BH6 Pools 2025/26

		Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4	Enrichment Pool (selected in addition to chosen subjects in Y12)
		Maths	Chemistry	Biology	Physics	
	A-Level	History	Business Studies	English Literature	Psychology	
			Photography	Computer Science	Geography	 AS Level Further Maths Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
	(Course tariff 1)	German	Sociology	Graphics	English	
			Art & Textiles		Language	
			Physical Education			 Duke of Edinburgh GCSE English
	Other BTEC/AAQ Courses (Course tariff 1)			BTEC Applied Psychology	AAQ Human Biology	Resit GCSE Maths Resit Peer Mentor
		Health and Social Care IT				SportWork Experience
	BTEC L3 Diploma (Course tariff 2)			Business Studies		
		Sp	ort			
	Work Skills L2 Course (Course tariff 3)	suite of lea opportunities	Skills Level 2 qualifi rning that allows lea and access jobs. It ured grades 1-3 at (BF	arners to explore en is designed to meet GCSE level, who pre	mployment t the needs of	

*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 Eng 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 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.