



PROSPECTUS & COURSE GUIDE

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Sixth Form



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WELCOME TO KINGS SIXTH

Kings Sixth is a vibrant and successful learning community. Our motto is: Believe and Succeed, which we believe applies to every student. Inspiring students and enabling them to achieve their greatest social and academic potential is at the heart of our ethos.

CURRICULUM CHOICES

We currently have over 250 students on roll, meaning we can offer an impressive combination of A Level, Level 3 and Level 2 vocational qualifications. In addition, we are pleased to offer AS Level qualifications to further enhance your academic portfolio. This prospectus outlines each course, including the entry requirements and assessment components.

Please scan the QR codes in this prospectus for more information.

ENRICHMENT

A full Sixth Form education contains more than just good passes in key exams. This is why we place a very high priority on our Enrichment Programme – the opportunity for students to broaden their range of talents and interests.

WHY ENRICHMENT?

Enrichment goes beyond academic or vocational qualifications and is something that higher education institutions and future employers actively look for. It helps you stand out and can be a deciding factor in who they choose to take on.

THE BENEFITS

- Recognised by employers – shows commitment and initiative.
- Develops transferable skills – such as resilience, communication, leadership, and proactivity.
- Opens new opportunities – try something different, discover a hobby, meet new friends.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Our Enrichment offering covers a range of areas and includes some of the following:

Academic & Career Development

- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) – carry out an independent project on a topic that interests you.

- Access to Bristol – experience university-style learning and explore higher education.
- Super Curricular Talks – deepen subject knowledge beyond the classroom.

Community & Volunteering

- Peer Mentors – support other students and build responsibility.
- Paired Reading – help younger students improve their literacy.
- Volunteering – contribute to your community and make a difference.

Leadership & Personal Growth

- Student Leadership – represent your peers and develop confidence.
- Debating or Public Speaking – build confidence in expressing your views.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) – develop resilience, teamwork, and independence.

Sports & Wellbeing

- Sport – join a team or club to stay active and social.
- Fitness Sessions / Gym – improve personal health and wellbeing by using our Kings Fitness and Leisure facilities.
- Wellbeing and Mindfulness – boost focus and reduce stress.

We encourage students to lead. If you don't see an activity that appeals to you, why not start your own? Previous student-led activities have included:

- Art Enrichment
- Ultimate Frisbee Competitions
- Reading Groups
- First Aid Training

HOW WILL I PARTICIPATE?

At Sixth Form, enrichment is built into your timetable to make sure you get the chance to grow beyond the classroom.

When does it happen?

- Every Wednesday afternoon in Year 12 is set aside for Enrichment.

How does it work?

- 1 Getting Started – We begin by focusing on the key skills you'll need as a Sixth Form student, helping you make a smooth transition and develop strong study habits.
- 2 Your Choice – After this, you'll get to choose from a wide range of enrichment options, from academic opportunities to leadership roles, volunteering, sport, wellbeing, and even creating your own activities.



SUPPORTING YOU

We are extremely proud of our student support. All our staff are committed to engaging with you to support you in a variety of ways and to continually enhance your Kings Sixth experience.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Each student is placed in a tutor group, and you will meet on a daily basis. Your tutor will have regular individual discussions with you, to ensure that you are achieving your potential, and to provide advice and support in the case of any difficulties. Your tutor will also work with you in preparing for higher education applications, or for employment. Tutors also communicate essential daily information. Their role is vital to your success in the Sixth Form, so it is important that you have a good relationship with them, that you are open and communicative about your work, and that you always attend registrations, assemblies and form periods.

MONITORING FOR SUCCESS

All students are monitored with grade reviews throughout the year, a subject-based parents' evening and full report. At each review point, students' attendance, progress in every subject and attitude to learning will be recorded and shared. A system of intervention and support is in place, if required, to ensure every student can achieve their potential.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Real-world experiences are essential to deepening your understanding and passion for your subjects.

That's why we offer an abundance of subject-based trips and residential visits that bring your studies to life.

From trips to New York and Paris, to visits to the Old Bailey, Parliament, and London, as well as experiences like skiing and exploring Iceland – our extensive calendar of subject-based trips offers unique opportunities to apply your knowledge in real-world settings.



CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Our careers programme includes essential study skills and input from outside agencies including employers, universities and gap year organisations. This is led by our Careers Advisors, who are also available for independent advice and guidance. All of our students have access to Unifrog - a portal for Post-16 careers advice.

STUDY

Within the Sixth Form you will find a relaxed atmosphere, which is calm and well-ordered. Our Sixth Form Centre houses the common room, seminar space and dedicated sixth form computer suite to support your independent study. The excellent facilities help you reach the high standards that you are encouraged to set yourself.

DESTINATIONS

We are keen to assist you when you leave the Sixth Form and progress to your chosen destination. We do all that we can to help you with your important next step decisions, including:

- Alumni events
- Apprenticeship talks
- Higher Education conferences
- Local industry talks and assemblies
- Oxbridge visits
- Participation in HE+ (most able)
- Subject specific workshops e.g. Engineering, Chemistry
- Taster days at universities

COURSES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At Kings Sixth we offer a range of courses, believing that with the correct support everyone can 'believe and succeed'. For admittance onto a Level 3 Course, a student will need to fulfil the requirements below:

- By the end of Year 11 they will have 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 and above.
- Secure the entry requirements for each individual subject, usually a Grade 5/6. Please refer to the specific subject pages for further details.
- Have GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 4 or above in Maths.
- Demonstrate the motivation and commitment to undertake further study.

Alternatively, a Level 2 Course is available which is worth two GCSEs. Alongside the Level 2 Professional Work Skills Course, students can study and resit GCSE English Language and Maths. The Course is also complemented with GCSE Photography. After the successful completion of the Course, students may follow the year by either an Apprenticeship, training or a Level 3 Programme the following academic year.

PLEASE NOTE

One or more of the requirements above may be waived in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Head of Sixth or Headteacher.

In addition, as with most institutions, there is a minimum number of students required for a course to be viable. Subsequently, if there is insufficient demand, a course may not be offered.

HOW TO APPLY

Please scan the QR code or complete the application form on the Kings Sixth website

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Enrichment opportunities include artist-led workshops, visits to local art galleries, residential trips to London, and Barcelona.*

If you are self-motivated and passionate about Art and Design or inspired by the challenge of working creatively to a project theme or design brief, then this is the course for you. You will get hands-on experience in a range of Art, Craft and Design disciplines from Fine Art, Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Sculpture, Ceramics and Printmaking to Digital Design, Textiles and Photography.

WHY STUDY ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN AT A LEVEL?

The Course develops skills in the following areas:

- Art encourages self-expression and creativity and builds confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.
- Creativity helps with wellbeing and improving health and happiness.
- Through studying Art you will develop critical thinking and the ability to interpret the world around you.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- **Component 1:** Personal Investigation. You will conduct a practical investigation, into an idea, issue, concept or theme of your choice leading to a finished outcome, supported by a 1000-3000-word essay.
- **Component 2:** You will respond to a stimulus, provided by AQA and work independently within specified time constraints, to develop a personal and meaningful response that leads to a finished outcome. This will be as a 15 hour exam.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

This Course will equip you with the skills for a future career in the creative industries. Kings' Art students go on to secure places on top rated Art Foundation and Degree Courses across the UK. Art and Design careers include Advertising, Architecture, Visual Art, Crafts, Fashion and Textiles, Design, Graphics, Music, Photography, Film and Video, Computer Games, Radio and TV, Writing and Publishing, Heritage, Software/Electronic Publishing, Cultural Education to name but a few!

**Requires payment.*

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 or above in a creative subject.

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With its broad learning and transferable skills, Biology can lead you in many different directions.

Are you interested in how your body works? Do you wonder why your heart beats faster in certain situations? Do you want to know the details of some of the science that is in the news? Are you concerned about the environment, genetic engineering or new diseases? Do you just want to keep your options open and study a subject that is increasingly relevant in our society - and expanding all the time? Then Biology at A Level is a subject for you.

WHY STUDY BIOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

It will enable you to:

- Understand the basic components of living organisms and their interactions.
- Appreciate the contribution that Biology is making to society.
- Sustain and develop your interest in Biology and the natural world.
- Provide an excellent foundation for further study at university.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

All aspects of Biology will be covered, including cells, biological molecules, exchange and transport systems, biodiversity, homeostasis, anatomy, ecology, evolution, genetics and populations, control of gene expression and much more.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Students who have taken Biology at A Level have gone on to study Biology, Biochemistry, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Studies, Zoology, Environmental Management, Nursing, Sports Science and many other related subjects. It allows you to demonstrate to further education providers your abilities in Science, English and Maths.

“Kings Sixth senior students are positive role models for younger students”

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Biology or GCSE Grade 66 or above in Combined Science. GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 6 or above in Maths.

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Business Studies A Level is a great choice for anyone interested in the world of commerce and entrepreneurship.

Business Studies will help you to develop a critical understanding of how businesses operate and, therefore, a better understanding of the economic dimension of our society.

WHY STUDY BUSINESS STUDIES AT A LEVEL?

The Course develops skills in the following areas:

- Presenting arguments – you will learn to make judgements and justify recommendations on the basis of the available evidence.
- Problem-solving – you will learn to solve problems and make decisions using appropriate business tools and methods.
- Planning – you will learn to take into account the demands of a task and the time available to complete it.
- Conducting research – you will learn to research a specific theme in preparation for one or more tasks.
- Data skills – you will learn to manipulate data in a variety of forms and to interpret results.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The topic areas are as follows:

- What business?
- Managers, leadership and decision making.
- Decision making to improve marketing performance.
- Decision making to improve operational performance.
- Decision making to improve financial performance.
- Decision making to improve human resource performance.
- Analysing the strategic position of a business.
- Choosing strategic direction.
- Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies.
- Managing strategic change.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

This Course is excellent preparation for working life with the background it gives in Economics and Business understanding. Many Business students go on to take the subject at university, and an increasing number enjoy modern apprenticeships in business management or marketing.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 4 or above in Maths. You are not required to have studied the subject at GCSE Level.

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Chemical scientists are leading research on the world's most pressing concerns, including challenges around human health, climate change, and energy. There are job opportunities in many sectors, including medicine research, manufacturing, and education.

Are you interested in what goes on around you? If you are, then Chemistry is the A Level for you. Chemistry is responsible for the clothes and makeup you wear, the food you eat, and the “stress balls” you squeeze. It provides your headache tablets, hair dyes and the materials your home is made from – so what are you waiting for?

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study aspects of Physical, Inorganic and Organic Chemistry, building on your GCSE knowledge over the two years. Topics studied will include extracting important chemicals, the importance of DNA, the development of novel polymers, computer modelling and the development of drugs.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Did you know that you must study Chemistry if you want to study Medicine, Veterinary Science, Biological, Chemical or Medical Sciences in higher education. Careers in Accounting, Law, Forensic Science, Art Restoration and Engineering, to name but a few, will also be open to you.

WHY STUDY CHEMISTRY AT A LEVEL?

The Course develops skills in the following areas:

- To appreciate the contributions of Chemistry to everyday life.
- To develop knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of modern Chemistry.
- To describe and understand the environmental implications of chemical processes and the role of chemists in limiting them.
- To sustain your enjoyment of, and interest in, Chemistry.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Chemistry or GCSE Grade 66 or above in Combined Science. GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 6 or above in Maths.

Computer Science is arguably the most relevant subject of our modern times.

Be it global communication, detailed scientific modelling, the running of mass infrastructure, development of interactive media, security of data, running of the banking industry, predicting weather patterns, designing physical products, or just simple gaming. Almost every contemporary task of our contemporary world lies a complex combination of hardware and software, serving the end user, Computer Scientists.

WHY STUDY COMPUTER SCIENCE AT A LEVEL?

Studying Computer Science will enable you to:

- Improve your understanding of how computers work.
- Develop your software and programming skills in Python including Object Orientated Programming concepts.
- Solve problems using computational thinking.
- Design, create and test computer programs.
- Become creators of applications rather than just users.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- **Paper 1:** Programming, data structures, algorithms and theory of computation.
- **Paper 2:** Data Representation, Computer Systems, Organisation and Architecture, Consequences of Computing, Databases and SQL, Big Data, Functional Programming and Networking.

NEA: Coursework project where you will solve a computing problem.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Opportunities exist in almost all areas of industry and commerce. These can range from Finance, Engineering, Architecture and E-commerce to Special Effects for Film and TV. This subject is ideal if you intend to go on to study Computing or Software Engineering at Degree level.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Computer Science and GCSE Grade 5 or above in Maths and English. If you have not previously studied Computer Science you will need GCSE Grade 5 or above in Maths, Science and English.

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This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers, especially those in the creative industries.

We aim to inspire the designers and engineers of the future. If you have the enthusiasm and drive to creatively solve problems, produce high-quality prototypes with creative flair and learn about how design and technology impacts all aspects of our modern lives, Design and Technology is for you.

WHY STUDY DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

The Course develops skills in the following areas:

- Design and Technology will provide an opportunity to develop your own creativity, capability within the workshop and entrepreneurial skills.
- Develop information and communication technology (ICT) skills, in particular CAD and CAM.
- Identify needs from a wide range of contexts to produce realistic design solutions.
- Show creativity and imagination, producing realistic outcomes.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will learn about 20th and 21st Century Product Design and Manufacture. They will also complete an 80 hour design and make project worth 50% of the qualification.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

This Course will give you the skills required for a future career or entry to further study to Engineering or Architecture, or Arts based careers such as 3-D Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Jewellery and Furniture Design. This Course could follow on to vocational training such as apprenticeships in the craft and manufacturing industries.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You are not required to have studied the subject at GCSE Level.

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DRAMA AND THEATRE A LEVEL

This Course offers the wonderful opportunity to practically and theoretically explore all aspects of Theatre.

Drama and Theatre A Level will provide you with opportunity to interrogate Drama and the work of others, to explore a range of Drama as a practical art form, and to work independently to create your own Drama performances making informed artistic choices.

WHY STUDY A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE?

Having separate performance and design components for the non-exam assessments allows you to follow your own interests and study either performance or design skills in depth. It also provides freedom to experiment and take risks with your work while working on developing your own style.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students participate in two performance components as either a performer or a designer (lighting, sound, set or costume). One of these is a performance from a text, the other a devised performance based on and influenced by their research into the work of others.

- **Component 1** - Practitioners in practice.
- **Component 2** - Exploring and performing texts.
- **Component 3** - Analysing performance.
- **Component 4** - Deconstructing texts for performance.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Drama and Theatre A Level will prepare you for the further study of Drama or Performing Arts courses in Higher Education as well as developing transferable skills desired by all sectors of industry.

The course will support you to be an independent, critical thinker and effective at decision making as well as nurturing interpersonal and public speaking skills – all personal attributes that can make you stand out as you progress into employment.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Merit or above on the Level 2 BTEC Performing Arts Course would be desirable, as this course is a natural progression but GCSE Music students or students with committed extra-curricular involvement in Performing Arts who did not take BTEC would also be able to access this Course, and would be considered on an individual basis.

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ECONOMICS A LEVEL

There has never been a more exciting time to study Economics. Whether your interests lie in global warming or global trade, you will broaden your horizons through the study of the concepts in this fascinating subject.

Economics makes the world go around. Few decisions are taken that are not influenced to some degree by Economics. This thought-provoking Course offers the opportunity to learn about the latest theories and practice in the context of different economic issues both nationally and internationally. It explores the role of government, producers and consumers and explains many of the issues and debates that feature in today's news and society in general.

WHY STUDY ECONOMICS AT A LEVEL?

Studying Economics will help you understand why prices fluctuate, where your taxes go, and how government legislation can push people to change their spending habits (or not). Also, why some companies dominate their market, how global or societal changes like climate change and ageing can have an impact on a country's economy, why people fight for resources and why certain economies grow faster than others.

You will also learn how to analyse complex issues, create strategies, monitor the political climate, understand commercial incentives, problem-solve, interpret statistics and data, explain your ideas clearly and be ready for any eventuality: all of which are highly desirable and transferable skills.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

An Economics qualification is very useful for any career in Banking, Accountancy, Actuary Work, Finance, Politics or providing economic advice to private companies and the public sector. Research shows that on average, ten years after graduation, Economics graduates command the second highest salary.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Maths and English Language.

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The world really is your oyster if you can use English effectively, recognising its position as a global language.

A Level English Language allows you to go on a journey exploring language and gender, power and technology. You will learn how children acquire language and how language changes over time. You will use real life texts to consider these topics.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT A LEVEL?

Studying English Language will enable you to:

- Develop your interests and enjoyment in the use of English through learning more about its structures and functions.
- Express yourself in speech and writing with increasing competence and sophistication.
- Understand the use of language in different contexts.
- Carry out your own research into an area which interests you.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will explore the ways in which children acquire language, the change in the English Language over time and the connection between language and the media. You will consider the impact of gender, power and technology on language use. Additionally, you will undertake an investigation exploring a topical language issue that you are able to choose yourself, on a topic of interest to you.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

It will be relevant to all degree courses and to all employment. Universities and employers all value students who understand how language works.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language.

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Studying English Literature opens up a world of inspiration and creativity, developing skills and awareness of a variety of issues that equip the learner for a better understanding of cultures, societies and traditions.

Think you know English Literature? A Level English Literature allows you to go on a journey exploring texts that will open your mind to different ideas and worlds. You will be familiar with some of the skills, however, learning how to critique, analyse and include differing interpretations are central to A Level English Literature.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE AT A LEVEL?

The course develops skills in the following areas:

- It encourages you to develop an interest and enjoyment in literary studies through reading widely, independently and critically.
- It provides you with an introduction to the traditions of English Literature and critical theory.
- It introduces you to a wide range of literature from different cultures and perspectives.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Shakespeare: one of his plays.
- Poetry Pre-1900: making connections to Pre-1900 Drama.
- Post-1900 Poetry, Prose and Drama which will take the form of a coursework folder, which must include at least one text written in 2000 or later, giving students the opportunity to explore more modern literature.
- A further unit exploring a range of texts from a specified topic area for example The Gothic.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

English Literature has always been a highly regarded degree subject. Many degree students pursue careers in General Management, Research Consultancy and the Public Services, as well as in Publishing and the Creative Industries.

Graduates in English possess skills in written and spoken English, in working independently and in thinking critically; these are skills that are highly valued by employers.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Literature and English Language.

Film Studies A Level is a fantastic Course that combines the academic with the creative.

Discover what influence and impact cinema has over the spectator and the world while sharpening your academic skills. You'll learn about a wide range of films and have a go at producing your own short film.

WHY STUDY FILM STUDIES AT A LEVEL?

It will enable you to:

- Develop a framework for critical analysis of film texts.
- Study lots of interesting films from a variety of cultures and periods.
- Acquire practical production skills.
- Extend your research, comparison, discussion and writing skills.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will learn through watching many films, and a variety of practical activities, research, essay writing, reading, as well as theory.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will explore the history of US cinema from Silent Era to 1990, and two key European film movements.

Students will also study critical approaches to film: analysis of contemporary British and US film, exploring documentary form, world, independent and non-US/UK English language cinema.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Film Studies complements other Arts/Humanities subjects and offers diversity if you are studying Science Courses. Students who have studied Film at university have gone on to work in Journalism, the Music Industry, Television or Film Production, or new media technologies like Web Design.

“The curriculum is ambitious and prepares sixth-form students for future study”

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Specific Course Requirements - GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature. A genuine interest in film and ideally some practical experience with digital photography and video.

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“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”
Nelson Mandela

Open the door to a world of opportunities with A Level French. You will develop your language skills, explore French culture, history and current affairs, and gain a deeper understanding of the world around you.

Studying a language builds confidence, enhances communication and critical thinking skills, and fosters cultural awareness. These qualities are highly valued by universities and employers across a wide range of careers and sectors.

WHY STUDY FRENCH AT A LEVEL?

French A Level will appeal to those of you looking to:

- Broaden your existing knowledge of the language.
- Develop and inspire your curiosity about French speaking countries.
- Continue on your journey to further studies and the world of work.

French is also offered at AS Level, alongside your three Level 3 subjects. See Page 43 for more details.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will follow the AQA specification which includes:

- Social issues and trends.
- Political culture.
- Artistic culture.
- Grammar.
- A literary text.
- A film.
- An independent research project.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

There are many exciting opportunities to live/work abroad if you can communicate fluently in another language. Good linguists are generally deemed to be more confident and independent, and universities are keener than ever to offer places to students who have an A Level in any Modern Foreign Language. An A Level in French provides an opportunity to progress to Language Courses in higher education, as single or joint Honours Degrees.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 6 or above in French to allow yourself the best opportunity to achieve on this Course.

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Geography explores the fascinating and complex relationships between the human and physical environments that shape our world.

Geography will help you understand the physical processes that create our natural environment as well as how human intervention affects the environment.

Geography is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study.

WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY AT A LEVEL?

With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, natural hazards and social cohesion, there has never been a better or more important time to study Geography.

Geographers are highly employable as you acquire a range of skills that are transferable into the working world.

Geography does not commit you to the Sciences or the Arts; it is a good bridge as it gives you something of each. It combines scientific rigour with a strong 'human interest' so it links naturally with a wide range of A Level subjects.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Hazards.
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes.
- Water and Carbon Cycles.
- Changing Places.
- Population and the Environment.
- Global Systems and Governance.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will be taught in a variety of ways through discussions, debates, independent research, multimedia, ICT, group work, presentations, film and more. There are also four occasions of compulsory fieldwork* and an optional overseas trip.*

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Many A Level Geography students pursue the subject or related disciplines such as Environmental Science, Geology, Oceanography, Meteorology or Economics at university.

**Both trips require a payment.*

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 in Geography. It is not necessary to have studied Geography at GCSE. However, in this case Grade 5 or above is needed in Maths and Science.

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This intellectually rigorous course is an excellent way for students to develop highly sought after and transferable skills.

If you are fascinated by the past and are interested in exploring the history of Britain and wider world over at least 200 years, then History is for you. In this Course you will study how the government and culture of societies have changed and explore how individuals have influenced ideas and attitudes of people over time.

WHY STUDY HISTORY AT A LEVEL?

A varied and enlightening taught Course exploring Early Modern England, Modern American History and the History of Apartheid in South Africa during the 20th Century.

An opportunity to develop rigorous academic skills to impress universities and employers alike.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study four units covering a period of over 600 years focused on the search for rights and freedom.

- **Unit 1:** In search of the American Dream: 1917-1996.
- **Unit 2:** South Africa 1948-94: From Apartheid State to 'rainbow nation'.
- **Unit 3:** Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603.
- **Unit 4:** A guided personal study coursework unit on a topic of your choice.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

History is a rigorous academic subject regarded highly by all universities and employers. Graduates regularly go into the fields of Journalism, Law, Teaching and Government Roles.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in History or GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Literature if you have not studied GCSE History.

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For many years Maths A Level has been one of the most popular A Level Courses at Kings.

Maths is one of the best subjects to develop your analytical, research and problem-solving skills. Not only will studying Maths help give you the knowledge to tackle scientific, mechanical, coding and abstract problems, it will also help you develop logic to tackle everyday issues like planning projects, managing budgets and even debating effectively.

WHY STUDY MATHS AT A LEVEL?

Maths is a fun subject with many intellectually stimulating challenges. It gives students an opportunity to express themselves in a more analytical and technical medium.

Maths provides a vital support for the study of many Sciences and other subjects.

A good Maths A Level is required to study a large range of subjects at university.

Students will be able to demonstrate a higher degree of problem-solving and mathematical ability which is highly sought-after by many employers.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths Grade 7 or above is advised. GCSE Maths Grade 6 will require discussion with the Head of Maths to ensure A Level ready.

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A Further Maths qualification identifies you as having excellent analytical skills, whatever area you are considering for a career.

Further Maths adds both breadth and depth to the study of Maths and introduces topics such as complex numbers and linear programming that are important parts of university study in many subjects.

WHY STUDY FURTHER MATHS AT A LEVEL?

If you enjoy Maths, it provides a challenge and a chance to explore new and/or more sophisticated mathematical concepts. It makes the transition from sixth form to university courses, which are mathematically rich, that much easier as more of the first year course content will be familiar. It enables students to distinguish themselves as able mathematicians in their applications for university and future employment.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The subject content consists of Pure Maths, Discrete Maths and Further Statistics.

Learners are expected to be able to use their knowledge to reason mathematically and solve problems both within Maths and in context.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Further Maths qualifications are highly regarded and are warmly welcomed by universities. Students who take Further Maths are really demonstrating a strong commitment to their studies, as well as learning Maths which is very useful for any mathematically rich degree.

A Further Maths qualification identifies you as having excellent analytical skills, whatever area you are considering for a career.



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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths Grade 8 or above in Maths. You must also study A Level Maths.

MUSIC A LEVEL

Music is constantly evolving, inspiring creativity and expression in a way that no other subject can.

A Level Music explores academic rigour, creativity and expression, enabling us to learn and follow rules and conventions and inspiring us to push boundaries and develop new and innovative ideas.

WHY STUDY MUSIC AT A LEVEL?

The Music Course encompasses performance, listening and analysis, composition and elements of harmony. The Course broadens your Music knowledge and understanding and opens new areas of the subject which are not covered at GCSE.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A Level Music explores a range of different skills across three units: Performing, Composing and Appraising. Throughout the Course, students will explore the key musical elements and composing techniques that they will need to successfully write their own music. Students will also have opportunities to improve their instrumental/vocal skills through regular rehearsals and performances in a variety of settings. A wide variety of different styles and genres of music are studied throughout the Course, meaning there is something for everyone plus lots of new types of music to fuel your interest in the subject.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

An A Level Music Course enables you to pursue practical studies to the highest level and also sets performance in a broader context of academic study. You will acquire a large number of transferable skills preparing you for university, college or the wider world of employment.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Music. Ability to read notation in treble and bass clef. Achieved or working towards Grade 6 (ABRSM) practical exam in an instrument or voice. Students working below this standard may be considered if there is sufficient evidence to show that they will achieve this standard by March of the year of certification.

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MUSIC TECHNOLOGY A LEVEL

This subject is ideal for students passionate about music, offering practical work that nurtures their interests.

Music plays a crucial role in today's world, providing soundtracks for advertisements, films, the internet, and television. Music Technology blends artistic and technological creativity, fostering new sound possibilities. This subject is ideal for students passionate about music, offering practical work that nurtures their interests.

WHY STUDY MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

The course is varied and gives a thorough grounding in music production, technology-based music and acoustics.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Musical Exploration: Encourages students to explore their musicality and create original materials using technology.
- Practical Skills: Opportunities to sequence MIDI and audio, record live instruments, and compose with music technology.
- Technical Understanding: Develops knowledge of technical processes and principles for effective music technology use, with written commentary.
- Resources: Access to a fully-equipped recording studio running Cubase and Sibelius.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The A Level Music Technology Course can lead to specialisations in music colleges or universities and prepares students for industry roles in live venues, radio, television, and theatre, as well as entry into higher education in various fields.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

An ability to play an instrument or be able to demonstrate relevant production experience. GCSE Music is not essential, but a general knowledge of music is an advantage.

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This subject is highly recognised by the top universities because it is unlike any other course. Whilst most courses focus on specific areas of knowledge, Philosophy and Ethics is focused on developing the skills necessary to be successful.

Philosophy and Ethics at A Level is designed to help you to develop an interest in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, and to take critical thought and written argument to a new level of academic rigour. It establishes a critical approach to current controversial ethical issues along with an enquiring attitude towards traditional philosophical arguments. The Qualification this leads to is an A Level in Religious Studies.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS AT A LEVEL?

It enables you to investigate different perspectives, question arguments for the existence of God, and assess the practicality and effectiveness of religious ethical theories. You will establish independent learning, an enquiring mind, and the ability to problem-solve and think outside the box. You can improve communication skills, strengthen research, and reflect and evaluate to produce coherent and sophisticated arguments.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Course follows three separate components, each having equal weight:

- **Component 1:** A study of Religion.
- **Component 2:** Philosophy of Religion.
- **Component 3:** Religion and Ethics.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

As an A Level, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion is well respected by Russell Group Universities as it requires the academic rigour indicative of many degree courses. This A Level can support/enhance study of either Philosophy, Law, Medicine, Journalism, Religion or Social Sciences at university, as well as being a good support to almost any other subject being studied.

There is also an educational trip to New York offered to Philosophy and Ethics students.*

**Requires payment.*

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 5 or above in RPE or a Humanities subject. We welcome students who have not studied GCSE RE. Whilst it is not necessary to be religious, willingness to accept an intellectual challenge is required.

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Photography can be studied with any subject. Its nature means that it can contribute to any subject combination by offering a more creative approach and practical experience.

Photography is a creative subject which stretches the imagination and allows you to look at yourself and your environment in a new way. You will develop your skills in a series of inventive workshops using both traditional and digital methods and gain an appreciation of viewpoint, composition, camera functions and appropriate use of camera, lenses and lighting. Our studio is fully equipped for photo-shoots. You will be introduced to portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, photojournalism, fashion photography and experimental imagery.

WHY STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY AT A LEVEL?

It will:

- Build confidence in your creative ability.
- Develop an awareness of different styles and genres related to the Arts from the past and recent times.
- Equip you with the right skills for a future career in the creative industries.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- **Component 1:** You will develop work based on an idea, issue, concept or theme leading to a finished outcome. To support your practical work you will include written work of 1000 - 3000 words.
- **Component 2:** You will respond to a stimulus and work independently within specified time constraints. You will develop a personal and meaningful response which leads to a finished outcome. This will be as a 15 hour exam.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Your portfolio will show an exploration into digital and darkroom techniques and processes where you can practise and develop your skills.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The UK has a long and celebrated history of trading with all parts of the world, and its creative industries are a huge success story.

The Faculty has a high success rate in helping students achieve places on Art Foundation and Degree Courses.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 4 or above in a creative subject is useful but not essential.

Our future is based on new discoveries and Physics students are at the forefront of that path.

Physics is the science of nature in the broadest sense. By learning the fundamental laws that govern our universe, Physics allows us to discover new materials and technologies, from fibre optic cables to quantum computing, whilst discovering where we came from through studying the stars.

WHY STUDY PHYSICS AT A LEVEL?

- To understand how things work and why they are as they are.
- To learn to apply your knowledge and understanding of the world around you to a whole variety of situations.
- To develop problem-solving skills and to think in a logical manner.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study eight compulsory topics plus one option:

- Measurements and their errors.
- Particles and Radiation.
- Waves.
- Mechanics and Materials.
- Electricity.
- Further Mechanics and Thermal Physics.

- Fields and their consequences.
- Nuclear Physics.
- Option from Astrophysics, Medical Physics, Engineering Physics, Turning Points in Physics and Electronics.

There will also be opportunities to learn outside the classroom, with visits previously to CERN in Geneva, The Herschel Museum of Astronomy and the Rutherford Laboratory.*

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Employers value the problem-solving and analytical aspects of the Course, in a disciplined, studious way. It leads to many further education courses, especially in Science, Engineering, Pharmacy and Medicine, and also high paid careers within Industry, Business, the Armed Forces, Finance and Computing.

**payment required.*

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Physics or GCSE Grade 6 or above in Combined Science. GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 6 or above in Maths. It is strongly recommended to study A Level Maths alongside Physics.

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A Level Politics is an incredibly interesting subject, encompassing many important skills and knowledge that you will keep for life.

A Level Politics is an interesting and rewarding subject, which will help to develop important skills such as researching, debating, writing and critical thinking.

WHY STUDY POLITICS AT A LEVEL?

This Course provides a deeper understanding of political systems, both in the UK and globally. This keeps you engaged with current affairs and contemporary political issues. Politics helps you to make decisions that impact society and help you become more aware of the world around you.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Component 1: UK Politics

- Democracy and participation.
- Political parties.
- Electoral systems.
- Voting behaviour and the media.
- Liberalism.
- Conservatism.
- Socialism.

Component 2: UK Government with Political Ideas

- The Constitution.
- Parliament.
- Prime Minister and Executive.
- Relationships between the branches.
- Optional political idea: Nationalism.

Component 3: Comparative Politics-Global Politics

- The state and globalisation.
- Global governance: political and judicial.
- Global governance: economic and environmental.
- Power and developments.
- Regionalism and the European Union.
- Comparative theories.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Politics is a well-respected subject for many universities and employers. A Politics qualification could be useful for careers in Journalism, the Civil Service, Politics, Social Work, jobs within national and local governments, Marketing and many others.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English and a GCSE Grade 5 or above in one other written subject (i.e. History, RPE, Geography).

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With the demand for psychological insight on the rise in the UK, exploring A Level Psychology opens doors to the intricate world of human behaviour.

Why do you behave the way you do, feel the way you do or think the way you do? What makes us different and what makes us the same? These are just a few of the questions explored in Psychology.

WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

Psychology challenges you to think deeply about important life issues - such as how far you might go to make someone obey you if you were in a position of authority, or whether your memory is really as reliable as you believe.

It equips you with essential research and evaluative skills, while also helping you understand how insights into human behaviour can be applied in everyday situations as well as in specialised areas. These include mental health, improving health behaviours, understanding criminal behaviour, and exploring the field of Forensic Psychology.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology

- Social Influence.
- Memory.
- Attachment.
- Psychopathology.

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

- Approaches in Psychology.
- Biopsychology.
- Research methods.

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology

- Gender.
- Schizophrenia.
- Forensic Psychology.
- Issues and debates.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Students are well prepared to go on to higher education. Career opportunities include Teaching, Social Work, Journalism, Medicine, Counselling and Sports Therapy.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language, two GCSE Grade 5s or above in Combined Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics and Grade 5 or above in Maths.

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Sociology will change the way that you look at the world forever.

The social science of Sociology is concerned with explaining the social world. It studies the institutions of societies and evaluates the impact that they have. You will develop an understanding of a number of key sociological theories and will be able to apply these to a range of different debates, from why some young people commit deviant acts, to why it is that some social groups are less equal than others.

WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY AT A LEVEL?

Sociology will change the way that you look at the world forever. It will enable you to interrogate the world around you, and you will never again quietly accept what you are told.

Sociology develops your analytical and evaluative skills. It is the perfect springboard for any subject that requires these skills.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study three components at A Level. Each component comprises two sections. Each component focuses on a specific sociological issue or skill and explores the differing theoretical approaches to these.

■ Component 1:

- A) Socialisation, Culture and Identity
- B) Families and Relationships

■ Component 2:

- A) Research Methods
- B) Social Inequalities

■ Component 3:

- A) Globalisation and the Digital Social World
- B) Sociology of Education

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

There is a misconception that studying Sociology will only lead to a career in social work. Whilst this is one route a Sociology student might take, it is only one of many. The many skills you will develop will make you an ideal candidate for a myriad of careers including Journalism, Law, Human Resources, Advertising, Business and Industry, Education, Nursing and many more.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 5 or above in at least one other written subject. Success in Sociology is heavily dependent on high quality writing skills.

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Enrichment opportunities include workshops, visits to galleries, residential trips to London, Paris and/or Barcelona.*

A Level Textiles is a fantastic way to express your creativity. It offers you the opportunity to explore fashion, colour and texture through workshops such as printing, embroidery and construction. All we ask is that you have enthusiasm and a strong commitment to the subject and completing independent study tasks.

WHY STUDY TEXTILES AT A LEVEL?

Textiles A Level will enable you to develop skills in Textiles and Fashion and Interiors and to develop an awareness of Textile Artists and Fashion Designers. It will equip you with the right skills for a future career in the creative industries.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- **Component 1:** You will develop work based on an idea, issue, concept or theme leading to a finished outcome. To support your practical work you will include written work of 1000 - 3000 words.

Students are expected to pay a contribution towards sketchbooks.

**Requires payment.*

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 4 or above in a creative subject.

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- **Component 2:** You will respond to a stimulus, provided by AQA and work independently within specified time constraints. You will develop a personal and meaningful response which leads to a finished outcome. This will be as a 15 hour exam.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

You will have the opportunity to take part in skills-based workshops. Your portfolio will show exploration into a wide variety of materials and techniques where you can practise and develop your skills in embroidery, fabric manipulation, print making, mixed media, collage and 3D construction.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The Faculty has a high success rate in helping students achieve places on Art Foundation and Degree Courses. Employment opportunities could include Costume Design, Fashion Stylist, Fashion Journalist

Business is a dynamic subject that has never been more relevant.

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WHY STUDY BUSINESS AT LEVEL 3 BTEC?

The Course provides opportunities during the teaching and learning phase to give students practise in developing employability skills of which there are three main categories:

- **Cognitive and Problem-solving Skills:** use of critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology.
- **Interpersonal Skills:** communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation.
- **Intrapersonal Skills:** self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Course is made up of eight individual units of work. Six of these units are mandatory which leaves two optional units you can choose. The mandatory units include Developing a Marketing Campaign, International Business and Personal and Business Finance.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Each unit requires applied learning that brings together knowledge and understanding with practical and technical skills. Transferable skills are those such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, which are valued in both higher education and the workplace.

There is a strong vocational element to this Course and, as such, students will be taking part in work experience and have opportunities to visit real businesses.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The qualification is recognised by higher education institutions or can be a direct route into employment. Areas of employment include junior business roles in Marketing, Administration, Finance, Events Management, HR and Higher Apprenticeships.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There is no requirement to have studied Business at GCSE or BTEC Level 2.

CRIMINOLOGY LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA (EQUIVALENT TO 1 A LEVEL)

How effective are the Police? Does your face shape mean you are more likely to commit a crime? Does your postcode make you more of a criminal? What happens to the evidence at a crime scene?

Criminology is a qualification which includes elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology. The Course aims to develop knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system and an awareness of the different types of crime as well as exploring the behaviour and theories behind why people commit crime.

WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AT LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA?

The Level 3 Diploma in Criminology offers students the opportunity to understand crime and deviance in society. This Qualification is equivalent to one A Level and is a combination of controlled assessment (50%) and examination (50%).

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The topics the Course covers include:

- The changing awareness of crime.
- Theoretical explanations for criminal behaviour including Psychological, Biological and Sociological perspectives.
- The role the media plays in our perception of crime.

- Examining what happens at a crime scene to the outcome in the courtroom.

- Crime and punishment.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

You may go to university to read Law, Criminology, Social Work or other related subjects requiring a high level of evidenced based judgement. You may wish to pursue a career in the Criminal Justice System as either a Police Officer, Legal Executive, Social Worker or Probation Officer.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 in English and a Grade 4 in either History, Geography or RPE.

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DIGITAL MEDIA LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA (EQUIVALENT TO 2 A LEVELS)

The Digital Media industry is rapidly growing, with businesses increasingly relying on digital content for marketing, advertising, communication, and entertainment. You will gain practical skills in areas like Graphic Design, Video Production, Web Development, and Social Media, which are highly sought after by employers.

This is a new ICT option delivered as a reaction to the growing creative industries and their cultural influence upon our world. Students will develop creative IT skills through the completion of practical projects, as well as theoretical and technical understanding to underpin these skills.

WHY STUDY DIGITAL MEDIA AT LEVEL 3?

This Course will enable you to improve your creative use of ICT and develop your skills in areas such as graphics, audio, multimedia design and many more. You will create and design product solutions for a client brief and be critical of the digital media products you consume. You will also become creators of products rather than consumers.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study 11 individual units that are diverse and span a range of IT Media pathways, including Graphic Design, Photography, Social Media Products, Animation, 3D Modelling and exploration of the Games Industry.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

This Course is aimed at people who enjoy learning in a practical, work-related way. Lessons are a combination of group work, independent study and practical brief driven projects.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Opportunities exist in almost all areas of digital industry. These include Web Development, TV Production, Audio Production, Special Effects, Games Development and many more.

This subject is ideal if you intend to go on to study ICT or creative media themed courses at university or apprenticeships in one of the Digital Media industries.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Level 2 Merit or above in OCR Creative iMedia, or equivalent vocational course (eg CiDA), and Grade 5 or above in English.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (AAQ ADVANCED NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)

Studying a Health and Social Care Course offers a wide range of benefits, especially for those interested in working in Healthcare, Social Work, Community Care or Public Services.

Health and Social Care is a great choice for you if you have an interest in working within Nursing, Midwifery, or other Allied Health professions such as Paramedic Science or Occupational Therapy. Additionally, you may wish to pursue a career within the social sector as a Social Worker, Speech and Language Therapist, or work within Education.

WHY STUDY THE AAQ?

The AAQ in Health and Social Care will develop knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare students for progression to undergraduate study or employment.

The qualification covers:

- Equality, Diversity and Rights.
- Health and Safety.
- Anatomy and Physiology.
- Person-centred Care.
- Mental Health.
- Long-term Physiological Conditions.

- Public Health Strategies.
- Sexual Health and Nutrition and Lifestyles.

WHY STUDY THE EXTENDED CERTIFICATE?

The AAQ Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A Level.

This Course has been designed in collaboration with experts spanning the breadth of the sector. It focuses on the skills, knowledge and understanding that today's universities and employers demand.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Common degree courses linked to the AAQ are, BSc Nursing (Adult/Child/Learning Disabilities/Mental Health), BSc Midwifery, BSc Health and Social Care, BSc Healthcare and Health Science, BSc Health Sciences, BSc Paramedic Science, BSc Public Health and Wellbeing, and BA Social Work.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and Humanities. You are not required to have studied the subject at GCSE Level.

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BTEC SPORT LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA (EQUIVALENT TO 1 OR 2 A LEVELS)

If you enjoy Sport and want to learn more about it, or want to study Sport further or you have ambitions of working in the Sport or Fitness Industry, then this is the Course for you.

This Course will enable you to develop an understanding of Sport Science as well as preparing you for applying for and working in the Fitness Industry.

WHY STUDY SPORT AT LEVEL 3 BTEC?

- There is a combination of coursework and exam based assessment.
- It supports progression to study sport at higher education.
- It meets standards for the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs), thus supporting progression to specific job roles in the Fitness Industry.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

This Course will require applied learning that brings together your knowledge and understanding with practical and technical skills. This will be achieved through performing vocational tasks that encourage the development of appropriate vocational behaviours and transferable skills.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The Course will enable you to progress to a range of degree programmes related to the Sport and Fitness Sector such as Physiotherapy, Leisure Management, Teaching and Coaching in a variety of roles, Sports Analysis, Events Management and Sport Science.

The successful completion of the Qualification will also enable you to go directly into the Fitness Industry in roles such as:

- Fitness and Gym Instructor.
- Sports Coach and Sports Administration.
- Personal Training.*
- Therapist.*

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Level 2 Pass in Sport Science GCSE Grade 4 or above in PE or Biology or GCSE Grade 4 or above in Combined Science.

Work Skills is a suite of qualifications designed to equip students with the skills for job success and career development.

This is a Course to provide you with the skills needed to make the next steps whether in work or education. The Course is designed to enable you to gain additional Level 2 Qualifications, alongside GCSE English and Maths if required.

WHY STUDY WORK SKILLS AT LEVEL 2 BTEC?

The Course is suitable for students who wish to:

- Develop knowledge related to employability.
- Develop skills related to employability.
- Achieve a qualification to prepare for employment.
- Achieve a nationally recognised Entry Level Qualification.
- Develop own personal growth and engagement in learning.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Communication Skills.
- Teamwork and Collaboration.
- Problem-Solving and Decision-Making.

- Time Management.
- Customer Service Skills.
- Interview Techniques and Job Applications.
- Health and Safety at Work.
- Work Experience.
- Career Planning.
- IT and Digital Skills.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

The Certificate consists of six units that reflect a process of learning: these include awareness of recruitment processes, exploration and development of skills and the confirmation of employability knowledge and skills through practical, task-based activities and tasks.

Please note that this is a one year Course.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Successful completion of the Course may allow learners to progress to a Level 3 Course.

Completing an EPQ can help you develop a range of extra study skills. It is valued by higher education institutions as it demonstrates your dedication to independent learning and is often included in offers made by institutions to applicants.

Do you enjoy working independently and researching topics that fascinate you? Have you ever wanted to design your own content and study a topic of your own choice in-depth? Are you motivated and organised and work towards deadlines? If you have answered yes to these questions and this idea appeals to you, then the Extended Project Qualification could be for you.

WHY STUDY EPQ AT AS LEVEL?

It demonstrates to universities and employers commitment to working independently. It also gives you the opportunity to develop lines of thinking for possible degree study.

Some universities adapt their offers if you complete an EPQ. The University of Southampton writes that these

"additional offers reflects our confidence in the EPQ as an excellent preparation for the kinds of independent study necessary for students to succeed at a research intensive university."

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Course will develop your independent study skills within an area in which you are passionate. This could be an extension to topics or areas studied within your A Level subjects, or it could be something completely unrelated to any of your subjects.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

There are timetabled EPQ sessions that cover the required 'Taught Skills' and these take place on a Wednesday afternoon. The EPQ is an additional qualification offered in Year 12.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

The EPQ also has the added benefit that it earns you extra UCAS points and makes you more attractive to universities and employers.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have at least one GCSE at Grade 4 or above. The Workskills Qualification is graded on a Pass/Fail basis, and students must pass all units to complete the qualification.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You are expected to demonstrate self-motivation, organisation, and an ability to meet deadlines and write a coherent essay. Other than these skills, enthusiasm and determination are essential. A Grade 4 in GCSE English Language is required.

CORE MATHS

(EQUIVALENT TO AN AS LEVEL)

Core Maths qualification is designed to meet the substantial unmet demand from UK employers for quantitatively skilled people – including in Arts, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences.

Core Maths enables you to develop your Maths skills beyond GCSE without studying A Level Maths. Core Maths differs from GCSE Maths. It is more practical based with a focus on problem-solving skills.

WHY STUDY CORE MATHS AS LEVEL?

Universities and employers will increasingly start to look for this qualification from applicants if they have not studied A Level Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The content areas covered in this qualification are:

- Applications of statistics.
- Mathematical modelling using the normal distribution.
- Critical analysis of articles and data.
- Financial calculations including tax, NI, APR.
- Fermi Estimation (estimating the answers to big problems such as how many hours does a dog sleep in its lifetime?).

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Students will consider and tackle Maths in meaningful contexts through completing scenario-based tasks.

These include:

- Personal contexts.
- Occupational contexts.
- Societal contexts.
- Scientific contexts.

The Course is an additional qualification offered in Year 12.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Students who study Maths after GCSE improve their career choices and increase their earning potential. Some universities will give lower offers if students have a good grade in Core Maths.



SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths.

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FRENCH AS LEVEL

With French being the second most widely spoken language after English, AS French is a well recognised qualification and is highly sought after by employers all around the world.

Do you have a passion for the French language and culture? Do you enjoy travelling and meeting new people? Would you like to work or study abroad? If so, this could be the Course for you! An AS Level in French will prove a valuable complement to both Science and Humanities subjects and be an impressive addition to your academic portfolio when applying for Higher Education or employment.

- Artistic culture in the French speaking world.
- Grammar.
- A literary text OR a film.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lessons are stimulating and challenging with the emphasis on language as a practical tool of communication. You will be taught through discussion, debates, analysis, presentations, multi-media, ICT, tutorials, purposeful reading and listening, independent research and more.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

An AS Level in French provides the opportunity to enhance your academic portfolio and gain additional UCAS points to support university applications. As a facilitating subject, it is highly regarded by universities, colleges and employers alike.

There are many exciting opportunities to live and/or work abroad if you can communicate in another language.

WHY STUDY FRENCH AT AS LEVEL?

French AS Level will appeal to those of you looking to:

- Broaden your existing knowledge of the language.
- Develop and inspire your curiosity about French speaking countries.
- Continue on your journey to further studies and the world of work.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will follow the AQA specification which includes:

- Current trends in French speaking society.

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SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 or above in French to allow yourself the best opportunity to achieve on this Course.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS) AS LEVEL

Expand Your Mind: Explore Life's Big Questions with Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) AS Level.

Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) is designed to help you to develop an interest in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion and to take critical thought and written argument to a new level of academic rigour. You will establish a critical approach to current ethical issues and develop an enquiring attitude towards traditional philosophical arguments.

WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS) AT AS LEVEL?

Religious Studies AS Level will appeal to those of you looking to:

- Investigate different perspectives.
- Question arguments for the existence of God.
- Assess the practicality and effectiveness of religious ethical theories.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 or above in English Language and GCSE Grade 5 or above in RPE or a Humanities subject.

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WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will follow the Eduqas specification which includes:

- Religious figures and sacred texts.
- Religious concepts and religious life.
- Arguments and challenges for the existence of God.
- Ethical thought.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

Lessons are stimulating and challenging with the emphasis on cultivating learners' curiosity. You will be taught through discussion, debates and analysis. Subject content is delivered in a clear and concise manner so that you can easily comprehend, relate to and enjoy the Course.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

An AS Level in Religious Studies will further enhance your academic portfolio and gain additional UCAS points to support university applications. It will be a fantastic addition to support further study in a range of fields, such as Law, Medicine, Public and Social Services, Journalism and many more.

OUR LATEST STATS

WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED OUR STUDENTS IN SECURING LEVEL 4 APPRENTICESHIPS AT A RATE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

25 % A* - A GRADES

55 % OF GRADES ACHIEVED WERE GRADES A* - B

35 % OF OUR UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS WERE TO RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

OVER 30 | A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

85 % OF STUDENTS WHO APPLIED, SECURED THEIR FIRST-CHOICE UNIVERSITY PLACE

80 % A* - C

LEVEL 3 | OVERALL AVERAGE GRADE B-

IN 2024, 9 % OF YEAR 13 STUDENTS WENT ON TO SECURE A POST-18 APPRENTICESHIP, COMPARED TO 7% NATIONALLY

OVER 25 % TAKE AN ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION E.G. EPQ AND CORE MATHS EARNING UCAS POINTS

*Data taken from 2025 results



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