

King Edward VII School - September 2024 Course entry requirements.

Minimum of 5 good GCSE grades (Grade 4 or better). Must include English Language at Grade 4 or better.

All full A Level courses are linear and are examined at the end of Year 13. There are no AS exams at the end of Year 12.

Subjects	Qualification	Board	Course length	Course entry requirements and extra information
Applied Science BTEC	BTEC Level 3 Diploma (2 A Level equivalent)	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 5 in two Sciences and Grade 5 in Maths.
Art and Design (Fine Art)	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in Art, Photography or Graphics or attending an interview with a suitable portfolio of work.
Art and Design (Graphic Communication)	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 Art & Design/Photography/Graphics or Grade 5 in a Design & Technology subject. Some creative BTEC qualifications may also be useful or attending an interview with a suitable portfolio of work
Art and Design (Photography)	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in Art, Photography or Graphics or attending an interview with a suitable portfolio of work.
Art and Design (Textiles)	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in a Design & Technology subject or Grade 5 in Art & Design or attending an interview with a suitable portfolio of work.
Biology	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 6s in Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Biology and Grade 6 in either Chemistry or Physics. Grade 6 in Maths.
Business	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Maths. If you have studied a Business related GCSE you must have attained at least a Grade 5.
Business BTEC	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate (1 A Level equivalent)	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 4 in Maths and English Language. A Business related subject at Grade 4 or BTEC Level 2 merit if previously studied.
Chemistry	A Level	OCR	2 years	Grade 6s in Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry and Grade 6 in either Biology or Physics. Grade 6 in Maths.
Computer Science	A Level	OCR	2 years	Grade 5 in Maths. Grade 5 in Computing, Physics and/or Electronics 5 if previously studied.

Drama and Theatre	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in GCSE Drama or Expressive Arts or Merit in BTEC Level 2 Drama or Expressive Arts. Grade 5 in English Language or Literature. Relevant performance experience where no Drama GCSE/BTEC course has been studied may be accepted after discussion with staff.
Economics	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Maths. If you have studied a Business related GCSE you must have attained at least a Grade 5.
Engineering BTEC	BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma (1.5 A Levels equivalent)	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 4 in English Language and grade 5s in maths and sciences. Level 2 BTEC Merit or better in Engineering will be useful. You will also do an Engineering EPQ worth half an A Level, to make total equivalent to 2 A Levels.
English Language	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 6 in English Language and Grade 5 in English Literature.
English Literature	A Level	OCR	2 years	Grade 6 in English Literature and Grade 5 in English Language.
English Language GCSE Resit	GCSE	AQA	1 year	NO NEED TO SELECT. Compulsory for students with a Grade 4 in English Language – studied alongside Extended Project Qualification in one option block in Year 12 only.
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Level 3 / 0.5 A Level Level 2 / GCSE	AQA	1 year	Students can sign up to take an independent but mentored EPQ in the autumn of Y12. All students with Grade 4 in English Language will be encouraged to take the Level 2 or 3 EPQ course in Year 12.
French	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in GCSE French on the higher tier paper.
Geography	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 at GCSE. If not taken at GCSE a Grade 5 in English and Maths is required.
German	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in GCSE German on the higher tier paper.
Health & Social Care BTEC	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate (1 A Level equivalent) Diploma (2 A Level equivalent)	AQA	2 years	Grade 4 in two Sciences. Level 2 Pass in BTEC Health & Social Care if previously studied.
History	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 at GCSE. If not taken at GCSE a Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.

Maths	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 6 in Maths.
Core Maths	0.4 of an A Level	OCR	1 year	Grade 4 or above in Maths. Designed for students NOT taking Maths A Level. Will complement subjects such as: Engineering, Psychology, Business or Computer Science.
Further Maths	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 8 in Maths.
Maths GCSE Resit	GCSE	Edexcel	1 year	NO NEED TO SELECT. Grade 4 or below in Maths – compulsory for students with a Grade 3 or lower.
Music	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 6 in Music GCSE or ABRSM Grade 5 on an instrument or BTEC Level 2 Merit, ABRSM or equivalent Grade 5 on an instrument / voice and ability to read music notation or an equivalent demonstration of expertise
Physical Education	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in two Sciences. Grade 5 in GCSE PE if taken. Strong interest and regular participation in competitive sport.
Philosophy	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.
Physics	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 6s in Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Physics and Grade 6 in either Chemistry or Biology. Grade 6 in Maths.
Politics	A Level	Edexcel	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and a grade 5 in a Humanities subject.
Product Design	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in a Design & Technology subject or Grade 5 in Art & Design, Graphics or Level 2 Pass in Engineering or attending an interview with a suitable portfolio of work.
Psychology	A Level	OCR	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Maths. Grade 5 in one Science.
Sociology	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Grade 4 in Maths.
Spanish	A Level	AQA	2 years	Grade 5 in GCSE Spanish on the higher tier paper.

Important notes:

These are the courses we plan to run with their entrance criteria. This information may be subject to change.

- Some courses may not run if there are very low numbers.
- There will be 9 lessons in most subjects spread over the 2 years. There will either be 5 lessons in Year 12 and 4 in Y13 or 4 lessons in Year 12 and 5 in Year 13.
- Most subjects will offer an additional MAP period to intervene with those students needing further support.
- Wednesday afternoons will be kept free for all Year 12 students – allowing for a range of enrichment activities: sport, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, support sessions, masterclasses, events at the universities, working with younger students, volunteering etc.
- If courses run with very few students the number of teaching periods may be reduced by one period – to a minimum of 4 periods.
- BTEC courses will have 40% examined content and 60% assignments.
- There will only be ONE group of **BTEC Applied Science**, **BTEC Engineering** and **BTEC Business** in 2024-25 – so numbers will be capped. Places will be allocated and offers made with a waiting list if necessary. The criteria used will be 'aptitude for the course and potential to succeed'.
- There are a range of independent study areas in school, including an extensive library with librarian support. Most areas have IT provision. There is a **textbook for every subject** available on a loan scheme.
- You will find full details of each course in our **prospectus**. See our website: <https://www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk/sixth-form>
- If you have questions about admissions see <https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/> or ask us via e-mail <mailto:p16admissions@kes.sheffield.sch.uk>