

Belfairs Academy Post 16 – Entry requirements

All students must achieve at least a grade 4 in English Language and Maths. In addition to students achieving these grades, GCSE grades in the subjects below must also be obtained to study a particular course.

A Level Subject	GCSE Subject Required	GCSE Minimum Grade required	Notes
3D Design	GCSE Design Technology/Art	Grade 5	Grade 5 or above is preferred although studies in other creative subjects will be considered.
Art & Design	GCSE Art	Grade 5	
Biology	GCSE Triple Biology or GCSE Combined Science GCSE Maths (essential)	Grade 6 Grades 6-6 Grade 5	Grade 6 in GCSE Triple Biology or grades 6-6 in Combined Science.
Business Studies	GCSE English GCSE Maths	Grade 5 Grade 5	
Chemistry	GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Chemistry GCSE Maths (essential)	Grade 6 Grade 6 Grade 5	Grade 6 in GCSE Combined Science or grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry.
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science or GCSE Maths and/or Science	Grade 5 Grade 5	GCSE Computer Science grade 5. GCSE Maths and/or Science grade 5 or above if Computing/Computer Science is not studied at GCSE.
Drama & Theatre	GCSE English	Grade 5	GCSE Drama at grade 5 or above is preferable but not compulsory.
Economics	GCSE Maths GCSE English	Grade 6 Grade 6	
English Language & Literature	GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature	Grade 6 Grade 6	
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Film Studies	GCSE Media/Film Studies GCSE English	Grade 5 Grade 5	
French	GCSE French GCSE English Language	Grade 6 Grade 6	
Geography	GCSE Geography	Grade 4	Admission can be subject to discussion with subject leader if Geography was not previously studied at GCSE.
Graphics	GCSE Photography or Art	Grade 4	Photography or Art GCSE grade 4 or above, or subject to submission of a portfolio if not studied at GCSE.
History	GCSE History GCSE English	Grade 5 Grade 5	Admission can be subject to discussion with subject leader if History was not previously studied at GCSE.
Maths	GCSE Maths	Grade 6	GCSE Statistics is advantageous but not compulsory.
Media Studies	GCSE Media/Film Studies GCSE English	Grade 5 Grade 5	
Photography	GCSE Photography or Art	Grade 5	Photography or Art GCSE grade 5 or above, or subject to submission of a portfolio if not studied at GCSE.
Physical Education	GCSE Biology + Chemistry or Combined Science GCSE PE	Grade 4 Grade 4 Grade 4	Grade 4 in at least two GCSE sciences and at least grade 4 in GCSE PE. Students must also play competitive sport at club level or higher.

Physics	GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Physics GCSE Maths	Grade 6 Grade 6 Grade 6	Grade 6 in GCSE Combined Science or GCSE Physics. Additionally, you must have GCSE Maths at grade 6 and ideally be studying A Level Maths.
Politics	GCSE English Language	Grade 5	Grade 5 in History, or if History is not studied, grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Psychology	GCSE English GCSE Maths	Grade 5 Grade 5	
Religious Studies	GCSE English	Grade 5	
Sociology	GCSE English	Grade 5	Students must have a good standard of English, as this is an essay-based course and will require extended writing.
Spanish	GCSE Spanish GCSE English Language	Grade 6 Grade 6	
Textiles	GCSE Textiles/Design Technology/Art	Grade 5	Grade 5 or above is preferred although studies in other creative subjects will be considered.
BTEC/CTEC Subject (All equivalent to A Level)	GCSE Subject Required	GCSE Minimum Grade required	Notes
Engineering (CTEC)	GCSE Mathematics GCSE Science	Grade 5 Grade 5	Level 2 Engineering is preferable.
Health & Social Care (BTEC)	GCSE English GCSE Science	Grade 5 Grade 5	Merit in Health and Social Care or grade 5 in GCSE English and Science if new to Health and Social Care.
Music BTEC	GCSE English GCSE Maths	Grade 4 Grade 4	Must play an instrument and must have or be willing to take instrumental/vocal tuition preferable to the level of ABRSM Grade 4 or above. A working knowledge of music theory, including the ability to read music notation OR guitar or drum tab. Students must have the desire to perform solo or in groups. GCSE Music not required.
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts	GCSE English GCSE Maths	Grade 4 Grade 4	5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above including English and Maths. Level 2 qualification in Performing Arts or GCSE in Dance/Drama is desirable.
Sports Studies BTEC	GCSE Physical Education Level 2 Sports Studies	Grade 4 Level 2 Pass	It is desirable for students to have an active interest in sport and to be involved in competitive sport, coaching, leadership or volunteering either within school or externally. Students should be willing to participate fully in practical coaching activities, work effectively with others and demonstrate an interest in developing their leadership and coaching skills.
Other Courses	GCSE Subject Required	GCSE Minimum Grade required	Notes
EPQ			All students entering Post 16 on Pathway 1 can be entered for the EPQ at Level 3. Other applications will also be considered upon enrolment.
Core Maths AS Level Equivalence	GCSE Maths	Grade 4	This is not an equivalent award to A Level Mathematics. 1 year course completed in Year 12 is AS Level Equivalent.
GCSE Maths			Only for those who have not achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths.