

**The Arthur Terry Sixth Form
Entry Requirements 2025 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

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. If students have taken a Vocational Course in Business or Enterprise they will require a Level 2 Merit.</i> <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>
Computer Science	5	6	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Computer Science <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>
Fine Art	5	4	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art <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>
Design and Technology	4	5	Grade 5 or above in a GCSE Design and Technology Subject <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>
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 and a Grade 5 in English Literature
English Literature	6	4	Students who wish to study English Literature will need a Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature and a Grade 5 in English Language
Geography	5	5	Grade 5 or above in Geography <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>
History	5	4	Grade 5 or above in GCSE History

Subject	English Grade	Maths Grade	Other Essential Entry Requirements
Politics	5	4	Grade 5 or above in a Humanities GCSE
Philosophy, Ethics and Theology	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 We strongly advise that students have at least a Grade 6 at GCSE Maths due to the high level of mathematical content in the course.	<u>Combined Science GCSE</u> Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE <u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u> 6 in GCSE Biology 6 in a second science 5 or above in a third science <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>
Chemistry	5	6	<u>Combined Science GCSE</u> Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE <u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u> 6 in GCSE Chemistry 6 in a second science 5 or above in a third science
Physics	5	7	<u>Combined Science GCSE</u> Grade 6/6 in Combined Science GCSE <u>Separate Sciences GCSE</u> 6 in GCSE Physics 6 in a second science 5 or above in a third science All students studying A Level Physics are required to study A Level Mathematics

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. <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

Subject	English Grade	Maths Grade	Other Essential Entry Requirements
RSL Level 3 Diploma for Creative and Performing Arts: Drama	4	4	<p>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)</p> <p>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.</p>
RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners	4	4	<p>Students will need a Level 2 qualification in Music (e.g. GCSE grade 4 and above RSL Merit and above BTEC Merit and above).</p> <p>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.</p>
BTEC Sport	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE PE (If studied) : Grade 5 or above in GCSE PE (This must include a Grade 5 in the theoretical Units) • Level 2 BTEC Sport (If studied): Merit or above • 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.

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"> • A-Level Business Studies • A-Level Psychology • A-Level Biology • A-Level Geography <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	
In Class Support	Students will be supported in September if they choose this option.			