



All Saints'  
Academy  
Cheltenham

SIXTH FORM

# COURSE GUIDE

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# Meet the Team



**Mr B Williams**  
*Principal*



**Ms L Cornwell**  
*Head of Sixth Form*



**Mr S Young**  
*Assistant Head  
of Sixth Form*



**Miss R Hartigan**  
*Assistant Head  
of Sixth Form*

Welcome to All Saints' Academy Sixth Form - a community where you will be inspired, challenged, and supported to achieve your very best. By joining us, you will take the next exciting step in your education, exploring the subjects you love, developing new skills, and preparing for a future full of opportunities.

You will study a wide range of courses designed to open doors to university, apprenticeships, and employment, all taught by experienced subject experts who will push you to achieve and help you progress with confidence. Alongside this, our values of Love, Service, Reconciliation, Respect, Justice, and Peace will shape your time here, guiding you as you grow into a confident, ambitious, and well-rounded young adult.

At All Saints', you will experience much more than lessons. Our rich and challenging curriculum is complemented by a vibrant enrichment programme, leadership roles, mentoring opportunities, and contributions to our wider community. Beyond the Academy, you will benefit from our strong partnerships across Cheltenham, which provide access to unique opportunities that will broaden your horizons.

Over the next two years, you will explore your passions, engage with new ideas, and build the foundations for your future - whether that leads you to university, an apprenticeship, or a career. You will always be supported, both academically and personally. Our team will be here to celebrate your successes, guide you through challenges, and make sure your journey is inspiring, memorable, and rewarding.

You will also find that your time outside the classroom is just as enriching as your studies. From PSHRE sessions to reward trips and educational visits, we will ensure your Sixth Form experience is full of opportunities to grow, connect, and create lasting memories. If you ever need advice, encouragement, or simply someone to talk to, we will always be here for you.

Together, we will help you make the most of every opportunity Sixth Form life has to offer. We look forward to working with you, supporting you, and watching you develop during your time at All Saints' Academy Sixth Form.



# Student Leaders



**Gian Ventresca**

*Joined All Saints' in Y8*

Attending All Saints' Academy has been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling choices I've ever made in my life. The amount of support and the opportunities I have

received have been outstanding. The Tanzania Team experience, where I took part in a cultural exchange with schools in Africa, was a life-changing experience. The student activities such as the Academy shows and Duke of Edinburgh, have allowed me to really feel part of the All Saints' Academy family. The Sixth Form also offers an amazing amount of support with lovely teachers always willing to help.

**Vanessa Evans**

*Joined from Bournside for All Saints' Sixth Form*



All Saints' Academy has helped me grow into a confident and self-assured student. The support I have received from staff, along with excellent extracurricular opportunities such as

whole-Academy productions, has been invaluable. Career-focused experiences, including taking part in the Bar Mock Trial to explore Law as a potential path, and attending multiple career fairs, have also allowed me to broaden my horizons.

**Taidhg Kavannagh**

*Joined All Saints' in Y7*



All Saints' Academy allowed me to grow and flourish to my full potential. The school's central vision of being the light of the world has given me the courage and determination to prepare for university, while

providing a comfortable environment in which to do so. All Saints' Academy has provided me with many opportunities, including visits to universities across the country, which have helped my personal statement to be the best it can be. All Saints' Academy Sixth Form provides extensive support to assist you in reaching your potential.

**Kirsten Shiri**

*Joined from Pittville for All Saints' Sixth Form*



All Saints' Academy has been a place where I've been able to thrive in my academics and as a person as well. One thing that made me want to attend All Saints' Sixth Form was the inclusivity and diversity of the school. I believe this is

what makes the school shine, because anyone from any background is welcomed and is appreciated despite their differences. The Academy encourages all of its students to thrive by offering a multitude of varied opportunities. For example, students interested in the humanities have been able to get involved in a National Bar Mock Trial, as well as go to Russell Group universities, such as Oxford, to attend subject highlight talks and talk to lecturers. Such opportunities allow students to thrive in their passions and aim higher in life.

# Why Choose ASA?

You'll be known. You'll be supported. You'll succeed.



With small class sizes, you're never a face in the crowd. Our staff know your name, your goals, and exactly how to help you get there. This is Sixth Form with a family feel.

## **28 Courses. Endless Possibilities.**

From traditional A Levels to hands-on vocational qualifications, we offer the flexibility to study what you love and excel where you're strongest. Mix and match to create your perfect pathway.

## **Opportunities Others Can Only Dream Of**

Train with Cheltenham Town Football Club. Fly a plane with our cadet force! Help plan and attend Sixth Form events such as the Sixth Form Christmas Party. Work with big names such as Deloitte and the BBC. Collaborate with Cheltenham College and Cheltenham Education Partnership. Travel to Tanzania, Paris, Italy and more.

## **Lead. Achieve. Be Rewarded.**

Take on leadership roles. Complete your Duke of Edinburgh Award. Earn rewards for attendance, effort, and exemplary work – from event tickets to unforgettable experiences. We celebrate every success because you deserve recognition.

## **Your Future Starts Here**

Whatever comes next – university, apprenticeship, or career – we'll prepare you brilliantly. Small classes. Big opportunities. A community that cares.

# Enrichment



At All Saints' Academy, we are proud to offer a diverse and vibrant array of enrichment activities to cater to the unique interests and talents of every student. Our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals is reflected in our extensive range of extracurricular opportunities, ensuring there's something for everyone. You will be encouraged to participate in and play a leading role in a variety of enrichment clubs. Additionally, we have planned a range of opportunities for you to enhance your understanding of careers, develop your character and give back to others in the community within and outside of the Academy.

You will be able to:

- Become part of the Academy Student Leadership Team.
- Complete your Duke of Edinburgh award.
- Work with local parishes and primary schools.
- Undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in a subject of your choice.
- Take part in Academy musicals and Shakespeare productions.
- Mentor and support younger students in learning reading, writing, numeracy and in your area of subject expertise.
- Write articles for our Academy news blog, be part of the Sixth Form Film Crew or the Social Media Team.
- Go on a mission trip to a developing country such as Tanzania.
- Represent the Academy on international trips to New York and Europe.
- Be an All Saints' ambassador, show visitors around and lead events.
- Present and lead collective worship.
- Join our Combined Cadet Force.
- Meet local, national, and global employers to learn about the world of work, the transferable skills required to be prepared for the ever-changing workplace and the qualification pathways available.



# Bishops' Award

The Bishops' Award is an exciting programme which will allow you the opportunity to fully enhance in Sixth Form life at All Saints' Academy. We are keen for all of our students to act as leaders for the rest of the school. The Bishops' Award will facilitate this. You will select activities which develop you as a whole person and give you skills that are needed when applying to university or gaining employment. The Bishops' Award will enhance your CV, UCAS application and develop your leadership skills and give you something to talk about at interviews.

Several of the opportunities can lead to accreditation or recognised awards, for example, the EPQ, and all of them will help you build up your skillset. Examples of activities include lower school mentoring, volunteering with Cheltenham Borough Homes, planning enrichment activities, primary school liaison, Sixth Form interior design and many more. There are currently four levels of Award available: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Sixth Form students are able to work towards the Platinum level.



## Social Action

All Sixth Form students will be able to participate in student action projects, to support and give back to our local community. Driven by our Sixth Form student leaders, social action projects have included work with the local food bank, partnerships with local primary schools and care homes and raising money for charities. Students are involved in all project stages, generating the ideas they would like to make happen and planning projects to complete. This gives our Sixth Form students invaluable skills and promotes one of our central Academy values - service to others.



## Trips

All Saints' Academy offers a wide variety of amazing trips:

New York  
Tanzania  
Disneyland Paris  
Skiing in Italy  
Iceland  
Houses of Parliament

Business partnerships  
Courtroom trips  
Sporting events  
University trips  
Warner Brothers Studio tour  
West End shows





## Work Experience

All Saints' Academy Sixth Form provides outstanding support to students seeking work experience and preparing for their future careers. In Year 12, you will be allocated specific days to undertake work experience. The Sixth Form hosts a variety of careers events, including workshops and networking opportunities with local businesses and professionals. These experiences help students develop essential skills, build valuable connections, and gain insights into potential career paths, ensuring they are well-prepared for life beyond education.



## UCAS Support

Preparation for the next steps is an important part of the Sixth Form journey. At All Saints' Academy, we provide detailed and expert guidance through the UCAS process for those applying to university to continue their studies. We have a broad range of partnerships with local and national businesses to support students looking at apprenticeships and future careers. The opportunities open to ASA Sixth Form students set them up for future success. The UCAS support team are Miss Hartigan, Ms Cornwell, Mrs Farrow and our Sixth Form tutors.



## Personal Development

At All Saints' Academy Sixth Form, we ensure our students not only develop academically but also in a range of skills that will enable them to be well-rounded adults. Our Personal Development programme focuses on key topics such as relationships, health and wellbeing and living in the wider world. This enables students to discuss sensitive topics and receive high-quality personal, social, health and economic education. Our reading programme in tutor time also supports personal development, instilling a love of reading whilst honing literacy skills.

# Football Development Programme



All Saints' Academy Sixth Form works in partnership with Cheltenham Town Football Club. The development programme is open to students aged 16 – 18. Students wishing to be part of the CTFC partnership will also need to attend trials for Cheltenham Town Football Club. Students join the Sixth form as full-time students, studying 3 qualifications. Outside of their studies, players benefit from up to 10 hours of additional football a week and play their fixtures in the English Football League Community and Education Football Alliance League or the AoC College League. Footballers play in the South-West League, which includes teams like Swindon Town, Exeter City, Bristol City and AFC Bournemouth. Students will also benefit from free match tickets to selected Cheltenham Town FC home games. Students will have the opportunity to support the club in a variety of roles, such as acting as match day stewards and refereeing U7-12 schoolboy academy fixtures. It is important to note that players on the programme can still play for their grassroots team, which would not collide with Cheltenham Town FC representative fixtures.

The programme includes:

- Individual learning plans for each player, with individual feedback
- Strength and conditioning programme
- Free access to physiotherapy and rehab from the club
- Nutritional advice and plans
- Opportunities to train and play with the U18 Youth Team
- Work experience with adult teams on the football pyramid
- If players exhibit particularly outstanding ability, there is the possibility of being scouted and entered into the professional game, although this is a by-product of the programme rather than its aim.

For more information about applying please contact: David Needham at Cheltenham Town FC:  
Dave.needham@ctfc.com or 07425868014

<https://www.ctfc.com/teams/the-academy>



# Extended Project Qualification



The EPQ is an opportunity for you to complete your own research project in an area of interest outside your main programme of study. It is a standalone qualification which will develop and extend knowledge in your chosen topic area. You can earn an AS Level grade A\*-E, which could give you valuable UCAS points to help you get into your first choice university. It is also a fantastic way to develop a whole range of skills in preparation for university or other career paths and shows universities and employers that you have lots to offer! Previously, students have completed many different projects, ranging from the feasibility of living on another planet to King Arthur and Merlin! We have also had more practical projects, such as a documentary on teachers and photography.

## Course Outline

The EPQ will involve extended autonomous work by you, although there will be some sessions offered to teach you the relevant skills that you will need. You will be assigned a supervisor who will oversee, guide, and facilitate you through your project – they are not there to do any work on your behalf. Depending on the subject area or topic chosen, a variety of evidence may be submitted for assessment and may include:

- A full, academic, written report
- An artefact, model, or construction
- An audiotape/multimedia presentation
- A photographic record of the project
- A production (e.g. charity event, fashion show, sports event, etc.)

## Assessment

You will be required to, with appropriate supervision:

- Choose an area of interest
- Draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval
- Plan, research and carry out the project
- Deliver a presentation to a specified audience
- Provide evidence of all stages of the project development and production. All projects must include a written report of between 1000 and 5000 words. Projects which consist solely of written work should be approximately 5000 words.

# Pathways

We believe every student deserves the opportunity to excel. That's why we've designed flexible pathways that recognise your achievements and help you build on them. Whether you're aiming for traditional A Levels, vocational qualifications, or a blend of both, we have a route that's right for you.



**HAVE IT  
ALL**  
at All Saints'

## Our Main Pathways

### Pathway 1: Three A Levels

This traditional academic route is perfect if you're aiming for a university degree. You'll study three A Level subjects in depth, developing the critical thinking and independent study skills that universities value. With subjects ranging from the Sciences and Humanities to Creative Arts, you'll have the freedom to pursue your passions and academic strengths.

### Pathway 2: Mixed Programme (A Levels & Vocational)

Get the best of both worlds with a combination of A Levels and vocational subjects. This flexible pathway allows you to keep your options open, blending academic rigour with practical, career-focused learning. You might study an A Level in a subject you excel at alongside vocational courses that develop industry-specific skills. Individual subject entry requirements apply, so you can tailor your programme to match your strengths.

### Pathway 3: Vocational Programme

Choose three vocational subjects that connect directly to careers and higher education. BTEC and Level 3 vocational qualifications are highly respected by universities and employers alike, offering hands-on learning and real-world application. Whether your interests lie in Business, Health and Social Care, Sport, Creative Media, or IT, you'll develop practical skills while working towards qualifications equivalent to A Levels.

### Pathway 4: Key Skills Course

If your GCSE results didn't reflect your potential, don't worry - we're here to help you build the foundations you need. Our Key Skills course focuses on developing your English, Maths, and essential life skills, giving you the confidence and qualifications to progress further. This is your chance to enhance your skills and unlock future opportunities.

## Beyond the Pathways: Something for Everyone

We understand that every student is unique, and sometimes the right path isn't immediately obvious. If you don't fit neatly into one of these pathways, or if you have questions about which route suits you best, we're here to help. Our experienced team will work with you to create a programme that plays to your strengths, supports your aspirations, and sets you up for success.

Ready to start your journey?

Contact our Sixth Form team to discuss your options. We'll review your individual circumstances, listen to your goals, and help you find the perfect pathway.

*Individual subject entry requirements apply - please see our full course details.*



# Course Entry Requirements

Remember that you can mix and match courses to suit you. Please talk to us if you have any questions regarding your entry to courses.

Email: [sixthform@asachelt.org](mailto:sixthform@asachelt.org) or call us on 01242 711 200.

## A LEVELS

Biology	GCSE Science (or Biology) (6)
Business	Level 2 Distinction in Business or GCSE Business (6)
Chemistry	GCSE Science (or Chemistry) (6)
Computer Science	GCSE Computer Science (6)
Drama and Theatre	GCSE Drama (5) and/or proven commitment to the subject
English Language	GCSE English Language (6) GCSE Maths (5)
English Literature	GCSE English Literature (6)
Film Studies	GCSE English Literature (5)
Fine Art	GCSE Art (6)
Geography	GCSE Geography (5)
History	GCSE History (5)
Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics (6)
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	GCSE English Language (6) GCSE Religious Education (6)
Photography	GCSE English Language (5)
Physics	GCSE Science (or Physics) (6)
Politics	GCSE English Language (6) GCSE in any humanities subject (5)
Psychology	GCSE Science (5) GCSE English (5)
Sociology	GCSE English (6)

*\*All A Level courses require grade 4 in English and Maths.*

## VOCATIONAL

Business Level 3*	Level 2 Pass in Business or GCSE Business (4)
Creative Media BTEC*	GCSE Media Studies or English (4) ICT Skills
Criminology Level 3*	GCSE English (5)
Health and Social Care Level 3	Level 2 Pass in Health and Social Care or GCSE English and Maths (4)
Information Technology Level 3*	GCSE Computer Science (4) Level 2 IT
Mental Health: Individuals and Society	Entry is dependent on overall grade profile
Music BTEC	Grade 5 in GCSE Music or Grade 5 Instrument/Voice
Sport BTEC*	Level 2 Merit in BTEC Sport Or GCSE PE (5)
Travel and Tourism BTEC*	Level 2 Pass in Business or a similar subject

*Courses marked with a \* require grade 4 in English and Maths.*

## KEY SKILLS

Entry to this course is by discussion at interview only. Places are limited and allocated based on individual circumstances and needs.



# Biology

## A Level

### Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Science or Biology

### Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams lasting 2 hours each. Each exam carries equal weight. There is no coursework.

### Practical Endorsement

Students will be assessed on their practical skills throughout the course. This practical endorsement sits separately from their final A Level grade. Most STEM-based university courses will require students to pass their practical endorsement and achieve their entry grades.

### Careers

Biochemist  
Forensic Scientist  
Medical Professional  
Ecologist  
Sport and Fitness



Biology involves the study of a wide range of exciting topics. They range from molecular biology to the study of ecosystems and from micro-organisms to mammoths. Biology is never far from the news headlines either!



### Course Outline

The A Level is a two-year course which comprises eight topics:

1. Biological molecules
2. Cells
3. The Exchange of Substances from Organisms to Their Environment
4. Genetic Information, Variation and Relationships Between Organisms
5. Energy Transfers in and Between Organisms
6. Changes to Organisms in Their Internal and External Environments
7. Genetics, Populations, Evolution and Ecosystems
8. The Control of Gene Expression



# Business



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 6 or Level 2  
Distinction in Business

## Assessment

Year 12 Continuous internal assessments and mocks  
Year 13 Unit 1 - Business Opportunities and Functions (Exam - 2 hrs and 15 mins)  
Unit 2 - Business Analysis and Strategy (Exam - 2 hrs and 15 mins)  
Unit 3 - Business in a Changing World (Exam - 2 hrs and 15 mins)

## Careers

Accounting PR  
Business Management  
Teaching Financial Services Consultancy  
Marketing Human Resources

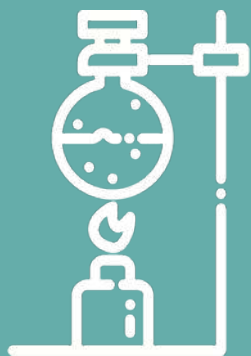


EDUQAS A Level Business will provide the opportunity for students to explore the world of business in an academic, highly practical, and topical way. This Business course focuses heavily on topical business news and events, which also links closely with politics. Students will develop an understanding of how businesses are constructed and how areas of the business must coordinate together as part of a team, for example: human resources, marketing, finance & accounts, economics, law, business management, event management and sales.

## Course Outline

There will be a range of practical activities such as meeting and working as part of an HR team, planning, running a business, organising an event, and setting up a website. There will be visits to local and national businesses. There is an optional Business Studies trip to New York in Sixth Form, where the world of international business will be explored. This course can lead to careers in vocational and academic degrees with combined subjects such as Law, Psychology, Media, Engineering, English, Maths and Languages.





## A Level

### Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Science or Chemistry

### Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams lasting 2 hours each. Each exam carries equal weight.

There is no coursework.

### Practical Endorsement

Students will be assessed on their practical skills throughout the course. This practical endorsement sits separately from their final A Level grade. Most STEM-based university courses will require students to pass their practical endorsement and achieve their entry grades.

### Careers

Clinical Scientist  
Biochemist  
Crime Scene Investigator  
Forensic Scientist  
Medicinal Chemist  
Nanotechnologist  
Palaeontologist  
Toxicologist

# Chemistry



Chemistry is the study of matter, reactions and particles. It focuses on how particles interact, how interactions can be accelerated and some of the fundamental rules governing our lives. Believe it or not, deep down we are all chemists. Every time we light a match, boil an egg or simply breathe in and out, we perform a chemical reaction.



### Course Outline

The A Level is a two-year course which is comprised of:

Physical Chemistry – Atomic structure, amount of substance, bonding energetics, kinetics, equilibria and redox.

Inorganic Chemistry - Periodicity, group 2 and group 7 of the periodic table.

Organic Chemistry - Alkanes, haloalkanes, alkenes, alcohols and organic analysis.

Physical Chemistry - thermodynamics, rate equations, K<sub>c</sub> and acids and bases.

Inorganic Chemistry - period 3 elements and their oxides, transition metals and reactions of ions.

Organic Chemistry – organic synthesis, complex organic molecules, polymers and amino acids, proteins and DNA.



# Computer Science



A Level

## Requirements

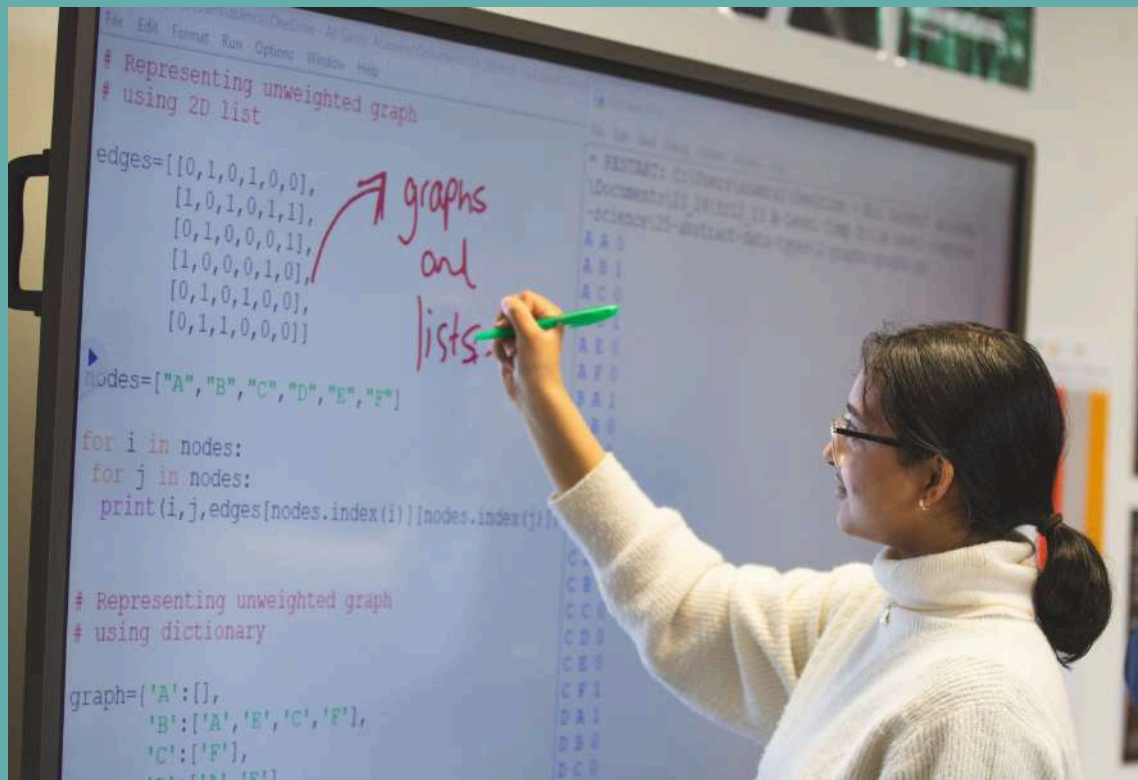
Grade 6 in GCSE  
Computer Science

## Assessment

2 x 2hr 30 min  
examinations  
Paper 01 – 40%  
Paper 02 – 40%  
NEA - 20%

## Careers

Software Developer  
Data Scientist  
Network Engineer  
Cybersecurity  
Analyst  
Database Administrator  
AI Engineer



The study of Computer Science contributes to the cultivation of diverse skills, including creative, analytical, logical, and critical thinking. It is noteworthy that Computer Science has extensive connections to various other disciplines. Many challenges encountered in the realms of sciences, engineering, healthcare, business, and other domains can be efficiently addressed with the aid of computers. However, solving these challenges necessitates a combination of Computer Science expertise and a deep understanding of the specific application domain. As a result, Computer Science complements a broad spectrum of other A Level subjects effectively.

In Year 12, Computer Science fosters an interest in computational thinking and provides insight into the fundamentals of problem-solving through computer applications. This knowledge is put into practice as students create computer-based solutions for various issues using algorithms and high-level programming language. The objective is to equip students with proficiency in a wide array of technical and interpersonal tools whilst honing essential skills like time management, communication, and digital literacy. The topics learnt this year are Structure and Function of the processor, Types of Processors, Input, Output and Storage, Software Development, Thinking Abstractly, Thinking Ahead, Thinking Procedurally, Thinking Logically, Thinking Concurrently, Programming, Computational Methods, Algorithm, Systems Software, Application Generation, Compression, Encryption and Hashing, Databases, Networks & Web Technologies.

For students embarking on their second year of Computer Science studies, a deeper comprehension of the core principles of Computer Science and the functioning of computer programs in various contexts is the primary focus. As they progress, each student enhances their computational thinking abilities and utilises problem-solving techniques to develop computer-based solutions employing algorithms and programming languages. This is put into practice by the completion of the Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) Project, which is a software project that will be completed for 20% of the overall grade. This is a substantial project designed to provide the opportunity to advance software development skills over an extended period. The topics learnt this year are: Data Types, Data Structures, Boolean Algebra, Computer-related legislation and Ethical, Moral and Cultural Issues, and The Individual (moral), social (ethical) and cultural opportunities and risks of digital technology.





# Drama and Theatre Studies

A Level

## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Drama and/or proven commitment to the subject

## Assessment

- 3 hour written exam
- practical exploration of a devised performance on a stimulus of your choice, plus a supporting notebook.
- Final performance (assessed internally).
- Practical exploration of three text extracts with supporting logbooks.
- Extract 3 is assessed by an external AQA examiner.

## Careers

Actor  
Director  
Broadcast Presenter  
Marketing & PR  
Journalist  
Councillor  
Politician  
Stage Manager  
Producer  
Costume Designer  
Drama Therapist  
Playwright  
Dramaturge



Students will experience a range of opportunities to create, devise, perform and evaluate live theatre. They will explore industry-based skills and study the practice of a range of professional theatre practitioners. They will develop creativity and independence and learn to analyse and evaluate their own work and the work of others.

Students get the opportunity to experience the role of the performer, playwright and set designer.

## Course Outline

Component 1: Drama and Theatre - Written exam

Component 2: Creating original drama - Practical and Coursework

Component 3: Making theatre - Practical and Coursework



# English Language



A Level



## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

## Assessment

Two 2.5 hour (closed book) exams worth 40% each. Written coursework worth 20%.

## Careers

Journalist  
Copy Writer  
Marketing  
Copywriter  
Private Tutor  
Proofreader  
Lexicographer

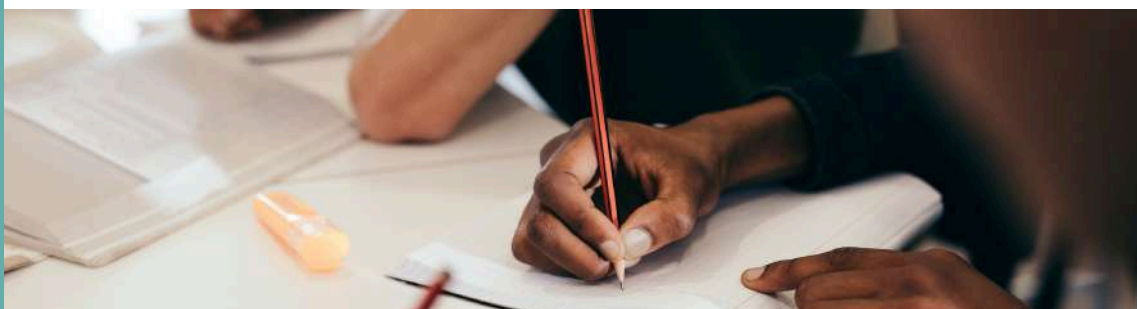
English Language A Level gives individuals the opportunity to understand how their language is formed and has changed over time. Having a greater understanding of what makes up and influences one's language gives students a greater understanding of themselves as individuals and as part of various communities. English Language at A Level will develop non-fiction tasks introduced at GCSE and give students the chance to explore the skills of language acquisition. English A Level also gives students the prospect of exploring the rich culture of the English Language by understanding the varying accents and dialects within our society and celebrating the differences within them. The Non-Exam Assessment element is research-based and gives students the autonomy to investigate an aspect of interest to them in detail.

## Course Outline

Component One: Language, the Individual and Society. Section A is an analysis of Textual Variations and Representations, and Section B is Children's Language Development.

Component Two: Language Diversity and Change. Section A is Diversity and Change, and Section B is Language Discourses.

Component Three: 3,500-word response in total over 2 tasks: a language investigation and a piece of original writing and commentary.







# English Literature

A Level

## Requirements

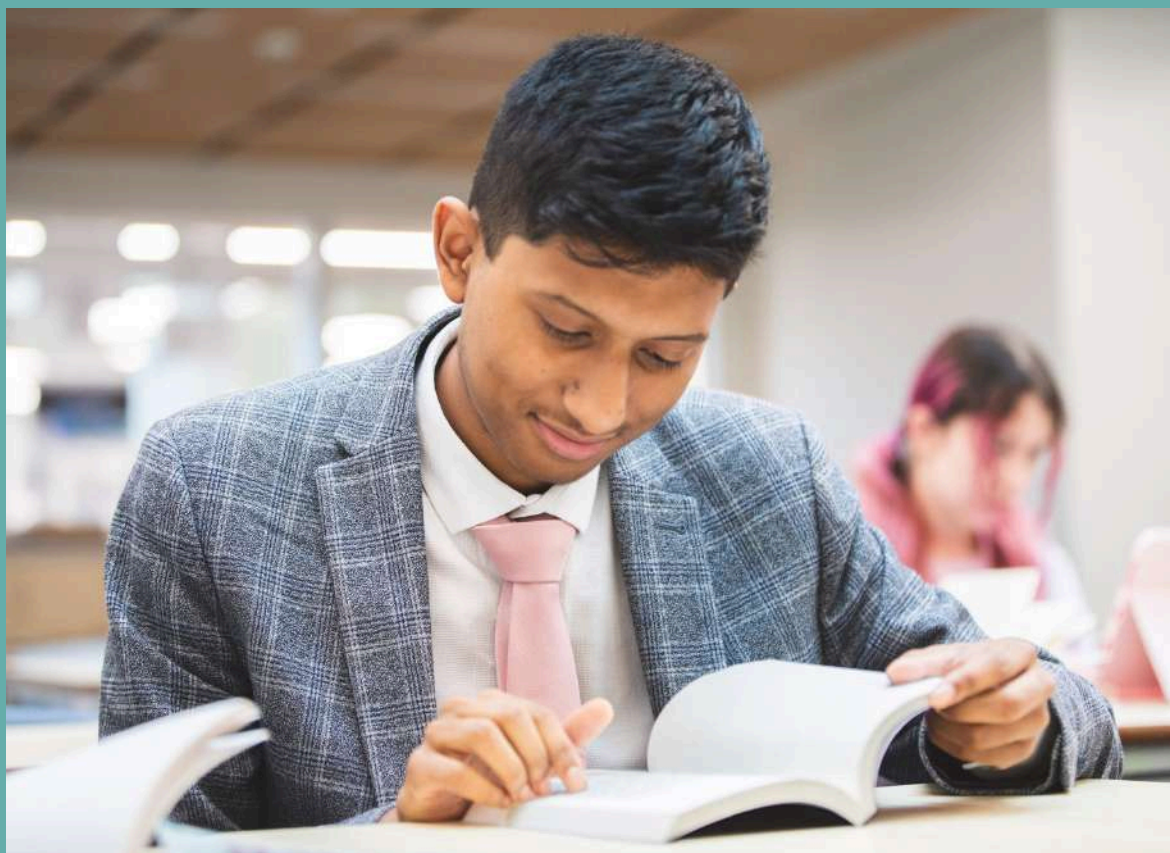
Grade 6 in GCSE  
English Literature

## Assessment

Two 2.5 hour (closed book) exams worth 40% each. Written coursework worth 20%.

## Careers

English Teacher  
Librarian  
Speech Writer  
Editor/Publisher  
Paralegal  
Web Editor



They say that English Literature examines three things: who we are, what we are and why we are. This trinity is known as The Human Condition. English Literature explores The Human Condition in some of the most amazing and beautiful language that has ever been written; it introduces you to some of the most incredible characters that have ever been imagined; sometimes it tells you the saddest and funniest stories within the pages of one book.

By studying English Literature, you will not only inherit the wisdom of the ages in your journey to adulthood, but also foster deep powers of reflection and analysis in your thinking and your writing. The course will endow you with qualifications far beyond an exam grade that can go on your CV. You may want to know what passion, heroism and villainy can drive people to, or why our lives can take extraordinary twists and turns. Look no further than Literature. The holy grail for some Literature students is to become a writer, but English can lead to specific careers in journalism, law, publishing, editing, and teaching, as well as equipping you for almost any future profession.

## Course Outline

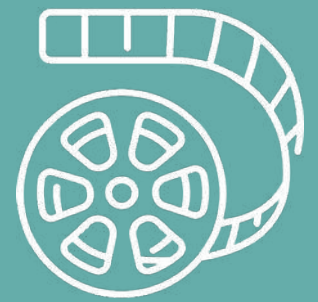
Component One: Drama and Poetry pre-1900 Shakespeare: Hamlet Poetry from Christina Rossetti, A 19th Century play: An Ideal Husband, Oscar Wilde.

Component Two: Gothic Fiction: Dracula, Bram Stoker and The Bloody Chamber, Angela Carter and Unseen Gothic Extracts.

Component Three: Non-exam assessment Close reading piece and Comparative essay.



# Film Studies



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 5 in English Literature or Film Studies

## Assessment

Two 2.5 hour exams - 70% of the grade.  
Coursework - 30% of the grade.

## Careers

Cinematographer  
Film Director  
Sound Engineer  
Broadcast Presenter  
Location Manager  
Media Researcher  
Special Effects  
Photographer  
Talent Agent  
Television Production  
Animator  
Camera Trainee  
Lighting  
Screenwriter



The A Level specification in Film Studies is designed to deepen students' understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film. The specification builds on the cineliteracy learners have developed informally since childhood. They will also engage with a wide range of different kinds of films, developing skills of observation, critical analysis, and personal reflection, as well as developing their creativity and practical skills, either in audio-visual or written form.

A variety of forms of assessment are used, with the intention of producing imaginative, active learners. Careers in journalism, television, radio, advertising, the music industry and of course film itself.





## A Level

### Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Art

### Assessment

Students complete 2 units of work: A coursework unit - 'Personal investigation' and an externally set unit - the examination unit. The coursework is worth 60% of the overall grade and the exam unit makes up the remaining 40%. Units of work are assessed by the class teachers and then moderated by an external AQA moderator.

### Careers

Art Therapist  
Graphic/Web Designer  
Illustrator  
Games Designer  
Freelance Artist  
Tattooist  
Art Teacher

# Fine Art



The Art A Level course gives students who have a creative flair and a passion for exploring all aspects of Art the opportunity to develop their key artistic skills, such as drawing and painting, whilst experiencing new approaches and materials. Alongside the enhancement of practical skills, it also enables students to develop their analytical and reflective abilities. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of past and contemporary artists and art forms that will challenge their perceptions and encourage them to think 'outside of the box'. "The creative industry is one of Britain's fastest-growing sectors. They employ more people in the UK than the financial sector or advanced manufacturing," Nigel Carrington, vice-chancellor, University of the Arts London.

### Course Outline

The A Level course is a two-year course. At the start of Year 12, students will experience workshops using a variety of materials and approaches. They will develop their confidence in producing multimedia and multi-layered work. The techniques will push them to come out of their 'comfort zone' and encourage them to become more open to exploring the vast range of possibilities that art presents. The students will then move on to their Personal Study unit. They will conduct a practical investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme of their choice. Alongside their practical work, students are required to submit written work. The written element must be a structured response of continuous prose of 3,000 words. This unit is worth 60% of the A Level grade. Externally set assignment - this exam unit involves students selecting one question from an externally set paper. They develop a body of work in response to their chosen question. To conclude the exam unit, students produce a final piece within a fifteen-hour exam. Unit 2 is 40% of the A Level grade. Unit 4 will run from February until May, concluding in a 15 hour exam.



# Geography



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
Geography

## Assessment

There are two written exams worth 40% each, with one human and one physical paper. For A Level, each student completes an individual investigation of 3,000–4,000 words, which must include data collected in the field. There will be at least four days of fieldwork to support the individual investigation.

## Careers

Volcanologist  
Disaster Management  
Hydrologist  
Air Pollution Analyst  
Finance Engineering  
Project Management



With growing interest in issues such as climate change, migration and disaster relief, Geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study. Whatever your passion for the world, whether it's a fascination with landscapes or concerns about social inequalities, Geography will provide you with knowledge and transferable skills to help you gain a strong understanding of the world around you. It will help you to build your teamwork skills, and your ability to research in depth, as well as support you in using a range of ICT and specialist fieldwork equipment. As a science, Geography is strongly desired by employers due to its ability to produce independent, critical thinkers.

## Course Outline

Component 1: Physical Geography (Water and Carbon Cycle, Coastal System and Landscapes, and Natural Hazards)

Component 2: Human Geography (Global Systems and Global Governance, Changing Places, and Population and the Environment)

Component 3: Geography Fieldwork Investigation







A Level

### Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
History

### Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams. Coursework is completed throughout Years 12 and 13 and is internally assessed.

### Careers

Law  
Politics  
Museum Curator  
Education  
Academia  
Archaeology  
Journalism  
Civil Service  
Charity Sector

# History



Everything happening around us today has been influenced by and is a result of what has happened in the past. History can help us predict what could happen in the future. You study topics which broaden your understanding of how countries and ideas have developed over time. It is an exciting opportunity to analyse and explore ideas of democracy and freedom. Skills developed during this qualification include critical and analytical thinking, strong language skills, as well as the ability to make clear and persuasive arguments. History is a flexible A Level as the skills and knowledge developed would complement a range of careers within law, journalism, archaeology, and government.

### Course Outline

Unit 1 War of the Roses 1445-1509  
Unit 2 The Cold War in Europe 1941-1992  
Unit 3 Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964  
Unit 4 Coursework on a topic of your choice



# Mathematics



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

## Assessment

Examination Board: Edexcel

Year 12: One 2-hour exam assessing Pure Maths and one 1-hour exam assessing Statistics and Mechanics (internal exam).

Year 13: Three 2-hour exams assessing Pure Maths (2 exams), Statistics and Mechanics (1 combined exam).

## Careers

Actuary  
Accountant  
Finance  
Data Science  
Quantitative Analysis  
Software Development  
Machine Learning



Mathematics is a highly regarded subject, valued by universities and employers alike for its broad applicability and rigour. Studying A Level Mathematics not only opens doors to degrees in Mathematics and related fields such as Engineering and Physics but also provides a strong foundation for degrees in Biology, Chemistry, and Social Sciences like Economics and Psychology, as well as medicine.

Choosing Mathematics at A Level allows you to hone your reasoning abilities, sharpen your mathematical and analytical skills, and enhance your creativity in problem-solving. As you advance, you'll discover the subject's depth and fascination, with concepts that build on each other to reveal the elegance of mathematical thought.

The skills you'll gain in A Level Mathematics are both versatile and in high demand, leading to career opportunities across a range of fields. Mathematics serves as a powerful and flexible choice, equipping you for success in virtually any industry.

## Course Outline

A Level Maths consists of three main units: Pure, Statistics and Mechanics. Pure maths makes up two-thirds of the course at A Level.

Pure Maths is the study of calculus, coordinate geometry, trigonometry, polynomials, vectors and much more. The Statistics content includes probability, data presentation and statistical modelling. The Mechanics content includes Kinematics, forces and moments.







A Level

# Philosophy, Religion & Ethics



## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE  
English Language and  
Religious Education

## Assessment

The A Level consists of three externally examined papers. Each of the three examinations has a written paper that consists of 120 marks. Each paper is 2 hours long, and you will have to answer 3 questions from a choice of 4.

## Careers

Business Ethics  
Social Justice  
Education  
Health  
Compliance Managers  
Development  
Journalism  
Working for an NGO  
Law  
Social Work

This A Level can open a wide range of opportunities. Universities like this A Level because it produces students with inquiring minds. In addition, careers in law, business and public services, such as social work, counselling, policing and others value this A Level, as students learn about the impact of belief and practice upon society. Students also develop an understanding of ethical theories that help in the making of big decisions, whether that be relating to ethical business models or the allocation of public service funding. In this course, students will develop an interest in and an understanding of some of the fundamental questions of human life. They will gain an insight into how human beings try to answer them, something which might shape how they see society and themselves. Students will begin to explore what it means to be a human being. They will develop an understanding of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world. Students gain knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of religion and develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies. They also adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion and reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes considering their study.

## Course Outline

The topics and elements of the OCR course that we have chosen for students are directly related to the specialisms of the A Level teachers in the department. Philosophy of religion: Philosophical issues and questions; The nature and influence of religious experience; Problems of evil and suffering; Philosophical language; Works of scholars; Influences of developments in religious belief. Religion and ethics: Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; a study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance; Ethical language; Deontology; Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; Medical ethics – beginning and end of life issues. Developments in Religious Studies: Religious beliefs, values and teachings; Sources of wisdom and authority; Practices that shape and express religious identity; Social and historical developments; Works of scholars; Religion and society; Primary texts.



# Photography



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
English Language (or  
equivalent)

## Assessment

A Level units of work are assessed by the class teachers and then moderated by an external AQA moderator.

## Careers

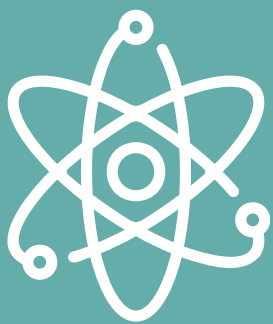
Filmmaker  
Photojournalist  
Picture Editor  
Researcher  
Teacher  
Fashion  
Forensics  
Medical



Are you creative and imaginative? Do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? If so, you should consider taking the Photography A Level. You will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills, and responding to ideas and issues in personal ways. Photography is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires creative thinkers. Photography means 'drawing with light' and photographers do that when they take a picture. Many photographers have explored various techniques to create images that make a personal statement about things that have interested or concerned them. Photography students can study some of the most important aspects of our society – even in our history, our cultural traditions, ethics and morality, and nature. There is an obvious value in studying these subjects because they can help us better understand our human experience. Studying Photography also develops several marketable professional skills, including critical and creative thinking, research and problem solving, organisation and communication skills. The most exciting aspect of photography is that you are capturing the world as you see it. On the course, you will learn about photographers' work before creatively developing and exploring your own ideas using a range of traditional and digital techniques and processes. You will be expected to demonstrate your skills and knowledge of photography in a sketch pad, leading to an outcome for each unit of work.

## Course Outline

The A Level is a two-year course which comprises 2 units of work: Unit 3 – Personal Investigation and Unit 4 – Externally set assignment. For the first two terms of the course, students will develop their photography skills in using the camera; contemporary, traditional and alternative photography; digital editing techniques; presentation of work and critical analysis of photographers' work. They will then choose a theme or topic for their personal investigation unit, which will take a year to complete.



## A Level

### Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE  
Science or Physics

### Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams lasting 2 hours each and each exam carries equal weighting. There is no coursework within this A Level.

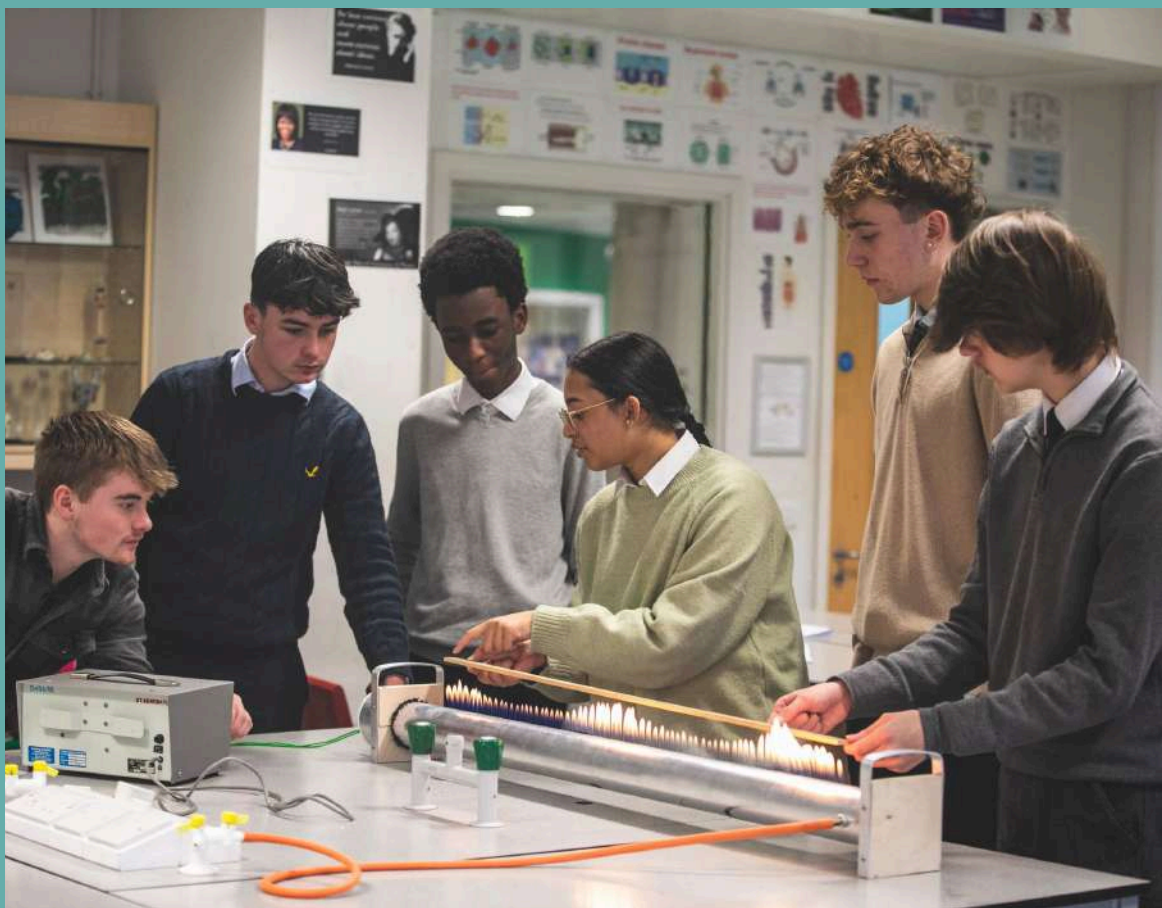
### Practical Endorsement

Students will be assessed on their practical skills throughout the course. This practical endorsement sits separately from their final A Level grade. Most STEM-based university courses will require students to pass their practical endorsement and achieve their entry grades.

### Careers

Engineer  
Robotics and AI  
Astronomer  
Meteorologist  
Data Scientist  
Biophysicist  
Researcher

# Physics



Physics is the study of the physical world, covering all things - from the subatomic to the entire universe. In A Level Physics, we will cover this full breadth, building upon the fundamental knowledge and skills established in GCSE. Problem-solving and mathematical analysis are key skills that will be honed throughout the course. This is a concept-driven course that allows us to explore physics concepts in real-world situations and various career areas, such as engineering and medicine.



### Course Outline

Core content

1. Measurements and their errors
2. Particles and radiation
3. Waves
4. Mechanics and materials
5. Electricity
6. Further mechanics and thermal physics
7. Fields and their consequences
8. Nuclear physics

Options (one of the following topics to be selected in Year 13 to study):

1. Astrophysics
2. Medical Physics
3. Engineering Physics
4. Turning points in physics
5. Electronics



# Politics



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language  
Grade 5 in any humanities subject

## Assessment

The course is assessed with three exams at the end of the two-year course. Each exam follows a similar structure, asking students to provide extended written answers giving their supported views on key topics within Politics.

## Careers

Politics  
Journalism  
Law  
International Relations  
Policing  
Media  
Civil Service  
Working for an NGO



The world around us is constantly changing, and the study of Politics has never been more relevant or fascinating than it is today. The A Level Politics course delves into questions of how the decisions that dictate our lives are made and who truly has the power to create change. Using up-to-date examples, students will be encouraged to ask and answer difficult questions to develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to interpret, evaluate and reach substantiated judgments upon the nature of politics.

## Course Outline

We follow the Edexcel A Level course, which covers three areas:

Paper 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas: Democracy and Participation, Political Parties, Electoral Systems, and Voting Behaviour, as well as the theories of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

Paper 2: UK Government and Non-core Political Ideas: The UK Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister, and Relations between Political Institutions, and Feminism.

Paper 3: Comparative Politics – Global Politics: Globalisation, Global Governance, Human Rights and Comparative Theories.



# Psychology



A Level



## Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
Science and English

## Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams, all equal weight, and each lasting 2 hours. There is no coursework.

## Careers

Clinical Psychologist  
Counselling  
Psychologist  
Educational  
Psychologist Forensic  
Psychologist Further  
Education Teacher  
Health Psychologist  
High-intensity Therapist  
Occupational  
Psychologist Wellbeing  
Practitioner

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and is an inspirational subject that will change the way you think about things forever. As you study human behaviour, and why we behave the way we do, it encourages you to adopt an open mind and become an analytical thinker. By studying Psychology, you will be prepared for future study and careers by developing independent learning and thinking skills, as well as an understanding of the many important factors that affect our behaviour.

The course is taught through interactive activities and students will have opportunities to complete their own research. You may want to know what causes mental illness, or why we become attracted to others. Whatever your particular interest, if you would like to understand both yourself and others better, Psychology is the subject for you! Psychology can lead to specific careers in occupational, clinical, or forensic psychology, criminology, advertising and marketing, counselling, and therapy, but it is also a useful qualification to have if you are thinking of any career that involves dealing with people (almost everything!) An understanding of psychological procedures and principles would also be useful in careers such as teaching, health service-related occupations, law (including police) and social work.

## Course Outline

The A Level is a two-year course which comprises three units of work:  
Unit 1: Social Influence, memory, attachment, and psychopathology.  
Unit 2: Approaches, Biopsychology, Research Methods.  
Unit 3: Issues & Debates, Schizophrenia, Relationships, Addiction.

# Sociology



A Level

## Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE  
English Language or  
Literature

## Assessment

The A Level is assessed after two years with three written exams, all equal weighting, and each lasting 2 hours. There is no coursework.

## Careers

Social work  
Marketing  
Advertising  
Public Services  
Counselling



Sociology is the study of the development, structure and functioning of society. Students who study Sociology develop an understanding of society and people's behaviour within it. They also learn to question and explore the world around them. Through learning to apply and evaluate their sociological knowledge and understanding, the course prepares students both for the skills required at university and in the wider world. Lessons are taught interactively with lots of activities based on group work and discussion. You may want to know why certain students underachieve at school, what causes crime in society, or how family and childhood have changed over time. Whatever your particular interest, if you would like to better understand the society you live in, Sociology is the course for you! Sociology can lead to many different careers. An understanding of sociological principles would be useful in careers such as teaching, health service-related occupations, law, police and social work. It is also a useful qualification to have if you are thinking of a career that involves dealing with people.

## Course Outline

The A Level is a two-year course which comprises three units of work:

Unit 1 – Education and Methods in Context and Research Methods.

Unit 2 – Family and Beliefs in Society.

Unit 3 – Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods.







Cambridge  
Technical

### Requirements

Level 2 Merit in  
Business

### Assessment

Year 12

1 exam and 1 piece of  
coursework

Unit 1 – The Business  
Environment (exam)

Unit 5 – Marketing  
(coursework)

Year 13

Unit 2 – Working in  
Business (exam)

Unit 3 – International  
Business (coursework)

33%

Unit 4 – Customers and  
Communications  
(coursework)

### Careers

Accounting

PR

Business Management

Teaching

Financial Services

Consultancy

Marketing Human

Resources

Procurement

Logistics

# Business



Studying OCR Cambridge Technical in Business is designed for both vocational and academic learners who wish to develop a career in Business. The course has been designed specifically to cater for both learners wishing to study Business at university and to equip students with the skills required for full-time apprenticeships and employment in the business industry.

Students will develop an understanding of how businesses are constructed and how areas of the business must coordinate together as part of a team, for example: human resources, marketing, finance & accounts, economics, law, business management, event management and sales. Students are encouraged to work and operate like young professionals within a business setting and working environment.

Learning is developed via class discussions, business guests, visits, and business meetings. There will be visits to local and national businesses, including a trip to New York in the Sixth Form. OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Business is equivalent to one A Level and achieves similar UCAS Points.





# Creative Media



BTEC Level 3

## Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE Media Studies or English Language; some IT experience is desirable

## Assessment

To achieve an Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award in Media Production (Television and Film) learners must complete the two core units, an online assessment, and an extended film-making project.

## Careers

Journalism  
Television  
Radio  
Advertising  
Video Gaming  
Music Industry  
Marketing



The Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Media Production has been developed:

- To give learners the opportunity to understand employment opportunities, job requirements, and working practices in the media industry.
- To enable learners to start building the technical skills and knowledge relevant to a sector (or sectors) of the media industry.
- To provide a qualification which will enable progression to further study.
- To enable learners to make informed choices regarding a career in the media industry, training, or employment.
- To develop media technology skills that may be applicable in other work situations.

Students will need an enthusiasm for and understanding of the way Media works in the world today, from television and film, radio, magazines and newspapers, video games and the music industry.

Regular reading of a national daily newspaper and access to DVD/Internet will enhance the understanding needed for the course.





## Level 3 Applied Diploma

### Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
English

### Assessment

Y12 - Unit 1: Internally  
assessed controlled  
assessment (25%)

Unit 2: Externally  
assessed examination  
(25%)

Y13 - Unit 3: Internally  
assessed controlled  
assessment (25%)

Unit 4: Externally  
assessed examination  
(25%)

### Careers

Civil Servant  
Administrator  
Community Development  
Crime Scene Investigator  
Detective  
Police Officer  
Prison Officer  
Probation Officer  
Social Worker  
Youth Worker

# Criminology



Criminology is the scientific study of criminal behaviour, on individual, social and natural levels, and how it can be managed, controlled, and prevented. This course will enable students to use theories of criminality to analyse criminal situations and make recommendations for policy. Students also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases. Criminology prepares students for working in the Police or Prison Service but also provides a pathway for learners to study Law, Sociology, Psychology, Forensic Science, Criminology and Social Work in Higher Education.

The controlled assessments completed as a part of this qualification also give learners invaluable experience in independent research and study – a key transferable skill that will be utilised in an undergraduate degree.



### Course Outline

Unit 1: Changing Awareness  
of Crime

Unit 2: Criminological  
Theories

Unit 3: Crime Scene to  
Courtroom

Unit 4: Crime and  
Punishment





# Food Science and Nutrition

Level 3  
Applied Diploma

## Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE  
English and Science

## Assessment

Assessment is split across two years and includes a mix of written exams and internally assessed coursework. Each year contributes 50% to the final grade, with exams testing theoretical knowledge and coursework focusing on practical skills and applied understanding.

## Careers

Dietetics and nutrition consultancy  
Food product development  
Public health and food policy  
Catering and hospitality management



This qualification offers a comprehensive exploration of food science and nutrition, combining academic theory with hands-on practical experience. You will learn how diet influences health and wellbeing, investigate the science behind food safety, and develop the skills needed to create innovative food products. The course encourages critical thinking and problem-solving, enabling you to apply scientific principles to real-world challenges such as meeting nutritional needs across different life stages and addressing current issues in food production. Practical sessions in a fully equipped kitchen complement classroom learning, giving you the opportunity to refine advanced cooking techniques and understand industry standards. By the end of the course, you will have a strong foundation for progression into higher education or careers in dietetics, food science, public health, catering, and product development.



## Course Outline

Unit 1: Nutritional needs across the life stages

Unit 2: Developing practical food production skills

Unit 3: Principles of food hygiene and food safety

Unit 4: Experimenting to solve food production problems

Unit 5: Current issues in food science and nutrition



# Health & Social Care



BTEC Level 3

## Requirements

Level 2 Pass in Health and Social Care

## Assessment

Unit 1: Externally assessed - Human Lifespan and Development  
Unit 2: Internally assessed - Human Health and Biology  
Unit 3: Externally assessed - Principles of Health and Social Care Practice  
Unit 5: Internally assessed - Promoting Health Education

## Careers

Care Worker  
Personal Assistant  
Social Worker  
Community Support  
Outreach Worker  
Supervisor  
Manager  
Occupational Therapist  
Activities Coordinator  
Technician



The AAQ Level 3 Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care aims to introduce the sector. It is for learners who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector as part of a balanced study programme. It is equivalent in size to one A Level. The qualification supports access to a range of higher education courses, possibly, but not exclusively, in health and social care, if taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications. In the first year, students complete units 1 and 3, and in the second year, units 2 and 5. The AAQ Level 3 Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care allows students to continue at university and achieve qualifications in nursing, midwifery, and social work. Students have also gone on to achieve careers in caring for the elderly, nursery workers, and care assistants.

## Course Outline

The AAQ Level 3 Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care is a two-year course that includes the following modules: Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development. Students will develop and explore a knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development.

Unit 2: Human Health and Biology enable students to examine the biological organisation of the human body into cells and tissues. You will develop an understanding of energy in the body and homeostatic mechanisms.

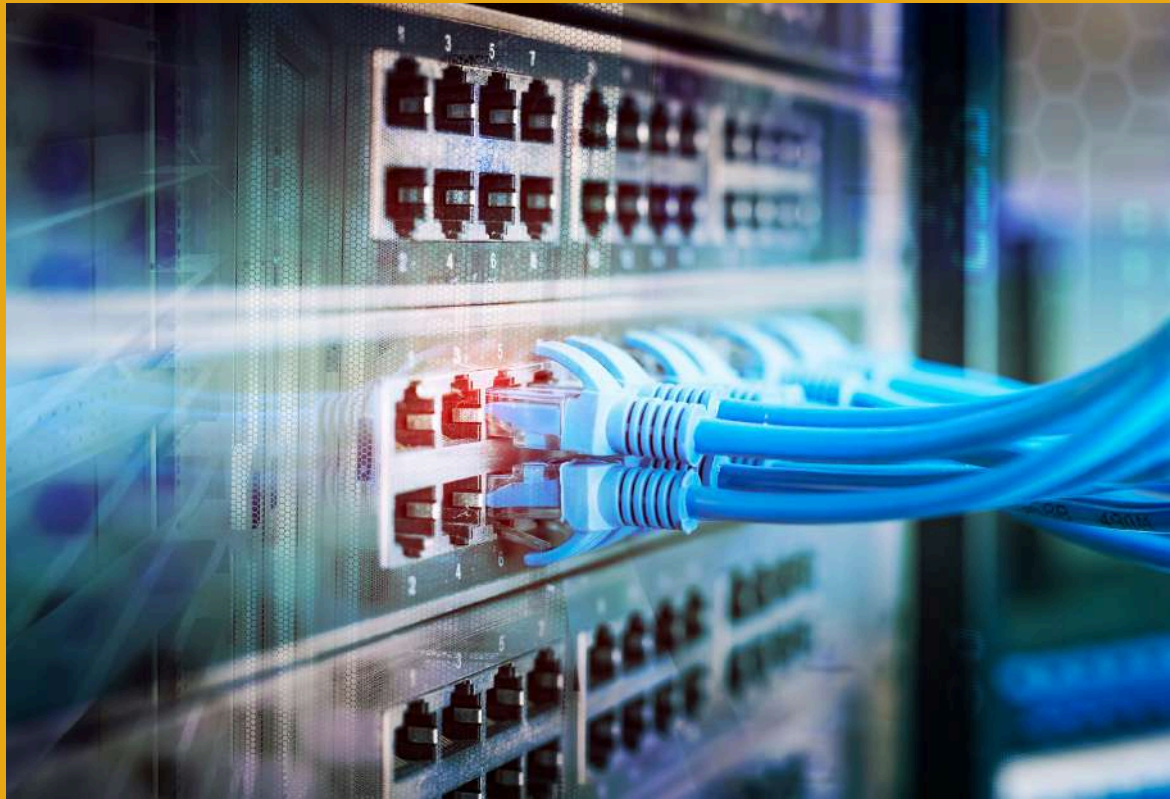
Unit 3: In Principles of Health and Social Care Practice, students will examine the values, care approaches, and communication skills used in the health and social care sector. They will explore key concepts including confidentiality, duty of care, and working with vulnerable groups.

In Unit 5: Promoting Health Education, students will examine the purpose of health education and how this supports the development of healthy behaviours for society.



# Information Technology

BTEC Level 3



## Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE  
Computer Science

## Assessment

1 x 2 hr exam  
1x 2 hr 15 min exam  
2 x Coursework

## Careers

Software Developer /  
Programmer  
Web Developer  
Cyber Security Analyst  
Data Analyst  
IT Support Technician  
Network Engineer  
Database Administrator  
Systems Analyst  
Digital Project Manager  
Business Analyst

The Pearson BTEC National in Information Technology (AAQ) offers students an engaging and practical introduction to the modern digital world. It provides a strong foundation in key areas of IT such as data management, web and database development, and cyber security. The course blends theoretical understanding with applied learning, preparing learners for progression into higher education or a range of careers within the IT and digital sectors. This qualification is ideal for students who enjoy problem-solving, working with technology, and developing digital solutions to real-world challenges. It combines externally examined units with internally assessed practical assignments, ensuring a balance between academic rigour and hands-on experience. Designed to complement A Levels, it links particularly well with subjects such as Mathematics and Business Studies.

## Course Outline

The qualification consists of four mandatory units:

- Information Technology Systems – Explore the relationship between software and hardware, and understand the wider issues related to IT systems.
- Cyber Security and Incident Management – Learn about different types of cyber security attacks, the vulnerabilities in networked systems, and how to plan and respond to incidents effectively.
- Website Development – Develop skills in using tools, techniques, and processes for website creation, with a focus on usability, functionality, and purpose.
- Relational Database Development – Gain knowledge of data structures, data design, and database management systems (DBMS) to manage and manipulate information efficiently.



# Mental Health: Individuals and Society



Cambridge  
Advanced National  
in (Level 3)



## Requirements

Entry is dependent on overall grade profile

## Assessment

Year 12: 1 exam and 1 coursework unit

Year 13: 1 exam and 2 coursework units

## Careers

Counselling  
Psychology  
Mental Health Nursing  
Social Work  
Public Health  
Education and Teaching  
Health and Wellbeing  
Coaching  
Community Support  
Human Resources  
Youth and Community

Our course is ideal for learners who want to explore how mental health and wellbeing shape individuals and society. It suits both vocational and academic students aiming for university or careers in psychology, counselling, public health, or health and social care.

Across two years, learners study key topics such as the fundamentals of mental health, mental wellbeing in society, supporting mental health in organisations, and community-based wellbeing initiatives, with optional units on physical activity, outdoor, and creative approaches. Assessment includes a combination of exams and coursework, giving students the opportunity to apply their knowledge in practical, real-world contexts. The course develops essential transferable skills, including communication, research, teamwork, and critical thinking, through theory, applied projects, guest speakers, and visits to relevant settings.

Available as a Certificate (half an A Level) or Extended Certificate (full A Level), the qualification carries UCAS points and complements A Levels or other Level 3 courses, providing a strong foundation for progression to higher education or careers in mental health and wellbeing.





# Music

## BTEC Level 3

### Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Music or Grade 5 Instrument/Voice

### Assessment

4 Units, broken down into a number of coursework or controlled assessment tasks. 50% of the course is performance-based, with a mixture of written, video, composition and practical methods of assessment. All units also allow for resubmission.

### Careers

Booking Agent  
Composer Event  
Manager Live Sound  
Technician Musical  
Director Musician  
Radio Producer  
Singer/Songwriter  
Sound Engineer Tour  
Manager



BTEC Level 3 Music Performance will extend and develop your ability to communicate through the medium of music. It will do this by developing your musical skills and knowledge, to help you become a more confident and accomplished performer of music with a broad range of knowledge of the Music Industry. Whilst studying Music, you will be encouraged to work creatively and will have the opportunity to both learn about and apply music technology for both composition work and performances. Music can lead to specific careers in broadcasting, sound engineering, composing, production and arts administration. It also develops professionalism, communication skills, problem-solving ability and creativity, which are necessary in many careers. The course is highly practical with opportunities to learn from external professionals within the industry.

### Course Outline

- Ensemble Performance (assessed externally through controlled assessment and performance videos)
- Music Theory and Harmony (assessed internally through written assignments and composition portfolio)
- Solo Performance (assessed internally through video portfolio and performance videos)
- Professional Practice in the Music Industry (assessed externally through project portfolio)





# Sport



BTEC Level 3

## Requirements

Level 2 Merit in BTEC Sport or Grade 5 in GCSE PE

## Assessment

Exam and assignment based ongoing over the 2 years. Various methods of assessment such as written exams, practical, written work, presentations, coaching sessions, and witness statements.

## Careers

Personal Trainer  
Coach  
Manager  
Physiotherapist  
PE Teacher  
Nutritionist  
Fitness Testing  
Coach



The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. In addition, employers and professional bodies have been involved and consulted, to confirm that the content is also appropriate and consistent with current practice for students choosing to enter employment directly in the sport sector. The following mandatory units must be taken:

- Unit 1 - Anatomy and Physiology – Exam
- Unit 2 – Fitness training and programming for health, sport, and wellbeing (exam)
- Unit 3 – Professional development in the sports industry
- Unit 5 - Fitness training and programming

In addition, students choose optional units from a range that has been designed to support choices in progression to sports courses in Higher Education. They cover content areas such as:

- Unit 7 – Practical sport
- Unit 10 – Sports event organisation
- Unit 4 - Sport leadership

## Course Outline

Single option block (one A Level)  
Double option block (two A Levels)  
Assignment-based practical units, coaching others, and work experience in local primary schools.

# Travel and Tourism



BTEC Level 3

## Requirements

Level 2 Pass in  
Business or similar

## Assessment

The internally assessed assignments will include presentations, leaflets, and written reports.

- The World of Travel and Tourism (external)
- Global Destinations (external)
- Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism (internal)
- Visitor Attraction (internal)

## Careers

Airline/Airport Staff  
Cruise Ship Steward  
Driver  
Heritage Officer  
Hotel Staff  
Housekeeper  
Interpreter  
Museum Attendant  
Port Operative  
Resort Representative  
Sailing Instructor  
Tour Manager  
Travel Consultant



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism. This course is a great introduction for anyone wanting to work in the Travel and Tourism industry.

The course is designed to give all-round knowledge of the industry so that students can embark on a wide variety of careers after finishing the course. As well as knowledge, students will gain a wealth of skills that will be invaluable in the workplace.

Travel and Tourism can lead to careers in the hospitality industry as well as directly in the Tourism industry. This includes working in hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, airliners and ferries, travel agencies, car hire agencies or as a receptionist. Travel and Tourism opens a huge number of jobs due to its breadth as a subject. Additionally, Travel and Tourism BTEC Level 3 can lead to further study at university.

## Course Outline

Over the two years, the course students will complete 4 units. The topics are The World of Travel and Tourism, Global Destinations, Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism and Visitor Attractions.





# Key Skills



Level 2



Our Key Skills programme provides a practical, confidence-building pathway for students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths. Designed as an alternative to traditional A Levels or vocational courses, this programme develops essential workplace skills while preparing students for progression to further education, apprenticeships, or employment.

Inclusivity sits at the heart of our approach. We use flexible teaching and learning methods tailored to meet individual needs, with a curriculum personalised to reflect local career and training opportunities in sectors including retail, hospitality, social care, and the voluntary sector.

## Course Outline

Students work towards Edexcel Pearson Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths, applying literacy and numeracy skills confidently in everyday situations and workplace contexts. Through practical activities and independent learning, students develop their reading, writing, listening, speaking, and problem-solving abilities.

Beyond Functional Skills, students gain valuable workplace qualifications:

- ASDAN Personal Finance & Leadership – developing budgeting, planning, and leadership capabilities
- First Aid in the Workplace Level 3 – including CPR, AED use, and paediatric first aid certification
- Pre-driving Theory – preparing students for future driving success
- Customer Communication – building effective professional communication skills

Work experience is embedded into the programme, with students spending one day per week in a real workplace setting. Students maintain a reflective journal throughout their placement, applying classroom learning in professional environments. The programme operates on a two-week timetable delivering 20 hours of teaching per week across both Year 12 and Year 13.

## Requirements

Entry to this course is by discussion at interview only. Places are limited and allocated based on individual circumstances and needs.

## Assessment

Students are assessed through a combination of mock examinations, online assessments, and portfolio work, allowing for flexible progression at an individual pace that supports each student's learning journey.

- Further education courses at Level 3
- Apprenticeships in retail, hospitality, social care, or other sectors
- Vocational training programmes
- Direct employment with employers seeking Level 2 qualifications
- Roles in customer service, care work, retail, or hospitality

# Alumni



## Liam Taylor

*Product Manager – Cisco*

First Class Honours in Computer Science at the University of Bath  
A Level Psychology, Business and ICT

All Saints' prepared me well for university. All the teachers were very encouraging during my A Levels and pushed me to do my best, which is a mindset I carried throughout my time at university. The support through the UCAS application process was amazing.

## Nick Davis

*Executive Video Producer - Global*

First Class Honours in TV Production BA at the University of Gloucestershire  
A Level Media, Music, ICT, NVQ Hospitality and Catering, AS Level EPQ

During my time at Sixth Form, All Saints' offered invaluable external opportunities to work with clients. I was able to film and edit content for them, as well as the chance to produce my own documentary as part of an EPQ. The staff were full of support and as a result, I was able to evolve my understanding of various industry practices as well as choose the right next steps for me.



## Rhiannon Watts

*Head of Secretariat & Communications - Department for Environment*

MA History at Cardiff University, First Class BA Hons History at Cardiff University  
A Level History, English Literature and Spanish

All Saints' Sixth Form gave me the freedom to study things I had a genuine interest in and manage my own time, getting involved in lots of extracurricular activities, including a trip to Berlin with the History Department. Throughout my time at All Saints', there were frequent opportunities to engage with politics, such as visits from MPs, school debates, and trips to Parliament, which all helped to nurture my interest in government and politics and the ways that non-politicians can get involved and have their say in the way the country is run.



## Suzzette Cornejo

*Trainee Pharmacist*

MA Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham  
A Level Biology, Chemistry, Maths and an EPQ in Astrophysics

I've enjoyed Biology ever since GCSEs (maybe not the Krebs cycle!), and that passion only grew when I began learning about pharmacology. ASA also opened doors to fantastic external opportunities, like meetings with Russell Group universities, which really helped me strengthen my personal statement. One of my proudest achievements since leaving has been tutoring my own students and helping them reach top grades, something inspired by my former teacher, Mr Parkinson.



## Mateusz Palewski

*Parliamentary Case Worker - UK Government*

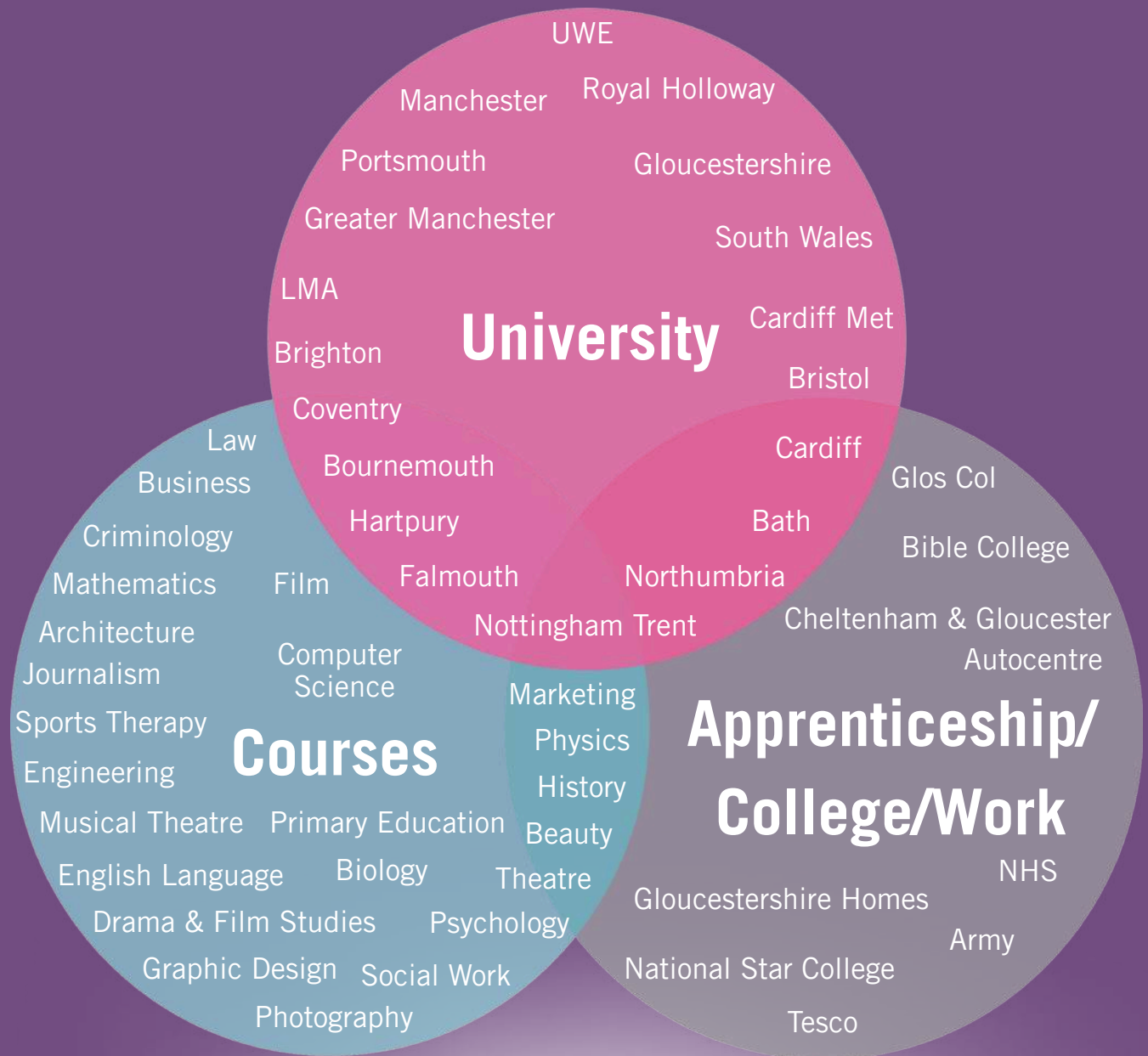
BA (Hons) Liberal Arts at University of Nottingham  
A Level History, Sociology and Business

The support and encouragement from my teachers at All Saints' Academy helped me grow in confidence, both academically and personally. One of my favourite memories was co-hosting a political hustings event with my classmate Alex. All Saints' Sixth Form gave me opportunities to host fundraising events for charities close to my heart.





# 2025 Destinations





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