



THE RIGHT PROGRAMME FOR YOU

Making choices about what to study can often be difficult when faced with so many options including subjects that may be new to you.

When planning your programme you should take into account what your GCSE achievement is likely to be, what you are interested in and how studying a subject may prepare or qualify you for what you want to do after WQE.

We ask that you achieve a certain level of academic attainment in order to enrol at WQE. We have carefully considered our entry requirements and believe that if you achieve these grades you will be well prepared for the challenge of advanced level study and can enrol on your courses with us with confidence.

In addition to the minimum requirements, most subjects have specific entry requirements. To help you make the right choices these are listed within this leaflet. More detailed information on subject content, how it is assessed, what it combines well with and much more can be found on our website or investigated at our Open Day.

The table below summarises the individual subject minimum entry requirements which are in addition to the College's standard entry criteria (see final page for further details). Courses are A level unless otherwise indicated.

More information about each subject, including what you will study and how the course is assessed can be viewed on our website: www.wqe.ac.uk/course

Accounting	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. There is a significant amount of written work so literacy skills are essential.
Art, Fine	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or a suitable portfolio of artwork.
Art, Craft & Design	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or a suitable portfolio of artwork.
Biology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. Grade B or above in Core and Additional Science (Higher Tier) or minimum BBC in individual sciences which should normally include grade B or above in Biology.
Business Studies	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. Confidence with numerical calculation is essential.
Chemistry	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in Mathematics. Grade B or above in Core and Additional Science (Higher Tier) or minimum BBC in individual sciences which should normally include Grade B or above in Chemistry.
Computer Science	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in Mathematics.
Drama & Theatre	Practical performance experience desirable.
Economics	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.
Electronics	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics. Minimum grade CC in GCSE Double Science or minimum grade C in GCSE Physics.
English Language	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature preferred. One grade 5 will be accepted for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs.
English Language & Literature	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature preferred. One grade 5 will be accepted for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs.
English Literature	Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Literature preferred. One grade 5 will be accepted for students who did not have the option to sit two English GCSEs.
Fashion & Textiles	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or a suitable portfolio of artwork.
Film Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
French	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language. Grade B or above in GCSE French (Higher Tier) preferable.
Geography	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. Grade C or above in GCSE Geography or other social science subject.
German	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language. Grade B or above in GCSE German (Higher Tier) preferable.
Government & Politics	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Graphics	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or a suitable portfolio of artwork.

Health & Social Care (Extended Certificate)	This course contains a high volume of coursework so strengths in English, IT skills and organisational skills desirable. <i>Equivalent to one A level.</i>
History	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language. Minimum grade C in GCSE in History (if taken).
History, Ancient	Grade C in GCSE English Language. Minimum grade C in GCSE in History (if taken)
IT (Extended Certificate)	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. <i>Equivalent to one A level.</i>
Law	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Mathematics	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics. Students achieving grade 6 are required to undertake an algebra assessment at enrolment to determine their suitability for the A level course
Maths, Further	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics. A/A* grades in other subjects also required.
Maths (L3 Core)	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. Available to Year 2 students only
Media Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Music	Grade 5 or equivalent on at least one instrument/voice. Minimum grade C in GCSE Music or knowledge of Music Theory to grade 4 minimum
Photography	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or proven experience of Photography
Physical Education	Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. Minimum grade C in GCSE Core and B in Additional Science or grade B in Biology. This is due to the high level of scientific content and diversity of disciplines studied. Proven track record/high standard of practical performance in two sports.
Physics	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in Mathematics. Grade B or above in Core and Additional Science (Higher Tier) or minimum BBC in individual sciences which should normally include grade B or above in Physics.
Product Design	Grade C or above in GCSE Art or Design subject or a suitable portfolio of artwork.
Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE English and Mathematics. Grade CC or above in Core and Additional Science or CC in two individual sciences which should normally include Biology.
Religious Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Sociology	The course demands high volume of essay writing, strengths in English desirable.
Spanish	Grade 5 in GCSE English. Grade B or above in GCSE Spanish (Higher Tier). Applicants with grade C in GCSE Spanish will be considered on an individual basis.
Sports Coaching (Diploma)	Minimum grade C in GCSE Science. Grade C or above in GCSE Physical Education or Merit/Distinction in L2 BTEC Sport. Leadership/Coaching experience is preferable. <i>Equivalent to two A levels.</i>
Sports & Physical Activity (Extended Certificate)	Minimum Grade C in GCSE Science. Grade C or above in GCSE Physical Education or Merit/Distinction in L2 BTEC Sport. Leadership/Coaching experience is preferable. <i>Equivalent to one A level</i>

Your study programme

The vast majority of students at WQE enrol onto a 3 A level (or equivalent programme). There will be the opportunity for a small number of students, including those who are studying Further Mathematics, to take four subjects. These students will have a high prior attainment at GCSE, likely to be a profile consisting of 9/8 (Maths and English) and A*/A grades. Decisions about this type of programme will only be made at enrolment when final GCSE grades are known.

Our published entry criteria for different programmes of study and individual courses ensure that we are able to offer you appropriate courses, which match your interests, needs and capabilities. Sixth Form advanced level study builds upon knowledge and skills gained at school and moves you through academic programmes, which normally culminate in written examinations. Your predicted and actual performance in GCSE examinations is therefore of key interest to us; we need to establish that a foundation of knowledge and skills is in place on which we can help you build for success.

We normally expect you to have achieved good passes in at least six subjects, including a minimum of grade 4 in English Language along with at least five other subjects; usually four at grade C and one at grade B as a minimum. We expect a minimum of grade 3 in Mathematics; subjects with a mathematical content will require a higher grade. The specific entry requirements for individual subjects are detailed on the previous pages. Take time to explore, consider carefully and investigate fully – you need to make the right choice. If in doubt – please ask!

The full Admissions Policy is available on the College website www.wqe.ac.uk

For further information regarding applying to WQE please contact admissions@wqe.ac.uk or telephone 0116 247 2968.

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