

# Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY SIXTH FORM

## Choosing Your Sixth Form

The Sixth Form opened in September 2009, making the Academy an 11-18 centre for education. Our principle aim for the Sixth Form is to achieve continual academic success.

Where do you see yourself in a year's time, or even in three years' time? Choosing the right courses and the right place to study next year are probably the most important decisions you will make during the next few months.

Being a pupil at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form means having the very best support to help you turn your hopes into possibilities and to make those possibilities become reality. There will be a very strong sense of community in the Sixth Form where pupils and staff get to know each other very well.

The Sixth Form at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby will become the natural progression for many of our own Year 11 pupils who wish to continue their studies at advanced level in a familiar, caring environment where they feel known, valued and well supported. We also welcome applications from external pupils.

We will have high expectations of you as a Sixth Form pupil at the academy. Pupils will benefit from close pastoral guidance, yet enjoying the independence and flexibility of life as a Sixth Former. We hope to develop your talents further as well as improving your leadership skills, confidence and enterprise ability. We will make offers only to those pupils who meet our high expectations in terms of attitude, academic achievements and involvement in community life. This means that you can be sure of working with others who share your own commitment to make the most of every opportunity and to achieve the very best examination results.



## Choosing Your Subjects

Our aim is to ensure that you choose the right combination of courses that will best prepare you for entry to further or higher education and for the opportunities offered by your future career.

Through personal interviews following application, we will be able to match courses which best meet your preferences, interests, needs and aspirations as an individual. This level of personalised education is a special feature of the academy, found in few sixth form colleges.

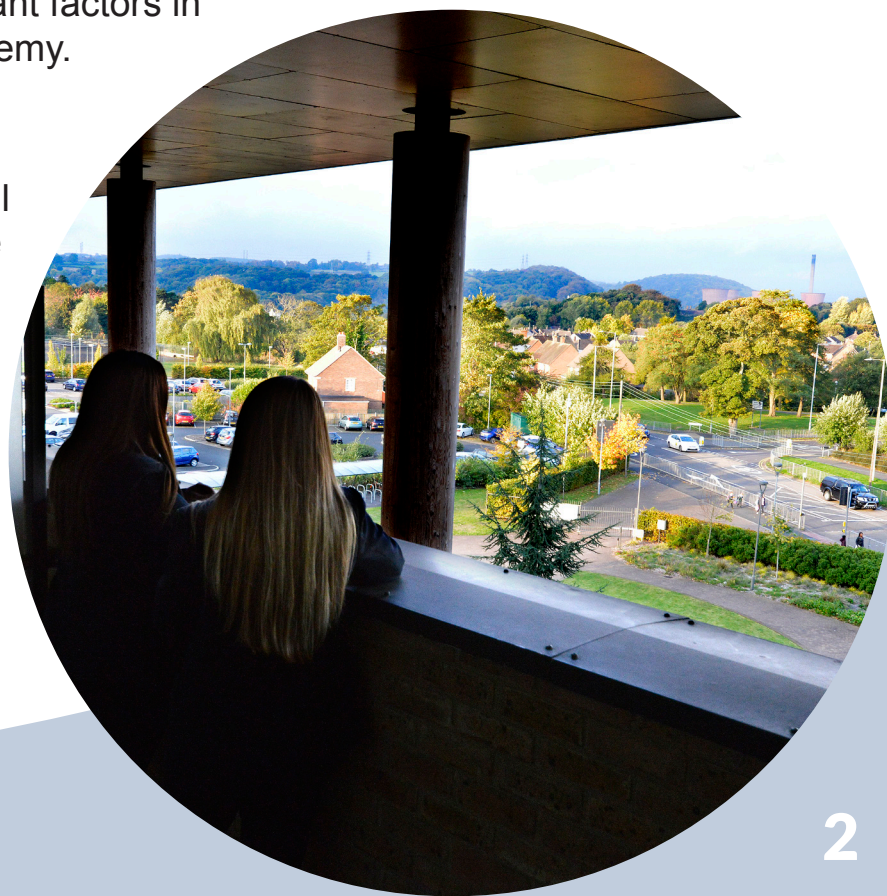
We begin with an interview following your application and further advice will then be available throughout the Spring and Summer Terms and during the week following your GCSE exam results. We offer a range of A Level courses as well as a number of vocational courses.

Careers provision is included in the Sixth Form Mentoring programme and is supplemented by internal and external lectures. Applications to Universities and Colleges will be made in the Autumn term of Year 13. Remember that whatever your choice of career the two important factors in your application will be: examination results and a reference from the academy.

If you have been a Prefect, House Captain, team member, acted in a play, studied a musical instrument, played in a band, sung in the choir, had a holiday job, etc. – all of this will make a more interesting and desirable pupil for higher education or employment. So, make the most of your time in the Sixth Form, both in and out of the classroom!

## Entry Requirements

To study courses at GCE Advanced Level (Level 3) will require at least five separate subject GCSE grades 4 or above (please see course details as each subject has its own entry criteria). BTEC Level 2 grades can be included but only at Merit or Distinction. All pupils must have passed their English and Maths in line with Government criteria. Acceptance to the Sixth Form will be conditional on an interview and results achieved in the summer exams.



## **How to Apply to Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form**

Details of the subjects currently on offer at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby follow. Please note that, while we make every effort to ensure accuracy and to provide the full range of courses on offer, we reserve the right to add, change or cancel courses at any time depending on take up and the availability of resources. An application form can be located on our website ([www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk](http://www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk)) or by contacting the Sixth Form on 01952 386056 or email [ad.sixthform@taw.org.uk](mailto:ad.sixthform@taw.org.uk).

### **Study**

You will find many differences with learning in a Sixth Form. Teaching group sizes will be smaller. You will be expected to take more responsibility for organising your personal study than you did in the past. Relationships with staff will be on a much more mature level. The style of teaching will focus more on discussion and investigations, research and some lectures. This is an important way of preparing yourself for University or further study at a higher level. You will be taking fewer classes and you will be taking a greater part in the assessment of your own progress through both formal and informal methods. You will have personalised study time when you can work independently in the Sixth Form Centre. In addition to set pieces of work there is always reading, research and reviewing to be done. As a general rule it is expected that for every hour of study that you do in class, you will need to do a further hour either in study periods or at home.

### **Working Together**

You will be assigned to a mentor group and House. Your personal mentor, who specialises in working with Sixth Form pupils, will be the first point of contact for any concerns that you, your parents or your teachers might have about the progress of your studies. You will join your mentor group for registration and for group activities in mentor time. You will also meet your mentor on an individual basis for regular review and counselling sessions where together you will review progress and plan your way forward.

Copies of regular progress reviews are sent home so that parents can see how you are doing, what improvements might be needed and what additional support you might need. Progress Evenings held part of the way through each year provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion with mentors and with subject teachers. Guidance and counselling will be a particular strength of Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form. We will make it our business to be available to you and your parents whenever you need our help and to give you high quality personalised support to assist you to achieve your ambitions.

## Dress and Behaviour Code

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form will provide a more adult learning environment with a clear focus on learning and personal study. There will be a formal dress code and all pupils will be expected to present and conduct themselves in a way that shows responsibility and respect for others. Pupils who dress or behave inappropriately may be asked to leave the academy site.

At the academy Sixth Form the staff will encourage pupils to become more responsible, independent and hardworking young adults. However, Sixth Formers will be encouraged to participate in the variety of extracurricular activities that are on offer during the week. With the flexibility that will be on offer in the Sixth Form, we will not only be providing the best in academic education but we are also encouraging each pupil to become self-sufficient and fully equipped to face the challenge of life in the 21st century, whether that be at University apprenticeship or in the world of work.

## Post 18 Choices

We work very closely with all our pupils to ensure they make the right choice about life after Sixth Form. We give pupils the opportunity to visit UCAS exhibitions and University Open Days to help them gain as much information as possible about the opportunities available to them. We also give pupils as much information and support with regards to the UCAS application process as a whole.

The majority of our pupils go on to study at University but some decide to take a gap year first. We do encourage them to make sure that the relevant place has been secured via UCAS first. Our Careers Co-ordinator and Apprenticeship Development Co-ordinator work closely with pupils who wish to continue further vocational training or gain an apprenticeship. Whatever their choice may be - we hope that in attending the academy their dreams and aspirations have been achieved.



# COURSES ON OFFER

## A Level

- 6 Art, Craft & Design
- 7 Biology
- 8 Business
- 9 Chemistry
- 10 Computer Science
- 11 Drama & Theatre
- 12 English Literature
- 13 French
- 14 Geography
- 15 History
- 16 Maths
- 17 Music
- 18 Physics
- 19 Product Design
- 20 Psychology
- 21 Religious Studies
- 22 Sociology

## Vocational

- 23 BTEC Applied Law
- 24 BTEC Applied Science
- 25 BTEC Business
- 26 WJEC Criminology
- 27 BTEC Digital Media
- 28 WJEC Food Science & Nutrition
- 29 BTEC Health & Social Care
- 30 BTEC Psychology
- 31 BTEC Sport
- 32 BTEC Travel & Tourism

## Extended Diploma - BTEC (eq. to 3 A Levels)

- 33 BTEC Health & Social Care

*Please note that, while we make every effort to provide the full range of courses on offer, we reserve the right to add, change or cancel course offers at any time depending on take up and the availability of resources.*

*Further information on these subjects can be found over the following pages*

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

## A Level



The Art, Craft & Design course has been designed to develop students as artists and designers. From an early stage students are encouraged to create work in their own individual style through workshop sessions in class time and critical study assignments at home and during study periods. Students explore a wide range of techniques, some may be new to students - but all are explored to a greater depth at A Level. The range of Artists, Designers and Craftspeople students will study is broad, ranging from traditional to contemporary. Students will explore the work as well as the context it was produced in and also any moral or social issues that may arise. Art is a part of everyday life, the things we see, hear and read have all been designed by somebody, somewhere. This subject enables the student to develop a greater awareness of Art as a visual language in today's modern society.

### Course Content

AQA Art, Craft & Design. Assessed in Year 13, via 2 units;

- Personal Investigation Unit. This is a practical unit with a written element. You will develop work in response to a theme, idea, issue or concept which will then lead to a final piece or pieces. The written element needs to be between 1000 and 3000 words. This work is centred on your studio practice, in response to the Art, Craft & Design of another practitioner.
- Externally set Assignment Unit. You will take a personally selected question to create a body of Art & Design work. After preparation you then produce a final piece in a supervised period of 15 hours.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Art grade 4.

### What skills will I develop

- Develop your enjoyment and skill base through the variety of workshop style sessions
- Be creative with your ideas and the freedom to explore more individual concepts
- Explore and experience the Art world and make informed opinions and judgements about the work you study using the written word
- Gain a better understanding of Art history and the influences of Art on culture and style

### What other subjects should I study

Art compliments most subjects but it really suits the creative student who may benefit from also studying Music, Drama or any Design Technology subject.

### Potential Careers

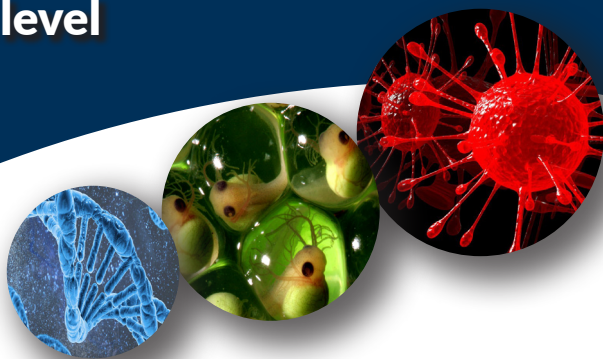
There are many different career paths - Art History, Museum Curatorship, Media, Graphic Design, Fashion Industries, Product Design, Education and Media - are just some of the pathways commonly followed.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# BIOLOGY

## A level



One of the most popular A Level subjects in the country, biology involves the study of a wide range of exciting topics, ranging from molecular biology to the study of ecosystems and from microbes to mammoths. Biology is never far from the headlines.

Biology is a good choice for people who want a career in health and clinical professions, such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy, pharmacy, optometry, nursing, zoology, marine biology or forensic science. Others go on to careers in law, computing, accounting, or teaching. So whatever field you will eventually work in, you will find Biology a very rewarding and challenging course which will develop many of the skills essential for a successful career.

### Course Content

A level Biology is a 2 year linear course with 3 exams at the end of year 13.

Overall there are 6 Modules to study

Module 1 is the practical assessment and requires students to develop 12 key practical skills during the course.

#### In Year 12 students study

Module 2: Foundations in Biology

Module 3: Exchange and Transport

Module 4: Biodiversity, evolution and disease

#### In year 13 students study

Module 5: Communication, homeostasis and energy

Module 6: Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 6, Maths grade 6, Biology grade 6.

### What skills will I develop

Students will be able to recall and show understanding of scientific knowledge, organise and communicate information in a variety of ways.

Students will demonstrate and describe practical techniques and processes. They should be able to record observations and measurements with appropriate precision and analyse, interpret, explain and evaluate the methodology, results and impact of their own and others' experimental and investigative activities.

### What other subjects should I study

Biology is an excellent subject to take with other sciences or alongside Arts or Humanities subjects. Traditionally many students take Biology alongside other Science subjects, but it also complements Geography and Sport.

### Potential Careers

Biology is a fundamental subject for careers in the science and health sectors but there are many other routes you can take.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# BUSINESS

## A Level



The topics of study lend themselves to engaging with the business world. Students are encouraged to follow business developments and think critically about contemporary business issues. Real business case studies are used to develop a greater understanding of situations within the UK, Europe and worldwide. By examining and thinking critically about real business situations, students will gain an insight into different contexts which will help them to understand the key issues in any situation and compare and contrast this with other situations and apply their understanding.

### Course Content

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

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, Business grade 5/Distinction.

### What skills will I develop

Ability to problem solve, be analytic, work independently, used quantitative skills to make recommendations from data provided, communication skills, the ability to predict potential problem's in business decisions, the ability to consider the viewpoints of various stakeholders.

### What other subjects should I study

Links well with a language, Maths and Geography.

### Potential Careers

The list is endless as business spans private, public, not-for-profit sectors, all industries and business sectors you can think of and all levels of work.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



# CHEMISTRY

## A Level



**Chemistry is an academically respected discipline which can ‘open doors’ to a vast array of other subjects which may at first appearance seem unrelated. Chemistry plays an important part in understanding our health, producing our food and medicines, designing new materials for energy storage, making our clothes, monitoring air and water pollution etc. A Level Chemistry is a stimulating course for those that enjoy problem solving, carrying out experiments and working both alone and with others.**

### **Course Content**

OCR Chemistry A Level consists of six modules, the first of which assesses practical skills. These skills are assessed in both written exams and by the classroom teachers in twelve practical activities. The six modules are assessed across three papers at the end of the course.

### **What grades will I need**

You will need English grade 6, Maths grade 6, Chemistry grade 6.

### **What skills will I develop**

OCR’s A Level in Chemistry specification aims to encourage learners to: develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other; develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods; develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem solving skills; develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject; understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

### **What other subjects should I study**

Complementary A Level subjects include Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Geography, English.

### **Potential Careers**

It can lead to many science related careers such as Medicine, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Materials Science, Chemical Engineering, Geology, Teaching, Research, Forensics and Toxicology. Also many others such as Law, Government and Economics. A career in Chemistry can lead to international work or even work on other planets in the future.

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

## A Level

This qualification covers both the inner workings and processes of the hardware and software of computer systems, as well as giving an understanding of the principles of solving problems by computational methods. Computer Science at A Level is relevant to the modern and changing world of computing and is a practical subject where learners can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real world systems.

It is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and helps learners to develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence.

Computer Science is a good choice for people who enjoy a challenge and want to develop their abstract thinking, general problem solving, algorithmic and mathematical reasoning skills.

This academic course is scientific, mathematical and engineering based, and is a good foundation for further study in computing and engineering related areas.

### Course Content

Component 1: Computer Systems - Learners will be introduced to the internal workings of the Central Processing Unit (CPU), the exchange of data and will also look at software development, data types and legal and ethical issues.

Component 2: Algorithms and Programming - Learners will understand what is meant by computational thinking and the benefits of applying computational thinking to solving a wide variety of problems. They will also be able to use algorithms to describe and solve problems.

Component 3: NEA Programming Project - Learners will be able to analyse, design, develop, test, evaluate and document a program written in a suitable programming language.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, Computer Science grade 5.

### What skills will I develop

You'll learn how to specify, design and construct computer-based systems, evaluate and recognise potential risks and design creative solutions.

You'll also gain skills in:

- Teamwork and leadership
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Time management and organisation
- Report writing
- Numeracy
- Coping with the rapid technological changes in computing
- Commercial awareness

### What other subjects should I study

Computer Science is a good subject to study alongside subjects where your developing logical thinking and problem solving skills are enhanced such as Maths, Biology, Chemistry & Physics.

### Potential Careers

Applications Developer  
Cyber Security Analyst  
Data Analyst  
Database Administrator  
Forensic Computer Analyst  
Games Developer  
Information Systems Manager  
IT Consultant

Multimedia Programmer  
Nanotechnologist  
Penetration Tester  
SEO Specialist  
Social Media Manager  
Software Engineer  
Systems Analyst

UX Designer  
Web Designer/Developer

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# DRAMA & THEATRE

## A Level



The new Edexcel GCE Drama and Theatre course combines the activities of exploring plays, creating devised work, performance, analysis of theatre and critical evaluation. Pupils completing the course successfully will hone their analytical and creative skills, be able to communicate effectively and confidently with others and have a thorough understanding of Drama, both past and present. This course is the perfect next step for pupils who have taken GCSE Drama and are keen to further their studies.

### Course Content

Component 1: Devising

Coursework, a portfolio and performance - 40% (internally assessed and externally moderated).

Component 2: Text in Performance

Coursework comprising of 2 performances - 20% (externally assessed).

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice

Written exam - 40%.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Drama/Performing Arts grade 4/merit.

### What skills will I develop

Acting techniques; text analysis; history of theatre including political, social and cultural contexts of plays being studied; devising and play making skills; directing and clear production elements. Also this course will enhance your confidence, communication, presentation and team work skills.

### What other subjects should I study

Pupils often take English Literature and Language, History, a Modern Foreign Language, Media Studies, Politics, Psychology, Sociology or any other of the Performing Arts alongside this course.

### Potential Careers

Drama and Theatre Studies is a widely accepted and welcomed A level course by all Universities. In fact, your qualification in Drama will show that you have developed confidence, an awareness of self and others, strong and clear communication skills as well as a creative approach to life.

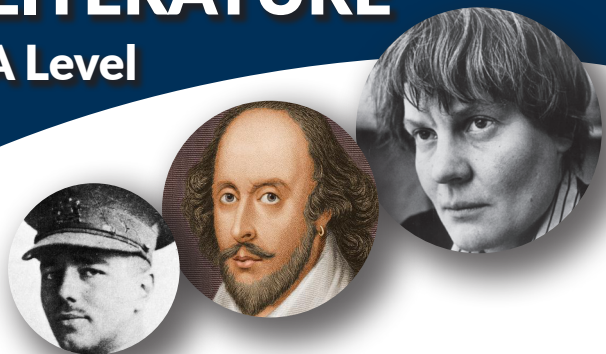
Pupils often go on to study at university and frequently take on 'people centred' employment, working in the Arts and Public Relations as well as the Entertainment Industry, Management, Travel and Tourism and also Social Work, Teaching and Politics.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## A Level



English Literature is one of the most prestigious subjects you can study at A Level or at university. Not only will you read some fabulous books for pleasure but you will examine them closely, looking for key features of form, structure, language and historical context. You will study a wide range of authors from different periods of time including Shakespeare, eminent novelists and poets from the Victorian era to modernist and post-modernist writers of a more contemporary nature.

In addition, English Literature is part of our everyday lives, not just the written form which includes newspapers, books, television and internet pages but it is also about people, relationships and our enriched life experiences.

### Course Content

There are two components to the course: Love Through the Ages and World War 1 and its Aftermath.

The course involves the detailed, in-depth study of 8 texts covering the genres of prose, poetry and drama. For the paper 1 assessment, you will study a range of literature on the topic of 'Love' including one poetry and one drama text, one of which must be written pre-1900 and one Shakespeare play. As you can see the course has a wealth of variety and allows you to consider texts as individual entities and as part of a canon.

For the paper 2 assessment 'World War 1 and its Aftermath' you will study a war novel, a selection of war poetry, a war-based drama and unseen prose extracts.

There is also opportunity to follow your own reading path as you will be required to study two texts independently and write a comparative critical study for your non-examination assessment. The level of study is challenging, yet highly stimulating, and will involve you in reading and studying books in depth. The course will give you the opportunity to share your interest with your classmates in discussions, presentations, group work, and theatre trips in conjunction with the more traditional methods of study.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 6, Maths level 5.

### What skills will I develop

- Read closely and extract relevant information
- Communicate ideas with increasing fluency and clarity
- Construct and analyse an argument
- Express your own ideas and opinions using a clear and cogent style

### What other subjects should I study

English Literature is a Russell Group facilitating subject meaning that it may be compulsory for some UCAS choices. In addition to this, it is very compatible with most other A level subjects.

### Potential Careers

The subject is one of the most highly regarded and most versatile. There are countless career opportunities.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# FRENCH

## A Level



The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to enhance their linguistic skills and promote and develop their capacity for critical thinking and develop control of the language system to convey meaning, using spoken and written skills. Students will be given the opportunity to develop their ability to interact effectively with users of the language in speech and in writing, including through online media. They will engage critically with intellectually stimulating texts, films and other materials in the original language, developing an appreciation of sophisticated and creative uses of the language and understanding them within their cultural and social context while developing knowledge of matters central to the society and culture of the country or countries where the language is spoken.

### Course Content

Focus on the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Themes to include:

- Changes in French society.
- French culture.
- Immigration and multiculturalism.
- The Occupation and Resistance.
- Film and Literature.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 6, Maths grade 6, French grade 6.

### What skills will I develop

Develop transferable skills which can be used across the curriculum and for work in the future. Skills including the ability to communicate confidently and problem solving.

### What other subjects should I study

History, English, Psychology.

### Potential Careers

Broadcast Journalist

Detective

Diplomatic Service Officer

English as a Foreign Language Teacher

International Aid/Development Worker

Logistics and Distribution Manager

Marketing Executive

Patent Examiner

Sales Executive

Tour Manager

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# GEOGRAPHY

## A Level



**This is a great age for geography. Very big questions - climate, poverty, disease, migration, water, energy, biodiversity - all demand geographical analysis, as do specific national issues in the UK, like housing, social deprivation, flooding and regional development. As the population grows, and with pressures on the Earth's systems increasing, geography has never been so important. At A Level, geography is a 'facilitating subject' and one of the choices most likely to secure you a place at a top university. If you want to better understand our world, have a rewarding job that pays well and help shape the future, then look no further.**

### Course Content

Your A Level geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. This is complex and dynamic and varies from place to place depending on people's resources, technology and culture. There is plenty of room for discussion and extended research, which will help you become an independent thinker and learner. By the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with case studies from local, national and international examples.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, Geography grade 5.

### What skills will I develop

Geography is a broad based academic subject, which will open up options for you in your future. Employers and universities see geography as a robust academic subject rich in skills, knowledge and understanding.

### What other subjects should I study

Its combination of physical and social sciences, data skills and real world applications, makes geography a highly relevant subject to study and the perfect companion to any other humanities, arts or science subjects.

### Potential Careers

Cartographer	Logistics and Distribution Manager
Commercial/Residential Surveyor	Market Researcher
Environmental Consultant	Nature Conservation Officer
Geographical Information Systems Officer	Sustainability Consultant
Planning and Development Surveyor	Tourism Officer
Secondary School Teacher	Transport Planner
Town Planner	
International Aid/Development Worker	
Landscape Architect	

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University. Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# HISTORY

## A Level



One of the most popular A Level subjects in the country, History A Level involves the study of 2 contrasting topics - Russia 1855-1964 and English Civil War 1625-1660. The topics both focus upon the key concepts of revolution, monarchy, power, religion, ideology and the growth of democracy. History is a good choice for people who enjoy exploring the past. For many this can help to explain the nature of current affairs and the world we live in. Many students of History want to develop their skills in analysis and independent research. Many people who study history go onto further training. Employers and universities value this traditional demanding enabling subject that helps you to develop the skills essential for a successful career.

### Course Content

Russia 1855 -1964.

English Civil War 1625 -1660.

Non-examined unit (coursework) on a topic of your choice and approved by the awarding body.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, History grade 5.

### What skills will I develop

Students will be able to recall and show an understanding of the past, organise and communicate in written form.

Part of the course involves analysis and evaluation of historical interpretations (the work of key historians). In addition, you will make judgements about the value and usefulness of primary sources. For the NEA (non-examined unit) you will work independently (with guidance and support) and meet long-term deadlines.

### What other subjects should I study

History works well with other humanities subjects that appeal to those who enjoy research, reading and essay writing. Alternatively, some students take contrasting subjects and combine well with History, for example, Science, Maths or MFL.

### Potential Careers

Archivist, Archaeologist, the Heritage Industry, Journalism, Law, Librarian, Teaching Academic Research, Museum Curating. Following a History degree, many students will be well placed to go onto further training for example in management, accountancy and other allied career paths.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# MATHS

## A Level



**Mathematics is full of beauty and elegance. Mathematical patterns can be seen everywhere from the seeds in a sunflower, the spots on a dog to the design of a formula one racing car; it explains the laws of the universe and makes all our technology work.**

**It is a complex, creative, logical and intriguing subject that will develop a student's capacity to reason and problem solve. It will provide a platform onto which much can be built and give students a great start to the world of work or further education. Universities and employers see Maths as a strong A Level to have, and of course, could studying anything else be this much fun?**

### Course Content

The course runs over 2 years with the final assessment in year 13 consisting of 3 papers. 2 papers are pure mathematics which can be any of the content over the 2 years. The third paper is divided between the statistics and mechanics content taught throughout the 2 years. Formal internal assessment is done at the end of year 12. Unit assessments are done throughout the course.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 6, Maths grade 6.

### What skills will I develop

It allows students to develop their skills from GCSE and enhance their understanding of logic and reasoning. A lot of maths is about problem solving, so if you like to rise to the challenge of a previously unseen problem, this could be the course for you.

### What other subjects should I study

A Level Mathematics is generally associated with subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Business Studies, Psychology, ICT, Computer Science, Engineering and Economics but the disciplines taught in Maths also ally themselves to Music, Art, Philosophy and Religious Education. Whatever else you choose in combination with Maths, it is difficult to think of any course/career where an A Level in Maths would not be welcomed.

### Potential Careers

If you go on to study at University an A-Level in Mathematics will open many doors for you, it is accepted on virtually all courses and is seen as highly advantageous by many. If you have any intentions of studying Science, Computer Science, Economics, Business Studies or Psychology it is almost a prerequisite. Employers in all walks of life readily accept A-Level Mathematics as a desirable subject.

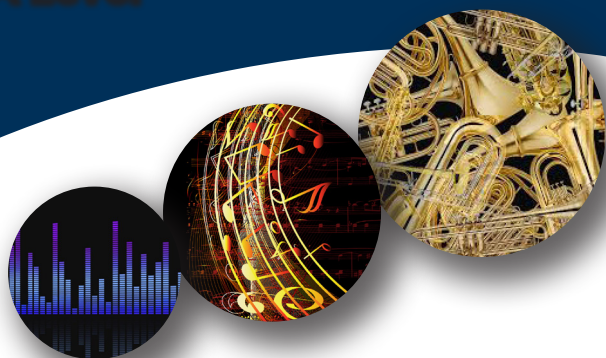
## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*



# MUSIC

## A Level



**If you enjoy performing, listening to and maybe composing music the Advanced Level Music course will be suitable for you. You will be required to perform, compose and analyse a variety of musical styles. Music will be studied as a practical, intellectual and creative subject. It will enable you to develop performing skills to a higher level, compose in a variety of styles and acquire a greater understanding of wider musical genres and appreciate how and why music was written.**

### Course Content

The course has an examination element, the appraising exam (40%) as well as course work performing and composing (60%).

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, Music grade 5 (plus grades/experience as prescribed). You must be able to play or sing to grade 6 standard and have a good knowledge of traditional notation. It is useful (not essential) to have passed grade 5 theory. It is possible to study Music A level without a GCSE qualification as long as you have at least the above level of qualification. These are guidelines only, applications will be treated on an individual basis. External candidates are required to audition. Students are required to participate in the extra-curricular music programme on a weekly basis.

### What skills will I develop

**Performing** - 8 minutes of solo/ensemble performance of at least grade 6 standard. In Y13 the performance is recorded in front of a live audience. You will be given opportunities to perform on a solo basis throughout various points in the course.

**Composing** - One original composition lasting for at least 3 minutes will be completed. It can be in any style as long as you follow the brief set by the examination board. In Y13 you complete the harmonisation of SATB chorale in the style of J.S. Bach.

**Listening and Understanding** - Listening to familiar music, which you will have been studying. Writing about the stylistic features of the set works and creating evaluative & critical judgements. Completing a musical dictation exercise from an unfamiliar piece.

### What other subjects should I study

Music will complement many other Level 3 courses such as BTEC Performing Arts, English, Mathematics, ICT, Art and History.

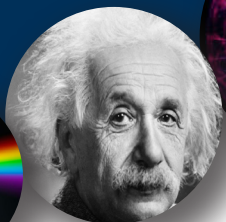
### Potential Careers

Professional Musician	Events Manager	Music Journalism
Sound Engineer/ Broadcasting/Film/Video	Community Arts Worker	Music Retail
Private Music Teacher	Radio Producer	
Secondary Music Teacher	Theatre Stage Manager	
Music Therapist		
Arts Administrator		

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# PHYSICS A Level



**You have to stand out from the crowd to be successful and an A Level in Physics will help to give you that edge.**

**You will already be familiar with many of the topics that you will study, including forces, waves, radioactivity, electricity and magnetism. At A Level, you will study these areas in more detail and find out how they are interconnected. You will also learn how to apply maths to real world problems and explore new areas such as particle physics, cosmology and medical physics. Perhaps more importantly, you will develop skills that can be transferred to just about any other area of work, from setting up a business to saving the planet. Even if you do not go on to become a physicist, learning to think like one will help you get to the root of any problem and draw connections that are not obvious to others. Physics will not give you all of the answers, but it will teach you how to ask the right questions.**

## Course Content

OCR Physics A Level consists of six modules, the first of which assesses practical skills. Skills are assessed in both written exams and by the classroom teachers in practical activities.

These specifications encourage candidates to:

Develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for physics, including developing an interest in further study and careers in physics;

Appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society;

Develop and demonstrate a deeper appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of how science works;

Develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of Physics and how they relate to each other.

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 6, Maths grade 6, Physics grade 6.

## What skills will I develop

In our physics courses, analytical and problem-solving skills are central to all work. Particular skills of wide applicability include training in developing models of phenomena, mathematical analysis of models, ability to think in graphical terms, ability to think in approximate terms when appropriate, ability in statistical analysis, and critical ability, including critical analysis of data and a willingness to question fundamentals.

## What other subjects should I study

Complementary A-level subjects include Mathematics, Chemistry, Geography, and Engineering.

## Potential Careers

Geology, Engineering, Dentistry, Education, Medicine, Law, Business, Science, Research and Development.

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# PRODUCT DESIGN

## A level (Design & Technology)



**This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students practical skills and theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers especially those in the creative industries. Students will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences in design and technology.**

**Product design doesn't have to be just one job. There is potential for employment in many different areas, including design research, art direction or even desktop publishing. It is a job that allows you room for growth and expansion into any number of areas, with any number of companies. You can even be your own boss by freelancing, combining any different number of jobs for any different number of companies.**

### Course Content

The enhanced content of this A-level is modern and relevant, so students can learn about contemporary technologies, materials and processes as well as established practices. The course has been separated into two areas.

- Technical principles - looking at materials and their applications, the classification of materials, and areas such as performance and enhancement.
- Designing and making principles - concentrating on iterative design process, design influences and project management.

### What grades will I need

Minimum of 5 GCSE's 4+ or above including Maths and English language.

### What skills will I develop

Students will develop an understanding of how to design and manufacture products and systems and will consider how they impact on daily life. In year two students will embark on an iterative design project equal to 50% of the A-level where the student will identify a design opportunity or problem from the context of their own choice.

### What other subjects should I study

Computer Science, Digital Media, Business, Art, History.

### Potential Careers

Many students go on to study for degrees in product design, industrial design, design engineering, architecture and engineering disciplines. This course can lead to employment in creative engineering and manufacturing or an apprenticeship in engineering.

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# PSYCHOLOGY

## A Level



As an increasingly popular A Level subject, Psychology offers students the opportunity to study human behaviour, from various and interesting psychological perspectives. This subject is fantastic for students who are interested in why individuals behave in certain social situations, why individuals become attached to different people, or why individuals commit horrific crimes. Psychology is great for students who are looking for a career in psychological research, counselling, social work, education, police force, forensics and much more! Psychology also offers many transferable life skills, including problem solving and critical analysis, which are highly valued within any career!

### Course Content

#### Year 1:

Social influence  
Memory  
Attachment  
Biopsychology  
Approaches in psychology  
Research methods  
Psychopathology

#### Year 2:

Research methods  
Biopsychology  
Approaches in psychology  
Relationships  
Schizophrenia  
Forensic psychology  
Issues & debates

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, Science grade 5.

### What skills will I develop

Students will be able to identify psychological concepts, apply these concepts to the real world, and draw evaluations from them. Students will have the opportunity to practice psychology in a practical manner, such as creating their own questionnaires and interviews to gather data for individual research projects, along with classroom experiments!

### What other subjects should I study

Psychology would be a great subject to take alongside another science subject, more specifically Biology. Other subjects include English and Health and Social Care, although it does compliment many other subjects.

### Potential Careers

Psychology is a great subject for those seeking employment in either science or health care sectors, although there are a wide range of routes available to Psychology students.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## A Level



In the Philosophy component you will look at whether we can prove the existence of God, how we can define Religious Language, how the problem of evil can prove or disprove the existence of God and many other areas. In the Ethics component you will look at the different ethical theories and then will apply these theories to the areas of Euthanasia, Sexual Ethics and Business Ethics. For the Religion component we study Buddhism, within this we delve into the different forms of Buddhism, the origins of the Buddha himself and other areas such as Gender within Buddhism.

### Course Content

#### Philosophy of Religion:

Ancient Philosophical influences. The nature of the soul, mind and body. Arguments about the existence or non existence of God. The nature and impact of religious experience. The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil. Ideas about the nature of God. Issues in Religious Language.

#### Religion and Ethics:

Normative ethical theories. The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance. Ethical language and thought. Debates surrounding the significant ideas of conscience. Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs. Developments in Religious Thought.

Religious Beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world. Sources of religious wisdom and authority. Practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition.

Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought. Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.

#### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 5, Maths grade 5, RE grade 5.

#### What skills will I develop

Develop their interest in a rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world. Develop an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies. Adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion. Reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study. Develop the ability to critically analyse and critique other people's views.

#### What other subjects should I study

Religious Studies is useful to be studied with other humanities subjects and other subjects which involve essay skills would be useful.

#### Potential Careers

Education, Law, Healthcare, Counsellor, Police Officer, Youth Worker, Translators, Aid Workers, Public Relations.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# SOCIOLOGY

## A Level



**Sociology is the study of society - how people interact in groups. A Level Sociology examines social behaviour from a variety of perspectives: how it originates and then develops, and the ways people are organised into groups according to distinctions such as class, gender and race. A level Sociology also looks at the institutions and forces which shape and are shaped by groups within a society, such as the media, religion and education. A Level Sociology focuses on contemporary society, providing an awareness of the importance of social structure and actions in explaining social forces and issues. Some questions A Level Sociology covers include:**

- Why do boys underachieve in the education system?**
- Why are black people five time more likely to be stopped and searched?**
- Why are women more religious when religion oppresses them?**

### Course Content

A level Sociology is a linear qualification, which means exams take place at the end of two years. It is assessed through examinations in which consist mostly of essay-based questions, plus several structured questions. Three papers each count for a third of the final mark:

Paper 1: a two-hour exam on Education in Society, with associated sociological theory and methods

Paper 2: a two-hour exam on two option topics

Paper 3: a two-hour exam on Crime and Deviance, with associated sociological theory

### What grades will I need

You will need GCSE Maths and English at grade 5 and above.

### What skills will I develop

Through studying A level Sociology you will learn to think critically and independently about society and the diversity which its citizens experience. You will also develop an informed understanding of our rapidly changing world, as well as your place within it. Sociology is an essay-based subject, so it involves a lot of reading and writing, strengthening your ability to develop an argument both in class and on paper. The subject requires you to debate issues for which there are several different but well-accepted explanations, and to become critical of different viewpoints. By analysing the strengths and limitations of all perspectives studied, you learn not to take things for granted, or to accept assertions at face value.

### What other subjects should I study

Sociology compliments many other subjects including English, History & Business Studies.

### Potential Careers

Sociology provides an excellent starting point for any social science degree from Economics, Psychology, and Politics to Criminology and Philosophy.

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# APPLIED LAW BTEC



The BTEC Applied Law course is an enjoyable but challenging way of learning about how our English Legal System works. You will take a practical approach to learning about how laws are made and the structure of the court system. In the first year, you will learn the basics of criminal liability and the tort of negligence and will apply this knowledge to situations involving fictitious clients. In the second year you will build on this knowledge and study criminal law and the law of tort in more depth, including the law on homicide and police procedure. You will develop key skills in legal research and communication, whilst also developing the independent learning skills needed for university study and future employment. This course will give you the equivalent of one A level over two years of study and is 40% course work based.

## Course Content

The course includes mandatory units:

- Dispute Solving in Civil Law
- Investigating aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System
- Applying the Law

These give learners an introduction to the court structure - both civil and criminal, the ways in which Law is made and elements of substantive civil and criminal law in the form of negligence and non-fatal offences to the person.

There are also optional units:

- Aspects of Family Law
- Consumer Law
- Contract Law
- Aspects of the Law of Tort

## What grades will I need

Minimum of 5 or above in English, Maths and Science.

## What skills will I develop

Studying Law BTEC gives students many transferable skills such as problem solving, critical analysis and negotiation skills, that will enable them to progress to university, apprenticeships and the world of work. Students could continue studying Law or a related course at university such as Criminology, International Relations, Public Services Management and Business.

## What other subjects should I study

Criminology, Sociology and Psychology.

## Potential Careers

Students with BTEC Applied Law have a number of options available. This qualification can be considered together with other BTECs/A-Levels to enable students to progress to university. Many students also consider apprenticeships and employment in law-related positions.

# APPLIED SCIENCE BTEC



The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Applied Science is intended to be a qualification for students wanting to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education, and ultimately to employment, possibly in the applied science sector. The qualification is 1.5 A level equivalent and makes up a third of a typical study programme, normally alongside other A Level or vocational qualifications at level 3. The applied science sector is diverse and wide-ranging, including, for example, biomedical, forensic, physical and chemical sciences. There are approx. 5.8 million people employed in applied science occupations in the UK. This equates to approximately 20% of the workforce. The applied science sector has a crucial role to play in delivering economic growth in the UK and allowing companies to compete in a rapidly enlarging global market.

## Course Content

BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma

There are four mandatory units:

- Principles and Application of Science
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Science Investigation Skills
- Laboratory Techniques and their Application

With an additional two units such as:

- Physiology of Human Body Systems
- Diseases and Infections
- Applications of Inorganic Chemistry
- Electrical Circuits and their application

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Science grade 4.

## What skills will I develop

The qualification is highly regarded by employers and HE. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by HE providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses, if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two year programme of learning, including but not exclusively, those that are science related. This includes strong endorsements from Russell Group Institutions.

## What other subjects should I study

Applied Science compliments many other subjects including Health & Social Care and BTEC Sport.

## Potential Careers

This qualification is primarily designed to support progression to employment, after further study at University.

Possible courses include: Nursing, Biological Sciences, Social Work, Environmental Sciences, Teaching, Forensic Science.



# BUSINESS BTEC



The first unit Exploring Business will allow learners to study the purposes of different businesses, their structure, the effect of the external environment, and how they need to be dynamic and innovative to survive. The second unit Developing a Marketing Campaign is externally assessed. Marketing is a dynamic field central to the success of any business. You will explore different stages of the process that a business goes through when developing its campaign and develop your own for a given product or service. The third unit “Finance” will give you insight into both aspects of personal and business finance helping you to understand the importance of key things such as planning as well as key business financial processes to maintain financial health such as business accounting. The final unit is Recruitment and Selection. In 2017 there were 1.3 million businesses which employed other people. Knowing how to recruit and select effectively and ethically will be covered.

## Course Content

### Year 1

Unit 1: Exploring Business

Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign

Unit 3: Finance

### Year 2

Unit 3: Finance (continued)

Unit 8: Recruitment and Selection

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Business grade 4/Merit.

### What skills will I develop

In the BTEC National units there are opportunities to develop employability skills. These include cognitive and problem-solving skills, such as critical thinking and interpersonal skills, such as communication and self-management.

### What other subjects should I study

BTEC Creative Digital Media, BTEC Sport, BTEC Health & Social Care

### Potential Careers

The list is endless as business spans private, public, not-for-profit sectors, all industries and business sectors you can think of and all levels of work.

# CRIMINOLOGY

## Diploma



**Criminology is the scientific study of the nature, extent, management, causes, control, consequences, and prevention of criminal behaviour, both on individual and social levels. Criminology is an interdisciplinary field in both the behavioural and social sciences, which draws primarily upon the research of sociologists, psychologists, philosophers, psychiatrists, biologists, social anthropologists, as well as scholars of law. This applied general qualification is a WJEC Level 3 Diploma (equivalent to one full A Level). You will be assessed through written exams and controlled assessment.**

### Course Content

**In year 1**, you will study the psychological and sociological theories of crime as well as how crime is perceived in society and the impact of the media and crime statistics. **In year 2**, you will investigate the different techniques used in a criminal investigation such as forensics, policing and the judiciary process. You will also consider the effectiveness of different strategies used to reduce criminality from custodial sentences and the impact of community orders.

### What grades will I need

You will need GCSE Maths, English and Science at grade 4 and above.

### What skills will I develop

You will gain an insight to how the mind of a criminal works and look at different explanations into crime. This requires the ability to think analytically and use evidence and statistics to make informed decisions. Another area will be looking at punishment for criminals such as whether prisons should still be used.

- Verbal Reasoning (debating)
- Empathy
- Report Writing
- Meta Cognition
- Data Analysis
- Social Trends

### What other subjects should I study

Health and Social Care, Sociology and Psychology or Biology/Computer Science are suitable accompanying subjects which complement the course.

### Potential Careers

After completing the WJEC Applied Certificate/Diploma in Criminology, learners may consider studying for various undergraduate degree programmes. Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals service or the National Offender Management services.

# DIGITAL MEDIA BTEC



This qualification provides an introduction to the study of creative media production. Digital Media is for students who are interested in how a wide range of media products and in particular films, are designed, produced and created. Digital Media is a good choice for people who want a career in TV & Film, Game development, Digital and Print based Journalism as well as Business, Marketing, Advertising and other Web based areas. This vocational course will ensure you have hands on experience of creating products in line with industry standard production processes and procedures, ideal for the next step in studying Media at university.

## Course Content

Unit 1: Media Representations - Understand how different media representations are constructed by media producers to create meaning.

Unit 4: Pre-Production Portfolio - Understand how media products are planned and delivered by carrying out essential pre-production tasks.

Unit 6: Media Campaigns - Explore existing media campaigns to identify their purpose and features, and develop skills to produce a cross-platform media campaign.

Unit 8: Responding to a Commission - Undertake the commissioning process and respond to a client by generating ideas using a range of skills.

Unit 10: Film Production (Fiction) - Produce a short narrative film or film extract that uses generic conventions.

Unit 14: Magazine Production - Explore codes and conventions of different magazine genres and platforms and create a magazine front cover and DPS for a specific genre.

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4.

## What skills will I develop

The mix of theory and practical elements in Digital Media helps you to develop skills in the following areas:

Communication, critical analysis & research, commercial and cultural awareness of the media and creative industries, teamwork, creativity. The ability to work to a brief and meet deadlines.

## What other subjects should I study

Digital Media is an excellent subject to study alongside more critical and analytical subjects like Business or Humanities subjects such as History, Geography & RE.

## Potential Careers

Advertising Media Buyer	Public Relations Officer
Broadcast Journalist	Social Media Manager
Cinematographer	Video Editor
Computer Games Tester	Web Content Manager
Film & Television Production	Web Editor
Magazine Journalist	
Newspaper Journalist	
Programme Researcher	
Broadcasting / Film	

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

# FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION Diploma



**An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles with many employment and further education opportunities available to course graduates.**

**The range of units available supports learners progression from level 2, but in particular GCSE's in Hospitality and Catering, Home Economics, Food and Nutrition, Biology, Physical Education, Humanities and Design and Technology. Together with other relevant qualifications such as A level Biology, Chemistry, Maths and other Level 3 equivalent courses, learners will gain the required knowledge to access higher educational courses.**

## Course Content

WJEC Educas Level 3 Applied Diploma. There are two mandatory units:

- Meeting the Nutritional Needs of Specific groups (90 min. written exam & 3hr. practical assessment)
- Ensuring Food is Safe to Eat (8hr. controlled assessment)

With an additional research project from:

- Experimenting to Solve Food Production
- Current Issues in Food Science and Nutrition

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Food grade 4/Merit.

## What skills will I develop

Food Science and Nutrition is an exciting subject that is suitable for any student who is interested in developing their knowledge in:

- The Science of Food and Food Safety
- Nutritional Needs of Specific Groups
- Food Preparation, Cooking and Presentation
- Current Food Initiatives and Healthy Eating Guidelines

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles such as manufacturing, product design, food stylist, food journalism, health promotion, dietician/nutritionist, sports coaching, etc. There will be a large amount of practical work so this should be an area that you particularly enjoy and you will be expected to cover weekly practical ingredients costs.

## What other subjects should I study

Level 3 courses such as A levels in Biology, Chemistry, Business, Health & Social Care and other vocational subjects.

## Potential Careers

This course gives you the opportunity to progress onto degree courses such as: Food and Nutrition, Human Nutrition, Public Health Nutrition, Food Science and Technology, Product Development, Food Marketing, etc. The food business is one of the most successful industries in the UK.

Demand is approximately four times higher than the number of graduates leaving university, therefore, career prospects are excellent.

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BTEC



Careers in healthcare are about helping people who are having problems with their physical health. Careers in social care are concerned with helping vulnerable people in the community and providing them with support so that they can benefit from a much more improved way of life. As a subject discipline, Health and Social Care combines elements of sociology, biology, nutrition, law and ethics. Health and Social Care is a vast service sector undergoing rapid change, with new initiatives giving it a higher profile than ever.

## Course Content

The course involves gaining theoretical background knowledge and the opportunity to apply it to real life situations. As a vocational subject the focus is very much on going into the world of work. HSC is all about dealing with individuals. It is broken down into the following areas:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development. Mandatory Exam (Jan and June sittings).

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care. Mandatory Exam (Jan and June sittings).

Unit 5: Meeting Individual and Support Needs. Mandatory Coursework.

Plus optional units dependent on other option choices such as: psychological or sociological perspectives or safe practises.

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Science grade 4.

## What skills will I develop

It develops theoretical knowledge, combined understanding and skills of learners supported by practical elements to embed a holistic approach to meeting the needs of the Health & Social Care sectors. It provides opportunities for learners to develop key skills, such as verbal and non-verbal communication, collaborative working with others and personal qualities and attributes essential for successful performance in working life and all that underpin successful transition to the academic requirements of studying in further education. The department has worked with the Universities of Chester and Wolverhampton in the past to help deliver fundamental course elements.

## What other subjects should I study

Psychology, Biology, Sport.

## Potential Careers

Nursing specialisms such as Paediatrics or Midwifery. Social services or public sector (Care Worker, Paramedic or Youth Offending). Social Work, Policing, CAMHS, Teaching and so many more. Currently there are 16 million people employed in the HSC sector-the UK's biggest employment area.

# APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY BTEC



**Psychology is the study of the relationship between behaviour, performance and mental processes. Applied psychology is the application of this knowledge in order to understand events, treat mental health issues, improve sporting performance, and understand how children develop and how to treat criminals. There is a wide range of possible employment opportunities following further study at degree level. This qualification is intended to be an Applied General qualification for post-16 students wanting to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the applied psychology sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to 1 A level and it has been designed as one third of a typical study programme, normally alongside A levels or other vocational subjects.**

**No prior study of the sector is needed.**

## Course Content

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for further study or training.

Everyone taking this qualification will study three mandatory units, covering the following content areas:

- Applications of psychological approaches
- Conducting psychological research
- Health psychology

The mandatory content allows you to concentrate on the development of your knowledge and understanding of psychology, as well as the application of skills that are important in psychology, over an extended period.

You will also study the Criminal and Forensic Psychology unit, which has been designed to support progression to more specialist applied psychology courses in higher education and to link with relevant occupational areas.

## What Grades will I Need

You will need GCSE Maths, English and Science at grade 4 and above.

## What Skills will I Develop

In addition to the applied psychology sector-specific content outlined above, the requirements of the qualification mean that you will develop the transferable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by higher education and employers – for example, communication skills, team working and an opportunity to concentrate over an extended period on your research and investigative techniques – a key skill needed for you to progress successfully into higher education, employment or self-employment.

## Potential Careers

Psychology is a great subject for those seeking employment in either science or health care sectors, although there are a wide range of routes available to psychology students.

# SPORT BTEC



**Sport BTEC gives a fantastic insight into the world of sports performance. Develop knowledge of the mechanics and psychology of physical activity and sport. Discover how our body systems support and impact performance. Learn the reasons why some people out perform others mentally and physically and the influence that modern technology has in relation to physical activity and sport. Analyse the top sporting leaders and gain an understanding of how they get the best out of their athletes to maximise results.**

## Course Content

The BTEC course consists of compulsory and optional units. The number of units depends on the level you are studying. Core Units include - Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Professional Development in the Sports Industry. In addition to these three units students complete the Leadership unit for the extended certificate. Further units are required depending on the qualification. Students are able to select additional units depending on their interest and background in sport.

## What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Sport/PE grade 4/Merit.

## What skills will I develop

With regular practical sessions students will learn to work effectively as a team. As well as the usual skills learnt through sport, students will learn to research and develop critical evaluation skills. Referencing which is a valuable skill needed for university will also be taught.

## What other subjects should I study

This really depends on the individual, however Biology and Psychology are always popular with students choosing Sport.

## Potential Careers

Sport can open up a range of career opportunities. The transferable skills you learn, such as decision making and independent thinking are useful in any career path you choose to take...

Athlete	Sports Science
Sport and Tourism	Sports Management
Sports Development	Healthcare
Sports Coaching	Exercise & Health
Physiotherapy	
Personal Training	
Teacher	

## Sixth Form Subjects

*UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)*

# TRAVEL & TOURISM

## BTEC



The travel and tourism industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the UK. The value of tourism to the UK economy is approximately £209 billion, and the sector employs around 4 million people.

Designed for post-16 learners with an interest in travel and tourism who want to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education. This qualification gives a broad introduction to the travel and tourism industry, with an emphasis on core knowledge and fundamental skills.

The travel and tourism industry is extremely diverse and comprises thousands of professional roles across countless settings. From the tour operators who put together holiday packages to the travel agents selling them to customers to the reps and excursion services overseas, it takes a dynamic team of service providers to drive the travel and tourism industry.

### Course Content

The qualification includes three mandatory units covering the following content areas.

- The travel and tourism industry - the travel and tourism industry in the UK is growing and is of major importance to the economy. Learners will develop the skills needed to examine, interpret and analyse a variety of statistics that measure the importance of tourism to the UK.
- Different types of destinations and their importance - learners will investigate the features and appeal of global destinations.
- Principles of marketing in travel and tourism - learners will explore how to develop a successful marketing plan for use by travel and tourism organisations to attract and engage with customers using research data.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Geography grade 4.

### What skills will I develop

In the BTEC National units there are opportunities to develop employability skills. These include cognitive and problem-solving skills, such as critical thinking and interpersonal skills, such as communication and self-management.

### What other subjects should I study

BTEC Business, BTEC Sport, BTEC Health & Social Care.

### Potential Careers

This qualification links into a broad spectrum of careers ranging from hospitality, travel, customer services and other forms of business.



# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## Diploma



The Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is intended as an applied general qualification. It is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the health and social care sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A Levels.

The qualification develops a deep common core of knowledge, understanding and skills in the sector through mandatory content. It allows learners to focus on a particular aspect of the sector through a selection of optional units, including a route that focuses specifically on health studies.

### Course Content

you will study eight mandatory units:

- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care

In addition you are required to undertake a minimum of 100 hours' of work experience as part of the course.

### What grades will I need

You will need English grade 4, Maths grade 4, Science grade 4.

### What skills will I develop

This qualification has been designed to be the only qualification in a two-year, full-time study programme. This is an Extended Diploma pathway specifically for those learners who wish to progress to a health-related degree.

### What other subjects should I study

Those students who are studying the HSC Diploma will often not study other subjects due to the demands of the qualification and it being the equivalent to 2 or 3 A-Levels depending on whether the extended diploma is undertaken. However, some students have often combined Psychology, Applied Science (Biology), Sport or Business in the past as these subjects work well together and develop similar skills effectively.

### Potential Careers

Health Administration  
Care Management  
Further Education Teaching  
Community Development  
Charity Officer  
Social Work  
Nursing  
Health Therapies  
Youth Work

## Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.  
Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)