

2026 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General Entry Requirements (Level 3 Programmes)

The general entry requirements to study a Level 3 programme at Carmel College are as follows:

A LEVEL

STUDY PROGRAMME

5 x grade 5s or above at GCSE or equivalent**

BTEC*

STUDY PROGRAMME

5 x grade 4s or above at GCSE or equivalent**

T LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMME

2 x grade 5s and 3 x grade 4s or above at GCSE or equivalent

*BTEC / AAQ / Extended Diploma / Diploma

**If you wish to combine A Level and BTEC / AAQ subjects, you will need to meet the general entry requirements for an A Level study programme.

As well as meeting the general requirements above, the table below outlines the specific qualifications you will need to study individual courses.

Course Specific Entry Requirements

A LEVEL / BTEC / LEVEL 3 COURSE	COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
ART - Fashion and Textile Design	If you have studied Art, you will need any Art & Design GCSE grade 4 or a Technology GCSE grade 4 including Resistant Materials, Product Design, Graphic Products, Textiles or equivalent. If you haven't studied Art, no problem, you will need to provide a portfolio at interview.
ART - Fine Art	
ART - Graphic Design	
ART - Photography	
ART - 3D Design	
Biology	Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or 66 in Combined Science plus grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 4 in English Language.
Business Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language.
Chemistry	Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or 66 in Combined Science plus grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 4 in English Language.
Classical Civilisation	Grade 5s in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature plus grade 4 in GCSE History if studied.
Computer Science	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths, Grade 4 in English Language and Grade 5 in Computer Science if studied.
Criminology (Level 3)	At least a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language.
Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
English Language	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature (if studied).
English Language and Literature	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature (if studied).
English Literature	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature (if studied).
Film Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
French	Grade 5 in GCSE French and grade 5 in GCSE English language.

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Geography	Grade 5 in GCSE Geography (if studied) and grade 5 in English Language and Maths.
History	Grade 5 in GCSE History or Humanities (if studied) and GCSE grade 5 in English Language.
Law	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Maths	7 in Maths GCSE or 6 in Maths and 5 in English Language *Subject to a trial period. Further details available on request.
Maths (Further)	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths (to be studied alongside A Level Maths).
Media Studies	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in Media Studies (if studied).
Physical Education	Grade 5 in GCSE PE or a Merit in BTEC Sport (If studied) plus GCSE grade 5 in Science and English Language and grade 4 in Mathematics. (All applicants must be participating in a sport at club level.)
Physics	Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or 66 in Combined Science plus grade 6 in GCSE Maths and grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Politics	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Psychology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language & Maths. Science requirement - grade 55 in GCSE Combined Science or grade 5 in Biology plus one more grade 5 from Chemistry or Physics.
Sociology	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
Spanish	Grade 5 in GCSE Spanish* and grade 5 in GCSE English language. *From the higher tier GCSE paper.
Statistics	Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 5 in English Language.
Theology, Philosophy & Ethics	Grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies (if studied) and grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice (Extended Diploma - 3 subjects)	Any Art & Design GCSE grade 4 or a Technology GCSE grade 4 including Resistant Materials, Product Design, Graphic Products, Textiles or equivalent. If you haven't studied Art, no problem, just come and talk to one of the tutors.
BTEC Business (Double & Single Awards)	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English Language plus GCSE Business (if studied) or a Merit in BTEC First Award in Business/BTEC Technical Award in Enterprise (if studied).
BTEC/AAQ Health & Social Care (Single & Double Awards)	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English Language & Science and a Pass in BTEC Health & Social Care (if studied).
AAQ Engineering	5 x grade 5s at GCSE (or equivalent) including grade 5 in GCSE Maths and grade 5 in Physics or 55 in Combined Science plus grade 4 in English Language.
AAQ IT (Single Award)	Grade 4 in GCSE ICT or pass in equivalent ICT qualification (if studied) plus GCSE grade 4 in both English Language and Maths.
BTEC Performing Arts (Theatre) (Single Award)	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language.
BTEC Psychology (Single Award)	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.
BTEC/AAQ Applied Science (Single & Double Awards)	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.
AAQ Applied Human Biology (Single Award)	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.
BTEC Sport (Single, Double & Triple Awards)	Grade 4 in GCSE PE or a Merit in BTEC Level 2 PE plus GCSE grade 4 in English Language, Maths and Science.
T Level Education & Early Years	You will need at least two 5s and three 4s at GCSE including at least a 4 in English Language, Maths and Science.

GCSE Maths & English Language

It's a government requirement that students continue to study English and Maths if they do not achieve a grade 4 in their GCSEs.

For more information about our entry requirements, email: admissions@carmel.ac.uk

