



# Wexham Sixth Form Entrance & Subject Criteria

From September 2026

Successful students applying to Wexham Sixth Form must perform well across a wide variety of GCSE subjects *including* English and Maths. Both our entrance *and* selected subject criteria must be met for students to be considered for a place at Sixth Form.



## Step 1: Pathways & Entrance Criteria:

Pathway	Advanced Levels +	Advanced Levels	Combination Course
Courses	4 A level subjects (More able students only)	3 A level subjects	3 A level subjects <i>and</i> Applied subjects
Entrance Criteria	5 x 9-7 GCSEs inc. English & Maths <i>and</i> required subject criteria.	5 x 9-4 GCSEs inc. Grade 5 in English & Maths* <i>and</i> required subject criteria.	5 x 9-4 GCSEs inc. Grade 4 in English & Maths* <i>and</i> required subject criteria.

*\*Applicants who do not achieve a Grade 4 in English Language or Maths will be required to resit these GCSEs.*



## Step 2: Subject Criteria:

We offer a total of 20 different Advanced Level (A Level) subjects and 4 Applied subjects, all of which are Level 3 courses taught by subject experts at Wexham School. Success on either A Level or Applied courses could lead to a university degree, degree-level apprenticeship, further training or employment. *Our curriculum offer sets no limits on your future.*

Subject	Type	Subject Specific Criteria
Art	A Level	GCSE Art 4 <i>or</i> Design Technology 4
Biology	A Level	GCSE Biology 6 <i>or</i> Combined Science 6/6
Business	A Level	GCSE Business Studies 4 <i>preferred</i>
Chemistry	A Level	GCSE Chemistry 6 <i>or</i> Combined Science 6/6
Computer Science	A Level	GCSE Computer Science 6 <i>or</i> IT 6
Economics	A Level	GCSE Business 5 <i>or</i> Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5 <i>or</i> RE 6
English Literature	A Level	GCSE English 5/5
French	A Level	GCSE French 5
Further Maths	A Level	GCSE Maths 8
Geography	A Level	GCSE Geography 5
Government & Politics	A Level	GCSE Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5 <i>or</i> RE 6
History	A Level	GCSE History 5
Maths	A Level	GCSE Maths 6
Media Studies	A Level	GCSE Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5 <i>or</i> RE 5 <i>preferred</i>
Photography	A Level	GCSE Photography 4 <i>or</i> Art 4 <i>preferred</i>
Physics	A Level	GCSE Physics 6 <i>or</i> Combined Science 6/6 <i>and</i> Maths 6
Product Design	A Level	GCSE Design & Technology 4 <i>preferred</i>
Psychology	A Level	GCSE Science 5/5 <i>and</i> English 5 <i>or</i> Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5 <i>or</i> RE 5
Religious Studies	A Level	GCSE RE 5 <i>or</i> Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5
Sociology	A Level	GCSE Geography 5 <i>or</i> History 5 <i>or</i> RE 5
Spanish	A Level	GCSE Spanish 5
Food Science	Applied	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition 4 <i>or</i> Science 4/4
Health & Social Care	Applied	GCSE English 4/4 <i>and</i> Maths 4
IT	Applied	GCSE IT 4 <i>preferred</i>
Sport Studies	Applied	GCSE PE 4 <i>or</i> BTEC Level 2 Sport 4 <i>or</i> English 4/4

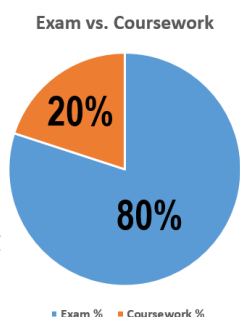
## Making Course & Subject Choices: *Advice for Students*

The tables and diagrams below explain the basic differences in the balance of assessment between coursework and final examinations in the two different types of Level 3 course:

### Advanced Level in History

Total number of examinations	<b>2</b>
Total length of examinations	<b>5 hours</b>

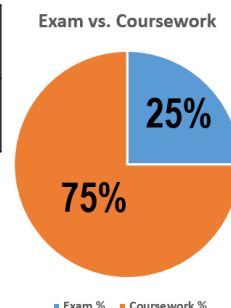
**Advanced** – more rigorous in final assessment. Challenging reading and writing.



### Applied in BTEC Sport

Total number of examinations	<b>1</b>
Total length of examinations	<b>1.5 hours</b>

**Applied** – applies directly to an occupation or skill. Of more practical everyday use than an academic subject.



Think carefully before you choose your subjects. Consider whether your Sixth Form subject choices will complement a career path you might be interested in or already intend to pursue in future. Certain degree courses you may like to study often have compulsory subjects at A-level which you *must* have studied at Sixth Form.



Making the wrong choices now can limit your career options in the future, for example; have you ever heard of a Doctor who didn't study Biology at A Level? No. Why? It is required to apply for a medical degree.

To find out more about future careers the governments' [National Careers Service](#) provides independent and comprehensive information about all manner of careers, salaries, training needs and entry requirements tracing their origins back to Sixth Form subjects.

## Making Course & Subject Choices: *Advice For Parents*

To support your child with their Sixth Form subject choices we highly recommend '[The Parents Guide To](#)' website which contains useful and practical information to help students make post-16 and post-18 decisions about their future.

### Further School Support; Our Offer:

Wexham Sixth Form students benefit from a wide range of additional support to ensure they meet or exceed their potential with us:

Full Induction Programme	Sixth Form Study Areas & Support
Course Guidance	16-19 Bursary (eligible students only)
Extended Project Qualification	Reading University Scholars
Academic Mentoring	Senior Staff Mentoring
UCAS & Apprenticeship Fair	UCAS Application Support
Oxbridge University Mentor	University Interview Skills
Student Finance Support	Results Day Careers Guidance

