BSV Entry Criteria 2026

Students will need an average of grade 4.5 to join BSV Sixth Form. The APS determines a student's pathway and the subjects they can choose.

Pathway 1 - APS 4.5 - 4.9 - Students should choose the equivalent of three subjects of which at least one is a vocational qualification e.g. a BTEC or a CTEC qualification.

Pathway 2 - APS 5 - 5.9 - Students can choose three A Level qualifications excluding biology, chemistry and physics.

Pathway 3 - APS 6+ - Students can choose any three A Level qualifications.

Pathway 4 - APS 7+ - Students can choose any four A Level qualifications (however, it is only advisable to choose further maths as a 4th A Level).

Subject specific entry criteria

Students are expected to meet the consortium entrance requirements and achieve the following qualifications in individual subjects

Subject	*Where subject studied at key stage 4*	*Alternative where subject not studied at key stage 4*
Applied Science AAQ	- A grade 5+ in GCSE Physics, Chemistry or Biology or 5-6 in Combined Science - AND a grade 5+ in GCSE Maths - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English	
Art / Photography / Textiles	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Art, GCSE Photography, or GCSE Textiles	- At the discretion of the school - portfolio of evidence at the point of application
Biology	- An APS of 6+ - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Biology or GCSE Combined Science (6-6) - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths	
CTEC Sport	- A grade 4+ in GCSE PE or a level 2 pass+ in CNAT Sport - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English	- A grade 4+ in GCSE English
BTEC Business	- A grade 4+ in GCSE Business, Economics or a level 2 pass+ in CNAT Business & Enterprise - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE Maths	- A grade 4+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE Maths
BTEC Creative Digital Media Production	- A grade 4+ in GCSE Media or a level 2 pass+ in CNAT Media. - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English	- A grade 4+ in GCSE English
Business	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Business or Economics or a level 2 merit+ in Business & Enterprise	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths
Chemistry	- An APS of 6+ - A grade 6+ in GCSE Chemistry or GCSE Combined Science (6-6) - AND a grade 6+ GCSE Maths	
Computer Science	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Computer Science or a level 2 merit+ in CNAT IT. - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Maths
CTEC Computing/ICT	- A grade 4+ in GCSE Computer Science or a level 2 pass+ in CNAT ICT. - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English	- A grade 4+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE Maths
Dance	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Dance or a level 2 merit+ in BTEC Dance. - AND a grade 5+ in GCSE English - AND regular dance performance	- At the discretion of the school - portfolio of evidence at the point of application
Drama	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Drama - AND a grade 5+ in GCSE English	- At the discretion of the school - portfolio of evidence at the point of application
Economics / Economics & Business	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Business or Economics or a level 2 merit+ in Business & Enterprise - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths
English Language	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English	
English Literature	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English Language - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE English Literature	

Food, Science & Nutrition Level 3	- A grade 4+ in GCSE Food - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE English	- A grade 4+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 4+ in GCSE Maths
French / German / Spanish	- A grade 6+ in GCSE French, GCSE German or GCSE Spanish	
Further Maths	- A grade 7+ in GCSE Maths - Can only be studied alongside A Level Maths as a 4th A Level	
Geography	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Geography	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths
History	- A grade 6+ in GCSE History	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths
Law		- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in any GCSE Humanities subject
Maths	- A grade 7+ in GCSE Maths	
Media Studies	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Media or a level 2 merit+ in BTEC Media	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English
Music	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Music - AND a grade 5+ in a musical instrument/voice	
Music Technology	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Music	
P.E.	- A grade 6+ in GCSE PE (theory) or a level 2 merit+ in CNAT Sport - AND regular coaching and/or sports performance	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths - AND regular coaching and/or sports performance
Philosophy & Ethics	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Religious Studies or GCSE Philosophy & Ethics	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in any GCSE Humanities subject
Physics	- An APS of 6+ - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Physics or GCSE Combined Science (6-6) - AND a grade 7+ in GCSE Maths - AND can only be studied alongside A Level Maths	
Politics		- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in any GCSE Humanities subject
Product Design	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Design & Technology	
Psychology	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Psychology	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English - AND a grade 6+ in GCSE Maths or GCSE Combined Science (6-5+) or GCSE Physics, Chemistry or Biology
Sociology	- A grade 6+ in GCSE Sociology	- A grade 6+ in GCSE English

One of the following subjects can be taken as an additional qualification to three subjects from the list above

Subject	Minimum Grades Required	
Mathematical Studies/Core Maths (worth an AS Level)	- A grade 5+ in GCSE Maths	
AS Further Maths	- A grade 7+ in GCSE Maths	
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