

Grade Reference Sheet

Below is an indication of all the minimum grade requirements for each of our courses. When choosing your first and second choice on the enrolment form, we ask you to choose a course without a level, this is because we will choose the level for you based on the grades that you have achieved.

You can use the grids below to get an idea of what level we will place you on, however please be aware that not all courses have all levels available so try to choose courses that have a level that is suitable for your grades - **choosing courses out of your grade range will slow down the time it takes to process your enrolment.**

VOCATIONAL

Area	Course	Level	Grade Requirements	Other Requirements
Art	Art & Design	Entry Level	No formal requirements - placement is subject to grades and assessment of any learning support needs	
		Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	Students should already have an interest in Art and be willing to share evidence of their work/portfolio.
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3	
		Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 4+	
	Architecture	Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 4+	
Photography	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3		

Building Services	Electrical Installation	Level 1	3 GCSEs grade 3+ incl. Maths & English	
		Level 2	3 GCSEs grade 4+ incl. Maths & English	
		Level 3	Level 2 in Electrical Installation or equivalent	
	Engineering	Level 1	3 GCSEs grade 3+ incl. Maths & English	
		Level 2	3 GCSEs grade 4+ incl. Maths & English	
	Motor Vehicle Systems	Entry Level	No formal requirements – placement is subject to grades and assessment of any learning support needs	
		Level 1	3 GCSEs grade 3+ incl. Maths & English	
		Level 2	3 GCSEs grade 4+ incl. Maths & English	
	Plumbing	Level 1	3 GCSEs grade 3+ incl. Maths & English	
		Level 2	3 GCSEs grade 4+ incl. Maths	

Business	Business Studies	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3	
		Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 4+	

Care & Early Years	Child Care	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
	Health & Social Care	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+	
Criminology	Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 4+		

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Computing, Media & Gaming	Computing	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+	
	Media	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+	
Gaming	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+		
	Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+		

Construction Trades	Carpentry & Joinery	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
	Multi-Trades	Entry Level	No formal requirements - placement is subject to grades and assessment of learning support needs	
		Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
	Site Carpentry	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
Painting & Decorating	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2		

GCSE & ESOL	GCSE	N/A	Students for GCSE and ESOL should have a range of qualifications - either GCSEs or other foreign qualifications.
	ESOL	N/A	

Hair, Beauty & Make-Up	Beauty	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	Level 2 in Beauty or equivalent	
	Hairdressing	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	Level 2 in Hairdressing or equivalent	
	Hairdressing (Combined Hair Types)	Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 3+	Previous hairdressing experience is not required for this course.
	Media Make-Up	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
Sports Massage	Level 3	4 GCSEs grade 4+		

Hospitality & Catering	Hospitality	Level 2	3+ GCSEs grade 3+	
	Catering	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	3+ GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	Level 2 in Catering or equivalent	

Area	Course	Level	Grade Requirements	Other Requirements
Inclusive Learning	Access	N/A	These courses are most suitable for students working below GCSE level with an EHCP.	
	Development	N/A		
	Independence	N/A		
	Supported Internship	N/A		
	Vocational Access	N/A		

Science	Applied Science	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+	
	Forensic Science	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	

Sport & Public Services	Fitness Instruction	Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
	Public Services	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
		Level 3	5 GCSEs grade 4+	
	Sport	Level 1	3+ GCSEs grade 1/2	
		Level 2	4 GCSEs grade 3+	
Level 3		5 GCSEs grade 4+		

A-LEVELS

In order to study any A-Level or BTEC Certificate options at SHC, you must have a *minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 5+ including maths and English Language*. Below is a list of additional, specific requirements that some A-Level options have.

Course	Additional Requirements
Art	Grade 5+ in Art and/or Digital or physical evidence of artwork (portfolio)
Banking & Finance	-
Biology	Grade 6+ in Biology/Double Science
Chemistry	Grade 6+ in Chemistry/Double Science
Economics	-
English Literature & Language	Grade 6+ in English Literature
History	-
Maths	Grade 6+ in Maths
Photography	Grade 4+ in a creative subject and/or Digital or physical evidence of artwork (portfolio)
Physics	Grade 6+ in Physics/Double Science
Politics	-
Psychology	-
Sociology	-

BTEC Certificate Options

Course	Additional Requirements
Art & Design	Grade 5+ in Art and/or Digital or physical evidence of artwork (portfolio)
Architecture	-
Graphic Design	Digital or physical evidence of artwork (portfolio)
Photojournalism	Grade 4+ in a creative subject and/or Digital or physical evidence of artwork (portfolio)