

Entry to Coombe Sixth Form 2017-2018

A Level course requirements.

- Students must achieve a minimum of 7 A* - C grades, or equivalent numerical grades 9-5, in separate subjects including English Language and Mathematics;
- Further Mathematics or a Modern Foreign Language (for native speakers) only, can be a fourth subject unless a student has achieved an average GCSE score of 6.9 or above. In these circumstances, it may be appropriate, through negotiation, to enrol on 4 A courses.
- Students achieving a GCSE numerical grade 5 in GCSE English will be assessed and may be required to attend compulsory literacy development sessions
- In most cases, we would expect students to complete the EPQ.
- See Appendix A for specific criteria relating to individual subjects;

Level 3 BTEC or OCR National Courses.

- Students must achieve a minimum of 4 A* - C grades, or equivalent numerical grades 9-5 in separate subjects;
- 1 equivalence to a GCSE subject is permissible.
- For all the BTEC level 3 programmes, 4 A*-C, or numerical equivalent grades 9-5, with Mathematics and English a 4 as a minimum grade. Experience shows us that it raises the chances of success if a 5 has been achieved in both English and Mathematics.
- Students without a GCSE numerical grade 4 in Mathematics and/or English Language must continue to work towards this.

See Page 2 for individual subject requirements

Appendix A 'A' Level programme Clarence Avenue Site	2017-2018
Art and Design	B in Art (if taken), alternatively, a portfolio of work must be provided for review by the HoD if the GCSE had not been taken.
Biology	Double Science students: minimum combination of GCSE grade A and B in Core and Additional Science. Triple Science students: minimum combination of GCSE grade A and B grade from the three sciences taken. Minimum of GCSE grade B grade in Biology.
Business Studies	B in Business (if taken).
Chemistry	Double Science students: minimum combination of GCSE grade A and B in Core and Additional Science. Triple Science students: minimum combination of a GCSE grade A and B grade from the three sciences taken. Minimum of a B grade in Chemistry.
Classics	GCSE grade B in a humanities subject plus a 6 in English Language
Computing	GCSE grade B in GCSE computing or an equivalence in another related qualification.
Drama and Theatre Studies.	GCSE grade B or above in Drama. Students who have not taken GCSE Drama or who achieved a C grade at GCSE Drama will be required to undertake a short, unprepared audition and discussion with the Head of Drama.
English Language and Literature	6 GCSE numerical grade in both English Language and English Literature.
English Literature	GCSE numerical grade 6 in both English Language and English Literature.
Economics	GCSE numerical grade 6 in Maths plus 6 in English
Food Technology	GCSE Grade B and above in Food technology (if taken) or related BTEC food course (e.g. catering)(if taken)
French	B GCSE grade in French.
Further Mathematics	GCSE numerical grade 8 in Maths.
Geography	GCSE grade B in Geography, if taken
German	GCSE grade B in German.
Government and Politics	GCSE grade B in History, if taken
History	GCSE grade B in History, if taken
Media Studies	GCSE grade B in Media Studies, if taken.
Music	GCSE grade B in Music and a minimum standard of a pass at Grade 5 (Associated Board or equivalent) on an instrument or voice.
Philosophy and Ethics	GCSE grade B in RS
Photography	GCSE grade C in Art or Media.
Physics	Double Science students: minimum combination of a GCSE grade A and B in Core and Additional Science. Triple Science students: minimum combination of a GCSE grade A and B grade from the three sciences taken. Minimum of a GCSE grade B grade in Physics. Must also take Maths and therefore have a GCSE numerical grade 7 in Maths.
Physical Education	GCSE grade C in PE, if taken, Core science and additional science at GCSE grade A*-C and a B in one, and ability to demonstrate two sports to a good level. Play regularly for a high junior club or above and have gained at least 2 10/10 scores for two different practical activities for GCSE PE (not including personal fitness or personal survival) or hold a level 1 coaching or officiating award in a specific sport.
Product Design	GCSE grade B and above in Product Design/ Graphic Design or Resistant Materials (if taken)
Psychology	GCSE grade B or above in at least two sciences
Maths	GCSE numerical grade 7 in Maths
Sociology	No additional requirements
Spanish	GCSE grade B in Spanish.
Textiles	GCSE Grade B and above in Textiles(if taken), or GCSE grade B and above in a related Tech subject such as Graphics or Art and Design