THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOOL

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED COURSES 2026

EXAMINED COURSE REQUIREMENT

To follow a sixth form course of study candidates must meet the minimum requirements for one of the courses below, including English and Mathematics at grade 4 or above at GCSE. For this purpose, a GCSE in a modern foreign language which has been studied outside school and is the native language of the family may not normally be counted.

COURSE 1	Three A levels and an EPQ, or an AS level or Core	Candidates must have at least 3 GCSEs at grade 6 or above
	Mathematics	and a further three at grade 5 or above. The specific subject
		requirements below must also be met.
COURSE 2	Four A levels	Candidates must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 8 or above
		and a further three at grade 7 or above The specific subject
		requirements below must also be met.
COURSE 3	Four A levels and an EPQ	Candidates must have at least 5 GCSEs at grade 8 or above
		and a further three at grade 7 or above. The specific subject
		requirements below must also be met.

NON EXAMINED COURSE REQUIREMENT

In addition to the examined courses all sixth formers will follow the non-examined General RE Programme and, in addition, follow a course of Formation (PSHE). A contribution to co-curricular, academic extension, and community service programmes will also be expected. Participation in Games will be optional.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS (GCSE subject grades may only be counted once)

		Minimum GCSE Requirem		Notes
Art & Design		Art	6	
Business		A subject from the general list	6	Grade 6 in a science may be acceptable as an alternative to a subject from the group of general subjects
Classical Civilisations		A subject from the general list	6	
Classical Greek		Classical Greek	6	
Computer Science		Mathematics	7	
Design & Technology		Design & Technology	6	
Economics		Mathematics or Economics	6	
English Literature		English and English Literature	6	
French		French	6	
Geography		Geography	6	For pupils who have not taken a GCSE examination in Geography, grade 6 in a science or a subject from the group of general subjects below may be acceptable
German		German	6	
History		History	6	For pupils who have not taken a GCSE examination in History, grade 6 in a subject from the group of general subjects below may be acceptable.
Italian		Italian	6	
Latin		Latin	6	
Mathematics		Mathematics	7	
Further Mathematics		Mathematics	8	
Music		Music or an approved equivalent ¹	6	¹ For example: grade 7 practical (instrument or voice) <u>and</u> grade 5 theory in recognised graded music examinations.
Physical Education		Biology or Double Science	6 66	Pupils who have taken GCSE PE will be expected to have at least grade 6 in the subject. A strong background in practical PE is essential.
Politics		A subject from the general list	6	
Spanish		Spanish	6	
Sciences	Biology	Biology and Mathematics	7 6	For pupils who have taken the double award science GCSE at least grades 8 8 will be required.
	Chemistry	Chemistry and Mathematics	7 7	
	Physics	Physics and Mathematics	7 7	
Theology		Religious Studies	6	For pupils who have not taken a GCSE examination in RE, grade 6 in a subject from the group of general subjects below may be acceptable.

General list of GCSE subjects: Geography; History; Latin; a Modern Foreign Language; Music; English Literature; Religious Studies