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## **Subject: BH6 Sixth Form Subject Pools for September 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers

As we continue to plan for the next academic year, I am pleased to share with you the **BH6 Sixth Form Subject Pools** for students joining us in September 2026.

Firstly, I would like to thank all students and families for the time and thought that has gone into the application process so far. The choices made now are an important step towards future university applications, apprenticeships and employment opportunities, and it is essential that students have given these decisions careful consideration.

The subject pools have been designed following an extensive analysis of student preferences and have been structured to allow as many combinations as possible while ensuring that the curriculum remains both viable and sustainable. Whilst we have worked hard to accommodate students' preferences, there may be occasions where discussions are required if a particular combination is not possible due to exceptionally low uptake or timetabling constraints.

Tomorrow, all Year 11 students will receive a dedicated assembly to mark the beginning of the final phase of the BH6 options window which will be open until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. During this assembly, we will explain how the subject pools have been created, outline the next steps in the process, and provide students with the opportunity to reflect on and finalise their choices. This is an important stage in ensuring that every student selects a programme of study that best supports their future aspirations.

We would encourage all students to take this opportunity to review their choices and ensure they are aligned with their future aspirations. If students are unsure about their next steps or would like to discuss alternative pathways, our Sixth Form and Careers team remains available to offer guidance and support.

The **BH6 Sixth Form Subject Pools and Entry Requirements for September 2026** are detailed below.

As always, our aim is to provide every student with a personalised and ambitious curriculum that enables them to achieve their full potential and move confidently towards their chosen future.

Should you have any questions regarding the subject pools or your child's application, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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## BH6 Pools 2026/27

	<i>Pool 1</i>	<i>Pool 2</i>	<i>Pool 3</i>	<i>Pool 4</i>
<b>A-Level</b> (Course tariff 1)	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Biology</b>
	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Psychology</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Physics</b>
	<b>English Literature</b>	<b>English Language</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Sociology</b>
	<b>PE</b>	<b>Art</b>		<b>Graphics</b>
	<b>Business</b>	<b>Photography</b>		
	<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Music</b>		
<b>Applied BTEC / AAQ Courses</b> (Course tariff 1)		<b>Applied Psychology</b>		<b>Human Applied Biology</b>
<b>BTEC L3 Diploma</b> (Course tariff 2)	<b>Sport</b>  <b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>  <b>IT</b>		<b>Business Studies</b>	
<b>Level 3 T Level</b> (Course tariff 3)	<b>Education and Early Years</b>			
<b>Future Ready Pathway - L2 Course</b> (Course tariff 3)	<b>Future Ready Pathway</b> A dedicated three-year programme for students who achieve a Grade U–2 in English or Maths. Combining Workskills, EPQ, GCSE resits and work experience, it provides a clear route into a Level 3 BTEC qualification in Sport, ICT or Health & Social Care.			



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

<b>A Level Art and Textiles</b>	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. "
<b>A Level Biology</b>	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.
<b>A Level Business</b>	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).
<b>A Level Chemistry</b>	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.
<b>A Level Computer Science</b>	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.
<b>A Level English Language</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
<b>A Level English Literature</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language and English Literature.
<b>A Level Geography</b>	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.
<b>A Level German</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE German.
<b>A Level Graphics</b>	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.
<b>A Level History</b>	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.
<b>A Level Law</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Maths
<b>A Level Mathematics</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.
<b>A Level Music</b>	A minimum of five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE English Language/Literature and Maths, and the ability to play a musical instrument.
<b>A Level Photography</b>	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.
<b>A Level PE</b>	A minimum of five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 5 in GCSE English Language/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).
<b>A Level Physics</b>	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.
<b>A Level Psychology</b>	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.
<b>A Level Sociology</b>	A minimum of three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE including a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature.



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<b>AAQ Applied Human Biology</b>	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).
<b>National Diploma Business Studies</b>	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).
<b>National Diploma IT</b>	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).
<b>National Diploma Sport</b>	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).
<b>National Diploma Health &amp; Social Care</b>	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).
<b>National Extended Certificate Applied Psychology</b>	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).
<b>T Level Education and Early Years</b>	You must have obtained a grade 5 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).