

BHF Sixth Form Grade Requirements 2026

Entry requirements apply in addition to the school-wide minimum of 5 GCSE passes at Grade 4

A-Level Subject	Entry Requirements — minimum 5 Grade 4s including English and Maths
A Level Courses	
Art & Design	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art. Desirable Grade 4 in English Language.
Biology	Grade 7-6 or above in Trilogy or Separate Science Biology, with grade 6 in Maths and grade 5 in English.
Business	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Business & grade 5 in English & Maths.
Chemistry	Grade 7-6 or above in Trilogy or Separate Science Chemistry, with grade 6 or above in Maths, and grade 5 in English.
Design & Technology	Grade 6 or above in Design and Technology at GCSE and grade 5 in English and Maths essential.
Drama & Theatre	Experience of Drama at GCSE (Grade 5) or a theatre group required. Grade 6 in English Literature or Language is desirable.
English Literature	Grade 7 in GCSE English Literature.
French	Grade 7 minimum in GCSE French.
Geography	Grade 6 or above if studied GCSE Geography, grade 5 in English required.
History	Grade 5 or above if studied GCSE History.
Maths / Further Maths	Grade 7 minimum in Maths. Grade 7 for Further Maths.
Media	Grade 6 required in English Language or Literature.
Music	Grade 6 or above if studied GCSE Music, or Grade 5 in Associated Board or equivalent practical examination.
Physical Education	Grade 7 in PE and playing competitively externally.
Physics	Grade 7-6 or above in Trilogy or Separate Science Physics, with grade 7 or above in Maths. Grade 5 in English also required.
Polish	Grade 8 in GCSE Polish.
Politics	Grade 5 or above in English Literature & 4 other Grade 5s.
Psychology	Grade 6 in Additional Science, Maths and English.
RS – Philosophy & Ethics	Grade 6 or above in RE and English Literature.
Sociology	Grade 5 or above in English Language and grade 4 in Maths.
Level 3 Vocational & Other Courses	
Course	Entry Requirements
BTEC Courses – General	Grade 4 and above in 5 subjects. Science needs grade 5 in Trilogy or Separate Science and grade 4 in Maths.
Health & Social Care	Grade 5 in HSC GCSE were studied and grade 4 in English Language plus 3 other Grade 4s. Note: awaiting further government guidance on Level 3 BTEC HSC arrangements for 2026.
Applied Science	National Extended Certificate – grade 5 in Trilogy or Separate Science and grade 4 in Maths.
Sport & Physical Activity L3	Cambridge National – grade 4 in 5 subjects including English.
Travel & Tourism	National Extended Certificate or National Diploma – grade 4 in 5 subjects including English.
Basketball Coaching	No qualifications necessary. This is an interest and experience add-on.

For further information please speak to your Head of Year or contact the Sixth Form team