Entry Requirements for 2026

We offer over 30 different academic and vocational courses in our sixth form. Students study 3 subjects in year 12 as part of their programme of study. To support students in trying to ensure success all programmes of study require the following standard entry requirements:

GCSE average point score of **4.5** with a minimum of **4** in Mathematics and English Language and English Literature. There are no opportunities to re-sit GCSE qualifications at Ringwood School. Therefore you cannot study here without a 4 in Mathematics and English Language and English Literature. Many subjects have individual academic requirements, these are listed below. Please see individual subject inserts for further clarification on the expected academic standard required.

Subject	Minimum Entry Requirements	
A Level Courses		
Art & Design	Minimum Grade 5 in Art or individual portfolio review	
Art Photography	Minimum Grade 5 in a creative subject or individual portfolio review	
Art Textiles	Minimum Grade 5 in Textiles or individual portfolio review	
Biology	Combined science 6, 6 Triple science 6, 6, 5 Maths 6, English Language 5	
Business Studies	Minimum Grade 5 in English Language & Mathematics	
Chemistry	Combined science 6, 6 Triple science 6, 6, 5 Maths 6, English Language 5	
Computer Science	Minimum Grade 5 in Mathematics	
Drama & Theatre Studies	Audition/Interview	
Economics	Minimum Grade 5 in English Language & Mathematics	
English Language	Grade 5 & 5 English Lit & Lang	
English Literature	Minimum 6 & 5 from either English Lit or Lang	
French	GCSE Grade 6 or above in French	
Geography	Minimum Grade 5 in Geography (English Lang 5 if not studied)	
Geology	Combined Science 5, 5 & Maths preferred Grade 5	
History	Minimum Grade 5 in History (English Lang 5 if not studied)	
Mathematics	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Mathematics	
Further Mathematics (AS/A Level)	Minimum Grade 8 in Mathematics	
Music Technology	Audition/Interview	
Physics	Combined science 6, 6 Triple science 6, 6, 5 Maths 6, English Language 5	
Physical Education	Combined science 6, 6 Triple science 6, 6, 5	
Product Design	GCSE Grade 5 or above at GCSE Design and Technology	
Psychology	Minimum Grade 5 in English Language & Mathematics	
Sociology	Minimum Grade 5 in English Language	
Spanish	GCSE Grade 6 or above in Spanish	

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Vocational Courses	Standard Entry Requirements
Health and Social Care Level 3 Cambridge Technical	GCSE level 5 English language
Extended Certificate	
Creative Digital Media Production Level 3 BTEC Extended	See subject insert
Certificate	
Performing Arts Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate or Diploma	Audition/Interview
Production Arts BTEC Foundation Diploma Level 3	Audition/Interview
Sport and Physical Activity Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	A minimum 5, 5 Combined Science
WJEC Diploma Criminology	Minimum 5 English Language
Music Performance Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Audition/Interview
Travel and Tourism Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Standard entry requirements

- Some subjects not studied at GCSE Level may, with Teacher approval, be taken at A Level.
- Vocational qualifications graded at Pass, Merit, Distinction & Distinction* will be considered as part of any application.
- Students who fail exams in Year 12 subjects may not be permitted to continue in that subject to Year 13.
- We can not guarantee all courses will run. However, if you start the course we will support you to complete the full qualification.

For further information please see individual subjects on our website or contact the Director of Sixth Form Mr Walbrin via sixthformadmissions@ringwood.hants.sch.uk