

Wexham Sixth Form Academic and Vocational Pathways 2023-24

	Pathway A		Pathway B	
	A Levels		Selected A Level subjects and BTEC subjects.	
Entry Requirements	GCSE's	5 or more at a grade 5	GCSE's	5 or more at a grade 4
	EM	5 or more in English and Maths	EM	4 in English and Maths*
	Other	See subject specific criteria	Other	See subject specific criteria
Subjects Offered	A Levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Art → Biology → Business Studies → Chemistry → Computer science → English Literature → Economics → French → Geography → Government & politics → History → Maths → Physics → Product Design → Psychology → Sociology → Religious Education 		A Levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Art → Business Studies → Geography → History → Psychology → Product Design → Religious Education → Sociology BTEC Single Awards (broadly equivalent to one A Level): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Information Technology (IT) → Sport → Applied Science → Food Science 	

*Students who do not achieve a Grade 4 in English Language and/or Maths will be required to resit GCSE.

** If you are choosing Science subjects or Maths, you must have achieved in the top 50% of the grade 6 boundary or above. See entry criteria for further details

Progression Pathways

	Pathway A	Pathway B
Post-16 recommended pathway	Progression to Russell Group Universities other universities or higher education providers (e.g. drama schools).	Progression to University or other higher education providers (e.g. drama schools).
Other possible pathways	Apprenticeships which include a progression to Level 6 study (equivalent to an Honours Degree)	Apprenticeships which include a progression to Level 6 study (equivalent to an Honours Degree)
Opportunities in Sixth Form to Guide and Support	EPQ Rugby Centurions Future leaders Careers Fair Apprenticeships Fair UCAS Fair Support with UCAS Process Individual course guidance one to one meeting Full induction programme Staff mentoring Academic mentoring Cambridge University Mentor Use of online learning such as FutureLearn Interview skills Guidance from universities on UCAS and study skills Student finance	EPQ Rugby Centurions Future leaders Careers Fair Apprenticeships Fair UCAS Fair Support with UCAS Process Individual course guidance one to one meeting Full induction programme Staff mentoring Academic mentoring Cambridge University Mentor Use of online learning such as FutureLearn Interview skills Guidance from universities on UCAS and study skills Student finance

*EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) is worth half of an A level. All universities look favourably on an application with an EPQ. Some universities offer unconditional offers if you have an EPQ.

Specific Course Entry Requirements – A Level Subjects 2023-24

To gain entry to the Sixth Form you must fulfil the average point score and GCSE English and Maths requirements outlined on the pathways table **as well as** the following requirements for the subjects listed. If there are no extra requirements mentioned below for a subject, then you will have to meet the entry requirements on the previous page only.

A Levels

A Level Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	<p>In order to study one or more of the Science subjects at A Level, you must achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those students who have completed the triple Science GCSE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a minimum of a grade 6 in two of the Science GCSEs and no less than a grade 5 in the other. You must also have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths. • Those students who have completed the combined Science GCSE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a minimum of a double grade 6. You must also have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
Mathematics	To complete Mathematics A Level you must have achieved at least a grade 6 (top 50% of the grade boundary) at GCSE.
Geography	To study A Level Geography you must have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE Geography.
English Literature	To study English Literature you must have achieved a Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or English Literature.
History	To study A Level History you must have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE History
French	To study A Level French you must have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE French.
Economics	To study A Level Economics you must have achieved a Grade 4 in GCSE Business Studies.
Business	To study A Level Business you must have achieved a Grade 4 in GCSE Business Studies.
Product Design	To study A Level Product Design you must have achieved a Grade 4 in Design and Technology, Art or Media studies.
Government & Politics	To study A Level Government & politics you must have achieved a Grade 5 in a Humanities subjects at GCSE
Sociology	To study A Level Sociology you must have a minimum of a grade 4 in a humanities subject at GCSE
Psychology	To study A Level Psychology you must have achieved a minimum of at least a grade 4 in GCSE Science.
Religious Education	To study A Level RE you must have achieved at least a grade 4 in a humanities subject at GCSE
Art	To study A Level Art you must have achieved grade 4 in Art GCSE or access the course through interview.
Computer Science	To study A Level Computer Science you must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Computer science or Maths.
Extended Project Qualification	To study the EPQ you must have achieved a grade 6 in GCSE English, have strong work ethics and be interested in writing a 5000 word essay based on your independent research.

BTECS

IT Single	To study IT BTEC you must have achieved a Merit or above in Level 2 IT
Sports Single	To study Sports BTEC you must have achieved Merit or above at Level 2
Applied Science	To study Applied Science BTEC you must have achieved a grade 4 in any science or a 4-4 in combined science at GCSE level.
Food Science	To study Food Science BTEC you must have achieved a grade 4 and above in Food Prep, or a 4-4 in combined science at GCSE level.