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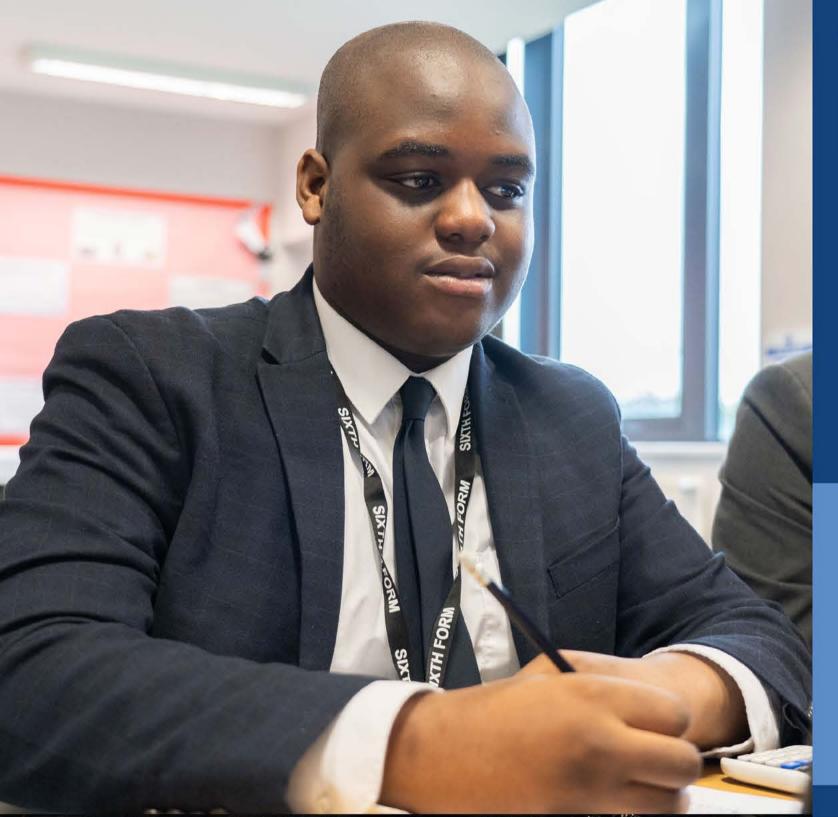
Sixth form will offer you the opportunity to study a wide range of both academic and vocational courses, providing you with the qualifications that you require to follow your chosen career path. You will benefit from high quality teaching that builds upon previous knowledge and skills. Teachers will go above and beyond to support you to ensure that you realise your full potential.

An outstanding level of guidance is provided through our pastoral programme. Sixth form students are organised into Year 12 and 13 tutor groups. This enables us to provide you with a bespoke programme that will support you in all aspects of sixth form life and prepare you for life beyond.

A wide and varied enrichment programme will ensure that you will develop skills and qualities to enhance applications to university, apprenticeships and employment. Strong results and specific guidance enabled our 2023 cohort to progress onto their chosen destination.

The careers guidance programme you will receive will be of the highest quality. We were awarded the Prospects Quality in Careers Award in January 2020 at Gold Standard. Sixth form students do immerse themselves into school life, working with younger students, assisting at open evenings and parent events and acting as excellent role models for the years below. We hope that you will fully embrace these opportunities and inspire those around you.

We pride ourselves on being a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive sixth form, which has such a wonderful family atmosphere and we hope you will join our success story.



THE SIXTH FORM STUDENT

Dress Code

You are young adults and will be treated accordingly. We do expect you to adopt our dress code of smart office wear.

Boys

- · Shirt with Collar and Tie
- Smart Trousers
- · V-neck jumper or cardigan
- Smart shoes
- Smart coat or jacket

Girls

- · Smart blouse with sleeves and a high neck line
- · Smart dress, trousers or skirt that is no shorter than knee length
- V-neck jumper or cardigan
- · Smart shoes
- · Smart coat or jacket

Please note that T-shirts, crop tops, leggings, very tight trousers, canvas shoes, trainers or any other form of casual footwear are **not** permitted.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive Sixth Form which makes sure that the needs of all our students are met.

As a sixth form student, you will benefit from a bespoke study programme that ensures your sixth form experience will provide you with the qualifications and wider skills to ensure that you progress seamlessly in your career pathway. As the senior members of the school community, we do have high expectations of all of our sixth form students.

Sixth Form Study Programme

You will have timetabled lessons for your chosen subjects, plus enrichment and independent study sessions.

We do expect you to carry out independent study at school, alongside the expectations of independent study at home.

Contributing to the wider life of the school is vital for your personal development and to provide invaluable support for the younger students.

You will also be provided with a wide programme of enrichment activities to participate in. The programme is varied and will enable you to gain additional qualifications such as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or participate in activities for your own personal development and wellbeing.

EnrichmentActivities

- First Aid
- · Chess
- Debating Society
- Future Learn Projects (MOOCs)
- Student Mentor
- Extended Work Placement
- Charity Committee
- Sport

Sixth Form Pastoral Programme

The programme is designed to support you with every aspect of your sixth form education and also to prepare you for life beyond sixth form.

You will be organised into year-based tutor groups and will receive an organised programme of sessions every day.

In Year 12 this will include a focus upon the following key areas:

All About Me

- Personal development
- PSHE Programme
- · RSE Programme
- Wellbeing
- · The pathway ahead

Personal Development

- Writing a Personal Statement
- · How to apply for a job
- Managing finances
- · Barclays Life Skills Programme
- · Character development ORACY

Making a Difference

- Working with a link or tutor group
- Running Societies
- One to one tutorials with your form tutor

- Your Future
- Transition
- Study Skills Development
- · Careers Guidance

- · Citizenship and British Values
- · Revision and Study Techniques
- · Preparing for life beyond Sixth Form



OUR CURRICULUM

Everything we do at sixth form will have your personal career ambitions at the forefront.

The comprehensive tutor programme will support your personal development and guide you every step of the way to support your career choice. In addition to the tutor period sessions, you will receive a lot of external support and guidance.

You will receive support from universities as part of the support we provide for progression to Higher Education. Included are opportunities to visit other university campuses and also attend the UCAS fayre.

We will support you with every aspect of your UCAS application, should university be your preferred pathway to support your career journey.

We work very closely with employers, training and apprenticeship providers and run specific sessions and assemblies to support you should the apprenticeship route be your preferred pathway.

The opportunity to attend our annual careers convention in March will provide further opportunities to talk to Higher Education Institutions, employers and apprenticeship providers.

Towards the end of the academic year, you will participate in our Futures Week, which is dedicated to supporting you to make informed choices about your next steps.

Every student will also receive impartial careers advice from our independent careers advisor.

We guarantee you will leave sixth form as an extremely confident and competent individual who will have received the highest level of support as you progress on your journey as a future leader in your chosen career.

We offer a broad range of both academic and vocational subjects that will support students to follow their chosen career pathway

Teachers who deliver these subjects are experts within their field so we guarantee the highest standards of lesson delivery to secure excellent outcomes.

Students will need to choose three subjects, each from a different option block.

Your fourth option must then be independent study to help you balance all of your work.

A LEVEL

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- English
- Economics

- History
- Maths
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

VOCATIONAL

- Child Care
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- · ICT
- Media
- Performing Arts
- Sport



A LEVEL

A Level Art: 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes a GCSE Level.

A Level Biology: 6 in GCSE Biology or a 6,6 in combined science. A 6 in maths is also required.

A Level Business: 5 in English and Maths

A Level Chemistry: 6 in GCSE Chemistry or a 6,6 in combined science. A 6 in maths is also required.

A Level English: English and Maths

A Level Economics: 5 in English and Maths

A Level History: Grade 5 in History

A Level Maths: Grade 7 in Maths

A Level Physics: 6 in GCSE Physics or a 6,6 in combined science. A 7 in maths is also required.

A Level Psychology: Grade 5

A Level Sociology: Grade 5 in History

VOCATIONAL

Childrens Play, Learning and Development: 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE

Design & Technology: 5 in English and a 6 in maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level

Health and Social Care: 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level

ICT: 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level

Media: 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level - an excellent effort, behaviour and attendance record in Year 11.

Performing Arts: 5 English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level, including a Merit in performing arts or a GCSE Grade 5 in English - An excellent effort, behaviour and attendance record in Year 11

Sport: 5 in english and maths & merit or above in GCSE PE



skills. You will have the opportunity to investigate, experiment, develop practical skills as well as aesthetic understanding and critical judgement. Yet more valuable than anything, you will enjoy opportunities to develop independence of mind, explore your own ideas, refine your skills and produce personal outcomes. You will look at the ways other artists and designers have worked to enhance your own artwork. You will keep sketchbooks to assist in the recording and developing of your own ideas. You will also learn various ways of presenting your work for display. As you progress through the A Level course and learn more advanced skills, you will be encouraged to find ways of developing your own personal style and interests and therefore will enable you to work to your strengths in painting, printmaking, drawing, mixed media and photography.

Studying A Level Art and Design will help you to develop intellectual, imaginative, creative and intuitive

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level.

Career Progression

The Midlands is internationally known for its 'creative industries' and there are many job opportunities. There are many universities around the country offering a wide range of Creative Arts and Design courses. Examples of courses previous students have taken are: Automotive Design at Huddersfield University, Illustration at UCE, Fine Art at Newman College. There's a wide range of art related job opportunities such as: Animator, Ceramics Designer, Community Arts Worker, Exhibition Designer, Fashion Designer, Fine Artist, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Product Designer, Interior Designer, Make-up Artist, Medical Illustrator, Photographer, Production Designer, Textile Designer, Web Designer.

Assessment

Unit 1:

Self generated unit of work. For the A Level Art and Design course, you will be expected to work independently, with the support of the Art Department. Your work can be based on either an issue, an interest, an artist or a genre of art.

You will be expected to keep a work book / journal to document your research and developments and produce a portfolio of completed art work. You are also expected to write a short essay.

Unit 2:

Externally set assignment.

Year 12 and 13 course content: non-exam assessment 40% is allocated to tasks set by examination boards completed in a specified time.

Component 1 - Personal Investigation 60%

Component 2 - Externally set assignment 40%

Is this course for me?

In Art we are extremely practical and will open your awareness to multiple styles and techniques that could benefit you in multiple different careears, therefore if you are a creative person or you want to pursue Art as a careear, then this is the right course for you

A Level BIOLOGY

Overview

A Level Biology is a challenging, rewarding course that will help you to develop skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career. It offers you the freedom, creativity and opportunity for independent progression from GCSE Science or Biology.

A Level Biology builds on the concepts and skills developed in the GCSE. It will support you to progress to a Biology-related degree course.

What will I study?

Year 12

Core content:

- 1 Biological molecules
- · 2 Cells
- 3 Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- · 4 Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms

Year 13

Core content:

- 5 Energy transfers in and between organisms
- 6 Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- · 7 Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- · 8 The control of gene expression

Entry Requirements

6 in GCSE Biology or a 6,6 in combined science. A 6 in maths is also required

Career Progression

A Level Biology is a great choice if you want a career in health and clinical professions, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy, nursing and forensic science. Other subject links are human biology chemistry, physics, epidemiology, psychology, applied science, environmental studies and health and social care.

Assessment

Three examinations each lasting two hours.

- Paper 1: (91 marks) Any topics from topics 1-4, including relevant practical skills (35% of A Level).
- Paper 2: (91 marks) Any content from topics 5-8, including relevant practical skills (35% of A Level).
- Paper 3: (78 marks) (78 marks) Any topics from 1-8, including relevant practical skills (30% of A Level).

edexcel A Level BUSINESS

Overview

Edexcel A Level Business will give you the opportunity to learn and understand the fundamental business and entrepreneurial knowledge and skills associated with working within a business enterprise.

You will understand the way in which any venture in business (big or small) is a function of its relationship between its people, its marketing, its finance and its ability to deliver operationally upon its commitments.

What will I study?

- · How the marketing mix imapets businesses and the decisions they make.
- · How ethical dilemmas and responsibilities create challenges for business organisations.
- The role of businesses in meeting the needs and wants of society
- The ways that businesses fund themselves and budget their money.

Year 12

Theme 1: Marketing and People

Theme 2: Managing Business Activities

Year 13

Theme 3: Business Decisions and Strategy

Theme 4: Global Business

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths

Career Progression

Business students who go on to study at degree level are in high demand with employers worldwide and are some of the most employable. You will have a wide variety of possible career options open to you upon graduation. Business is both a theoretical and a practical discipline, meaning that you not only gain a great range of knowledge, but also learn the skills needed to apply this knowledge to real life settings, again assisting with employability and putting you ahead of the pack.

Business touches on nearly every aspect of modern society and is useful for both your professional and personal life, as well as being a very interesting subject to study.

For those who wish to aquire a range of business and generic skills you will develop decision making, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

Possible careers include: Human Resources Officer, Insurance Underwriter, Management Consultant, Marketing Manager, Logistics and Distribution Manager, Retail Manager

Assessment

This qualification is assessed by three exams at the end of year 13.

Is this course for me?

Studying Business at Wednesfield Academy will give you a solid foundation for your future, offering a broad discovery of all things relevant to industry. You will be able to develop relevant and practical skills from leadership to data analysis, accounting and finance to marketing, all whilst enhancing your versatility in business disciplines through real-world application to prepare for the world of work in business settings.

A Level CHEMISTRY

Overview

This course will give you the skills and understanding to make decisions about the way chemistry affects your everyday life. You will apply concepts into contemporary areas of chemistry including: climate change, green chemistry, pharmaceuticals, chemistry research.

Handling data will be a key part of your work, allowing you to demonstrate information retrieval skills as well as use of numeracy and ICT. You will build up a range of practical skills that require creativity and accuracy as well as developing a firm understanding of health and safety issues.

As you become more skilled you will take responsibility for selecting appropriate qualitative and quantitative methods, recording your observations and findings accurately and precisely as well as critically analysing and evaluating the methodology, results and impact of your own and others' experimental investigative activities.

Entry Requirements

6 in GCSE Chemistry or a 6,6 in combined science. A 6 in maths is also required.

Career Progression

Chemistry A Level is essential or very useful for: Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Biology (and Biology related subjects). Many chemistry graduates pursue a career in industry. We live in an age of molecular technology which ensures that chemistry graduates are in demand across the pharmaceutical, chemical, materials and biotechnology industries. Career paths include research and development, environmental monitoring, forensic science and management. Science journalists have a vital role to play as intermediaries between science and the public. They have a crucial role in explaining the complexities of the latest discoveries in pure and applied science, whether working for television, the internet or newspapers.

The commercial sector is a large employer of chemistry graduates. The analytical and problem solving skills developed during a chemistry degree are highly regarded and there are many opportunities for 'fast track' careers in the public sector, law, management and consultancy.

Chemistry graduates are highly sought after by the teaching profession, which offers stimulating and rewarding careers for those looking to inspire the next generation. Other graduates pursue careers in universities, studying to PhD level, going on to cutting edge research and teaching undergraduates. In summary, chemistry helps us to understand the world and having a chemistry degree opens up a world of opportunities. There has never been a more exciting time to study chemistry!

Assessment

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If you have enjoyed the challenges and variety of GCSE English Language and Literature, this course offers opportunities to engage analytically with a wide range of texts. This specification enables you to explore drama, poetry and prose texts, under the themes of Love Through the Ages and Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the Present Day.

The skills developed through the course include discussion and debate, essential to getting the best out of your critical reading and analysis of texts.

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths

Career Progression

This subject has always been regarded highly by universities and employers. It complements many career pathways including those which involve a high level of communication such as Human Resources, Teaching or Social Work. If you wish to follow careers in the Arts you would benefit from a background in English Literature. If you wish to follow a more scientific career you can also benefit from the cultural richness of English which adds another dimension to your studies. This subject would be extremely useful to aspiring writers and journalists.

Assessment

Year 12

Paper 1: Love Through the Ages

Section A: Shakespeare

Section B: Unseen Poetry

Section C: Comparing The Great Gatsby and Pre-1900 Love Poetry Written examination: 3 hours Year 13:

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Section C: Comparing The Great Gatsby and Pre-1900 Love Poetry Written examination: 3 hours (40% of A Level)

Paper 2: Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the Present Day. Section A: Set texts. One essay question on set text (25 marks) Section B: Contextual linking

- · One compulsory question on an unseen extract (25 marks)
- One essay question linking two texts (25 marks) Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes (40%) of A-Level

Non-examined Assessment

Assessed by teachers, moderated by AQA. (20% of A Level).

edexcel A Level **ECONOMICS**

Overview

Economics provides us with the analytical tools to interpret the world around us. Blending critical thinking with the synthesis of information from multiple sources, allows us to create solutions to problems. It equips students with the necessary skills to approach multi-dimensional issues with the correct strategy. Our society faces many challenges; how to sustainably develop underperforming economic systems, how to tackle unemployment, how to address environmental concerns, reduce crime and understand demographic change. Economics can help us understand the interactions between individuals, business and government, that have such an impact on all of our lives. The subject is applicable to everyday life, in study, in work, in discussions with friends and family.

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths

Career Progression

Economists work in many industries across the public, private and third sector. These include financial services such as banking, accounting, insurance and wealth management. They work in many different government offices locally and in the civil service. Study of the subject also produces the transferable skills needed for successful careers in law, charity, tourism and the study of all social science and humanities.

Assessment

Paper 1 (Year 13)

Markets and business behaviour

Questions drawn from Theme 1 and Theme 3 100 marks, 2 hours 35% of qualification

- · Section A: multiple-choice and short-answer questions
- Section B: one data response question Section C: one extended open response question (choice of one from two)
 Paper 2 (Year 13)
 The national and global economy

Questions drawn from Theme 2 and Theme 4 100 marks, 2 hours 35% of qualification

- Section A: multiple-choice and short-answer questions
- Section B: one data response question Section C: one extended open response question (choice of one from two)

Paper 3 (Year 13)

Microeconomics

and macroeconomics

Questions drawn from all themes 100 marks, 2 hours

30% of qualification

Two data response questions broken down into a number of parts, each including one extended open response question

Is this course for me?

An Institute for Fiscal Studies survey in 2016 found that those with Economics degrees had the highest median income behind medicine. This is reflective of the hard work required to acquire the knowledge and skills to master the subject. If you are willing to put maximum effort in and have a passion for Economic principles, this course is for you!

A Level HISTORY

Overview

History maybe about the past, but it is a key subject which helps us to understand and form opinions about the rapidly changing world in which we live today. The A Level course involves studying important historical rulers and developments including why countries go to war, revolutions and religious and political struggles. Your will develop you analytical and essay writing skills and interpret historical issues in a variety of ways. You will receive a lot of support but must be prepared to work hard and read widely!

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in History

Career Progression

History combines well with other arts subjects and is highly regarded amongst both employers and universities. The analytical and communicative skills developed in History are the key to succeeding in the challenging and competitive work environment of the 21st Century. Historians follow a variety of career paths including the legal profession, local government, business, the armed forces and teaching

Assessment

British period study: Unit Y106 - England 1485-1558 The Early Tudors Worth 25% I hour 30 minutes examination

Non-British period study: Unit Y221 - Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-63 Worth 15% I hour examination

Thematic study and historical interpretation: Y318 - Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 Worth 40% 2 hours 30 minutes exam Topic based essay: YIOO Worth 20% 4000 word essay

Is this course for me?

History helps us to assess and understand the world we live in today by studying developments and the impact that they have had on us. People who can make decisions, who can debate, make judgements and explain their ideas would be suited to History. Communication, reasoning and analytical skills will also help, as will the ability to argue a point and express themselves.

A Level MATHS

Overview

Mathematics A level students and graduates are in high demand with employers. It is the essential transferable component across all science, engineering, technology and maths subjects. Currently 59% of employers state they are having difficulty recruiting people with mathematics skills.

- · A Maths A Level will develop transferable skills.
- Analytical skills
- · Communication skills
- Investigative skills
- Problem solving skills
- · Self management

These are all skills that employers are looking for and which help you when you are applying for jobs and when filling in the personal statement on your UCAS form.

Entry Requirements

Grade 7 in Maths

Career Progression

Maths is one of the key facilitating subjects and it's essential for many higher education courses and careers. People with Maths A Level earn on average around 10% more than those without and people with a Maths degree can expect to earn over £220,000 more over their lifetime than a person whose education ceased at A Level.

Employers and University Admission tutors recognise A Level Maths as an excellent qualification. Top universities value A Level Maths as being a more suitable A Level choice than others when applying for any science related degree. A Maths A level can lead to careers in: Finance and Banking, Natural and Life Sciences, Business Consultancy and Operational Research, Engineering etc.

Assessment

Three examinations weighted 33.33% each

Paper 1 and Paper 2 containing content from pure mathematics. Paper 3 containing questions on statistics and mechanics.

Is this course for me?

A-level Maths is a versatile subject that pairs well with several other subjects. It can be studied at university with sciences such as Physics or subjects such as Economics, Accounting and Finance, and IT. Subjects such as Geography, Psychology and Sociology are also likely to have components that those with prior study of Maths will find easier. Studying these A-Level Mathematics also develops the skills that employers are looking for, such as critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning and communication. These are all transferable and can be applied to many different areas of your life. It is for these reasons that studying A-Level Mathematics it is one of the best subjects to enhance your future employability and earnings potential.

A Level **PHYSICS**

Overview

Do you want to investigate the limits of space, the beginning of time and everything in between? How about understanding how the technology around you works? Do you want to save the planet or maybe just help people get better when they are ill? Or maybe you don't care about any of this and just want to earn a good wage? Well it doesn't really matter. Whatever you do, the knowledge and skills you gain by studying Physics will be useful. Physics is more than a subject - it trains your brain to think beyond boundaries.

In addition to preparing you for careers in the physical sciences and engineering, a secure understanding of Physics and the skills it develops is highly sought after by a wide range of employers in many different and varied fields.

What will I study?

Year 12

Measurements and Errors: How to analyse data from investigations and judge the quality of your interpretations.

Particles and Radiation: The structure of matter, the nature of antimatter and photons, the fundamental forces of the universe and quantum phenomena.

Mechanics and Materials: The motion of objects and how materials react under stress.

Waves: The properties of waves and introduction of principles of optics.

Electricity: The nature of electrical current and it's applications in direct current circuitry.

Year 13

Further Mechanics: Non-linear motion and the nature of oscillating systems.

Field and their consequences: The nature of gravitational, electric and magnetic fields, the principle of electromagnetic induction and capacitance.

Thermal Physics: The process of heat transfer and its effects upon matter.

Nuclear Physics: The stability of atoms, fission and fusion processes, nuclear reactors and energy generation.

Entry Requirements

6 in GCSE Physics or a 6,6 in combined science. A 7 in maths is also required

Career Progression

A Level physics leads to a variety of careers, not just Physics and Engineering. These are possible careers that A Level Physics can lead to: Audio technician, Food scientist, Oceanographer, Chemist, Geophysicist, Climatologist, Medical physicist, Radiographer, Ergonomics expert, Naval architect, Aeronautical, Design, Mechanical, Agricultural, Electrical/electronic engineering, Medical, Automobile, Flight, Mining.

Assessment

Paper 1: Written examination: 2 hours, 85 marks, 34% of A Level 60 marks of short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice questions on content.

Paper 2: Written examination: 2 hours, 85 marks, 34% of A Level 60 marks of short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice questions on content.

Paper 3: Written examination: 2 hours, 80 marks, 32% of A Level 45 marks of short and long answer questions on practical experiments and data analysis.



Psychology: The science of mind and behaviour... this fascinating subject will help you to understand the effect that a variety of factors have on yours and others' actions. You will investigate classic studies from a range of psychological areas and compare these to modern studies; discovering how psychology has changed over time. You will see how psychology affects our everyday lives and underpins all of the actions we take and decisions we make.

There will also be opportunities to design your own psychological experiments and carry them out. Playing the role of 'psychologist' will allow you a deeper insight into the methods behind psychological research and the way that data is handled and analysed.

What will I study?

Year 12 and 13

H567/01: Research Methods: Experiments, Observations, Correlations and Self-Report - Understanding theory and gathering and analysing your own data.

H567/02: Psychological Themes through Core Studies: Classic versus Contemporary studies across five psychological areas; discovering a range of psychological approaches, issues, methods and debates in each.

H567/03: Applied Psychology: Choose two from Child Psychology, Criminal Psychology, Educational Psychology and Sport and Exercise Psychology and study in more detail about how psychology affects aspects of everyday life.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5.

Career Progression

Psychology underpins all human behaviour, so any career that involves working with people would make use of psychological study.

Previous students have gone on to: teach (a variety of subjects including: Psychology, Maths, Dance and Business); study criminology and work in prisons; study mental health nursing and continue in the field of psychology as research assistants... among many other things.

Assessment

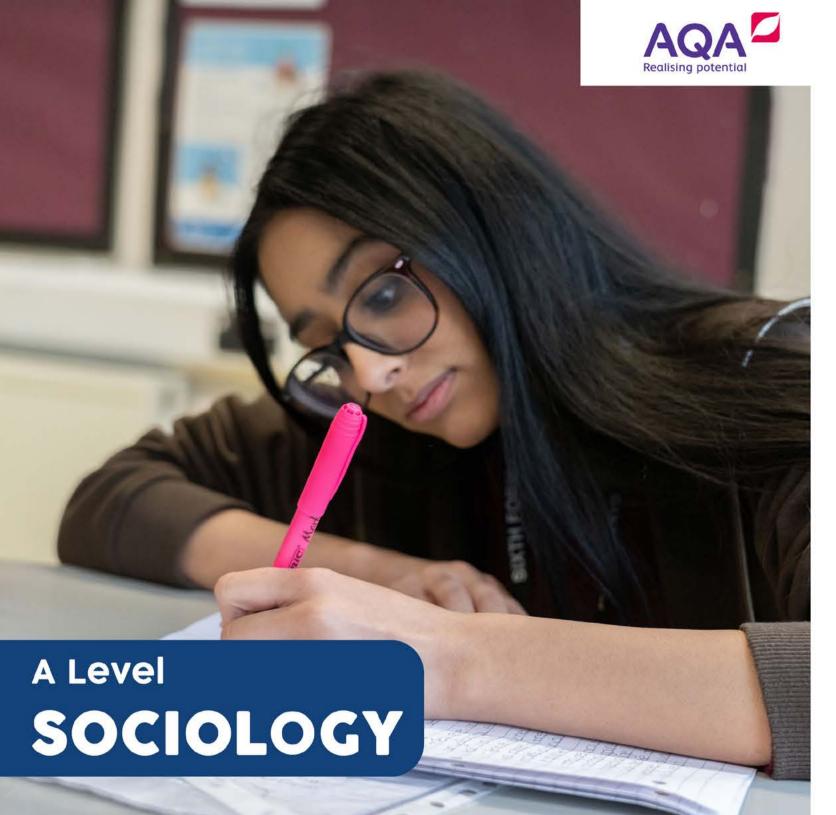
H567/OI: Research Methods: 90 marks; 2 hour examination; synoptic content; 30% A Level total.

H567/02: Psychological Themes through Core Studies: 105 marks; 2 hour examination; synoptic content; 35% A Level total.

H567/03: Applied Psychology: 105 marks; 2 hour examination; 35% A Level total. OCR

Is this course for me?

Yes, if you want to learn more about the human mind and how our decisions are shaped by our interactions with those around us.



Sociology is the study of people and how we interact with one and another. You will learn topics such as culture, media, religion and identity as well as getting to grips with the theories of thinkers such as Karl Marx Weber. Having a good understanding of human relationships can be a bonus in a range of careers, which is why sociology is probably a valuable subject to study. A sociologist endeavours to research and explain how institutions in society can impact on the lives of individuals for example the eduction system, the law, religion and families. Sociologists use their research skills to explain major social issues such as poverty. Sociology is about understanding societies, cultures and the various types of processes that produce them. Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in History

Career Progression

Would you be surprised to learn that former president, Ronald Regan, studied sociology and economics? Or that first lady, Michelle Obama, has a bachelor's degree in sociology? Are arts and entertainment more your style? Did you know that late actor Robin Williams (Mrs Doubtfire) was a sociology graduate? Lady Amos is the United Nations under-secretary general for humanitarian affairs with responsibility for overseeing emergency relief in war stricken areas and she is also a sociology graduate.

The skills and knowledge you develop studying sociology often focus on the human activities and relationships that connect individuals, groups and institutions, and relate to a wide variety of careers. According to The Guardian, sociology students who graduate from university are found in a wide range of occupations such as politics, law, journalism, media and journalism, counselling, counsellor, lecturer, housing officer, teaching, probation officer, prison guard, social researcher and social work.

Assessment

Paper 1 - Education with Theory and Methods:

2 hour written examination, 80 marks, 33.3% of A Level

Paper 2 - Families and Households and Beliefs in Society: 2 hour written examination, 80 marks, 33.3% of A Level

Paper 3 - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods:

2 hour written examination, 80 marks, 33.3% of A Level

Is this course for me?

Sociology is an academic subject which is constantly being updated as new theories and ideas are accepted. This subject would suit students who are excited by thinking through their own ideas and debating key ideas in society with others.

It is suitable for students who are open minded and willing to accept the views of others and think critically about them. Sociology is suitable for students who are committed to doing well and want to gain skills in a subject that is relevant for a wide area of future career choices.

General entry requirements

 An excellent effort, behaviour and attendance record in Year 11

 Achieve five passes at GCSE Grade 4 or equivalent

 Including a Grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths

CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Overview

This course is particularly appropriate for those with an interest in progressing in a career which involves working with children. It is a respected route for those who wish to move into employment in the children's sector and are moving into higher education to work in the industry from nursery assistant, early years coordinator, children's social worker to primary teacher.

It is a two year course where you will complete a number of internally assessed coursework and an externally assessed exam unit.

What will I study?

Year 12

Unit 1: Child Development

You will study the principles and theories of growth and development from birth to eight years, on which there will be an external examined assessment to check knowledge and understanding.

Unit 2: Development of Children's communication, Literacy and Numeracy skills

You will discover the links between early year's curriculum and stages of development in order to develop an understanding of how children can be supported in settings which will be an external controlled assessment.

Year 13

Unit 3: Play and Learning

You will learn how children's play is the foundation to development and will look at how different age and stages explore and learn through play.

Unit 5: Keeping children safe

You will develop a good understanding of the safety implications within early years settings including health and safety, legislations, regulations and rights of the child.

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level.

Career Progression

This course can lead to a variety of career paths. Below are some examples of industries which have been previously accessed by our students: Nursery nurse, Child minder, Nursery assistant, Teaching assistant, Primary school teacher, Children's social worker, Midwife, Early year's teacher, Paramedic, Primary teacher, Children's nurse.

Assessment

Year 12

Year 13

Unit 1: Child Development: Externally through an examination.
Unit 2: Development of Children's communication, Literacy and
Numeracy skills: Externally through controlled assessment.

Unit 3: Safeguarding in Early Years: Internally through coursework. Unit 5: Keeping children safe: Internally through coursework.

Is this course for me?

If you are interested in pursuing a career working with young children, then this course will offer you fantastic knowledge to prepare you for your future careear

A LEVEL DESIGN & **TECHNOLOGY**

Overview

Studying Design and Technology will enable you to gain and develop creative and practical skills. You will learn how to create products and understand all the necessary information required if you were to pursue this career further. Do you want to work into a practical industry where you're able to design, build or fix products? This course would be a perfect opportunity for you to make the necessary jump into a creative industry.

Entry Requirements

5 in English and a 6 in maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level.

Career Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

- tertiary education and/or work-based study including product design, engineering and architecture
- further training in the design, creative, engineering and/or manufacturing industries
- · employment in a relevant sector

Assessment

9DTO/01 - Principles of Design and Technology. Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 50% of the qualification, 120 marks.

DTO/02 - Independent Design and Make Project. Non-examined assessment. 50% of the qualification. 120 marks.

Is this course for me?

If you are interested in a careear in designing, fixing or building products then this course is recommended for you. If you enjoy being creative and working practically then you will also be welcome



BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate Health and Social Care is a great introduction to working in the health and social care sector. It allows you to investigate more fully in the working environments associated with these areas. It is a skills-based course where you develop your own personal skills in line with whichever health and social care career you are interested in

What will I study?

Year 12 and 13

Externally assessed unit: Human Lifespan Development
Internally assessed coursework unit: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

Externally assessed unit: Working in Health and Social Care Internally assessed unit: Psychological Perspectives in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level.

Career Progression

BTEC Health and Social Care is a vocational course which means there is a chance to investigate potential careers as the course progresses.

Studying in Health and Social Care can lead to careers in: Nursing or Midwifery, Teaching, Elderley care, Supporting those with additional needs, Early years

Assessment

Year 12

Human Lifespan and Development:

90 marks; 1 hour 30 minutes exam; 25% of the overall Extended Certificate

Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs:

Coursework unit; 90 credits; 25% of the overall Extended Certificate

Year 13

Working in Health and Social Care:

80 marks; 1 hour 30 minutes exam; 25% of the overall Extended Certificate

Psychological Perspectives in Health and Social Care:

Coursework Unit; 60 credits; 25% of the overall Extended Certificate

Is this course for me?

This course is for you if you wish to work in an industry where the care of different age groups is a focus. You will gain necessary knowledge and skills to support your future career

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION ICT

Overview

Information Technologies is a 'must have' for every Post 16 student. Highly motivating, the course develops the knowledge and skills you need to be competent and informed ICT users and practitioners. The course is flexible and demanding enough that you can go as far into topics as you want to. The learning objectives set by each unit allow you to prove a very good in-depth knowledge and it also teaches valuable skills for everyday life.

What will I study?

Year 12

Unit 1: Information Technology Systems - written examination (120 guided learning hours)

Unit 3: Using social media is business - Coursework (90 guided learning hours)

Year 13

Unit 2: Creating systems to manage information - practical examination (90 guided learning hours)

Unit 5: Data Modelling - Coursework (60 guided learning hours)

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE Level.

Career Progression

Studying ICT will give you a wide choice of progression options into further study, training, or relevant employment. You will be well equipped to pursue careers in Computer Science, Information Systems, Multimedia, Software Engineering, Computer Networking, e-business and information.

Assessment

42% Coursework over 2 units 58% Examination over 2 units

Is this course for me?

If you are interested in working in a career where you require deeper IT skills then this course is defintely for you.



Media is a creative and innovative subject which provides students with the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the 21st Century, in which media is evolving, changing and continuing to shape the world. Students will develop theoretical and technical knowledge and understanding of media concepts and work in the design and production of media products used within the industry. Students will engage with a wide range of screenings, hardware and software to complete their work, as well as working alongside media industry specialists.

What will I study?

Year 12

Unit 1: (Examination) Media Products and Audiences (January)

Unit 4: (Coursework) Pre-production Portfolio

Year 13

Unit 8: (Examination) Respond to a brief (May)

Unit 10: (Coursework) Film production - fiction

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passess at GCSE Level, - An excellent effort, behaviour and attendance record in Year 11.

Career Progression

When it comes to progression or employment, students will learn about the variety of opportunities available within media businesses and organisations within the sector. Students will develop clear ideas about where they might like to take their career and what progression routes they would like to follow, including either creative or vocational courses at university or industry-related apprenticeships. Job roles include photography, radio production, lighting, software engineer, journalism, editing, creative media production roles, graphic design, industry apprenticeships such as BBC, ITV, Channel 4 and film industry roles.

Assessment

Year 12

Students will be introduced to the key concepts and theories within media studies and will be assessed by a process of two examined units and one coursework unit.

Year 13

Students will continue to build on their knowledge and understanding of creating media products and will be assessed through three coursework units.

58% Examination

42% Coursework

Is this course for me?

If you are interested in pursuing a career working with film, magazines or any type of media then this course will offer you fantastic knowledge to prepare you for your future career. Also if you have an interest in film and creative media this could be the course for you looking int



PERFORMING ARTS

Overview

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting) is equivalent to one A Level. The Extended Certificate is for individuals who have a keen interest in learning about the Performing Arts sector alongside other fields of study with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses. Should you want to pursue a career in the Arts, this qualification offers an engaging and enriching programme to support you fully wherever your next destination may be.

Entry Requirements

5 in English and Maths, 5 passess at GCSE Level, including a Merit in performing Arts or a GCSE Grade 5 in English - An excellent effort, behaviour and attendance record in Year 11.

Career Progression

An education in the Performing Arts will prepare you for your next steps in life, whether it be a degree in the arts, another area of study or employment. In addition to the performing arts sector-specific content, this qualification provides students with the opportunity to develop transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

Assessment

Year 12

There are two units in this year for the qualification one is internally assessed subject to external stanards verification. This means that your teacher will set and assess the assignments that provide the final summative assessment for this unit. The second unit in this year will be externally assessed by the examination board. Your coursework and praxtical evidence could be in the form of; - A write up of the findings of your own research - The use of case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations - Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes - Demonstrating practical and technical skills using appropriate techniques and processess.

Year 13

There are also two units in this year in which one is interally assessed subject to external moderation and the final unit is externally assessed by th examination board. The extra guided learning hours allow students to demonstrate bredth and depth of achievement. There are two elements to the external assessment: - Set tasks - students take the assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task. - Performance - Students prepare for assessment over an extended window and demonstrate skills that generate some non-written evidence.

Is this course for me?

if you are interested in improved confidence, communication and group skills and enjoy performing and creating with others This course can be an excellent add on for any career or if you want to pursue a career in performing arts



SPORT

Overview

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate offers great flexibility through the units of study. This qualification is designed to support progression to higher education.

Employers and professional bodies have also been involved and consulted to ensure that the content is appropriate for those of you who may choose to enter employment directly in the sport sector.

You will cover a variety of units that help prepare you for a range of employment and further education opportunities. The course is delivered in a number of ways including practical sessions and more classroom based theory work.

What will I study?

Year 12

Mandatory Units

Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology: 20 weeks

You will look at a number of key areas including the skeleton, the muscular system, the cardio-respiratory system and the energy systems.

Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry: 10 weeks

You will explore the knowledge and skills required for different career pathways in the sports industry. Learners will take part in, and reflect on, a personal skills audit, career action plan and practical interview assessment activities. Year 13

Mandatory Unit

Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being: 20 weeks You will explore the client screening and lifestyle assessment, fitness training methods and fitness programming to support improvements in a client's health and wellbeing.

Additional Unit

Unit 7: Practical Sports Performance:10 weeks

You will study the skills, techniques, tactics and rules of selected sports through active participation in individual/team sports.

Entry Requirements

5 in english and maths & merit or above in GCSE PE

Assessment

This course is 33% coursework, 67% external assessment which consists of one examination and one set task. You will complete 4 units in total. Year 12

- Two Units will be completed in Year 12
- One internally assessed, coursework based unit and one externally assessed examination Year 13
- Two units will be completed in Year 13
- One internally assessed, coursework based unit and one externally assessed timed assignment

Career Progression

Possible careers include: Sports Development Officer, PE Teacher, Strength and Conditioning Coach, Human Nutritionist, Personal Trainer, Sports Scientist, Performance Analyst, Sports Therapist, Sports Marketing.

Is this course for me?

If you have an interest in sports performance, sports leadership or fitness, the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport may be for you. This course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and practical skills required for successful employment in the sport and recreation industries but it also prepares you for a higher national or undergraduate degree programme in Physical Education, Sports Science, Sports development or Sports coaching.

SIXTH FORM OPTION BLOCKS

Students are required to select a minimum of three subjects. Each subject must be from a different option block.

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NEXT STEPS

WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

- Research your potential career pathway to find our what subjects you might need to study.
- · Read the subject information in the prospectus carefully
- · Complete the online application form
- You will be then invited to a short interview with the sixth form team so make sure that you attend this interview and bring any questions you may have.

"Choosing to study at sixth form was the best decision I made. The level of support and the quality of teaching was excellent and enabled me to achieve the grades I needed to study at university."

SIXTH FORM ALUMNI

Our students progress onto positive destinations.
These include University, Apprenticeships and employment.

Courses our students have studied at University:

- Business Management
- · Music Performance
- History and Political Science
- Business Economics
- Sport and Exercise Science
- · Children's Nursing
- Marketing
- Automotive Engineering
- Education Studies
- Microbiology
- ·Games Art

Employment Destinations:

- Management
- · Engineering Apprenticeship
- Social Care
- · Nursery School Apprenticeship
- Army
- Accountancy Apprenticeship

APPLICATION

Wednesday 15th November 2022

Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday 12th January 2024

Deadline for online applications

May/June 2024

GCSE Examinations

June 2024

Sixth Form Induction Days

August 2024

GCSE Results Day Year 12 Registration

September 2024

Sixth Form lessons start

HOW TO APPLY

Complete an application form.

All application forms to be received by Friday 12th January 2024 to guarantee an interview.

Download an Application Form

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