

Coombe Dean School: Post 16 Course entry requirements – Sept. 2026

These are the entry requirements for courses which are delivered at Coombe Dean School. Students must choose to study three courses as a minimum.

To study at Coombe Dean Post-16, students must have achieved at least Grade 4 in both GCSE English and GCSE Maths. This is a core requirement for all courses.

Course	Level	Exam Board	Entry Requirements
Art	A Level	Edexcel	GCSE Grade 6+ in Art, or an equivalent portfolio.
Biology	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 6+ in Sciences and Grade 5+ in Maths.
Business Studies	Cambridge Technical	OCR	GCSE Grade 4+ in English and Maths.
Chemistry	A Level	Edexcel	GCSE Grade 6+ in Sciences and Grade 5+ in Maths.
Computer Science	A Level	OCR	Grade 6+ in Computer Science and GCSE Grade 6+ in Maths
Criminology	Level 3 Diploma	WJEC	GCSE Grade 4+ in English and Maths.
English Literature	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 6+ in English Language and/or Literature.
Film Studies	A Level	Eduqas	GCSE Grade 5+ in English Language or Literature.
Further Maths	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 7+ in Maths.
Geography	A Level	Edexcel	GCSE Grade 6+ in Geography and Grade 5+ in English and Maths.
History	A Level	AQA	Grade 6+ in History and GCSE Grade 5+ in English.
Maths	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 6+ in Maths.
Music	Diploma	RSL	GCSE Music 4+ or successful audition.
Physics	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 6+ in Sciences and Grade 5+ in Maths.
Psychology	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grades 5+ in English and Maths and Grade 6+ in Science.
Sociology	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 5+ in English Language or Literature and Grade 5+ in History or Geography or RS.
Sport	BTEC	Pearson	CNAT Level 2 Merit+ or GCSE PE Grade 5+.

It is possible to combine the study of subjects at Coombe Dean with study of subjects at consortium schools (Hele's and Plymstock). For entry requirements of courses running at these schools, please visit their respective Post 16 website sections.