

HERON HALL ACADEMY SIXTH FORM
Subject Specific Entry Requirements for September 2025

Academic Pathway: A minimum of 5 GCSE grades 9-4 with at least 3 grades 9-6 at GCSE including Maths, English and the subject-specific entry requirements. (see below)

Vocational Pathway: A minimum of 5 GCSE grades 9-4 including English and Maths.

Subject	GCSE Grade Criteria	Exam Board
Art and Design	Grade 5 in Art, Textiles or Photography.	AQA
Biology	Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Biology and Maths.	AQA
Business Studies	Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Maths.	AQA
Chemistry	Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Chemistry and Maths.	AQA
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computer Science or Grade 6 in Maths.	OCR
Economics	Grade 6 in English and Grade 5 in Maths.	AQA
English Literature	Grade 6 in English Literature.	AQA
Geography	Grade 6 in Geography and Grade 5 in English and Maths.	Edexcel
Government and Politics	Grade 5 in English and Maths. (Grade 5 in History or Geography preferable but not compulsory).	AQA
History	Grade 6 in History and Grade 5 in English and Maths.	AQA
Mathematics	Grade 6 in Mathematics.	Edexcel
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 in Maths and choosing A Level Maths.	Edexcel
Media Studies	Grade 6 in Maths.	Edexcel
Physics	Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Physics and Maths.	AQA
Psychology	Grade 6 in English and Grade 6 in Science and Maths.	AQA
Sociology	Grade 6 in English or Grade 6 in a Humanities subject.	AQA
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY		
Applied Science	Grade 4-4 in Combined Science and Grade 5 in Maths and English Language.	Edexcel
Health & Social Care	5 GCSE grades 9-4 including Maths and English.	Edexcel
Music Performance	Grade 5 in Music or level 2 equivalent and ability to play to grade 4 on an instrument or voice. If you do not have performance-graded certificates, we can audition you to check your level of ability.	Edexcel
Performing Arts	6 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above. Grade 5 in GCSE Drama/Music or Distinction in BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts. If a performance subject has not been studied, we can audition to check level of ability.	Pearson
Sport and Physical Activity	Grade 4 in GCSE PE or Distinction in BTEC/OCR Sports Studies and Grade 4 in GCSE English and Science.	OCR
Travel and Tourism	5 GCSEs at grades 9-4, including Maths and English.	Edexcel

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