

Coombe Dean School: Post 16 Course entry requirements – Sept. 2027

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 a minimum of 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at Grade 5 or above. This must include a Grade 4+ in both GCSE English and GCSE Maths. This is a core requirement for entry into Coombe Dean Post-16.

Course	Level	Exam Board	Specific Course Entry Requirements
Art	A Level	Edexcel	GCSE Grade 6+ in Art, or an equivalent portfolio.
Biology	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grade 6+ in Biology or 6-6+ if studying Combined Science and Grade 6+ in Maths.
Business Studies	Cambridge Technical	OCR	GCSE Grade 4+ in English and Maths.
Chemistry	A Level	Edexcel	GCSE Grade 6+ in Chemistry or 6-6+ if studying Combined Science and Grade 6+ 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 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 6+ in English and 5+ Maths.
History	A Level	AQA	Grade 6+ in History and GCSE Grade 6+ 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 Physics or 6-6+ if studying Combined Science and Grade 6+ in Maths.
Psychology	A Level	AQA	GCSE Grades 6+ in English and 5+ Maths with 5+ 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.