



GCSE Requirements to Study an A Level Course

Students wishing to study A levels at Eltham College must achieve a minimum of six grade 7s at GCSE and meet the subject-specific criteria for their chosen A levels given below.

Subjects that have been studied at GCSE

- For **Mathematics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry** and **Physics** a grade 9 or grade 8 at GCSE in the corresponding subject is required to study that subject at A level.
- If Combined Science has been studied then a minimum of a grade 8/8 is required to study **Biology, Chemistry** or **Physics**.
- For **Further Mathematics** a grade 9 is required in Mathematics and, if studied, an 8 or 9 in AQA Further Mathematics, or equivalent.
- For **English** a grade 9/8/7 is required in both English Language and English Literature.
- For **Music** a grade 9/8/7 in Music GCSE and a minimum of a grade 6 in at least one instrument is also required (grade 5 theory is an advantage but not essential). If you have not studied GCSE Music, then grade 5 theory and grade 6 practical (ABRSM or TRINITY) is required.
- At least a grade 9/8/7 is required in Short Course Religious Studies to study **Philosophy and Theology** at A level if the full course has not been studied.
- For all other subjects, a minimum of a grade 7 in the corresponding subject is required, although we recommend starting subjects where students have achieved a grade 8 or 9.

Subjects that may not have been studied at GCSE

Where a student has not studied the subject at GCSE, the following criteria apply:

- For **Computer Science** (if not studied at GCSE) a grade 9 is required in Mathematics and a portfolio of coding should be available to be viewed.
- For **Economics** (if not studied at GCSE) a grade 9/8/7 is required in Mathematics and English Literature.
- For **Psychology** a grade 9/8 is required in Biology.
- For **Politics** a grade 9/8/7 is required in History (if studied) and English Literature.
- For **Sports Science** a grade 9/8/7 is required in Biology and students must also meet the required minimum threshold of competing at County or above and/or 1st Team (U18A) representation as a Year 11 student at the time of choosing Sports Science in one sport.