

Matrix Academy Trust

WEDNESFIELD ACADEMY
SIXTH FORM
PROSPECTUS 2027

CHANGING LIVES SHAPING FUTURES

WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are exceptionally proud of our Sixth Form at Wednesfield Academy. Our A Level results have consistently improved each year, with the average grade for 2025–26 being a B.

However, our Sixth Form offer goes far beyond the grades our students achieve, important though these are. Students have the opportunity to take part in the Turing Scheme and visit other countries, receive extensive support with their UCAS applications, and benefit from strong careers links, with employers regularly visiting the school to speak with and support our students.

There is much more to our Sixth Form experience, and we would be delighted to welcome students who want to achieve highly and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch – we would love to hear from you.

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

I am immensely proud of our Sixth Form students and the many outstanding academic achievements they accomplish. These successes are a reflection of their commitment, determination and inspiration, supported by the dedication of our staff and the wider school community.

Our Sixth Form is a place where students are encouraged not only to pursue their academic goals, but also to develop as confident, independent and well-rounded young adults. Alongside their studies, our students have opportunities to participate in a wide range of enriching activities, develop their talents and interests, take on leadership responsibilities, and engage meaningfully with the wider community and society.

We look forward to supporting you on your journey through Sixth Form, helping you to discover your strengths, pursue your ambitions and make the most of every opportunity. Our aim is to ensure that every student leaves us with the knowledge, skills, confidence and character to take their next steps successfully.

Our Sixth Form students are the young adults and future leaders of tomorrow, and it is a privilege to be part of their journey.



ABOUT US

Choosing Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form offers you a unique opportunity to excel beyond Key Stage 5 and prepare confidently for your future. Our high-quality teaching builds on the knowledge and skills you have already developed, while our dedicated and experienced staff provide exceptional support to help you achieve your full potential.

You will learn from subject specialists who bring expertise and passion to their teaching, while gaining valuable insight into a wide range of careers, university courses, apprenticeships and employment pathways. Through this guidance, you will be empowered to make informed decisions about your next steps.

We take great pride in our Sixth Form students, who are positive role models for younger pupils and play important leadership roles across the academy, including as Head Students and Mentors. Our comprehensive personal development programme provides tailored support through dedicated tutor groups in Years 12 and 13, ensuring that you receive personalised guidance throughout your Sixth Form journey.

We set high expectations for attendance, punctuality, effort and achievement, while providing the support you need to meet those expectations. Our aim is to help you develop confidence, resilience and self-belief, preparing you academically, personally and socially for life beyond Sixth Form.

Our extensive enrichment programme provides opportunities to take part in trips, hear from guest speakers and experience activities that broaden your horizons. These experiences help you develop the skills, qualities and confidence needed to strengthen applications for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Our strong results and personalised guidance have enabled students from our 2025 and 2026 cohorts to progress to their chosen destinations. We are particularly proud of our recent achievements, with our 2026 results being our strongest yet and students achieving an average grade of B. This year, students have progressed to prestigious destinations including the University of Oxford, while others have successfully secured places at medical school.

At Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form, we pride ourselves on being a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive community with a strong family atmosphere. We celebrate the achievements of our students and recognise the exciting opportunities that Sixth Form brings.

If you are ready to challenge yourself, discover your strengths and take the next step towards your future, we invite you to become part of our success story.

Respect. Resilience. Pride. At Wednesfield Academy Sixth Form, we will support you to develop these qualities and achieve your ambitions.



SIXTH FORM
STUDY PROGRAMME

As a sixth form student, you will benefit from a tailored study programme designed to provide you with the qualifications and skills needed for a smooth progression in your career pathway. As the senior members of our school community, we hold high expectations for all our sixth form students, encouraging you to strive for excellence and make the most of your experience. We are committed to equipping you with the tools you need for future success.

You will have timetabled lessons for your chosen subjects, including independent study lessons where we will expect you to carry out independent study at school; this runs alongside the expectations of independent study at home.

Sixth Form Personal Development 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.







ENRICHMENT
& THE WIDER CURRICULUM

All Sixth Form students will be involved in a personalised enrichment programme designed to support them over the next two years to build their confidence, communication skills, knowledge and leadership attributes.

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Fundraising for Charities
- Mindfulness
- First Aid training
- Reading mentors
- Numeracy mentors
- Sport, Fitness Programmes
- Sutton Trust scheme
- External speakers
- Assessment centre practice

- Volunteering
- Engineering support
- British sign language
- Debate club
- Knitting and Crochet
- Young leaders
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Ambassadors

PASTORAL SUPPORT

At the heart of our Sixth Form is a strong commitment to pastoral care, ensuring that every student feels supported, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Each student has a dedicated Personal Tutor who provides guidance, encouragement and individual support throughout their Sixth Form journey. Regular form time offers opportunities to develop essential life skills, explore wellbeing, reflect on personal progress and prepare for the future.

Our comprehensive pastoral programme includes careers education and guidance, mental health and wellbeing support, and practical strategies to develop effective study skills, including organisation, time management, revision techniques and independent learning. Students also have access to a counsellor, providing additional emotional support if needed.

Our aim is not only to support students in achieving academic success, but also to nurture their confidence, resilience, independence and sense of responsibility.
Above all, we want every student to leave our Sixth Form as a confident, well-rounded young adult, equipped with the skills, knowledge and self-belief to embrace their next steps, whether that is university, an apprenticeship or employment.



STUDENT WELLBEING

Students' well-being is our top priority, and we are committed to supporting you both personally and academically. We understand that the transition to sixth form can present unique challenges, and we're here to help you navigate them. We promote open communication with parents and carers, ensuring that they are involved in your journey. If we have any concerns, we will reach out early to discuss how we can best support you. Your success and well-being are at the heart of everything we do.

TRIPS AND VISITS

TURING TRIPS

Over the past few years, pupils have had the incredible opportunity to take part in Turing Scheme trips to destinations including Morocco, Peru and South Africa, with our current Year 12 pupils preparing for an exciting trip to China. Pupils are encouraged to apply for these unique opportunities, which combine volunteering, cultural exploration and personal development. Through these experiences, pupils have the chance to make a positive contribution to local communities, immerse themselves in different cultures and develop valuable life skills. These unforgettable trips help broaden horizons, build confidence and independence, and inspire pupils to become responsible global citizens.



UNIVERSITY TRIPS

Pupils have had the fantastic opportunity to visit a range of universities, including Bath, Worcester, Nottingham, Liverpool and Manchester. During these visits, they have participated in a variety of engaging and informative sessions, explored university campuses and gained valuable insights into university life. These experiences have helped broaden their horizons, raise aspirations and inspire them to consider the exciting opportunities available through higher education.

APPRENTICESHIP AND UNIVERSITY FAIRS

Pupils have the opportunity to attend a variety of university and apprenticeship fairs, where they can meet and speak directly with a wide range of education and training providers. These events allow pupils to explore the different pathways available to them, ask questions and gain valuable insights into university courses, apprenticeships and future career opportunities. By engaging with providers, pupils can make informed decisions about their next steps, broaden their aspirations and feel confident and prepared for life beyond sixth form.



DRESS CODE

You are young adults and will be treated accordingly. We do expect you to adopt our dress code of smart office wear. Both men and women are welcome to wear ties if they wish and dress according to the gender that they identify as.

All students

Two-piece suit or business smart attire.
Shirt/blouse
Smart shoes.
Trousers or a skirt

NOT PERMITTED

- Nose or any other visible body-piercings.
- Visible tattoos.
- T-shirts.
- Polo necks.
- Crop tops.
- Leggings.
- Canvas shoes.
- Casual shoes.
- Please ensure skirts are an appropriate length.

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.





CAREERS GUIDANCE

The careers guidance programme you will receive will be of the highest quality. Sixth form students do immerse themselves into school life, working with younger pupils, 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.



VISIT WWW.MATRIXCAREERSGUIDE.CO.UK FOR HELP AND ADVICE

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SUBJECT

Which subject is right for you?

Keeping your future aspirations in mind is essential when making your subject selections. If you have a specific career in mind, be sure to research the entry requirements, as these can vary between institutions. The UCAS website offers comprehensive information on undergraduate degrees, apprenticeship degrees, and various other opportunities. If you are considering an apprenticeship, creating an account with the National Apprenticeship Service will help you stay informed about available options and requirements. Taking these steps will ensure you are well-prepared for your chosen pathway.

A Level vs vocational qualifications

You will have the opportunity to study either A Levels, vocational qualifications, or a combination of both. A Levels are the traditional pathway for many university degrees and career routes, with assessments typically taking place at the end of Year 13, alongside some subjects requiring non-examination assessments (please refer to subject-specific information for details).

Vocational qualifications, such as BTECs, are also rigorous, featuring a blend of externally examined units and internally assessed Pearson Set Assignments (PSAs) that are externally moderated. Many institutions, including some Russell Group universities, recognise BTECs, along with higher and degree apprenticeships, as valid qualifications for further education and career progression. This diverse approach ensures you can choose the path that best aligns with your goals.

UNIVERSITY OR APPRENTICESHIP

On finishing Year 13, the majority of our students progress to either university or apprenticeships. Whilst it is never too early to start looking ahead, most people keep their options open at this stage, especially if they don't have a firm idea of what they want to do as a career.

We provide personalised, impartial guidance for every student throughout their entire time at Wednesfield Academy. If you want to start taking a look for yourself, we recommend the following website as a starting point - www.matrixcareersguide.co.uk

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Another option that is very popular is a Degree Apprenticeship. They are similar to Higher Apprenticeships but differ in that they provide an opportunity to gain a full Bachelor's degree (Level 6) or Master's degree (Level 7).

Designed in partnership with employers, part-time study takes place at a university or college, with the rest of your time being with your employer. They can take between three to six years to complete, depending on the course level.

For more information visit: www.ucas.com/degree-apprenticeships



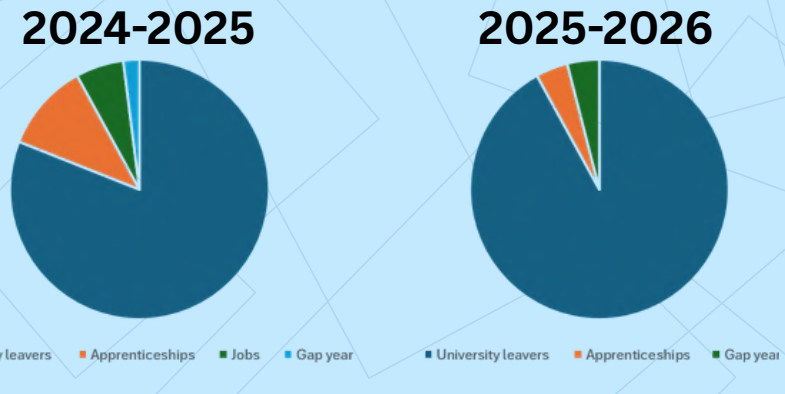
SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

2026 A Level Results:

A* - A	A* - C
28.2%	89%

2026 Vocational Results:

D* - D
97%









DESTINATIONS AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

The majority of our pupils progress to higher education, securing places at a wide range of prestigious universities and institutions. Recent successes include a pupil progressing to the University of Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), and another securing a place at medical school.

We recognise that every pupil's ambitions and aspirations are unique. Whether they choose university, an apprenticeship, employment or an alternative pathway, every pupil receives personalised guidance, encouragement and support to help them make informed decisions and take their next steps with confidence.

Our commitment is to ensure that every pupil leaves us well-prepared, ambitious and equipped to succeed in their chosen future.

SIXTH FORM ALUMNI

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



COURSES STUDIED:

- Accounting and Finance
- Aesthetics
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Science
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Experimental Psychology
- Fashion Marketing
- Filmmaking
- Forensic Investigation
- History
- Humanitarian Archaeology
- Law
- Marketing
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Mental Health Nursing
- Palaeontology
- Personal Training
- Pharmaceutical Science
- Philosophy, Politics, Ethics
- Physiotherapy
- Primary Education
- Product Design and Technology
- Psychology
- Sports Management

University of Oxford
Aston University Birmingham UK
Keele University
University College Birmingham
University of Chester
University of Liverpool
Manchester 1824 The University of Manchester
University of Bristol
University of Worcester
Prifysgol Aberystwyth University
University of Portsmouth
University of Birmingham
University of South Wales Prifysgol De Cymru
The University of Warwick
Staffordshire University
Royal Air Force
University of Wolverhampton
University of Derby

At our sixth form, your personal career ambitions are always our top priority. Our comprehensive tutor programme is designed to support your personal development and guide you at every step towards your career goals. In addition to tutor sessions, you'll benefit from extensive external support and guidance.

As part of our commitment to helping you progress to Higher Education, we offer opportunities to visit university campuses and attend UCAS fairs. We'll assist you throughout your UCAS application process if university is your chosen path.

For those interested in apprenticeships, we collaborate closely with employers and training providers, running dedicated sessions and assemblies to support your journey. Our annual careers convention in March will also provide valuable opportunities to engage with Higher Education institutions, employers, and apprenticeship providers.

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

With our support, you will leave sixth form as a confident and capable individual, well-prepared to become a future leader in your chosen field. We offer a broad range of academic and vocational subjects, all delivered by expert teachers to ensure the highest standards and excellent outcomes.



MEET OUR SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP TEAM

The role of head student has many facets, including being co-chair of the school council. We are a listening school where upstanding citizens listen to the views of others. The intention is to move our sixth form community forward, every single day



Head students messages:

‘Sixth form has been one of the most exciting journeys I have experienced, helping me become more confident, organised and independent. I study A level Chemistry, Biology and Physics, which have strengthened my problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. Being Head Student has been one of the most rewarding aspects of sixth form, allowing me to develop my leadership and communication skills through involvements in school events, attending staff meetings and supporting younger students. I have also been selected for Apprenticeship Genius, I was privileged to get an invitation to the House of Lords in London where I developed networking and improved my commercial awareness and also had the opportunity to gain work experience across various sectors. These experiences have helped me explore different career pathways, understand apprenticeships and University pathway while gaining an insight into professional environments. What I like most about sixth form is the independence, leadership responsibilities and opportunities to explore my future career. I enjoy getting involved in school activities and making the most of experiences beyond the classroom. My advice to prospective students is to stay organised, get involved and embrace every opportunity. Although sixth form can be challenging, it is a valuable chance to grow, build confidence and prepare for the future.’





Deputy head students messages:

‘Sixth form has many experiences such as university trips which are very intriguing, studying my a levels at Wednesfield sixth form is very beneficial because the teachers create interesting lessons and independent study gives me a sense of responsibility. I was provided with the opportunity to visit Auschwitz for a day which was an incredible experience. I really enjoy my time at sixth form being with my friends and enrichment activities.’

BURSARY FUND

WHAT IS THE 16 TO 19 BURSARY FUND?

The 16-19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to students for essential expenses such as books, equipment, uniforms, travel passes, and meals. We are dedicated to allocating bursaries to those students who demonstrate the greatest need. For more detailed information, please refer to our Bursary Fund policy, which outlines the eligibility criteria and application process. Your educational journey should be supported, and we're here to help.

I THINK I AM ELIBIBLE - WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team. They will be able to advise you further and if you are eligible, they will ask you to complete the on-line Bursary Application Form.

ARE THERE SET TIMES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR WHEN I HAVE TO PLACE MY ORDER/PURCHASE ITEMS?

No. We operate on an 'where appropriate' basis. You can order items throughout the school year.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WHAT IS A POST-16 STUDENT ENTITLED TO?

An eligible young person studying at a school sixth form, is entitled to a free meal for each day they attend their study programme for certain students.

Students from households receiving Universal Credit are eligible regardless of household earnings. Eligibility can also arise through certain other qualifying benefits.

If you are eligible for free school meals please contact the school at postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Pupils have 9 hours per week during the sixth form day to complete independent study. This times gives them:

- Support from staff
- Quiet spaces to study
- Library pods to book out



FACILITIES

Sixth form have access to the following facilities:

- Computers
- Library pods
- A study area
- Use of electronic devices for study purposes
- 1-2-1 careers advice
- Personal tutor
- Library
- Financial support for a bursary/FSM
- Sports facilities during enrichment and break
- Extra curricular activities after Sixth form
- Common room
- Hot water
- Microwave
- Sink
- Multitude of games including darts and a games table for break and lunch



BEING A SIXTH FORM STUDENT

As a sixth form student, you will need to be organised, manage your time and embark on your journey to become an independent learner. You should be engaging in 15 hours of independent study per week and broadening your wider reading across subjects.

You'll select three subjects from different option blocks, with your fourth option being independent study, allowing you to effectively balance your workload.

While we encourage volunteering, sixth form students must not take on many hours of paid work. You will be expected to attend school every day for the whole day (8.30am until at least 3pm).



SIXTH FORM OPTION BLOCKS

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

Level 3 courses offered

A	B	C	D
Biology	Physics	Maths	Chemistry
Computer Science	Sociology	History	Economics
Business	Design and Technology	Psychology	English literature
			Sport



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our sixth form offer consists of both academic and vocational courses, providing you with the qualifications that you require to follow your chosen career path.

Please read the subject specific information to help you with your course choices. All courses are level 3 and they carry UCAS points to enable university entry; all are recognised by apprenticeship providers to enable progression into this pathway.

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Mathematics and English (Language or Literature) plus three other GCSEs at Grade 5 or above (this includes BTECs at Merit or Distinction).



SUBJECTS

Biology
At least 2 Grade 6s in GCSE Combined Science OR 2 Grade 6s in GCSE triple award with one of these in Biology.

Business
It would have been beneficial to have studied GCSE Business but this is not essential. If you did study GCSE Business, then you need to have achieved a minimum of a grade 5.

Chemistry
At least 2 Grade 6s in GCSE Combined Science OR 2 Grade 6s in GCSE triple award with one of these in Chemistry. A minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE.

Computer Science
Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science.

Design and Technology
GCSE grade 5 in English and 6 in Mathematics

Economics
A minimum grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.

English Literature
A minimum of Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or Literature.

History
A minimum of Grade 6 in GCSE History.

Mathematics
A minimum of Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

Physics
At least 2 Grade 6s in GCSE Combined Science OR 2 Grade 6s in GCSE triple award with one of these in Physics. A minimum of a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

Psychology
You do not need to have studied this subject at GCSE. A minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE Psychology if taken. A minimum of a GCSE grade 5 in English and Maths.

Sociology
You do not need to have studied this subject at GCSE. A minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE Sociology if taken. GCSE Grade 5 in English.

BTEC Sport
It would have been beneficial to have studied BTEC Sport but this is not essential. If you did study BTEC Sport, then you need to have achieved a minimum of a merit grade.



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).

Is this course for me?

This course is suitable for anyone that would like to learn about living organisms and develop their knowledge into biochemistry, cell biology, ecology and genetics.



Overview

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 imapcts 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

GCSE grade 5 in English and Maths. GCSE grade 5 in Business is preferred.

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

A Level Chemistry will give you the skills and understanding to make decisions about the way Chemistry affects your everyday life.

What will I study?

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!

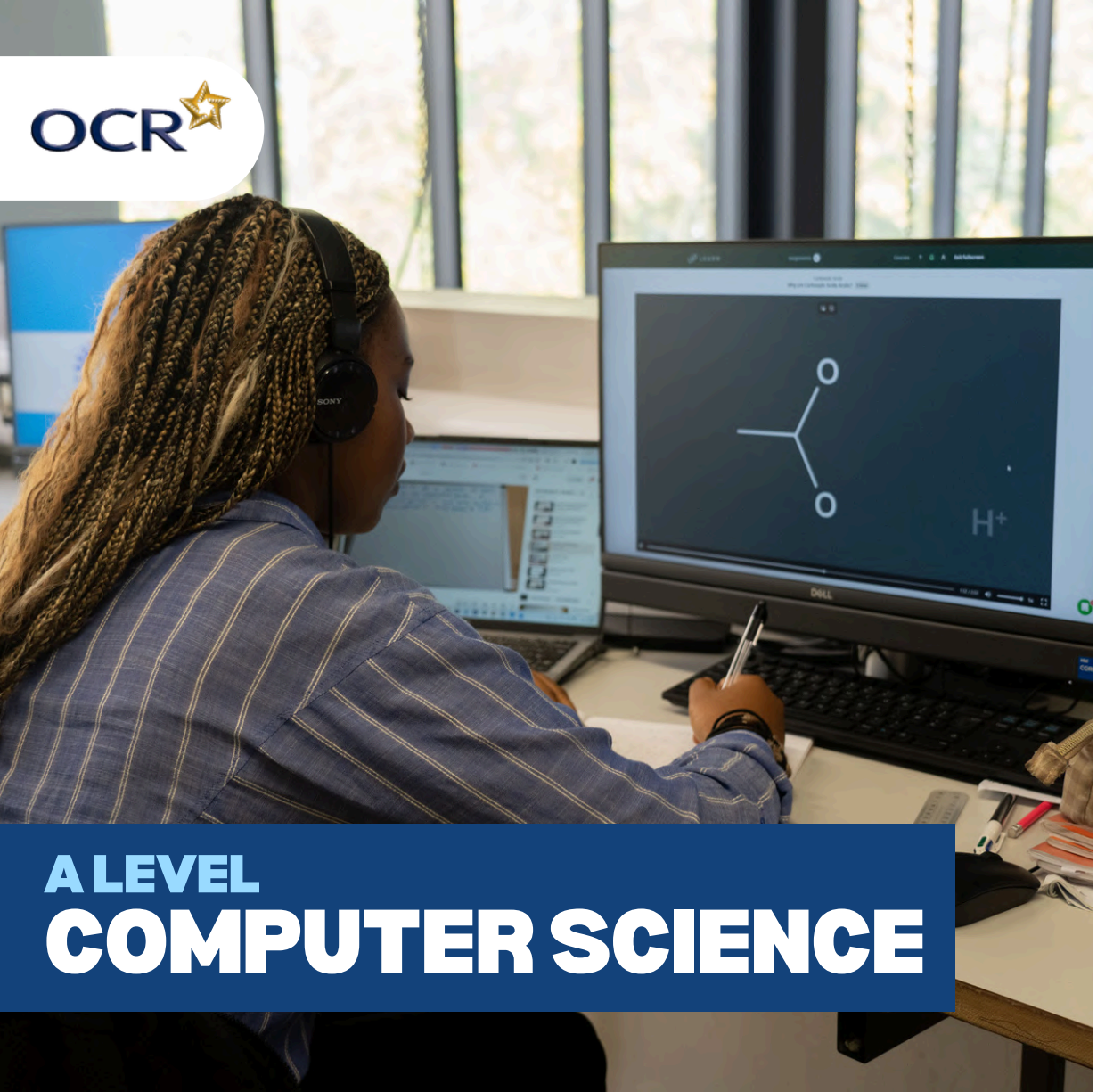
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Is this course for me?

If you would like to go into Medicine and Engineering and develop your knowledge in topics such as organic chemistry and physical chemistry.



A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

Overview

A Level Computer Science is an advanced course designed to develop students' understanding of how computers work, how they are used, and how they can be programmed to solve problems.

What will I study?

It combines both theoretical knowledge of computing principles with practical programming skills, preparing students for further study in computing, engineering, mathematics, and related fields.

Entry Requirements

To take A Level Computer Science, students must have studied Computer Science at GCSE and achieved at least a grade 6.

Career Progression

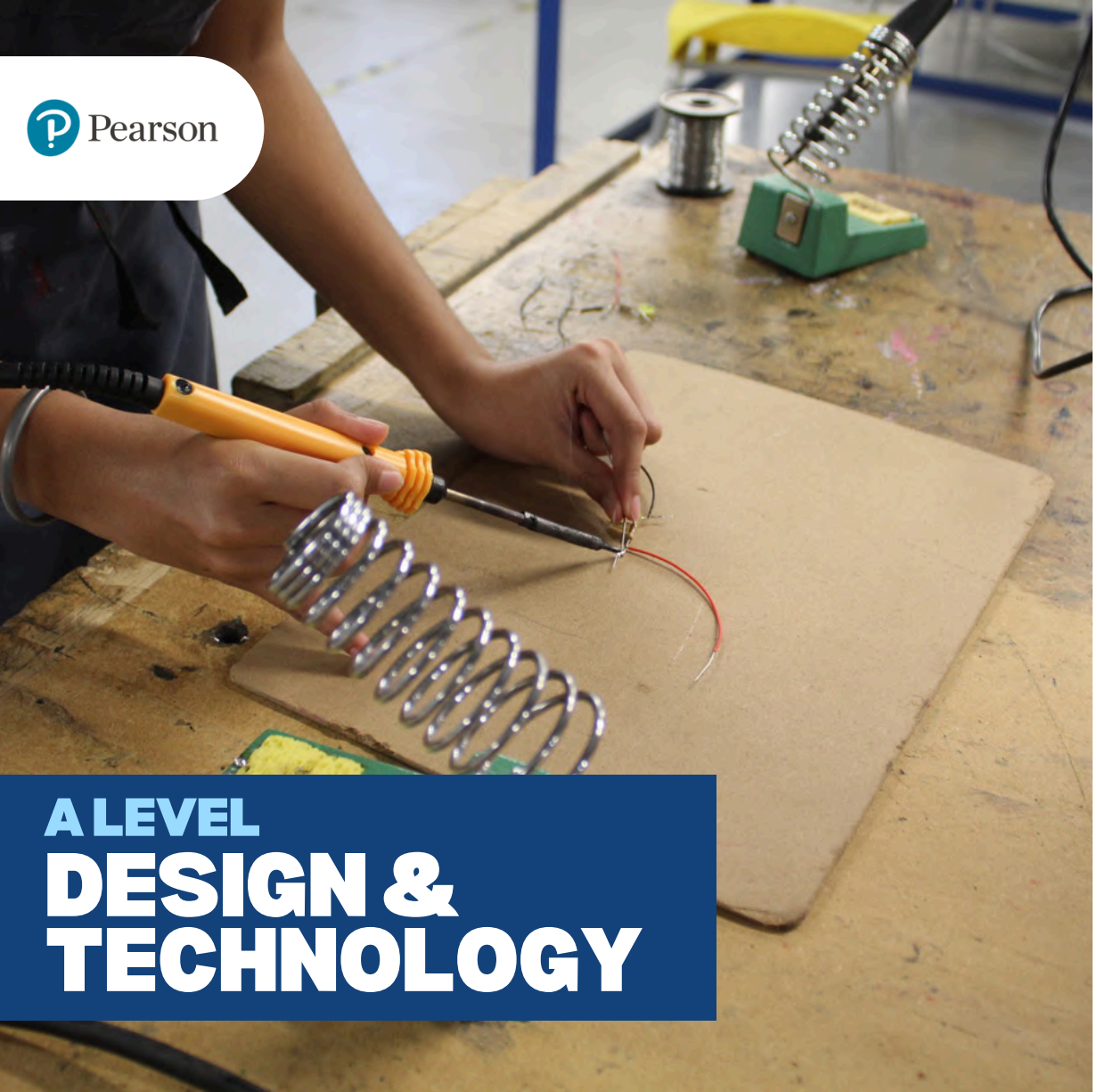
Studying A Level Computer Science can lead to careers in fields such as software development, cybersecurity, data science, artificial intelligence, game design, and systems analysis, as well as providing a strong foundation for university degrees in computing and related disciplines.

Assessment

Computer Systems written paper 40%
Algorithms and Programming written paper 40%
Programming Project non-exam assessment 20%

Is this course for me

This course is for you if you enjoy problem-solving, logical thinking, and coding, and want to understand how computers and technology work.



A LEVEL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Overview

Studying A Level Design and Technology will enable you to gain and develop creative and practical skills.

What will I study?

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

GCSE grade 5 in English and a grade 6 in Maths

Career Progression

Students can progress from this qualification to:

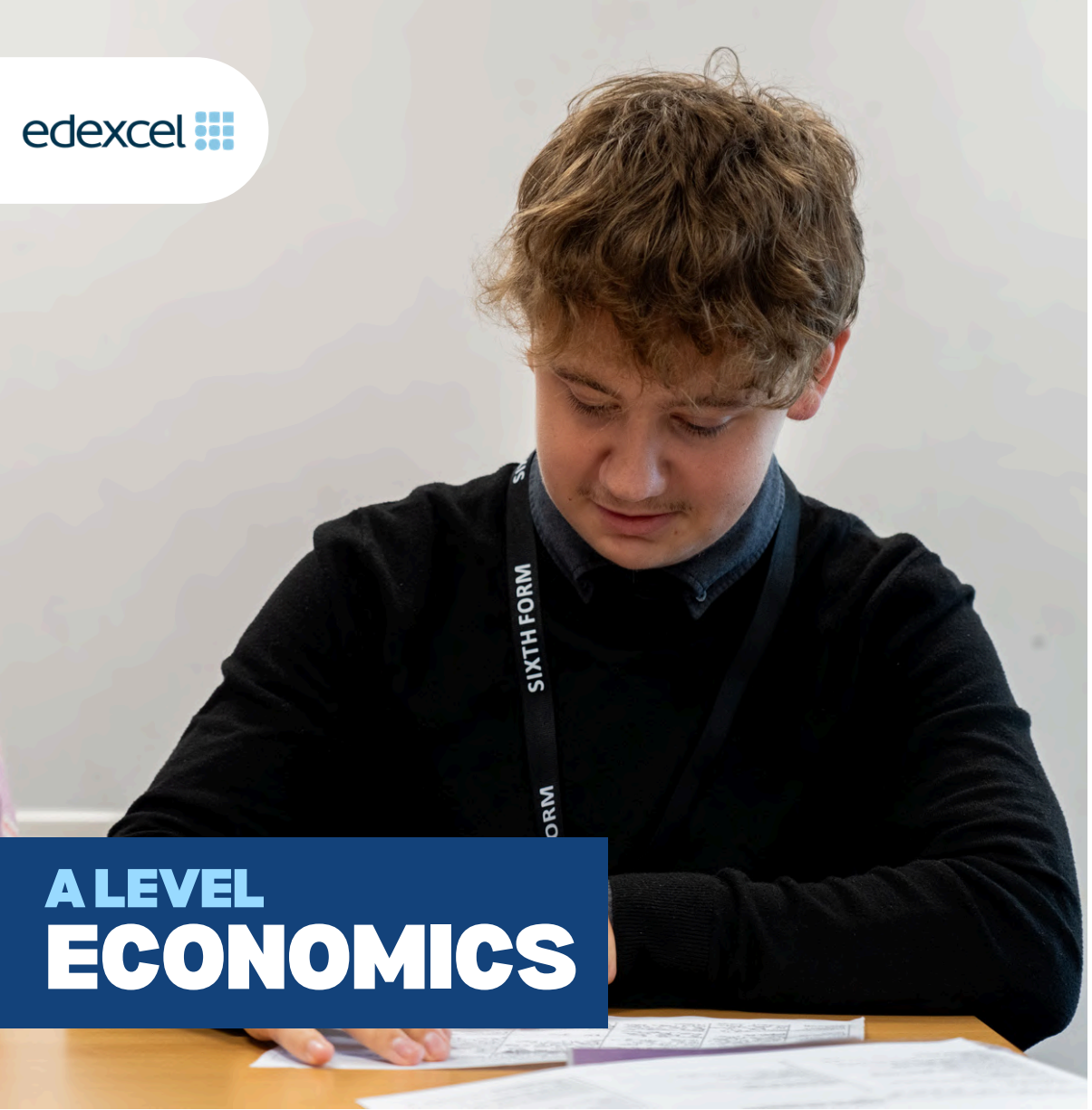
- tertiary education and/or work-based study including product design, engineering and architecture
- further training in the design, creative, engineering and/or manufacturing industries
- employment in a relevant sector

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 career 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



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.

What will I study?

Understanding the interactions between individuals, business and government, that have such an impact on all of our lives. The A Level in Economics is applicable to everyday life, in study, in work, in discussions with friends and family.

Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 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
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Overview

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.

What will I study?

This A Level English Literature 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

GCSE grade 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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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).

Is this course for me?

English Literature provides a pathway to a wide range of degree programmes and careers and is recognised across the arts, humanities and social sciences. Combined with maths or science A Levels, it can also help qualify you for some degree programmes in science, technology or medicine.



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.

What will I study?

The A Level History 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

GCSE 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.



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.

What will I study?

- 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

GCSE 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

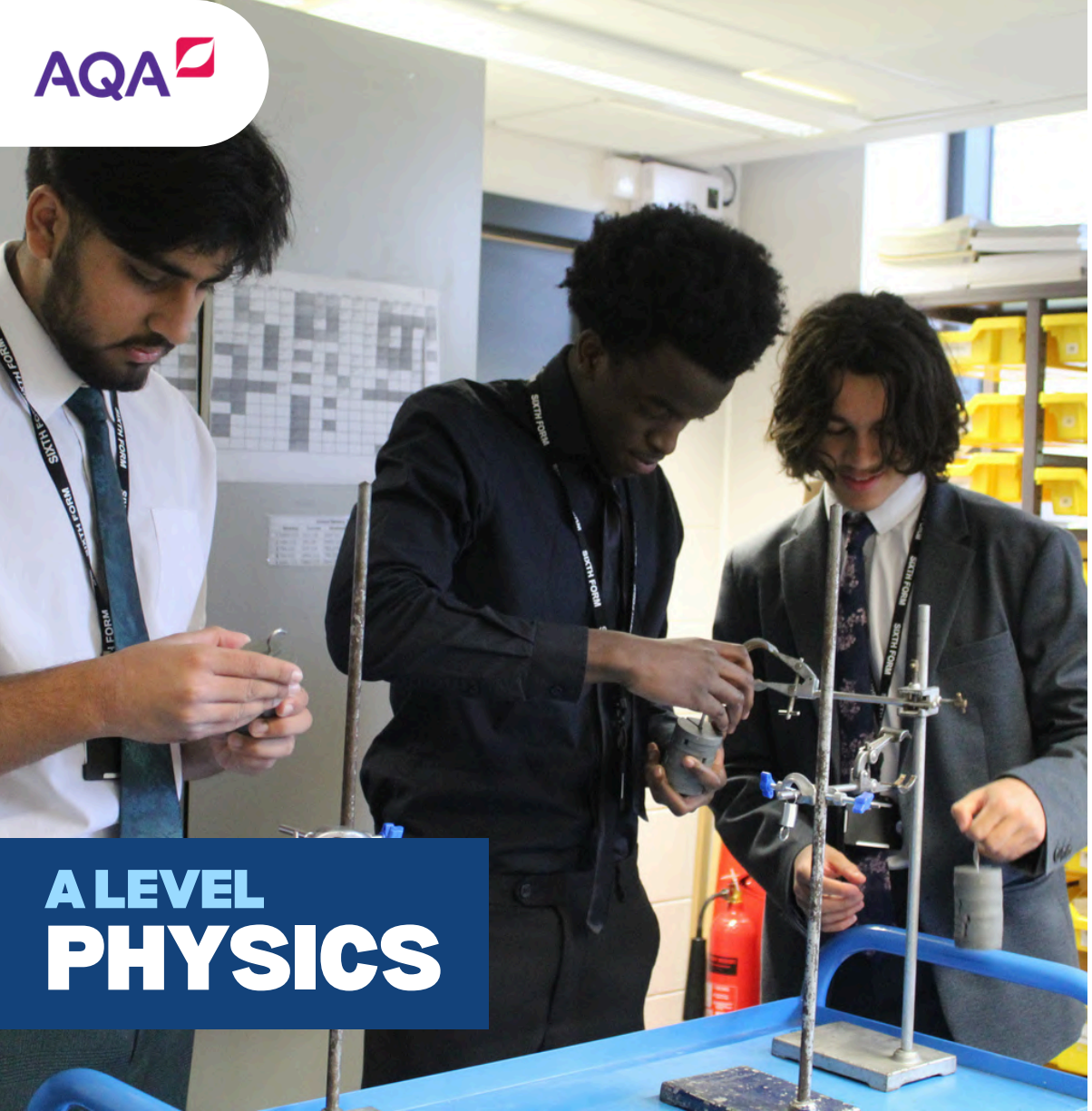
Three examinations weighted 33.33% each

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 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 A Level 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

Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or a 6,6 in GCSE Combined Science. A grade 6 in GCSE Maths is also required

Career Progression

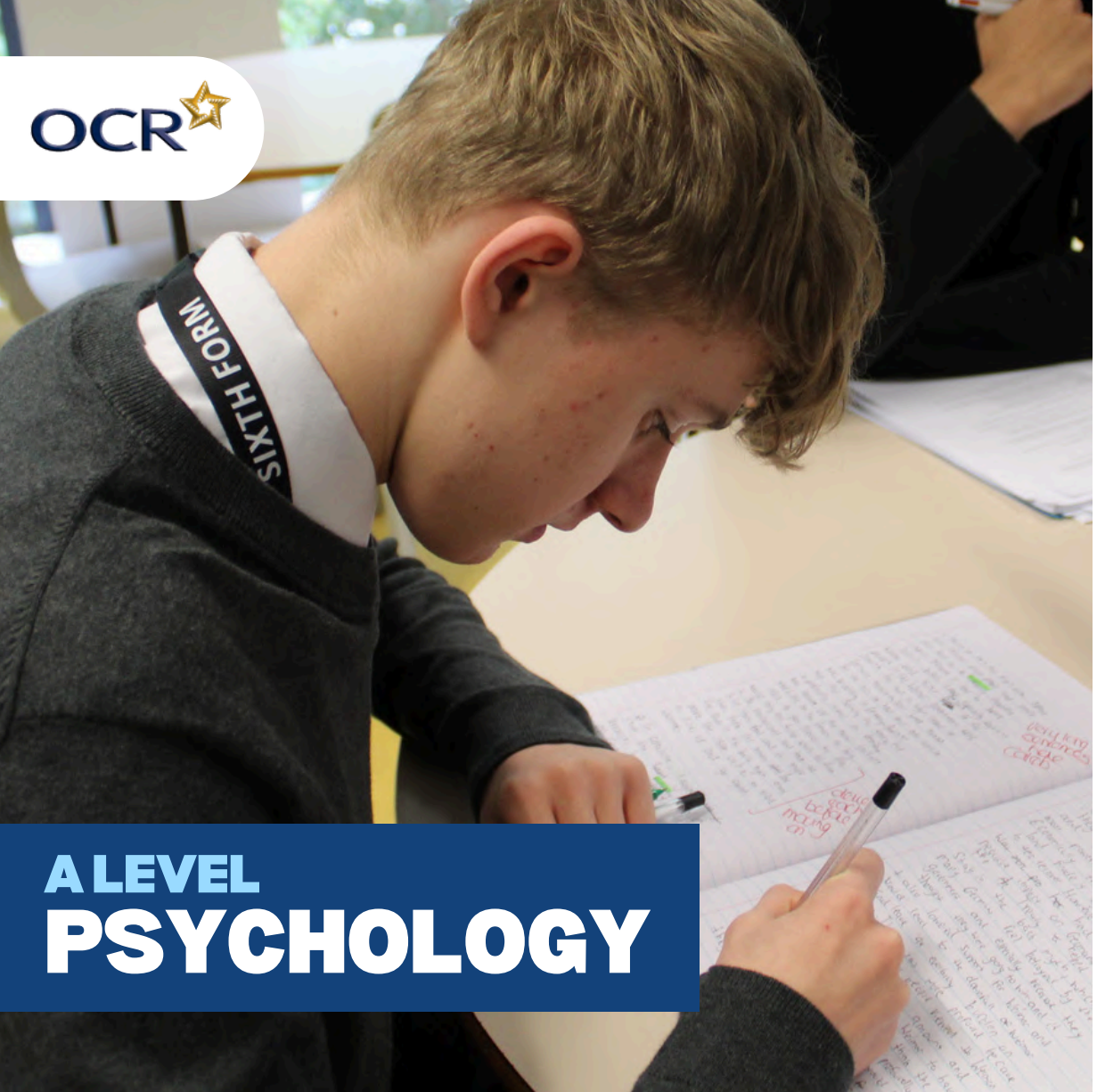
A Level physics leads to a variety of careers, not just Physics and Engineering. These are possible careers that A Level Physics can lead to: Audio technician, Food scientist, Oceanographer, Chemist, Geophysicist, Climatologist, Medical physicist, Radiographer, Ergonomics expert, Naval Architect, Aeronautical, 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.
35 marks of short and long answer questions on optional topic.

Is this course for me?

Anyone who is interested in STEM careers such as science, technology, engineering, computer science and surveying.



A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Overview

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

GCSE Grade 5 in English or Psychology

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.



A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

Overview

Sociology is the study of people and how we interact with one and another.

What will I study?

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

GCSE grade 5 in History or Sociology. GCSE grade 5 in English.

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.



VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
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.

What will I study?
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.
For a full breakdown of modules please speak to the course leader.

What I will study:
Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology - External assessment
Unit 2: Fitness training and programme for health, sport and wellbeing - External assessment
Unit 3: Professional development in the sport industry - Internal assessment
Unit 7: Practical sport - Internal assessment

Entry Requirements

Combined A Level and BTEC route: Grade 5 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE grade 5 or equivalent.
BTEC route only: Grade 4 in English and Maths, 5 passes at GCSE grade 4 or equivalent.
Merit grade in BTEC Tech Award in Sport.

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.

Assessment

This course is a mix of external and internal assessments with coursework, examinations and controlled assessments.

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.



Level 3 EPQ is an extra qualification that Wednesfield Academy allow pupils to partake in during enrichment time. Students can sign up for this as a voluntary option to extend their knowledge and further experiences.

LEVEL 3
EPQ- EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Overview

Students will identify, design, plan and complete an individual project separate from any of the subjects they currently study.

What will I study?

An array of topics from referencing, validity, reliability, sources to support your own individual project

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade 5 in English and Maths

Career Progression

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) helps students develop skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and independent research. This approach prepares students for a wide range of careers, especially those that value creativity, innovation, and self-direction.

Assessment

This project involves an essay (dependent on the topic), presentation and a logbook.

	Assessment Objectives	Weighting
AO1	**Manage** Identify, design, plan, and carry out a project, applying a range of skills, strategies and methods to achieve objectives.	20%
AO2	**Use Resources** Research, critically select, organise and use information, and select and use a range of resources. Analyse data apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any links, connections and complexities of the topic.	20%
AO3	**Develop and Realise** Select and use a range of skills, including, where appropriate, new technologies and problem-solving, to take decisions critically and achieve planned outcomes.	40%
AO4	**Review** Evaluate all aspects of the extended project, including outcomes in relation to stated objectives and own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to present evidenced project outcomes and conclusions in an appropriate format.	20%

Is this course for me

The AQA EPQ is a valuable asset for students applying to university or entering the workforce. Universities and employers highly regard the EPQ as evidence of a student's ability to work independently, think critically, and manage complex projects. Whether aiming for higher education or preparing for a dynamic career, this programme provides the foundation for success in any field. The EPQ is not just another qualification, it is a stepping stone towards academic excellence, career readiness, and personal growth



NEXT STEPS

What are my next steps?

- Research your potential career pathway to find out 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 meeting with the sixth form team and bring any questions you may have

STUDENT VOICE

'Sixth form has helped me grow as a person by allowing me to develop my confidence and independence through all the opportunities we have been given. The support we are given has helped me excel in my subjects and personal development and prepared me for life beyond sixth form'

'Sixth Form has really helped me become more confident and independent. The teachers are always supportive and push us to reach our potential, both academically and personally. The environment encourages everyone to aim high and make the most of every opportunity. The support during the UCAS process was excellent, staff were always available to give guidance and reassurance, which made applying to university much less stressful'.

'Sixth Form life is great if you're into an independent lifestyle of studying and learning and it helps you put yourself in a better position when applying for University'

APPLICATION PROCESS

Tuesday 17th November 2026	Open Evening
Friday 22nd January 2027	Deadline for online applications
May/June 2027	GCSE Examinations
Wednesday 23rd June 2027	Sixth Form Induction Day
Thursday 19th August 2027	GCSE Results Day - Year 12 Registration
September 2027	Sixth Form lessons start.

How to apply:

- Complete an application through applicaa
- All application forms to be received by Friday 22nd January 2027 to guarantee a Sixth Form meeting.
- Meetings will begin: As soon applications have been recieved
- Conditional offers made, subject to GCSE results
- Sixth Form induction day: Wednesday 23rd June 2027

Internal and External Application Form

https://wednesfieldacademy.applicaa.com/01a047db-d32d-7b2f-a3b6-41fae3290f07

We will contact your school for a reference and we will keep your application on file:
If you wish to be considered for a place and have met the entry requirements, please bring proof of your results into school, along with your passport or birth certificate at the earliest convenience, alternatively please send through to postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.



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