



The Swayne Park Sixth Form Subject Entry Requirements September 2026

This table summarises the entry requirements for each Level 3 subject. They ensure that students have the potential to achieve well in their chosen programme of study and subsequently progress into high quality employment or university destinations. Please also see individual Subject Information Sheets for course details.

| A Level Subjects | Entry Requirements |
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| Fine Art | GCSE grade 5 in Art or portfolio review |
| Biology | GCSE Science Grade 6-6 or GCSE Biology Grade 6 |
| Business Studies | GCSE Business Studies Grade 5 or CTEC Business L2 Merit (or English Grade 5 if L2 Business not previously studied) |
| Chemistry | GCSE Science Grade 6-6 or GCSE Chemistry Grade 6 |
| Computer Science | GCSE Computer Science Grade 5 (or GCSE Maths Grade 5 if Computer Science not previously studied) |
| Drama & Theatre Studies | GCSE Drama Grade 5 or BTEC Performing Arts L2 Merit (or GCSE English Literature Grade 5 if Drama not previously studied) |
| Economics | GCSE Maths Grade 5 and GCSE English Language Grade 5 |
| English Literature | GCSE English Literature Grade 5 & GCSE English Language Grade 5 |
| English Language and Literature | GCSE English Language Grade 5 & GCSE English Literature Grade 5 |
| Geography | GCSE Geography Grade 5 (OR GCSE English Language Grade 5 if Geography not previously studied) |
| History | GCSE History Grade 5 (OR GCSE English Language Grade 5 if History not previously studied) |
| 3D Product Design | GCSE DT Grade 5 (or GCSE Maths Grade 5 if DT not previously studied) |
| Maths | GCSE Maths Strong Grade 6 |
| Further Maths | GCSE Maths Grade 7 plus entrance test |
| Media Studies | GCSE Media Studies Grade 5 (or GCSE English Language Grade 5 if Media not previously studied) |
| MFL: French & German | GCSE French and/or German Grade 6 |
| Music | GCSE Music Grade 5 or ABRSM Grade 5 in an instrument |
| PE | GCSE PE Grade 5 (or GCSE Science Grade 5-5 if PE not previously studied) and minimum of club level representation in a competitive sport |
| Physics | GCSE Science 6-6 or GCSE Physics Grade 6, Maths Grade 6 |
| Politics | GCSE English Language Grade 5 GCSE History is useful but not essential. |
| Psychology | GCSE Psychology grade 5 (or English Language Grade 5 and either GCSE Maths Grade 5 or Science grade 5 if Psychology not previously studied) |
| RE: Philosophy and Ethics | GCSE Religious Studies Grade 5 (or GCSE English Grade 5 if RS not previously studied) |
| Sociology | GCSE Sociology grade 5 (Or GCSE English Language Grade 5 if SY not previously studied) |

| L3 Vocational Subjects | Qualification and A Level Weighting | Entry Requirements |
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| CTEC Business Studies | Ext Cert (1) | GCSE English Grade 4, or Business Studies Grade 4 / L2 Pass |
| BTEC Creative Media Practice | Ext Dipl (3) | GCSE English Language Grade 4, or GCSE Maths Grade 4, or Creative iMedia L2 Pass |
| BTEC Medical Science | Ext Cert(1) | GCSE Science Grade 5-5 |
| Health and Social Care BTEC | Ext Cert (1) | GCSE Grade 4 in English, or Health & Social Care L2 Pass |

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