

**Bishop Walsh Catholic School Sixth Form**  
**KS5 Grade Requirements 2024-2025**

**Pathway 1**

- Students will study three A-Level courses
- A minimum of 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including English/Mathematics **and** meeting the subject specific entry requirements.

**Pathway 2**

- Students will study a mixture of three A-Level and Level 3 vocational courses.
- A minimum of 4 GCSE grades 4-9 including English/Mathematics **and** meeting the subject specific entry requirements.

**Pathway 3**

- Students will study three Level 3 vocational courses.
- A minimum of 4 GCSE grades 4-9.
- Students must meet the subject specific entry requirements.

For any pathway, students will be expected to study the following:

- Core RE
- EPQ (grade 4 in English) or Core Maths (grade 4 in Maths)
- Enrichment

Students will also be expected to study GCSE resit Maths and/or GCSE resit English if they have not passed either of these qualifications.

	<b>Final grade requirements</b>
<b>BTEC Applied Science</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>BTEC Business</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>BTEC IT</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>BTEC Health and Social Care</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>BTEC Performing Arts</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity</b>	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above
<b>Art</b>	Grade 5 in Art
<b>Biology</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or a 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 5 in Mathematics
<b>Business</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 5 in GCSE English
<b>Chemistry</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or a 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
<b>English Literature</b>	Grade 5 in both English Language and English Literature
<b>Geography</b>	Grade 5 GCSE Geography
<b>History</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE History
<b>Mathematics</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
<b>MFL</b>	Grade 5 in a Language
<b>PE</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Physical Education or merit in a vocational Sport course <i>Students who have not studied Examination PE will be considered if they have achieved a grade 6 in Biology or 6/6 in Combined Science</i>

<b>Physics</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or 6/6 Combined Science and a grade 6 in Mathematics
<b>Religious Studies</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE RE
<b>Economics</b>	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 5 in English
<b>Further Maths</b>	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
<b>Politics</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE English
<b>Psychology</b>	Grade 5 in GCSE English and a grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics