

Entry to Sixth Form



We admit students for the Y12 courses where academic demands are significantly higher than for GCSE. It is our experience that students who do not meet the criteria below will find AS courses difficult and they are likely to struggle to make satisfactory progress. In order to be eligible for entry to Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form students should have the following qualifications:

Five or more GCSE subjects passed at grade B or above of which at least three must be at grade A or better. (A short course GCSE in Religious Studies, taken in Y10, at grade A or above would count as equivalent to a full GCSE at grade B. Other short course GCSEs do not count towards the full GCSE requirements.)

Mathematics and English Language GCSE each at grade C or above.

For applicants who have met the above criteria, there are minimum entry requirements specified for each AS course (see below)

Subject to study	Minimum grade required at GCSE
Art	B in Art.
Biology	B in Biology or AA in Science and Additional Science.
Business Studies	B in Business Studies (if studied) & B in Eng. Language.
Chemistry	B in Chemistry or AA in Science and Additional Science.
Classical Civilisation	B in History or English Language or English Literature.
Design	B in Design.
Economics	B in Mathematics; B in Economics if taken.
English	B in English Language and English Literature.
Geography	B in Geography.
Geology	B in Geography or Chemistry or AA in Science and Additional Science.
History	B in History.
Mathematics	A in Mathematics (Higher Paper).
Further Maths	A* in Maths or C in Additional Maths (if studied).
Modern Languages	A in the Modern Language (French, German or Spanish).
Music	B in Music plus grade 5 in an instrument (minimum).
Physical Education	B in Biology or AA in Science and Additional Science plus practical ability in a sport. B in Physics or AA in Science and Additional Science is required.
Physics	Candidates should have at least grade A in GCSE mathematics. It is an overwhelming expectation that AS physicists also read AS Mathematics. A pass at AS Mathematics should be achieved in order to proceed to A2 Physics.
Politics	B in English Language.
Psychology	B in English Language or Biology or AA in Science and Additional Science.
Religious Studies	B in English Language.

