

Admissions and Curriculum plans

In order to provide objective admission criteria, as well as ensure that the right students embark on the right courses, the following will apply:

2023 Entry Requirements for the Birchwood Sixth Form

All courses offered at Birchwood Sixth Form are Level 3 qualifications.

From September 2024 we will expect all students entering Sixth Form to study for 3 or 4 courses. We would expect students to supplement this with enrichment opportunities and / or additional supplementary qualifications.

For the majority of students this will be A levels. These will be linear in structure, with examinations taken at the end of the two years.

However, we also have a significant number of students studying for BTEC qualifications. These have a greater degree of modular assessment.

A growing number of students in our Sixth Form combine both A Levels and BTEC qualifications and our curriculum is designed with this flexibility in mind.

Therefore, our curriculum plans are designed to ensure students are following appropriate courses based upon their prior levels of attainment.

We operate a Total Point Score system that measures what students achieve at GCSE / BTEC Level 2. This will be done by taking the best 8 subject grades. These are then added together to produce a Total Point Score, as shown in the worked example below.

All applicants, both internal and external, will need to complete an online application form via the school website – <https://birchwoodonline.co.uk>

We will also offer all students a guidance interview. These will be used to ensure students are making appropriate choices and offer information and advice with reference to their application. Students must meet the entrance criteria for courses they wish to study.

Total Point Score

Grade GCSE	Grade BTEC Level 2 (Business, Catering, Construction, ICT)
9	
8	<i>DISTINCTION</i>
7	
6	<i>MERIT</i>
5	
4	<i>PASS</i>
3	
2	
1	

Total Point Score - calculation

Subject	Grade	Points
English Language	7	7
English Literature	6	6
Maths	5	5
History	4	4
Media	7	7
Science	4	4
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French	6	6

Total = 43

Curriculum Plans

Curriculum Plan 1

For admission onto Curriculum Plan 1 to study **4 A levels** students should have a **minimum total point score of 48 and the specific subject grade**

We will consider students below this threshold dependent on subject requirements and combinations.

Students will be expected to supplement their core subjects with additional supporting qualifications and / or enrichment opportunities.

Curriculum Plan 2

For admission onto Curriculum Plan 2 to study **3 A levels or 2 A levels & BTEC** students should have a **minimum total point score of 40 and the specific subject grade**

We will consider students below this threshold dependent on subject requirements and combinations.

Students will be expected to supplement their core subjects with additional supporting qualifications and / or enrichment opportunities.

Curriculum Plan 3

For admission onto Curriculum Plan 3 to study **1 Double BTEC and 1 BTEC single or A level** students should have a **minimum total point score of 34 and the specific subject grade**

Students will be expected to supplement their core subjects with additional supporting qualifications and / or enrichment opportunities.

Over-subscription criteria and applications

In the case of over subscription we will consider the number of places available in the courses chosen and also on the basis of academic ability in the courses chosen. It is essential that applications are received by the deadline of Wednesday 20 December 2023. Applications received after this date may not be considered.

Sixth Form Curriculum Plans 2023

Curriculum Plan 1 TPS 48 & specific subject grade

A Level	A Level	A Level	A Level	Supporting Qualification Enrichment Opportunities
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Curriculum Plan 2 TPS 40 & specific subject grade

A Level	A Level	A Level or BTEC Certificate	Supporting Qualification Enrichment Opportunities
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Curriculum Plan 3 TPS 34 & specific subject grade

BTEC Diploma / Certificate	BTEC Diploma / Certificate	BTEC Certificate / A Level	Supporting Qualification Enrichment Opportunities
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BTEC Extended Diploma Sports Studies	BTEC Extended Diploma Sports Studies	BTEC Extended Diploma Sports Studies	Supporting Qualification Enrichment Opportunities
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