

Subject Entry Requirements

Please see the table below for entry requirements at GCSE. We know from experience that to be successful on most traditional A Level & Btec courses you will need **five or more grade 4's- 9 at GCSE** (including English Language and Maths). However, some A Level subjects may require a grade 5 or 6 at GCSE. **Please see additional entry requirements in the table below.** For some of you, our successful vocational courses will be the best route to success. You should base your choice on your predicted grades, your career ambitions and what you enjoy doing.

For most courses there will be no external exams in Year 12 therefore students are committing to two years of study in each subject with most external exams at the end of Year 13. Students will also choose an enrichment option at a later stage. The table below gives you a summary of the entry requirement for each subject. Use this to indicate which subjects you may like to study. For more information about each subject, please refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus on the school website www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk.

Please remember that courses will only run if there is sufficient uptake. Late applicants may find that they have a restricted choice of subjects based on class size. On the application form students **will choose 3 subjects plus a reserve choice.** *Students will also need to choose from EPQ, Sports Leader Award or Core Maths.*

Subject	Qualification type	Additional entry requirements
Applied Science	Btec	Five GCSE's at grade 4 and/or Btec qualifications at level 2 Pass. A grade 4 in a GCSE Science qualification or equivalent would be advantageous.
Art, Craft and Design	A Level	A recommendation of a grade 5 in Art, Photography, Graphics, Textiles or media GCSE or well-developed art skills.
Biology	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Biology or a grade 6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Business	Btec	A grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English or equivalent. You do not need to have studied GCSE Business Studies but an interest in how businesses operate would be an advantage.
Chemistry	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or a grade 6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Design and Technology: Product Design	A Level	A recommendation of a grade 4 in GCSE product Design or equivalent or well-developed relevant skills. A strong grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths is required.
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE Drama or equivalent qualification or a proven outside interest in this area. Willingness to engage in extra-curricular drama is also very important.
English Language	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE English language. A passion for reading, both fiction and non-fiction is essential, an interest in creative writing, media and popular authors is also important.
English Literature	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE English Literature. A passion for reading classic and modern literature is essential.
Fine Art (with a photography focus)	A Level	A recommendation of a grade 5 in Art, Photography, Graphics, Textiles or media GCSE or well-developed art skills.
Food Science and Nutrition	WJEC Diploma L3	There are no formal requirements for this course however relevant GCSE qualifications at grade 4 will aid understanding and progress. For example, prior knowledge from subjects studies such as Food Preparation and Nutrition, level 2 Hospitality and Catering, Science or PE will support progression.
French	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE French or equivalent.
Geography	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE Geography or equivalent. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Health and Social Care	Cambridge Tech Ext Certificate L3	There are no formal requirements for this course however a grade 4 in GCSE Health & Social Care, Science or Child Care will aid understanding and progress.
History	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE History or equivalent.

ICT	Cambridge Tech Ext Certificate L3	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 4 in GCSE English. You do not need to have studied GCSE ICT or computing.
Law	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 4 in GCSE English as this is an essay based subject.
Mathematics	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a strong grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
Media Studies	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 4 in GCSE English. A passion for media is important, you will be expected to draw on your own experiences.
Music	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE music or other relevant music qualifications for example instrumental performance at grade 5 or music theory at grade 5.
Music Performance	Btec	A grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English or equivalent. You do not need to have studied GCSE Music but you should have an interest in music performance.
Performance Acting	Btec	A grade 4 in a relevant qualification although a GCSE in Drama is not an essential requirement. A willingness to engage in extra-curricular drama is also very important.
Physical Education	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE PE or equivalent qualification. Students must also play competitive sport outside of school (on the approved list – please Mr Threlkeld). This is vital for the NEA aspect of the course. Students who do not have GCSE PE should discuss course content with staff.
Physics	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Physics or a grade 6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Psychology	A Level	It is recommended that students have a good pass in Maths at GCSE. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Religious Studies	A Level	It is recommended that students have a grade 5 in RE GCSE or equivalent qualification or English Lang at grade 5.
Sociology	A Level	A grade 4 in English Language at GCSE will be very useful as this is an essay based subject.
Spanish	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
Sport	Btec	Five GCSE's at grade 4 and/or Btec qualifications at level 2 Pass. Some prior knowledge of sport will be advantageous although students do not need to have studied GCSE PE.
Travel and Tourism	Btec	Five GCSE's at grade 4 and/or Btec qualifications at level 2 Pass. An interest in the travel industry would be advantageous.
Students will also be required to choose from one of the following;		
EPQ	AS Level	The Extended Project allows you to study a topic based on an area of personal interest or activity outside your main programme of study. Your project will be based on a topic chosen by you and agreed by staff. There are no set entry requirements for EPQ.
Sports Leadership	SL2 & HSL3	These qualifications are designed to use sport and physical activity to help young people develop and hone their leadership skills whilst helping themselves and others stay physically active. An interest in Sport will help progression.
Core Maths	AS Level	It is recommended that students studying A levels where Maths skills are an important part of the syllabus study AS Core Maths in addition to their 3 choices. These subjects include: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Geography.