteria.	Each qualification is a one year programme. It is expected that students will complete the Level 2 qualification in Year 1 and the Level 3 qualification in Year 2. However, progression onto the Level 3 programme in Year 2 is dependent upon successful certification of the Year 1 Level 2 qualification.
Football Coaching  VRQ Level 2 & 3 programme  BTEC Level 3 programme	VRQ Level 2: No specific entry criteria.  BTEC Level 3: 5 A*-C grades (or equivalent), including grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics	<u>VRQ Level 2 &amp; 3:</u>  Each qualification is a one year programme. It is expected that students will complete the Level 2 qualification in Year 1 and the Level 3 qualification in Year 2. However, progression onto the Level 3 programme in Year 2 is dependent upon successful certification of the Year 1 Level 2 qualification.  <u>BTEC Level 3:</u>  This qualification is a two year programme.
Hairdressing & Barbering  Level 2 VRQ Certificate (Year one)  Level 3 VRQ Diploma (Year two)	No specific entry criteria.	Each qualification is a one year programme. It is expected that students will complete the Level 2 qualification in Year 1 and the Level 3 qualification in Year 2. However, progression onto the Level 3 programme in Year 2 is dependent upon successful certification of the Year 1 Level 2 qualification.