



## GRAVENEY SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

### Entry to Advanced Courses for Academic Year 2017-2018

The Government is phasing in the reform of A Level subjects over several years. 2017-18 is the third year of reformed syllabuses. A Level courses are shown in the first section of the Prospectus. Level 3 BTEC courses are shown in the Prospectus in a second section and one year courses are shown in a third section.

#### What is a reformed qualification?

**Reformed** A level qualifications are a two year, Linear A Level course. This means that the whole course is assessed in Year 13. AS qualifications are available, and the content may be compatible and co-teachable with the first year of the A Level course, but if AS examinations are taken, they are known as Stand Alone Qualifications because they do not contribute any marks to the final A Level grade.

#### Will I be required to sit AS in a reformed qualification in summer 2018?

Yes. It is a valuable qualification in its own right. It gives an indicator of how well your learning is progressing, and it has value for Universities, Further Education and Employers. It also means that students who do not progress to Year 13 have something to show for their study so far. Students must pass the AS at A to E in order to proceed to study in that subject in Year 13.

For L3 BTEC Diploma, students must have achieved a pass in 6 units (60 credits) and for L3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma, students must have achieved a pass in 3 units (30 credits) at the end of Year 12 in order to continue with the subject in Year 13.

**Your progress will be monitored very closely and the School reserves the right to withdraw a student from a course or exam should it feel that such a decision best serves the needs of the student.**

**The minimum entry requirements for Advanced Level courses are 5 full GCSE grades at A\* to C, or grades 4 to 9, in separate subjects, including English Language and Maths. Any vocational qualification must be passed at a minimum of Merit for entry to Level 3 courses.**

#### How many subjects will I study?

Students will usually take 3 Level 3 subjects. This is, nationally, the standard number of reformed subjects studied. Students who would like to take a fourth subject must have achieved an Average Points Score (APS) of **48 or over** in their best 8 GCSEs. Those achieving an APS **between 46 and 48** in their best 8 GCSEs may be permitted to take 4 Level 3 subjects, depending on the student's potential and the nature and combination of the chosen subjects; decisions will be made by the School on an individual basis. Students who achieve an APS of **46** will be permitted to take the standard number of 3 Level 3 subjects. Students are permitted to take a mix of AS and L3 BTEC courses.

#### GCSE points are calculated as follows:

##### English Language, English Literature and Maths GCSE, grades 1 to 9:

9= 58 points; 8=55 points; 7=52 points; 6= 46 points; 5= 43 points; 4= 40 points; 3= 34 points; 2=25 points; 1=16 points

##### Other subjects, grades G to A\*:

A\* = 58 points; A = 52 points; B = 46 points; C = 40 points; D = 34 points; E = 28 points; F = 22 points; G = 16 points.

Where courses are oversubscribed, preference will be given to students who meet the subject entry requirements, and who chose the subject at their Course Selection and Guidance Meeting; and then to students with grade B or above in that subject or a closely related one, as listed overleaf in the subject specific entry requirements.

Notes on equivalence:

- GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature are two separate subjects.
- GCSE Core Science and GCSE Additional Science are two separate subjects.
- IGCSE in English and GCSE English Language count as the SAME subject.
- IGCSE in Maths and GCSE Maths count as the SAME subject.
- A GCSE short course counts as half a GCSE achieving half the points per grade listed above.
- Any vocational qualification must be passed at a minimum of Merit for entry to A Level courses.

## SUBJECT COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS-2017 ENTRY

Reformed A Level Subject	Subject specific entry requirements
Art & Design	C in Art
Biology	C in Biology and in Physics or Chemistry, and 5 in Maths OR C in Core Science and Additional Science , and 5 in Maths All students must have achieved a minimum of C grade in the theory papers <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Chemistry	C, preferably at Higher Tier, in Chemistry and in Physics or Biology, and 5 in Maths OR C, preferably at Higher Tier, in Core Science and Additional Science, and 5 in Maths All students must have achieved a minimum of C grade in the theory papers <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Computing	Grade 4 in Maths and English Language and C in Computing. If Computing has not been taken, students must possess Grade 5 in Maths. <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Drama	4 in English Language. C in Drama, if taken, or Merit in L2 BTEC Performing Arts. Evidence of involvement in extra –curricular drama is required if neither Drama GCSE nor L2 BTEC Performing Arts were taken.
Economics	Grade 4 in Maths and 5 in English Language OR Grade 5 in Maths and 4 in English Language; C in Economics / Merit in L2 BTEC Business Studies if taken <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
English Literature	Grade 4 in English Language and 5 in English Literature
Film Studies	Minimum of Grade 4 in English Language and in English Literature; C in Media Studies, if taken.

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French	C in French
Geography	4 in English Language and 4 in Maths; C in Geography, if taken, or other Humanities subject
German	C in German
History	4 in English Language and C in History
Core Maths ( <i>leads to AS equivalent over two years</i> )	4 or above in Maths  <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Maths	5 or above in Maths at Higher Tier  <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Further Maths	7 or above in Maths. Must also study Maths A level  <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Media Studies	4 in English Language and English Literature; C in Media Studies, if taken.
Music	C in GCSE Music or Merit in L2 BTEC Music; grade 5 on an instrument /voice, with a strong recommendation that students understand concepts up to grade 5 Theory
Philosophy	5 in English Language and 5 in Maths ; C in RS if taken
Photography	C in Art or Photography. Students who have not taken GCSE in Art / Photography may be considered on production of a portfolio of work indicating skill levels to a standard equivalent to the GCSE grade C
Physics	C, preferably at Higher Tier, in Physics and in Biology or Chemistry, and 5 in Maths OR C in Core Science and Additional Science, and 5 in Maths  All students must have achieved a minimum of C grade in the theory papers  <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
Politics	4 in English Language and C in History or related subject
Product Design: Resistant Materials, Textiles, Graphic Product	C in a Technology subject
Psychology	4 in English Language, 4 in Maths and C in 2 Science subjects, to include Biology if separate sciences were taken, and C in Psychology, if taken.
Religious Studies	4 in English Language; C in RS if taken
Sociology	4 in English Language and C in Sociology, if taken, or C in History/ Geography/RS
Spanish	C in Spanish

<b>BTEC Level 3 Subject</b>	<b>Subject specific entry requirements</b>
BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science	Merit in BTEC Level 2 Science or 2 C grades in Science <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business	C in GCSE Business Studies or Economics OR Merit in BTEC Level 2 in Business (if taken). Grade 4 in Maths required and Grade 4 preferred in English Language. <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in ICT	Merit in BTEC Level 2 ICT OR Merit in OCR ICT Award OR C in GCSE IT (if taken). Grade 4 preferred in English Language and Maths. <i>Because we are able to offer a variety of pathways in this curriculum area, we will advise as to the most suitable course for you depending on your performance at Key Stage 4</i>

<b>One Year Courses</b>	<b>Subject specific entry requirements</b>
Extended Project Qualification	Mainly A or A* in your GCSEs.  ABB in your AS exams.
English Language GCSE	No formal requirement
Maths GCSE	No formal requirement

**The following combinations are forbidden:**

Film Studies with Media Studies

Any combination of the three Product Design subjects: only one Product Design course permitted

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL COURSES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN TERMS OF VIABLE NUMBERS AND STAFF AVAILABILITY.**