



2026 Entry Requirements

- In the table below, the value in brackets indicates the *minimum* grade requirement in each subject.
- In addition, where a student has previously studied a subject at GCSE / Level 2 BTEC, they must gain a minimum of a grade 4 / merit in that subject to progress onto the Level 3 course.
- Students must also meet the relevant Centre entry requirements, detailed overleaf.

SUBJECT	QUALIFICATION	ENTRY REQUIREMENT
Applied Science	BTEC (Level 3)	GCSE (4-4) in science
Art (Fine Art)	A Level	GCSE (4) or BTEC (merit) in art and design or fine art, or completion of portfolio task to approved standard
Art (Photography)	A Level	GCSE (4) or BTEC (merit) in art, or completion of portfolio task to approved standard
Biology	A Level	GCSE (6-6-5) in two sciences and maths; must include 6 in biology (if taken)
Business	BTEC (Level 2)	4 x GCSE (3, or above)
Business	BTEC (Level 3)	Level 2 BTEC Business (merit), if taken
Business	A Level	GCSE (5) in English and maths desirable, at least GCSE (4) required in both
Chemistry	A Level	GCSE (6-6) in sciences (not Applied Science) and (6) in mathematics
Computer Science	A Level	GCSE (6) in mathematics
Core Maths	AS Level	<i>To be taken as a fourth course:</i> GCSE (5) in mathematics
Design & Technology	A Level	GCSE (4) or BTEC L2 (M) in a design technology subject
Drama	BTEC	GCSE (4) or BTEC (M) in drama / record of involvement in performances
Economics	A Level	GCSE (6) in mathematics
English Language	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language, GCSE (4) in English literature
English Language and Literature	A Level	GCSE (5-4) in English language and English literature (any combination)
English Literature	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language and English literature, and a love of reading
Extended Project	EPQ	<i>Y13 students only:</i> Proven interest and pass grades in Y12 mock exams
Film Studies	A Level	GCSE (4) in English language
French	A Level	GCSE (6) in French*
Geography	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language <i>and</i> maths desirable; GCSE (4) required
German	A Level	GCSE (6) in German*
Government and Politics	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language desirable; GCSE (4) required
Global Perspectives	AS/A Level	<i>To be taken as a fourth (extension) course:</i> 5 x GCSE (7)
Health + Social Care	BTEC (Level 3)	GCSE (4) in a science or BTEC Level 2 (merit) Health and Social Care
History	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language desirable; GCSE (4) required
IT Practitioners	BTEC (Level 3)	Proven interest
Mathematics	A Level	GCSE (7) in Mathematics at higher tier (students who achieve a grade 6 will be admitted to the course if they successfully pass a pre-entrance test)
Mathematics (Further)	A Level	GCSE (8) in mathematics (you must also study A Level mathematics)
Media Studies	A Level	GCSE (4) English language and an interest in all forms of media
Music Technology	BTEC (Level 3)	Level 2 BTEC music / music technology (merit), if taken
Physics	A Level	GCSE (6-6) in sciences (not applied science) and (6) in mathematics
Psychology	A Level	GCSE (5-4-4) in science, English language and maths (any combination)
Religious Studies	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language desirable; GCSE (4) required
Sociology	A Level	GCSE (5) in English language desirable; GCSE (4) required.
Spanish	A Level	GCSE (6) in Spanish*
Sport	BTEC (Level 3)	Level 2 BTEC Sport (merit), if taken; active participation in competitive sport

*For modern foreign language subjects if you do not have a relevant GCSE qualification but have a high level of proficiency in the language a 1:1 review can be carried out with the head of department to assess your suitability.

Further course information can be found on our website at www.nbp16c.org.uk



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These are the entry requirements for students to gain access to our Level 2 and 3 study programmes. Students must also meet the relevant course entry requirements, detailed overleaf.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENT
Level 3 programme (GCE A Level and/or Level 3 BTEC)	5 x GCSE at grade 4 (or above), including English language and mathematics.
Foundation programme (BTEC Level 2 Business or Science, with BTEC Level 2 ITQ, GCSE English and GCSE maths)	4 x GCSE at grade 3 (or above), including English language and mathematics.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

- We pride ourselves on offering expert advice and guidance to all of our applicants. When it comes to confirming your course choices, you will be invited to meet with a member of the NBP16 team, who is likely to offer the following guidance to ensure you are enrolled on a pathway where you can fulfil your potential:
 - For a **programme of all GCE A Level courses**, we recommend a minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade 4, or above.
- For some courses, we will consider Level 2 qualifications in Functional English and mathematics.
- Level 2 BTECs will count as a maximum of 2 GCSEs, regardless of the size of the qualification.
- **Where a student has previously studied a subject at GCSE / Level 2 BTEC, they must gain a minimum of a grade 4 / merit in that subject in order to progress onto the Level 3 course. Please see specific subject entry criteria.**
- Applied Science GCSE will not be counted for progression onto Biology, Chemistry or Physics GCE courses.
- Where students progress from a full-time Level 2 BTEC course taken within the NBP16C, or any other post 16 centre, a merit is required for progression onto the equivalent Level 3 course.
- Extenuating circumstances may be taken into consideration, so please do come and have a discussion with us if your results are not what you had anticipated.

Our full admissions statement can be viewed at
<http://www.nbp16c.org.uk/Admissions>, or by scanning here:

