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# WELCOME

TO HAZEL GROVE SIXTH FORM



## SIXTH FORM LIFE

Hazel Grove Sixth Form provides prestigious education for 16-19 year olds, combined with excellent pastoral care and support, personal development opportunities and a fantastic range of wider activities.

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# AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

We are delighted that you are showing an interest in continuing your post-16 education at Hazel Grove Sixth Form. Hazel Grove High School is extremely proud to have opened its sixth form in September 2013. Since opening, we have ensured that we have recruited knowledgeable, enthusiastic and inspirational staff with considerable experience of teaching A Level. This has provided an excellent foundation for a successful Sixth Form, and as a consequence we are continually celebrating excellent results.

We are a successful school, providing a quality education for our students. Building upon our great success, our sixth form focuses on academic A Level provision with a small number of BTEC's also offered. Our main aim is for each of our students to reach their potential and to be well-prepared for the future. To achieve this we provide a secure and supportive environment; our students benefit from expert teaching, small class sizes and individual advice and guidance from experienced and caring staff.

This is supplemented by an extensive enrichment programme. We are extremely proud of the academic achievements of the school and believe that there is nowhere better for students to continue their studies. Our sixth formers have privileges and are treated as mature young adults, but we also have high expectations of them as A Level students and as role models for the younger students in the school. I look forward to meeting you in the future. If you require any further information in the mean time then please feel free to contact me.

*Mr B Vickers*

Head of Sixth Form

## WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF A SIXTH FORM?

Talk to students in year 11 and most would put together a list that includes:

- Experienced and committed subject staff who teach well
- Access to educational trips
- Good resources and facilities
- Higher education and careers advice and guidance
- Care and support with any problems you may experience
- Opportunity to take on responsibility and challenge in the form of extracurricular activities
- All of these are features of Hazel Grove Sixth Form.

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# RIGHT COURSE, RIGHT SUBJECT

## YEAR 12 PROGRAMME OF STUDY

When you are choosing the subjects which will make up your Year 12 Programme of Study, it is important that you choose subjects that interest you and which you enjoy. You should consider subjects that you are good at and which relate to your future aspirations. If you already have a particular university course or job in mind, you should select subjects which will support these ambitions. At Hazel Grove there will be Sixth Form courses available which you have never studied before and it is important to research these carefully before you make your final choices.

To help you decide which courses and subjects to take, it may be helpful to talk over your options with your family and friends, your teachers or a Careers Adviser. If you feel you need any help, you can contact the Sixth Form team at Hazel Grove any time.

## SIXTH FORM COURSES AT HAZEL GROVE

At Hazel Grove Sixth Form we are proud of the wide range of subjects and qualifications we are able to offer our Sixth Form students. Students have considerable choice in both the type of qualification they choose to study and the extensive range of subjects they can choose from. Students are encouraged to choose very carefully in order to provide themselves with a programme of Sixth Form study which best meets their needs.

As part of the curriculum students have dedicated time for PHSCE, Physical Education and the Extended Project Qualification.

With the reform of A-Level courses, it is more important than ever that students make the right subject choices as they enter the Sixth Form.

All of our A Level subjects are a 2-year course with no official examinations until the end of Year 13. As a result, there are a number of internal assessments over the two years to monitor student progress and attainment.



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## CURRICULUM OPTIONS

We offer a wide range of courses in areas in which we know we can provide high-quality teaching, firmly rooted in our specialisms of Maths, Science and Design and technology.

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# POST-16 QUALIFICATIONS

## QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

At Hazel Grove Sixth Form we offer our students a broad and balanced curriculum of more than 24 different subjects. Course descriptions are available from the Sixth Form website and the back of the prospectus, including specific subjects' entry criteria. To study any course at A level you must have at least a grade 5 in both English and Maths and a minimum of three other GCSE grades of C/5 or above. The majority of our A Level subjects demand a B/6 grade, in that or a related subject.

All students will concentrate on Level 3 courses (A level or BTEC). Due to the demand of the new specification and their linear nature, students now only choose 3 courses to study. In most cases, the full 2-year course must be completed in order for any qualification to be gained.

Our curriculum is designed to give all students the opportunity to access Higher Education should they wish to go to university in the future. We provide extra support for those students who wish to apply for Russell Group Universities or any course with an early entry such as Medicine or Veterinary Science. High achieving students are also given opportunities to complete additional qualifications such as the Extended Project.



## SUBJECTS ON OFFER

### WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF A LEVEL COURSES:

**Psychology, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Education, Business, Art & Design: 3D Design, Art, Craft & Design, Art Textiles, Criminology, French, Computer Science, Information Technology (BTEC), Mathematics, Health And Social Care (BTEC), English Literature, English Language, Media Studies, History, Sociology, Politics.**

For more information about these subjects please see the subject information available at the back of this booklet or on the website. All course offers are subject to demand.



## ENRICHMENT

We offer a wide range of exciting and engaging enrichment opportunities designed to support your personal development.

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# ENRICHMENT

Our Enrichment Programme will provide you with the opportunity to develop skills and competencies which will support your personal development and help facilitate your progression into Higher Education or employment.

We have further expanded our Post-16 Team so that we can now offer a broad range of meaningful enrichment experiences, all of which have an intrinsic value and will help you to develop important skills.

When you join the Sixth Form you will be put into a tutor group which will meet each day. Your tutor will provide individual support and guidance as you settle into the routines of being a Sixth Former at Hazel Grove Sixth Form, as well as helping you to choose your enrichment options.

All students follow our Enrichment Programme for at least two hours a week. Students are given a range of opportunities including, for example: a first aid qualification; self defence course; cooking on a budget or Model United Nations. They will also be provided with a range of diverse academic, workplace and community based experiences.



## WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF A SIXTH FORM?

We hold a week-long work experience placement for all Year 12 students. This will help students with UCAS and job applications, as well as helping them develop the range of their work related and employability skills. Alongside this programme, our Sixth Form team offers students on-going guidance regarding future destinations, university applications and work experience. Students will have the opportunity to choose from the following:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
- Student Leadership.
- Literacy Project.
- Numeracy Project.
- Student Mentors.
- Introduction to teaching course.
- The Sixth Sense magazine.
- Work on the Media and Marketing team.
- Sign language, Sports leaders, Forest school primary project, Yoga
- Engage in volunteering and organising charity work.
- Drama Productions

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# CAREERS AND UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

Our extensive links with academic institutions have ensured a wealth of exciting study-based opportunities in the UK, and the following are now part of an established programme we offer our students: Oxford University study opportunities, as well as trips to Manchester, Salford and Bangor Universities we are also able to incorporate the Duke of Edinburgh Award into this.

We have also established a partnership with the Prince's Teaching Institute aimed at developing our A level teachers by giving them opportunities to collaborate with academics from leading universities.

Students receive regular updates on mentoring opportunities offered by universities. We encourage them to become keen participants on these programmes, particularly those considering medicine, law or Oxbridge applications.

We encourage students to set themselves high expectations for future education and careers. For those planning to go to university a significant emphasis is placed on the UCAS application process, completing personal statements and, where relevant, preparing for interviews. Our students are given opportunities to attend open days to guide them in their choice of university.

## HOW TO APPLY

The school will provide individual advice and guidance to all students following the receipt of applications to join our Sixth Form and following the publication of GCSE results. We are keen to ensure that all our new students start Year 12 following a programme of study which reflects their ability, aptitudes and aspirations.

Applications to join the Sixth Form at Hazel Grove in September should be made by filling in one of our application forms on the the Sixth Form website. You can view full details of the Post-16 courses offered at Hazel Grove Sixth Form by referring to the subject information sheets at the back of this booklet or by visiting the Sixth Form website.

**WE WILL INTERVIEW EVERY STUDENT WHO SUBMITS AN APPLICATION ALL OFFERS WILL BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING AFTER THE INTERVIEW.**

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# THE OFFER

- Personalised learning programme
- Highest quality of teaching and learning delivered by specialist teachers
- Exceptional student support
- Leadership programme for all students within the 11-18 environment. This includes a wide range of extra-curricular activities and educational visits
- Individual advice on UCAS, careers and personal guidance  
Excellent communication between home and the Sixth Form
- Students treated as young adults in a safe, familiar and inspirational learning environment



In the first term we will be running a residential trip. All students will take part in a range of team building activities. Also throughout the year subject departments will run trips to art galleries, businesses, geographical field studies, politics visit to Westminster and more. We will also be running international Sixth Form trip opportunities, including visits to Paris and New York.



If you have any questions or want to find out more about Hazel Grove Sixth Form please get in touch with our Head of Sixth Form. Mr B Vickers to find out more.

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# SUBJECT INFORMATION



All sixth form students should be professional at all times, both within the school, and whilst representing Hazel Grove Sixth Form and you will be expected to dress suitably for a business like environment.

Our dress code is designed to match our motto of 'Aiming for Excellence' and we encourage students to have high expectations in their personal presentation and academic achievement.

The dress code plays a large part in instilling our highly aspirational mentality and approach we take to your education and future.

## **AN EXCELLENT RANGE OF COURSES**

We offer an exceptionally wide range of A level subjects and we are responsive to demand for new subjects. Our range of A Level courses match those of any local college.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

**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.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**BOARD** AQA **DURATION** 2 Years

**SUBJECT INFORMATION** Your language study will be split into two broad sections comprising of 80% of the course: textual analysis and sociolinguistics. Textual analysis will allow you to study linguistic frameworks in close detail. This will provide you with the knowledge to help de-construct the meanings behind texts that are created in all areas of society and understand how people or corporations present themselves within these texts. Within the sociolinguistic units, you'll look at how issues such as gender, region, social groups, ethnicity and occupation affect language use. It is from one of these areas that you will find the subject for your non-examination assessment – a unit comprising of two pieces of work totalling 20% of the overall course.

**PROGRESSION** English Language is well-respected as a qualification by all universities. The skills allow learners to progress on to a multitude of careers including: journalism, PR, media and communications, creative industries, advertising, teaching and law.

## 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.

**PROGRESSION** 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 photographers, 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

**SUBJECT INFORMATION** The objective of this qualification is to give learners the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in IT. Learners study the relationship between hardware and software, managing and communicating information and data and the principles of designing and developing digital technologies and

**SUBJECT INFORMATION** The objective of this qualification is to give learners the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in IT. Learners study the relationship between hardware and software, managing and communicating information and data and the principles of designing and developing digital technologies and processes to support organisations. This qualification also includes a choice of optional units, covering areas such as data modelling and analytics, mobile internet technologies, creative technologies and enterprise for IT.

**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.

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