

## College information for Y9 Options

### Salford City Colleges (Pendleton, Eccles, Worsley, Futureskills, City Skills)

- No more than 1 alternative to GCSE accepted (Eg BTEC)

## Qualifications/Entry Requirements

A-Levels	Single Vocational A-Levels	Vocational Courses	T-Levels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A combination of Grade 5 and 4's at GCSE including Maths &amp; English Language.</li><li>• STEM subjects have course specific entry requirements, please see college website.</li><li>• We will consider 1 Vocational Qualification in a related subject</li><li>• Certain subjects require 6 or above</li><li>• Choose three (or occasionally four) A-Levels</li><li>• Two year study programme</li><li>• Assessment mainly through exams</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five 4s including English Language or Maths</li><li>• We will consider 1 Vocational Qualification in place of a GCSE and will also require a grade 4 in Maths or English Language</li><li>• These courses can be taken alongside other single vocational A-Levels and A-Level courses.</li><li>• Take a combination of three single vocational A-Levels or A-Level mixed programme</li><li>• Two year study programme</li><li>• Assessment mostly coursework with some exam modules</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entry Level Three: Two Grades 1-9</li><li>• Level 1: Four Grades 1-9</li><li>• Level 2: Four Grade 3s or above</li><li>• Level 3: Five Grade 4s including English Language or Maths</li><li>• Level 1/2, we will consider 1 Vocational Qualification in a related subject</li><li>• Level 3, we will consider 1 Vocational Qualification in place of a GCSE and will also require a grade 4 in Maths or English Language</li><li>• Level 3 is a two year study programme and is equivalent to three A-Levels</li><li>• Assessment mostly coursework with some exam modules</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five 5s including English Language &amp; Maths</li><li>• We will consider 1 Vocational Qualification in place of a GCSE, providing English Language and Maths has been achieved at grade 5 or above</li><li>• Equivalent to three A-Levels</li><li>• A mix of classroom learning and industry experience (approx. 45 days in industry)</li><li>• Two year study programme</li><li>• Assessment mostly coursework with some exam modules</li></ul>

Please note, some courses may have specific entry requirements. Check the Prospectus or Website for details of any specific entry requirements.

### **Bolton 6<sup>th</sup> Form:**

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

##### **A LEVELS AND AAQS**

Students studying three A Levels and/or AAQs will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 5 and three at grade 4, including English Language and Mathematics.

Students studying four A Levels will be expected to have a minimum of six GCSEs at grades 7, 8 or 9 including English Language and Mathematics at grade 6 or above.

##### **SINGLE / DOUBLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS**

These may be taken alongside A Level or AAQ courses and are subject to the same entry criteria.

##### **TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS**

Students will be expected to have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.

##### **INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Several courses have additional entry requirements. Please click on the following link for our latest entry requirements for specific subjects.

<https://www.bolton-sfc.ac.uk/apply/entry-requirements/>

All Level 2 BTEC subjects are considered as part of our general entry requirements, a Merit grade or above is preferred.

## **Winstanley College:**

### **Winstanley College Entry – A Quick Guide for Year 9 Students**

Your Winstanley College place is based on your **best 8 GCSE results**, converted into points. For example, if you achieve a grade 6 GCSE English Language, this converts to 6 points.

Currently, though entry requirements are subject to change, students are required to achieve:

- **44 points or more** for a full **A-level programme**.
- **40 points or more** for a **mixed programme** (vocational courses + up to two A-levels).
- **36 points or more** for a **T Level**, (including a **Grade 5 in English and at least Grade 4 in Maths**).

You can use **vocational/BTEC subjects** towards entry:

- For A-levels: include **one Level 2 vocational qualification** in your best 8.
- For mixed programmes and T Levels: include **up to two Level 2 vocational qualifications**.

Many courses do not require the subject at GCSE, so you can try something new. Some subjects currently require specific GCSE minimum grades or experience: Maths (Grade 6), Languages (Grade 6 at GCSE, to study the same language further at A-level), Sciences (Grade 6s in Science and Maths), Music (Grade 5 in Music Theory), and PE (you must regularly compete in one sport on the syllabus).

If you do not achieve a minimum of Grade 4 in English or Maths, you will re sit these at college, alongside your main course choices.

## **Bolton College:**

For Bolton College we have standardised entry requirements:

Level 3/T-level – Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above inc. maths and English

Level 2 – Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above (or equivalent) inc. maths and English

Level 1 – Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above (or equivalent)

Entry Level – No formal qualifications needed

\*Some courses may require a specific GCSE subject. For level 3 courses, a relevant Level 2 qualification may also be needed. For full entry requirements per course please view the individual course details at [boltoncollege.ac.uk](http://boltoncollege.ac.uk)

## **Wigan & Leigh College:**

- No more than 1 alternative qualification to GCSE accepted (Eg BTEC)

### **A Level entry:**

Minimum 5 GCSE's grade 5-9 to include English and Maths and 2 Grade 6-9. To study A Level Maths, English or Science a minimum of Grade 6 is required.

### **T Level/ Vocational courses:**

Level 3 courses: 5 GCSE grade 4-9

Level 2 courses: 5 GCSE grade 3-9

Level 1 courses: 5 GCSE grade 2-9