

Your GCSE results will affect the subjects that you will take at college. You can calculate your average point score (APS) as follows:

Each GCSE grade is given an (APS Score) **old** GCSE grading system: (8 = A*) (7 = A) (6 = B) (5 = C) (4 = D) (3 = E) (2 = F) (1 = G) (U = 0) (X = 0)

Each GCSE grade is given an (APS Score) **new** GCSE grading system: (A*= 9 or 8) (A = 8 or 7) (B = 6) (C = 5 or 4) (D = 3) (E = 3 or 2) (F = 2 or 1) (G = 1) (U = 0) (X = 0)

Your APS will be calculated as an average grade across all the subjects taken.

A Levels (Challenging A Level subjects in bold):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The normal A Level programme consists of three A Level subjects Many subjects require a minimum GCSE grade in a specific, relevant subject 			
Art (Linear)	A Level Subject (GCSE Equivalent)	Minimum GCSE Grade required in that subject	Additional GCSE Subject(s) required	GCSE Grade required
Biology (Linear)	Art (a Portfolio if taken)	5 (C)		
Business Studies (Linear)	Biology	6 (B)	Maths	6 (B)
Chemistry (Linear)	Business	5 (C)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English)	5 (C)
Citizenship (Intensive A2 only)	Chemistry	6 (B)	Maths	6 (B)
Communication and Culture (Intensive A2 only)	Economics	6 (B)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English) + Maths	6 + 6 (B + B)
Core Maths	English Language	5 (C)	English Literature or Language + Maths	5 + 5 (C + C)
Creative Writing (Intensive A2 only)	English Literature	6 (B)	English Literature or Language	6 (B)
Drama and Theatre Studies (Linear)	English Literature/Language	5 (C)	English Literature & English Language	5 + 5 (C + C)
Economics (Linear)	French (if not a native speaker)	5 (C)		
English Language (Linear)	Geography	5 (C)		
English Literature (Linear)	Government & Politics	5 (C)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English)	5 (C)
English Language and Literature (Linear)	History	6 (B)	English Language or English Literature	6 (B)
French (Linear)	Law	5 (C)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English)	5 (C)
Geography (Linear)	Mathematics	6 (B)		
Government and Politics	Mathematics Further	6 (B)	Maths	7 (A)
Graphic Design	Photography	5 (C)	Art (portfolio if taken)	5 (C)
History (Linear)	Physics	6 (B)	Maths	6 (B)
Law (Linear)	Psychology	5 (C)	Maths + Science	5 + 6 (C + B)
Mathematics (Linear)	Religious Studies	5 (C)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English)	5 (C)
Mathematics Further (Linear)	Sociology	5 (C)	Essay based GCSE (inc. English)	5 (C)
Media Studies (Linear)	Spanish (if not a native speaker)	5 (C)		
Photography (Linear)	Turkish (if not a native speaker)	5 (C)		
Physics (Linear)	Challenging A Level subjects:			
Psychology (Linear)	A Level Subjects	APS Score	English Grade	Maths Grade
Religious Studies (Islamic)(Linear)	3 or 4 challenging	6.3 or above	6 (B)	6 (B)
Sociology (Linear)	2 challenging	5.8 - 6.2	5 (C)	5 (C)
Spanish (Linear)	1 challenging	5.0 – 5.7	5 (C)	5 (C)
Turkish	3 non challenging	Minimum 5.0	5 (C)	5 (C)
	Mixed Vocational + 1 A Level	4.8 – 4.9	5 (C)	5 (C)
Level 3 Vocational courses	4 GCSEs at 9 – 4 (A* - C) including English or Maths OR Merit in BTEC L2 Extended Certificate			
Level 3 Core Maths	5 GCSEs at 9 – 4 (A* - C) including both English and Maths			
Level 2 Vocational courses	3 GCSEs at 9 – 3 (A* - D) including English or Maths OR English and Maths at Level 1 / 2			
GCSE English and or Maths	English and/or Maths at 3 (D) or below			