

## Average GCSE Points Score and LAT

The national standard way to obtain a simple overview of a student's overall performance at GCSE is to calculate an Average Points Score. To calculate the score, grades are first converted to points:

A*	=	58
A	=	52
B	=	46
C	=	40
D	=	34
E	=	28

Students who gain high grades in all the subjects they take will have a high average points score.

The table below gives you some idea of what your son or daughter's average points score might be:

Grades gained	Average GCSE Score
All A*	58
All A	52
All B	46
All C	40
All D	34
All E	28

Intermediate points scores are possible, for example, if a student takes 10 GCSEs and gains 5 Bs and 5 Cs, they will have a points score of 43.

We use the average points score to forecast what grades students are likely to be able to achieve in the Sixth Form in conjunction with the Learner Achievement Tracker or LAT.

### Learner Achievement Tracker

The Learner Achievement Tracker (LAT) is a national database covering thousands of students over several years. It tracks students' average GCSE points score against the AS and A Level grades they gained two years later.

The data allows us to link a GCSE points score to the most likely AS grade for a given subject. At BKN we use that information to help advise students as to the suitability of a course.

For example, using LAT, a student with an average GCSE score of 48, would be predicted to gain a grade C in Design and a grade E in Maths. As students are choosing their AS subjects, we are interested in whether LAT would predict at least a pass and as the LAT uses data from so many students it is very rarely wrong.

On the subject information pages in this prospectus you will find the minimum average GCSE points score needed to predict a pass in a particular subject. Because of the reliability of LAT we will not normally permit a student to take a course which that LAT data suggests they cannot pass. At BKN we are very keen to ensure that students take courses they can succeed in.

As the Average GCSE Points Score is just that - an average - we will sometimes make exceptions in specific circumstances. Sometimes students can demonstrate a particular strength in certain subjects, but their average score is lowered by grades in other areas. For example, a student may be permitted to take AS Mathematics if their average GCSE points score is below the minimum, but they have gained a grade A in GCSE Mathematics.

Some subjects are not covered by LAT and have other entry requirements stated on the relevant prospectus page.