Franklin
Sixth Form College

STUDY PROGRAMME

ENTRY CRITERIA

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Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

KEY INFORMATION

Course choices

Students should have no more than 4 courses on their application. As a Franklin student, they can only study up to 3 (with exceptions for those studying Further Maths, who can study 4). Selecting 4 courses allows them to have 1 course to try as a backup during Taster Day.

Predicated grades

Please encourage students to add all their predicated grades to their application. This is important so we can discuss entry requirements at interview and offer them a place on the right courses.

Student contact information

We ask students to use their personal email instead of school email when applying to Franklin, so we can contact them after they leave school in June.

Interviews

All students must bring their latest school report with their predicted grades and current attendance, so we can offer them an accurate study programme and discuss their offer.

FRANKLIN APPLICANT JOURNEY

1 ATTEND OUR OPEN EVENTS

2 APPLY

You can apply through Lincs2, Lincs4U and our website. **Don't forget our first-choice applications close in March 2027.** If you apply after this, you won't be guaranteed your first-choice courses and will be classed as a late application.

3 INTERVIEWS

We receive lots of applications! We'll be in touch as soon as it's your turn for an interview. Interviews take place between **December and June.** Please keep a lookout for emails and texts from us.

After your interview, we will write to you to confirm the outcome.

4 PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PPD) EVENT

You'll be invited to our fantastic PPD event on **29th April 2027**, where you'll have the chance to discover our incredible clubs, societies and trips, plus hear from our Personal and Professional Development teams.

5 TASTER DAY & FRANK FEST

July 2027

After your GCSE's, you'll attend two exciting events: Taster Day, a chance to experience a day in the life of a Franklin student and Frank Fest, our very own festival featuring activities, music and food.

6 GCSE RESULTS DAY

Enrolment begins on GCSE Results Day, **19th August 2027**, so please make sure you are available from this date. We'll be in touch over summer with your next steps which will include, information on your Bridging Work and details on enrolment.

*DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

KEY INFORMATION

STUDYING A MIXED PROGRAMME

What to expect

By choosing a mixed programme to support your future plans, it is really important to be aware of the different styles of qualifications to ensure you plan your studies during the year. Both types of qualification are two years in length, but due to the different nature, it's important to be aware of key differences.

A Level		Vocational
	YEAR 1	
START OF COURSE, SETTING ACADEMIC FOUNDATION	SEPT - - OCT	START OF FIRST UNIT
FIRST INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS	DEC - - JAN	SUBMISSION OF FIRST COURSEWORK UNITS OR FIRST EXAM
END-OF-YEAR MOCK EXAMS	MAY - - JUNE	FINAL DEADLINES FOR FIRST-YEAR UNITS
	YEAR 2	
UNIVERSITY/APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS	NOV - - JAN	UNIVERSITY/APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS
PRE-FINAL EXAM REVISION	APR - - MAY	FINAL COURSE WORK SUBMISSIONS
FINAL EXAMS	MAY	FINAL MODERATION

A Level Courses

...involve a longer period of learning with fewer assessments throughout the course than vocational courses. Although you will sit mock exams to give you an indication of your current level of performance at checkpoints throughout the year, these mock exams do not contribute towards your final grade. They are however a really important element of the course and give you an idea of your current working grade, helping prepare you for your final assessments. Some A Levels include coursework and practical assessments, which contribute to your final year 13 grade, but A Levels have more emphasis on the final exams, which provides your final overall grade.

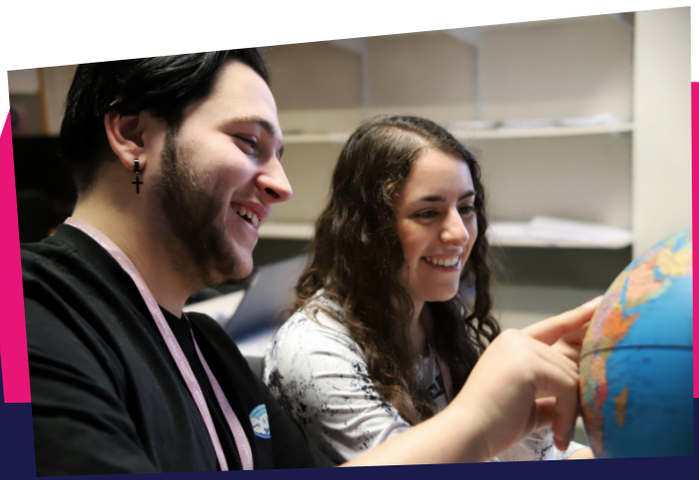
Vocational Courses

...BTECs/CTECs/AAQs/T Levels are divided into sections called units, and each of these units has different styles of assessments. Your teacher will work with you and guide you as you progress through your course. This allows you to break your learning and assessments into manageable, bitesize chunks. You will study a topic and then be assessed before moving on to the next topic and being assessed again. You will follow this style of learning throughout your vocational course, which will include different types of assessments to offer you variety and help you apply what you learn in the classroom to practise. All of the chunks of assessments throughout your studies will determine your final grade at the end of your course/courses.

SCAN HERE

FOR OUR ONLINE MIXED STUDY PROGRAMMES INFO BOOKLET

KEY INFORMATION



Based on the courses you select for your
'STUDY PROGRAMME'
you will require slightly different entry grades

GENERAL ENTRY CRITERIA

LEVEL 2

3 YEAR STUDY PROGRAMME

4 GCSEs or Vocational equivalents, these MUST include minimum of:

- Grade 3 in English Language
- Grade 2 in Maths

Our 3 year programmes offer 1 year initi al support for students needing to retake GCSE Maths, English or both and, gain other GCSE equivalent courses in preparation for our Level 3 Programmes.

LEVEL 3

STUDY PROGRAMME

5 academic GCSEs, a minimum of 3x grade 5 and 2 x grade 4. These should include English Language and Maths.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

5 GCSEs at grade 4. These should include English Language. GCSE Maths is required at grade 3 or above.

ENTRY CRITERIA BY DEPARTMENT

Classic Civilisation, Politics, Geography & Philosophy 4

Art, Craft, Design & Fashion 4

Business, Economics & Travel 5

English & Modern Foreign Languages 5

Health, Social & Early Years Education 6

IT, Computing & Esports 6

Media & Film 7

Performing Arts, Drama & Music 7

Psychology, Sociology, Criminology & Law 8

Science, Maths & Engineering 8

Sport & Public Services 10

COURSE SPECIFIC ENTRY CRITERIA

Art, Craft, Design and Fashion

Craft & Design (CTEC | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in a relevant GCSE Art Subject or, a portfolio of work for consideration.
Fine Art (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in a relevant GCSE Art Subject or, a portfolio of work for consideration.
Fashion & Textiles (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in a relevant GCSE Art Subject or, a portfolio of work for consideration.
Graphics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in a relevant GCSE Art Subject or, a portfolio of work for consideration.
Photography (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Photography (CTEC | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Art, Media & Design (Foundation Diploma | Level 3-4 | Triple)	1 A Level or equivalent in Art-Related subject, in addition to other Level 3 qualifications. A portfolio of work is required.

Business, Finance, Economics and Travel

Business (BTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Business (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Business Studies (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language.
Economics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 6 in both GCSE English Language and Maths.
Finance (V Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and Maths.
Management (T Level | Level 3 | Triple)	Level 3 General Entry Criteria + a 4 in English Language and a 4 in Maths.
Marketing (T Level | Level 3 | Triple)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and Maths.
Travel and Tourism (BTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Travel & Tourism (BTEC | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general criteria.

Classical Civilisation, History, Politics, Geography, Philosophy and Ethics

Classical Civilisation (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + GCSE English Language grade 5 and, a grade 4 in GCSE History, if taken. If History was not taken at GCSE, a grade 5 in another traditional written subject, for example English Literature would be considered.
History (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + GCSE English Language grade 5 and, a grade 4 in GCSE History, if taken. If History was not taken at GCSE, a grade 5 in another traditional written subject, for example English Literature would be considered.
Politics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & grade 4 in another traditional written subject, for example History or English.
Geography (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in GCSE English & Maths grade 4 in GCSE Geography if taken if not, grade 4 in GCSE Science would be considered.
Philosophy and Ethics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	General Entry Requirements + at least a Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in another essay-based subject.

Digital Tech, Media and Film

IT (CTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
IT (AAQ | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in Maths and English Language.
IT, Digital Systems and Data (V Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in Maths and English Language.
Computer Science (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 6 in Maths & grade 5 in Science. A grade 5 in GCSE Maths would be considered if an applicant achieved an average GCSE score of 5.3.
Digital Games Design (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Triple)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Digital Software Development (T Level | Level 3 | Triple)	5 GCSE's grade 4 or above including a grade 5 in Maths.
Esports (BTEC | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Creative Media Skills (BTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Creative Media Production (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Triple)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Film Studies (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in a traditional written subject, for example History or English Literature.

English & Modern Foreign Languages

English Language (GCSE | Level 2 | Single)	Level 2 general entry criteria + grade 3 in English Language.
English Language (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language.
English Literature (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & grade 6 in English Literature.
French (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & grade 6 in French. It is a requirement of this course to participate in and to be confident when speaking the language.
Spanish (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & grade 6 in Spanish. It is a requirement of this course to participate in and to be confident when speaking the language.

Health, Social, Education and Early Years

Health & Social Care (CTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria. Commitment to 2-week placement is required A commitment to a work placement as part of this course is required therefore, an Enhanced DBS Disclosure is needed - which the College will fund.
Health & Social Care (AAQ | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria. A commitment to a work placement as part of this course is required therefore, an Enhanced DBS Disclosure is needed - which the College will fund.
Health & Social Care (CTEC | Level 3 | Double & Triple)	Level 3 general entry criteria. A commitment to a work placement as part of this course is required therefore, an Enhanced DBS Disclosure is needed - which the College will fund.
Early years Education (NCFE | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Education and Early Years (T Level | Level 3 | Triple)	Level 3 general entry criteria + a grade 4 Maths. A commitment to a work placement as part of this course is required therefore, an Enhanced DBS Disclosure is needed - which the College will fund.
Education and Early Years (V Level | Level 2 | Single)	Level 2 general entry + grade 4 in English Language or Maths
Education and Early Years (V Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry + grade 4 in English Language or Maths
Health (T Level | Level 3 | Triple)	Level 3 general entry requirement + a grade 4 in Maths and grade 5 in Science. A commitment to a work placement as part of this course is required therefore, an Enhanced DBS Disclosure is needed - which the College will fund.

Performing Arts, Drama, Dance and Music

Dance (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + Dance grades in ISTD/IDTA/RAD or equivalent or completed GCSE Dance to a grade 4 or BTEC Performing Arts Dance pathway L2M.
Dance (BTEC| Level 3 | Single)	5 GCSE's grade 4 or above including English. GCSE Dance desirable. Significant dance training/extra-curricular would be accepted.
Drama & Theatre Studies (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language. Must be willing to perform in front of an audience.
Performing Arts (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria. Short audition as part of bridging work.
Music (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 6 GCSE Music ABRSM Grade 5 in Theory and Practical Instrument is also required.
Music (BTEC| Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in GCSE Music or BTEC L2 Music Distinction/Distinction*. Must play an instrument or sing to a high standard - need to be able to read music to at least ABRSM Grade 3 theory or equivalent.

Psychology, Sociology, Criminology and Law

Applied Psychology (BTEC| Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria this must include a grade 4 in Maths, English Language and Science.
Psychology (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in Maths, English Language & Science (Biology or Combined Science).
Criminology (WJEC | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in an additional traditional written subject, for example English Literature or History.
Sociology (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & grade 4 in an additional traditional written subject, for example History, Geography or Religious Studies, excluding English Literature.
Law (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in English Language & Grade 4 in an additional traditional written subject, for example English Literature or History.
Applied Law (BTEC| Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 4 in an additional traditional written subject, for example English Literature or History.

Science, Maths and Engineering

Maths (GCSE| Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Maths (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + Grade 6 or above in Maths and an average GCSE Score of 5.5 or above Or Grade 8 or above in Maths.
Statistics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + Grade 5 or above in Maths
Further Maths (A Level | Level 3 | Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 7 in Maths and an average GCSE Score or 6.5.
Core Maths (Level 3 Certificate | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in Maths. *Taken alongside 3 other courses.* (Core Maths is equivalent to an AS Level)
Biology (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 6 in Maths & Biology or, double science. We will consider grades on an individual basis which do not meet our requirements only where your average GCSE score is above 6.5. It's advisable to combine Biology and Chemistry to support this course.
Chemistry (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 6 in Maths & Chemistry or, double science. We will consider grades on an individual basis which do not meet our requirements only where your average GCSE score is above 6.5. It's advisable to study another Science and/or Maths alongside this course.
Physics (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria apply + grade 6 or above in Physics or, 66 in Double Science. A Level Maths must be taken alongside this course. A Level Maths entry criteria must be met.
Medical Science (AAQ | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + Science (Biology / Chemistry / Physics) as 4/4/4 or combined Science at 4s or above or, a Merit in a vocational Science qualification.
Diploma in Applied Science (BTEC | Level 3 | Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria + Science (Biology / Chemistry / Physics) as 4/4/4 or combined Science at 4s or above or, a Merit in a vocational Science qualification.
Engineering (CTEC | Level 3 | Double)	General entry criteria + grade 5 in Maths & Combined Science or Physics, or, a Merit in a vocational Science qualification.

Sport and Public Services

Public Services (BTEC | Level 2 | Double)	Level 2 general entry criteria.
Uniformed Protective Services (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria.
Sport (BTEC | Level 3 | Single & Double)	Level 3 general entry criteria + 4 grade PE or a Merit in an equivalent (if taken), grade 44 in combined Science or, 4 in Biology and Chemistry if studied separately.
Physical Education (A Level | Level 3 | Single)	Level 3 general entry criteria + grade 5 in GCSE PE or equivalent (if taken), English Language and Science. You are required to compete in sport competitively for this course.
GTFC Football Shadow Scholarship (BTEC | Level 3 | Triple)	General entry criteria apply. You are required to complete an ability assessed trial for entry on to this course.

Please note:

- Course entry requirements are correct at this time but, may be subject to change without prior notice should circumstances dictate

- Courses will only run subject to minimum enrolment numbers

- At enrolment students may be advised of more suitable courses, if appropriate.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Study Programme Entry Criteria

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