

# AS/A Level 2025/26 Entry Requirements



<b>Key</b>	<b>1</b> Board (exam board may be subject to change)	<b>7</b> Core/Additional Science - Higher Tier	<b>N</b> Neath College
	<b>2</b> Campus	<b>8</b> Triple Award Science (CH/PH/B)	
	<b>3</b> 6 GCSE Grade C (Minimum Requirement)	<b>9</b> GCSE (Related Subject)	<b>•</b> Essential
	<b>4</b> English Language C	<b>10</b> L2 Cert/Ex Cert (2 GCSE A*-C)	<b>M/D</b> Merit/Distinction
	<b>5</b> Welsh C (A Short Course†)	<b>11</b> First/L2 Diploma (4 GCSE A*-C)	
	<b>6</b> Maths C (Higher Tier for FM/M*)	<b>12</b> Additional Information	

Accepted as equivalent to GCSEs as part of the entry requirement.

SUBJECT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<b>ANCIENT HISTORY</b>	OCR	N	•	•					C	M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English.	
<b>APPLIED SCIENCE</b> (Extended Diploma, 3 A Levels Equivalent)	Edexcel	N	5	•	•	C/C	C/C/C			M/D	M/D	5 GCSEs at grade A-C, including C grades in Double Science and Maths.	
<b>APPLIED SCIENCE</b> (Extended Certificate, 1 A Level Equivalent)	Edexcel	N	•	•	•	C/C	C/C/C			M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade A-C, including C grades in Double Science and Maths.	
<b>BIOLOGY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	B	B/B	B/B/B			M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE Maths Higher/Intermediate Tier Grade B recommended and Higher Tier Additional/Triple Science grade B required.	
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES (Single)</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	•					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and Maths. Grade B English Language desirable.	
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	B	B/B	B/B/B			M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and Maths. GCSE Maths Higher/Intermediate Tier grade B required and Higher Tier Additional/Triple Science grade B required.	
<b>COMPUTER SCIENCE</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	B					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including Maths (at grade B or above) and English Language (at grade C or above).	
<b>CRIMINOLOGY (Cert/Dip)</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. No prior knowledge of subject required.	
<b>DANCE</b>	AQA	N	•	•	#			#		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. Prior dance experience desirable.	
<b>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	•					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at C or above to include Maths and English.	
<b>DRAMA &amp; THEATRE STUDIES</b>	WJEC	N	•	•						M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English.	
<b>ECONOMICS</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	B					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language and a B grade in Maths.	
<b>ENGLISH LANGUAGE</b>	WJEC	N	•	B	#					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. GCSE English Language Grade B and GCSE English Literature Grade C desirable.	
<b>ENGLISH LITERATURE</b>	WJEC	N	•	B	#					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE English Language grade B required and a B in English Literature is desirable.	
<b>ENGLISH LANG/LIT</b>	WJEC	N	•	B	#			B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. Grade B in GCSE English Language is required and a grade B in English Literature is desirable.	
<b>FILM STUDIES</b>	Eduqas	N	•	•						M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English.	
<b>FINE ART</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English, GCSE Art and Design Grade B desirable.	
<b>FRENCH</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE French Grade B is desirable.	
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	•			C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and Maths. A grade B in English Language is desirable.	
<b>GERMAN</b>	WJEC	N	•	B				C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE English Language grade B is required. GCSE German grade C is desirable.	
<b>GOVERNMENT &amp; POLITICS</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE English Language grade B is desirable.	
<b>GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE Art or GCSE Graphics recommended.	
<b>HEALTH/SOCIAL CARE</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Science.	
<b>HISTORY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE English Language grade B is desirable.	
<b>LAW</b>	WJEC	N	•	B						M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. GCSE English Language grade B required.	
<b>MATHS*</b>	WJEC	N	•	#	B					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Higher/Intermediate Tier GCSE Maths Grade B and GCSE Numeracy Grade C recommended.	
<b>MATHS FURTHER*</b>	WJEC	N	•	#	A					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Higher Tier GCSE Maths Grade A required and Grade A* recommended.	
<b>MEDIA STUDIES</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				•		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. GCSE in either Graphic Design, Art & Design, IT or Media Studies mandatory.	
<b>MUSIC</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			B		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Performance on instrument or voice minimum grade 5/working towards grade 5 Theory. Ability to read music notation essential. GCSE Music Grade B.	
<b>PHOTOGRAPHY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			C	D	M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. GCSE Art/Graphics/D&T required.	
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#	B/B	B/B/B	B		M/D	D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Strong practical skills in one sport and coaching experience required.	
<b>PHYSICS</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	B	B/B	B/B/B			M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Higher/Intermediate Tier GCSE Maths Grade B required and Higher Tier Additional/Triple Science Grade B required.	
<b>PSYCHOLOGY</b>	WJEC	N	•	B	C	C/C	C/C/C			M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Minimum GCSE English Language grade B, GCSE Maths grade C and Biology Grade C.	
<b>RELIGIOUS STUDIES</b>	WJEC	N	•	•						M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Grade C or above in GCSE English Language/Literature is required.	
<b>SOCIOLOGY</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#					M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English.	
<b>SPANISH</b>	WJEC	N	•	•				•		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above. Grade B in GCSE Welsh/French/German highly recommended. No previous knowledge of Spanish at GCSE is required	
<b>TEXTILES</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including English. GCSE Textiles or Art essential.	
<b>THREE DIMENSIONAL DESIGN</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including English. GCSE 3D or Art essential.	
<b>TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM (Cert/Dip)</b>	WJEC	N	•	•						M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English. No previous travel and tourism experience required.	
<b>WELSH SECOND LANGUAGE</b>	WJEC	N	•	•	#			C		M/D	M/D	6 GCSEs at grade C or above, including Welsh 2nd Language.	

# L3 Vocational Entry Requirements

## Advice Chart 2025/26



Levels relate to the whole Group provision - please check prospectus/website for campus specific details.

### Key

- # Desirable
- Essential
- M/D Merit/Distinction
- ED Extended Diploma
- \* Subject to Validation

Subject	Board	WBQ KS4 National (A*-C)	SCC - Skills Challenge Certificate	4 GCSE Grade C (Minimum Requirement)	5 GCSE Grade C (Minimum Requirement)	6 GCSE Grade C (Minimum Requirement)	English Language: C Grade	Welsh: C Grade	Maths/Maths (Numeracy) C Grade	Core/Additional Science	Triple Award Science (CH/PH/B)	GCSE PE/French/History/Geography/RE/Music	GCSE IT/Art & Design (Related Subject)	L2 Award (GCSE A*-C)	L2 CERT/EX CERT (2/3 GCSE A*-C)	L2 DIPLOMA (4 GCSE A*-C)	PORTFOLIO	AUDITION	INTERVIEW
<b>BTEC L3 ED BUSINESS</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•	#	•					M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>BTEC L3 ED TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM</b>	NCFE	•		•	•	•	•	#	•					M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>L3 ED HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL CARE</b>	WJEC	•		•	•	•	•	#	•	#				M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>L3 CHILDREN'S CARE PLAY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	WJEC	•		•	•	•	•	#	•					M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>BTEC L3 ED CONSTRUCTION</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•	#	•	C/C	C/C/C/C			M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>L3 ED ART &amp; DESIGN</b>	UAL	•		•	•	•	•		•				•	M/D	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>UAL L3 ED PERFORMING ARTS</b>	UAL	•		•	•	•	•		#				•	M/D	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>BTEC L3 ED MUSIC</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•		#				•	M/D	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>UAL L3 ED PRODUCTION ARTS</b>	UAL	•		•	•	•	•	#	#				•	M/D	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>BTEC L3 ED ENGINEERING</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•	#	•	C/C	C/C/C/C		#	M/D	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>L3 DIP HORTICULTURE</b>	C&G	•		•	#	#	#	#	#					PASS	PASS	PASS			
<b>BTEC L3 ED APPLIED SCIENCE</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•	#	•	C/C	C/C/C/C		#	M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>NCFE L3 ED SPORT (SCD)</b>	NCFE	•		•	•	•	#	#	#					M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>NCFE L3 ED SPORT (E)</b>	NCFE	•		•	•	•	#	#	#					M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>NCFE L3 UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>	NCFE	•		•	•	•	•	#	#				#	M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>L3 DIP SPORTS INJURY PREVENTION</b>	VTCT	#		•	•	•	#							PASS	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>L3 ED MEDIA PRODUCTION</b>	UAL	•		•	•	•	•	#	#				#	M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>L3 BEAUTY THERAPY</b>	VTCT	#		•	#	#	#						•	PASS	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>L3 HAIRDRESSING</b>	VTCT	#		•	#	#	#	#	#				•	PASS	M/D	M/D	•		
<b>C&amp;G L3 HOSPITALITY</b>	C&G	•		•	•	#	•	C/C	C/C/C/C			M/D	M/D						
<b>L3 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	PEARSON	•		•	•	•	•		•				#	M/D	M/D	M/D			
<b>C&amp;G L3 ED AGRICULTURE</b>	C&G	•		•	•	•	•	#	#				#	M/D	M/D	M/D			



# GCSE Equivalence Qualifications 2025/26



As part of our entry requirements we do include vocational qualifications that may have been undertaken in school. Students will be required to have achieved a merit/distinction grade profile in these qualifications for them to be considered for entry onto AS qualifications. Please see below a guide of the GCSE equivalence grade for some vocational qualifications which may have been undertaken.

If you have...	You could study...	Then you could progress to...
No formal qualifications but have an enthusiasm for the subject	Entry level qualification	Level 1 qualification
No formal qualifications but must attend an interview	Level 1 qualification	Level 2 qualification or an apprenticeship
Foundation WBQ Passed a number of GCSEs, or a Level 1 qualification	Level 2 qualification, BTEC, Diploma, NVQ	Level 3 qualification, employment, apprenticeship
National WBQ 4/5 GCSEs at A* to C (including Maths and English)	Level 3 qualification, BTEC, NVQ, Diploma	Level 4 qualification, university, employment or a higher apprenticeship
6 GCSEs at A* to C (including Maths, English, Science)	A Levels	Level 4 qualification, university, employment or a higher apprenticeship

## GCSE Equivalent Qualifications Explained

Qualification	Equivalent
NQF BTEC/WJEC Level 2 Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass 1 x C Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Merit 1 x B Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction 1 x A Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction * 1 x A* GCSEs</li> </ul>
NQF/BTEC Level 2 Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass 2 x C Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Merit 2 x B Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction 2 x A Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction * 2 x A* Grade GCSEs</li> </ul>
NQF BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass 3 x C Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Merit 3 x B Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction 3 x A Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction * 3 x A* Grade GCSEs</li> </ul>
NQF/BTEC Diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass 4 x C Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Merit 4 x B Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction 4 x A Grade GCSEs</li> <li>Distinction * 4 x A* Grade GCSEs</li> </ul>
Welsh Baccalaureate National Key Stage 4	3 x A*-C Grade GCSEs including Maths and English
Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation Key Stage 4*	3 x D-G Grade GCSEs including Maths and English