

Criteria for Admission to Bellerive Sixth Form

Admittance to the Sixth Form is dependent on appropriate qualifications, suitable course availability, a satisfactory reference and good attendance record. Applications are invited from male and female students across the city.

Qualifications for admission

If you achieve **5 GCSEs at A*- C** you can take AS Levels in Year 12.

If your results are **mostly Cs** you will be advised to take just **3 AS Levels**, otherwise you can take **4 AS Levels**. In addition, each subject has **specific entry requirements**. Some subjects, for example, require a B grade at GCSE. Please see the subject information pages for individual subject requirements.

At the start of Year 13 most students will choose to drop one of their AS Levels and **continue with the remaining 3 to A2 Level**. It is expected that you will achieve a **grade D or higher** in order to progress to A2.

BTEC Qualifications as Entry Criteria to the Sixth Form

Some students will have studied a combination of GCSEs and BTEC qualifications prior to entering Sixth Form. It is expected that a student embarking on AS Level study will have GCSEs in addition to a BTEC qualification.

NB For some courses, a BTEC qualification is **not suitable preparation** for AS Level study. Examples include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. The Head of Sixth Form will provide individual guidance as required.

For the purposes of meeting the criteria for AS Level study, BTEC qualifications are used in the following way:

Level 2 BTEC Diploma

To count as 2 GCSEs if it is in a directly related subject, 1 GCSE if it is not.

For example, a student who has a Level 2 BTEC Diploma in ICT could use this as equivalent to 2 GCSEs towards a programme of AS Levels that included ICT and Business. In addition, they would need a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade C or above.

It would only count as 1 GCSE towards the entry requirement for a programme of AS Levels in any other subjects.

Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate

To count as 1 GCSE if it is in a **directly related** subject.

For example, a student with a Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in ICT could use this as equivalent to 1 GCSE towards the entry requirement for a programme of AS Levels that included ICT. In addition, they would need 4 GCSEs at grade C or above. It would not form part of the entry criteria for other AS Levels.

Each qualification is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. These relate to GCSEs in the following way:

Grade	Equivalence
Pass	C
Merit	B
Distinction	A

