



Courses and entry requirements for admission in September 2027

Course offer and Pathways 2027

Please find below our current curriculum offer. Sometimes a course may be withdrawn if it is not viable to run as a result of low application or enrolment numbers or because of national changes to the curriculum. Should there be any changes to our curriculum offer, this will be communicated with prospective students and further advice and guidance will be offered.

A Levels (students study 3 A-Levels or in combination with Vocational A Level equivalents)	Vocational A Level equivalents (Ext Certs/AAQs/V Levels) (these are each equivalent to 1 A-Level and studied in combination with A-Levels)
Accounting Art & Design – <i>3D Design & Technology</i> Art & Design – <i>Fine Art</i> Art & Design – <i>Graphic Design</i> Art & Design – <i>Photography</i> Art & Design – <i>Textiles</i> Biology Business Chemistry Computer Science Drama & Theatre Economics English Language English Literature Film Studies Further Mathematics (This counts as 2 A-Levels) Geography Geology History Law Mathematics Media Studies Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Physics Politics Psychology Sociology Spanish	Applied Science Business Criminology Dance Performance Digital Games Production Digital Systems & Data Education Health & Social Care Law Medical Science Music Production Music Technology PE (Sport & Exercise Science or Sport Studies) Public Services
	T Levels (equivalent to 3 A-Levels and studied as a standalone qualification)
	Digital Support & Cyber Security Education - Early Years Health – Adult Nursing
	Vocational – Extended Diplomas (equivalent to 3 A-Levels and studied as a standalone qualification)
	Public Services Occupational entry in Social Care Sport Coaching & Development Sport Coaching & Development (Football) - in partnership with Manchester City FC)
	Additional qualifications
	EPQ This is a project based qual which students can opt to undertake in their second year Core Maths This is an extra qualification (equivalent to 1 AS Level) and would be studied alongside an A-Level/Mixed Study Programme in your first year. This qualification suits students choosing to study Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Applied Science, Accounting, Economics and Business (or any course with a Maths element except A-level Maths/Further Maths).

September 2027 Entry Guide

Pathway	Requirements
A Level (3 A Level subjects)	• 2 GCSEs at grade 6 and 4 GCSEs at grade 4. • Grade 4 is required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths • Subject specific entry requirements must also be met (A GCSE can not be replaced with a Level 2 vocational qualification)
Mixed Study (2 A Level + 1 Vocational A Level equivalent)	• 2 GCSEs at grade 6 and 4 GCSEs at grade 4. • Grade 4 is required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths • Subject specific entry requirements must also be met (A GCSE can not be replaced with a Level 2 vocational qualification)
Mixed Study (1 A Level + 2 Vocational A Level equivalents)	• 2 GCSEs at grade 5 and 3 GCSEs at grade 4. • Grade 4 is required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths • Subject specific entry requirements must also be met (A GCSE can not be replaced with a Level 2 vocational qualification)
T Level (1 T Level subject)	• 4 GCSEs* at grade 4 • Grade 4 is required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths (T Level in Health also requires a min of a grade 4 in GCSE Science) • Subject specific entry requirements must also be met (1 Level 2 vocational qualification can replace 1 GCSE)
Vocational (1 Extended Diploma)	• 4 GCSEs* at grade 4 • Grade 4 is required in GCSE English Language and a grade 3 in GCSE Maths (1 Level 2 vocational qualification can replace 1 GCSE)
XL Academy	• A minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade 7 • Grade 7 in GCSE English Language or Maths (with no lower than a grade 5 in the other subject)

Course specific entry requirements

A LEVELS

Subject	Qual type	Exam board	Assessment	Subject specific entry requirements	Additional information
Accounting	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths	
Art and Design 3D Design	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam		GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Art and Design Fine Art	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam		GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Art and Design Graphic Design	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam		GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Art and Design Photography	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam		GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Art and Design Textiles	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% coursework and practical exam		GCSE Art & Design is preferred but not essential
Biology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	Option 1: Biology as a standalone Science combined with 2 other non Science subjects: • Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science (or from 2 x 6s in separate sciences one of which must be Biology) • Grade 6 in GCSE Maths. Option 2: Biology combined with another Science A-Level: • Grade 67 in GCSE Combined Science (or 67 in separate sciences one of which must be Biology) • Grade 6 in GCSE Maths. ** Discretion will be given to students who achieve a grade 5 in GCSE Maths but have achieved higher than the minimum requirements in GCSE Science**	Students advised to study Core Maths if A Level Maths is not chosen

Business	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	Grade 5 in an essay based subject	
Chemistry	A-Level	OCR	100% exam	Option 1: Chemistry as a standalone Science combined with 2 other non Science subjects: - Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science (or 66 in separate sciences one of which must be Chemistry) - Grade 6 in GCSE Maths. Option 2: Chemistry combined with another Science A-Level: - Grade 67 in GCSE Combined Science (or 67 in separate sciences one of which must be Chemistry) - Grade 6 in GCSE Maths. ** Discretion will be given to students who achieve a grade 5 in GCSE Maths but have achieved higher than the minimum requirements in GCSE Science**	Students also advised to study Core Maths if A Level Maths is not chosen
Computer Science	A-Level	OCR	80% exam 20% non-examined assessment	Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science/Separate Sciences Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.	Students also advised to study Core Maths if A Level Maths not chosen
Drama & Theatre	A-Level	Edexcel	40% exam 30% coursework 30% practical		
Economics	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths	
English Language	A-Level	AQA	80% exam 20% coursework	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature	
English Literature	A-Level	Edexcel	80% exam 20% coursework	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature	
Film Studies	A-Level	EDUQAS	70% exam 30% non-examined assessment		
Further Maths	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	Grade 8 in GCSE Maths	This course is equivalent to 2 A-Levels and students must choose 2 other subjects to study alongside this. * Students who achieve well on the AS Further

					Maths course in their first year as well as thriving on their other three A Levels, will be allowed to take the A Level Further Maths into the second year as their 4 th subject.
Geography	A-Level	Edexcel	80% exam 20% coursework	Grade 5 in an essay based subject	A minimum of a grade 4 in Geography is required if this has been taken at GCSE
Geology	A-Level	Eduqas	100% exam	Grade 55 in GCSE Combined Science/Separate Sciences and grade 5 in GCSE Maths	
History	A-Level	Edexcel	80% exam 20% non-examined assessment	Grade 5 in an essay based subject	A minimum of a grade 4 in History is required if this has been taken at GCSE
Law	A-Level	AQA	100% exam		
Maths	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths	
Media Studies	A Level	EDUQAS	70% exam, 30% coursework		
Physics	A-Level	OCR	100% exam	Option 1: Physics as a standalone Science combined with 2 other non Science subjects: - Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science (or 66 in separate sciences one of which must be Physics) - Grade 7 in GCSE Maths. Option 2: Physics combined with another Science A-Level: - Grade 67 in GCSE Combined Science (or 67 in separate sciences one of which must be Physics) - Grade 7 in GCSE Maths.	Physics MUST be studied alongside A Level Maths
Politics	A-Level	Edexcel	100% exam	Grade 5 in an essay based subject	
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% exam		
Psychology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	GCSE grade 4 in Maths	

Sociology	A-Level	AQA	100% exam	Grade 5 in an essay based subject	
Spanish	A-Level	EDUQAS	100% exam	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish or native speaker	

VOCATIONAL A LEVEL EQUIVALENTS (Ext Certs/AAQs/V Levels)

Subject	Qual type	Exam board	Assessment	Subject specific entry requirements	Additional information
Applied Science	Level 3 AAQ BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	4 mandatory units, of which 3 are externally assessed.	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths plus Grade 4 in GCSE Science	This course cannot be studied alongside A-Level Science subjects
Business	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment		
Criminology	Applied Diploma	Eduqas	50% exam 50% controlled assessment		
Dance (Performance)	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	Mix of internal and external assessment	Students will be invited to attend a dance audition and should demonstrate some dance experience/ability	
Digital Games Production	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	1 exam and 4 internal units	Grade 4 in Maths is desirable	
Digital Systems and Data	V Level	Pearson	TBC	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths	Specification coming soon
Education	V-Level	Pearson	TBC		Specification coming soon
Health & Social Care	Level 3 AAQ BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	There are 4 units on this course 2 mandatory and 2 external		
Law	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	58% exam 42% non-examined assessment		
Medical Science	Level 3 AAQ BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	4 mandatory units, of which 3 are externally assessed.	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths plus Grade 4 in GCSE Science	This course is not suitable for students wishing to progress in to medicine. Students taking A Level Chemistry are advised to choose A-Level Biology and not Medical Science (if

					have met the ECs) to support their progression.
Music Performance	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	Mix of internal and external assessment	GCSE or Level 2 BTEC music is NOT necessary for this course. All musicians are welcome to audition	
Music Production	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	33% exam 67% non-examined assessment		
Public Services	Level 3 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate	NCFE	100% internal assessment		
Sport - Sport & Exercise Science	Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate	Edexcel	100% Internal assessment	Grade 54 in GCSE Combined Science (or 1 x5 and 1 x4 in separate sciences one of which must be Biology).	
Sport - Sport Studies	Level 3 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate	NCFE	100% Internal assessment		

T LEVELS

Subject	Qual type	Exam board	Assessment	Additional information
Cyber Security	T Level	Edexcel	315 hrs work placement, examinations and practical assignments	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths
Education & Early Years)	T Level	NCFE	750 hrs work placement, examinations and practical assignments	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths
Health (Adult nursing)	T Level	Edexcel	315 hrs work placement, examinations and practical assignments	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language, GCSE Maths and GCSE Science

VOCATIONAL – EXTENDED DIPLOMAS (equivalent to 3 A-Levels and studied as a standalone qualification)

Subject	Qual type	Exam board	Assessment	Additional information
Occupational entry in Social Care	CACHE Technical Diploma	NCFE	Internal assignments and practical work/work placement	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and a 3 in GCSE Maths
Public Services	Extended Diploma	NCFE	Internal assignments and practical work	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and a 3 in GCSE Maths
Sports Coaching & Development	Extended Diploma	Edexcel	Internal assignments and practical work/work placement	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and a 3 in GCSE Maths
Sports Coaching & Development (Football) - in partnership with CITC)	Extended Diploma	Edexcel	Internal assignments and practical work/work placement	4 GCSEs* at grade 4. Grade 4 required in GCSE English Language and a 3 in GCSE Maths <i>Applicants will need to discuss this course with the CITC team to check suitability</i>

OPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Course	Course type	Exam board	Additional information
Core Maths	Level 3 Certificate	AQA	This optional qualification (equiv to 1 AS Level) can be studied alongside A-Levels in a students first year. This qualification would suit students choosing to study Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Applied Science, Accounting, Economics and Business (or any course with a Maths element except A-level Maths/F Maths).
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Level 3 EPQ	AQA	The EPQ is an additional qualification studied in a students second year, equivalent to 1 AS Level, that allows you to develop your personal interest in a topic or area that interests you.