

Biddenham International School & Sports College

Sixth Form - Additional Course Entry Requirements

Courses	Additional Course Entry Requirements
16-19 Level 3 Courses GCE (A level)	
GCE Art, Craft and Design	Art, Graphics or Textiles GCSE at grade 4 or above. Students who have not studied Art for 12 months or more will need to complete a portfolio of tasks which would be independently assessed.
GCE Biology	GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above. (Students with a 5 should speak to SS/SGM) Combined Science GCSE or Biology GCSE at grade 6 or above. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Chemistry	GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above. (Students with a 5 should speak to SS/SGM) Combined Science GCSE or Chemistry GCSE at grade 6 or above. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Computer Science	Physics or Chemistry GCSE at grade 6 or above <u>AND</u> Maths GCSE at grade 6 or above. OR Computing GCSE at grade 5 or above.
GCE Dance	Dance GCSE at grade 5 or above OR appropriate relevant Dance experience assessed by audition where necessary.
GCE Drama	Drama GCSE at grade 5 or above OR appropriate relevant Drama experience assessed by audition where necessary.
GCE English Literature	English Language and Literature GCSE, both at grade 5 or above. Students who achieve grade 4 will be considered on an individual basis.
GCE French	French GCSE at grade 6 or above.
GCE Geography	16-19 Level 3 course entry requirements ideally including GCSE Geography at 5 or above. Students who achieve grade 4 will be considered on an individual basis.
GCE German	German GCSE at grade 6 or above.
GCE Graphic Design	Design Technology GCSE, Art & Design GCSE, Textiles GCSE at grade 4 or above. English GCSE (Language or Literature) at grade 5 or above Students who have not studied one of these subjects for 12 months or more will need to complete a portfolio of tasks which would be independently assessed.
GCE History	16-19 Level 3 course entry requirements ideally including GCSE History at 4 or above if taken. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Law	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.
GCE Mathematics	Maths GCSE at grade 7 or above.
GCE Core Maths	Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.
GCE Further Mathematics	Maths GCSE at grade 8 or above.
GCE Media Studies	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.

GCE Photography	Preferably Art related GCSE at grade 4 or above, or evidence of own creative work. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above. NB: Students must provide their own camera.
GCE Physics	Maths GCSE at grade 7 or above. (Students with a 6 should speak to SS/SGM) Combined Science GCSE or Physics GCSE at grade 6 or above. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Politics	16-19 Level 3 course entry requirements ideally including an essay-based GCSE, for example History or Geography, at grade 4 or above. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Psychology	Maths grade 4 and a Science/Biology at grade 5 or above. English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Religious Studies	GCSE Religious Studies at grade 4 or above English Language or Literature at grade 5 or above.
GCE Sociology	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.
GCE Spanish	Spanish GCSE at grade 6 or above.

Courses (continued)	Additional Course Entry Requirements
Applied Courses	Course Entry Requirements
BTEC Business	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.
BTEC IT	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.
WJEC Level 3 in Criminology	16-19 Level 3 Course entry requirements.
BTEC Sport	PE GCSE at grade 4 or above. OR Dance GCSE at grade 4 or above. If no PE/Dance then a Science at 4 or above.
Cambridge Technical in Health & Social Care	16-19 Level 3 course entry requirements and at least 4-3 in Combined Science

Sixth Form Courses Available

At Biddenham, we pride ourselves on our successful UCAS programme with the majority of our students leaving school with good qualifications and places at quality Universities.

If insufficient students choose particular options, we may be unable to run the classes. We may need to limit the number of students admitted to particular classes for education or health and safety reasons. We reserve the right to rearrange the option choices if we feel this will improve the curriculum for a greater number of students.

The school gives no guarantee at this stage that all possible subject combinations will, in fact, be available. Consequently, students are urged to include a 'fifth option' which they would be happy to take if their first four preferences cannot be accommodated, especially if they are undecided between subjects and/or if they do not obtain results that enable them to study one of their original four choices.

16-19 LEVEL 2 COURSE (a timetable will be created with the student on Enrolment Day)

This course is for students who have achieved a minimum Grade 3 in English and Maths, along with a minimum of four other Level 2 qualifications at grade 2 or above.

The aim of the Level 2 Course is for the students to improve their suite of GCSE and/or BTEC Level 2 qualifications in order to progress to GCE (A Level) and/or BTEC Level 3 qualifications.

16-19 LEVEL 3 (Select 4 subjects)

This course is for students who have achieved either;

- Grade 4 English Language and Maths qualifications and a minimum of 3 other Level 2 qualifications at Grade 4 or above.
- OR
 - Grade 4 English Language and a minimum of 6 other Level 2 qualifications at Grade 4 or above.

The aim of the Level 3 Course is for students to develop their academic knowledge to fully prepare themselves for further study, post-18, apprenticeships or the world of work.