

A Levels at Blackfen from 2017

BLACKFEN GENERAL & SUBJECT SPECIFIC GRADE REQUIREMENTS

To study at Level 3 (A Level and BTEC) students require the following grades:

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including Grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language*. Each subject also has specific grade requirements (see detailed entry criteria)

Most students will be asked to select 3 subjects to study at Blackfen, with those who achieve very highly at GCSE offered a 4th.

All level 3 courses will run as 2 year courses. 'A' Level subjects will be examined formally at the end of the second year. BTEC courses will be assessed throughout the duration of the course through a combination of external examinations, externally set coursework and internal coursework assignments.

'A' Level students will be assessed through a PPE (pre-public examination) at the end of Year 12. If a student is failing to meet the required standard they may have their programme of study adjusted.

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

Biology	BB in Core and Additional GCSE Science or BB in single Biology and Chemistry (not BTEC).
Business	B in GCSE Business and grade 5 in Maths
Drama	B in GCSE Drama or BTEC Performing Arts (any pathway) Merit and 5 in GCSE English Literature
Economics	B in GCSE Economics and grade 5 in Maths
English Literature	5 in GCSE English Language AND 5 in GCSE English Literature
Fine Art	B in GCSE Art
French	B in GCSE French
Geography	B in GCSE Geography and grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Government and Politics	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
History	B in GCSE History and grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Law	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Maths	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths
Certificate in Mathematics (AS Core Maths)	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths
Media	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Photography	B in GCSE Photography
Psychology	B in GCSE Core Science and grade 5 in GCSE English Language
RE	B in GCSE RE (Full course) and grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Sociology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language

***Please note any student who does not achieve grade 4 in English Language/Literature or Maths will be required to retake.**