

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOARD AQA Specification B **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION Subject Information: Your language study will be split into three broad sections comprising of 80% of the course: Textual Analysis, Child Language Acquisition and Sociolinguistics. Textual analysis will allow you to study linguistic frameworks in close detail and deconstruct the meanings behind texts that are created in all areas of society. Within the sociolinguistic units, you'll look at how issues such as gender, region, social groups, ethnicity and occupation affect language use. You will also explore how children develop spoken language as well as critically considering the different methods of developing literacy. It is from one of these areas that you will find the subject for your non-examination assessment for which you will undertake your own linguistic investigation. You will also complete a piece of creative writing inspired by a style model.

PROGRESSION English Literature is well-respected as a qualification by all universities and is classed as a, 'facilitating subject', and is accepted as a subject for almost all courses. The skills developed during the A Level course allow learners to progress on to a multitude of careers or apprenticeships including: journalism, PR, media and communications, creative industries, advertising, education and law.

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MEDIA STUDIES

BOARD WJEC Eduqas **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION The course is divided into two exams (70%) and one coursework project (30%). Paper 1 is the study of advertising and newspapers, covering debates on fake news and media bias. Paper 2 is focused on the online age where information has become more globalised than ever. You will create an original media product for your coursework and evaluate its success. It is also expected that you will take part in the debate of topical issues such as internet regulation and media monopolies.

PROGRESSION A truly relevant subject, Media Studies allows learners to progress on to a multitude of careers including: journalism, PR, advertising, marketing, business communications and events management.

HISTORY

BOARD AQA Specification B **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION You will study two examined topics. 40% of the final grade is the, 'breadth study': The Tudors 1485-1603 which includes a study of the political, social, religious and economic factors of all reigns of the Tudor monarchs. 40% of the final grade is the, 'depth study': Revolution and Dictatorship in Russia 1917-53, which examines: the fall of Tsar Nicholas II; the 1917 revolutions; Lenin and Stalin in power. The Non-examined assessment (coursework) is worth the final 20% of the overall A Level grade and is an approximately 3,500 word essay on a theme of each learner's choice within the topic of Germany 1871-1991.

PROGRESSION History is a well-respected and academic 'facilitating' subject for many universities, particularly those in the Russell Group. A facilitating subject helps you keep your options open when choosing a degree. History will be accepted as a subject for almost all degree choices, as it helps you develop skills of analysis, research, communication and arguing your point. A Level History particularly complements the study of politics, economics, English, law and of course History itself, potentially leading to careers in education, government, journalism, law, archaeology and many others.

SOCIOLOGY

BOARD AQA **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION Sociology is a fascinating and exciting subject that looks at how people live, behave and work together in groups. The course allows learners to gain knowledge of the people that live in our world. It involves learners in an exploration of issues that challenge human societies and extends their understanding of the world around them. Units of study include Crime and Deviance, Families and Households, Beliefs in Society and Education.

PROGRESSION Sociology is a subject that can lead you down a range of career paths including those in law, education, criminal justice system, PR, social work and journalism. Many learners continue their studies in Sociology at degree level, however the skills developed are transferable to most subjects in further education.

POLITICS

BOARD Edexcel **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION A Level Politics is structured into three exams covering three components: UK Government and Politics, where you will study aspects such as the constitution, Parliament and the role of the Prime Minister as well as participation, political parties and voting behaviour. This constitutes 50% of the exam. Government and Politics of the USA makes up 33.5% of the exam and you will study aspects such as; the US Constitution, US Presidency, democracy and participation and Civil Rights. The final component is Political Ideas, this accounts for 16.5% of the exam and you will study the theories of Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism as well as a non-core idea such as Feminism or Anarchism.

PROGRESSION Many learners who have taken the A Level in Politics go on to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options too. If you fancy a career in journalism or the media, this course is very useful. Learners also go on to become teachers or work in the legal profession.

PSYCHOLOGY

BOARD Eduqas **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION You will study 3 units: Firstly, 'Psychology: Past to Present'. This involves a written exam worth 33% of qualification. This unit looks at the different approaches to understanding behaviour. This includes the therapies used and the research that has been carried out. Secondly, 'Investigating Behaviour and Implications of Psychology in the Real World'. This involves a written exam worth 33% of qualification. This unit teaches you how to conduct research like a psychologist and involves complete two of your own personal investigations. Thirdly, 'Implications in the Real World'. This involves a written exam worth 33% of qualification. This unit gives an in-depth study of specific behaviours including criminal behaviour, schizophrenia and addiction. Learners also study the main controversies within psychology such as if psychology can be considered a science?

PROGRESSION Psychology is an exciting subject offering students the opportunity to gain skills that are desirable for a number of careers including; forensic, clinical, sports and educational psychology, nursing, law, policing, advertising, teaching and counselling.

GEOGRAPHY

BOARD AQA **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION Geography is a vibrant, broad and challenging subject. It allows you to understand what is happening in our world. An A level in Geography is a sought after qualification not only for Universities but employers also. The study of Geography enable you to make sense of the world. Geography is classed as one of the key facilitating subjects according to the Russell Group Universities. On completing a Geography course you will be in demand as you will be: a good communicator; competent with ICT; an independent researcher; able to work effectively in a team in a variety of roles; effective at time management. The course offers a balance of Human and Physical Geographies covering topics such as, hazards, coasts, water and carbon cycles, global systems, changing places and population and the environment. Learners also have the opportunity to develop their own independent study which is based on an aspect of the specification that is of particular interest.

PROGRESSION With an A level in Geography you can go onto careers in Ecology, Meteorology, Hazard planning, Forestry commission, Environmentalism, Town planning, Travel, Culture, Development and global issues, Business, GIS (e.g. working for Google maps).

PHYSICS

BOARD AQA Specification **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION Information During your two years you will study five main areas of Physics; Quantum Mechanics, Waves and Radiation, Thermal and Nuclear, Mechanics and Materials, Electricity and Fields, as well as analyse and evaluate the changing ideas of Physicists throughout history. You will carry out a range of experiments to build a portfolio of practical and mathematical skills which will enable you to problem solve and improve your competence as a Scientist. This includes an understanding of natural science at its most fundamental and the part it plays in the functioning of our world and beyond, an appreciation of how Science works in practice, the relevance of Science beyond the laboratory, analytical, evaluative and synoptic skills the ability to plan and manipulate information and data. Please note - To take A level physics you will also need to take A level Mathematics.

Modern physicists have been responsible for some of the greatest achievements of our era. Just think - without our understanding of atomic theory there would be no computers, no internet, no smartphones. If you're up for shaping tomorrow's world, an A Level in Physics could take you to the frontline of the latest emerging technology. Whether you are working in a field directly related to Physics like Nuclear Physics or Astronomy, or one that simply uses the skills you've gained, your Physics A Level can really help you to make a difference.

CHEMISTRY

BOARD AQA (7405) **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION This A Level course focuses on understanding and application of Chemistry concepts. The course builds on prior knowledge from GCSE Combined Science and Separate Chemistry. There is a high level of mathematical content in the course. If you enjoy solving problems with logic, have a high mathematical ability, and have the skill and inclination to explain how substances all around you are made and interact, then you will enjoy Chemistry. Topics are divided in to Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. AS will still exist, but it will now be a stand-alone qualification that will NOT contribute to the final A level grade, although the content will overlap significantly. For learners who take the full A level, their A level grade depends solely on their performance in the end of course examinations.

PROGRESSION A Level Chemistry gives learners a good grounding for higher education by developing practical skills in a variety of industrial contexts, as well as problem solving and critical thinking skills. Studying Chemistry can lead to employment in a range of professions, including forensic science, environmental science and pharmacy. It is essential for anyone wishing to study medicine.

BIOLOGY

BOARD AQA Specification 7402 **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION Biology is a fascinating subject that gives you the opportunity to develop and deepen your knowledge and understanding of organisms and the environments they live in. If you choose Biology, expect to discover answers to questions such as, 'how is an electrical impulse generated in your nerve cells?' or, 'how is the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system involved in regulating your heart rate when you exercise?'. You will learn the intricate biochemistry behind photosynthesis and respiration. Alongside studying knowledge based concepts, you will develop your problem solving and mathematical skills, both of which are essential for A Level Biology. You are assessed across eight topics and core practicals. There are three examinations comprising short and long questions and an essay on the synoptic paper.

PROGRESSION Biology is a fantastic A Level and the skills that you acquire will enhance your application for any science based degree. Many avenues await after a Biology A Level including degrees in Marine Biology, Medicine, Psychology, Pharmacy, Biology, Immunology, Genetics and Physiotherapy to name a few.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BOARD OCR **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION You will study 4 components; Physiological factors affecting performance, Psychological factors affecting performance, Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport and Performance in physical education.

The course has 3 written examination papers totalling 70% of the course and a practical exam worth the remaining 30%. Learners will develop their theoretical knowledge of the factors that underpin physical activity and use this knowledge to improve performance.

PROGRESSION This course will prepare learners for the further study of PE and Sports Science courses as well as other related subject areas such as psychology, sociology and biology. Career opportunities include; teaching, hospitality, physiotherapy, media, journalism and coaching.

BUSINESS

BOARD EdExcel **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION You will study four elements over the two-year course. Year 1 covers Marketing + People and Managing Business Activities. In Year 2 we look at Business Decisions and Strategy and Global Business. The course can be assessed at AS and A2. Learners sit two papers for AS assessment and three papers for A2. At A2 one of the exams is based around the concept of a particular industry that the students spend time investigating. The course has great opportunities to look at all aspects of the business world. Marketing, production, finance and HR management are all covered. The course also looks at the Economy and Business growth as well as Globalisation and the changing business world. We use recent business news to facilitate learning and aim to raise student awareness of the real business world. Students are encouraged to be independent news readers and build this knowledge into examination responses.

PROGRESSION A truly inspiring and relevant subject for all learners to study. It allows progression to University or any career path which could include: Public Relations, advertising, marketing, business communications, financial accounting, teaching, hospitality, managerial roles, production/logistics management, human resources, creative industries and events management.

ART & DESIGN: 3D DESIGN

BOARD AQA Specification **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION The 3D Design course empowers learners to explore a large range of materials and processes to create three dimensional outcomes. These can be functional or decorative pieces. Learners are encouraged to experiment with a variety of methods and media, problem solving and appreciating the relationship between form and function. Learners are encouraged to become fully involved in the design process and to be forward thinking to enable them to manipulating new materials. Learners will work in a wide variety of materials including paper, card, wood, metal, plastic, glass, clay and wire. Final outcomes may be furniture, product design, architectural, lighting or sculpture.

PROGRESSION 3D design can lead to many opportunities after sixth form, the course will lead to many careers and university opportunities. 3D Design is relevant for you if you would like a career in: Industrial Design, 3D Design, Furniture Design, Product Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Design, Architecture, Jewellery designer, Landscape architect, Design consultant, Model maker, Exhibition designer, Product designer, Environmental designer, Teacher, Furniture designer, Toy designer, Interior designer, Film and TV set designer.

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

BOARD AQA **DURATION** 2 Years A-Level Course

SUBJECT INFORMATION The Art, Craft & Design course is an exciting opportunity to further explore your love of the creative & visual world. You will be introduced to a variety of engaging experiences that explore a range of two-dimensional and three-dimensional media, processes and techniques. The course is made up of two components. Component 1 (60%), is a personal investigation into a theme or subject that interests you. Component 2 (40%), is an externally set assignment culminating in a 15-hour practical exam.

PROGRESSION The creative industries are worth £87.4 billion a year to our economy. Due to this it is important that young people are encouraged and inspired to pursue the creative process. Studying Art Craft & Design at A-Level leads to a multitude of specialist degree courses. This provides opportunities for careers in the Arts, Crafts, Design & Architecture, Advertising, Media, Television & Film or even self-employment.

ART TEXTILES

BOARD AQA **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION This is an exciting and creative specialised course, working mostly in Creative Textiles but also includes 3D work and Photography, which work well in the area of constructed textiles. We also explore dyed and stitched fabric and fashion, using a variety of experimental methods and materials. All projects begin with drawings, before moving into different and exciting textile media. Work is focussed on art based and creative processes rather than the traditional way of making functional garments. You will study the work of other artists, designers and photographs, including work from primary sources during visits to galleries and museums. A Level Art Textiles gives you the opportunity to develop a personal and structured approach to project work by exploring ideas and materials that excite you, developing your critical faculties in both practical and written work and acquiring a high level of design and making skills. The course comprises a personal investigation into a theme of subject of your choice (60%) and an externally set assignment (40%) assessed in a 15-hour examination.

PROGRESSION Having an A Level in a creative subject is an essential starting point if students want to pursue Art and Design at University. Students will be able to progress to their chosen specialist area such as: Advertising, Costume Design, Fashion Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Special Effects, Photography, 3D Product Design, Sculpture, Textiles and more. Some learner may opt to take a one-year foundation course prior to a university application, in order to determine a specialism to study at degree level.

CRIMINOLOGY

BOARD WJEC **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION:

The Criminology Level 3 Diploma is the equivalent to an A-Level qualification. The course is split into internal/ external examinations which means 50% is coursework and 50% is exams. Topics you will learn include; Changing awareness of crime, criminological theories, crime scene to courtroom and crime and punishment. This exciting qualification will give you a better understanding of why criminals act in a deviant way. This course will give the learner access to higher qualifications in university including LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology and BSc Criminology. This is also a great course if you are interested in a career in the criminal justice system or the police.

Please note this course offering is dependent on student demand. Select this course to register your interest but also select a back-up option subject.

FRENCH

BOARD AQA DURATION 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION A thoroughly engaging course due to its varied topics, you will study the broad themes of French-speaking society - current trends, current issues, artistic culture and political life - in addition to further extending your knowledge and use of the language. French A Level will prepare you to use language in a much more independent and spontaneous way and will challenge the way you think around problems; developing your processing and resilience skills. There are 3 exams, beginning with the speaking exam towards the end of year 13. This lasts around 15 minutes and includes a discussion card and a presentation and follow-up questions on an aspect of French speaking life that you have chosen to study. You will explore one text and one film in the written exam in two separate essays. The listening and reading exam covers topics learned across the two years, the type of questions very familiar but now more advanced than those you will have seen on the GCSE.

PROGRESSION It is a demanding yet very rewarding academic course that lends itself to many different routes of further study. Of course you may choose to study French at university, but also you will find a large number of joint honours courses - for example French with Maths at Liverpool University. Many courses offer a year's study abroad when you take French further.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

BOARD OCR DURATION 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION This course consists of three elements over the two-year course. Paper 1 is a written exam worth 40% of the A Level. Paper 2 is a written exam worth 40% of the A Level. The third element is a Non-Exam Assessment (coursework) carried out in lesson time worth 20% of the A Level. This course is suitable for any student who has studied GCSE Computer Science. The course covers all areas of computer science including: Components of a computer and their uses; Types of software and the different methodologies used to develop software; How data is exchanged between different systems; How data is represented and stored within different structures; Different algorithms that can be applied to these structures; The individual moral, social, ethical and cultural opportunities and risks of digital technology; Legislation surrounding the use of computers and ethical issues that can or may in the future arise from the use of computers; Understanding what is meant by computational thinking; How computers can be used to solve problems and programs can be written to solve them; The use of algorithms to describe problems and standard algorithms.

PROGRESSION This course will enable learners to progress to higher study or directly to employment. This qualification is suitable for learners intending to pursue any career in which an understanding of technology is needed. It will provide learners with a range of transferable skills which will facilitate personal growth and link to areas such as maths, science and design technology. Computer Science is a very creative subject and learners will refine their problem solving and analytical thinking skills.

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (equivalent to 2 A Levels)

BOARD Pearson **DURATION** 2 Years

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MANDATORY UNITS INCLUDE Information Technology Systems; Creating Systems to Manage Information; Using Social Media in Business; Programming; IT Project Management; Cyber Security and Incident Management. Students then choose two of the following areas to study (to be decided): Data Modelling; Website Development; Mobile Apps Development; Computer Games Development; IT Technical Support and Management; Software Testing; Customising and Integrating Applications; Cloud Storage and Collaboration Tools, Digital 2D and 3D Graphics; Digital Animation and Effects; The Internet of Things; Enterprise in IT; Digital Animation and Effects; Business Process Modelling Tools.

PROGRESSION The requirements of the qualification enables learners to develop the transferable, higher-order skills that are highly regarded by Higher Education providers and employers. The course meets the requirements for progression to degree programmes in IT or further study such as an HNC or HND in Computing, IT, Engineering and Business Management. For progression to a degree course, learners should study this qualification alongside other courses such as an A Level or BTEC Extended Certificate in a different or complementary subject area.

MATHEMATICS

BOARD AQA Specification 7357 DURATION 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION The changes to Maths A-Level qualifications represent the biggest in a generation. The new, Linear, A-Level will cover a range of skills from Pure Mathematics to elements of Statistics and Mechanics. The course is assessed over three, 2-hour exams, all at the end of your second year with each exam representing an equal weighting towards the full 100% of the course. There will also be a new emphasis on problem solving, reasoning and modelling, and a requirement for the use of technology to permeate teaching and learning.

PROGRESSION Maths is one of the biggest facilitating subjects and it's essential for many higher education courses and careers. Careers for those with good mathematical skills and qualifications are not only well paid, but they are also often interesting and rewarding. People who have studied Maths are in the fortunate position of having an excellent choice of career.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BTEC LEVEL 3

BOARD Pearson **DURATION** 2 Years

SUBJECT INFORMATION The Health and Social BTEC extended certificate is the equivalent to one A level. You will be assessed by a mixture of coursework and exams with approximately 60% of the course being assessed externally. The course covers a range of topics from the health and social care sector including Human Lifespan Development, Working in Health and Social Care and Meeting Individual Care Needs.

PROGRESSION The BTEC extended certificate supports progression to higher education on a range of degree programmes in the health and social care sector such as social work, nursing and primary education. The skills and knowledge acquired during the course allows progression to a range of professions.