Ashburton College

Level 2 Subject Summary 2026
(Level 2 NCEA)

Course – English (compulsory)	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12ENG - English	At least 3 Level 1 English Achievement Standards (excluding speech 90857)	AS
12ENF - English Foundation		US. Foundation Students
12ENV - English Vocational		US. Learning towards Literacy and Level 2 English
12MEG – Māori English	At least 3 Level 1 English Achievement Standards (excluding speech 90857)	AS
12ELS - English Language Studies	For bi-lingual students	US & AS. Learning towards Literacy and Level 2 English

Course – English as Additional Language	Entry Recommendations	Notes
EAL101/102/103 – English as an Additional Language	To support bi-lingual students with reading, writing, speaking & listening.	US
ELL101 – Intensive English Language Learning	To help develop language learning skills and assist in student's living, studying, and working in NZ. Staff selection, taken over 2 lines.	US. Students will also take EAL and ELS

Course – Agriculture	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12AGR – Agriculture Science	L1 Agriculture Science or by consultation with HOD	AS
12AHA – Primary ITO Trades Academy	Y11 Agriculture Horticulture Academy and through interview with PITO staff member and Agricultural department staff; counts as two subjects on timetable	US. Certificate in primary industries. Must do 12AHA/12AHM
12AHM – Primary ITO Trades Management	As above.	US
Course – Arts	Entry Recommendations	Notes

12ARP - Art - Creative Design	L1 Art Portfolio or L1 Art Practical achieved standards or approval by HOD.	AS
12APR – Art - Printmaking	None	AS
12APA - Art – Painting	None	AS
12APH - Art – Photography	Achieved grade or higher in L1 Art folio or HOD approval.	AS
12DAN – Dance	Y11 Dance or in consultation with TIC.	AS
12DRA - Drama	Completion of L1 or in consultation with HOD.	AS

Course – Food & Nutrition	**Entry Recommendations**	
12HSP – Hospitality	An interest and motivation to be involved in foods and hospitality a distinct advantage	US

Course - Gateway	**Entry Recommendations**	**Notes**
12GTY - Gateway	Students must not be enrolled in 12TRX, 12AHM or have done Gateway before. Students must complete an application form, followed by a selection interview with the Gateway Coordinator.	US
12PLY – Polytech Course	None, however there is a formal application process to go through before the course is confirmed.	US

Course - Languages	**Entry Recommendations**	**Notes**
12GER – German	Successful completion of Y11 German or consultation with Teacher in Charge / HOF.	AS
12JPN – Japanese	Successful completion of Y11 Japanese.	AS
12MAO - Māori	L1 Te Reo Māori or by consultation with HOD.	AS
12TIK – Tikanga	L1 Te Reo Māori or by consultation with HOD.	US

Course – Mathematics	**Entry Recommendations**	**Notes**
12MAT – Mathematics	Completion of the MAT101	AS
12MAN - Mathematics for Numeracy	Recommended for students with less than 5 Numeracy Credits	AS & US. *Learning towards co-reqs (if not gained)*
12MAG - Mathematics General	Studied MAT101 or MAT 102. This course is recommended for students who have 5 or more Numeracy Credits.	AS

Course – Music	**Entry Recommendations**	**Notes**

| 12MUS - Music | L1 Music; consultation with HOD required if you wish to take 12MUP & 12MUS. | AS. *(12MUP & 12MUS same standards)* |
| 12MUP - Music Performance | L1 Music or Music Performance or consultation with HOD required if you wish to take 12MUP & 12MUS. | AS. *(12MUP & 12MUS same standards)* |

Course – Online Learning	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12ONL - Online Learning	Students must be motivated, independent & organised.	AS

Course – PE & Health	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12CDV - Child Development		US
12HED – Health	Satisfactory performance in L1 Health.	AS
12OUE - Outdoor Education	Course numbers are limited, where required, attendance and behaviour from previous year will be used to determine placement.	US & 1 AS
12PED - Physical Education	Satisfactory performance in L1 Physical Education.	AS *(12PED & 12SEP same standards)*
12SEP - Sport & Exercise Performance	Satisfactory performance in L1 SEP, an interest in sport & PE activities.	AS & US. *(12PED & 12SEP same standards)*

Course - Science	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12BIO – Biology	Minimum of 10 L1 Science credits with at least 10 credits at Merit level or above or in consultation with HOF.	AS
12CHE – Chemistry	Minimum of 10 L1 Science credits including a Chemistry standard with at least 10 credits at Merit level or above or in consultation with HOF.	AS
12PHY – Physics	Minimum of 10 L1 Science credits with at least 10 credits at Merit level or above or in consultation with HOF.	AS
12SCI - Science	An interest in the Sciences with 8 credits or more from L1 Science or in consultation with HOF.	AS

Course – Social Science	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12ACC – Accounting		AS
12BUS - Business Studies		AS
12CLS - Classical Studies	Beneficial to have undertaken Level 1 Social Science Course and a satisfactory result in Level 1 English.	AS

12ECO – Economics	Success in 1 internal and 1 external standard in L1 Commerce.	AS
12FST - Foundation Studies	Entrance to the course done in consultation with the Y12 Pastoral Team through an interview process.	US. Must do 12FST and 12ENF
12GEO – Geography	Previous experience and success in L1 Geography highly recommended, or consultation with HOD.	AS
12HIS – History	Success in 1 internal and 1 external standard in L1 or English.	AS
12LAW – Law and Society		AS or US
12PAS – Pacific Studies		US
12TOU - Tourism		US

Course – Technology Design	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12DES - Design & Visual Communication	Students have completed Level 1 Design and Visual Communication.	AS

Course – Technology Digital Information	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12DIP - Digital Information Practical		US
12DIT - Digital Information Technology	Previous experience in L1 DIT.	AS

Course – Technology Materials	Entry Recommendations	Notes
12MTF - Materials Technology: Fabrics	Study at Y10 and Y11 is an advantage.	AS & US
12MTB – Materials Technology: Building	Prior learning must include the use of basic hand tools as well as workshop familiarity, self-discipline and safety.	US
12MTM – Materials Technology: Metal	Students are expected to have successfully completed a Year 11 workshop technology course or join the class at the discretion of the HOD.	US 1 AS
12MTH – Materials Technology: Product Design	It is highly recommended a Level 1 AS technology course has been completed to ensure students have the academic skills to succeed.	AS

Course – Trades	Entry Recommendations	Notes

12AUT – Automotive: Ignition		MITO US
12TRX - Trades Transition		US