



Entry Criteria for entry into Sixth Form

The criteria for entry into the Sixth Form at The Cottesloe School is a minimum of **38 points** overall from the best eight GCSE subjects **including a grade 4 in Maths and English**. **In addition, students will have to meet the specific subject criteria.**

How do I work out my GCSE points score?

In order to calculate your points score, you will need to add up your total number of GCSE points for the **best eight** subjects including English and Maths.

Your best eight GCSE points score is calculated using the following information:

a) GCSE Grade 9-1 Score

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b) BTEC/Other Level 2 qualifications

(Level 1 qualifications or scores do not count towards points score)

Distinction*	= 8.5 points
Distinction	= 7 points
Merit	= 5.5 points
Pass	= 4 points

Triple Science counts as 3 subjects in total

Biology grade	= 6 points
Chemistry grade	= 5 points
Physics grade	= 7 points
Total	= 18 points

Combined Science counts as 2 subjects in total

e.g. Combined Science grades = 6/5 points

Total = 11 points

Please remember:

You also need to meet any subject specific criteria for particular Level 3 courses as set out in the course information.

*The following list shows a proposed list of courses for September 2023.
Courses may be changed, added to or removed depending on student numbers and staffing.*

Course Specific Requirements

A-Levels	
Biology	High grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology and Maths. Grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 7 in Biology)
Chemistry	High grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry and Maths. Grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 7 in Chemistry)
Physics	High grade 6 or above in GCSE Physics and Maths. Grade 6,7 in GCSE Combined Science (with a 7 in Physics)
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History
Psychology	Grade 6 in GCSE English
Sociology	Grade 6 in GCSE English
Core Maths	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Mathematics	High Grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science or Distinction in IT and a Grade 6 in Maths
Design Technology: Product Design	Grade 6 in DT
French	High Grade 6 in GCSE French
Geography	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography
Ethics and Philosophy	Grade 6 in Ethics and Philosophy
One Year Additional Optional AS Level Courses Can be taken in addition to the three main subject choices)	
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (An AS Level qualification)	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Further Mathematics (Additional AS Level qualification)	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Core Maths (Additional AS Level qualification)	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Level 3 Vocational Courses	
Business Studies	Merit in Level 2 Business
Financial Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Sports Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE Physical Education
Health and Social Care	Grade 5, 4 in Science
Applied Human Biology	Grade 5, 5 in Science
Criminology	Grade 5 in GCSE English