ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2027 POST-16 COURSES AT RICHARD HALE SCHOOL

General Sixth Form Entry Criteria

ACADEMIC ROUTE

A Levels only
5s in Maths & English; minimum of 5.0 average across your GCSEs; 6 in the subject (or a related subject) you want to study, 7 for Maths, 8 for Further Maths.

COMBINED ROUTE

Combination of A Levels and BTEC or Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)
4s in English & Maths, minimum of 4.5 average across your GCSEs.

VOCATIONAL ROUTE

BTEC or AAQ only
4s in English and Maths; minimum of 4.0 average across your GCSEs.

A Level Subject	Subject Specific Entry Criteria at GCSE
Art	Grade 6
Biology	Grade 6 and Maths at Grade 6
Business*	Grade 6 or English Language at Grade 6
Chemistry	Grade 6 and Maths at Grade 6
Computer Science	Grade 6
Drama*	Grade 6 Drama or English Language Grade 5. Extra curricular experience considered if GCSE Drama not taken.
Economics*	Grade 6 and Maths and English also at Grade 6
English Literature	Grade 6
Further Maths	Grade 8
Geography	Grade 6
Geology*	Grade 5 in sciences and Grade 6 in Geography
History	Grade 6
Maths	Grade 7
Media*	Grade 5 in English
MFL	Grade 6 in the language chosen or equivalent
Music	Grade 6 and minimum of Grade 4 performance
Product Design*	Grade 6 or in equivalent qualification (e.g engineering)
PE	Grade 6 with Biology Grade 5 and school level in at least 1 sport
Physics	Grade 6 with Maths at Grade 6
Politics*	Grade 6 in a Humanities subject or equivalent
Psychology*	Grade 6 in English, Biology and Maths
Philosophy & Ethics*	Grade 6 in a Humanities subject or equivalent

Vocational Course	Qualification	Qualification size (equivalent)	Subject Specific Entry Criteria at GCSE
Applied Science	AAQ	1 A Level	Grade 5 in all sciences or 55 in Combined Science
BTEC Sport*	Extended Diploma	3 A Levels	Grade 5 in PE theory and Biology at Grade 5
	Diploma	2 A Levels	
	Extended Certificate	1 A Level	
BTEC Business*	Diploma	2 A Levels	Grade 5 in Business
	Extended Certificate	1 A Level	

*You can take these subjects in the Sixth Form if you haven't previously studied them at GCSE. Details of equivalent subject entry criteria is outlined above.