



THE SANDON SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



AIMING HIGHER
TOGETHER

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Planning your future after your GCSEs is a really exciting moment in a young person's life. Sixth form is a time of great change with many new and exciting opportunities on the horizon. It is a time when you get to shape your entire educational experience by choosing only those subjects you really want to study. Whether it is because you already know what career path you want to take or if you just want to give yourself the widest range of options for the future, this prospectus will furnish you with much of the information you need to make the right decisions for you.

The Sandon Sixth Form has a track record of success with students leaving us at the end of Year 13 to go to some of the most prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, alongside universities and colleges up and down the country as well as abroad. We also have students leaving to start apprenticeships and to move directly into the world of work. Such success is always as a result of hard work and our dedicated staff will be there with you every step of the way so that we are all aiming higher together. Your time in sixth form will also give you the opportunity to get involved in school life through mentoring programmes to support younger students, leadership opportunities such as the Head Student team and involvement in other areas such as music, environmental campaigns, leading support groups, sports and performing arts. The old saying 'you get out what you put in' very much applies to sixth form and so I would encourage you to get involved.

I wish you every success in your GCSE year and really look forward to welcoming you to The Sandon Sixth Form in September 2026.

Mr Andrew Weaver - Headteacher



MR A WEAVER - HEADTEACHER

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Choosing where to study is an important and exciting decision as it prepares you for your educational pathway and for your future career and adult life. At The Sandon Sixth Form, we are justifiably proud of providing an opportunity where you can thrive, both academically and personally, in a friendly, supportive and purposeful environment. Our vision for the sixth form is to challenge and prepare our students to enter the world by developing independence and leadership skills, allowing them to make a real difference to their lives and the lives of others.

Students who are successful in securing a place in our sixth form will enjoy positive relationships with committed teachers and a supportive pastoral team. Our wide range of opportunities offers the time and support for you to become involved with issues that are important to young people today. Our strong student voice has enabled us to develop these opportunities such as: working in teams to promote charity and fundraising across the school; considering our environmental impact; the academic and pastoral mentoring of younger students; diversity and equality issues as well as other areas that students have raised.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM



MR TOM ASHLEY HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Life in the sixth form is very different from Year 11. Outside of lesson times, you are encouraged to pursue areas of interest that will develop you as a young person – this may mean helping out in curriculum areas around the school; being part of the industrious Head Student Team or learning a new skill like sign language or first aid. We take advantage of opportunities that come our way and pass them through to you as electives or as the chance to work virtually with universities, employers or other schools.

If you are prepared to meet the academic challenges whilst utilising the greater timetable freedoms you have by taking advantage of the opportunities we offer, then we look forward to welcoming you in 2026 where we will all be Aiming Higher Together.



WHY SANDON?



Our sixth form is a vibrant, focussed area of the school, where students are offered the independence to pursue the areas that interest them. You will be offered the chance to fulfil your potential whilst achieving academically. You will be able to choose from a wide range of academic courses which you will see on the following pages. There really is something for everyone. Choices are constantly extended as we listen to our student requests and endeavour to meet their needs. You may decide to engage with the Head Student Team, the EPQ or any of the options on the LME (Leadership, Mentorship, Enrichment) programme. The choice is yours. We offer a unique combination of strengths including:

DEDICATED STUDY AREAS

We offer four different sixth form only study areas. The Common Room, as well as being used to socialise at break and lunch times, also offers group work tables for those who like to work in a busier environment. We offer a Group Study area which is hosted with a variety of computers and desks, where we welcome students who need to work on group projects or presentations. We also offer our Silent Study area, which is designed for those who need concentrated, independent work, free from distractions. Finally our fourth area is the sixth form garden which has a number of benches for students to study at, as well as, outdoor table tennis tables for students to relax and socialise.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We take your progress seriously and rigorously track student achievement. The two dedicated Heads of Year will work with you and your class teachers to put support packages in place if needed. You can request learning conversations at any time. Where necessary, these can be held with your parents / carers too.

LEADERSHIP, MENTORING AND ENRICHMENT

Our Leadership, Mentorship and Enrichment programme (LME) is a dedicated programme designed alongside students to enrich your personal time in school. Whilst we offer timetabled slots and sessions, we are always responsive to how you might want to use this time in a meaningful way. Using Unifrog



to keep track of all your successes enables you to keep all information in one place in readiness for those all-important personal statements and application forms.

LEARNING SUPPORT

At The Sandon Sixth Form, we aim to reduce all barriers to learning as far as possible. The Learning Support Team is made up of a highly skilled team of staff who assist your teachers, the Sixth Form Team and yourselves to guide you towards your best possible examination outcomes. We have a dedicated member of the LS Team working alongside us in the Sixth Form.

THE SANDON SWITCH

At The Sandon School, we appreciate that making your Level 3 subject choices part way through Year 11 can be a daunting experience. To help you feel confident about your choices, during the first four weeks of term, you can arrange to drop into other subject lessons to try them out.

TUTORIAL TIME

Every morning, students will attend tutorial time to complete a range of tasks and activities. This will range from PSHE topics that help to widen knowledge and understanding to assemblies and visiting speakers. This is also a time when tutors will mentor and provide support.



BURSARY SCHEME

Some eligible students entering sixth form may apply for access to financial support to aid their studies. Strict criteria are applied for access to this bursary and information will be available via your Head of Year who will be able to support you in your application to access the funds. Application forms will also be available in all three of the study rooms.

CURRICULUM STUDY PERIODS (CSPS)

These sessions are built into students' timetables to provide a structured approach to working independently on subject-specific tasks beyond the classroom. Subject teachers will set tasks via Satchel

One, which students are expected to access and complete. These tasks may include preparation for upcoming lessons, exam practice, coursework, or additional research to deepen subject knowledge.

LEADERSHIP, MENTORING & ENRICHMENT (LMES)

These sessions are timetabled to give students meaningful opportunities to enrich their experiences and strengthen future applications, including CVs, personal statements, and apprenticeship submissions. Activities may include supporting younger students in lessons, leading extracurricular clubs, and engaging in community-based initiatives.

INDEPENDENT STUDY PERIODS (ISPS)

These sessions are included in students' timetables as part of their designated 'free time'. Students may choose to use this time for independent study, research, or preparation for upcoming assessments. Alternatively, they may use it to relax and socialise with peers. From January in Year 12, students with an ISP during P4 and P5 or just P5 on any given day will be authorised to sign out and leave the site early as part of our 'home study agreement'.



APPLICATION PROCESS

ADMISSION TO SIXTH FORM

As with all sixth forms and colleges, we have a few criteria we have to follow when deciding programmes of study for those entering The Sixth Form:

1. You meet the subject specific criteria (found towards the back of this prospectus)
2. You achieve a minimum of 40 points from your best eight GCSEs
3. You achieve a grade 4 or above in Mathematics and English

Applications for internal students are completed via their Applicaa account. External students are to access and Applicaa via the link on The Sandon School website.

We understand there might be extenuating circumstances, and we may consider applications and interview students who don't quite meet the criteria. We will do our very best to accommodate all combinations of subjects, although this cannot be guaranteed.

If due to exceptional circumstances you start in the sixth form without a grade 4 or above in English and/or Mathematics, you will be expected to re-sit the exams to achieve at least a grade 4.



23 OCTOBER 2025 - SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

24 OCTOBER 2025 - APPLICATIONS OPEN

27 NOVEMBER 2025 - TASTER DAY (YEAR 11)

19 DECEMBER 2025 - APPLICATIONS CLOSE

JANUARY 2026 - REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2026 - CONDITIONAL OFFERS MADE

AUGUST 2026 - RESULTS AND CONFIRMATION

02 SEPTEMBER 2026 - ENROLMENT DAY, START OF TERM

SANDON PATHWAYS

PATHWAY ONE

3 x Level 3 qualifications

This will be the pathway followed by the majority of our students. Students are encouraged to research any future pathways to ensure the combination of subjects will support their future plans and aspirations.

PATHWAY TWO

If selecting the BTEC National Diploma in Business Studies, which is the equivalent of 2 A Levels, you will only need to select 1 other A Level to complete your studies.

PATHWAY THREE

4 x Level 3 qualifications

This may be considered for a small number of students who have achieved a grade profile of 7s and above.

An interview with Mr Ashley will follow this application to ensure this pathway best suits their needs.

CAREERS & UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE



Starting to look at post-18 pathways is an exciting task, but knowing where to begin can be quite difficult. Throughout Years 12 and 13 you will receive dedicated support from your personal tutor and from our careers advisor. A full programme of advice on your options post-18, undergraduate and apprenticeship lifestyles, the financial implications and living away from home, is covered. In Year 13 you will be supported further to develop a CV and to complete your personal statement or application forms for your preferred route. Visits to and from local universities will also be available to help with your decision making.

The majority of our students progress to universities, with most gaining their first choice place. Others secure higher level apprenticeships or move on successfully into the world of work.



CAREERS ADVICE

The Sandon Sixth Form benefits from expert careers advice and all students are entitled to a careers appointment to discuss their future pathways. A variety of careers events are available throughout your two years, including our Futures Careers programme and elective sessions with industry professionals.

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

A University pathway is a good option if you want to progress further in your academic studies. You can challenge your academic knowledge and learn new skills. The Sandon Sixth Form will support you through the UCAS application process, including advising you on University choices and courses.

www.ucas.com

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

An apprenticeship pathway is a good option if you are clear on the career path you want to pursue. You can gain practical and firsthand experience in the relevant industry. Apprenticeships are available for you up to degree level.

The Sandon Sixth Form will support you through the application and interview process.

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS



Art and Design: Fine Art	5 in Art. You must have studied Art at KS4.
Art and Design: Photography	No previous experience is required.
Biology	6-5 in Trilogy OR 6 in Biology & 5 in one other Science & a 5 in Maths.
Business Studies (single & double award)	4 in English & 4 in Maths (single) 5 in English & 5 in Maths (double)
Chemistry	6-5 in Trilogy OR 6 in Chemistry & 5 in one other Science & a 5 in Maths.
Computer Science	5 in Computer Science & a 5 in Maths. Must study Computer Science at KS4.
Criminology	4 in English.
Design & Technology: Product Design (3D)	No previous experience is required.
Drama & Theatre	No previous experience is required.
Economics	5 in English & a 5 in Maths.
English Literature	5 in English Language.
French	6 in French. You must have studied French at KS4.
Geography	4 in Geography & a 4 in English. You must have studied Geography at KS4.
History	4 in History & a 4 in English. You must have studied History at KS4.
Information Technology	No previous experience is required.
Law	5 in English.
Mathematics	7 in Mathematics.
Mathematics (Further)	7 in Mathematics & you must be studying A Level Mathematics.
Media	4 in English.
Music Performance	4 in Music OR perform to a grade 4 standard with selected instrument/vocals.
Philosophy	5 in English.
Physical Education	5 in a Science. Must be playing/competing/performing in an activity to enrol.
Physics	6-5 in Trilogy OR 6 in Physics & 5 in one other Science and a 5 in Maths.
Politics	5 in English.
Psychology	5 in English & a 5 in Maths.
Sociology	5 in English.
Spanish	6 in Spanish. You must have studied Spanish at KS4.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The EPQ is a fantastic opportunity for our sixth form students to stretch themselves beyond their A-level subjects and develop valuable skills for the future. Students choose an area of personal interest and carry out independent research, leading to either a dissertation, an investigation, or a creative project. This process encourages initiative, critical thinking, and effective time management, all of which are highly regarded by universities and employers.

Many students use the EPQ to explore topics linked to their intended degree or career path, which not only strengthens their applications but also gives them confidence when discussing their interests in interviews. Importantly, a number of universities now make reduced offers to applicants who achieve well in their EPQ, recognising the level of commitment and ability it demonstrates.

At our sixth form, EPQ sessions begin in the summer term of Year 12, providing students with dedicated support and guidance from experienced staff. This early start allows them to develop and refine their projects over time, ensuring that by Year 13 they can produce a piece of work they are truly proud of.



Subjects you will learn about include:

- Contextual research and analysis
- Traditional and contemporary sources
- Media experimentation
- Photographic editing
- Recording from observation
- Technical development and refinement
- Presentation of resources

critical, practical & theoretical study in
Art & Design

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYTICAL
SKILLS

COMMUNICATION

VISUAL &
CONTEXTUAL
AWARENESS



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Art and Design: Photography A Level is assessed in 2 ways: 40% exams, 60% controlled assessment. Subjects you will learn about include:

- Contextual research and analysis
- Photographic practice
- Traditional and contemporary sources
- Media experimentation
- Photographic editing
- Recording from observation
- Technical development and refinement
- Presentation of resources

“critical, practical & theoretical study in
Photography”

LOGICAL &
ABSTRACT THINKING

PROBLEM
SOLVING

MATHEMATICS

COMMUNICATION



- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Exchange surfaces
- Genetic information and variation
- Energy transfers in organisms
- Responses to changes in internal and external environment
- Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- Gene expression

the study of life & living organisms, their life cycles, adaptations & environment

BUSINESS BTEC (PEARSON)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

COGNITIVE &
PROBLEM SOLVING
SKILLS

INTERPERSONAL
SKILLS

INTRAPERSONAL
SKILLS

REFLECTIVE



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Business BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate is assessed in 2 ways: 2 exams and 2 coursework units. Subjects you will learn about include:

- The business environment
- Organisational structures, aims and objectives
- Innovation and enterprise
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Role of and influences on marketing
- Managing and exploring personal finance
- Accounting
- Evaluating business performance through financial statements
- Effective recruitment and selection processes
- Undertaking and reflecting on recruitment activities

“a study of management, HR, finance, marketing & business information management”

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

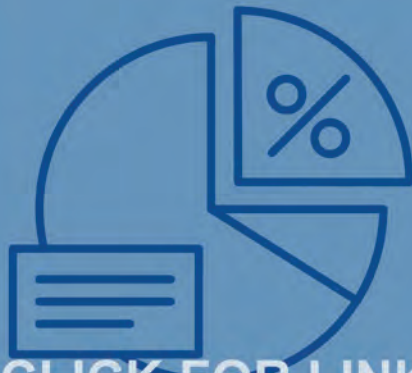
COGNITIVE &
PROBLEM SOLVING
SKILLS

INTERPERSONAL
SKILLS

INTRAPERSONAL
SKILLS

REFLECTIVE

EQUIVALENT TO 2 A LEVELS



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BTEC National Diploma in Business provides an overview of all aspects of business and offers the opportunity to gain practical business experience. It is assessed by 3 exams and 5 units of coursework. Students undertaking the diploma should select one additional subject at A level or BTEC.

You will study 8 units across 2 years covering a range of areas including the following:

- Exploring Business
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Managing an Event
- International Business
- Principles of Management
- Recruitment and Selection
- Work experience

“a study of management, HR, finance, marketing & business information management”

A word cloud visualization of the top 1000 words from the 2019-2020 nursing school applications. The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner, with 'Medicine', 'Pharmacy', 'Nursing', 'Sports Science', 'Biochemistry', and 'Science' being the most prominent. The words are in various sizes, colors, and orientations, creating a complex, abstract shape.

COMMUNICATION



“the science of everything around us; it allows us to understand the universe by studying atoms & their activity”

COMPUTER SCIENCE A LEVEL (AQA)

Artificial Intelligence Software Engineer IT Security Analyst
Artificial Intelligence Games Designer
Network Engineer
Information Systems
Software Engineer
Artificial Intelligence
Network Engineer
Software Engineer
IT Security Analyst
Games Designer
Software Engineer
Artificial Intelligence
IT Security Analyst
Network Engineer
Information Systems
Software Engineer
IT Security Analyst
Games Designer
Information Systems
Artificial Intelligence
Games Designer

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL &
ABSTRACT THINKING

PROBLEM
SOLVING

COMMUNICATION

SELF-
MANAGEMENT



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Computer Science A Level is assessed in 2 ways:
80% examination, 20% non-examined assessment.
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Programming
- Data structures
- Algorithms
- Data representation
- Computer systems
- Networking
- Databases
- Big data
- Consequences of uses of computing

“a study of how computer systems work,
developing your own object oriented
program”

CRIMINOLOGY APPLIED DIPLOMA (WJEC)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYSIS

COMMUNICATION

CRITICAL
THINKING



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Criminology Level 3 Applied Diploma

is assessed in 2 ways:

50% examination, 50% controlled assessment.

Subjects you will learn about include:

- Changing awareness of crime
- Criminological theories
- Crime scene to court room
- Crime and punishment

“a study of why people commit crime”





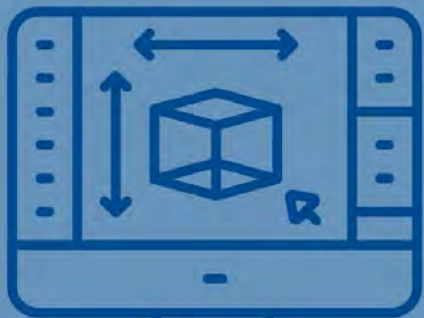
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL &
ABSTRACT THINKING

PROBLEM
SOLVING

COMMUNICATION

TIME MANAGEMENT



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Product Design A Level is assessed in 2 ways:
50% examination, 50% non-examined assessment.
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Identifying needs
- Product analysis
- Implications of issues
- Design thinking
- Communication skills
- Materials
- Technical content
- Manufacturing
- Viability of design
- Health and safety

“a creative and thought-provoking study of design, including history, CAD, materials, manufacturing and engineering”

DRAMA & THEATRE A LEVEL (PEARSON)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

PERFORMANCE

COMMUNICATION

LEADERSHIP

ANALYSIS

RESEARCH

COLLABORATION



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Drama and Theatre A Level is assessed in 3 ways:

- Component 1 - Devising 40% - internally assessed and externally moderated
- Component 2 - Text in performance 20% - Externally assessed by visiting examiner
- Component 3 - Theatre makers in Practice 40% - Written exam (2 hours and 30 minutes)

On this course you will have the opportunity to study a range of plays, styles and practitioners as well as exploring the opportunity to create and perform your own productions.

“a study of acting, styles of plays, the arts industry & performance opportunities”

ECONOMICS A LEVEL (EDEXCEL)

Lawyer
Financial Analyst
Economist
Actuary
Management Consultant
Chartered Accountant

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYTICAL &
QUANTITATIVE
SKILLS

CRITICAL
THINKING

APPRECIATING
A RANGE OF
PERSPECTIVES



Economics A Level is assessed by examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Scarcity and choice
- Enterprise, business and the economy
- Market failure and government intervention
- Revenues, costs, profits and cash
- Firms, consumers and elasticities of demand
- Productive efficiency
- Impact of globalisation on global, local and national companies
- Global labour markets
- Inequality and redistribution
- Competition and market power
- Risk and the financial sector

“a study of how individuals, governments, firms & nations make choices on allocating scarce resources”



ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL (AQA)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYSIS

CRITICAL
THINKING

COMMUNICATION

WRITING



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English Literature A Level is assessed in 2 ways:
80% exams, 20% non-examined assessment
Subjects you will learn about include:

- How the theme of love (and when it goes wrong) is presented across the ages
- How texts can be connected
- That no text exists in isolation
- How to argue and show personal response with critical preferences
- Literature from 1945 to present day

“a historicist approach to a wide range of texts”

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ABSORBING & RETAINING COMPLEX INFORMATION



- French society
- The media
- Education and work
- Politics
- France during WW2
- Film study
- Literature



*“a study of language, culture and history
to broaden horizons”*

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL (AQA)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

COMMUNICATION

LITERACY

WORKING WITH
OTHERS

PROBLEM SOLVING

NUMERACY

MULTI-TASKING



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Geography A Level is assessed in 2 ways:
80% exams, 20% non-examined assessment.
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Hazards
- Global systems and governance
- Changing places
- Population and the environment

*“the subject that explains the past, illuminates
the present & holds the key to our future;
a living breathing subject, constantly
adapting to change”*

HISTORY A LEVEL (EDEXCEL)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYSIS

CRITICAL
THINKING

COMMUNICATION

MAKING INFORMED
JUDGEMENTS



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History A Level is assessed in 2 ways:
70% exams, 30% coursework.

Subjects you will learn about include:

- America 1917 - 1996
- South Africa 1948 - 1994
- British experience of warfare 1795 - 1918

“an in depth study of the past, looking at
causes, consequences & significance
of events”

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY A LEVEL (PEARSON)

Artificial Intelligence Information Systems Software Engineer IT Security Analyst
Artificial Intelligence Games Designer
Network Engineer
Information Systems
Software Engineer
Artificial Intelligence Software Engineer IT Security Analyst
Network Engineer Games Designer
Software Engineer
Artificial Intelligence IT Security Analyst
Network Engineer Information Systems
IT Security Analyst
Games Designer
Information Systems
IT Security Analyst
Games Designer
Information Systems
Artificial Intelligence
Games Designer

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL &
ABSTRACT THINKING

PROBLEM
SOLVING

COMMUNICATION

TIME
MANAGEMENT



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IT A Level is assessed in 2 ways: 66.6% examination, 33.4% coursework. Subjects you will learn about include:

- Digital Literacy
- Data Management
- Cybersecurity
- IT Systems
- Software Development
- Project Management
- Legal and Ethical Issues

a study of Information Technology systems and cyber-security threats plus developing important skills for creating websites and managing data

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ANALYSIS & REACHING OBJECTIVE CONCLUSIONS

APPLICATION SKILLS

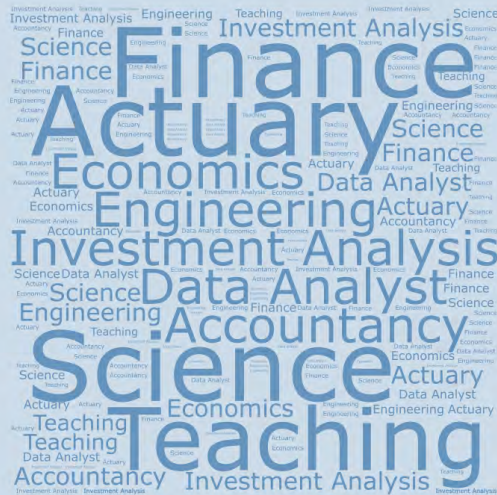
COMMUNICATION



- Substantive areas of contract, criminal and tort law
- Process of law making
- How the legal system works
- Law in society, reflected in morality and justice



MATHEMATICS A LEVEL (EDEXCEL)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL THOUGHT
& REASONED
ARGUMENT
MODELLING
PROBLEMS &
PROBLEM SOLVING

ANALYSIS

COMMUNICATION



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Mathematics A Level is assessed via examination only.
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Pure maths: algebra
- Pure maths: geometry
- Pure maths: trigonometry
- Pure maths: calculus
- Statistics: presentation of data
- Statistics: hypothesis testing
- Statistics: probability
- Statistics: statistical distributions
- Mechanics: Newton's Laws
- Mechanics: dynamics
- Mechanics: statics

“a way of understanding, describing & solving problems about the world around us, as well as introducing logic & abstract analysis”



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL THOUGHT
& REASONED
ARGUMENT
MODELING
PROBLEMS &
PROBLEM SOLVING

ANALYSIS

COMMUNICATION



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Mathematics (Further) A Level is assessed via examination only.

Subjects you will learn about include:

- Imaginary numbers, parabolic and hyperbolic equations
- Matrices and proof by induction
- First and second order differential equations
- Optional courses such as decision mathematics and further mechanics

“a great choice for those considering a future in mathematics, science or engineering”

MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL (OCR)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

PRACTICAL MOVING IMAGE & ONLINE PRODUCTION SKILLS

CRITICAL ANALYSIS & THINKING

COMMUNICATION

PRESENTATION SKILLS

CREATIVITY



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Media A Level is assessed in 2 ways:

70% exams & 30% non-examined assessment

Subjects you will learn about include:

- Media language and representation in magazines, advertising and music videos
- Media industries and audience in video games, the radio and the film industry
- TV drama
- Newspaper and online news
- Shooting and editing short films, including creating a music video or a TV programme extract with an online promotional campaign
- Media contexts and theoretical perspectives

“a creative, practical & theoretical study of global & historical media”



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

CREATIVITY

REFLECTION

BOTH INDEPENDENCE
& COLLABORATION

ORGANISATION

TIME-MANAGEMENT

MULTI-TASKING



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Music Performance BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

is assessed in 2 ways:

25% exams & 75% non-examined assessment

Subjects you will learn about include:

- Practical music theory and harmony
(composition & arrangement exercises)
- Professional practice in the music industry
(responding to an offer of work with a proposal)
- Ensemble music performance (rehearsal and performance technique)
- A choice between Solo Performance, Composition, or Improvisation

“an exciting & practical course to engage you actively in the process of music study”

PHILOSOPHY A LEVEL (AQA)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING

EVALUATION

INTERPRETATION
OF EVIDENCE

LOGICAL THINKING

FORMING REASONED
ARGUMENT

ASSESSING
OTHER IDEAS



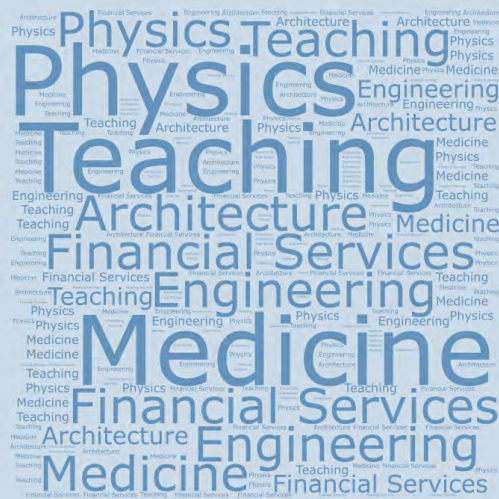
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Philosophy A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- The theories of knowledge and how we can know what is real.
- The meaning of good, bad, right and wrong.
- Applying ethical theories to cases such as stealing, simulated killing (within computer games, plays, films etc), eating animals and telling lies.
- Arguments about the existence of God.
- Arguments about the existence of souls.

“a study of ideas on the important questions of our world & morality”

PHYSICS A LEVEL (AQA)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

LOGICAL &
ABSTRACT THINKING

PROBLEM
SOLVING

MATHEMATICS

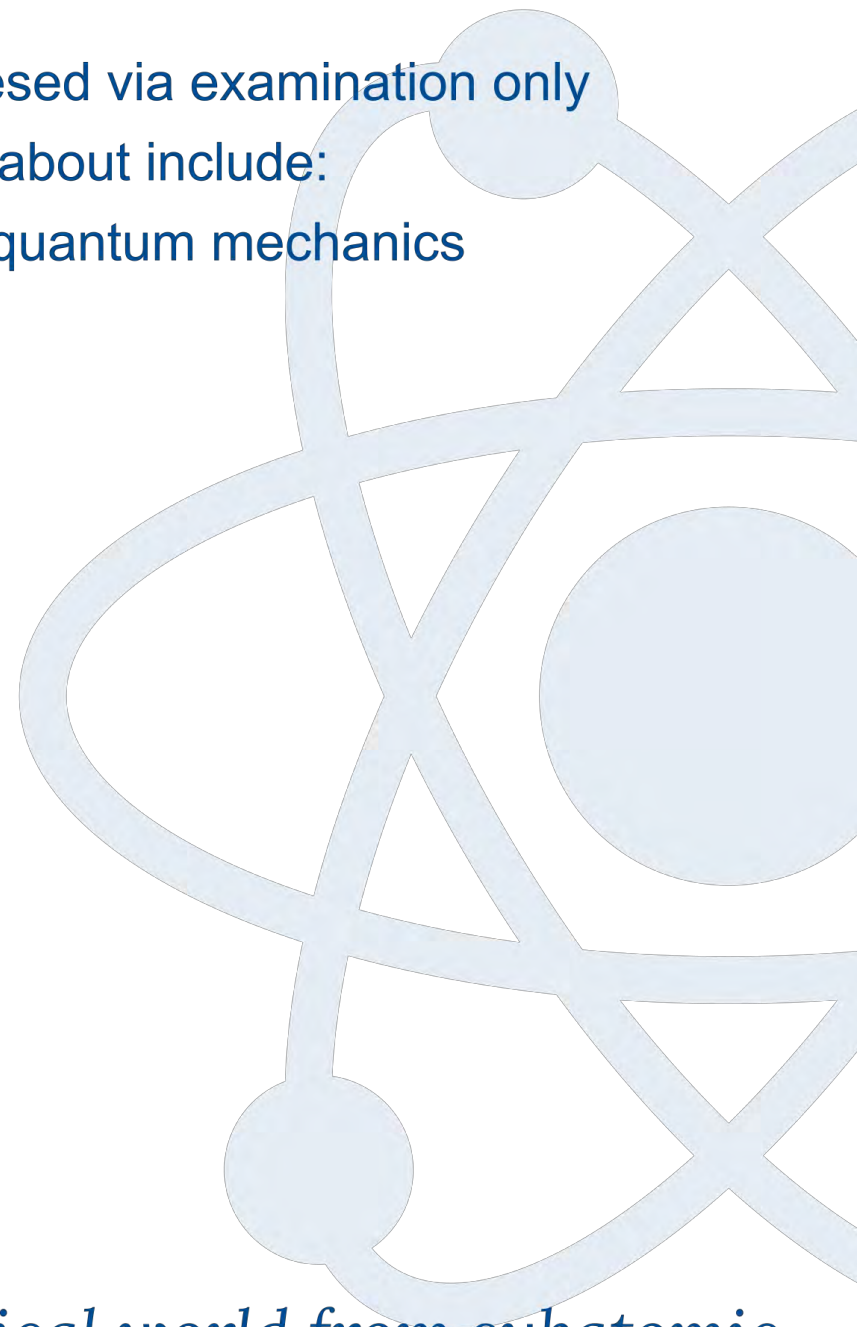


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Physics A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Particle physics and quantum mechanics
- Classical mechanics
- Material physics
- Waves
- Field theory
- Capacitors
- Nuclear physics
- Thermal physics
- Astrophysics

“a study of the physical world from subatomic particles to the mechanics of our universe”



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DECISION MAKING

PROBLEM SOLVING

ANALYSIS



- Applied physiology
- Biomechanics
- Skill acquisition
- Sports psychology
- Sport and society
- Technology in sport

“a practical & theoretical syllabus, covering anatomy & physiology, movement skills & contemporary studies in sport”

POLITICS A LEVEL (AQA)



TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYSIS

RESEARCH

SUSTAINED
DEBATE



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Politics A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Government and politics of the UK (role of the Prime Minister & Parliament, Constitution & the EU)
- Government and politics of the USA (role of the President, Congress, the Supreme Court & the Constitution)
- Political ideas such as Socialism, Feminism, Anarchism, Liberalism and Nationalism
- Comparative study of the UK & US governments

“an in depth insight into UK & US politics & political ideas; it is a deeply relevant course”

PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL (OCR)

Forensic Psychology Youth & Social Work Educational Psychology
Mental Health Work
Counselling Psychology Therapeutic Care
Educational Psychology Teaching
Therapeutic Care
Youth & Social Work
Mental Health Work
Educational Psychology
Clinical Psychology Counselling Psychology Teaching
Mental Health Work
Forensic Psychology
Clinical Psychology
Youth & Social Work
Teaching

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

PROBLEM SOLVING

ANALYSIS

EVALUATION

PRACTICAL
RESEARCH DESIGN

TIME MANAGEMENT

PRIORITISATION



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Psychology A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Does the brain control us?
- Is aggression learned?
- Do psychopaths think differently?
- Why do we always do as we're told? (Or not!)
- How does the media influence us?
- Why can't adolescents resist temptation?
- Is schizophrenia inherited?

“the study of the ways (& the reasons why)
people think, react & interact”

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL (AQA)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

CRITICAL
ANALYSIS

RESEARCH

INDEPENDENT
THINKING



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Sociology A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- The role & functions of the education system
- Research methods in Sociology
- Gender roles, domestic labour & power relationships within the family in contemporary society
- Crime, deviance, social order & social control

“the study of the development, structure & functioning of human society”

SPANISH A LEVEL (AQA)

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

ANALYSIS &
PROBLEM SOLVING

CRITICAL THINKING

COMMUNICATION

ORAL EXPRESSION



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Spanish A Level is assessed via examination only
Subjects you will learn about include:

- Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the Hispanic world
- Multiculturalism in the Hispanic world
- Aspects of the political life in the Hispanic society
- A film study
- A book study (Literature)
- Individual research project about one of the main themes: Hispanic society, culture, multiculturalism or political life.

*“Diving into a whole new way of seeing the world.
Understanding cultures and nuances that will
make you a more effective communicator”*



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