

Admissions Policy 2012/13

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The College offers both Level 3 (A Level/BTEC) and Level 2 (GCSE/BTEC) courses, exclusively for students aged 16-19. **There are five academic pathways for students to choose from.**

Level 3 Pathways

Pathway	Level	Entry Requirements	Courses (Programme of Study)
1	3	Most of your GCSEs should be grade As and A* (including English and Maths)	Five AS Levels
2	3	Five A* - C grades (from across four different subjects) including English and Maths	Four AS Levels
3	3	Five A* - C grades (from across four different subjects) including English or Maths	Three AS Levels (or equivalent) plus CoPE* (Level 3) (plus English or Maths GCSE re-sit)
4	3	Four A* to C grades (from across four different subjects) including English or Maths	BTEC Extended Diploma (plus re-sit English or Maths if not achieved) plus CoPE* (Level 3)
5	3	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in the subject you want to study at Level 3 (at Merit or above) including English or Maths	BTEC Extended Diploma (plus re-sit English or Maths if not achieved) plus CoPE* (Level 3)

***All Additional Studies qualifications e.g. CoPE are dependent on any future changes in government funding.**

AS/A Level Entry Requirements

To succeed at Advanced Level students will need to have coped well at GCSE Level because Advanced courses are more demanding. Students will take four or five different subjects in the first year of Advanced Level study or three with Mathematics or English GCSE re-sits (to gain a minimum of grade C).

Minimum Entry Requirements

Five GCSE passes at grade C, from four different subject areas (some such as Dual Award Science or appropriate BTEC qualifications will be counted as two). They must include a GCSE grade C, or higher in either Mathematics or English.

It is also clear that there is not always a natural progression from GCSE to A Level. Therefore some A Level subjects carry a specific entry requirement. Details of these can be found in the appropriate course description in the Prospectus and on the Schools Liaison section of the College website.

Students who do not have GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics will be offered a Level 2 programme (a combination of GCSE and BTEC Certificates).

BTEC Entry Requirements

To succeed at Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma courses you should have achieved at least four GCSE passes at grade C from four different subject areas and have a real enthusiasm for completing coursework (see Pathway 4). You will also find an additional vocational pathway for students with a real passion at Level 2 and Level 3 in one subject area only (see Pathway 5).

Intermediate Level Courses (GCSE/BTEC Re-sit) - Level 2

At NEW College we offer one-year Intermediate (Level 2) courses. These allow students to improve on the grades gained in Year 11 and/or fill any gaps in their qualifications. A large percentage of our Level 2 students move onto AS Level courses on completion of a successful one-year Intermediate programme.

Level 2 Entry Requirements (Pathway 6)

To study at Level 2 students should have achieved a good range of GCSEs (or equivalent) mainly at grades D and E.

Screening

Students who have not been in full-time education for various reasons or who have recently moved to the United Kingdom from another country will be asked to sit a short screening test to determine the level of course they are most suited to.

Progression for NEW College one-year re-sit students

Pathway	Level	Entry Requirements	Courses (Programme of Study)
7	3	Five A* to C grades (from across four different subjects) including English or Maths gained at both school and NEW College.	Three AS Levels (or equivalent) plus CoPE* (Level 3), plus re-sit English or Maths if not achieved. (Compulsory study support periods).

The above pathway can only be accessed if a student's behaviour, attendance and Firefly report are satisfactory. Ultimately, the decision to allow a student to progress to a Level 3 programme will be at the Level 2 Coordinator and the Vice Principal's discretion.

Application Deadline for NEW College One-year Students.

The deadline for applications to progress to Level 3 courses at NEW College is Friday 10 February 2012.

How Do Students Apply?

- 1 Visit NEW College for the day in Year 10 and experience a College Taster Day. (Only certain schools.)
- 2 Attend a presentation (assembly) by NEW College at your school. (Only certain schools.) Obtain a copy of our Prospectus.
- 3 Read the Prospectus/Website and start to consider the courses you are interested in. (Remember some subjects are assessed by exams and some are assessed by coursework.)
- 4 Attend one of our three Open Events which is strongly recommended – students and parents are very welcome. Opportunities to listen to a short presentation by the Principal and speak to subject staff and students.
5. Fill in an application form using the CAP online application which can be found at www.justaskwakefield.org.uk (await confirmation/receipt of your application). If you are unable to use the CAP, then please use a college paper application form.
- 6 In the months of December through to April, you will receive a letter through the post inviting you to attend an interview. If all goes well you will be offered a conditional place at the College dependent on your GCSE results.
- 7 You will then receive a letter through the post inviting you to attend an Induction Day after your final GCSE exams at the end of June, beginning of July. The focus of this day is to prepare you for your future time at the College.
- 8 GCSE Results Day August 2012. If you do not get the GCSEs you require, please come into college after collecting your results to discuss your options with our staff.
- 9 In order for you to complete the final stage of applying to NEW College, you will need to attend our Enrolment Day. It is important that you bring proof of your qualifications in order for you to enrol at the College.

Applications from outside our main local schools.

Here is what you do:

- Attend one of our college Open Events
- Collect a Prospectus and application form on the night/day
- Fill in the application form and post it to the College
- Apply via CAP if your school has access to it
- We will then invite you to attend an interview at the College where we will ask to see your mock exam results and latest school report

Applicants with Disabilities or Learning Difficulties

The College welcomes students with disabilities or learning difficulties and we will ensure that there is continuity and equal access to the opportunities and experiences on offer:

Via our close working relationships with our Partner Schools and through our Study Support Manager, we will endeavour to make sure that transition from high school to NEW College will be as smooth as possible. This has been framed in compliance with the Colleges' Equality and Diversity policy.

Application Form

If your school has access to the CAP on-line application form, please seek advice from your head of year on how to complete it.

Alternatively, you can download an application form in the School Liaison section of our college website.

Interview

- Interviews will take place between December and April. If you are applying from a local school interviews will take place at your school.
- If applying from a school with a sixth form or from out of the area then you will be invited for an evening interview at college.
- If you wish your parents/guardians to accompany you at the interview, they will be very welcome.
- At the interview we will discuss your proposed course choices and find out more about your career aspirations.
- The interview is a key part of the application process and provides the opportunity to discuss your predicted qualifications and course choices ensuring that they are right for you.

Waiting Lists

- Due to a strong demand, some subject areas may become full early so students are encouraged to apply early. It may be possible to put on extra classes if the demand is so great and we have the staffing flexibility to do it. If not, then students applying late will need to pick an alternative subject and be placed on a waiting list until places become available.

What should students do if they do not achieve the GCSE results they were hoping for?

- Students should come straight to college as soon as they have collected their results for an interview. Our trained staff will then discuss your options with you.

Equality and Diversity

Here at NEW College, we are passionately committed to providing an inclusive learning environment in which diversity is both celebrated and valued.

We promise to treat each individual student with respect and dignity and to ensure that every member of our community studies and learns in an environment free from discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

We have a fundamental belief in the entitlement of every learner to fulfil his or her potential and will help to both remove any barriers to that full achievement and to promote equality of opportunity across all aspects of college life.

We take our responsibility to eliminate all forms of inequality seriously and our Single Equality Scheme provides the framework for our commitment. The Student Executive includes an elected Member for Equality and Diversity and is active in the promotion of events and celebrations, as well as in the regular reporting of equality issues to the college Equality and Diversity Committee. Our commitment to recognising and celebrating diversity runs through our teaching and learning, our student support and pastoral systems and our enrichment programme. We want to ensure that a disability of any kind does not prevent any student from succeeding and our study support function is directed at challenging everyone to achieve their potential, succeed and progress.

College Tours

If you are thinking of applying to the College but are unable to attend one of the Open Events, please contact Richard Fletcher to organise a tour.

Alternatively, if after attending one of the Open Evenings you are still undecided and would like an opportunity to ask further questions, including a tour of the college, please contact the College:

Contacts:

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Subject Information 2012/13

Subject	Additional Entry Requirements	Equivalent A Level
A Level		
Accounting	GCSE Maths C	1
Art	GCSE Art C or BTEC Art Distinction (if not taken at GCSE, production of a portfolio)	1
Biology	GCSE Biology B or Additional Science module Grade B plus GCSE Maths C	1
Business	None	1
Business Applied	None	2
Chemistry	GCSE Chemistry B or Additional Science module Grade B plus GCSE Maths C	1
Dance	None	1
Design & Technology	GCSE Design Technology Grade C	1
Drama	GCSE Drama C or above or BTEC Drama/Performing Arts at Merit or above	1
Economics	GCSE English C, GCSE Maths C	1
English Language & Literature combined	GCSE English Language C	1
English Literature	GCSE English Language C	1
Film Studies	GCSE English Language B	1
Financial Studies (certificate & diploma)	None	1
French	GCSE French B and GCSE English Language C	1
Geography	GCSE Geography C. However, we do welcome students who have not done GCSE Geography	1
Geology	GCSE Science C	1
Government & Politics	None	1
Health & Social Care	None	1/2
History	GCSE English C	1
ICT	GCSE ICT or BTEC IT Distinction or OCR IT Distinction or AIDA, CIDA, DIDA Distinction	1
Law	None	1
Maths	GCSE Maths B	1
Further Maths	GCSE Maths A*	1
Media Studies	None	1
Music	GCSE Music C (minimum). BTEC Music (Distinction) Grade 5 standard in instrument or voice (not necessarily taken exam)	1
Photography	None	1
Physical Education	BTEC Sport (Merit/Distinction) or GCSE PE (Grade C) or Science/Biology (Grade C)	1
Physics	GCSE Physics B or Additional Science module Grade B plus GCSE Maths C	1
Psychology	GCSE English C GCSE Maths C	1

Religious Studies	None	1
Sociology	None	1
Spanish	GCSE Spanish B and GCSE English Language C	1
Textiles	None	1
BTEC Qualifications		
BTEC Business Diploma	None	2
BTEC Extended Diploma in Business	None	3
BTEC Diploma in Health & Social Care	None	2
BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care	None	3
BTEC Extended Diploma IT	None	3
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in IT	None	1
BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media	None	3
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Creative Media	None	1
BTEC Diploma in Music	GCSE Music grade C or a good standard of vocal performance or the ability to play one or more instruments.	2
BTEC Extended Diploma in Public Services	GCSE English grade C	3
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Sport	Merit or Distinction at BTEC (Certificate or Diploma)	1
BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport	Merit or Distinction at BTEC Level 2 or GCSE PE grade C or above	3
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (Biology/Medical Science)	Grade C in any GCSE Science or Merit/Distinction in BTEC Science or OCR National Science Level 2	1
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Travel & Tourism	None	1
BTEC Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism	None	3

Unacceptable Qualifications

The following qualifications are not accepted by NEW College as GCSE equivalents or counting towards the 5 C Grades.

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) any level
GNVQ Foundation Part 1
Full GNVQ Foundation
DIDA Level 1 (Diploma in Digital Applications) - except at Distinction Level
AIDA Level 1 (Award in Digital Applications) - except at Distinction Level
Adult Numeracy any level
Adult Literacy any level
Any on line Testing qualification any level
CoPE (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) may appear as Next Step on qualification sheet
Preparation for working Life Level 1 or 2
NVQs at Level 1 or 2
Endorsed Graphics (3203 Art and Design)

Key Skills at any level
OCR Nationals Level 1 – First Award
OCR Nationals Level 1 - Award
OCR National Level 1 – Certificate
NCFE qualifications
Text Processing Diploma

Note: New qualifications may appear each year and will be discussed at SMF (Senior Management Forum) level to determine whether they are accepted or not for our relevant programmes of study.

Programmes of Study

Additional Studies

To enhance the main programme of study, students will select some additional qualifications appropriate to individual progression plans:

In Year 12 depending on the number of A Levels students are taking they may be required to study CoPE (Level 3). (See Pathways Page 2).

Students with a point score of 5.0 or below at enrolment will be directed to a 3 AS programme or a BTEC programme.

In Year 13 students with a points score of above 5.5 will select from the Additional Studies menu of General Studies AS/A2; Critical thinking AS Level or Extended Project AS Level.

Students with a point score of 5.5 or below will be manually timetabled at Year 13 enrolment into the Teacher Access Period for extra tuition.

The Principal reserves the right to amend the entry requirements for particular subjects and the over-arching Admissions Policy.