

BH6 Pools 2025/26

	<i>Pool 1</i>	<i>Pool 2</i>	<i>Pool 3</i>	<i>Pool 4</i>	<i>Enrichment Pool</i> <i>(selected in addition to chosen subjects in Y12)</i>
A-Level (Course tariff 1)	Maths	Chemistry	Biology	Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS Level Further Maths • Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) • Duke of Edinburgh • GCSE English Resit • GCSE Maths Resit • Peer Mentor • Sport • Work Experience
	History	Business Studies	English Literature	Psychology	
	Physical Education	Photography	Computer Science	Geography	
	German	Sociology	Graphics	English Language	
		Art & Textiles			
Other BTEC Courses (Course tariff 1)		BTEC Applied Psychology	BTEC Science**		
BTEC L3 Diploma (Course tariff 2)	Health and Social Care		Business Studies		
	IT				
	Sport				
Work Skills L2 Course (Course tariff 3)	The BTEC Work Skills Level 2 qualification is a recognised employability suite of learning that allows learners to explore employment opportunities and access jobs. It is designed to meet the needs of learners who secured grades 1-3 at GCSE level, who previously studied at BHS.				

**Although it is not expected that the Pools for 2025/26 will change, it remains at the discretion of BH6 that Pools can be changed until the end of September 2025; students would be informed immediately of any changes.*

*** Was BTEC Applied Human Biology*

Entry Requirements 2025/26

A LEVEL COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	
Art and Textiles	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, plus four further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects) including grade 4 in GCSE Art or GCSE Graphics or GCSE Product Design or GCSE Textiles.
Biology	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in Maths GCSE and grade 7 Biology GCSE or Combined Science.
Business Studies	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Maths (you do not need to have studied GCSE Business).
Chemistry	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in Maths GCSE and grade 7 in Chemistry GCSE or Combined Science.
Computer Science	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
English Literature	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
Geography	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature. If GCSE Geography was studied, you must have achieved at least a grade 6.
German	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE German.

Graphics	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, plus four further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects) including grade 4 in GCSE Graphics or GCSE Art or GCSE Product Design or GCSE Textiles.
History	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature. If GCSE History was studied, you must have achieved at least a grade 6.
Mathematics	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 7 in GCSE Maths.
Photography	A minimum of five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE Art or GCSE Graphics or GCSE Product Design and preferably including a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths. However, students with a genuine interest in photography will be considered for the course.
Physical Education	A minimum of five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature and GCSE Maths. (You do not need to have studied GCSE PE, however, good practical sports performance (including regular participation in a club / competition) is essential).
Physics	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in Maths GCSE and grade 7 Physics GCSE or Combined Science.
Psychology	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, a grade 5 in GCSE Biology or Chemistry and a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.
Sociology	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.

BTEC LEVEL 3 COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

National Extended Certificate BTEC Medicine	You must have achieved GCSE grade 4 in GCSE English Language OR English Literature, Maths and either Biology or Combined Science, plus 1 further higher grade pass (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).
National Diploma Business Studies	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths, plus three further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).
National Diploma IT	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths, plus three further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).
National Diploma Sport	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, plus four further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).
National Diploma Health & Social Care	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, plus four further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).
National Extended Certificate Applied Psychology	You must have obtained a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature, plus four further higher grade passes (this includes grade 4 or above in GCSE subjects or Level 2 Pass or above in BTEC subjects).

OTHER COURSES ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Predominately grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in English Language or Literature along with a keen interest in a particular subject area.
AS Further Maths	A minimum of five grade 6s and three grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 8 in GCSE Maths.

- In the event of extenuating circumstances, it remains the discretion of Biddulph High School Sixth Form to adjust entry requirements for 2025/26 on an individual basis or for a cohort.
- It remains the discretion of Biddulph High School Sixth Form to add or remove courses from the curriculum until the end of September 2025.
- In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated based on GCSE results in that particular subject. I would like to reassure you that this scenario is unlikely to be a problem for your son/daughter.

Further information can about the course content can be found on the BH6 website under curriculum.