Springwood Sixth Form Entry requirements 2027/28

To gain a place in the Sixth Form, all students must achieve

- **Grade 4 or higher** in either English Language or Literature **and** Mathematics.
- At least **three additional GCSEs** (or Level 2 equivalent qualifications) at **Grade 5 or above**.

In addition to the general entry requirements above, students must meet the specific subject criteria listed in the table below.

Subject	Specific Entry Requirements
Art	• Grade 5 in Art, or submission of a portfolio.
Biology	• Grade 6 in Biology (or Grade 6-6 in Combined Science if not studied separately) • Grade 5 in Mathematics
BTEC Medical Science	• Grade 5-5 in Combined Science (or two Grade 5s in Triple Science).
BTEC Fashion	• Art/Textiles background is an advantage, but not strictly required.
BTEC Health & Social Care	• Merit at Level 2 (if taken)
Business	• Grade 5 in Business (if previously studied) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in Mathematics
Chemistry	• Grade 6 in Chemistry (or Grade 6-6 in Combined Science if not studied separately) • Grade 5 in Mathematics
Computer Science	• Grade 5 in Computer Science OR a Merit in BTEC Level 2 ICT (with programming experience) • Grade 5 in Mathematics
Criminology *(Level 3 Applied Diploma)*	• Grade 4 in a Humanities subject.
Dance *(Level 3 Diploma)*	• Grade 6 in Dance (if taken) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Drama	• Grade 5 in Drama OR Merit at Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • *Workshop audition required for students with no GCSE Drama experience.*
Economics	• Grade 6 in Economics (if taken) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in Mathematics
English Language & Literature	• Grade 5 in BOTH English Language and English Literature.
English Literature	• Grade 5 in BOTH English Language and English Literature.
French	• Grade 6 in French.

Subject	Specific Entry Requirements
Further Mathematics	• Grade 7 in Mathematics • Must also be studying A-Level Mathematics
Geography	• Grade 5 in Geography • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in Mathematics
German	• Grade 6 in German.
Government & Politics	• Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in a Humanities subject
Hairdressing level 2	• A Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing is an advantage. • Good communication skills are essential, along with an interest in hair, beauty and fashion. A professional approach to personal appearance is also required.
History	• Grade 5 in History • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Mathematics	• Grade 6 in Mathematics.
Media Studies	• Grade 5 in English Language, English Literature, or a Humanities subject.
Music	• Grade 6 in Music (if taken) • Working towards Practical Grade 5 instrument/vocal standard and ability to read music
Music Technology	• No specific entry criteria beyond general Sixth Form requirements.
Physical Education (PE)	• Grade 5 in PE (if taken) • Grade 5 in Biology (or Grade 5-5 in Combined Science) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Active participation in competitive community sport outside of school (practical assessment requires fully competitive scenarios)
Photography	• Grade 5 in Photography or Art is beneficial, but not essential.
Physics	• Grade 6 in Physics (or Grade 6-6 in Combined Science if not studied separately) • Grade 6 in Mathematics
Psychology	• Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in Mathematics • Grade 5 in Biology (or Grade 5-5 in Combined Science) • An additional Grade 5 in another essay-based subject
Religious Education (RE)	• Grade 5 in RE (if taken, full or short course) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature
Sociology	• Grade 5 in Sociology (if taken) • Grade 5 in English Language or Literature • Grade 5 in a Humanities subject
Spanish	• Grade 6 in Spanish.