



Sixth Form Prospectus

2024 Entry

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Whenever we welcome new visitors into The Samworth Church Academy, they very often comment on the sense of positivity, energy and general friendliness you feel as soon as you enter the building. Our Academy is a special place which is only confirmed when you meet with our young people and the staff that support them.



Our emphasis and exploration of our Christian values, as well as our membership of the international Round Square organisation, encourages students to 'Be The Best They Can Be' and to explore their own (perhaps hidden) talents and potential in a wide range of ways.

The Sixth Form at the Academy is no exception to this sense of purpose. We have dedicated areas for Sixth Form study but the overall philosophy is that our Sixth Formers are a fully integrated part of the Academy community. They are our student leaders and are expected to behave and interact with all at the Academy in a professional, friendly and caring manner. We provide many opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills and develop as individuals in a way that will make them stand out on any future applications for university, apprenticeships or employment. Our Sixth Formers are exceptional young people and we are very proud of all of their achievements.

Lisa McVeigh, Principal



'Our sixth form really is one of the shining lights of our academy. It is a huge privilege to be a part of the sixth form team and work alongside our incredible students and staff.

We pride ourselves on positive academic outcomes for students whilst also making them fully rounded members of both the academic and local community. This is achieved through a broad curriculum offer that is further enhanced through a great variety of extra-curricular activities. Furthermore, this extensive curriculum offers something to students with varied interests and learning styles. Our guidance programme ensures students are able to understand and navigate the complex society around them, all while keeping great focus on their own personal development and wellbeing.

We look forward to welcoming you to Samworth Sixth Form and for you to further enhance our dynamic post-16 area.

Christopher Vallance,
Director of Vocation



It is my absolute honour and pleasure to lead the Sixth Form Team, alongside Keshia Milne, the Sixth Form Learning Manager and the Recovery Lead Team. We pride ourselves on an individualised, supportive approach, helping every child to achieve maximum progress with minimal stress each and every day with the support they need to flourish.

We offer a range of additional opportunities alongside a wide range of academic study programmes. These opportunities include an excellent Personal Development Programme, a wide range of careers experiences and a broad enrichment programme. We have formed strong links with local employers and universities to deliver interviews, work experience, Guidance sessions and opportunities for our students, all in a bid to prepare students for seventy plus great years, as well rounded, balanced individuals.

Laura Jones,
Head of Sixth Form



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A Level Accounting

Development

A qualification in accounting will always be helpful – whether it's used professionally or personally. This course helps students to understand the responsibilities of the accountant and the impacts of their recommendations on the business and the wider environment.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- An introduction to the role of an accountant in a business
- Types of business organisation
- Analysis and evaluation of financial information
- Limited company accounts
- Capital investment appraisal
- Partnership accounts
- The double entry model
- Verification of accounting records
- Preparation of financial statements of sole traders
- Budgeting
- Marginal costing
- Absorption and activity based costing

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; 3 hours, 50% of A Level (multiple choice, short answer and extended answer questions)

Paper 2; 3 hours, 50% of A Level (multiple choice, short answer and extended answer questions)



A Level Art

Development

Investigative, analytical, experimental, practical, technical and expressive skills, aesthetic understanding and critical judgement.

The experience of working with a broad range of media which in turn allows a student to apply into the rapidly expanding field of the arts.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Art

Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units You Might Study

- Personal investigation in response to a given starting point
- Creation of a portfolio of practical work
- Exploratory written study into a chosen practical area
- Response to an externally set task with a range of themes open to all specialisms
- How to work with a choice of contextual and visual starting points
- How to respond to a client brief and stimuli

Examination Board and Assessment

OCR Exam Board

Each specialism is made up of two different components.

Personal investigation (60%)
Externally set task (40%)

Student work is internally assessed in both years of the course and externally moderated in Year 13.



A Level Biology

Development

You will gain a critical awareness of current social and environmental issues and an understanding and respect for living things. It can lead to a career in health and clinical professions, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy, nursing and forensic science.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6.6 in GCSE Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Biology

Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Exchanging substances with the environment
- Genetics, variation and relationships between organisms
- Energy transfers in and between organisms
- Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- The control of gene expression

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Two exam papers for AS Level Biology, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.

Three exam papers for A Level Biology, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.



A Level Business Studies

Development

Studying the core of Business can set you up for a career in absolutely any sector or industry, you will gain skills that can apply in a multitude of roles in the world of work. If you can decide what area you want to work in we will help you to attain relevant work experience along the way.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units You Might Study

- What is business, why do they exist and how can I set one up?
- What do managers do?
- Market research, target markets and how to promote your business
- How to produce a product efficiently and to a good quality
- Raising finance, managing your cash and making a profit
- Business strategy
- Managing change in relation to business
- Managing the culture of a business, keeping staff happy whilst implementing changes

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level (multiple choice, short answer and two essay questions)

Paper 3; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level (case study and six questions)

Paper 2; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level (three data response questions)



A Level Chemistry

Development

A Level Chemistry is a great choice for students considering careers in the health and clinical professions, including medicine, veterinary science, nursing, dentistry and forensic science. Chemistry can also lead to industry careers in fields such as pharmaceuticals and petrochemicals.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6.6 in GCSE Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry

Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

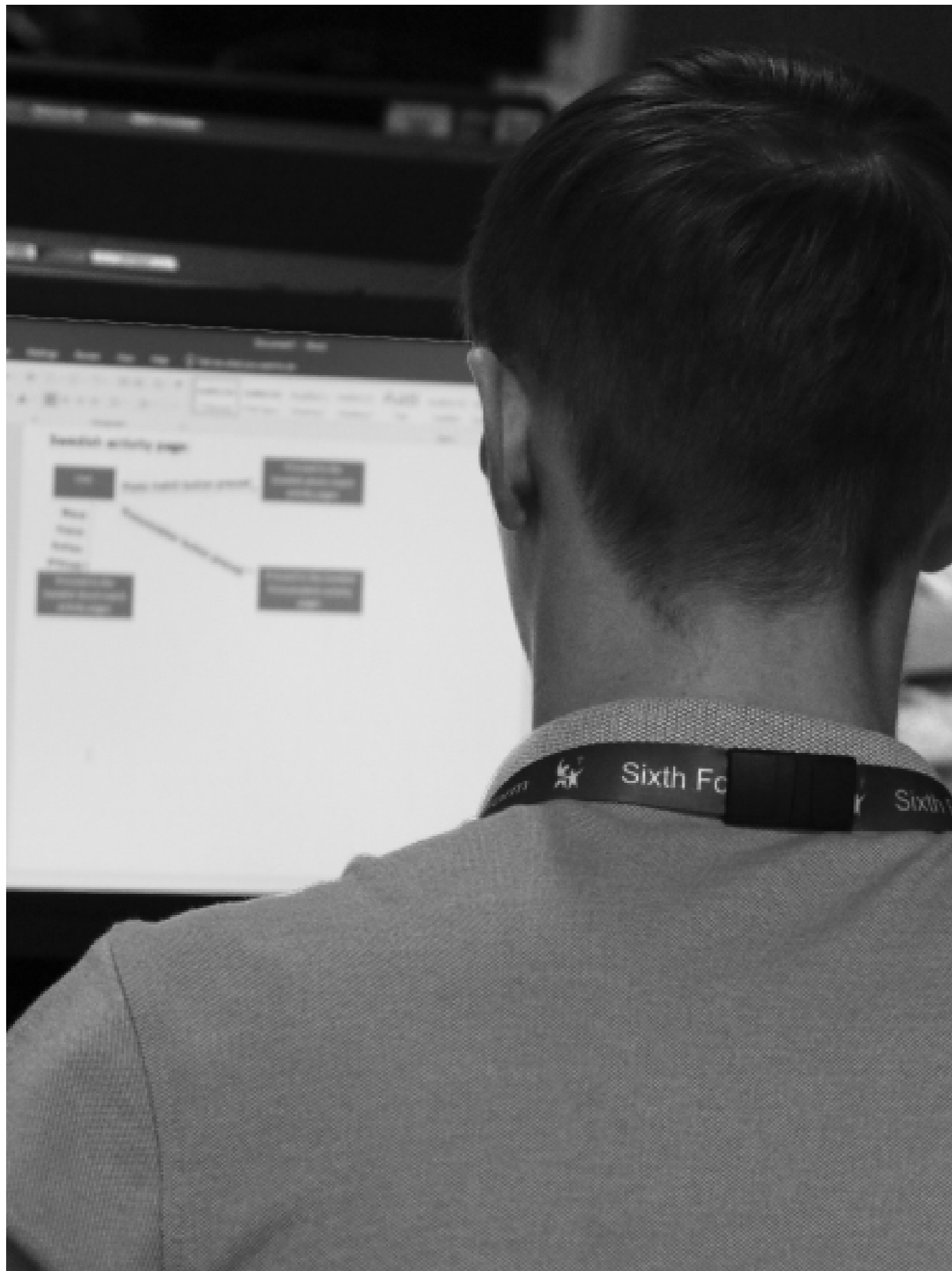
- Physical Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Chromatography
- The interaction of chemical elements and the role they play in making up our world and beyond
- Implementing science beyond a laboratory setting
- Analytical, evaluative and synoptical skills in relation to Chemistry
- Planning to manipulate information and data

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Two exam papers for AS Level Chemistry, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.

Three exam papers for A Level Chemistry, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.



A Level Computer Science

Development

The creative, technical and problem solving skills that you will develop and learn are relevant to a host of careers in a range of sectors, from the arts and graphics – based roles through to engineering, finance and business. Of course there is always demand for highly skilled programmers and software developers and a Computer Science A Level will naturally lead onto an associated Computer Science degree or apprenticeship.

Entry Requirements

Grade 8 in Computer Science GCSE

Units You Might Study

Computer Science is a practical subject where students can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It's an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism. The aims of this qualification are to enable learners to develop:

- An understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including: abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation
- The ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so
- The capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
- The capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science
- Mathematical skills.

Examination Board and Assessment

OCR Exam Board

Computer systems 40%
Algorithms and programming 40%
Programming Project 20%



A Level Dance

Development

The growth in the creative sector and therefore the Performing Arts is twice the rate of the wider economy. Progression can be into fields such as theatre, teaching, therapy, creative writing, journalism and dance.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in Dance
Grade 5 in English

Units You Might Study

- Creation of solo dance
- Practical techniques in contemporary dance
- Creation of the quartet
- Study of independent contemporary dance sector
- Ballet Rambert 1966-2002
- Quartet performance
- Solo performance
- Group choreography
- Set work analysis
- Ballet Rambert 1966-2002
- Deep dive into the independent dance sector

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

50% of the A Level is assessed on performance (both solo and a quartet exam) which will be combined with a choreography unit.

The second 50% of the final grade will be completed through a written exam.



Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts

Development

This qualification emphasises practical creativity alongside research and theoretical understanding. Students learn through experience, seeing theatre and making theatre for themselves. Our students choose to develop as a performer, designer, director or any combination of the three.

Entry Requirements

- Grade 5 in GCSE Drama
- Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units You Might Study

- Performance preparation
- Planning for a career in the performing arts sector
- Acting for camera
- Contemporary theatre
- Drama in the community
- Vocal techniques

Examination Board and Assessment

RSL

Units for this course are entirely practical with written coursework attached.

This Diploma can be achieved at a Pass, Merit or Distinction level.



A Level English Literature

Development

An A Level in English Literature could lead directly to a BA in English, Journalism, Education, Drama or towards the study of another Arts degree.

From here you can look into careers in Teaching, Journalism, Politics, Sociology, Philosophy, The Arts and Broadcasting.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature

Units You Might Study

- A wide variety of texts, from prose to drama and poetry, as well as excerpts from non-fiction texts
- Love through the ages poetry, pre-1900 prose or post 1900s and a Shakespeare play.
- Independent critical study which is a comparative essay of two texts, one to be pre-1900.
- Students are encouraged to push out of their reading comfort zone and gain an appreciation for the many crafts of writing.

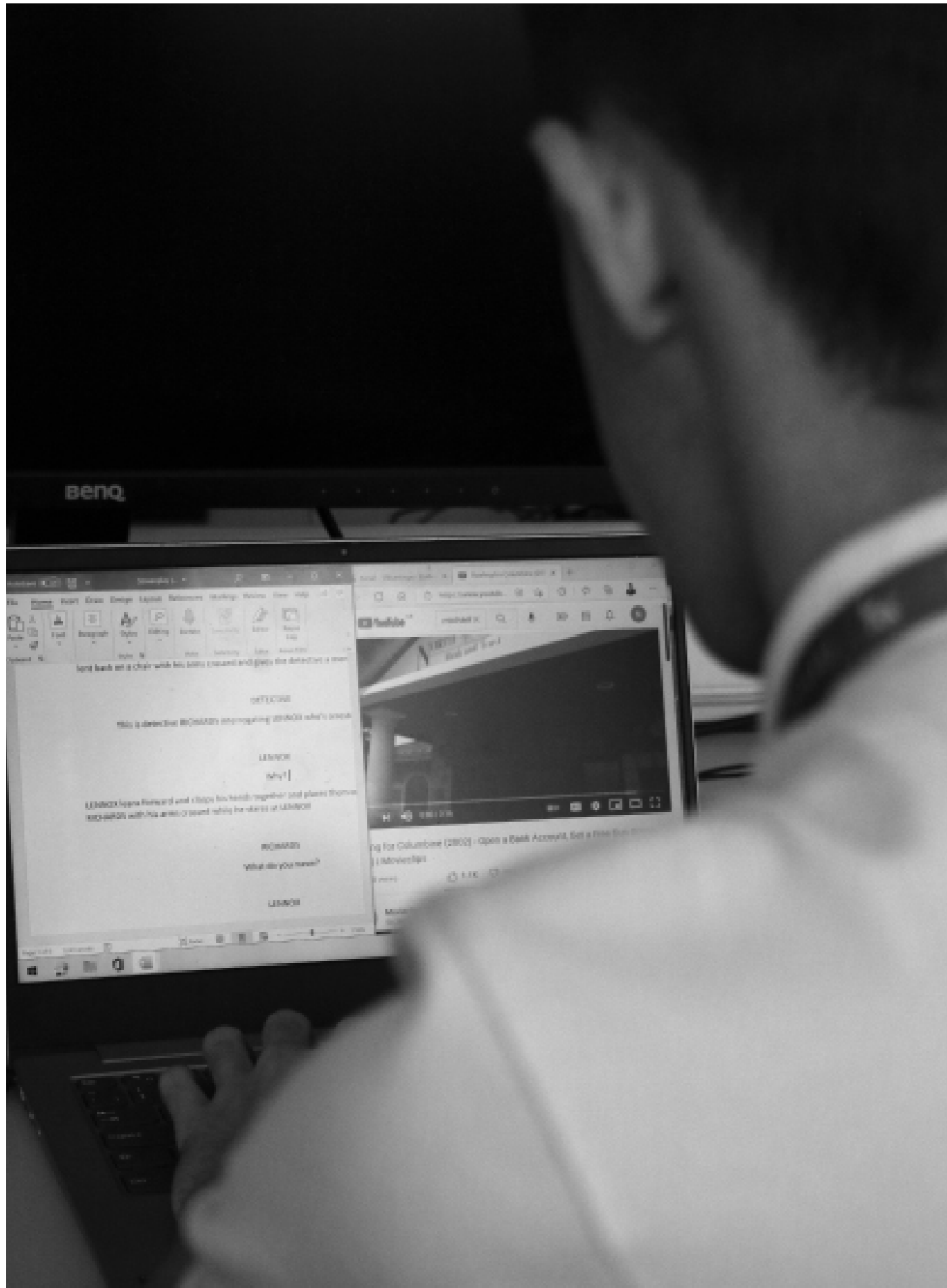
Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; Love Through the Ages, 3 hours, 40% of final grade

Paper 2; Texts in Shared Context, 2 hours 30 minutes, 40% of final grade

One piece of coursework, Critical Study of Texts Across Time, 20% of final grade



A Level Film Studies

Development

Film Studies will allow you to develop a wide range of analysis skills in which to explore films from a range of time periods and genres. You will learn how film has the power to help us make sense of the world or present our vision of what the world could be.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English
Grade 6 GCSE in Film Studies or Media Studies is desirable

Units You Might Study

- Students will be expected to complete the 'wider reading' and research requirements in their own time.
- Key concepts, theories and terminology used in the study of film.
- Complete a study of six films from multiple perspectives.
- In your second year you will study a further five films, including experimental and documentary filmmaking.
- A complete assessment in the form of either a short film or screenplay with a fully photographed storyboard.

Examination Board and Assessment

EDUQAS Exam Board

Paper 1; Varieties of Film and Filmmaking, 35% of final grade

paper 2; Global Filmmaking Perspectives, 35% of final grade.

Non-exam assessment; create a short film or screenplay, 30% of final grade



A Level French

Development

A-level French helps students develop confident, effective communication skills in French and a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where French is spoken. It will prepare you for higher education and careers in almost any sector.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE French

Grade 4 in English Literature would be beneficial

Units You Might Study

- Discussing, agreeing and arguing
- Listening, understanding and summarising
- Reading, understanding and summarising
- Deeper analysis of literature and film in French
- Speaking in detail to answer questions and debate issues
- Listening for comprehension
- Reading for comprehension
- Writing summaries to adapt what has been heard or read into your own words
- Writing to analyse and evaluate French literature and film

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; Listening, reading, summarising and translating, 50% of A Level grade

Paper 2; Analysing literature and film studies, 20% of A Level grade

Paper 3; Speaking exam, 30% of A Level grade



A Level Geography

Development

An A Level in Geography will prepare you for higher education and careers in environmental engineering, international development, town/city planning, law, Geographic Information System mapping and disaster management.

Entry Requirements

- Grade 5 in GCSE Geography, Religious Studies or History
- Grade 5 in GCSE English
- Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Globalisation
- Migration changes
- Urbanisation
- Global warming
- Climate change
- Disaster hotspots
- Climate change in relation to coastlines
- Energy security
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Superpower Geography
- Bridging the development gap
- Food supply
- Cultural diversity
- Pollution
- Leisure and Tourism

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; Physical Geography, 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 30% of final grade

Paper 3; Synoptic paper, 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 20% of final grade

Paper 2; Human Geography, 2 hours 15 minutes, worth 30% of final grade



A Level History

Development

An A Level in History can lead to higher education careers in law, journalism, teaching, librarianship, research, politics, psychology, museum work and archaeology, architecture, archives and antiques.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE History or Religious Studies

Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units You Might Study

- Political landscape of Great Britain, 1918-79
- Creating a welfare state, 1918-79
- Society in transition, 1918-79
- 1950s America
- The fight for Civil Rights in the United States
- Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509. Explore the dramatic developments in late medieval England.
- Russian revolution (1917) coursework question, what is your view about the cause of the Russian revolution?

Examination Board and Assessment

Edexcel Exam Board

Paper 1; Breadth study with interpretations, 2 hours 15 minutes

Paper 2; Depth study with sources, 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper 3; One theme in breadth with aspects in depth, 2 hours 15 minutes

Coursework; 3-4000 word essay on a historical question of the students choosing

Exams; 80% Coursework; 20%



A Level Mathematics

Development

An A Level in Mathematics could lead to a degree in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Medicine, Psychology and Architecture. This could lead to careers in any field that needs independent, intelligent people with transferable skills.

Entry Requirements

Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Co-ordinate geometry
- Calculus
- Graphs
- Algebra
- Gain a deeper understanding of trigonometry
- Statistics, including probability and normal distribution
- Mechanics, including Newton's Laws of Motion and constant acceleration formulae
- Gaining an understanding and appreciation of vectors.

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; Pure Mathematics, 2 hours

Paper 2; Mechanics/Pure Mathematics, 2 hours

Paper 3; Statistics/Pure Mathematics, 2 hours



A Level Media Studies

Development

The A Level Media Studies course could lead to a career in Advertising, Marketing, film, music video, radio and video games as they are studied in relation to selected areas of the framework.

Entry Requirements

- Grade 5 in GCSE English
- Grade 5 in GCSE Media Studies is desirable

Units You Might Study

- Media Products, Industries and Audiences
- Media Forms and Products in Depth
- Television in the Global Age
- Magazines: Mainstream and Alternative Media
- Media in the Online Age
- Cross Media Production

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Component 1: Written Exam 2hr 15, 35% of qualification

Component 2: Written Exam 2hr 30, 35% of qualification

Component 3: Non exam assessment, 30% of qualification



A Level Music

Development

A level Music is exciting, rewarding and unique in its combination of academic study and creative opportunity. It can lead to careers as a musician, composer, sound engineer, producer, musicologist, music therapist, private tutor and teacher.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Music

Play an instrument or sing at a Grade 4 standard or higher. If no formal exam has been taken you will be required to audition.

Grade 5 music theory and ability to understand western notation an advantage.

Units You Might Study

- The Western Classical Tradition (The Development of the Symphony 1750-1900) which includes two set works.
- A choice of one area of study from: Area of study B: Rock and Pop, Area of study C: Musical Theatre and Area of study D: Jazz
- A choice of one area of study from: Area of study E: Into the Twentieth Century including two set works. Area of study F: Into the Twenty-first Century including two set works.

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Component 1; Written listening exam on the units studied, taken at the end of Year 13, 40% of qualification.

Coursework makes up 60% of the final grade, details across.

Option A: Performance (10-12 minutes) 35% and composition (4-6 minutes) 25%.

Option B: Performance (6-8 minutes) 25% and composition (8-10 minutes) 35%.



A Level Photography

Development

A Level Photography allows students to expand their creative horizons through taking, creating and editing photographs. It will develop your use of a wide range of processes and challenge how you look, think and communicate your ideas visually.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Photography is desirable

Grade 4 in GCSE English

Grade 5 in GCSE Art is desirable

Units You Might Study

- Creating mind maps and mood boards to convey a theme or idea
- Primary photographs
- Research of photographers
- Photographer analysis skills
- Contact sheets
- Manual and digital manipulation
- Photoshop
- Evaluation skills
- Planning a composition

Examination Board and Assessment

OCR Exam Board

Coursework; 2 Digital Workbook portfolios, 60% of final grade

Exam; 15 hours, 40% of final grade



A Level Physical Education

Development

Our A Level in Physical Education develops knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to physical education. Students gain understanding of the scientific and sociocultural factors that underpin physical activity, and demonstrate their ability as either a performer or a coach.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Science

Grade 4 in GCSE English

Grade 5 in GCSE PE is desirable

Play a sport outside of school

Units You Might Study

- Physiological factors affecting performance
- Skeletal system
- Muscular system
- Respiratory system
- Environmental effects on body systems
- Biomechanics
- Psychological factors affecting performance
- Skill acquisition
- Sports psychology
- Sociocultural issues in physical activity and sport
- Sport and society

Examination Board and Assessment

OCR Exam Board

Paper 1; Physiological Factors affecting performance (2 hours, 90 marks)

Paper 2; Psychological factors affecting performance (1 hour, 60 marks)

Paper 3; Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport (1 hour, 60 marks)

Coursework
EAPI (Evaluating and Analysing Performance for Improvement (30 marks)
Practical Performance (30 marks)



A Level Physics

Development

Physics is a good choice for students who want a career in Finance, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Computing, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Environmental Science. A Level Physics shows a strong grasp of mathematics and the ability to learn new concepts.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6.6 in GCSE Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Physics
Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

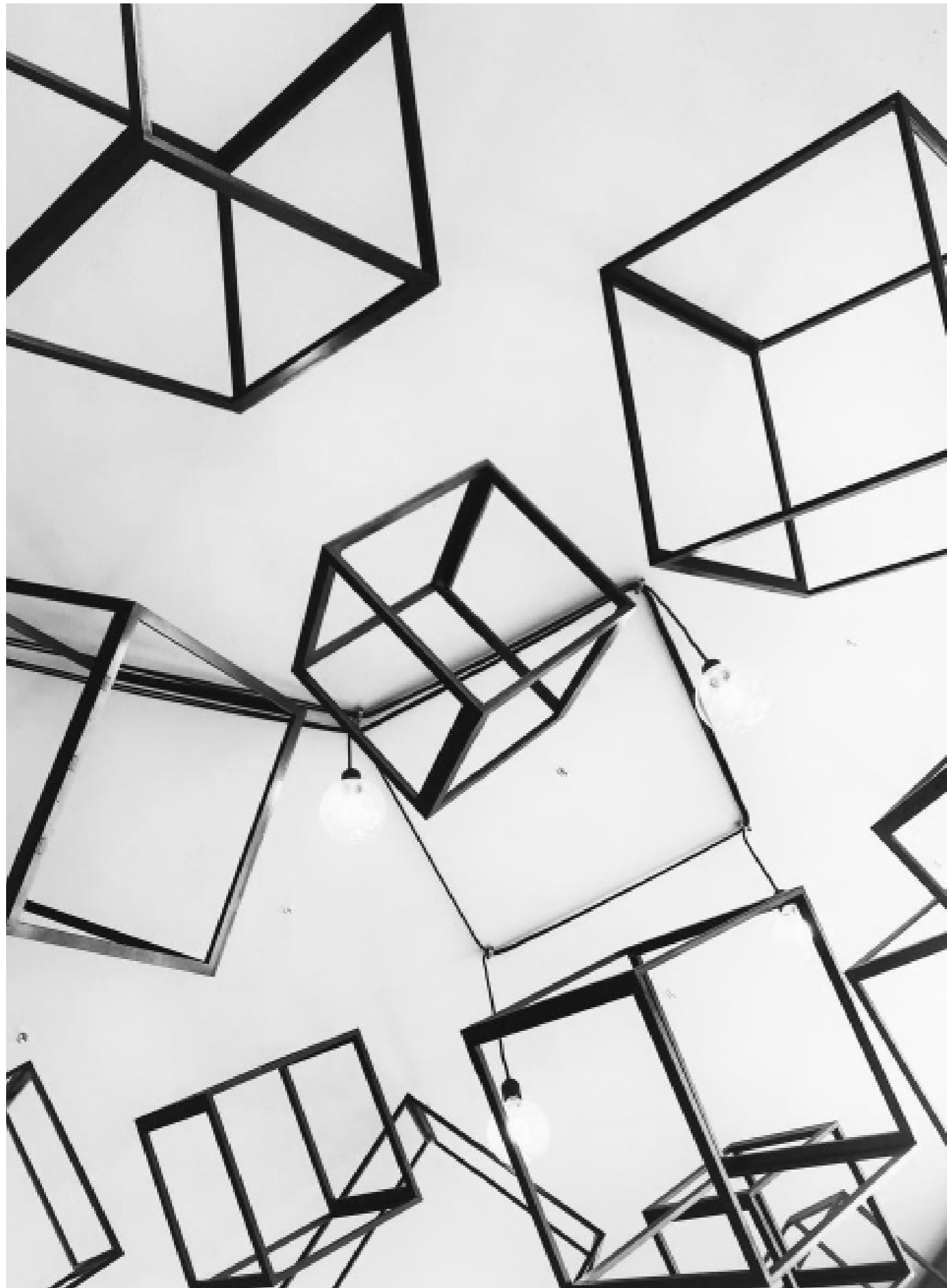
- Measurements and their errors
- Particles and radiation
- Waves
- Mechanics and materials
- Electricity
- Further mechanics and thermal physics
- Fields and their consequences
- Nuclear physics
- Astrophysics
- Medical physics
- Engineering physics
- Turning points in physics
- Electronics

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Two exam papers for AS Level Physics, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.

Three exam papers for A Level Physics, at least 15% of the paper will assess knowledge of practical skills.



A Level Product Design

Development

It is possible to progress directly to degree courses in engineering, architecture, furniture design, 3D design and product design. Product Design is increasingly becoming a desired subject when applying at university for design based courses.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Design and Technology
Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Identifying and outlining possibilities for design
- Identification and investigation of a design possibility, investigation of client/end user
- Designing a prototype
- Design and development of design idea
- Making a final prototype
- Design, manufacture and realisation or final prototype, including tools, equipment, quality and accuracy
- Evaluation of own design and prototype

Examination Board and Assessment

Edexcel Exam Board

Written examination; 2 hours 30 minutes, 50% of A Level final grade

Non-examined assessment; Identifying and outlining possibilities for design, designing a prototype, making a final prototype, evaluating own design, 50% of A Level final grade



A Level Psychology

Development

An A Level in Psychology will equip you for further study or a career in Psychology, Social Sciences, Criminology, Education, Mental Health, Counselling, Social Work, Public Services (Police, Nursing etc.), Market Research, Childcare, Ergonomics, Advertising and Recruitment.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English
Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Research methods
- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Relationships, stress and addiction
- Key debates and research debates within Psychology
- Gender and culture
- Free will and Determinism
- Nature vs Nurture debate
- Holism vs Reductionism
- Idiographic vs Nomothetic Research

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; 1 hour 30 minutes, 50% of AS Grade

Paper 2; 1 hour 30 minutes, 50% of AS Grade

Paper 3; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level grade

Paper 4; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level grade

paper 5; 2 hours, 33.3% of A Level grade



A Level Religious Studies

Development

A Level Religious Studies is useful for going into degrees including the sciences, Mathematics, Theology and most prominently Philosophy. It often forms parts of Environmental Science and Archaeology degrees.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies

Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units You Might Study

- Ancient philosophical influences
- The nature of the soul, mind and body
- Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- Normative ethical theories
- Ethical language and thought
- Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs
- There is a key change in A Level RS which is the emphasis on Philosophy and Ethics throughout the course, which is different from GCSE

Examination Board and Assessment

Eduqas Exam Board

Paper 1; An introduction to the study of religion

Paper 2; An introduction to the philosophy of religion

Paper 3; An introduction to religion and ethics

Paper 4; A study of religion

Paper 5; Philosophy of religion

Paper 6; Religion and ethics

Papers 1-3; 40% of A Level grade

Papers 4-6; 60% of A Level grade



A Level Sociology

Development

An A Level in Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English or a humanities subject

Units You Might Study

- Introducing Socialisation, Culture & Identity
- Introducing key terms in sociology
- Culture, norms, values and identity
- How diverse are modern families?
- Researching & Understanding Social Inequalities
- Debates in Contemporary Society
- Globalisation and the digital social world: What is the impact of advancing social media?

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Paper 1; Education & research methods, 33.3% of A Level grade

Paper 2; Family & households and belief in society, 33.3% of A Level grade

Paper 3; Crime, deviance & theory and methods, 33.3% of A Level grade



A Level Spanish

Development

A-level Spanish helps students develop confident, effective communication skills in Spanish. An A Level in Spanish will prepare you for higher education and careers in a variety of business sectors, including international relations, finance, interpreting and teaching.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish

Grade 4 in English Literature would be beneficial

Units You Might Study

- Hispanic Society, values and traditions
- Regional identity
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic World
- Spanish Film
- Listening for comprehension
- Reading for comprehension
- Aspects of Hispanic politics
- Immigration
- Hispanic youth
- Spanish work of literature
- Writing to analyse and evaluate Spanish literature and film

Examination Board and Assessment

AQA Exam Board

Speaking exam; Discussion of student project, 20-25 minutes, 30% of A Level grade

Paper 1; Listening, Reading and Translation, 2 hours 30 minutes, 50% of A level grade

Paper 2; two essays on books/films studied, 2 hours, 20% of A Level grade



BTEC Animal Care

Development

This qualification trains you to pursue a career in an animal-related industry. When taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications (such as Biology or BTEC Science), it supports access to a range of higher education courses in the animal management sector and/or other subject areas.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English or a humanities subject

Level 2 Pass in Animal Management GCSE

You should have a desire to work with animals

Units You Might Study

- Animal behaviour
- Practical animal husbandry
- Work experience in the Animal Care vocational area
- Understand the different roles of animals and animal related organisations in society
- Principles of animal behaviour
- Understand the essential signs of good and ill health in animals
- Animal Housing and accommodation

Examination Board and Assessment

Edexcel Exam Board

Paper 1; written exam, 33% of BTEC final grade

Coursework; four individual pieces covering 67% of the BTEC final grade



Development

For anyone who sees their future career in Science the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science is an excellent starting point. There are many areas potential students could progress in to. Some pupils who choose to carry on their studies in the scientific field can also do so.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in any GCSE science subject

Grade 5.5 in GCSE Combined Science

Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics

Units You Might Study

- Principles of Applied Science 1
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Scientific investigation skill
- Human regulation and reproduction
- Laboratory techniques and their application
- Principles and Applications of Science 2
- Investigative report
- Physiology of body systems

Examination Board and Assessment

Edexcel Exam Board

Exam based

Principles of Applied Science 1
 Scientific investigation skills
 Principles and Applications of Science 2, 40% of final grade

Coursework based

All other units mentioned above are coursework based, 60% of final grade



Development

All learners will gain knowledge on the different theories on why humans behave the way they do, and what influences these behaviors, additionally they will apply this knowledge to solve modern day problems both with individual people and society.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English or a humanities subject

Grade 3 in GCSE Mathematics

BTEC Level 2 Merit in another subject

Units You Might Study

- Approaches in Psychology
- Research Methods
- Health Psychology
- Introduction to Psychopathology

Examination Board and Assessment

Pearson's Exam Board

Exam based assessment makes up 58% of the final grade for the Applied Psychology BTEC

Coursework based assessment makes up 42% of the final grade for the Applied Psychology BTEC



BTEC Health & Social Care Level 3

Development

Want a rewarding career in care? Our adult health and social care qualification will train you to support adults who require physical and emotional support. The course will give you practical knowledge and theory which will enable you to study and progress into caring professions.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English or a humanities subject or Level 2 Pass in GCSE Health & Social Care

Units You Might Study

- Understanding different types of communication
- Understanding concepts related to equality, diversity, knowledge and discriminating practice, how to overcome it
- Understanding Health and Safety within a Health and Safety Environment, Law
- Different stages of lifespan
- An overview of the human body
- Public Health Policies, Current Legislation
- Essay writing, team work, evaluation and analysis

Examination Board and Assessment

Edexcel Exam Board

Exam based assessment makes up 58% of the final grade for the Health & Social Care BTEC

Coursework based assessment makes up 42% of the final grade for the Health & Social Care BTEC



City & Guilds Level 2 Hairdressing

Development

This qualification trains you to pursue a career in the hairdressing industry. It prepares learners for a job in a salon. Students can advance onto an NVQ Level 3 course which will allow them to learn advanced techniques and business know how.

Entry Requirements

No specific requirements

Units You Might Study

- Advise & Consult with Clients
- Basic Cutting
- Style & Finish Hair
- Colour Hair
- Shampoo and Condition Hair
- Set & Dress Hair
- Reception Duties
- Plaiting and Twisting Hair
- Maintain Effectiveness in the Salon
- Perm Hair

Examination Board and Assessment

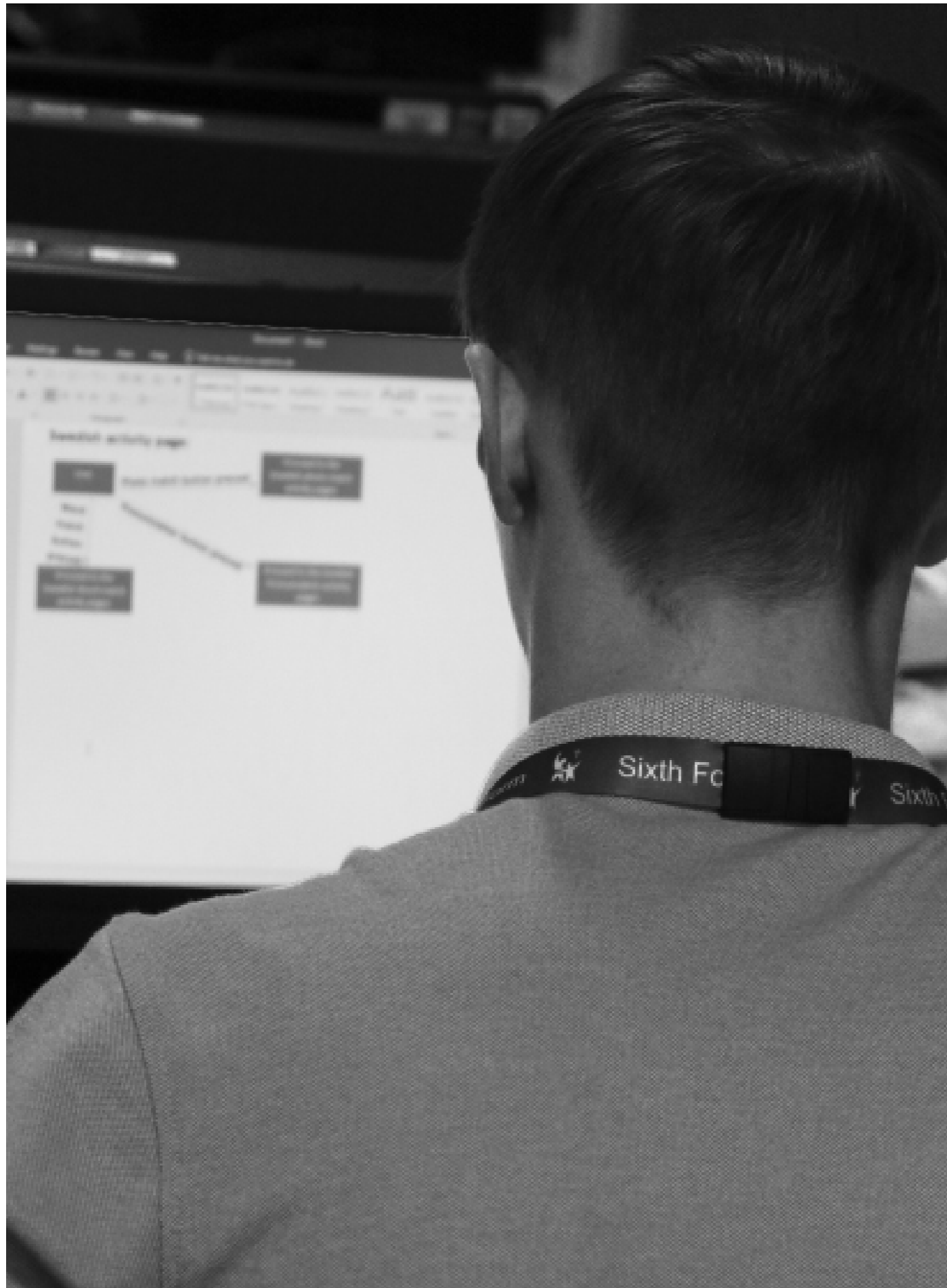
City & Guilds Exam Board

Theory exam 1, 30% of qualification grade

Practical exam 1, 20% of qualification grade

Theory exam 2, 30% of qualification grade

Practical exam 2, 20% of qualification grade



Development

The specification from this course is designed to give students a broad introduction to the IT sector and aim to prepare candidates for further qualifications, such as degree level courses, or roles in games design, web and animation development or network security.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE Computing or Level 2 Merit in Media

Units You Might Study

- How IT technologies and practices are essential for IT professionals
- IT fundamentals in hardware, networks, software and ethical use of computers in business
- How organisations use information and the types of information
- IT legislation, regulation governing use of information
- How to design applications
- Understand how to create mobile applications
- How social media and digital marketing can have a positive and negative effect

Examination Board and Assessment

OCR Exam Board

Exam; Fundamentals of IT, 25% of qualification grade

Exam; Global Information, 25% of qualification grade

Three pieces of coursework; Unit 6, Unit 12 and Unit 13



Development

Equivalent to one A Level.

This course allows students to study a range of different disciplines within sport. Students will explore how the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and respiratory systems function and the fundamentals of the energy systems. Learners explore client screening and lifestyle assessment, fitness training methods and fitness programming. Learners explore the different skills and knowledge required for different career pathways in sport.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in English OR a Level 2 qualification in Sport

Units You Might Study

The three mandatory units are;

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness training and programming for health, sport and well-being
- Professional development in the sports industry

Optional unit can be chosen from;

- Sports leadership
- Application of fitness testing
- Sports psychology
- Practical sports performance

Examination Board and Assessment

Anatomy and Physiology:

External exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

Fitness training and programming: Externally set task
2.5 hours under exam conditions to respond to a case study

Professional development: Coursework

Optional Unit: Coursework



Development

Equivalent to three A Levels. You would study this full time.

This course allows students to study a range of different disciplines within sport. Students will explore how the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and respiratory systems function and the fundamentals of the energy systems. Learners explore client screening and lifestyle assessment, fitness training methods and fitness programming. Learners explore the different skills and knowledge required for different career pathways in sport.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in English OR a Level 2 qualification in Sport

Units You Might Study

This course is divided into 14 units; 10 mandatory and 4 optional.

The ten mandatory units are;

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness training and programming for health, sport and well-being
- Professional development in the sports industry
- Sports Leadership
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Research methods in sport
- Development and provision of sport and physical activity
- Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry
- Skill Acquisition in Sport

Examination Board and Assessment

Anatomy and Physiology:
External exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

Fitness training and programming: Externally set task
2.5 hours under exam conditions to respond to a case study

Development and provision of sport and physical activity: Externally assessed task.
2.5 hours written response to case study.

Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry: Externally assessed task.
3 hours written response to information given prior to assessment.
Other units; Coursework based

Subject requirements

| Subject | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Accounting (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Applied Science (BTEC Level 3) | Grade 5 in GCSE Sciences (single) OR 5.5 GCSE Combined Science Grade 4 in Mathematics |
| Art & Design (A Level) | Grade 5 in GCSE Art and Grade 5 in English |
| Animal Care (BTEC Level 3) | GCSE English/Humanities Grade 4 or Level 2 Pass in Animal Management GCSE |
| Biology (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Biology OR 6.6 GCSE Combined Science and Grade 5 in Mathematics |
| Business Studies (A Level) | Grade 5 in Mathematics and Grade 5 in English |
| Chemistry (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry OR 6.6 GCSE Combined Science and Grade 5 in Mathematics |
| Dance (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Dance Grade 5 in GCSE English |
| Drama (RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts) | Grade 5 in GCSE Drama and Grade 5 in English |
| English Literature (A Level) | Grade 6 in either English Language or English Literature. |
| Film Studies (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 6 in GCSE Film Studies or Media Studies |
| French (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE French and Grade 4+ in English Literature would be a benefit |

| Subject | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Geography (A Level) | Grade 5 in a GCSE Humanities and Grade 5 in English and Mathematics |
| Hairdressing (City & Guilds L2) | No specific entry requirements |
| History (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE History or RS and Grade 5 in GCSE English |
| Information Technology (Cambridge Level 3 Technical) A Level Computer Science | Grade 4 in GCSE Computing or Level 2 Merit in Media GCSE Computer Science Grade 8 |
| Mathematics (A Level) | Grade 7+ in GCSE Mathematics |
| Music (A Level) | Grade 5 in Music and the ability to play a musical instrument |
| Media Studies (A Level) | Grade 5 in English, Grade 5 in Media Studies is desirable |
| Photography (A Level) | Grade 5 in GCSE Photography or Art (desirable) and Grade 4 in English |
| Physical Education (A Level) | Grade 5 in Science and Grade 4 in English and must play sport outside of school Grade 5 GCSE PE is desirable |
| Psychology (A Level) | GCSE English Grade 6 and GCSE Mathematics Grade 5 |
| Applied Psychology (BTEC Level 3) | GCSE English/Humanities/BTEC Grade 5 and GCSE Mathematics Grade 3, BTEC Level 2 Merit |
| BTEC Health & Social Care (Level 3) | Grade 4 in GCSE English or a humanities subject or Level 2 Pass in GCSE Health & Social Care |

Subject requirements

| Subject | Requirements |
|---|---|
| Physics (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Physics OR 6.6 GCSE Combined Science and Grade 5 in Mathematics |
| Product Design (A Level) | Grade 6 in Technology and Grade 5 in Mathematics |
| Religious Studies (A Level) | Grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies and Grade 5 in English |
| Sociology (A Level) | Grade 6 in English and Humanities equivalent |
| Spanish (A Level) | Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish and Grade 4+ in English Literature would be a benefit |
| BTEC Sport Level 3 Extended Diploma | Grade 4 in GCSE English OR a Level 2 qualification in Sport |
| BTEC Sport Level 3 Extended Certificate | |



Subject Blocks

Example blocks (from Academic Year 2023/24)

| Block A | Block B | Block C | Block D |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Drama | Music | English Literature | Geography |
| Business | Physics | IT (Cambridge Technical) | Film |
| Animal Care | Sociology | Maths | Psychology |
| History | Applied Science | Religious Studies | Applied Psychology |
| Product Design | Dance | Art | Physical Education |
| Media | Biology | Photography | Chemistry |
| French | Spanish | Health and Social Care | |
| | Accounting | | |

We use a blocking model to timetable all Sixth Form student lessons, the model from the current Academic Year is above.

Following on from the interview process, we will create a blocking model specific to the cohort, which meets as many student needs as possible, this could result in your subject choices not working together, however we will work with you to find the best solution.

Enrichment



Your education in the classroom is only the beginning of what we offer to our Sixth Form students, there are opportunities out there that can only be taken advantage of through enrichment. We want to give you the chance to develop not just academically, but as well rounded students.

Enrichment opportunities available to Sixth Form students are as follows:

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Initial Teacher Training (ITT)
- Sport Leaders
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Peter Jones Tycoon Enterprise Challenge
- Core Maths
- Further Maths
- Young Leaders

Contact us

If you have any questions or just want to chat, you can get a message to our Sixth Form Team via email at sixthformteam@tscacademy.org.uk

The team can put you in touch with subject leaders and help to give you an idea of what you can expect from each subject.

We are always open to visitors having a look around our Academy if they are interested in gaining a place here. As much as a prospectus can give you course information, the atmosphere at The Samworth Church Academy is something that needs to be experienced to really understand why our Sixth Form students are so happy here.

To express your interest in joining our Sixth Form now you can scan this QR code and fill in our online form:



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necessary to alter certain aspects of a module or programme, for example if changes are required to meet external requirements; or if programmes are under-subscribed and thus not feasible to run.

In such circumstances we may have to alter the timetable, change the teaching location of the programme or, in extreme cases, cancel or substantially amend the content of the programme.

We cannot add additional groups

when a subject is full, due to capacity. In this case we will operate the policy of the highest grades until it is full. Should any of these changes become necessary, we will give you as much notice as possible before they come into effect and ensure that any disruption to your studies is minimised.