

Belper School Sixth Form Entry Criteria 2027-2029

We have entry requirements to ensure that students can thrive in their chosen subjects.

Students choose three Level 3 subjects from the option blocks. Students who choose to study Further Maths or Core Maths may choose these as a fourth option.

All candidates are expected to have:

- a minimum of **5 GCSEs at grades 4-9** including GCSE mathematics and GCSE English Language or Literature **and**
- **Meet the entry criteria** of their chosen subjects, as outlined in the table below

Subject specific entry criteria	
A Levels and Level 3 courses	
Art: Fine Art	GCSE Art Grade 5
Art: Graphic Communication	GCSE Fine Art or Graphic Art Grade 5
Art: Photography	GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject Students who have a passion for photography with no GCSE in a creative subject
Biology	GCSE Science 6/6 and GCSE Maths Grade 5
Business	GCSE Maths Grade 5 and GCSE English Language or Literature Grade 5 Previous study of GCSE Business or a Level 2 Business qualification to Grade 5 equivalent is desirable.
Chemistry	GCSE Science Grades 6/6 and GCSE Maths Grade 5 or above
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science Grade 5 or above
D&T: Design	GCSE Grade 5 in a creative subject
Drama & Theatre Studies	GCSE Drama Grade 6
Economics	GCSE Maths Grade 5 and GCSE English Language or Literature Grade 5. Previous study of GCSE Business or a Level 2 Business qualification to Grade 5 equivalent is desirable.
English Language	GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6
English Literature	GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6
Film Studies	GCSE Media or Film Grade 5 or GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6 if Media or Film not taken at GCSE

Food, Science and Nutrition	GCSE Grade 5 in a relevant Food subject
Further Mathematics	GCSE Maths Grade 7
Geography	GCSE Geography Grade 5
Geology	GCSE Grade 5/5 in Science
History	GCSE History Grade 5
Mathematics A Level	GCSE Maths Grade 6
Mathematics Core	GCSE Maths Grade 4
Media Studies	GCSE Media or Film Grade 5 or GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6 if Media or Film not taken at GCSE
Modern Languages	GCSE Languages Grade 6
Music	GCSE Grade 5 in Music BTEC Music L2 M+ (or similar vocational qualification) Instrumental Grades (ABRSM/Trinity/Rock School) Grade 5+
Physical Education	GCSE Physical Education Grade 6 or BTEC Physical Education Distinction Science (Biology) and Maths Grade 5 Candidates must be taking part in regular organised competitive sport outside of school for assessment purposes.
Physics	GCSE Science Grades 6/6 or above and GCSE Maths Grade 5
Politics	GCSE History Grade 5 or English Language or English Literature Grade 5
Psychology	GCSE Maths Grade 5 and English Language or English Literature Grade 5
Sociology	GCSE English Language or Literature Grade 5