

Course Entry Requirements

These are general minimum requirements. Some courses require GCSEs in specific subjects and grades. **Many courses require English/Maths at specific grades.** Please check the individual course entries on the website or in the course guide. 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.

The average points score for entry to an IB or AS/A2 programme will be calculated using **your best 8 GCSEs** OR 6 GCSEs plus 1 vocational qualification (equivalent to a maximum of 2 GCSEs and 10 points).

What you can study	What you need	What it can lead to
International Baccalaureate	Average points score of 5.5	Higher Education OR Employment
4 AS/A2 programme	Average points score of 5, 5.5 or 6 Any student wishing to study an AS/A2 programme must have at least a grade C in GCSE English. Including specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	Higher Education OR Employment
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma <i>(except CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Children & Young People's Workforce - see individual entry)</i>	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	Higher Education OR Employment
Students on a Level 3 Diploma programme must take an additional qualification in both years of their programme. This may be a GCSE, AS/A2 or other vocationally relevant qualification.		
BTEC Level 3 Diploma + AS/A2	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject. Any additional AS/A2 level will be subject to AS/A2 level requirements.	Higher Education OR Employment
BTEC Level 3 Diploma + GCSE resit	5 GCSEs at grade C or a Distinction/Merit on a Level 2 Diploma with specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	Higher Education OR Employment
BTEC Level 2 Diploma <i>(except CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Children & Young People's Workforce - see individual entry)</i>	4 GCSEs at grade D OR a Level 1 Diploma at Pass 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 OR Gateway course OR Employment When you have completed a 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.
Construction Crafts Level 1 Diploma	4 GCSEs at grades D-E Including specific GCSE requirements as listed in the course guide under each subject.	NVQ 1/2 OR BTEC Level 2 Diploma in a related subject
BTEC Level 1 Diploma <i>[except CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children – see individual entry]</i>	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.	BTEC Level 2 Diploma OR Employment When you have completed an BTEC Level 1 Diploma course at this college you will be able to progress to the next level if you have achieved a Pass and made good progress in GCSE retakes/key skills.
Professional Cookery VRQ Level 1 Diploma	4 GCSEs - 2 at grade D and 2 at grade E	VRQ Diploma Level 2 OR Level 2 Diploma in a related subject OR Employment
Entry Level 3	Successful interview	BTEC Level 1 Diploma OR Employment
Entry Level 1, 2	Successful interview	Dependent on progress

Key

GCSE values

Points are calculated as follows:

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

1 x vocational qualification (equivalent to 2 GCSEs) = 10 points