



BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



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TOMORROW
BELONGS TO
THOSE WHO
PREPARE FOR IT
TODAY.**

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A Message from the Principal

As a Church of England school, our ethos and values are based in Christian traditions, but our students come from many different backgrounds and faiths and we use the richness that this diversity brings to enhance the learning opportunities. As an Academy, we have developed different pathways to make our Sixth Form as inclusive as possible. The aim of this booklet is to provide you with information to help inform the important decision about choosing the right pathway for sixth form study.

Our Sixth Form has been developed to balance the demands of nurturing individuals to fulfil their academic potential with ensuring that children feel happy and safe in school. We are also committed to developing young people as caring, responsible and active citizens within the wider community, who are well equipped at the end of their programme to move on to university, an apprenticeship, a college course, workplace training or employment.

The Christian ethos within our school is central to all we do and as a community we thrive on developing positive relationships and building mutual respect. We set high aspirations for all students and encourage pupils to make the most of their talents, while also enjoying the challenge of mastering new skills. The Christian values on which the school is founded, underpin all aspects of our work and form the basis of our academic and behavioural expectations.

We have high expectations of everyone at Blue Coat and we strive to continually enhance the Academy as a learning community, looking for ways to develop and improve, embracing new technology and adapting to the demands of the modern world.

We are always looking for ways to learn from past experience to build a better future, which is the basis of our motto “Respice Prospice” meaning “Look backward. Look forward”.

We are very proud of our links with St. Matthew’s Church and are in the very fortunate position to be able to hold a weekly assembly in church, where the whole Academy gathers together to enjoy reflection delivered by a wide range of people from the school and wider community. The Academy benefits greatly from the support of The Rector of St. Matthew’s, Rev. Jim Trood and the wider church family from St. Matthew’s and beyond. We are also fortunate to have a youth worker who works both in school and across the parish.

The Blue Coat Foundation has a long history of providing excellent Christian education for students. This began hundreds of years ago where education was provided for orphans and deprived children who wanted the benefits that a good education could bring. In the modern world, the lives of young people are completely different but the desire to be well educated within a caring family lives on.

As a Church of England secondary school, Blue Coat Academy is in a unique position in Walsall, we are confident that the Christian ethos and values on which the school is founded provide the foundations on which success and fulfilment are based. Progression after GCSEs makes a significant impact on shaping the future career pathway of many students. At Blue Coat Church of England Academy, we are committed to supporting the selection of the best pathway to challenge students but one which also allows them to succeed and flourish. This booklet contains a wealth of information which will hopefully support students to make informed decisions about the next steps in their educational journey.

OUR TEAM



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HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



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Miss K Atkar

STUDY SUPPORT MANAGER

WHY CHOOSE US?

With approximately 170 pupils in 6th form, Blue Coat Church of England Academy School prides itself in ensuring that all pupils are able to choose the correct path to be able to succeed. There are a range of subjects and pathways at Blue Coat Church of England Academy and these are some reasons why you should join our 6th form! As well as the academic side of our Sixth Form we endeavour to offer our students opportunity for a variety of experiences outside of the classroom as part of our Enrichment program.

Enrichment

Our Enrichment offer is a blend of teacher led sessions, student initiatives, running school events, trips and excursions, outside speakers and training and opportunities to work with and support the local community.



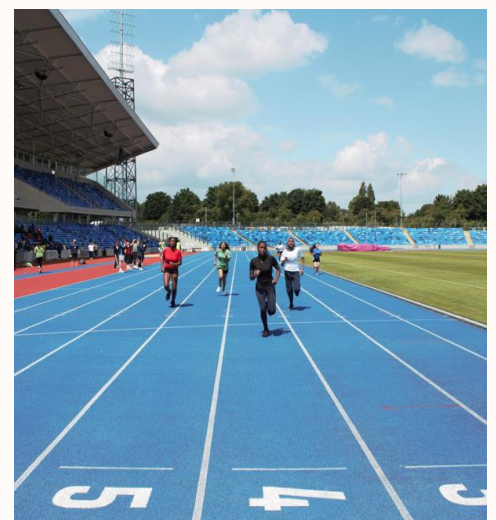
Student supported events:

As part of their Enrichment students help to support the running of Sports Day, Culture Day, Year 13 Prom and the ever popular Talent Show. Often using the events to raise money for a range of different charities or to fund future events. Enrichment offers time for students to develop life skills and experiences as well allowing students not part of the senior leadership to play an important role in shaping the Sixth Form and often step outside of their comfort zone.



Pastoral and Study Support:

Students in Sixth Form will be supported throughout their courses by a dedicated pastoral team including form tutors, academic mentoring and a Head of year. We are very lucky to have large spaces dedicated for our sixth to complete their independent study, these include a large Academic Study room, Library, Computer Suites and a brand new Bistro with additional study space open from 7:30am.



BURSARIES

What is the 16-19 Bursary Fund?

The Government has set aside some money for schools to allocate to young people who need financial support to stay on in further education or training. This is called the 16-19 Bursary Fund. It could help you with any education-related costs that may arise during the school year, including essentials like a meal during the day or transport to your school.

Or you might need extra help to buy books, clothing, or equipment for your course, or pay for educational visits.

When should I apply?

You should complete your application as soon as you have started at the Academy. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will start to receive support.

How do I know if I am eligible?

To apply for a bursary, you must be at least 16 years' old and under 19 years old at the start of the academic year. You must also be taking part in full-time or part-time further education or training.

What will I get?

There are two types of bursaries:

Vulnerable student bursary – you could receive up to £1,200 if you:

- Are in local authority care or you have recently left local authority care
- Receive Income Support or Universal Credit in your own name
- Are disabled and receive both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in your own name.

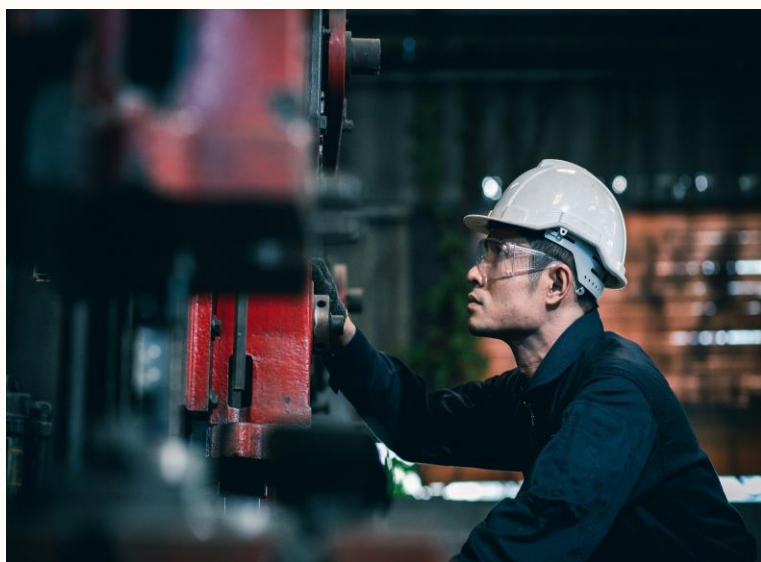
Discretionary bursary – You can apply for a discretionary bursary if you are not eligible for a vulnerable bursary, but you need financial help to stay on in further education.

The Academy will decide whether you will receive a discretionary bursary, how much you could get, and what it should be used for. The Academy sets its own criteria for discretionary bursaries. We will consider each student allocation on a case-by-case basis. More information on bursaries will be released once applications are submitted.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Students at Blue Coat Church of England Academy benefit from an opportunity to undertake a week of work experience in Year 12 during the summer term. Research has highlighted the importance of work experience in securing admissions to university courses. It is an opportunity for students to sample the world of work and can help develop skills for the future and increase confidence and independence.

It is a chance for them to develop the relevant professional skills that a potential employer or university might look for and get an insight into what your intended career may look like. Students are encouraged to find their own placements and they typically place in the summer term after the exams have taken place.



EXPECTATIONS

As a student, you should expect Blue Coat Church of England Academy to:

- Provide lessons and teacher support for you to follow your chosen courses.
- Provide a study room for you to complete assignments and independent study.
- Provide a Learning Resource Centre.
- Provide an exclusive sixth form dining and workspace – The Bistro.
- Provide access to laptops and resources to support your learning.

As a student, at Blue Coat Church of England Academy Sixth Form you will:

- Work to the best of your ability in all subjects.
- Use independent study time effectively and follow guidelines.
- Attend school every day appropriately dressed.
- Arrive at lessons punctually, including registration - and actively encourage younger pupils to do the same.
- Behave in a calm and orderly fashion, being aware of the safety and wellbeing of others.
- Involve yourself in the wider school community and calendared events such as, Lent and the OAP Christmas party.
- Do not use mobile phones on the premises (except in agreed Sixth Form areas).

About our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

The Sixth Form Leadership (SLT) team are the most senior students in the Academy and they are appointed to specific roles across the school. All students make a considerable contribution to local and national charitable causes and being actively involved is one of the key characteristics of being a student at Blue Coat.

The team supports whole school events which include co-ordination of parents' evenings, open evenings, prize giving, Blue Coat Sunday service in St Matthew's Church and the Mayor's Civic Ceremony.

Year 12 students have the opportunity to apply for these prestigious positions on the SSLT during the January of their course, in preparation for fulfilling these roles over a 12 month period during the sixth form.

DRESS CODE

As a student in Sixth Form, you are a role model for the rest of the school and as such you are required to uphold and embody the standards expected of you. YOU set the tone for the rest of the school in terms of appearance! Your standard of dress should be smart and appropriate to your position as a role model for those in lower years. You must maintain consistently appropriate standards of dress as detailed in the sixth form contract, which you sign when you enter the sixth form.

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Skirts – smart/tailored – knee length.	No lycra/stretch fabric.
Trousers – smart/tailored.	No leggings, jeggings, jeans or shorts.
Blouses/shirts – with or without collars.	No t-shirts, large logos/slogans. No strappy/vest tops.
Jumpers/cardigans – plain in colour and design.	No hoodies.
Shoes – smart/flat or low to medium heels. Boots – flat or low to medium heels.	No open toed sandals. No high heels or platforms.
Jewellery - Small stud earrings, conservative hand jewellery.	No visible facial piercings such as nose studs and eyebrow rings. No large hoop earrings.
Hair – natural colours	No extreme bright colours and tram lines



ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Shirts – plain single colour formal with a collar.	No polo-shirts, t-shirts or hoodies. Shirts should not be excessively patterned, denim or brightly coloured.
Trousers – smart/tailored.	No jeans, cords, shorts, joggers.
Jumpers/cardigans – crew or v-necked and plain in colour and design.	No large logos or slogans.
Shoes – smart formal.	No trainers, daps, sandals or canvas shoes.
Jewellery - Small stud earrings, conservative hand jewellery.	No visible facial piercings such as nose studs and eyebrow rings. No large hoop earrings.
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SIXTH FORM COURSE INFORMATION

2025-2026

**BLUE COAT CHURCH
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Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

Dear Student,

This information booklet aims to provide you with everything you need to make an informed choice about your continuing education. Here at Blue Coat Academy, we pride ourselves first and foremost on being a family, and this undoubtedly continues in the Sixth Form, with many opportunities to get involved within the school community whilst you further your studies at Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3.

Every Christmas sixth form students plan and deliver our Senior Citizens Christmas Party for the older residents of local care homes and the local community. We have also been involved in environmental projects, cleaning the local community with litter picks organised by our students. Our sixth form students also support the school Senior Leadership Team at our Federation Infants and Juniors Schools, and students also have worked in partnership with several departments providing peer mentoring for Key Stage 4 students as part of the Enrichment program.

In the January of Year 12, we select our SSLT who will lead the Sixth Form for the following academic year. These students plan assemblies, lead events and projects, supervise certain sixth form areas and act as role models for the rest of the student body. There are opportunities for these leaders to represent the school at events and conferences, and host important visitors to the school.

These opportunities to get involved in the sixth form beyond your studies play an important role in developing you into the well-rounded and responsible young people who leave at the end of Year 13.

A sizeable proportion of our students continue their studies at University and these leadership experiences are invaluable when applying for courses at Higher Education or securing an apprenticeship or employment.

Our aim in the sixth form is to turn out well-rounded, happy and productive members of society who can contribute to the world around them in a positive way. We like to think that we do that.

If you think you want to be part of this happy and productive family, then come and join us and we will welcome you into our sixth form community.

TIPS: WHEN MAKING SUBJECT CHOICES

When you are considering which subjects to take, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Which subjects do I enjoy? What subjects am I good at? Would I like to continue studying these?
2. What is my current progress?
3. What do I want to do next? What subjects do I need for this?
4. What can I do with my subjects of interest? Where will they get me?
5. What is the entry criteria needed for life after sixth form?
6. How open do I want to keep my future study and career choices?
7. What type of learning do I enjoy more: exams or coursework, practical or theory?
8. Am I clear on the demands of an academic, combined or vocational pathway?
9. Focus on you! Make your own choices and stand by them.

Why would you consider doing a subject you really do not want to be doing?

- Choose subjects that you enjoy and that you are good at - you'll be spending up to five taught hours a week, plus homework and revision for each subject!
- Make sure you speak to your teachers and get their opinion on your choices of subjects - be serious and give consideration and thought to what they have to say.
- Ask teachers about the workload of the subjects you may be expected to do for each - essay writing, independent reading, research, or project work.
- Some subjects have a very similar workload, for example - exams and coursework deadlines at the same time. Be sure that you have chosen a manageable mix of exams and coursework.
- Some subject combinations are complementary and fit well together - such as physics as well as mathematics or another science. This can help you in your studies and enable you to meet entry requirements for Higher Level courses in the future. Some degree courses specify the A-Level subjects (and grades) that you need.
- If you have clear career goals in mind investigate which courses work well together and which subjects you need to study to access your chosen career or university course.

(E.g. if you want to become a Doctor you should consider Biology, Chemistry and Maths)

PATHWAYS

We are extremely proud of the different Pathways we offer in our Sixth Form. We have a unique offer of Level 3, Level 2 and Level 1 courses to cater for need of our students and those applying to join our Sixth Form. Explanations of the 3 different pathways are outlined below.

Level 3

This pathway is seen as the more traditional option. Students will study A level or Level 3 Vocational courses such as BTEC's or Cambridge Nationals, or a combination of both. For students to gain entry to this pathway they will need to have achieved 5 or more GCSE grades at grade 4 or above. There may also be additional entry requirements for certain subjects, these are outlined on the "Entry Requirements" hand out. Students must have achieved a grade 4 in either English Language or Mathematics to gain a place on our Level 3 pathway, students will be required to take a resit class and examination in the subject they have not yet achieved their grade 4. The Level 3 pathway is a 2-year course.

Students following this pathway will often move on to University, School Leaver Apprenticeships or join the work force.

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Level 2

This pathway is for students who narrowly missed out on gaining a place on our Level 3 pathway. The pathway is designed to give students an additional year to achieve level 2 qualifications (GCSE or Equivalent) to then enable them to apply for a place on the level 3 pathway. Students will also have the opportunity to resit both of their English Language and Mathematics GCSE qualifications along side new Level 2 courses. This pathway choice is a 1-year course.

Students next steps following this pathway would be Level 3 here at Blue Coat, but also being in a position to apply to other Sixth Form Colleges or an apprenticeship.

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Level 1

Students who missed out on gaining a place on our level 2 pathway are encouraged to opt for this route of study. As a general guide students don't need any formal entry requirements to start a course at this level, but any skills or experience you have in the subject you choose will be of benefit. Our Entry Level and Level 1 courses will help students to learn new skills and equip them for life after Blue Coat. At Level 1 we offer English, Maths and Personal Development which are compulsory, with an option of 1 vocational qualification currently IT or Hospitality and Catering.

Students next steps following completion of this course would normally be applying to college or an apprenticeship.

** The DFE are currently carrying out a review and reform of Level 3 A level Equivalent and also some Level 2 courses. These changes could likely impact our offer at Blue Coat and some option choices for our students come September 2025. We will keep students and parents informed as we know more in the coming months.

Post 16 reform 2025 – November Update

There is currently an ongoing review on Post 16 reforms for September 2025. This has paused the process until December 2024. The current information outlines the qualifications that will be phased out and replaced with AAQs (Alternative Academic Qualifications):

- 2016 BTEC Level 3 Nationals
- 2016 Level 3 Cambridge technical
- 2016 OCR nationals

There will be a phased approach to this roll out with other qualifications also ceasing in future years. Phase 1 begins in September 2025 with changes planned in the following subjects **(these are not all on offer at Blue Coat)**:

FROM PEARSON/ EDEXCEL:

PEARSON NEW L3 SUPPORT HUB: BTEC Nationals from 2025 | Pearson qualifications

Applied Science
Computing
Construction
Early Childhood development
Engineering
Health & Social Care
Information Technology

FROM OCR/CAMBRIDGE:

CAMBRIDGE NEW L3 SUPPORT HUB:

Cambridge Advanced Nationals (ocr.org.uk)

Applied Science
Computing
Engineering
Health & Social Care
Human Biology
IT: DATA ANALYTICS

Links are included above for further information and staff will be completing training and evaluating the subject choices to establish the most appropriate courses for students. This will be confirmed over the course of this year. The courses are similar in structure to the Extended Certificate versions of the current 2016 suite of Vocational qualifications. However, there are some differences:

- There are more Science-based units in subjects such as Health and Social Care and Sport.
- At least one of the two internal units will have an assignment brief set by the exam board that will change each year

ENTRY CRITERIA

The admissions process relies on three factors:

Meeting criteria outlined for each subject on the separate handout (also found on the website).

Pastoral review – attendance, pastoral and behaviour checks completed with KS4 and KS5 pastoral teams.

Academic review – progress, performance, working at responsiveness to intervention and support reviewed by KS4 and KS5 progress team.

Students will receive one of the following recommendations:

Conditional offer: Offer agreed in principal and will be confirmed on results day.

Probation offer: Restricted offer based on close monitoring during half term 1. Place will be agreed or declined at the end of the probation period.

Declined: In individual cases we may decline an offer of a sixth form place as we may not feel this is the best option for you. In these cases, we will offer support and guidance to secure a more appropriate place elsewhere.

LEVEL 3 COURSES



ART AND DESIGN: FINE ART

Exam Board: OCR | A Level | A2 QAN Code: H601/01

This subject will appeal to students who have self-discipline, motivation, and a desire to understand the world we live in.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The aim is for you to develop and expand existing skills, broaden your knowledge and understanding of the purpose and meaning of Art and Design and expand your investigation into the work of artists. You will work in a vibrant group, working in an environment that inspires you to become increasingly creative and skilful within a framework of heightened aesthetic awareness.

WHY STUDY FINE ART?

Throughout this course you will examine the traditions of painting and drawing with the expectation to take risks as an artist. Our Fine Art programme is designed to celebrate the work of artists, whilst still allowing you to take control of your own work. As you progress, the coursework shifts to mentored and inspired experiments that focus on your own project ideas. The sole purpose of the qualification is to provide you with a portfolio that will gain you entry to an Art and Design degree.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

A-Level Fine Art qualification/course consists of two components; a Personal Investigation with a related study (60%), and an externally set task with an early release question paper (40%) structured around the skills, knowledge and understanding developed throughout the course of study.

HOW WILL IT BE ASSESSED?

By external examination as indicated above.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The A-Level Fine Art course is ideal if you who wish to pursue Art and Design at degree level or as a career. Most students taking the course successfully progress to degree level courses in various aspects of Art and Design including Theatre Studies, Graphics, Jewellery, Illustration and Fine Art. Students studying Mathematics often need the course to develop ideas and skills to build a portfolio in order to gain entry to Architecture courses.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Students taking Art and Design often select thought provoking and investigative subjects like Media Studies, IT, Psychology, Sociology, History, Drama, Geography or Maths.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Art & Design

Fine Art	Illustration	Floristry
Body art	Set design	Sign making
Printing	Modelmaking	Advertising
Animation	Furniture Design	Art Therapy
Interior Design	Craft work and design	Photography
Industrial Design	Visual merchandising	Production Design
Picture framing	Museum and gallery work	Exhibition Design
Landscape design	Costume design	Textile Design
Product design	Hairdressing	Digital Design
Makeup artistry	Web design	Graphic design
Architecture	Fashion design	Teaching

BIOLOGY

Exam Board: AQA | AS QAN Code: 601/4625/4

This subject will appeal to students who have self-discipline, motivation and a desire to understand the world we live in.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

A-Level Biology is a challenging, rewarding course that helps you develop skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career. It offers you and your teacher freedom, creativity and opportunity for independent progression from GCSE Science or Biology.

WHY STUDY BIOLOGY?

Studying Biology will also enable you to appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues, and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

A-Level Biology gives you the opportunity to study a core of key concepts in greater detail, some of which have been introduced at GCSE level. Over the course, a minimum of 12 core practical assessments will be carried out to develop and test practical competency.

HOW WILL IT BE ASSESSED?

The qualification is assessed at the end of year 13 and takes the format of 3 papers: Papers 1 and 2 are worth 35% each of the qualification and Paper 3 is worth 30%.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Biology allows you to access a wide range of biological sciences from ecology to microbiology to medicine but also supports other sciences and paths opened by these. Biology is sought after by employers and universities due to the range of transferable skills that students learn as they study, such as citing academic texts. Biology is a great choice of subject for people who want a career in health and clinical professions, such as Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Optometry, Nursing, Zoology, Marine Biology or Forensic Science.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Sport, Sociology, Geography, Physics, Chemistry or Science.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Biology

Brewing	Audiology	Nursing
Medicine	Psychiatry	Ecology
Dentistry	Radiography	Teaching
Dietetics	Horticulture	Agriculture
Forensics	Food Science	Biotechnology
Pharmacology	Biochemistry	Fisheries work
Marine biology	Sports Science	Laboratory work
Physiotherapy	Speech Therapy	Veterinary work

AQA A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES

What are the aims of this course?

A-level Business – the key to your career

This AS and A-level Business course introduces you to all you need to know about working in business, providing a solid foundation for further study.

With a focus on helping you to become a good decision maker, you'll learn essential managerial skills, alongside techniques to help you become an analytical problem solver. These skills are all highly sought after and valued in a wide range of careers.

Why study business?

If you'd like to study business, finance or management at university, A-level Business provides an excellent foundation. The skills you learn are transferable across a broad range of subjects and careers. Whatever you choose to do in the future, you'll find that the things you learn in this course will help. For example, you'll probably work with lots of different people, so knowledge of motivational theory will help you to work well with others and help them achieve their potential. You might have ambitious plans to start your own business. If that's the case, you'll find the marketing and finance topics particularly useful.

What will you study?

Year 12 (first year)

An introduction to key business areas: marketing, operations, finance and human resource management. This includes a special focus on decision making – particularly how decisions made in one area can affect the rest of the business.

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Topic 1 – What is business?

Topic 2 – Managers, leadership and decision making

Topic 3 – Marketing management

Topic 4 – Operational management

Topic 5 – Financial management

Topic 6 – Human resource management

Year 13 (second year)

An investigation of the strategic decisions that all businesses have to make.

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Topic 7 – Analysing the strategic position of a business

Topic 8 – Choosing the strategic direction

Topic 9 – Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies

Topic 10 – Managing strategic change

How you will be assessed?

The A-level assessment consists of three x 2 hour written exams taken at the end of the two-year course. Each exam will be worth a third of the A-level. All three papers will draw on material from the whole course and will feature a range of question styles including multiple choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions, data response questions and case studies.

Careers Using Business Studies

The list is long and varied but Business is useful for the following careers:

Accountancy	Actuarial profession	E-commerce
Economics	Event management	Financial services (banking etc)
Health Management	Human Resources	Insurance
Journalism	Local government	Management
Manufacturing	Marketing	Planning management
Radio & Television	Sports Management	Statistics
Surveying	Teaching	Telecommunications

CHEMISTRY

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/5F131/8

This subject will appeal to students who wish to acquire a wide range of skills and learn about ideas and concepts which address all the important questions in modern science.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The aims of the course are to develop scientific enquiry and expertise in the field of Chemistry. You will study in detail, the chemistry required to be able to explain ideas such as why ice is less dense than water to why some chemicals are reactive whilst others are not. There is a great deal of practical work and calculations, so having an eye for detail is of benefit as is mathematical ability.

WHY STUDY CHEMISTRY?

Chemistry is a very versatile science. Mastery of Chemistry is associated with excellent analytical and mathematical skills. Students of chemistry are able to solve problems and think things through. These skills are useful for any career!

Chemistry is an experimental science that combines the academic study of practical and investigative skills. It is called the “central science”, as chemical principles underpin both the environment in which we live and all biological systems.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The A-Level is assessed at the end of year 13 and takes the format of 3 papers: Paper 1 is worth 35% of the A-Level qualification

Paper 2 is worth 35% of the A-Level qualification

Paper 3 is worth 30% of the A-Level qualification.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Chemistry is a pivotal subject and acts as a gateway to many careers such as medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, pure sciences, pharmacy, pharmacology, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, biological science and a whole variety of scientifically related careers.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Maths, Biology, Physics, Economics or Geography.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Chemistry

Brewing	Food science	Dietetics
Dentistry	Horticulture	Teaching
Engineering	Laboratory work	Nursing
Agriculture	Chemical engineering	Biotechnology
Biochemistry	Materials science	Quality control
Environmental Health	Research and Development	Pharmaceuticals
Chemical plant operation	Plastics and polymers	Forensic science
Environmental science	Technology	Medicinal chemistry
Waste management	Colour technology and dyeing	Oil and gas production
Medicine		

OCR A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

This subject would appeal to students who wish to develop a range of specialist knowledge and transferable skills in the field context of computing.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Computer Science is a practical subject where students can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It's an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement and can look at the natural world through a digital prism.

WHY STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE?

This course has been developed to recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding of computing. Computer science is a set of skills which improves student's ability to analyse problems and break them down, in order to solve them. You will learn about the structure and function of the processor and storage. Operating systems, computer database development, networking computers together, and understanding how computers work. Investigations into legal, moral, ethical, and cultural issues, are a key element to the course.

There is a programming aspect to the course which covers thinking in an abstract way, thinking ahead, thinking procedurally, and thinking logically on how to resolve real world problems.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

An understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including Abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation.

The ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so.

The capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically, and critically. The capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science. Mathematical skills.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/computer-science-h046-h446-from-2015/>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

A-Level course with 2 exams, each of 2 hours 30 minutes, and a Non-exam assessment piece which is a project of the student's own choosing. The first exam is on Computing Principles and the second exam is on Algorithms and Problem Solving. Each worth 40% and the Non-Exam Assessment is worth 20%.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The problem-solving skills you will develop allow you to progress in a digital world regardless of your choice of further study or employment, giving you a foundation level on which to develop a career in computing, network engineering, software development, technical support, application development, software analyst or data analyst roles.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Business Studies, Media, Maths or Sciences.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Computer Science

Bioinformatics	Cyber Security	IT Project Management
Business analytics	IT Consultant	Teaching
Computer aided design	IT Support Services	Web development
3D Modelling and animation	Database administration	Network management
Computer games	Games production	Computer hardware
Programming	Management	Engineering
Software programming	Multimedia development	Systems analysis and design
Computer games testing	Software engineering	

WJEC LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The course aims to allow students to acquire knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY?

This subject will appeal to students who would like to pursue a career in criminal justice or would like to study criminology at degree level.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Units:

Number	Unit Title Assessment	GLH
1	Changing Awareness of Crime Mandatory Internal	90
2	Criminological Theories Mandatory External	90
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom Mandatory Internal	90
4	Crime and Punishment Mandatory External	90

The first mandatory unit will enable the learner to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported.

The second mandatory unit will allow learners to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in Unit 1.

The third mandatory unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Learners will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

In the final mandatory unit, learners will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

A combination of exam and controlled assessment elements. Four equally weighted units.

2 assessed with external examination

2 assessed with internal coursework/ controlled assessment.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses. It compliments A Level Sociology, Law, History and Philosophy.

FUTURE CAREERS:

The skills you'll gain studying criminology can help prepare you for a career in:

- law enforcement
- social work
- education
- crime prevention
- victim support
- prison service
- research and academia

Careers Using Criminology

Criminologist	Police constable	Probation officer
Scene of crime officer	Detective	Prison officer
Social worker	Lecturer	Research analyst

A LEVEL DRAMA AQA

The subject content details the knowledge, understanding and skills that students are expected to develop throughout the course of study.

The subject content for A-level Drama and Theatre is divided into three components:

- Drama and theatre
- Creating original drama
- Making theatre

1. Drama and Theatre

How this is assessed:

This is a written exam worth 80 marks 40% of the A level.

How this is broken down:

- Section A: one question (of our choice) on one of the set plays from List A (25 marks)
- Section B: one three-part question on a given extract from one of the set plays from List B (30 marks)
- Section C: one question (from a choice) on the work of theatre makers in a single live theatre production (25 marks)

2. Creating original drama (practical)

What's assessed:

- Process of creating devised drama
- Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer, designer or director)

How it's assessed:

- Working notebook (40 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)
- 60 marks in total
- 30% of A-level

3. Making original theatre (practical)

What's assessed:

- Practical exploration and interpretation of three extracts (Extract 1, 2 and 3) each taken from a different play.

Methodology of a prescribed practitioner must be applied to Extract 3.

Extract 3 is to be performed as a final assessed piece (students may contribute as performer, designer, or director)

- Reflective report analysing and evaluating theatrical interpretation of all three extracts

How it's assessed:

- Performance of Extract 3 (40 marks)
- Reflective report (20 marks)

ENGLISH LITERATURE B

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/5328/3

This subject will appeal to students who enjoy reading and have an interest in writing for a variety of purposes expressing informed and independent opinions and identifying and developing the links between different literary texts, skills that are in demand from employers, universities and colleges and are also valuable in their own right.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

This course aims to encourage you to develop your interest in, and enjoyment of, literature and literary studies, as you read widely and independently in your reading of set texts and others that you have selected for yourself. You will develop and learn to effectively apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation in speech and writing, and to explore the contexts of the texts you are reading and others' interpretations of them.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE?

If you enjoy reading, debating and analysing a wide range of poetry, plays and novels this course will appeal to you. The key difference between GCSE and A-Level is the depth of study. Far more time is devoted to each text, its genre and its place in the great tradition of English Literature. Furthermore, you will be immersed in a genuine engagement with the texts. The subject matter is much more mature and sophisticated; you will encounter new playwrights, poets and novelists, expanding your literary horizons.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

You will be assessed on your ability to write legibly, with accurate use of spelling, grammar and punctuation, so a strong foundation in GCSE English Language, as well as in GCSE English Literature, is vital for success on this course.

You should not underestimate the challenge of this course, particularly in the second year; you should be prepared to read independently and develop a mature written style.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

- Assessment is through 2 written exams each worth 40% of the total A-Level mark.
- Non-examination Assessment is worth 20% of the total A-Level mark.
- You will write two essays of 1,250-1,500 words, each responding to a different text and linking to a different aspect of the Critical Anthology.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The course naturally develops the skills of debate and independent research. In addition, it provides an excellent foundation for the study of literature at undergraduate level.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements other essay-based subjects such as Psychology, Philosophy, History, Classics and Modern Foreign Languages as well as Performing Arts courses.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using English

Law	Editing	Information Services
Politics	Teaching	Publishing
Acting	Marketing	Advertising
Writing	Journalism	Archive work
Civil service	Broadcasting	Public relations
Film/tv editing	Clerical work	Proofreading
Barrister	Building surveyor	Estate agent
Personal assistant	Press officer	Psychologist
RAF Officer	Retail manager	Social worker
Copy editing	Copywriting	Librarianship
Speech therapy	Film/tv production	Film/tv direction
Administration	Classroom support	Travel and tourism
Management	Events management	Arts administration
Digital content editing		

FRENCH

Exam Board: PEARSON EDEXCEL | QAN Code: 601/8702/5

This course will appeal to students who are interested in a rewarding, coherent course of study that concentrates on developing oral fluency and conversation skills. The course will provide a range of stimulating and absorbing study topics with contemporary, literary, and cultural content.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

A Level French is designed to encourage you to develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning, and to develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres. You will explore a range of topics and consider life from the point of view of a native French speaker and improve your communication skills in both written and spoken form.

WHY STUDY FRENCH?

We live in a multilingual, global world. 94% of the world does not speak English as their first language and 75% of the world does not speak English at all. Being able to speak French is a highly valued skill in business and international diplomacy, and through studying French, you will acquire a greater general knowledge and understanding of current affairs, international issues, and culture.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

You will explore a range of topics and will gain a better insight into issues of immigration, cultural identity and the history and culture of the French-speaking world.

You will have the opportunity to study films and literature and discuss important issues of the day. There is an important essay component, and the communication skills you will develop as part of this course are a tremendous asset for your future studies and employability.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/french-2016.html>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through a 20-minute oral examination including a structured discussion and an oral expose, a 2-hour 40 minutes writing paper, and a 2-hour reading, listening and translation paper.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Students studying French can combine their studies with almost any subject as languages are an asset for almost any career choice or university course. Many combine their chosen university course with French and are able to spend part of their course in another country, making them highly employable.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Students often take French alongside History, English, Art, IT, Drama, Media, Psychology, English Literature, or English Language. However, you can take it alongside any other discipline that interests you.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Modern Languages

Finance	Law	Teaching
Retailing	Publishing	Catering
Journalism	Civil Service	Interpreting
Hospitality	Translating	Call centre work
Travel and tourism	Broadcasting	Diplomatic service
Local government	Airline cabin crew	Importing/exporting
Customs and immigration	Transport and distribution	Marketing and sales

GEOGRAPHY

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/8940X

This subject will appeal to students who have an interest in cultural understanding, sensitivity and tolerance including relationships between people and their environment - both locally and globally.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Geography at A-Level allows an in-depth study of subject matter which is topical and wide-ranging, thus providing a useful basis for a variety of career choices.

WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is the study of the world around us and human impact upon it. It considers the physical and human influences that shape and style our world. The course offers the opportunity to exercise and develop geographical skills, including observation, measurement, and geospatial mapping skills, through a range of case studies.

The course is designed to encourage candidates to develop fieldwork skills and study geographical issues and impacts and develop a specialist interest within the field of geography and progress to higher education and employment.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Component 1: Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Challenges and Ecosystems under stress.

Component 2: Global Systems and Global Governance, Changing Places and Contemporary Urban Environments.

Component 3: Geography fieldwork investigation

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Two 2-hour 30-minute examinations, each worth 40% of the full A-Level.

There will then be a 4,000-word geographical fieldwork investigation contributing to 20% of the full A-Level.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Geography is a link between the social sciences (Business, History, Economics, and Psychology) and the hard sciences (Physics, Chemistry, and Biology). The cross disciplinary nature teaches you a whole range of skills that can be used in your continuing academic learning and future careers. The skills include; data collection, manipulation, presentation and analysis, essay writing and reading maps and other sources of data.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as History, Sociology, Health and Social Care, Maths, Sciences or Religious Studies.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Geography

Ecology	Teaching	Geology
Meteorology	Surveying	Demography
Climatology	Archaeology	Geophysics
Cartography	Rural development	Travel and tourism
Energy engineering	Nature conservation	Geographical information
Landscape architecture	Environmental management	Transport and distribution
Town and country planning	Hydro morphology	

OCR EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3 AAQ CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED NATIONAL IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

QAN Code: 610/3964/0

This subject will appeal to students who are interested in careers in the health, social care and education sector who are well organised and able to work independently.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

You will develop knowledge and understanding of issues affecting the Health and Social sector and develop skills that will enable you to make an effective contribution to the care sector, by applying knowledge, skills and understanding.

WHY STUDY HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?

Health & Social Care provides a more vocational perspective and offers you the chance to obtain a qualification that meets both your individual aptitudes and interests. This course prepares you to enter a variety of courses in Health and Social Care and related subjects. It also provides a progression route for further training whilst in employment.

If you wish to follow this course, you should have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in Health and Social Care, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate effectively.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course is a 360 guided learning hour (GLH) course over two academic years.

You will have to take four mandatory units: Human lifespan development; Working in Health & Social care; Enquiries in current research in Health & Social Care and Meeting individual care and support.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Assessment is through external assessment (exam) on:
Principles of health and social care (Year 12)
Anatomy and physiology for health and social care (Year 13)

As well as Internal Assessments on:
Person-centred approach to care
Supporting people with mental health conditions
Supporting people in relation to sexual health, pregnancy and postnatal health
Supporting healthy nutrition and lifestyles

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Students of Health and Social Care will gain a greater awareness and understanding of current issues such as employment, service provision, rights and responsibilities within the workplace, and health and wellbeing.

You can use this qualification as a route into a degree in adult nursing, children's nursing or social work. Alternatively, you could go straight into social care employment, although you would be required to take a vocational qualification while working.

Career choices are varied and include: Social Work, Youth Work, Community Work, Probation Services, Housing Officer/Advisor, Counsellor, Dietician, Occupational Therapist, Teacher, Psychologist, Child-Minder.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Students studying Health and Social Care often combine the subject with Biology, Sociology, Applied Science, Psychology, Chemistry, Religious Studies, English, Psychology, or Law.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Health and Social Care

Social care	Health care	Management
Counselling	Youth work	Nursing
Ambulance work	Early years work	Home care
Advisory services	Allied Health Professionals	Day centre work
Occupational therapy	Residential care	Care management
Therapy support work	Community care work	Sheltered housing work

HISTORY

Exam Board: OCR | A2 QAN Code: 601/4FI01/5

This subject will appeal to students who are prepared to work hard as it is a rewarding subject: informative and interesting, it helps you to develop useful skills and is taught in a variety of interesting ways.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Our aim is to create independent students, critical thinkers and decision-makers – all personal assets that can make you stand out as you progress to higher education and/or the workplace. The new History qualification has been developed to recognise the scope and diversity of the subject – both in terms of content and different approaches.

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

History is a fascinating subject that allows you to develop your understanding of the present world through the consequences of past actions and events. It helps you to develop your literacy skills to develop enquiring and analytical minds. It also develops your research skills and your powers of reasoning. The course has been chosen to offer a wide range of subject matter in British and European history.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

A-Level History is an extremely challenging academic subject and a huge step up from GCSE. A passion for the subject and an enjoyment of reading and writing are absolutely essential.

Unit 1: The Early Tudors, 1485-1558 (25%)

Enquiry topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547-1558. A source-based enquiry into the reign of Edward VI and Mary I.

Unit 2: Germany: Democracy to Dictatorship, 1919-1963 (15%)

Unit 3: From Colonialism to Independence: The British Empire, 1857-1965 (40%)

Unit 4: Coursework - internally assessed (20%)

This essay is a topic of your choosing. It should include an explanation and analysis of different perspectives on a clearly-stated historical issue, drawing on a range of primary and secondary material. It will therefore utilise the skills and understanding developed elsewhere in the course. As an independent enquiry using a range of sources and interpretations, the essay will require you to develop an understanding of how historians work.

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170209-specification-accredited-as-level-gce-history-a-h105.pdf>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Unit 1: Assessment: AS 50% - 90 minutes written examination and A-Level 25% of A-Level 90 minutes written examination

Unit 2: Assessment: AS 50% - 90 minutes written examination and A-Level 15% of A-Level 1 hour written examination

Unit 3: A-Level 40% of A-Level 2 hours 30 minutes written examination

Unit 4: A-Level Personal study 20% of A-Level written examination internally assessed.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

A good A-Level grade in History can lead to a wide range of courses and careers, particularly in law, local government, the civil service, heritage, human resources, journalism and education. History is an academic A-Level which is regarded amongst employers who want employees to have the skill set that history students have, including the ability to communicate fluently, coherently and in a logical manner. The analytical skills acquired, such as selecting and deploying information and then making an argument from it are also much valued.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Law, Media, English, English Literature or Geography.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using History

Politics	Tourism	Law
Genealogy	Sociology	Journalism
Library work	Publishing	Archaeology
Anthropology	Teaching	Restoration work
Archive work	Civil service	Diplomatic service
Administration	Cultural heritage	Museum work

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Information Technology (AAQ)

Exam Board: Pearson| QAN Code: 610/3960/3

This subject is ideal for students interested in the digital sector who are seeking to advance to higher education as a pathway to graduate-level employment. Equivalent to one A Level, it is designed for those looking to enhance their practical knowledge and skills in Information Technology.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

If you enjoy Information Technology and would like to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding of ICT systems this course is for you. Competence in IT is essential in almost every walk of life and this qualification will both prove your abilities to universities and employers and help you to navigate IT issues in your other subjects and in your own lives.

WHY STUDY Information Technology?

This course has been developed to recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding of Information and Communication Technology functions, environments and operations. You will carry out a range of tasks that have been designed to recognise your achievements in a modern, practical way that is relevant to the workplace.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The qualification has been developed in consultation with higher education representatives and sector experts to ensure students have the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to progress to, and thrive in, higher education.

The qualification has four mandatory units covering the following topics:

- **Information Technology Systems** – Information technology systems, including the relationship between software and hardware, and the issues related to IT systems
- **Cyber Security and Incident Management** – Types of cyber security attacks, the vulnerabilities in networked systems and how to plan and respond to attacks
- **Website Development** – The development tools, techniques and processes used in website development and how to test usability, functionality and fitness for purpose
- **Relational Database Development** – Structure of data, data design and database management systems (DBMS).

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

To obtain this qualification, you need to complete four mandatory units in total. Two of these units will be assessed via written examinations, while the other two will be evaluated through coursework.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The AAQ (new BTEC) Information Technology qualification provides students with a modern, work-related credential that facilitates access to higher education and career opportunities. This program emphasizes the development of high-level skills such as teamwork, creative thinking, and presentation abilities, while also enhancing independent research and study skills. The course covers essential IT knowledge, including the role and implications of IT systems, cyber-security threats, and management strategies. Additionally, students will acquire practical skills in website creation tailored to specific purposes and data management through the development of relational database solutions.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Mathematics, Business Studies. It is intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Information Technology

App developer	Computer games testing	Teaching
Business analysis	Cyber security	Web development
Computer aided design	IT consultant	Network management
3D Modelling and animation	IT Support Services	Computer hardware engineering
Computer games programming	Database administration	Systems analysis and design
Software programming	Games production management	Software engineering
Multimedia development	IT project management	

LAW

Exam Board: Pearson BTEC Level 3 | QAN Code: 600/9043/7 National Extended Certificate in Applied Law

This subject would appeal to students who wish to continue into further education to embark on a career in law. It will enable students to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills through the application of legal rules to factual scenarios.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Studying law will enable you to make informed decisions about your rights and responsibilities as citizens, consumers, employees, and employers. A background in law is recognised as providing excellent organisational and reasoning skills, allowing you to analyse and evaluate complex legal issues, as well as communicating your arguments in a logical and coherent manner.

WHY STUDY LAW?

To gain an insight into the English legal process and the legal sector, understanding the various areas of law that effect everyday life. You will gain knowledge and skills that are needed to work within the legal profession or to go on to study law as an undergraduate. These will include the ability to learn independently, research actively and methodically, applying knowledge to real life situations and predicting likely outcomes.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Year 1 you will study the following:

Unit 1 – Dispute Solving in Civil Law: which includes understanding the structure of the English civil courts, alternative dispute resolution and legal skills. Legal skills require you to write Enforcement of civil law – sources of legal advice and funding and the process of judicial precedent. Application of the law of negligence – duty of care, breach of duty, damage, awarding damages and the burden of proof.

Unit 2 – Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System: which includes exploring how statutory rules are made and interpreted. An introduction on the influences on Parliament, the law-making procedure in Parliament including Parliamentary sovereignty. Examining how legislation is made outside of Parliament which encompasses delegated legislation and the role of the EU, conflicts with national UK law and European institutions. You will also explore the various legal personnel involved in a criminal trial from lay people to the judiciary. In addition, you will demonstrate how to apply the key elements of crime and sentencing in non- fatal offence case studies, as well as evaluating the outcome by observing the aims, types and factors the court will consider for sentencing.

Year 2 you will study the following:

Unit 3 – Applying the Law: this unit has the largest content and carries the most marks for the qualification. You will study the laws relating to homicide: murder, voluntary manslaughter, and involuntary manslaughter, including the laws relating to corporate manslaughter. An introduction to offences against property: theft, robbery, burglary, fraud, and criminal damage are also studied for this unit. As this unit explores criminal offences, you will be expected to learn the general defences in criminal law, such as intoxication, duress, self-defence, insanity, and automatism. You will get an overview of police powers from stop and search, arrest to detention, interviews, searches, and samples.

Unit 4 – Aspects of Family Law: this unit involves exploring the legal rules governing the formation of marriages, civil partnerships, and cohabitation. This includes the legal procedure that should be undertaken to formalise and create these relationships to ensure they are valid otherwise they will be void under UK law. In addition, you will examine the various methods for dissolving a relationship, such as divorce, dissolution, and judicial separation. This will lead onto investigating the legal rules governing the distribution of money and property on the breakdown of a relationship; examining how the courts resolve disputes over children.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The qualification is equal to one full GCE A Level. It covers four units of work over two years, and these are assessed externally and internally.

Year 1:

Unit 1 is an external exam that is marked by examiners. External assessments require 6 hours of supervised research undertaken prior to the exam.

Unit 2 is an internally assessed assignment that is marked by teachers before being sent to a senior verifier for sampling.

Year 2:

Unit 3 is an external exam that is marked by examiners. Again, this will require 6 hours of supervised research.

Unit 4 is an internally assessed assignment which is marked by teachers before a sample is sent to a senior verifier.

External assessments are available twice a year, (January and June) which allows you to resit an exam.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL SUBJECT?

Law is a cross curricular subject in that you learn History, English, Latin, Sociology, Psychology, Business and much more. Transferable skills are those such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, which are valued in both higher education and the workplace. Where employability skills are referred to, these are generally skills in the following three main categories:

- cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This qualification combines with a large number of subjects and progression can be direct to an honours degree or to a Higher National Foundation Degree, or to a Higher Apprenticeship. Depending on the subjects taken alongside, it will support entry to a number of varying higher education courses. For example, if taken alongside:

- a BTEC National Diploma in Business, students could progress to a BA (Hons) in Business and Law
- an A Level programme in Business and Economics, or Maths, students could progress to a BA (Hons) in Law, a BA (Hons) in Business or a BSc (Hons) in Business and Law
- a BTEC National Diploma in Public Services, students could progress to a BSc (Hons) in Policing and Criminal Justice
- a BTEC National Diploma in Business, students could progress to a BA (Hons) in Business Studies.

FUTURE CAREERS:

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Careers Using Law

Chambers practice	Prosecutor	Welfare rights worker
Crown office	Barrister	Immigration Paralegal
Patent agent	Coroner	Trade unionist
Licenced conveyancer	Solicitor	Youth offending team
Court clerk	Junior clerk	Benefit fraud officer
Legal cashier	Receptionist	Probation officer
Government revenues officer	Military police	Customs officer
Bailiff	Police officer	

MATHEMATICS

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel | A2 QAN Code: 603/1333/X

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

If you want to develop your problem solving and analytical skills as well as increasing your ability to think logically, A-Level Mathematics is the subject for you. You will understand the relationship between real world problems and mathematical models and use a wide range of skills and techniques to solve them.

WHY STUDY MATHEMATICS?

A-Level Mathematics is a successful course developing skills of logical deduction, reasoning and analysis. Students choose mathematics for many reasons apart from a pure love of the subject. Although many combine mathematics with science, business and economics courses, others choose it to complement arts and humanities courses.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Three exam papers at the end of the 2-year course, each paper being worth 100 marks and 2 hours long. Calculators may be used for all three papers.

Paper 1: Pure Mathematics 1

Paper 2: Pure Mathematics 2

Papers 1 and 2 focus on: proofs, algebra and functions, coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, differentiation, integration, numerical methods and vectors.

Paper 3: Statistics and Mechanics

Section A of this paper focuses on Statistics: statistical sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability, statistical distributions and statistical hypothesis testing.

Section B focuses on Mechanics: moments, quantities and units in mechanics, kinematics, forces and Newton's laws.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

By examination of 2 hours for each paper (3 papers). Each paper has equal weighting (100 marks each).

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Maths related jobs include: Computer Games Designer, Special Effects Creator, Forensic Scientist, Computer Scientist, Cryptanalyst, Architect, Civil or Mechanical Engineer, Doctor, Sports Psychologist, Car Designer, Fashion Designer, Astronomer, Astronaut, Accountant, Oceanographer, Pilot, Chemist, Electrical or Electronic Engineer, Financial Analyst, Stockbroker and positions in Actuary, Banking, Construction, Medicine, Business Consultancy, Agriculture, Nursing, Dentistry, Surveying and Geology.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Psychology, ICT Computing or Accountancy.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Maths

Science	Banking	Buying
Construction	Statistics	Teaching
Accountancy	Insurance	Health Sciences
Economics	Actuarial work	Administration
Pharmacy	Bookkeeping	Stockbroking
Engineering	Astronomy	Surveying
Retail and sales	Management	Meteorology
Air traffic control	Architecture	Cyber security
Industrial design	Sound technology	Market research
Network management	Investment analysis	Medical technology
Transport and logistics	Software development	Computer games design

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Exam Board: Pearson | QAN Code: 601/7467/5

This subject will appeal to students who are interested in working in film, television, music, publishing or advertising.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The qualification provides a coherent introduction to the study of Creative Digital Media Production at this level. You will develop an understanding of the media industry through analysing media representations and pitching and producing media projects. It is designed for post-16 students who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the Media Industries, as part of a programme of study alongside other BTEC Nationals or A-Levels.

WHY STUDY MEDIA STUDIES?

You will receive one academic theory-based assignment each year, this course lays a greater emphasis on the acquirement of practical skills useful for the work force. This is a practical skills-based course where you get to learn about the planning, creation and editing of film and television. You will get the chance to learn how to use DV cameras, tripods and Kdenlive on the PCs for editing.

The Media Industry is one of the biggest contributors to the economy of the UK. It is one of the UK's few worlds' leading sectors. The UK Media industry is an aging demographic and needs fresh blood to help the UK to maintain its global hegemony. We live in a digital age where information pervades all aspects of our lives. Excellent digital literacy is an essential tool needed to navigate the perils of misinformation successfully.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The course is a 360 guided learning hour (GLH) course over two academic years:

You will have to take **Four units**: **Unit 1**: Media Representations (on screen exam), **Unit 4**: A pre-production portfolio: **Unit 8**: responding to a commission (set and marked by the exam board) and one optional unit: **Unit 10**: Film Production (Fiction).

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

There are two external assessments. The first external assessment is for **Unit 1**:

Media Representations. This exam takes place on a computer under supervised conditions and lasts 2 hours long and is worth 80 marks. There are two opportunities to take this assessment. The best grade is the one that goes towards calculating your total qualification grade.

The second external assessment is for Unit 8: Responding to a Commission. You spend 1 hour reading the paper and making notes. You then have a week to prepare notes for your answers, you are advised to spend 10 hours on these, and then you sit the second part which takes five hours to complete and is worth 75 marks. There are two opportunities to take this assessment. The best grade is the one that goes towards calculating your total qualification grade.

Grading for units and qualifications units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified. All mandatory and optional units contribute proportionately to the overall qualification grade, for example a unit of 120 GLH will contribute double that of a 60 GLH unit. There is no unit grade of D*. For external units only, a grade of N may be awarded for students not gaining enough marks for a P grade. Qualifications in the suite are graded using a scale of P to D*.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

This course is suitable for those who wish to work in television or film or the interactive media industries. It gives learners vital cross- transferable skills useful for the modern workforce.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Art & Design, ICT, Drama, English Literature, Business Studies, and Sociology.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Media

Editing	Advertising	Proofreading
Web design	Digital Marketing	Photography
Copywriting	Journalism	Event Management
Digital media	Broadcasting	Radio production
Media planning	Publishing	Camera operation
Market research	Media research	Media presenting
Public relations	Tv and film production	Desktop publishing
Multimedia development	Digital content editing	

PHYSICS

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/4A4FI/FI

This subject will appeal to students who like problem solving, mathematics and research. With these skills you'll be able to explore new ideas plus question existing theories, which is useful for any kind of job that involves research, analytical skills or debate.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

A good grade in in A-Level Physics demonstrates to an employer that you have analytical and mathematical skills that you can apply to real life situations. A-Level Physics is a highly respected qualification. The top universities recommend that you study at least one Science along with English, Mathematics or a Humanities subject.

WHY STUDY PHYSICS?

A-Level Physics is ideal if you are looking to study a Science after Sixth form. When combined with other subjects there are many other possible career paths that it will create for you, for example: Architecture, Astronomy, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Cosmology, Design, Electronics, Forensic Science, Geology, Management, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, Finance and many more. If you are still unsure of what direction you will take in life but are interested in technology, the limits of space, the beginning of time and everything in between this is the subject for you.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

We study the AQA specification because this follows directly from your GCSEs in which we also studied AQA specification. You will already be familiar with many of the topics that you will study, including Electricity and Magnetism, Mechanics, Radioactivity, and Waves. At A-Level, you will look at these areas in more detail and how they apply to real-world problems. We will also explore new areas such as Harmonic Motion, Fields, Quantum Physics, Materials and Thermal Physics.

To study A-Level Physics you need to be comfortable with Mathematics and able to write good English that is scientifically accurate. A good grounding in Physics is essential, to get top grades at A-Level, you should obtain a grade 6 or higher at GCSE Physics or a grade 7 in double science.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The whole of the A-Level Physics course is examined at the end of the two-year course. There are three theory papers. Your final grade is determined by how well you do on these three papers. There is also a practical skills assessment. To pass the course you will need to complete the twelve Required Practical's.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

A Level Physics is seen by many university admissions tutors as a sign that you can think clearly and logically. Employment opportunities include; Engineering, Radiography, Biotechnology and Accountancy.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course complements Mathematics at A-Level, and much of what you learn in Physics will complement A-levels in Biology or Chemistry.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Physics

Medicine	Medical Physics	Astronomy
Surveying	Architecture	Dentistry
Engineering	Meteorology	Audiology
Radiography	Teaching	Geophysics
Physiotherapy	Electronics	Astrophysics
Nanotechnology	Medical technology	Auto electrical repair
Renewable energy	Engineering technology	Ophthalmic/orthoptics
Science	Oceanography	Research and development
Aerospace	Telecommunications	Software engineering
Manufacturing	Sound technology	

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION AND ETHICS

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/8830/3

This subject will appeal to students who like to debate, ask questions, challenge and investigate.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

This course will ensure that you will have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION & ETHICS?

You will gain critical and evaluative skills sought by higher education and employers - particularly in Law, Education, Social Work, Politics, Medicine, Administration and the Media.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

A-Level Component 1- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Section A, Year 1- Arguments for the existence of God, Evil and Suffering, Religious Experience
Section A, Year 2- Religious Language, Miracles, Self and Life After Death.

Section B Year 1- Ethical Theories-Natural Moral Law, Situation Ethics, Virtue Ethics. Issues of Human Life and Death. Issues of Animal Life and Death

Section B, Year 2- Ethics and Religion. Introduction to Meta Ethics, Free Will and Determinism, Conscience, Bentham and Mill.

A-Level Component 2- Study of Religion and Dialogues

Section A - Study of Religion. Religion, Gender and Sexuality, Religion and Science, Religion and Secularisation and Religion and Religious Pluralism.

Section B - The Dialogue between Philosophy of religion and religion. How religion is influenced by and has an influence on philosophy of religion in relation to the issues studied.

Section C - The dialogue between ethical studies and religion. How religion is influenced by and has an influence on ethical studies in relation to the issues studied.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062>

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Religious studies is a thought-provoking subject that looks at contemporary issues. You will gain valuable analytical and evaluative skills which you will be able to use in any undergraduate course. The ethics section of this course will enable you to develop your own ethical viewpoints on issues such as embryo research, issues of human life and death as well as issues of non-human life and death: use of animals as food - intensive farming; use of animals in scientific procedures - cloning; blood sports - animals as a source of organs for transplants.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Sociology, Psychology, History, Law, English Literature, Criminology

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Philosophy

Social care	Charities administration	Law
Civil service	Teaching	Politics
Youth work	Health care	Fundraising
Social work	Psychology	Management
Broadcasting	Counselling	Advisory services
Community work	Religious leadership	Human resources

PSYCHOLOGY

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/4838/X

This subject will appeal to students who are interested in the study of the behaviour of individuals and their mental processes.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The aim of the Psychology course is to encourage you to develop a sense of wonder about the behaviour of the people you come across in day-to-day life. By examining research that relates to everyday issues and events you will naturally become curious about yourself and the world you live in.

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is the study of human behaviour using scientific methods to both analyse and explain different human behaviours. The course aims to introduce psychological theories, ideas and research, and to apply these to real life. You will develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the core areas of Psychology. You will examine social, cognitive development, biological and individual differences through a range of topics chosen for their accessibility and popularity.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

AS course content

Paper 1 - Topics to be covered: Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

Paper 2 - Topics to be covered: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods

A-Level course content

Paper 1 - Topics to be covered: Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

Paper 2 - Topics to be covered: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods

Paper 3 - Topics to be covered: Issues and debates in Psychology (compulsory)

Optional content - 1 option from each of the following:

Option 1: Relationships, Gender or Cognition and Development

Option 2: Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour or Stress

Option 3: Aggression, Forensic Psychology or Addiction

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Three separate exams of 2 hours duration.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Psychology is acceptable and useful to a wide range of employers, for example: Artificial Intelligence, Criminology, Clinical Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Occupational Psychologist, Sport & Exercise Psychologist, Counsellor, Human Resources, Psychotherapist or Retail Manager.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Sociology, Health and Social Care, Biology, English, Criminology, or Computer Science.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Psychology

Psychologist	Advertising research	Teacher
Clinical psychologist	Executive	Business trainer
Community psychiatric nurse	Occupational psychologist	Active living consultant
Substance misuse	Human resources officer	Sports psychologist
Outreach worker	Consumer psychologist	Clinical intelligence analyst
Probation officer	Detective constable	Forensic psychologist

APPLIED SCIENCE BTEC EXTENDED

CERTIFICATE – LEVEL 3

Exam Board: Edexcel | QAN Code: 601/7436/5

This subject will appeal to students who have an interest in studying wider areas of science and provide you with the opportunity to develop your numerical skills, scientific communication and IT as well as improving your study, presentation and research skills.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

This course provides you with a basic understanding of the wider areas of applied science and is usually taken alongside other vocational qualifications.

WHY STUDY APPLIED SCIENCE?

The course is designed for learners who are interested in learning about the sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in applied science. The course builds upon all three of the sciences focussing on broadening your understanding and application of science.

You will look into the main principles of Chemistry, study the structure and function of cells in Biology and working with waves in the Physics part of the course.

In the second year you will carry out a series of investigations as well as studying diseases and infections.

This course is equivalent to 1 A-Level. There is an option of studying the course for one year and leaving with a BTEC National (level 3) Certificate, equivalent to half an A-Level.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The students will study 4 compulsory units; Principles and Applications of Biology, chemistry, physics; Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques. As well as an optional unit taken from either Science Investigation Skills or Contemporary issues in Science.

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/applied-science-2016.html>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Students will create a portfolio of evidence and complete an external examination.

You will be assessed through a mixture of exams (assessed by Edexcel) and assignments (assessed by us and moderated by Edexcel). Each unit is awarded points, which are translated into an overall grade (Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*) at the end of the course. All students' work is submitted in line with strict deadlines, throughout each assignment.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

This course is useful because it provides a wider knowledge and understanding into the applied science sector, it also prepares you for further study. The requirements of the qualification are such that you will develop transferable skills which are valued by both higher education and employers.

An ever-increasing number of degree related courses are now available to extend your understanding and operation of science.

You could go straight into employment as you will develop analytical and processing skills valued by many, both inside and outside the Science Industry.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Arts, Humanities, English, Psychology and Health & Social Care.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Applied Science

Physical therapist assistant	Science technician	Nursing
Certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA)	Food Scientist	Radiography assistant
Dental hygienist	Veterinary assistant	Pharmacy assistant
Industry technician	Chemical engineering	Health scientist
Administrative assistant	Medical assistant	Optician

SPANISH

Spanish Exam Board: WJEC EDUQAS | QAN Code: GCE AS: 603/0280/x | GCE A Level: 603/0278/1

Subject Teacher: Mr M Parrott

This course will appeal to students who are interested in a rewarding, coherent course of study that concentrates on developing oral fluency and conversation skills. The course will provide a range of stimulating and absorbing study topics with contemporary, literary and cultural content.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

A Level Spanish is designed to encourage you to develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning, and to develop understanding of the language in a variety of contexts and genres. You will explore a range of topics and consider life from the point of view of a native Spanish speaker and improve your communication skills in both written and spoken form.

WHY STUDY SPANISH?

Spanish is the second most widely spoken language on Earth. There are more Spanish speakers than there are English speakers, and the number is growing. It is a highly valued skill in business and international diplomacy, and through studying Spanish, you will acquire a greater general knowledge and understanding of current affairs, international issues, and culture.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

You will explore a range of topics and will gain a better insight into issues of immigration, cultural identity and the history and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. You will have the opportunity to study films and literature and discuss important issues of the day. There is an important essay component, and the communication skills you will develop as part of this course are a tremendous asset for your future studies and employability.

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/spanish/r-spanish-gce-asa-from-2016/wjec-gce-spanish-spec-from-2016-e.pdf>

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through a 20-minute oral examination including a structured discussion and an oral expose, and a 3 hour listening, reading, and writing paper.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Students studying Spanish can combine their studies with almost any subject as languages are an asset for almost any career choice or university course. Many combine their chosen university course with Spanish and are able to spend part of their course in another country, making them highly employable.

Subject combinations may include:

Students often take Spanish alongside History, English, Art, IT, Drama, Media, Psychology, English Literature, or English Language. However, you can take it alongside any other discipline that interests you.

SOCIOLOGY

Exam Board: AQA | A2 QAN Code: 601/3994/8

This subject will appeal to students who have an interest in the society we live in today and how it has changed throughout history.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Sociology A-Level allows you to investigate and critically analyse the social world. In its study of societies, Sociology looks at the way people's behaviour, beliefs and identity are shaped and the influence social institutions like the media, education, political parties, pressure groups, the law and families have on this process. The subject develops skills of research, analysis and evaluation together with the ability to communicate ideas clearly.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is a new subject for everybody and so you all get a fresh start and you will be at the same level as everyone else. Sociology is relevant to everybody's lives every single day; it is up-to-date and very different. You will never look at the society that you live in, in the same way.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Sociology is a challenging subject. You must be able to write at length.

Year 1 Content

Paper 2 - Families and Households

Paper 1 - Education with Theory and Methods

Year 2 Content

Paper 2 - Belief in Society

Paper 3 - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Candidates prepare for 3 papers: Education with Theory and Methods, Topics in Sociology and Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods. Paper 1, 2 and 3 are each worth 33.3% of your final A-Level grade. They are all 2-hour papers consisting of both short answer and extended writing questions, except paper 2 which only requires extended writing answers. There are 80 marks available for each paper. All assessments take place in June at the end of year 13.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Sociology is acceptable and useful to a wide range of employers, for example: Social Services, Criminal Justice, Government and Counselling. The UK Quality Assurance Agency states Sociological skills include the ability to judge and evaluate evidence and understand complex situations. Sociology can be studied as a respected degree within itself, or as complimentary to other humanities subjects. The power of argument and debate is useful in a range of occupations.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as English, History, Psychology, Philosophy, Law, Criminology and Health or Social Care.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Sociology

Charity fundraiser	Health services manager	Fraud investigator
Youth worker	Psychotherapist	Probation officer
Civil service admin officer	Counsellor	Insurance broker
Film production assistant	Victim support worker	Conference organiser
Arts administrator	Residential support worker	Human resources officer
Social work assistant	Fostering services manager	Commercial contracts lawyer
Learning mentor	Market research	Social researcher
Careers adviser	Statistical officer	Substance misuse

SPORT NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Exam Board: Edexcel | QAN Code: 601/F1218/6

This subject will appeal to students who intend to study for a degree or follow a career in sport and recreation.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The aim of this course is to develop your theoretical and practical knowledge of Sport and Exercise Science through working towards a Level 3 nationally recognised qualification. The course is also designed to prepare you for higher education in a sports related subject or a career in the area of Sport or Sports Science. This course provides an excellent preparation for careers within the sport and fitness industries and supports entry into higher education.

WHY STUDY SPORT?

The BTEC National Extended Certificate/National Diploma in Sport is an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the sport sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A-Level, and it has been designed as a one-year, full-time study programme, or a full two-year programme when studied alongside a further Level 3 qualification.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. Employers and professional bodies have also been involved and consulted to confirm that the content is appropriate and consistent with current practice for students who may choose to enter employment directly in the sport sector.

Students selecting the Extended Certificate (Single Award) will study three mandatory units:

Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being

Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry.

Students will also choose one optional unit for the Extended, from a range which has been designed to support choices in progression to sport courses in higher education, and to link with relevant occupational areas.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The course is part exam and part coursework based. This course is ideal if you prefer project work and enjoy completing coursework style work.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many qualifications as part of a two-year programme of study.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements subjects such as Business, Maths, Psychology or BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Science.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Careers Using Sport

Sports retailing	Teaching	Police
Armed services	Physiotherapy	Physiology
Sports journalism	Sports science	Fire fighting
Sports broadcasting	Sports medicine	Personal training
Health promotion	Fitness instruction	Travel and tourism
Sports coaching	Community sports	Professional sport
Outdoor pursuits	Sports centre management	Sports administration

BCA SPORTS ACADEMY – LEVEL 3

PATHWAY

Level 3 Extended Diploma (equivalent of 3 A Levels - although can be studied as single or double option alongside other subjects) Exam Board: Edexcel | QAN Code: 601/F1218/6

Practical:

- 4 lessons per week of practical football plus 1 Fitness/Game analysis session
- Entry into an appropriate academy league

This subject will appeal to students who intend to study for a degree or follow a career in sport and sports leadership/coaching.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The course is for 16–19-year-olds who want to continue their education by earning academic and football specific qualifications that will support towards future employment and careers, as well as enhancing their football development.

WHY STUDY SPORT?

The BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport is an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the sport sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A-Levels, and it has been designed as a two-year, full-time study programme.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The timetable contains fitness, practical learning, and training as well as classroom-based theory lessons. The Level Three BTEC qualification and Sports Leaders qualification provide the opportunity to gain sufficient UCAS points for university entry at degree level.

The overall aim of the academy is to provide opportunities for young, talented performers to progress to careers within universities and higher education; professional and semi-professional clubs; therapists; analysts; fitness, strength, and conditioning coaches.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

The course is part exam and part coursework based. This course is ideal if you prefer project work and enjoy completing coursework style work.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses.

FUTURE CAREERS:

To consider where your choices now may take you please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers Service.

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Careers Using Sport

Sports retailing	Teaching	Police
Armed services	Physiotherapy	Physiology
Sports journalism	Sports science	Fire fighting
Sports broadcasting	Sports medicine	Personal training
Health promotion	Fitness instruction	Travel and tourism
Sports coaching	Community sports	Professional sport
Outdoor pursuits	Sports centre management	Sports administration

LEVEL 2 COURSES



APPLIED SCIENCE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2

Exam Board: OCR| QAN Code: 603/0371/2

This subject would appeal to students who wish to develop a range of specialist knowledge and transferable skills in the field context of applied ICT.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THIS COURSE?

The Level 2 Information Technology course aims to equip you with essential skills and personal attributes for workplace success, making it perfect for those passionate about IT who want to deepen their knowledge of ICT systems. This qualification is vital across various fields, showcasing your abilities to universities and employers while helping you tackle ICT challenges in other subjects and daily life.

WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

This course has been developed to recognise your skills, knowledge and understanding of Information and Communication Technology functions, environments and operations. You will carry out a range of tasks that have been designed to recognise your achievements in a modern, practical way that is relevant to the workplace.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE INVOLVE?

This comprehensive IT course provides a broad understanding of the sector, encompassing hardware, cybersecurity, networking, and emerging technologies. With hands-on experience, you'll learn about computer components and the role of an IT technician while engaging in simulated real-world industry scenarios that equip you with valuable skills and insights into the practical application of IT in professional settings.

HOW IS THIS COURSE ASSESSED?

To obtain this qualification, you need to complete four units: three mandatory and one optional. Assessment will include two written examinations and two coursework evaluations, with two units being centre-assessed and externally moderated by OCR, while the other two are externally assessed by OCR.

WHY IS THIS A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

Students can progress to Level 3 courses in IT or Media, opening pathways to employment or university studies. Alternatively, they may enter the workforce or pursue training directly. This course provides valuable skills that are highly regarded by employers and can also lead to a Level 3 Apprenticeship.

OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Exam Board: OCR| QAN Code: 601/0578/1

This subject will appeal to students interested in studying wider areas of Science.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THIS COURSE?

This course provides a basic understanding of the wider areas of Applied Science and is usually taken alongside other vocational qualifications.

WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

Taking this course could lead onto progression to a BTEC Level 3 course in Applied Science, and other qualifications such as BTEC Sport. It will also provide you with the practical laboratory skills needed to work in the Applied Science sector. The course will give you a wider look into the varied areas of Applied Science.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE INVOLVE?

This course will provide you with a basic understanding of a variety of scientific principles and concepts. The course is taught over **90** guided learning hours. Units include:

Science of the Earth (**Mandatory**)

Processing and Presenting Data.

HOW IS THIS COURSE ASSESSED?

Students will create a portfolio of evidence; all units will be internally moderated. This is 100% coursework.

WHY IS THIS A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

This course is useful because it provides students with a wider knowledge and understanding into the Applied Science sector. It also prepares students for further study.

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Media Skills

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Creative Media Skills (240 GLH)

QN: 603/5546/3

Worth 2 GCSEs.

Units:

A1 Skills Development

A2 Creative Media Project

B1 Personal Development

This subject will appeal to students who are considering a career in the Creative Digital Media sectors rather than just participating in the Media recreationally. This will appeal to people interested in making documentaries, webpages and print based adverts.

What are the aims of the course?

The qualification aims to give you the opportunity to gain a broad knowledge of, and develop skills in, the creative digital media industry e.g. Moving image Production, Web page Production and Print based advert Production. This course will help you progress to level 3 vocational or academic media qualifications or develop the necessary cross transferable skills to set up your own business or work in several industries.

Why Study Media Studies?

To become part of one of the biggest sectors of the UK economy. To develop the necessary cross transferable skills to make you future proof in the employment market. To understand how to promote and share your creative work. To make documentaries, Print based adverts and a Web page and to learn how the Media industry works.

How is it assessed?

This qualification is worth 2 GCSEs. There are three internally assessed units.

Why is this a useful qualification?

This course is ideal for those who wish to progress to Level 3 Media courses, take an apprenticeship, work in the Moving image, Publishing or Interactive Media sectors or interested in developing the necessary cross transferable skills useful for promotion of businesses.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM PEARSON

BTEC LEVEL 1/2 CERTIFICATE

Exam Board: BTEC Pearson | QAN Code: 600/6512/6

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The qualification provides an engaging and stimulating introduction to the world of travel and tourism giving you the opportunity to develop knowledge and technical skills in a practical learning environment.

WHY STUDY TRAVEL AND TOURISM?

You will explore some of the key areas within the sector, including accommodation, tourism development and promotion, transport, and visitor attractions. You will investigate the importance of the travel and tourism sector to the UK and investigate different types of customer and UK destinations. You will also have the opportunity to study international travel and tourism. You will develop key skills, such as research, report drafting and writing skills and project management.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

UK travel and tourism sector, UK travel and tourism destinations, the travel and tourism customer experience, international travel, and tourism destinations.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

1 external examination paper (1 Hour)

A series of 9 internally marked assignments across three units.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

The sector-specific skills and knowledge will provide a sound basis for progression to further study of this sector at level 3 through a vocational qualification such as a BTEC National in Travel and Tourism, or an apprenticeship in either travel and tourism or hospitality. Ultimately it would provide a sound basis for a career in the travel, tourism, and leisure industry.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course effectively complements other Level 2 BTECs which you can study at Blue Coat Academy. Students who have previously enjoyed GCSE Geography will find this an exciting course.

FUTURE CAREERS

Air cabin crew, holiday representative, hotel manager, tour manager, tourism officer, tourist information centre manager, travel agency manager, conference centre manager, customer service manager, event manager, marketing executive, sales executive, outdoor activities/ education manager.

LAW EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 2

CERTIFICATE IN LAW AND LEGAL WORK

Exam Board: Pearson | QAN Code: 501/0015/4

This subject would appeal to students who wish to continue into further education to embark on a career in law. It will enable students to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills through the application of legal rules.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

Studying law will enable students to make informed decisions about their rights and how the law applies to them. It will also highlight how the hierarchy of the court systems operate and the roles and responsibilities of those who work in the legal profession.

WHY STUDY LAW?

The Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Law and Legal Work is a specialist qualification that has been developed to give you the opportunity to:

- engage in learning that is relevant to you and which will provide opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life
- achieve a nationally recognised Entry, Level 2 vocationally related qualification
- progress to employment in a particular vocational sector
- progress to related general and/or vocational qualifications.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Unit 1: The English Legal System – this includes an understanding of the different roles and responsibilities of people involved in the legal process, from legal personnel to lay people, the jurisdiction of the criminal trial courts and how the civil justice system operates. Students will also be expected to describe the role and purpose of tribunals.

Unit 2: Police and their Powers – students need to understand the structure of a typical police force by researching a regional police force, be able to apply the regulations regarding the lawful search of people and premises. This will follow studying police powers for stop and search, searching an arrested person, searching premises and unlawful entry and searches.

Unit 4: Criminal Law and Procedure – students will need to understand the different types of crime against property and people, know the prosecution process and the different types of sentence imposed in criminal cases.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL SUBJECT?

Successful completion of the course will enable students to access Level 3 BTEC law as well as providing the first steps into a career within the legal profession. This could be to work within the courts, the police, solicitor's office or the criminal justice system.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

This course compliments subjects such as Business Studies, Psychology, ICT and History.

OCR LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Cambridge technical qualifications are vocational qualifications designed with the workplace and progression into higher education in mind.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

The Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity provides students with the fundamental knowledge and skills required in this sector. Using a practical approach and a choice of pathways they help students develop specific skills that enable them to participate as an assistant in a variety of roles.

WHY STUDY SPORT?

The Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity aim to develop students' knowledge, understanding and skills of the essentials of sport. You will gain an insight into the sport and physical activity industry. Designed in collaboration with industry experts the qualification focuses on the requirements that today's employers demand.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

There are four mandatory units:

- Unit 1 (External): Physical Activity, Health and wellbeing
- Unit 2 (External): Physical Preparation and readiness for sport and physical activity
- Unit 3 (Internal): Inclusivity, equality, and diversity in delivering sport and physical activity
- Unit 4 (Internal): Leading sport and physical activity sessions

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

A mixture of internal and external assessments.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

A useful bridging course for those wanting to go to study the level 3 sports academy programme. As a vocational qualification with a range of engaging learning and assessment methods it complements the other level 2 options.

FUTURE CAREERS

To consider where your choices now may take you, please refer to the Careers page of the school website and the National Careers service. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

LEVEL 1 COURSES



From September 2017, Blue Coat Academy started offering a KS5 pathway designed for SEND and EAL students who would not normally qualify for mainstream Sixth Form due to them not achieving the required level 4 in either English or Mathematics. This pathway was tailored specifically to the needs of those who require additional academic, social and emotional support, and may find the challenges of moving to a college setting demanding and overwhelming.

The pathway can run for two years for those who aren't quite ready for the transition into further education, or the world of work. However, students can stay for one year if they feel they are ready for the next phase of their education.

The course gives pupils an alternative curriculum and individually tailored timetables if needed to help them cope with full time education. We cover PSHE subjects that include Employability and Life Skills to support the students with their independence.

Pupil numbers are kept to around 10-15. The benefit of the small group setting helps the students cope with social issues. It also allows the coordinator the opportunity to give as much time to pupils, and sign post them to additional support if needed. The course has a dedicated TA who supports not just in the classroom but offers one-to-one sessions with pupils dealing with low self-esteem and any other issues that may arise over the course of the school year.

COURSE OVERVIEW

- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Maths
- ASDAN – Careers and Experiencing Work/PSHE/Citizenship

Students will look to undertake one week's Work Experience in the first year. We will then look to incorporate it into their timetable in the second year as a one or two day placement over the course of the academic year.

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

Students will pick one subject from the two on offer. Courses will run dependent on the cohort.

- Functional Skills ICT
- Hospitality and Catering

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATIONS

This course is hugely inspiring for learners of all cooking abilities. For some students, it may be the start of a career in cooking; for others, it will help them to learn the basic skills and recipes that will stand them in good stead throughout their lives. The majority of ingredients will be purchased centrally, so parents/carers(s) will be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost.

The aim of this qualification is to give students the basic life skills and knowledge to be able to cook for themselves in a healthy and cost-effective way and have the confidence to share these skills with friends and family. Being able to cook is an essential skill, which enables students to make changes that have benefits to their health and wellbeing for the rest of their lives.

Students will gain an understanding of how to budget when planning meals to cook at home. The course will encourage students to transfer skills learned to other recipes to continue cooking for themselves and their families and to inspire others by passing on their knowledge.

Learners will demonstrate their skills by planning and cooking recipes for a nutritious main meal with vegetables for Level 1 and planning and cooking a two-course meal, following the recipes to prepare, cook and present the meal for a given scenario for Level 2.

- Be able to plan a nutritious, home-cooked meal using basic ingredients. (L1)
- Plan a nutritious two-course meal. (L2)
- Select and prepare ingredients for recipes for a nutritious, two course meal. (L2)
- Use cooking skills when following the recipe (both)
- Demonstrate food safety and hygiene throughout the preparation and cooking process (both)
- Apply presentation skills when serving the meal (L1/L2)
- Understand how to cook economically at home. (L1/L2)
- Explain ways to economise when cooking at home. (L1/L2)
- Be able to pass on information about cooking meals at home from the start, be able to adapt/modify recipes with ease and identify ways information about cooking meals at home from scratch has been passed on to others. (L1/L2)

DIGITAL FUNCTIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATION IN ICT ENTRY LEVEL 3 AND LEVEL 1

Exam Board: NCFE | QAN Code: 610/2808/3 (Level 1) 610/2807/1/(Entry Level 3)

This subject would appeal to students who wish to develop a range of specialist knowledge and transferable skills in the field context of applied ICT.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE COURSE?

This course is offered as part of the Level 1 Pathway Course offered to students. The intention is to offer a course which provides an attractive skill to future employers. It is intended to offer skills which are helpful to you in general life with the use of computers and in a business environment.

WHY STUDY FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ICT?

The course has been selected to assist you in proving to an employer that you can use computers in an effective manner. To convey your knowledge of Information Communication Technology in any role in a modern business.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

The primary aim of this course is to develop your understanding and skills in using ICT, finding, and selecting information and developing your skills which you have in presenting and communicating that information. Students will be expected to identify the requirements of a straightforward task and interact and use ICT systems. You will also identify how to use computers safely and securely. You will; through the use of a spreadsheet learn skills which allow you to refine numerical data and present it in an informative and attractive manner. Develop your skills with communication software and combine elements of research and information in a publication for a familiar audience and purpose.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Students for both Level 1 and Entry Level 3 undertake a 90 minute exam using computers. This exam focuses on identifying information from the internet. Manipulating numerical data through a spreadsheet and presenting all of the data with additional images in an informative format, such as via a presentation, leaflet, brochure or poster.

WHY IS IT A USEFUL QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is a vocational based qualification which is designed to support you in a workplace environment. It will give you the opportunity to show your talents to prospective apprenticeships that you have the skills which will support you through those qualifications. It provides a great platform to develop your skills further if you wish to move onto studying other courses. It is recognised by workplaces as a qualification which gives them the assurance that you have skills in general computing which will be desirable to them.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Functional Skills in English or Maths.

FUTURE CAREERS:

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<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/careers-education/>

UCAS PROCESS

Preparation for university applications through UCAS begins in March of Year 12. Students will receive structured sessions about:

- how to write a strong personal statement
- choosing the best course for you
- selecting the right university for you
- starting to look at student finance.

You are asked to work on these statements over the summer holidays and try to solidify your choice of course if you are still unsure of your future pathway.

On your return to school in September of year 13 you will be given support from your form tutor to make finishing touches to your personal statement. In September you will receive one-to-one interviews with Miss Napper and Mrs Facey from careers guidance . On results day in August the Sixth Form Team and Senior Leaders are there to support students as they accept or decline offers, go through clearing or make alternative plans.

We are with you every step of the way.

Subsidiary Diploma (Single BTECs)	Extended Certificate	AS Level	A Level	UCAS Tariff Points
D*	D*		A*	56
D	D		A	48
			B	40
M	M		C	32
			D	24
		A		20
P	P	B	E	16
		C		12
		D		10
		E		6

Extended Diploma	A level	UCAS tariff points
D*D*D*		168
D*D*D		160
D*DD		152
DDD		144
DDM		128
DMM		112
		104
MMM		96
		84
MMP		80
		78
		72
MPP		64
	A*	56
PPP	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
		28
	D	24
		20
	E	16



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