

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 / AAQ / DIPLOMA 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

*If you wish to combine A Level and BTEC 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 / AAQ 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.
Further Maths		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.
AAQ Applied Human Biology (Single Award)		Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.
AAQ Applied Science (Single Award & Dual Pathway)		Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.
AAQ Early Childhood Development		Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science
AAQ Engineering (Single Award)		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 Health & Social Care (Single Award & Dual Pathway)		Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English Language & Science and a Pass in BTEC Health & Social Care (if studied).
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 Business (Single & Double 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 Performance (Musical Theatre) (Single Award)		Grade 4 in GCSE English Language.
BTEC Psychology (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

