

**The Arthur Terry Sixth Form  
Entry Requirements 2024 Start**

1. A **minimum of 33 points** from the **student's 7 best GCSE grades**. Up to 2 Vocational Qualifications such as BTEC/RSL/OCR National qualifications can be used and will count as 1 of the 7 GCSE passes.

Points have the same numerical value as the grade achieved. For example a Grade 5 is equivalent to 5 points.

Combined Science GCSE counts as two GCSEs and the two grades should be combined. For example a 7/6 would be 13 points.

GCSE RE (Short Course) counts as half a GCSE and should not be used in the best 7 GCSE point calculation unless a further short course GCSE has been studied.

For students who have studied a Level 2 BTEC/RSL or OCR National Qualification the following conversions should be used:

Distinction\*: 8 Points

Distinction: 7 Points

Merit: 6 Points

Pass: 5 Points

2. A Grade 4 in both Mathematics and English (Literature or Language)
3. Applicants will need to also meet the essential entry requirements for their chosen subject
4. Where a subject references a Humanities GCSE the following subjects will be accepted: History GCSE, Geography GCSE, Citizenship Studies GCSE, Religious Studies (Full Course) GCSE, Sociology GCSE

***Entrance requirements are reviewed each academic year. If you have any questions regarding our entrance requirements, please email [sixthform@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk)***

## A-Level Subjects

**All our A-Level subjects are 2 year linear courses**

| Subject               | English Grade | Maths Grade | Other Essential Entry Requirements   |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Business Studies      | 5             | 5           | Grade 5 or above at GCSE Business if studied. <i>If not studied at GCSE students will need a Grade 5 or above in a Humanities subject.</i><br><br><b><i>If students have a 5 in GCSE Maths they will be required study Core Maths in Year 12 as an Enrichment Option. Students who have a 6 or above in GCSE Maths will be allowed to choose an Enrichment Option of their choice.</i></b> |
| Computer Science      | 5             | 6           | Grade 5 or above in GCSE Computer Science<br><br><b><i>Students will be accepted onto the course if they have a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths as long as they have obtained a Grade 7 or above in GCSE Computer Science.</i></b>   |
| Fine Art              | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art<br><br><b><i>Students will be accepted onto the course if they have a Grade 4 in GCSE English as long as they have obtained a Grade 7 or above in GCSE Art.</i></b>   |
| Design and Technology | 4             | 5           | Grade 5 or above in a GCSE Design and Technology Subject<br><br><b><i>Students that have not taken a GCSE (or equivalent) Design and Technology subject but have career aspirations in this area with a strong maths and science background, and a desire to apply those skills in a problem-solving context will be considered on an individual basis.</i></b>                            |
| English Combined      | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and English Literature  |
| English Language      | 6             | 4           | Students who wish to study English Language will need a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language   |
| English Literature    | 6             | 4           | Students who wish to study English Literature will need a Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature   |
| Geography             | 5             | 5           | Grade 5 or above in Geography<br><br><b><i>If students have a 5 in GCSE Maths they will be required study Core Maths in Year 12 as an Enrichment Option. Students who have a 6 or above in GCSE Maths will be allowed to choose an Enrichment Option of their choice.</i></b>  |
| History               | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 or above in GCSE History   |

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|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Politics            | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 or above in a Humanities GCSE  |
| Religious Studies   | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 or above in GCSE Religious Studies (Short or Full Course Accepted)   |
| Mathematics         | 4             | 7           |  |
| Further Mathematics | 4             | 8           | Students must study A-Level Mathematics in order to study Further Mathematics  |
| French              | 5             | 4           | Grade 6 or above in GCSE French  |
| Spanish             | 5             | 4           | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish   |
| Biology             | 5             | 5           | <p><u>Combined Science GCSE</u><br/>Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE</p> <p><u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u><br/>6 in GCSE Biology<br/>6 in a second science<br/>5 or above in a third science</p> <p><i>If students have a 5 in GCSE Maths they will be required study Core Maths in Year 12 as an Enrichment Option. Students who have a 6 or above in GCSE Maths will be allowed to choose an Enrichment Option of their choice.</i></p> |
| Chemistry           | 5             | 6           | <p><u>Combined Science GCSE</u><br/>Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE</p> <p><u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u><br/>6 in GCSE Chemistry<br/>6 in a second science<br/>5 or above in a third science</p>  |
| Physics             | 5             | 7           | <p><u>Combined Science GCSE</u><br/>Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE</p> <p><u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u><br/>6 in GCSE Physics<br/>6 in a second science<br/>5 or above in a third science</p> <p><b>All students studying A Level Physics are required to study A Level Mathematics</b></p>  |

| Subject    | English Grade | Maths Grade | Other Essential Entry Requirements  |
|------------|---------------|-------------|---|
| Law        | 5             | 4           | Grade 5 or above in a Humanities GCSE   |
| Psychology | 5             | 5           | Grade 5/5 in a Higher Tier Combined Science GCSE or Grade 5 or above in two Higher GCSE Separate Sciences.<br><br><i>If students have a 5 in GCSE Maths they will be required study Core Maths in Year 12 as an Enrichment Option. Students who have a 6 or above in GCSE Maths will be allowed to choose an Enrichment Option of their choice.</i> |
| Sociology  | 5             | 4           |   |

## BTEC/RSL Qualifications

**All our BTEC/RSL Qualifications are 2 year courses**

| <b>Subject</b>  | <b>English Grade</b> | <b>Maths Grade</b> | <b>Other Essential Entry Requirements</b>   |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| BTEC Business Studies                                       | 4                    | 4                  | Grade 5 or above at GCSE Business if studied. <i>If not studied at GCSE students will need a Grade 5 or above in a Humanities subject.</i>  |
| RSL Level 3 Diploma for Creative and Performing Arts: Drama | 4                    | 4                  | Students will need a Level 2 qualification in their chosen pathway (e.g., GCSE grade 4 and above   RSL Merit and above   BTEC Merit and above)<br><br>If you do not have a formal qualification in your chosen pathway, but have performing arts experience (e.g., within Drama/Dance or any Performing Arts Discipline) and/or Acting/Dance Experience (e.g., through attendance to Drama/Dance classes/ clubs outside of school) then you can still be eligible for the course. |
| RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners      | 4                    | 4                  | Students will need a Level 2 qualification in Music (e.g. GCSE grade 4 and above   RSL Merit and above   BTEC Merit and above).<br><br>If you do not have a formal qualification in Music, but can perform on an instrument and/or sing to a good level or have performing arts experience (e.g., Music lessons / ensembles outside of school) then you can still be eligible for the course.   |
| BTEC Sport  | 4                    | 4                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE PE (If studied) : Grade 5 or above in GCSE PE (This must include a Grade 5 in the theoretical Units)</li> <li>• Level 2 BTEC Sport (If studied): Merit or above</li> <li>• If no prior PE qualification at BTEC or GCSE students must have a Grade 5/5 in Science (Trilogy) or the equivalent if separate sciences are taken.</li> </ul>  |

## Enrichment Subjects

All students in Year 12 must enrol in an Enrichment

| Subject                        | Duration (Years)                                       | English Grade | Maths Grade | Other Essential Entry Requirements  |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|
| Core Maths Level 3 Certificate | 1  | 4             | 5           | <p>This subject is compulsory for students who have a Grade 5 in Maths and are studying the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A-Level Business Studies</b></li> <li>• <b>A-Level Psychology</b></li> <li>• <b>A-Level Biology</b></li> <li>• <b>A-Level Geography</b></li> </ul> <p>This subject is optional for students who have a Grade 6 or above in Maths.</p> |
| AS Psychology                  | 1  | 5             | 5           | Grade 5/5 in a Higher Tier Combined Science GCSE or Grade 5 or above in two Higher GCSE Separate Sciences.  |
| AS French                      | 1  | 5             | 4           | Grade 6 or above in GCSE French   |
| AS Spanish                     | 1  | 5             | 4           | Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish  |
| EPQ                            | 1 or 2 years   | 5             | 4           |   |
| Volunteering                   | Students will be supported during September to arrange |               |             |   |
| Work Experience                |  |               |             |   |
| In Class Support               |  |               |             |   |