

A LEVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (for September 2026)

Subject	Minimum Requirements (if studied at GCSE)	Alternative Minimum Requirements (if not studied at GCSE)
Art and Design	GCSE Art and Design, grade 6	A portfolio of artwork to be assessed by the Head of Art and Design, in line with GCSE grade 6 criteria
Biology	GCSE Biology, grade 6 or GCSE Combined Science, grade 7,6; and GCSE Mathematics, grade 5	
Business Studies	GCSE Business Studies, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Chemistry	GCSE Chemistry, grade 6 or GCSE Combined Science, grade 7,7; and GCSE Mathematics, grade 6	
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science, grade 6	GCSE Mathematics, grade 6
Design and Technology	GCSE Product Design, grade 6 and GCSE Mathematics, grade 5	GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Textiles, GCSE Graphic Design, GCSE Engineering, or GCSE Art, grade 6. and GCSE Mathematics, grade 5
Economics	GCSE Economics, grade 6	GCSE Mathematics, grade 6 and GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
English Literature	GCSE English Literature, grade 6	GCSE English Language, grade 6
Geography	GCSE Geography, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
History	GCSE History, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Law	GCSE Law, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics, grade 7	
Further Mathematics	GCSE Further Mathematics, grade 7 and GCSE Mathematics, grade 7	GCSE Mathematics, grade 8
Music	GCSE Music, grade 6 and ABRSM grade 4 standard in chosen instrument or voice	ABRSM grade 4 (exam) in chosen instrument or voice
Physical Education	GCSE Physical Education, grade 6 and GCSE in any science, grade 5	GCSE in any science, grade 5 or Combined Science, grade 5,5
Physics	GCSE Physics, grade 6 or GCSE Combined Science, grade 7,7; and GCSE Mathematics, grade 6	
Psychology	GCSE Psychology, grade 6	GCSE in any science, grade 5 or Combined Science, grade 5,5; and GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Religious Studies	GCSE Religious Studies, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Sociology	GCSE Sociology, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Classical Civilisation*		GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Drama and Theatre Studies*	GCSE Drama, grade 6	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
French*	GCSE French, grade 6	
Photography*		GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5 and a portfolio of artwork to be assessed by the Head of Art and Design, in line with GCSE grade 6 criteria

*These subjects are currently taught entirely at Spalding High School, so please refer to the SHS website for more course information.

Enrichment Subject	Minimum Requirements
AS Politics	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Core Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics, grade 6
AS Criminology	GCSE English Language or Literature, grade 5
Sports Leaders	There are no special entry requirements for this subject; however, an enthusiasm for sport would be advantageous.
EPQ	GCSE English Language, grade 6
Young Enterprise	There are no special entry requirements for this subject; however, an interest in business would be advantageous.