

# Course Entry Requirements

These are general minimum entry requirements. Some courses require GCSEs in specific subjects and grades. Many courses require **English/Maths** at specific grades. Please check individual course entries. You must also have a reference which the college feels is satisfactory showing a good record of attendance, punctuality and conduct and a commitment to study.

What you can study	What you need	What it can lead to
<b>International Baccalaureate (Level 3)</b>	46 points achieved from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 GCSEs</li> </ul> A maximum of 10 points from vocational qualifications can be used towards the points total.	Higher Education <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>4 AS/A2 programme (Level 3)</b>	40-48 points achieved from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 GCSEs <b>OR</b></li> <li>At least 30 points from at least 6 GCSEs plus other eligible qualifications to make a minimum of 40-48 points</li> </ul> A maximum of 10 points from vocational qualifications can be used towards the points total. Any student wishing to study an AS/A2 programme must have at least a grade C in GCSE English. Also include specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	Higher Education <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma</b> [Except CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Children & Young People's Workforce – see individual entry]	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as currently listed in the course guide.  Any additional AS/A2 level will be subject to AS/A2 level requirements.	Higher Education <b>OR</b> Employment
Students on a Level 3 Diploma programme must take an additional qualification in both years of their programme. This may be a GCSE resit, AS/A2 or other vocationally relevant qualification.		
<b>BTEC Level 3 Diploma + AS/A2</b>	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as currently listed in the course guide.  Any additional AS/A2 level will be subject to AS/A2 level requirements.	Higher Education <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>BTEC Level 3 Diploma + GCSE resit</b>	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as currently listed in the course guide.	Higher Education <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>Diploma in Plumbing and Domestic Heating (Level 2)</b>	4 GCSEs at grade C including Maths, English and Science See individual subject.	NVQ 3 <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>BTEC Level 2 Diploma</b> [except CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Children & Young People's Workforce – see individual entry]	4 GCSEs at grade D or a Level 1 Diploma at Distinction/Merit with English GCSE at grade D.  Maths GCSE at grade D is needed where specified in the course entry requirements.  Including specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma/Diploma <b>OR</b> Gateway course <b>OR</b> Employment  When you have completed a BTEC Level 2 Diploma course at this college you will be able to progress to the next level if you have achieved a Merit or Distinction and made good progress in GCSE retakes/functional skills.
<b>Construction Crafts Level 1 Diploma</b>	4 GCSEs at grades D-E  Including specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	NVQ 1/2 <b>OR</b> BTEC Level 2 Diploma in a related subject
<b>BTEC Level 1 Diploma</b> [except CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children – see individual entry]	4 GCSEs at grades E-F with English and Maths at grade E. Including specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject. See individual subjects.	BTEC Diploma Level 2 <b>OR</b> Employment  When you have completed a BTEC Level 1 Diploma course at this college you will be able to progress to the next level if you have achieved a Merit or Distinction and made good progress in GCSE retakes/functional skills.
<b>Professional Cookery VRQ Level 1 Diploma</b>	4 GCSEs – 2 at grade D and 2 at grade E See individual subject page xx	VRQ Diploma Level 2 <b>OR</b> BTEC Level 2 Diploma in a related subject <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>Entry Level 3</b>	Successful interview	BTEC Level 1 Diploma <b>OR</b> Employment
<b>Entry Level 1, 2</b>	Successful interview	Dependent on progress

## Key

### GCSE values

Our GCSE points score is based on your best 8 grades. Use the table below to work out your points.

GCSE grades	Points
A*	8
A	7
B	6
C	5
D	4
E	3
F	2
G	1

### Examples:

40+ points could be made up from 8 GCSEs at grade C **OR** 3Bs, 2Cs and 3Ds **OR** 5Bs and 3Ds.

A maximum of 10 points may be counted from vocational and other qualifications towards the points score for entry to study AS/A2 levels or the International Baccalaureate. This may include a Level 2 qualification, AiDA, CiDA, CiDA+ and DiDA qualifications.