

Neale-Wade Academy



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Post 16 Prospectus

2015-2016



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I considered moving schools at the end of year 11. In the end I chose to stay at Neale-Wade and it is a decision that I will never regret. I have found the staff to be incredibly supportive and committed and engaging. The sixth form atmosphere is incredible. There are so many opportunities and great chances to get involved in student life. I am currently applying to university to study Theoretical Physics.

Isobel Mawby –Year 13



Neale-Wade Post 16 Centre

Thank you for your interest in Neale-Wade Academy Sixth Form. We believe that choosing to study at Neale-Wade Academy offers you an excellent opportunity to grow, develop and succeed in your chosen studies and will be the gateway to your future career or education.

At Neale-Wade we are proud to offer an extensive range of traditional A Levels and Applied Level 2 and 3 courses. We aim to provide a quality experience that caters for the needs of the communities we serve. Our curriculum allows our students to develop independent study techniques and transferable skills in an encouraging and supportive environment.

As a testament to our determination to continually improve, A Level passes have risen for the last four years, with 88% of subjects achieving 100% pass rate at A2 in 2014. 97% of all A2 students achieved the 3 A Levels required for their chosen university courses with students having gained places at top universities.

In addition to the high quality teaching the academy offers excellent facilities, including a modern well equipped kitchen and common room, study spaces and a designated Post 16 IT suite.

In this prospectus we aim to give you all the information that you will need to make the right subject choices for your next two years of study. To gain first hand experience of what life would be like as a Neale-Wade Post 16 student we encourage you to see for yourself and come along to the **open evening on Tuesday 4th of November 2014**. There you will have the opportunity to tour the excellent facilities within the Academy, speak with our specialist teachers in the subject areas and hear testimony from other students. Additional information is also available on the UCAS progress website (www.ucasprogress.com) where you can complete an online application to the Academy.

Dr Carole Spibey
Assistant Principal Post 16

Our Students

We understand that making the decision of where to study at Post 16 is a difficult one. To help you make that decision we would like you to read what some of our students have said about studying at Neale-Wade Academy. We welcome all students from other institutions and believe we offer a welcoming and supportive environment in which to learn.

Being part of the Neale-Wade sixth form has been a fantastic experience for me. I have been able to develop my skills in leadership and organisation and feel I have been well prepared for moving on to university through the support given to me by the teaching staff. There is a great community spirit within the Sixth Form, with extra-curricular activities such as quiz nights, book clubs and social events being organised and run by the students. These events generate a great sense of belonging and pride in the Academy and are fantastic opportunities to meet your fellow sixth formers outside of the Academy day. This year I am applying to study English Literature with Creative Writing at university. It has been a privilege to represent the Academy as Head Girl.

👤 Kate Whinnett Head Girl 2014

I chose Neale-Wade Academy Sixth form because I had really enjoyed my time here at GCSE and did very well. The teachers know me well and my learning style. The Academy offered me all of the choices I wanted to take and I didn't want to leave!

👤 Chloe Spencer- Year 12

I came to Neale-Wade Academy in Year 12 and have felt very welcomed in my time here. The Academy offered me the subjects that I wanted to study with excellent facilities and supportive teachers. I was given responsibility to work with students in the lower year groups to assist with their reading. I have made many great friends during my time in the sixth form. I am currently applying to university to study a social work course.

👤 Eve Gladwin -Year 13

Support and Guidance

At the academy students have access to strong pastoral, careers and academic support to enable them to reach their potential. This is offered through a dedicated Leadership Team and Form Tutors who track and monitor their progress throughout their time at the Academy. The team includes Dr Carole Spibey, Head of Post-16 and Mr Andrew Hunneyball, Progress Leader for Post 16 and Ms Lisa Danielli as Pastoral Assistant.

All students at Neale-Wade are assigned to an individual tutor group. Students are expected to attend all tutor sessions. The tutors are the first port of call for all information and advice throughout a student's time as a Post 16 student.

The form tutor will discuss student's progress with them throughout the year through invited parents evenings, academic mentoring and the reporting process. In Year 13 it is the tutors who help the students through the process of applying to university.

The Academy provides advice and guidance to all students at Post 16 whether they are applying to university, looking for an apprentice or entering employment. We run workshops on preparation for employment with local employers as well as provide opportunities to visit national and local careers exhibitions. We work alongside external agencies including Anglia Ruskin University to ensure all our students have the support and advice to make informed decisions about their next steps.

Academy Expectation

Students studying at Neale-Wade are expected to;

- Work to their full potential in lessons, private study and in other activities
- Complete homework and coursework to set deadlines
- Attend registration and lessons (including Tutorial Programme and enrichment) regularly in line with the Academy's Attendance Policy
- Be punctual
- Communicate effectively with staff if experiencing any difficulties or problems
- Act as a responsible and committed member of the Academy community
- Work in partnership with the Academy and the Post 16 Team and accept any disciplinary decision made
- Involve themselves as fully as possible in all activities
- Respect their environment so to help create a pleasant and positive atmosphere within the Academy.
- Be a good role model to younger pupils by adhering to the ethos and expectations laid out by the Academy.
- Students are expected to attend The Academy everyday

Authorised absences include;

- Illness and emergency medical/dentist appointments
- Driving test (not lessons)
- University visits/interviews
- Interviews for full time employment (not part time jobs)

Students self-certificate medical absence which is countersigned by their Form Tutor. Non-medical absence must be prearranged with the Head of Post 16 or Post 16 Pastoral Assistant.

Post 16 Curriculum

It is our aim to provide a wide range of Post 16 opportunities appropriate for all students in a local and nurturing environment. We offer a number of pathways to cater for students of all academic backgrounds, that will give them the qualifications necessary to progress in their desired route. This includes a wide range of traditional A Level subjects as well as a number of vocational Level 3 courses. Students can access one of three pathways; A/A*, Traditional, Mixed Level 3 or Level 2.

A/A* Pathway

Students entering the A/A* Pathway will have the potential to study 4 A Levels. They will also be invited to take an active role in the Junior Leadership Team working alongside Academy Leadership to implement and evaluate strategies for improvement across the Academy. Students in this pathway must choose at least two of the facilitating subjects: Maths, Further Maths, English Literature, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography, History or a Modern Language. Advice and guidance for these students will be targeted at Cambridge, Oxford or any of the Russell Group Universities. Enrichment is also targeted at improving independent study by providing the Extended Project Qualification or improving maths skills for non A Level maths students Level 3 Core Maths. Students entering this pathway will have passed at least 6 A/A* GCSEs including those grades in chosen subjects.

Traditional Pathway

Students entering the Traditional Pathway will have achieved at least 5 GCSE passes at grade C or above including English and Mathematics at a grade B. They will also have a grade B in any subject chosen for A level. They will study three subjects throughout Years 12 and 13.

Mixed Technical

Students entering the Mixed Technical Pathway will have passed at least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Mathematics and preferably a B grade or merit in the subjects they wish to study. They will study either a diploma (equivalent to 2 A levels) and one single award BTEC subjects or two diplomas. It is also possible to study a diploma alongside an A level providing the students have the right entry qualifications.

Level 2 Pathway

Students entering the Level 2 pathway will have achieved a pass at a Level 1 technical qualification or have achieved at least 5 Level 1 passes. They will study their chosen Level 2 qualification and a package of Level 2 English, Maths and Work Skills with the option of including work experience where appropriate.

Enrichment

Alongside their studies Neale-Wade Post 16 students are encouraged to participate in enrichment and extra-curricular activities. Students are currently participating in on-going work experience placements, volunteer work both in and out of the Academy, student committees, sport, music as well as taking the opportunity to improve their Maths and English GCSE grades. Some students also support younger students with literacy or work in departments such as science and media. Students are also given the opportunity to complete the Extended Project qualification (EPQ). This Level 3 qualification is well regarded by universities as it demonstrates independent research and study; key qualities necessary for successful study at degree level.



Curriculum Overview

A/A* Pathway

6 A* - A grades including chosen subjects

4 Subjects (red)

Students on this pathway have the potential to study 4 A Levels. Advice and guidance is targeted for entry to Oxbridge or Russell Group Universities.

Traditional Pathway

5 A* - C including a grade B English and Maths plus a GCSE grade B in subjects chosen at A level

3 Subjects (red)

This pathway could lead to Higher Education or employment. This route prepares students for entry into the UK's leading universities.

Mixed Technical

5 A* - C including English and Maths

BTEC diploma plus a BTEC certificate or an A Level or two BTEC diplomas (orange)

This could lead to Higher Education, an apprenticeship or employment.

Level 2 Pathway

Pass at Level 1

One Level 2 subject. This will be combined with Level 2 English, Maths and Workskills (Green)

This could lead to employment or continued study at a Further Education College or year 13/14 at Neale-Wade Academy.

Post 16 Admissions

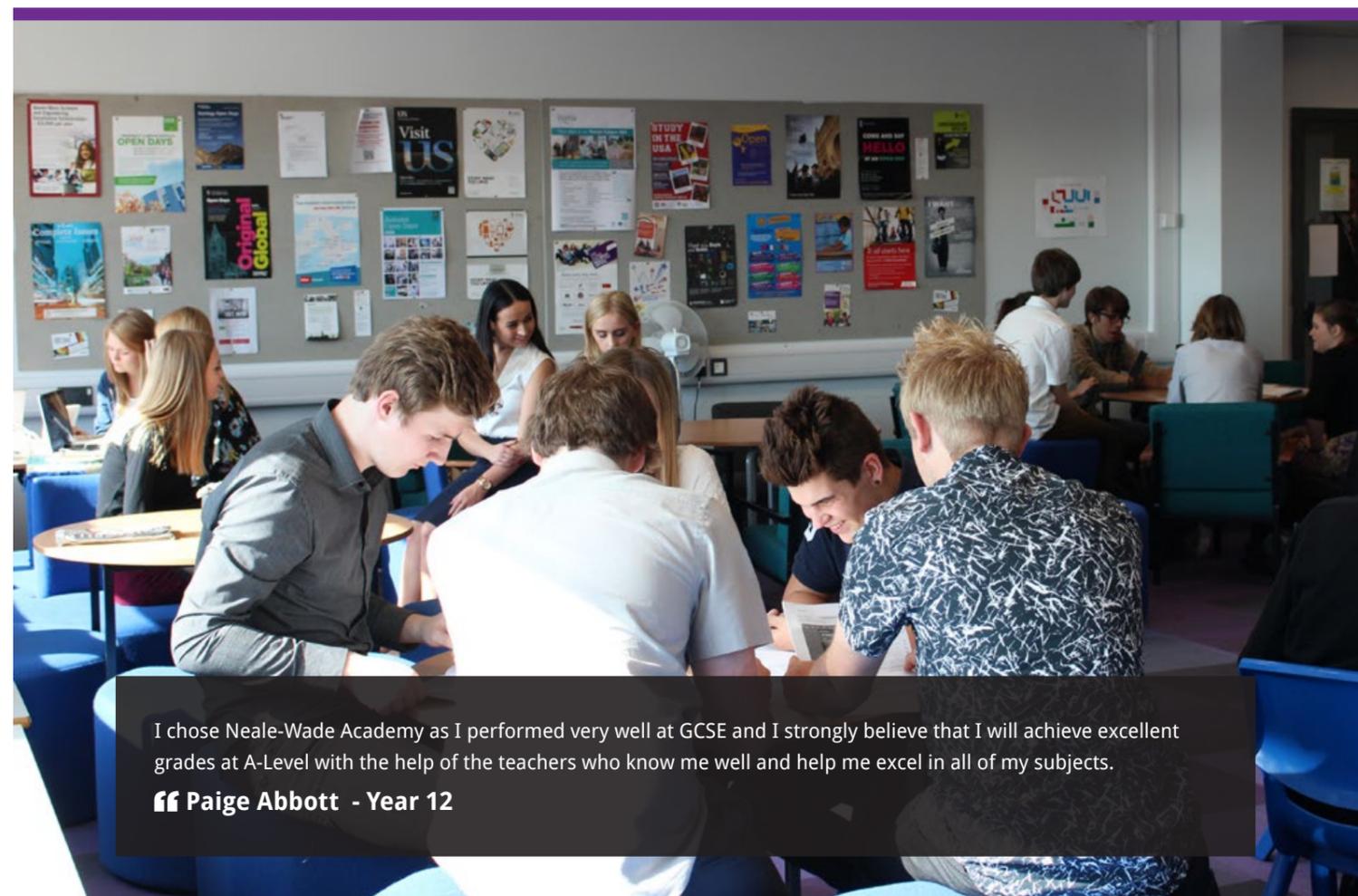
In order to study at Level 3 students need to have passed the Level 2 threshold. This means achieving 5 A*-C grade GCSE passes including English and Mathematics.

In reality we know that achieving 5 C grade passes does not provide the academic background necessary to be successful in a full timetable of traditional A Levels. This is why we have a range of entry requirements for different Post 16 pathways.

Alongside our academic requirements it is also important that we consider the student's suitability to study at an advanced level. All Post 16 students are required to complete independent study and the volume and depth of work covered at this level requires considerable commitment.

This means that alongside our academic entry requirements we also take into consideration student's attendance and behaviour record during their KS4 years.

Although it is our intention to run all the courses on offer, if courses are under subscribed we may have to withdraw them from the list. Students will be notified as soon as possible if this is the case.



I chose Neale-Wade Academy as I performed very well at GCSE and I strongly believe that I will achieve excellent grades at A-Level with the help of the teachers who know me well and help me excel in all of my subjects.

Paige Abbott - Year 12

Applications

Applications to Neale-Wade Academy for existing students will be via www.ucasprogress.com

All students have been given their login details and will need to submit their online application by the **15th January 2015**. This includes the addition of a reference by the student's current school so the deadline for completion of applications is the **10th December 2014** to ensure applications are checked and submitted on time.

Students from Colleges not involved in this system will need to complete a paper application and return it to the College of choice by the **15th January 2015**.

Both methods of application will remain open throughout the year and late applications will be considered.

Once applications have been received all applicants will be invited for an informal interview to discuss their application and ensure that their subject choices are correct and advisable.

The application system can be confusing and it is suggested that students ask for help and advice in making these choices. Choosing the wrong subject combination at this point can affect university applications and job opportunities in the future.

Students should discuss their applications with their parents, form tutors, teachers from the subject areas being considered and with Dr Spibey, Mr Hunneyball or Mrs Mandley if they wish, before completing the application. If students know what they want to do in the future it would also be sensible to research the routes into this now to ensure the correct decision is being made. Certain degree courses require particular A Level qualifications and many of the most esteemed research universities will look at the 'strength' of the A Levels students are studying.

Subjects Overview

A Levels

Art and Design	Government and Politics
Biology	History
Business Studies	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Drama & Theatre Studies	Music
English Language and Literature	Physical Education
English Literature	Physics
French	Product Design
Further Maths	Psychology
Geography	Philosophy of Religion
German	Sociology

Technical Pathway

Technical Qualifications

BTEC National Level 3 Applied Science
BTEC National Level 3 Applied Law
BTEC National Level 3 Art & Design
BTEC National Level 3 Business
BTEC National Level 3 Creative Media Production
A Level Health and Social Care (Double Award)
OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 IT
BTEC National Level 3 Sport

A Levels

Art & Design
English Language and Literature
History
Product Design

Level 2

Child Care and Education (CACHE Level 2 Certificate)
Public Services
IT

Option Blocks

Students choose their subjects from fixed option blocks. Subjects that cross 2 option blocks are double awards and are worth the equivalent of 2 A levels.

Pathway	Blocks			
	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
A/A* Pathway/ Traditional A Level Pathway	Business Studies	English Language & Literature	Chemistry	Biology
	French	History	English Literature	English Language & Literature
	German	IT	Maths	Psychology
	Maths	Biology	Media	Further Maths
		Physics	Philosophy of Religion	Physical Education
	Music	Psychology	Government & Politics	History
	Sociology	Drama & Theatre Studies	Geography	Product Design
			Art & Design	

Mixed Technical Pathway	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in IT 12 Units	OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma in Business 12 Units	
	BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Creative Media Production 12 Units	A Level Art & Design	BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Law 6 Units
	A Level Health & Social Care (Double Award) 12 Units		BTEC Level 3 Certificate Applied Science 6 Units
	BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Art and Design 12 Units		A Level English Language & Literature
	BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Sport 12 Units		A Level History
			A Level Product Design

Level 2	Childcare	GCSE Maths/English	IT/Workskills
	Public Services	GCSE Maths/English	IT/Workskills
	IT	GCSE Maths/English	IT/Workskills

Qualifications



A Levels and equivalent Level 3 Qualifications

- A** An A Level in the A/A* or Traditional Pathways
- A** An A Level in the Mixed Technical Pathway
- C** A Level 3 Certificate in the Mixed Technical Pathway - equivalent in size to one A Level
- D** A Level 3 Diploma in the Mixed Technical Pathway - equivalent in size to two A Levels
- Level 2**
- L2** A Level 2 Diploma

Art & Design

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Anyone with an interest in Art who is curious about others artwork and who wishes to express their own creativity.

Where could this course take me?

Any creative subject will develop your own view of the world.

You could go on to Foundation art courses leading to degree courses and possibly post graduate education. Students who study Art go on to work in Fine Art, Design, Advertising, Marketing, Fashion, Media, Film, Photography, Architecture and many other non-art related jobs.

What will I study?

Different techniques and styles in Art, how different artists have been influenced and influence Art today but most of all you will study yourself. As well as offering a Fine Art endorsement we also offer Textiles and Three Dimensional Design options. Students taking these courses will specialise in either Textile design and techniques such as dyeing and fabric construction or in working in three dimensions in a range of materials including plaster, wire and clay.

What other subjects would go with Art & Design?

Any other subject can make connections either directly or indirectly

How will I be assessed?

60% Coursework

40% Exam

A Level Art has a written element, 3000 words about an artist of your choice who is an influence on your own work.

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Biology

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What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students interested in studying biological molecules, cells and organisms and their environment, genetics and variation. To meet the new emphasis on data analysis, students should have a good foundation in mathematics.

Where could this course take me?

Whether you decide to work in a laboratory, the field, the ocean, a zoo, a classroom or industry you can make a contribution as a biologist. A background in biology gives you many skills and increases your career options so you can adapt to the world changing around you. Biology is always relevant to life! Some of the many and varied career paths are listed below:

Agriculture: Animal husbandry; Veterinary science; Biomedicine: Medicine; Dentistry; Clinical science; Pharmaceutical industry; Radiography and radiotherapy. Communications: Information science; Journalism; Broadcasting; Film and video; Museum work; Science promotion. Education: Teaching and lecturing; Laboratory support; Educational resources; Psychology; Sport and fitness training; Health and safety; Environmental Ecology; Environmental Protection; Nature Conservation; Environmental Health; Food and Drink: Brewing; Food quality assurance; Food product development; Pest control; Food and drink retailing.

What will I study?

The AS and A-Level qualifications are co-teachable and gradually build on content studied at GCSE. Biology is a hands on subject and we place emphasis on practical classes: training in relevant scientific techniques; testing of ideas by experiment; and field work where appropriate. This popular course will allow you to experience a breadth of study including biological molecules, cells, organisms and their environment, genetic information, variation, populations, evolution and eco-systems.

What other subjects would go with Biology?

Students studying biology often take chemistry, physics, maths, PE, geography and psychology.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment at A-Level is of a higher demand than AS. Each course is linear.

AS-Level – Two papers, each worth 50%, both are 1 hour 30 minutes and 75 marks comprised of short answers, extended responses and comprehension questions. Both papers assess all AS content and relevant practical skills.

A-Level – Three papers, paper 1 and 2 are worth 35%, both are 2 hours and comprised of 91 marks of short answers, extended responses and comprehension questions, covering practical skills and specified content. Paper 3 is worth 30%, it is 2 hours; questions include 38 marks of structured questions, 15 marks of multiple choices and a 25 mark essay question.

To prepare for linear assessment you will be closely monitored throughout the course, with an expectation of two homework assignments per week and 3-4 hours of independent study.

Business Studies

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What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students who are interested in the world of business and keen to find out about real business, by reading newspapers, listening to the news and visiting business news websites regularly, to keep abreast of current issues in the business world.

Where could this course take me?

- A level Business is an excellent base for a university degree, especially degrees in business, management, human resources, accountancy, law, finance, philosophy, politics and economics, sociology and psychology. Careers with a business degree are diverse and have high earning potential.
- A range of career possibilities including banking, insurance, advertising, distribution, sales, accounting, law, education, central or local government and business consultancy. Business skills, which touch on every part of our modern society, are in high demand worldwide and are often well paid.
- Entrepreneurship and the benefits of running your own business.

What will I study?

You will study a wide variety of topics including:

Enterprise	Human Resources	Environmental Factors
Marketing	Accounting and Finance Production	The Digital Age
Ethics	International Trade	Change Management
Law	Economics	

Emphasis throughout the entire course is on problem solving and decision-making. You will learn how to use a wide range of contemporary business tools and models and apply them to today's businesses.

What other subjects would go with Business Studies?

Sociology, Geography, Mathematics and Design Technology.

How will I be assessed?

- 100% exam based.
- 3 x 2 hour exam papers (taken at the end of Year 13) based on case studies of three real businesses (one small/local, one medium/national and one large/international).
- A wide range of question types including multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

Chemistry

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Anyone with an interest in science who would like to progress, either towards University or College or take up employment in Research based industries. Chemistry is an excellent entry qualification for subjects such as Medicine, Pharmacy, Biological Sciences, Maths and even Business and Law. The skills gained in studying chemistry are applicable to many careers.

Where could this course take me?

The possibilities for students with qualifications in Chemistry are extensive, ranging from the more obvious career paths in disciplines such as Medicine, Pharmacy, Research and the Pharmaceutical Industry to the less obvious careers in areas such as Maths, Business and Law.

An AS/A2 in chemistry may also provide the opportunity for direct employment with local or national industries.

What will I study?

The AS and A-Level qualifications are co-teachable and gradually build on content studied at GCSE. Both the AS and A-Level qualifications are clearly divided into three areas of chemistry; physical, inorganic and organic. This organisation of topics is particularly useful for students wanting to further study chemistry at University. Chemistry is a practical subject and throughout the course experimental work is integrated with theoretical concepts. There is also an emphasis on mathematical skills and data analysis, which students with a strong foundation in Maths will enjoy.

What other subjects would go with Chemistry?

Biology, Maths or Physics. Some students have also studied Geography

How will I be assessed?

Assessment at A-Level is of a higher demand than AS. Each course is linear.

AS-Level – Two papers, each worth 50%, both are 1 hour 30 minutes and comprised of 65 marks of short and long answer questions and 15 marks of multiple choices. Both papers assess practical skills and specified content.

A-Level – Three papers, paper 1 and 2 are worth 35%, both are 2 hours and comprised of 105 marks of short and long answers covering practical skills and specified content. Paper 3 is worth 30%, it is 2 hours; questions include 40 marks assessing practical skills and data analysis, 20 marks of synoptic assessment and 30 marks of multiple choices.

To prepare for linear assessment you will be closely monitored throughout the course, with an expectation of

Drama & Theatre Studies

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What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

A successful Drama student will have to use all of the skills of communication as part of the Drama course, and above all, will have to show the ability to collaborate with others to achieve set goals. These are just the types of personal and problem solving skills which employers are crying out for today.

Where could this course take me?

The skills acquired by drama students are valuable in all career areas. There are very few jobs today that do not carry some element of performance or do not involve working with others.

You could go on to study a BTEC in Performing Arts at college or university or Drama school.

What will I study?

The course at AS is split into 2 units :

UNIT 1 – Exploration of Drama and Theatre.

This is a practical study of two contrasting plays. The students are marked on their practical exploration and on the set of exploration notes they produce for each play. Students also produce notes on a live theatre production that they have seen.

UNIT 2 – Theatre Text in Performance.

This is a practical performance of two different plays. The first takes the form of a monologue or duologue, (in which the student can act or choose a design form), and the second is a performance as part of a group in a published play, (this may take the form of acting or a design form.) The students must also provide a written understanding of their interpretation of the role they took in the performance of the play.

At A2 the course develops further, and again is split into two units:

Unit 3 – Exploration of Dramatic Performance.

This is the creation of a unique and original piece of theatre

Unit 4 – Theatre Text in Context.

This is a written unit on the study of a set text and a particular period of theatrical history.

What other subjects would go with Drama & Theatre Studies?

Any subject will go with Drama and Theatre Studies, but particularly strong combinations are with Media, Art, Psychology and English.

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 is internally assessed and makes up 40% of the total AS mark. Unit 2 is assessed by a visiting examiner and makes up 60% of the total AS mark. Unit 3 is internally assessed and provides 40% of the total A2 mark. Unit 4 is externally assessed and makes up 60% of the total A2 mark.

English Language & Literature

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What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Anyone who is interested in the ability to communicate and to understand communication skills.

Where could this course take me?

Absolutely anywhere! It is obviously essential to have an English A level if you wish to study any English based degree at university. It is also a good foundation for any degree with a strong written element or requiring good communication skills.

Jobs could include journalism, the media, advertising, law, the civil service.

What will I study?

You will explore the world of communication – written and spoken, looking at how we make sense of it. You will develop your own writing capabilities and your analytical skills. You will also study works from literature – novels, poetry, plays.

What other subjects would go with English Language & Literature?

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How will I be assessed?

In Year 12 there are two assessment components:

- Voices in speech and writing
- Varieties in Language and Literature

There is no coursework component in Year 12.

English Literature

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Anyone who enjoys engaging with texts written by established authors and explaining the ideas they present.

Where could this course take me?

Absolutely anywhere! It is obviously essential to have an English A level if you wish to study any English based degree at university. It is also a good foundation for any degree with a strong written element or requiring good communication skills.

Jobs could include journalism, the media, advertising, law, the civil service.

If you are considering English at Oxford or Cambridge, this course is advised.

What will I study?

A whole range of texts across different eras and different genres. Shakespeare to Graham Greene, Sylvia Plath to John Donne.

What other subjects would go with English Literature?

History, psychology, sociology, media, Philosophy of Religion.

How will I be assessed?

In Year 12 there are two assessed components:

- Unseen poetry and prose
- Prose, prepared texts and open book examination

There is no coursework component in Year 12.

French

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students who wish to; be fluent in a language, express themselves and their ideas in writing and be able to understand a foreign tongue and its culture.

Where could this course take me?

An A level in French is now regarded by all Higher Education Establishments as clear proof that a student possesses certain crucial skills for future study and employment; skills such as confidence, discipline, an ability to unravel and apply complex grammatical structures, to think on one's feet and express themselves clearly. Linguists go on to become successful business people, lawyers, soldiers, teachers and more.

What will I study?

Students study the culture and life of France through its language, ranging from media, popular culture, healthy living, family relationships, the environment, multiculturalism and contemporary social issues. There is also an opportunity to study a work of literature in French.

What other subjects would go with French?

The study of French is a useful 'bolt on' to any subject, be it scientific or the arts.

How will I be assessed?

All four language skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing are equally assessed. The listening part of the exam is conducted using an individual soundtrack giving freedom to play back what he has heard as often as possible.

Further Maths

A

Entry Requirements

You will need at least an A grade in GCSE Maths and will need to be taking AS Mathematics.

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students who are interested in problem solving, working logically and enjoy the challenge of Mathematics

Where could this course take me?

Further Maths is required by some Universities for students wishing to study Mathematics or related subjects at degree level, such as Physics.

Jobs that require a knowledge of Further Mathematics include. Banking, Accountants, Teachers, Engineers and people working in Finance.

What will I study?

Topics include equations, matrices and graphs in the Core module. Mechanics focuses on Newton's law of Motion.

What other subjects would go with Further Maths?

Students studying Further Mathematics must be studying A level Mathematics at Neale-Wade, they often take Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business Studies and IT as well.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit one formal exam in January and two in June. Throughout the year you will have to complete assessed homeworks and independent study.

Geography

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

Are you interested in our changing planet - the physical and human environments we live in and have the opportunity to experience? What are they like? Why are they the way they are? How and why are they changing? If these are issues which interest you, then Geography could be the subject for you.

Where could this course take me?

A Level Geography allows for progression into a wide range of further education and career opportunities. This includes Geography related areas such as planning, architecture, environmental sciences, engineering, geology, and meteorology, as well as a wide range of other areas including law, business, accountancy and other humanities or science based subjects

What will I study?

The course involves:

- Physical Geography – rivers and flooding, cold environments, tectonic hazards
- Human Geography – population change, energy issues, world cities
- Geographical skills – mapwork, ICT and statistical skills

There will be a residential fieldwork trip as an essential part of the course.

What other subjects would go with Geography?

Geography can act as a 'bridge' between arts and sciences, and as such can be combined with a wide range of other A Level subjects. It works equally well when combined with Maths and Science based subjects or English, Arts and Social Science based subjects.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through examinations which have a mixture of structured and extended questions on both physical and human Geography, and approaches to fieldwork.

German

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students who wish to be fluent in a language, express themselves and their ideas in writing and be able to understand a foreign tongue and its culture.

Where could this course take me?

An A level in German is now regarded by all Higher Education Establishments as clear proof that a student possesses certain crucial skills for future study and employment; skills such as confidence, discipline, an ability to unravel and apply complex grammatical structures, to think on one's feet and express themselves clearly. Linguists go on to become successful business people, lawyers, soldiers, teachers and more.

What will I study?

Students study the culture and life of Germany through its language, ranging from media, popular culture, healthy living, family relationships, the environment, multiculturalism and contemporary social issues. There is also an opportunity to study a work of literature in German.

What other subjects would go with German?

The study of German is a useful 'bolt on' to any subject, be it scientific or the arts.

How will I be assessed?

All four language skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing are equally assessed. The listening part of the exam is conducted using an individual soundtrack giving freedom to play back what he has heard as often as possible.

Government & Politics

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Politics is exciting because people disagree – for example about how we should live, who should get what, and how society should be organised. It is a subject about rival viewpoints and competing opinions. Therefore if you are interested in people, their interests and concerns, then this could be the subject for you.

Where could this course take me?

Government and Politics is of considerable general interest. It is particularly appropriate for anybody considering an occupation dealing with people, the law or administration in both the private and public sectors.

What will I study?

You will study the following units:

- People and Politics – democracy, political parties, elections and pressure groups
- Governing the UK – constitution, parliament, government and the judiciary
- Major Political Ideologies – conservatism, socialism, liberalism, anarchism
- Further political ideologies – nationalism, feminism, ecologism, multiculturalism

What other subjects that would go with Government & Politics?

Any other subjects of your choice. The study of decision making processes and key political issues relates well to all areas of the Post 16 Curriculum.

How will I be assessed?

You are assessed by written exams covering the topics you have studied. There are two 80 minute papers for AS, and two 90 minute papers for A2.

History

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Students with a keen enthusiasm in History who would like to progress, either towards University or take up positions in administrative or managerial roles. It is ideal for students who enjoyed GCSE History and wish for more in depth study. History is an excellent qualification which complements any literacy based degree. You need to have good literacy skills and be able to master a lot of factual information quickly and accurately. You will have to be able to pick out relevant information and understand relatively academic language. It is widely recognised that A level History remains an academically demanding subject with high prestige.

Where could this course take me?

The skills gained through studying History are applicable to many careers including Politics, The Civil Service, Teaching, Law and Journalism. History provides a fantastic opportunity to ignite and engage your passion and interests in culture, society and politics. Studying History will help you develop into an independent learner, a critical thinker and a decision maker. All of these personal assets will make you stand out as you progress to University and/or the workplace.

What will I study?

History is full of significant characters and events that continue to shape the world that we live in today. Throughout your A-Level study you will investigate and analyse the actions of our national hero Winston Churchill and form your own judgement about whether he deserves the reputation that History has given him. You will also study the rise and fall of Germany as the nation established democracy with the Weimar Republic and how it rebuilt and recovered from the First World War. The study then continues by looking at the dramatic rise of the Nazi dictatorship and its eventual collapse. The study culminates with the legacy of the Second World War and Germany's search to regain its national identity. The Changing Nature of Warfare unit allows you to gain an insight in to over two hundred years of warfare and the masters behind the changes in warfare such as the French leader Napoleon and the Prussian military mastermind Moltke. This thematic study will enable you to investigate how warfare shaped society as weaponry, technology, tactics, leadership and organisation radically altered warfare from the French Revolutionary wars through to the Second World War. The coursework unit centred on the war in Vietnam covers the social, political, economic and military impact of the war on both America and Vietnam and the long term impact of this conflict that can still be seen today.

What other subjects would go with History?

Students studying History often take Government and Politics, English, Media and other humanities subjects.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit two exams for AS:

- Britain 1930–1997, Enquiry topic: Churchill 1930-1951
- Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963

You will sit three exams and write a piece of coursework for a complete A-Level:

- Britain 1930-1997, Enquiry topic: Churchill 1930-1951
- Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919–1963
- The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792-1945
- Topic based essay for coursework (Vietnam)

A

Mathematics

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

Students who are interested in problem solving, working logically and enjoy the challenge of Mathematics.

Where could this course take me?

Mathematics is an essential A level if you wish to study any Mathematics related course at University. This includes Accounting, Computer Science, Finance, Economics and Physics.

Jobs that require a knowledge of Mathematics include, Accountants, Teachers, Engineers and the Finance sector.

What will I study?

Topics include; algebra, calculus and trigonometry in the Core modules. In the decision module you will solve optimisation problems using linear programming.

What other subjects would go with Mathematics?

Students studying Maths often take Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business Studies and IT.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit 3 formal exams in June. Throughout the year you will have to complete assessed homework and independent study.

Media Studies

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

Any students who have an interest in Media or modern technology. Any student who wishes to study a subject that combines practical skills with theory and analytical skills.

Where could this course take me?

Media is useful in many careers as it demonstrates a wide range of skills from analysis to ICT/computer skills. It is compatible with jobs in areas such as marketing, publishing, public relations and sales.

If you wish to take Media further there are a variety of Media degrees available and this can lead to careers within the Media industry such as; Journalism, Film, TV, Magazine/Newspaper publishing and Web design.

What will I study?

Topics include; film analysis, TV Drama (including Soap Opera), Global media, Media Institutions and Practical Production where you will create your own website, magazine or film.

What other subjects would go with Media Studies?

Students often take Media with subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Product Design, Art, Music, Drama and English.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit one exam in Year 12 and one in Year 13 as well as submitting two pieces of coursework each year. This is alongside regular homework and independent study.

Music

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

If you enjoy performing, composing, listening and learning about a wide variety of styles then this course is for you.

Where could this course take me?

Music A level can lead on to further study at a university or specialist conservatoire and on to a wide range of professional occupations including performance, composition, arts administration, librarianship, teaching and music therapy. Music A level is also a highly regarded supporting subject for further study in other academic and scientific disciplines.

What will I study?

This course requires some instrumental study, and learning some compositional techniques. You will study a topic on musical understanding which includes listening, chords and study of some set works.

What other subjects would go with Music?

Music can easily be combined with arts, sciences and humanities subjects.

How will I be assessed?

You will do a 5-6 minute solo or ensemble performance; a 3 minute composition; a 2 hour exam which includes a) listening, b) set works and c) understanding of chords and musical lines.

Physical Education

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

We are looking for students with a passion for Physical Education and Sport. Although students are not needed to have prior experience of studying a PE course at Key Stage 4, (GCSE PE, Sport Studies or BEC) it might be advantageous. Like all A level courses the most important thing is a dedication to work hard and a desire to improve.

Where could this course take me?

Physical Education is a good subject in preparation for working in the Leisure industry.

It also offers progression to go on to study Sports Science, Sports Development, Physiotherapy, Physiology and Teaching at University

What will I study?

A subject for those interested in understanding how the human anatomy works and how to train their bodies and minds for peak performance. You will learn how to teach others new skills and analyse performances. You will understand the prominent role sport has played as a political tool in the past, and as a marketable commodity in the present. In summary, this is a relevant and topical subject with a 'hands-on' practical element. The course aims to gain an understanding of the physiological and mechanical basis of performance in Sport and Physical Education. You will study the psychological factors influencing behaviour in performance and the historical and cultural aspects of participation in sports. Practical elements focus on yours or others performance in two sports, linking practical and theoretical elements of the course.

What other subjects would go with Physical Education?

Biology, Sociology and Psychology have some links to PE.

How will I be assessed?

You will sit a terminal exam in May which is a 2 hour written paper and counts as 60% of your final mark. The other 40% consists of coursework.

Physics

A

What qualification will I get?

AS exams are taken at the end of Year 12 and students who are successful at AS can then move on to the A2 course.

Who should take this course?

Why is the sky blue? What makes glass transparent? How can radioactive substances be used in medicine? How does the Universe work? If questions like these fascinate you, then Physics is the subject for you. Physics is a far-reaching subject that provides a wide range of experience that leads to many alternative career options.

Where could this course take me?

For those who intend pursuing a degree course many scientific and engineering courses are available. The career possibilities arising from these are endless. Physicists and engineers can be found working at the frontiers of knowledge; others tackle the challenging problems that arise in the application of physical ideas to industrial and engineering problems. Physics graduates also find careers in other areas like accounting, finance, sales and management where their ability to reduce a problem to its component parts then apply logic supported by calculation to provide a solution is much sought after.

What will I study?

Topics include measurements and their errors, particles and radiation, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity, fields and their consequences and nuclear physics. At A-Level there are optional topics students are entered for including astrophysics and electronics.

What other subjects would go with Physics?

Studying Mathematics would be advantageous. Without Mathematics it is not normally possible to take Physics or Engineering courses at University (Further Mathematics would also be beneficial to these courses). Physics also fits well with any of the other sciences, geography and music.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment at A-Level is of a higher demand than AS. Each course is linear.

AS-Level – Two papers, each worth 50%, both are 1 hour 30 minute and comprised of 70 marks covering all content. Questioning includes short and long answer questions, multiple choices and questions focused on practical skills.

A-Level – Three papers, paper 1 and 2 are worth 34%, both are 2 hours and comprised of 85 marks of short and long answers and multiple choices. These papers cover practical skills and specified content. Paper 3 is worth 32%, it is 2 hours; questions include 45 marks assessing practical skills and data analysis and 35 marks assessing the chosen optional topic.

To prepare for linear assessment you will be closely monitored throughout the course, with an expectation of two homework assignments per week and 3-4 hours of independent study.

Product Design

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

This course is suitable for anyone who has had experience of the Design Process at GCSE. In particular, those who have studied Graphics, Resistant Materials or Electronics.

Where could this course take me?

It is a good starting point for students who may wish to study Architecture, Graphic Design, Industrial Product Design, Three-Dimensional Design, Furniture Design, Fashion or Jewellery in the future.

What will I study?

To support the work in this unit, we study and develop ICT skills in particular, Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture using industry standard software. Materials and production methods form the core of the theoretical study and practical experimentation is used to clarify the concepts.

What other subjects would go with Product Design?

Business Studies, Maths, Physics, Media Studies and Art and Design.

How will I be assessed?

The course has a four-unit structure two of which are AS level consisting of an externally marked exam and an internally assessed unit of coursework. The other units two are at A2 level consisting of an externally marked exam and an internally assessed unit where students design and make a product with the emphasis on Commercial Design which should consider issues related to sustainability and the impact on the environment.

A

A

Psychology

A

What qualification will I get?

An A Level in Year 13. There is also the option to study the course at AS Level only.

Who should take this course?

Anyone interested in human behaviour and human development

Where could this course take me?

Psychology can help your career either directly or indirectly. Of course, if you wish to become a psychologist, therapist or mental health worker, this A Level is of direct value.

What will I study?

Psychology looks at questions like these in the study of the human mind and behaviour. It is a science with cutting edge research that has real world applications to issues in everyday life, ranging from things like artificial intelligence to social change. This course will help you develop a number of skills:

- how to view the world around you from different perspectives
- how to plan and conduct scientific investigations
- how to analyse and interpret data
- critical reasoning skills
- how to put across your point of view fluently

What other subjects would go with Psychology?

Biology, Sociology, PE, Media and Business Studies are all appropriate.

How will I be assessed?

There are two written exams for the AS and three written exams for the A Level. There is no coursework in this subject.

Philosophy of Religion

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

People who wish to develop their critical and analytical thinking skills, by examining the relationship between religion and morality and the wider world.

Where could this course take me?

The course opens up a range of opportunities, as it develops the student's skills in assessing and analysing a variety of approaches to moral and ethical problems. The course actively encourages students to develop and reflect on their own values, skills both universities and employers think highly of. Career options include any occupation that involves assessing and evaluating arguments, especially ethical problems, such as the law, medicine, journalism and teaching.

What will I study?

You will study philosophy and ethics, including the links between religion and morality and the development of religious thinking concerning science, creation and issues of life and death.

What other subjects would go with Philosophy of Religion?

Humanities and social science subjects such as English, History, Sociology and Psychology as well as science subjects such as Biology and Physics and Maths.

How will I be assessed?

Two, one and a quarter hour ,written, exams in year 12 and two, one and a half hour, written, exams in year 13.

Sociology

A

What qualification will I get?

A one year course gains an AS qualification. A two year course offers an A-Level qualification.

Who should take this course?

People interested in all aspects of Society; in particular Social work and any other career working with people.

Where could this course take me?

Sociology can lead to a variety of different careers including; Welfare Services; Politics; Civil Service; Marketing; Advertising and Teaching.

What will I study?

In terms of the history of life on Earth, it's only yesterday that mankind was living in the caves, and the day before when we were swinging from branch to branch with the other creatures. And yet in what is really the blink of an eye we have developed into a complex society with a wide number of problems and opportunities to live with. And it's those factors which affect how our species, and the tribes and family groups within it, works on a day to day basis. Over a fascinating two year period you'll cover a spectrum of subjects which, between them, will help you make sense of the society we live in and understand the culture and identity issues which affect us all.

Studying sociology offers insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective and critical approach to understanding issues around culture, identity, religion, crime, childhood and social power. More than once during the course you're bound to ask yourself the question, "why have we developed like this. Poverty, ignorance, crime, injustice ... shouldn't we have left them in the Stone Age?"

What other subjects would go with Sociology?

Biology, Psychology, PE, Media, Government and Politics and Philosophy of Religion are all appropriate.

How will I be assessed?

There are two written exams for the AS and three written exams for the A Level. There is no coursework in this subject.

Applied Law

C

What qualification will I get?

A BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law in Year 12 and a Level 3 National Diploma in Year 13, the equivalent of an A Level.

Who should take this course?

- Students who have a desire to enter into a career in law.
- Students who wish to understand various aspects of the English legal system.
- Students who enjoy challenging their ability to analyse and evaluate evidence and sources.

Where could this course take me?

Applied Law could lead to opportunities in gaining a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification to enter employment in the legal sector or, to progress to higher education vocational qualifications such as a Level 5 BTEC Higher National in Business (Law) or, a Foundation Degree in Business and Law or, onto a law honours degree.

What will I study?

3 mandatory units:

- Dispute Solving in the Legal System
- Understanding Law Making
- Aspects of Legal Liability

3 optional units from a choice of:

- Unlawful Homicide and Police Powers
- Aspects of Property Offences and Police Powers
- Contract Law
- Consumer Law
- Aspects of the Law of Tort
- Aspects of Employment Law
- Aspects of Family Law

What other subjects would go with Applied Law?

Sociology, Government and Politics, History and Philosophy of Religion are all appropriate. In the Mixed Technical Pathway this subject will go with any of the diploma subjects.

How will I be assessed?

The BTEC is a coursework only subject, there are no exams involved.

- The certificate requires 3 internally assessed assignments.
- The Diploma requires six internally assessed assignments made up of a varying number of assessment objectives based on the unit.

Applied Science

C

What qualification will I get?

A BTEC National Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

Who should take this course?

Students who have a broad interest in science and want to work in the science sector or students who wish to back up additional specialist learning with science. This course is particularly suitable for those students who may find the academic rigours of traditional A Levels a challenge.

Where could this course take me?

This course is excellent preparation for students who wish to enter employment at a technician level or students studying BTEC or Sport or Health and Social Care who wish to support their learning with additional science.

What will I study?

6 mandatory units:

- Fundamentals of Science 10 3
- Working in the Science Industry 10 3
- Scientific Practical Techniques 10 3

Plus 3 units that may include;

- Physiology of human body systems
- Diseases and infections
- Biomedical science techniques

What other subjects would go with Applied Science?

Students may wish to take this qualification to support A Levels or Applied qualifications in a number of areas including sport, psychology, maths or health and social care.

How will I be assessed?

This course is assessed through the production of a coursework portfolio.

BTEC Art & Design

D

What qualification will I get?

Edexcel BTEC level 3 Subsidiary Diploma (Art and Design) in Year 12 and if you pass this then you progress onto the Edexcel BTEC level 3 Diploma (Art and design).

Who should take this course?

Students interested in working in the field of Art and Design.

Where could this course take me?

This diploma allows students to build a substantial portfolio with which to progress onto higher level courses. The Diploma is a nationally recognised qualification for those who are keen to pursue a career in Art and Design. This course is an opportunity to gain new skills in Art and Design and also to acquire a high level of skill and knowledge in the area that you enjoy the most. The core skills of drawing, the study of historical and contemporary artists, exploring ideas and visual communication form the basis of your study. Some students could progress onto higher education courses such as Fashion, Textiles, Interior design, Photography, Architecture, Game Design, Animation, Illustration, Graphic Design, Fine Art, Education, Set Design/Media Makeup/Costume Design or Applied Arts.

What will I study?

BTEC Level 3 is a vocationally based qualification which is being offered from September 2015. Vocational qualifications are assessed by students building up a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates knowledge and skills through a number of units that have a practical and work related element. At the end of the course you will compile a portfolio of work which will help provide access into higher education or employment and all students will participate in an end of year exhibition.

The qualification is broadly equivalent to two GCE A levels. Over the course of the two years 120 credits are needed to pass the course.

What other subjects would go with Art & Design?

Any, but particularly English, Media and the other creative subjects.

How will I be assessed?

All units are marked in college by your teachers and then are checked by an external moderator. There are no exams in this course – it is 100% coursework.

You will have regular homework to ensure that deadlines for units are met and you achieve the highest grade possible.

OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business

D

What qualification will I get?

An OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business.

Who should take this course?

Students who are interested in the world of business and keen to find out about real business, by studying a vocational course.

Where could this course take me?

Level 3 Business is an excellent base for a university degree, especially degrees in business, management, law, human resources, accountancy, finance, sociology and psychology. Careers with a business degree are diverse and have high earning potential.

A range of career possibilities including banking, insurance, advertising, distribution, sales, accounting, law, education, central or local government and business consultancy. Business skills, which touch on every part of our modern society, are in high demand worldwide and are often well paid.

What will I study?

You will study 5 compulsory modules including:

The business environment

Business Resources

Introduction to Marketing

Business Accounting

Human Resource Management in Business

We also have a choice of 7 optional modules from a list of 17 possible topics.

What other subjects would go with Applied Science?

IT, Sociology, Geography, Mathematics and Design Technology.

How will I be assessed?

100% assignment based

Creative Media Production

D

What qualification will I get?

BTEC National Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Creative Media Production (Television and Film) in Year 12 and if you pass this then you progress onto the BTEC National Level 3 Diploma Creative Media Production (Television and Film).

Who should take this course?

Students interested in working in the field of Media and those who have an interest in Media and using digital technology.

Where could this course take me?

The Creative and Media industry in this country is the third largest employer and this course may help you get a related job in areas such as advertising, magazine publishing, marketing or working for a TV shopping channel. It will also allow you to progress to Level 4 courses where you can study Media in even greater and more specialised detail.

What will I study?

BTEC Level 3 is a vocationally based qualification which is being offered from September 2015. Vocational qualifications are assessed by students building up a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates knowledge and skills through a number of units that have a practical and work related element. This qualification is aimed at broadening and extending a work related focus that prepare learners for employment in the Creative and Media industry. It is suitable for those learners who have decided that they wish to enter this area of work. The qualification is broadly equivalent to two GCE A levels. Over the course of the two years 120 credits are needed to pass the course. Compulsory units include:
Pre-production techniques for the Creative and Media industry
Communication skills for Creative Media Production
Research techniques for Creative Media Production
Optional units include:
Film and Video editing
Creating Factual TV programmes
Advertising for TV
Music Video Production

What other subjects would go with Applied Media?

Any, but particularly English, IT, Sociology, Psychology and Business Studies.

How will I be assessed?

All units are marked in college by your teachers and then are checked by an external moderator. There are no exams in this course – it is 100% coursework. You will have regular homework to ensure that deadlines for units are met and you achieve the highest grade possible.

Health & Social Care

D

What qualification will I get?

You will get a double award A Level in Health and Social Care.

Who should take this course?

Students who have studied health and social care at Key Stage 4 but this is not a prerequisite.. In addition, it will be useful for students who have an interest in working in one of the the care professions.

Where could this course take me?

The course aims to provide the student with the knowledge and understanding of Health, Early-Years Care and Education and Social Care issues.

The course prepares students for further study and training which can lead to future careers in the Health, Early-Years and Social Care professions.

What will I study?

The AS Units covers areas looking at:

- Promoting Quality Care
- Communication in Care Settings
- Promoting Good Health
- Working in Early-Years and Education
- Health as a Lifestyle Choice
- Caring for Older People

How will I be assessed?

The AS GCE (Double Award) has three mandatory units and three optional units. Four of the units are coursework assignments and two are written external exams.

Sport

D

What qualification will I get?

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport.

Who should take this course?

Students who have taken either GCSE PE or BTEC Sport Level 2 would find this course builds on their current studies. Students who have a keen interest in pursuing a career in the sport and leisure industry either direct from Post 16 or taking sport at university.

Where could this course take me?

These BTEC qualifications in Sport provide an introduction to the sector for students looking to build a career in sport, within one of its occupational areas. These areas include careers in exercise and fitness, coaching and leadership, sports development and the outdoors. The BTEC Diploma in Sport will give students a solid foundation in the sector, enabling them to develop essential skills required for gaining employment, securing career progression, or progressing to further qualifications and training required to achieve their goals.

What will I study?

BTEC Level 3 is a vocationally based qualification which is being offered from September 2015. Vocational qualifications are assessed by students building up a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a range of skills and competencies. The qualification is aimed at broadening and extending a specialist work related focus that prepare learners for employment in the appropriate vocational sector. It is suitable for those who have decided that they wish to enter a particular area of work. It is broadly equivalent to two A Levels.

Compulsory Units:

- * Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport
- * The Physiology of Fitness
- * Assessing Risk in Sport
- * Fitness Testing for Sport and Exercise

Optional units will be decided by the P.E department dependent upon resources and expertise of staff.

Possible optional units may include:

- * Current Issues in sport
- * Sports Injuries
- * Analysis of sports performance
- * Research Investigation in Sport and Exercise Sciences.
- * Sports coaching
- * Practical Team Sports.

What other subjects would go with Sport?

BTEC Science or a business or IT qualification will go well with sport as well as subjects like psychology and English.

How will I be assessed?

There are no exams. Students produce a portfolio of evidence for each unit. The work is assessed internally by teachers and these are then moderated by an external moderator.

Child Care & Education

L2

What qualification will I get?

A Level 2 Certificate in Child Care and Education depending on how many units you complete over the two years.

Who should take this course?

This is for those students who are interested in a career in child care and early years education.

Where could this course take me?

On finishing the Level 2 Diploma, you can enter employment as an assistant in many places. Possible jobs could be Nursery assistant, Pre-school assistant, Crèche assistant, Parent / toddler group assistant, Toy library worker, Mother's help / au pair, etc.

You could continue your studies in further education by taking the Level Certificate or Level 3 Diploma in Child Care.

What will I study?

In Year 12, you will study specific units towards achieving the Certificate.

Note: For this qualification you will have a set number of hours in practical placements. This will be in a range of places, such as at nurseries or in schools with children at Key Stage 1.

Level 2 Certificate Year 12

- Unit 1: An introduction to working with children
- Unit 2: The developing child
- Unit 3: Safe, healthy and nurturing environments for children

How will I be assessed?

Through many methods including multiple-choice question papers, short-answer tests, portfolio work, practice evidence records and professional development profiles.

Level 2 IT

L2

What qualification will I get?

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Diploma in

Who should take this course?

This course is ideal for students who wish to gain technical qualifications to get into employment or pursue further study. It is an exclusive L2 qualification for post-16 students involving a range of coursework units. Students interested in any aspect of IT can develop their skills on the course as units can be adapted to fit technical support, graphics, programming or business IT issues. This will be an excellent qualification to move into the IT workplace or as a platform for additional qualifications. You are expected to be computer literate with a keen work ethic and enthusiasm to make progress.

Where could this course take me?

This course does not provide any UCAS points as it is L2 but it could be used as a way into L3 IT studies or as evidence for apprenticeships and other work. Completing this course would indicate a student who is dedicated, hard-working and can meet deadlines. Depending on your choice of units it would work well for those looking at IT support work, multimedia design and programming.

What will I study?

There are two compulsory units covering 'Communicating in the IT industry' and 'Working in the IT industry'. You then supplement this work with five additional units that can be discussed and decided according to student preference. These include units such as:

- Business IT skills
- IT support
- Multimedia design
- Interactive media production
- Doing business online
- Fundamentals of computer applications
- Installing hardware
- Website development
- Presenting information
- IT security
- Developing computing games

What other subjects would go with IT?

Students studying IT often take a variety of subjects – this L2 course would work well with English, Maths and a whole range of additional subjects including technology and media.

How will I be assessed?

The course is currently 100% coursework and you have to complete the two compulsory units together with five additional units of your choice. The compulsory units are worth five credits and each optional unit is worth ten credits. Sixty credits are needed to complete the course.

Public Services

L2

What qualification will I get?

BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services.

Who should take this course?

This course is for any student interested in finding out more about how our public services operate.

Where could this course take me?

This BTEC First in Public Services is designed to equip students with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success when moving towards a career in the uniformed and non-uniformed services, for example, police, emergency fire services, security, prison services or the armed services.

What will I study?

Students will learn about the skills required to work in the uniformed public services as well as careers available. Students will also learn about the importance of health and fitness in the uniformed services.

In addition, students can study other units which could include:

- Land navigation by map and compass
- Sport and recreation in the public services
- Citizenship, the individual and society
- Law and its impact on the individual in public service
- Adventurous activities and teamwork

How will I be assessed?

The course is currently 100% coursework and you have to complete the two compulsory units together with five additional units.



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