



The Littlehampton Academy Sixth Form



WELCOME



Dear student,

The next two years are an incredibly important time of your life when the choices, opportunities and challenges you take on can transform you, opening the doors to a wealth of exciting future prospects.

We know you will have a fantastic experience here at TLA Sixth Form; our students make excellent academic progress and achieve consistently strong results. This is because we set high expectations and challenge our students to exceed their own expectations. However, we also pride ourselves on being a welcoming, supportive and fun place to learn where all our students are individually known and cared for.

We provide high quality guidance about your choices for life after Sixth Form; many of our students secure places at top universities, as well as those who successfully achieve places on apprenticeships and in employment. Whatever path you choose to follow, we'll help you get there.

Our senior students are what make our Sixth Form the exciting, thriving community that it is; we are incredibly proud of them, their achievements and the fantastic contribution they make to the life of the whole academy.

We look forward to welcoming you into TLA Sixth Form next September. In the meantime, please take every opportunity to find out more about the courses on offer and life at TLA Sixth Form. You are also most welcome to come and visit us - just drop us a line to make an appointment.

Mr M Sealby
Director of Learning Key Stage 5
Assistant Principal



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Students are highly positive about their post-16 study experience”

Ofsted 2018





SIXTH FORM LIFE

Our Sixth Form has a close-knit, friendly atmosphere, enabling you to get to know other students quickly and ensuring a positive, focused study environment. Our Sixth Form Centre is housed in a separate, purpose-built block which will enable you to experience a more adult environment and allow you to develop a greater sense of independence.

It includes a range of facilities for the exclusive use of our Sixth Form students, including dedicated private study rooms equipped with IT provision, a large central atrium used as a study area during lesson times and a common room for you to relax in during social times. The Sixth Form Centre also has full Wi-Fi so you can use the internet on your own devices.

You will have lessons in our fantastic main building which abounds with state of the art technology and specialised teaching rooms. Our excellent library and our extensive sports facilities, including our 3G astro pitch, add to our first-class campus. We also run a wide range of sporting, cultural and social events, including our annual Summer Ball.

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A close-knit, friendly atmosphere”





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Our students make excellent progress across all courses. We offer a broad range of qualifications from A Levels in subjects as diverse as Chemistry, English Literature, Maths and Photography, to vocational BTEC qualifications in subjects such as IT, Media and PE. This means you can choose to follow either the 'traditional' academic route or take a combination of A Level and BTEC subjects, depending on your own interests and aspirations. We will give personalised guidance on any particular course requirements needed for specific career paths, e.g. law, medicine, teaching. We also offer courses at Level 1 and 2, including Interactive Media and Digital Technologies, as well as GCSE re-takes in English and Maths.

You will benefit from smaller class sizes in the Sixth Form and we will meet your specific needs through an individually tailored pathway, ensuring that you are challenged and supported to achieve your best. We provide additional support for our SEN students, as well as those whose first language is not English.

We also provide specific support for more able students, including support for Oxbridge applications, summer schools, and the 'Realising Opportunities' programme, run in conjunction with Sussex University.

Our focus is very much on extending your understanding of your subject areas to enable you to secure places at competitive universities. We achieve this by deepening your subject knowledge beyond your course specifications and offer the Extended Project Qualification - highly regarded by many top-flight universities.

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across all courses”

“Lessons are always engaging and I am challenged to improve my work all the time” (Student)

“Leaders invest in strong pastoral support” (Ofsted, 2018)



PERSONAL SUCCESS



Whilst studying hard is crucial we believe that being a member of the Sixth Form is about more than this. We provide a wide range of opportunities for you to develop the essential 'soft skills' highly prized by employers, such as leadership, teamwork, communication, decision making, problem solving and the ability to work under pressure.

Some of the opportunities on offer for you include: mentoring and coaching younger students; residential fieldwork; the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; leading debates and assemblies; volunteering in the community and overseas; sports leaderships awards; work experience and participation in Activity Days each term. There are also opportunities to take part in recreational and competitive sport.

Our student team also plays a vital role in ensuring your voice is heard and we encourage our students to use their initiative to come up with their own ideas for how the Sixth Form is run.

"My time in the Sixth Form at TLA has motivated me to want to go further in life." (Student)

Impressive numbers of students are successful in their university applications" (Ofsted, 2018)



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The atmosphere in the Sixth Form is inclusive and supportive”

HOW WE'LL SUPPORT YOU

Our dedicated team will work hard on your behalf to support you through all aspects of Sixth Form life. The atmosphere in the Sixth Form is inclusive and supportive and you will be mentored by your personal tutor who is responsible for monitoring your academic progress, as well as supporting you with any pastoral issues.

We provide a high level of support to help you as you choose your next pathway. We will guide you through the university admissions process or assist you with applications for apprenticeships or employment.

For students who need financial support to be able to stay in education the Education Funding Agency's Bursary Scheme offers financial assistance. For more information please see our website or contact the Sixth Form - all enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

“Useful impartial careers information and guidance helps them to plan appropriately for their next steps”(Ofsted, 2018)

“I chose TLA because the staff are always helpful and supportive”
(Student)



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At TLA...teachers go above and beyond for you”

The Littlehampton Academy Sixth Form Prospectus



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Subject	Level 3			Level 1 / 2		
	A level	BTEC	Other	GCSE	BTEC	Other
Fine Art	X					
Biology	X					
Chemistry	X					
Computer Science	X					
English Language	X					
English Literature	X					
English (GCSE)				X		
English Functional Skills						X
Extended Project			X			
Geography	X					
Graphic Communication	X					
Health & Social Care		X				
History	X					
IT		X			X	
Interactive Media					X	
Mathematics	X					
Mathematics Further	X					
Maths (GCSE)				X		
Maths Functional Skills						X
Media Studies	X					
Media (Creative Digital Media Production)		X				
Philosophy	X					
Photography	X					
PE Community and Higher Sports Leaders			X			X
Physics	X					
Politics	X					
Psychology	X					
Sociology	X					
Sport		X				
Textiles	X					

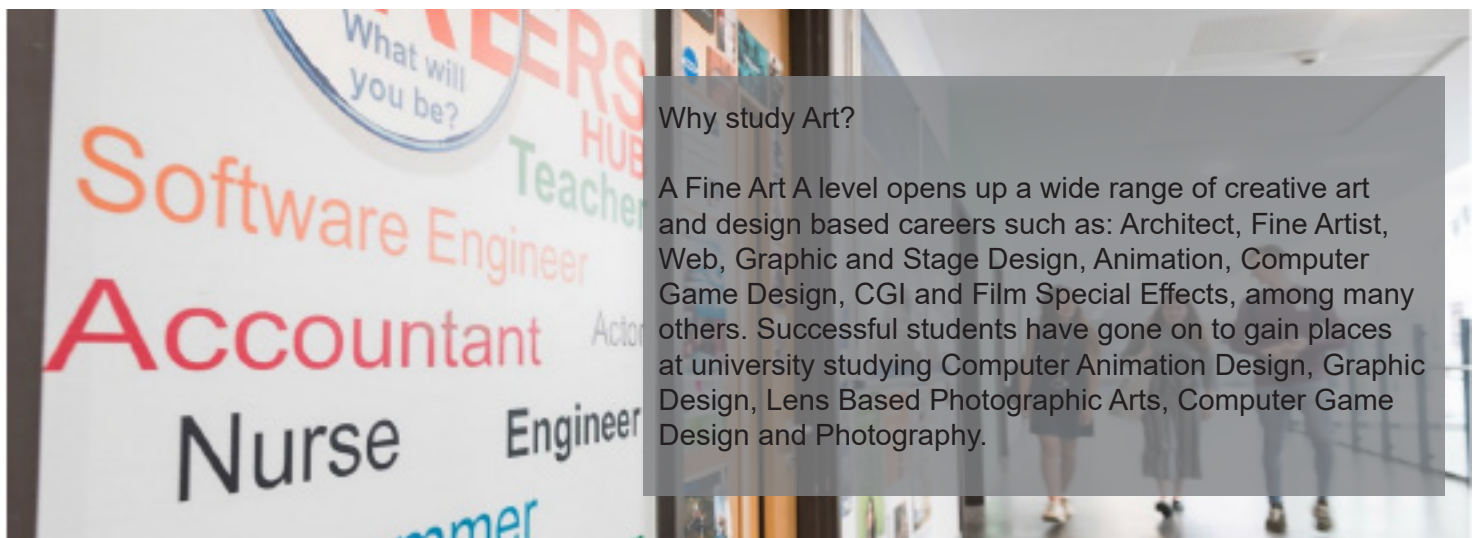
The academy reserves the right to withdraw courses from our Year 12 offer.

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 40% exam, 60% coursework

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in Art or Graphic Communication



Why study Art?

A Fine Art A level opens up a wide range of creative art and design based careers such as: Architect, Fine Artist, Web, Graphic and Stage Design, Animation, Computer Game Design, CGI and Film Special Effects, among many others. Successful students have gone on to gain places at university studying Computer Animation Design, Graphic Design, Lens Based Photographic Arts, Computer Game Design and Photography.

What will you study?

The course offers you the opportunity to creatively explore a wide range of media, techniques and styles. We will encourage you to be creative and the course can be customised to suit the needs and ideas of every individual. You will have the opportunity to use modern digital techniques, as well as a range of drawing and painting methods. You can specialise in a chosen discipline as you begin your second year, selecting elements within Fine Art you wish to focus on, such as painting or drawing. During the course you will gain the experience of becoming a practising art professional by putting on your own private exhibitions with the possibility of obtaining commissions to sell your artwork

What could you do next?

The arts faculty have strong links with our local FE College, Northbrook, where students have gone on to study a Foundation degree in Art and Media. We also link with the University of Chichester's art department who have a thriving multi-disciplinary Art course. Students successful in Art and Design can go onto further study either at foundation level for one year, or to university to study in many art related fields such as Architecture, Illustration or Fine Art painting

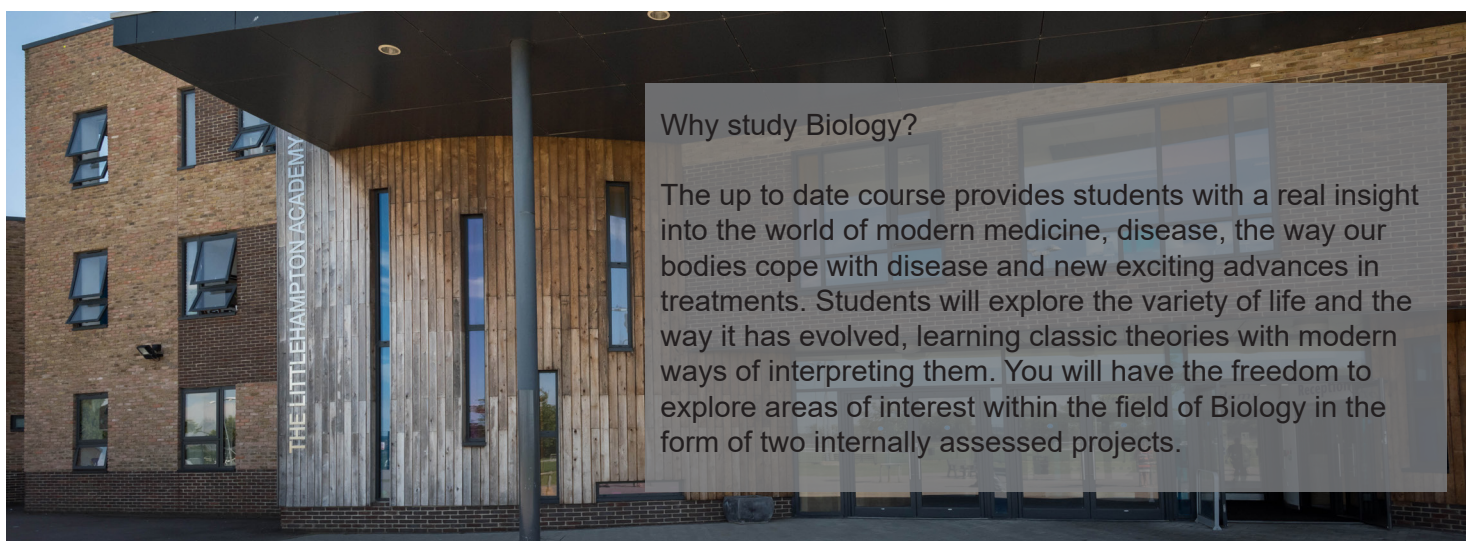
Key information

Qualification: A level

Board: AQA

Exam/coursework: 100% exam with required practicals for practical award

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 5-5 Combined Science or 5 Triple Biology (must be in the examined unit as well as overall)



What will you study?

A level Biology is a challenging, rewarding course that helps students to develop skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career. It offers teachers and students freedom, creativity and opportunity for independent progression from GCSE Science or Biology. There are a total of eight units in the specification. All units are assessed by written exam and students are also certified with a practical grade which is achieved by successful completion of set required practicals.

A level Biology builds on the concepts and skills developed in the GCSE and it is particularly suitable for students who have the skills and knowledge associated with a GCSE combined science course or equivalent. Students who study A level Biology may go on to a Biology-related degree course.

Year 1: Unit 1 Biological molecules
 Unit 2 Cells
 Unit 3 Organisms and exchange
 Unit 4 Genetics - Variation

Year 2: Unit 5 Energy transfers
 Unit 6 The changing environment
 Unit 7 Genetics - Evolution
 Unit 8 Gene expression

What could you do next?

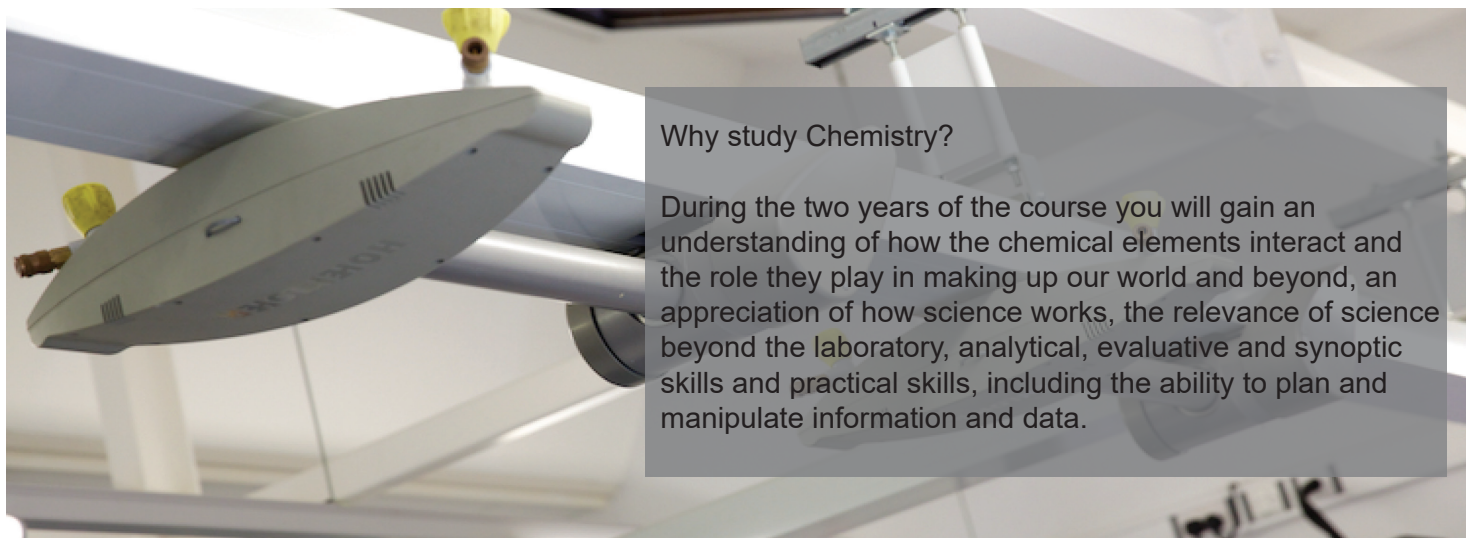
A level Biology is a great choice for people who want a career in health and clinical professions, including medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy, nursing, pharmacologist, nature conservation officer, secondary school teacher, animal physiotherapist, dental hygienist, zoologist and forensic science.

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 100% exam with required practicals for practical award.

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 5-5 Additional Science or 5 Triple Science (must be in the examined unit as well as overall)



Why study Chemistry?

During the two years of the course you will gain an understanding of how the chemical elements interact and the role they play in making up our world and beyond, an appreciation of how science works, the relevance of science beyond the laboratory, analytical, evaluative and synoptic skills and practical skills, including the ability to plan and manipulate information and data.

What will you study?

During the first year of the course you will explore the fundamental principles that form the basis of Chemistry such as atomic structure, bonding, periodicity and an introduction to organic Chemistry. You will also look at the applications of these principles.

During the second year of the course you will further develop the concepts and principles introduced in year one through topics including equilibria, polymers, aromatic chemistry, thermodynamics, energetic chemistry and inorganic chemistry.

There is no coursework, however you will be required to do six assessed practicals in the first year and six assessed practicals in the second year. These will be examined on the exam papers at the end of the year and you will also receive an additional practical skills grade.

What could you do next?

If you decide to study Chemistry at A level the career choices are almost endless. Some examples are below but this list is not exhaustive. You can work Chemistry into any industrial, educational, scientific, or governmental field. Chemistry is a very versatile science. Mastery of Chemistry is associated with excellent analytical and mathematical skills. Students of Chemistry are able These skills are useful for any job! agro chemistry, analytical chemistry, astro chemistry, atmospheric chemistry, biochemistry, biotechnology, chemical engineering, chemist, environmental chemistry, environmental law, ethno botany, food chemistry, forensic science, geochemistry, materials science, medicine, metallurgy, oceanography, patent law, perfume chemistry, pharmaceuticals, software design, space exploration, surface chemistry, teaching, technical writing, textile industry.

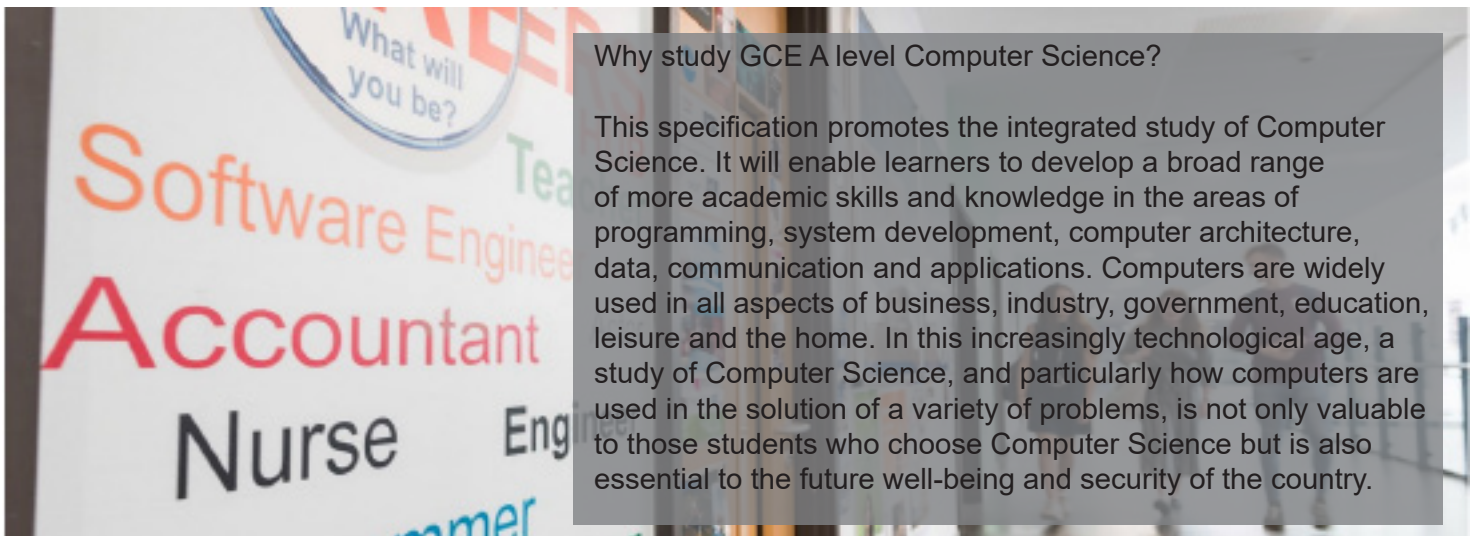
Computer Science - Level 3

Key information

Qualification: Linear GCE A level in Computer Science

Exam/coursework: Three components, all of which are mandatory. 80% examination plus 20% NEA

Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs grades 9 to 5 including Computer Science



Why study GCE A level Computer Science?

This specification promotes the integrated study of Computer Science. It will enable learners to develop a broad range of more academic skills and knowledge in the areas of programming, system development, computer architecture, data, communication and applications. Computers are widely used in all aspects of business, industry, government, education, leisure and the home. In this increasingly technological age, a study of Computer Science, and particularly how computers are used in the solution of a variety of problems, is not only valuable to those students who choose Computer Science but is also essential to the future well-being and security of the country.

What will you study?

Component 1: Programming and Systems Development. Written examination. 2 hours 45 minutes 40% of qualification. This component investigates programs, data structures, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies and the impact of computer science on society.

Component 2: Computer Architecture, Data, Communication and Applications. Written examination. 2 hours 45 minutes 40% of qualification. This component investigates computer architecture, communication, data representation, organisation and structure of data, programs, algorithms and software applications.

Component 3: Programmed Solution to a Problem. Non-Exam Assessment. 20% of qualification. Candidates discuss, investigate, design, prototype, refine and implement, test and evaluate a computerised solution to a problem chosen by the candidate which must be solved using original code (programming). This is a substantial piece of work, undertaken over an extended period of time.

What could you do next?

GCE A level in Computer Science provides a more academic understanding of the principles underpinning the subject. Areas studied include Backus-Naur form, extended aspects of software structures such as binary trees, as well as the formal system analysis and delivery tools required for the NEA. The GCE A level Computer Science course by EDUQAS has been designed to reflect the content encountered by students during degree courses such as BSc and BEng courses in Computer Science, as well as the longer form MSc and MEng courses in Computer Science, Software Engineering and other areas underpinned by an understanding of digital processing and manipulation. The A level can also be used to inform studies undertaken as part of a HND qualification, or apprenticeship.

Key information

Qualification: A level English Language

Exam/coursework: 80% exam, 20% coursework

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Literature and English Language.



Why study English Language?

Have you always wondered how words work? Do you enjoy writing your own texts for different purposes and audiences? Are you perhaps interested in becoming a journalist or writer of some description? Do you listen to your friends' conversations and think about the unique way everybody speaks? Are you interested in how men and women speak differently? Would you like to learn the history of English or how children learn how to speak English? Are you interested in technology and how it is constantly influencing language? Do you want to know how those in power maintain their authority through language? If the answer to any of these questions is YES then you would LOVE the study of Language at A level.

What will you study?

The most important thing to say is that it is nothing like the GCSE! A level English Language has completely new course content you will never have covered before, which makes it a very exciting subject at post-16. You will have the opportunity to pursue areas of linguistic interest by writing a language investigation, a piece of original writing, and a commentary which analyses your own work. For the exam element of the course, you will look into issues of representation (gender, power, race, occupation, class, and nationality), the history of the English language, World Englishes, the way children learn to speak, read and write and the way accents and dialects develop. You will learn to analyse texts using a range of frameworks and terminology.

What could you do next?

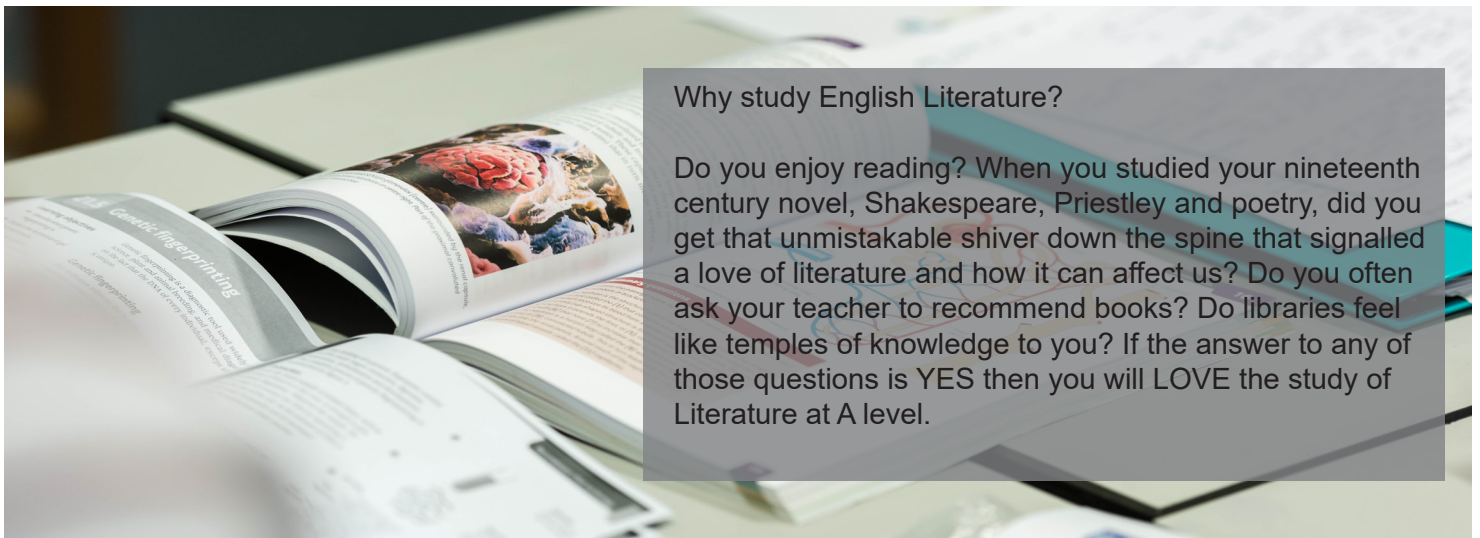
A level English Language is well regarded by universities and a degree in Linguistics can lead to such careers as journalism, teaching, data analysis and law.

Key information

Qualification: A level English Literature

Exam/coursework: 80% exam, 20% coursework

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Literature and English Language



What will you study?

You will study a variety of texts from across the centuries. Your coursework will be based on the study of modern prose fiction with an element of choice in what texts you study. The drama examination will see you tackle a Shakespeare play and another pair of significant dramatic works, while the poetry exam will contain both modern and pre-nineteenth century verse. There is also an exam testing your skills of critical analysis with unseen texts.

What could you do next?

English Literature is highly regarded as a subject by universities. A degree in English Literature could lead you into careers such as teaching, law, archiving, and journalism.

English Language GCSE Retake

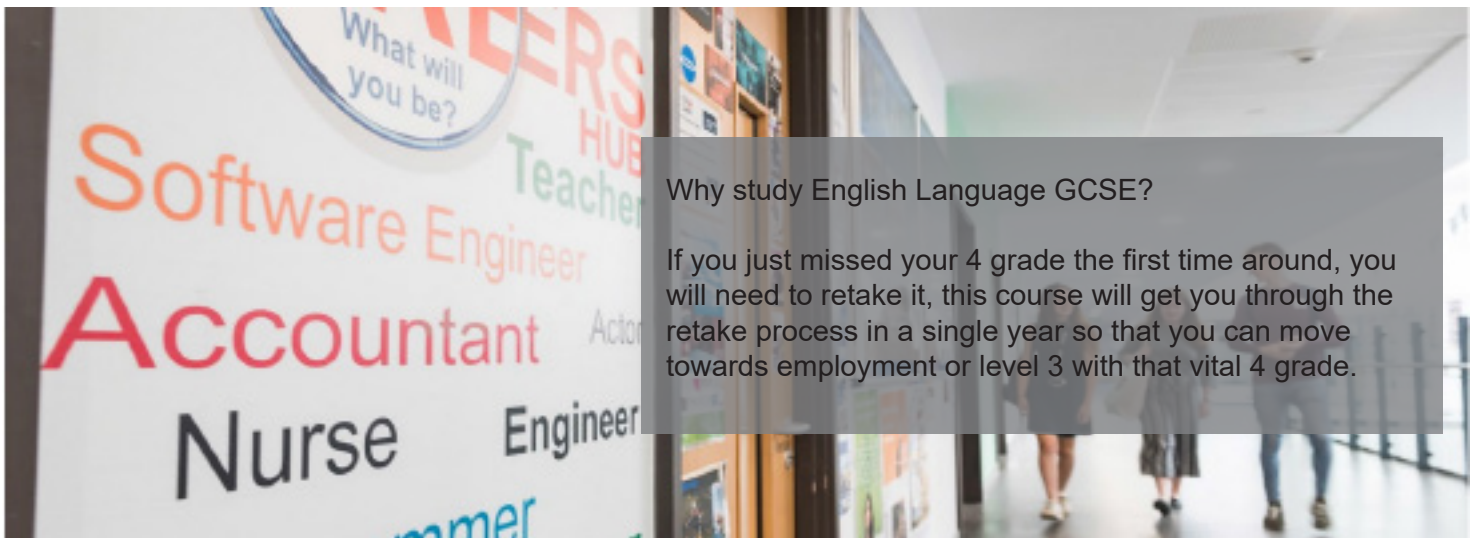
Key information

Qualification: GCSE

Exam/coursework: 100% exam

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 3 in English Language or English Literature GCSE

*(please note, if you have a grade 4 in **EITHER** English Language **OR** English Literature, you **DO NOT** need to resit English)*



Why study English Language GCSE?

If you just missed your 4 grade the first time around, you will need to retake it, this course will get you through the retake process in a single year so that you can move towards employment or level 3 with that vital 4 grade.

What will you study?

You will remember the AQA English Language Paper 1 and 2 well from your previous studies. You will be taught to synthesise information, retrieve information, infer meaning, analyse language and structure, and discuss a writer's viewpoint and perspective. You will also write descriptively and for a variety of non-fiction purposes.

What could you do next?

You could move onto A level or BTEC level 3 courses, or pursue employment.

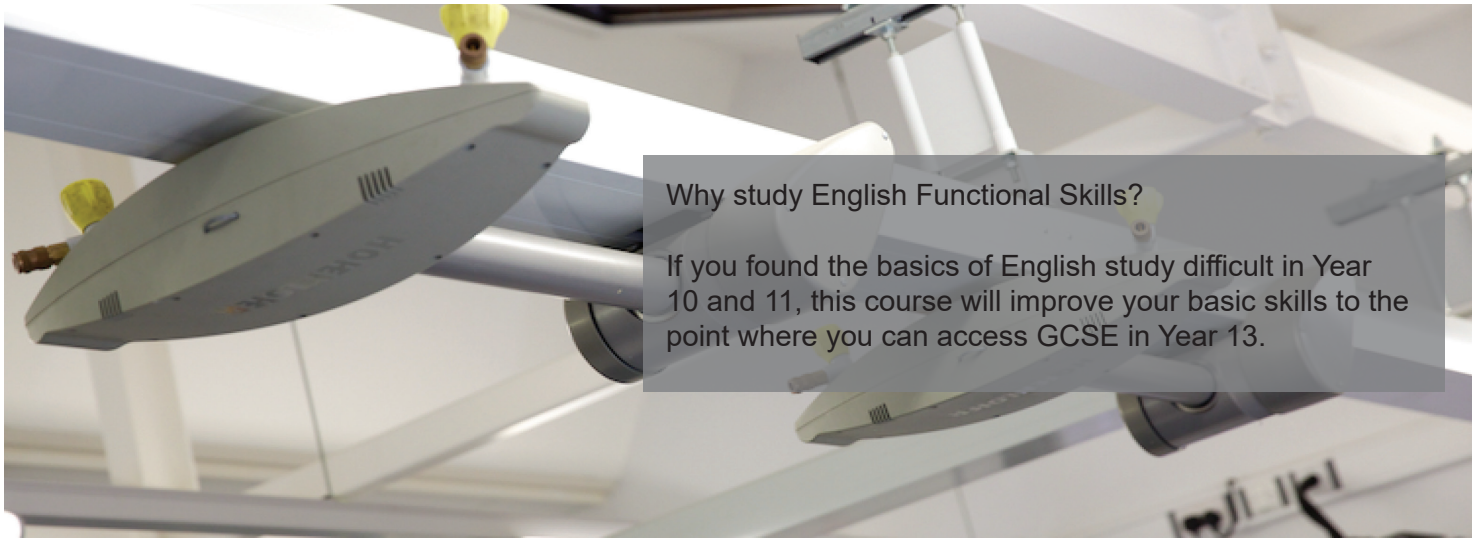
Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills in English

Key information

Qualification: Functional Skills Level 1 and Level 2

Exam/coursework: 100% exam

Entry requirements: For students below grade 3 in English Language and Literature



What will you study?

You will take onscreen exams in Reading and Writing, and also complete a Speaking and Listening task.

What could you do next?

You could move onto GCSE resit, or apprenticeships/employment.

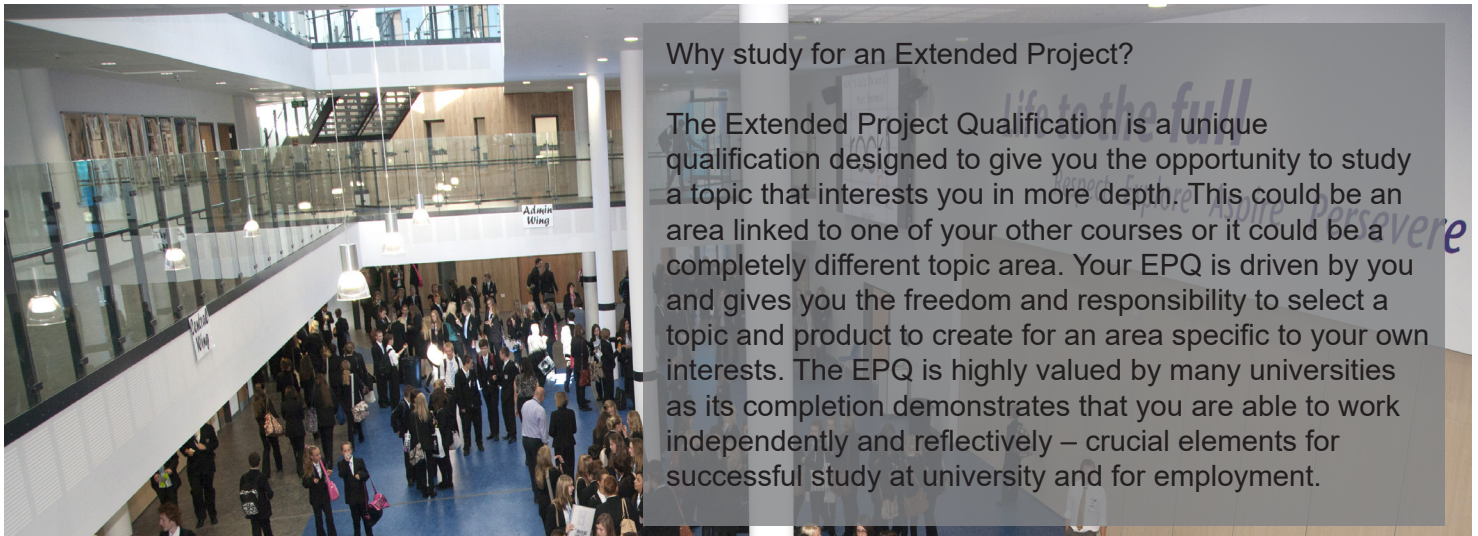
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Key information

Qualification: Stand-alone qualification equivalent to an AS level (A*-E grade can be awarded)

Exam/coursework: 100% coursework

Entry requirements: Minimum 5 grade 9-4s in GCSE subjects



What will you study?

You will follow a taught programme led by a teacher who will teach you all the skills necessary to complete your project, including time management, research methods, referencing and presentation skills.

You are marked on the process of completing your project as well as the final product so you will complete a production log detailing your experiences throughout the project, as well as giving a final presentation at the end of the process.

The product you create can be in one of three formats:

- a research-based written report
 - a production* (e.g. charity event, fashion show, sports event etc.)
 - an artefact* (e.g. a piece of art, a computer game, a realised design)
- *supported by written report

What could you do next?

The EPQ is relevant to all university courses and potential career paths as you are able to base your project on an area of interest unique to you. The skills you learn are transferable and will help prepare you effectively for a higher level of study or employment.

Key information

Qualification: A level Geography

Exam/coursework: 80% exam, 20% non-examined assessment

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in Geography

Why study Geography?

We live in a constantly changing, but increasingly interconnected world. Geographical issues underpin almost all of the pressing international and local concerns of our modern world. Because of this, and the skills that are developed as a geographer, students who study geography are more likely to be employed in a wide range of jobs, from energy companies to governments, from retail management to film and the foreign office. Geography also affects our local community in Littlehampton, and helps to explain and therefore change, our local area. For example, how could Littlehampton be rebranded to attract new investment? How far does the Brighton effect extend? How has migration impacted on the local area? How does the River Arun make the area unique? Why is Littlehampton a Mecca for running? Studying a level geography will help you to understand important issues such as globalisation, conflict and population. The issues that you study can be seen every day.

What will you study?

A level Geography will excite your mind, enable you to become a critical thinker, challenge your perceptions and stimulate your investigative skills. During the course, you will learn about how places change over time; how hazards such as volcanoes are managed to keep populations safe; geopolitics as well as landscape systems, ecosystems and how urban areas change.

Fieldwork, both local and national, will be used throughout the course. In Year 13 you will complete an individual investigation into any aspect of geography that you choose. This is worth 20%. You will also have the opportunity to take part in expeditions to Iceland and other locations. You must complete a minimum of 4 days fieldwork in order to pass the course.

What could you do next?

Young people with Geography A Levels and degrees are very successful in finding employment and further study. Almost all careers have either an element of Geography or demand the skills that you will develop over the course, especially critical thinking and project management. It is highly valued by universities and employers value the combination of science and social science in this subject.

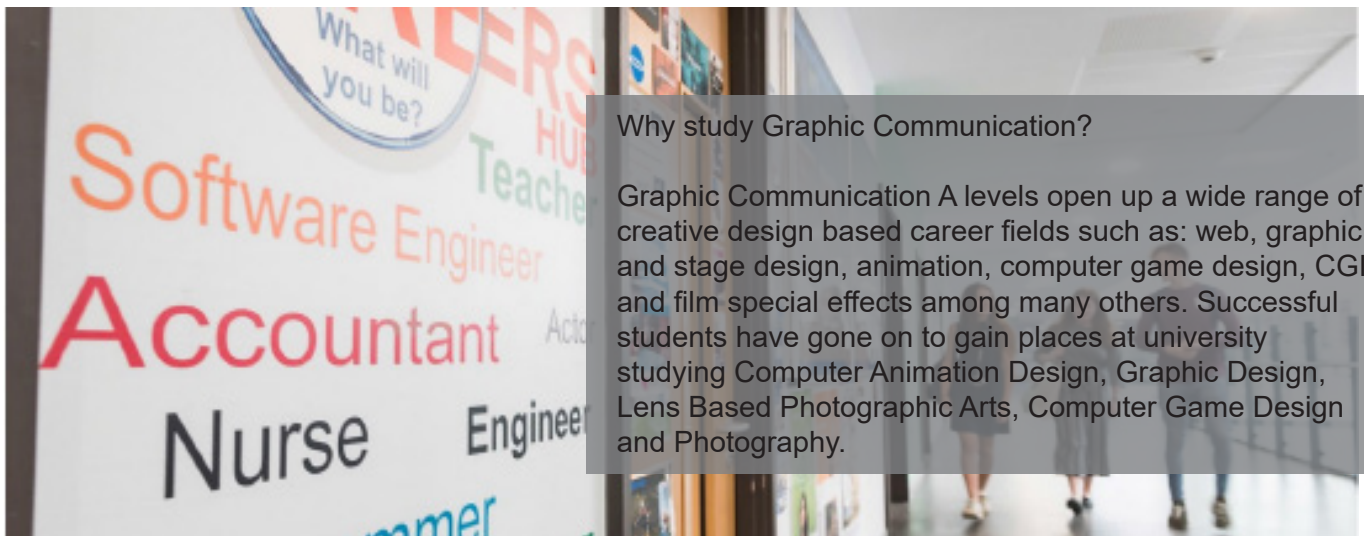
Graphic Communication

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 40% exam, 60% coursework

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in Art or Graphic Communication



Why study Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication A levels open up a wide range of creative design based career fields such as: web, graphic and stage design, animation, computer game design, CGI and film special effects among many others. Successful students have gone on to gain places at university studying Computer Animation Design, Graphic Design, Lens Based Photographic Arts, Computer Game Design and Photography.

What will you study?

The course offers you the opportunity to creatively explore a wide range of 2D and 3D media, techniques and styles in response to client led briefs. We will encourage you to be creative and the course can be customised to suit the needs and ideas of every individual. You will have the opportunity to use digital techniques such in the Adobe suite as well as more traditional media and could be working across a range of disciplines such as: advertising, design for print, packaging design, illustration, communication graphics or design for film and television. You can specialise in your chosen discipline, as you create your coursework units. During the course you will gain the experience of becoming a practising graphics professional by putting on your own private exhibitions with the possibility of obtaining commissions to sell your artwork.

What could you do next?

The Art department have strong links with our local FE College, Northbrook, where students have gone on to study a Foundation degree in Arts and Media. We also link with the University of Chichester's art department who have a thriving multi-disciplinary art course. Students successful in Graphic Communication can go on to further study either at foundation level for one year, or to university to study in many related fields such as animation or computer games design.

Key information

Qualification: BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care

Exam/coursework: 2 External assessments and 2 Internal Assessments

Entry requirements: Minimum Grade 4 in English

Why study Health and Social Care?

Do you like to care for others? Have you got an inquisitive nature and think that you would like to go into a career that involves helping people? If that is the case then Health and Social care is the course for you! Health and Social care is about understanding and improving the lives of children and adults living in society. With an aging population in the UK, it is more important than ever to have passionate and experienced health care professionals working in the UK. By studying Health and Social care you will develop a sound understanding of the skills and abilities you need to support both children and adults in the community.

What will you study?

In the first year you will study Human Growth and Development and Meeting Individual Care and Support needs. In the second year we will study Working in Health and Social Care and Physiological Disorders and their Care. We will analyse and evaluate theories relating to these units and will be able to link knowledge gained in all units with each other, to help cement the learning. We will get the opportunity to hear from professionals working within the sector as they visit us in 6th form and we will be able to visit nurseries, care homes and other professionals working within the Health and Social Care sector.

What could you do next?

This qualification can lead you on to University to study teaching, social work, nursing, midwifery, youth work and psychology. You could also go into the work place and work as a teaching assistant, nursery assistant, social work assistant, or health care assistant.

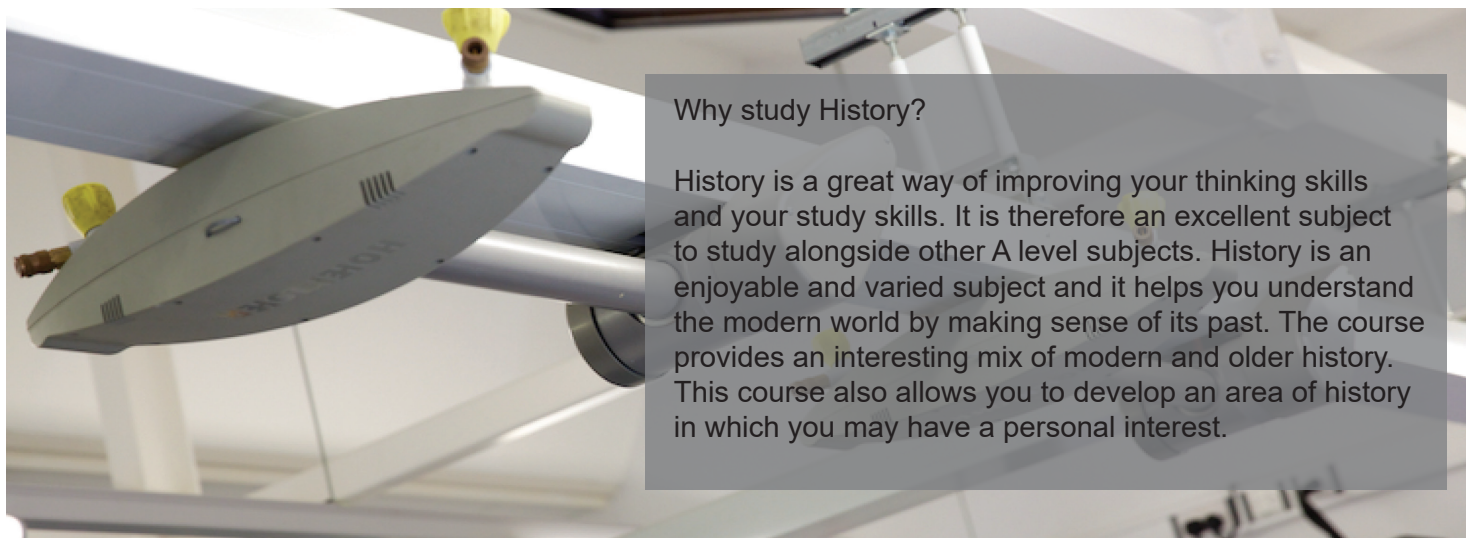
History

Key information

Qualification: A level History

Exam/coursework: Edexcel 20% coursework 80% final exam

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE History and English



Why study History?

History is a great way of improving your thinking skills and your study skills. It is therefore an excellent subject to study alongside other A level subjects. History is an enjoyable and varied subject and it helps you understand the modern world by making sense of its past. The course provides an interesting mix of modern and older history. This course also allows you to develop an area of history in which you may have a personal interest.

What will you study?

Option 1H: Britain transformed 1918-1997: This is a British study examining the key changes from the end of WW1 to the election of Tony Blair in 1997. During this time Britain was challenged by war, fluctuations in economy, technological change and a desire for greater social equality. This unit will examine Britain's responses to these challenges and how they created a history which is dynamic, interesting and at times controversial. You will complete a debate study focusing on the role and actions of Margaret Thatcher.

Option 2H.2: The USA, 1955-1992 Conformity and Challenge: This unit will focus on post 1945 affluence in America. This unit focuses on racial and political protest in the 1960's and the rise of right wing groups in the 1980's and the America of Ronald Reagan. The role of the youth, material goods and the role of President Kennedy will all be examined. Students will investigate changes to the lives of African Americans, the conflict in Vietnam, different protest groups and the fight against Communism. Students will also look at life in the 1970s and how this evolved in the 1980s. There is also the opportunity to complete coursework on a topic area of your choice in Year 13. You will work closely with your teachers to create your own question and area of research. This will allow you to really study in-depth a period of History that you may not have had chance too before. You will also complete your final unit looking at the witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America c1580-c1750.

What could you do next?

Past students of History have gone on to all sorts of careers ranging from journalism to law to working in education and even for the government.

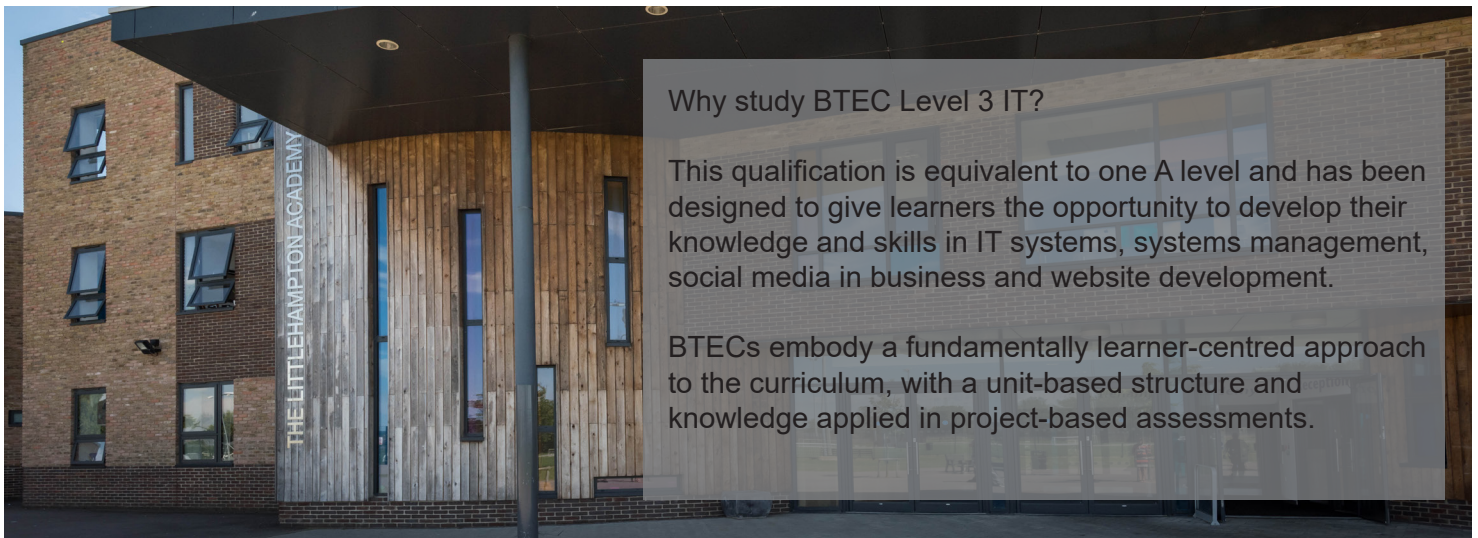
BTEC IT - Level 3

Key information

Qualification: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology

Exam/coursework: 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external. 58% examination, 42% course work

Entry requirements: 5 GCSE Grades 9-4 including ICT



Why study BTEC Level 3 IT?

This qualification is equivalent to one A level and has been designed to give learners the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in IT systems, systems management, social media in business and website development.

BTECs embody a fundamentally learner-centred approach to the curriculum, with a unit-based structure and knowledge applied in project-based assessments.

What will you study?

Unit 1 – Information Technology Systems Externally assessed via a 2 hour written exam (Includes ONE resit opportunity) In this unit you will gain a sound understanding of how to effectively select and use appropriate IT systems. You will explore the relationships between the hardware and software that form an IT system, the way systems work individually and together as well as the relationship between the user and the system.

Unit 2 - Creating Systems to Manage Information. Externally assessed via a 10 hour Controlled Assessment You will examine the structure of data, its origins and how an efficient data design follows through to an effective and useful database. You will examine a given scenario and develop an effective design solution to produce a database system. You will then test your solution to ensure it works correctly.

Unit 3 – Using Social Media in Business Internally assessed via coursework

In this unit, you will explore different social media websites, the ways in which they can be used and the potential pitfalls when using them for business purposes. You will develop a plan to use social media strategies for business purposes to achieve specific aims and objectives.

Unit 6 – Website Development Internally assessed via coursework In this unit, you will review existing websites, commenting on their overall design and effectiveness. You will use scripting languages such as Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and JavaScript® and a simple text editor, or rapid application development tools. Finally, you will reflect on the website design and functionality

What could you do next?

When taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications, the qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in Information Technology discipline or a degree where information technology related skills and knowledge may be advantageous. The qualification can also support progression to employment directly, or via an Apprenticeship.

BTEC - IT Level 2 Digital technology

Key information

Qualification: BTEC Level 2 Technical IT Support

Exam/coursework: 25% External assessment (exam), 75% Internal assessment course work

Entry requirements: 4 GCSE Grades 3-1 (240 guided learning hours)



What will you study?

Unit 1: Set Up and Configure Technology Systems – mandatory and internally assessed

You will develop the skills needed to install, configure and test a computer system to a given user requirement.

Unit 2: Exploring Current and Emerging Technologies - mandatory and internally assessed

You will investigate current and emerging technologies and how organisations use them to meet their business needs.

Unit 3: Security Protection and Risk Management – mandatory and externally assessed (February)

You will study threats to IT system security and the methods used to protect against them.

Unit 4: Work as an IT Support Technician

You will investigate the different processes and procedures carried out by an IT Technician, carrying out tasks related to the role.

What could you do next?

Achieving this qualification will give learners an advantage when applying for a job in IT. The types of jobs they will be ready for are: junior developer, content coordinator, trainee mobile developer. The qualification gives learners a sound basis to progress to a Level 3 qualification, when studied in a full study programme, such as the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing, IT or a Level 3 Digital Apprenticeship.

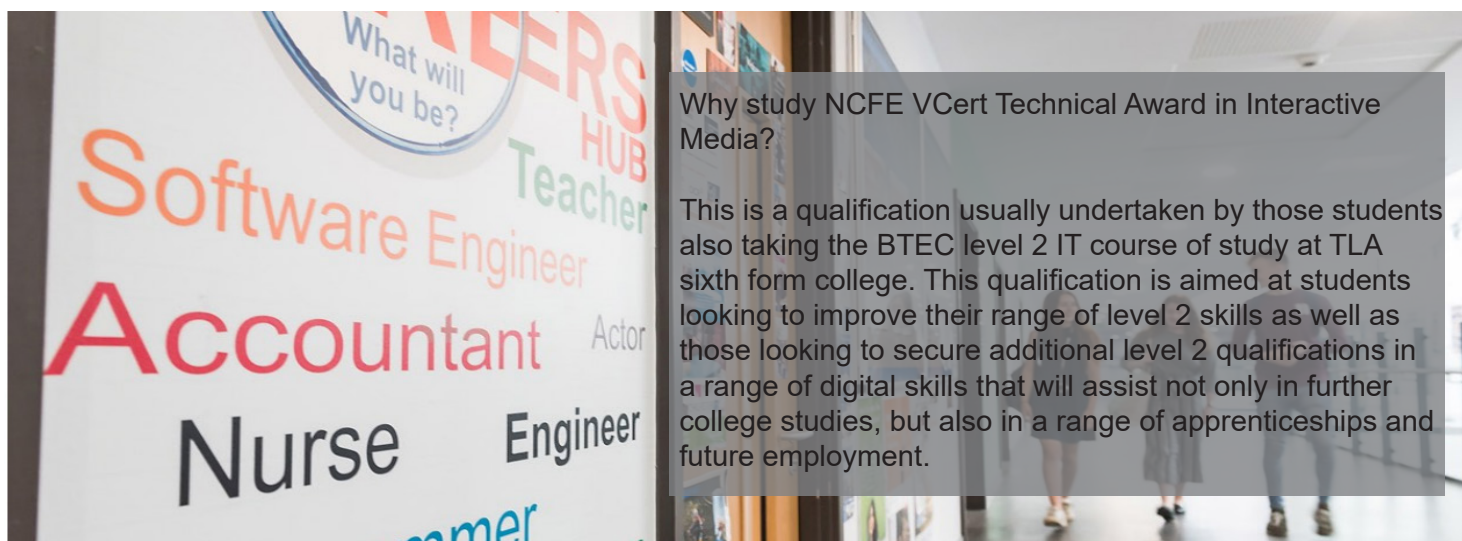
NCFE Technical Award in Interactive Media - Level 1 / 2

Key information

Qualification: NCFE VCert Technical Award in Interactive Media

Exam/coursework: 4 internally assessed units, with a final 15 hour long externally assessed piece of work.

Entry requirements: Companion course to BTEC Level 2 IT Digital Technology qualification



What will you study?

Unit 1 – Investigate interactive media production (internally and externally assessed)

Students will study a range of media products used in promotional media and contexts along with topics such as audience, features, methods and techniques.

Unit 2 – Plan and prepare for an interactive media product (internally and externally assessed)

Students will plan and prepare a media product in promotional context.

Unit 3 – Development and production of an interactive media product (internally and externally assessed)

Students will develop and produce a media product in promotional context.

Unit 4 – Present and promote an interactive media product (internally and externally assessed)

Students will present and promote a media product in promotional context.

The final external exam will revisit all these skills again within a board set scenario at the end of the course.

What could you do next?

Learners who achieve this VCert qualification could progress onto Level 3 qualifications and A levels such as Level 3 Art and Design, Level 3 Interactive Media as well as other Level 3 qualifications in Creative and Media related subjects. It may also be a useful qualification for those students who intend going on to study for qualifications in the following sectors:

- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Creative / Interactive Media
- Games Design

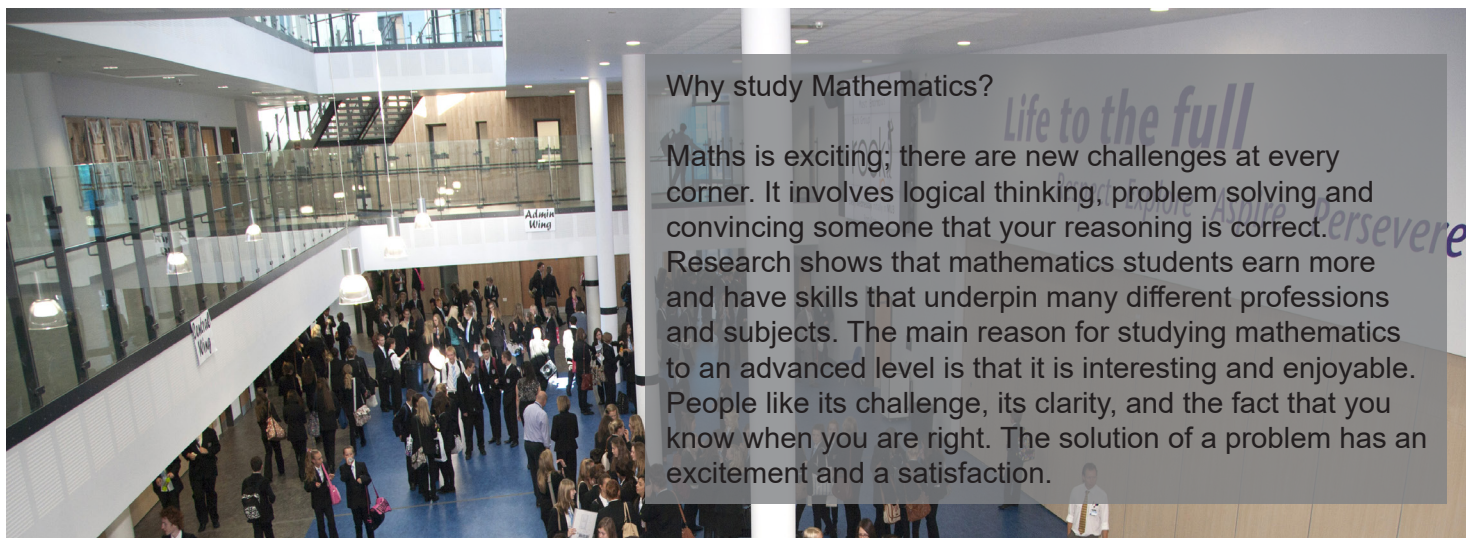
Mathematics

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 100% examination

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 6



What will you study?

You will follow the Edexcel specification and study core mathematics together with its applications in statistics and mechanics. In year 13 you will sit three exams that are weighted 2:1 for core and application content in order to gain your mathematics A level.

What could you do next?

Those who qualify in mathematics are in the fortunate position of having a wide range of career choices. The abilities are all enhanced by a mathematics degree course. It is for this reason that mathematicians are increasingly in demand. With a mathematics degree, you should be able to turn your hand to Finance, Statistics, Engineering, Computers, Teaching or Accountancy with a success not possible to other graduates. Scientists use mathematics and as such knowledge of the subject beyond GCSE is often essential to be successful at degree level in this area.

The most recent surveys show graduates in Mathematics and Computer Science at the top of the earning lists six years after graduation. Computer Science has a considerable mathematical component, which is becoming more important as the designers of software are required to prove that the software meets its specification. This kind of rigour is one of the basic techniques of mathematics, and can be learned only through a mathematics course.

Further Mathematics

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 100% examination assessment

Entry requirements: Minimum Grade 7 in Mathematics GCSE plus you must take Mathematics A level

Why study Further Mathematics?

Further Mathematics can only be taken by students studying A level Mathematics and it both broadens and deepens the maths covered. Any student planning to take a mathematics-rich degree (engineering, sciences, computing, finance/economics, as well as mathematics itself) will benefit enormously from taking Further Mathematics, and will find the transition to degree level work easier as a result. Further Mathematics qualifications are highly regarded and are warmly welcomed by universities. Students who take Further Mathematics are really demonstrating a strong commitment to their studies, as well as learning Mathematics that is very useful for any mathematically rich degree. Some prestigious university courses require you to have a Further Mathematics qualification and others may adjust their grade requirements more favourably to students with Further Mathematics.

What will you study?

Being a Further Mathematics course you will study the Further Maths core topics along with a selection of application options such as further mechanics which deepens the knowledge of applied maths taught at A level. In lessons you will work individually and collaborate as part of a team. You will be given textbooks that are specific to each area of study. You will have teachers who will use a variety of methods to help you gain a full understanding of the course content.

What could you do next?

The skills gained from studying a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) subject at A level or degree level are in demand by employers. Graduates with STEM degrees earn on average 5% to 10% higher salaries than the mean for all graduates.

Having a broad mathematical knowledge and secure technical ability will help the transition from sixth-form to higher education. Together with good mathematical skills, employers are looking for the ability to work in a team, communicate effectively and show initiative.

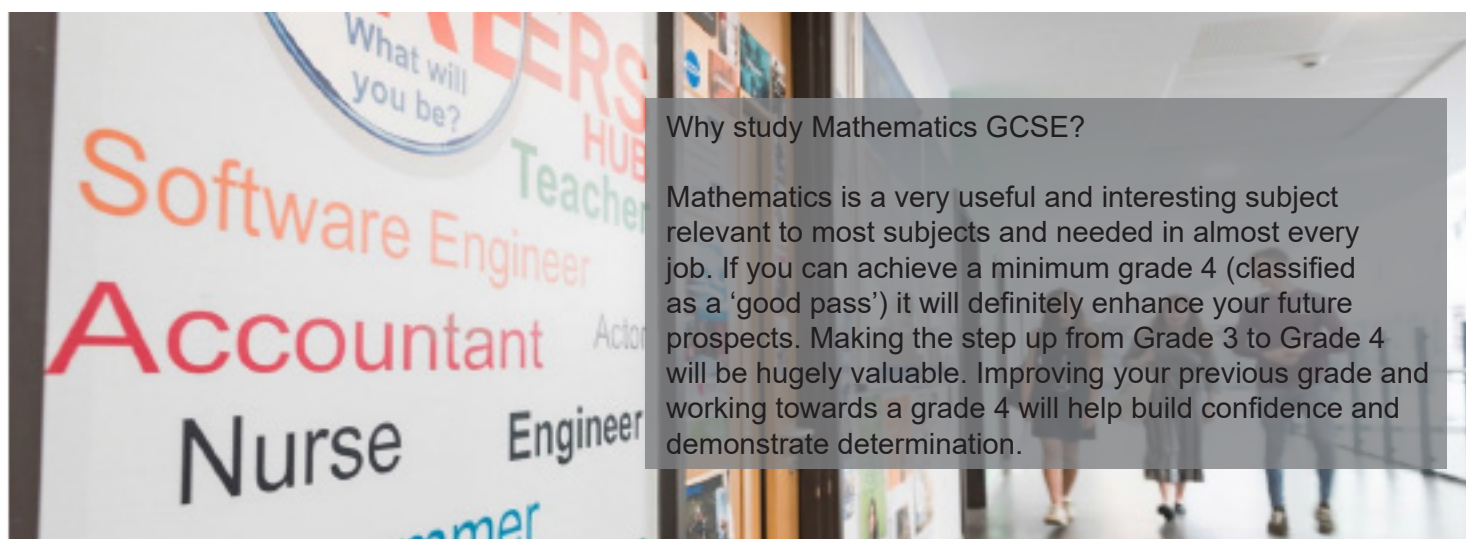
Mathematics GCSE

Key information

Qualification: GCSE

Exam/coursework: Three examinations

Entry requirements: Any GCSE Mathematics grade



Why study Mathematics GCSE?

Mathematics is a very useful and interesting subject relevant to most subjects and needed in almost every job. If you can achieve a minimum grade 4 (classified as a 'good pass') it will definitely enhance your future prospects. Making the step up from Grade 3 to Grade 4 will be hugely valuable. Improving your previous grade and working towards a grade 4 will help build confidence and demonstrate determination.

What will you study?

This one-year course is specifically designed for post-16 students who wish to improve on a previous grade gained. You will study the Edexcel linear specification and will be given the opportunity to work through past papers so your strengths and areas needing improvement can be identified and worked on as needed. The course aims to help you focus on what and how you learn and so improve performance. The course will involve independent study, use of ICT and some short investigations designed to consolidate knowledge of a topic.

What could you do next?

The key skills learnt at this level are highly valued by employers and give more opportunities for development in the workplace. Many employers and most universities will require GCSE Mathematics at Grade 4 or above.

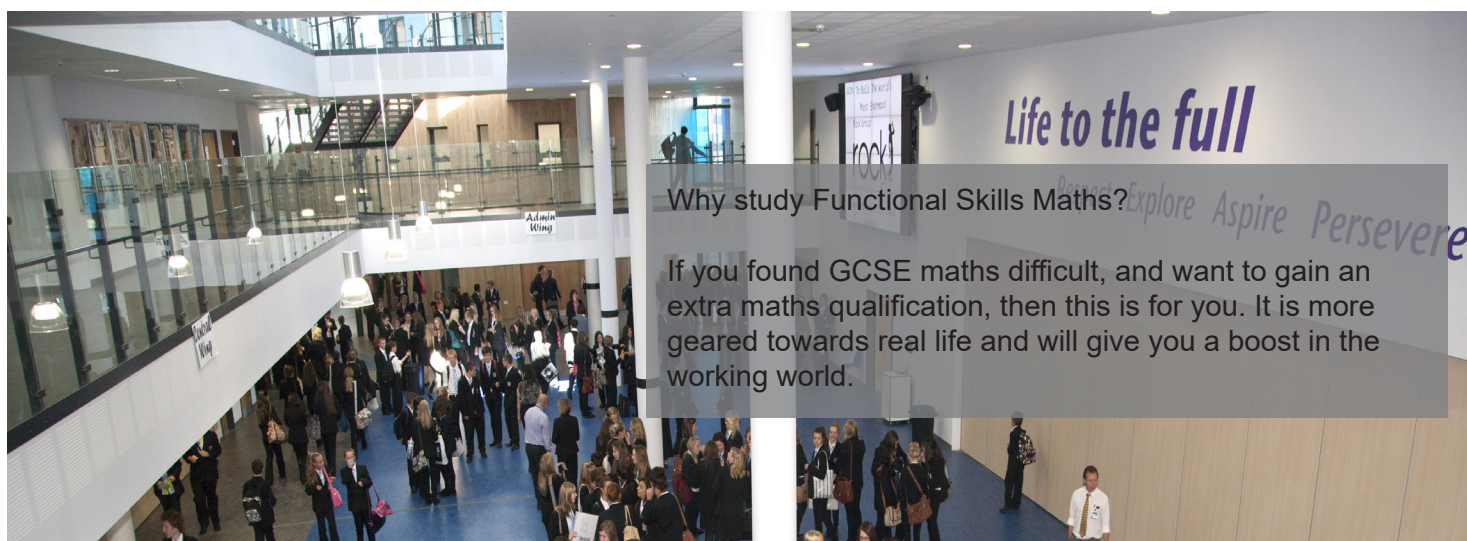
Mathematics Functional Skills

Key information

Qualification: E3/L1/L2 Functional Skills Maths

Exam/coursework: 100% exam

Entry requirements: Suitable for those with a GCSE Maths grade of U,1,2



What will you study?

The syllabus focuses on Number skills and also has some Shape and Data. Problems are presented in real life situations and contexts; you start at Entry 3, and progress up to Level 2 over your time at TLA.

What could you do next?

You could move onto apprenticeships or employment.

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 70% exam, 30% coursework

Entry requirements: At least 5 9-4 grades at GCSE or equivalence. A qualification in Media Studies at GCSE or Media Production at BTEC Level 2 is not a requirement for the course.

Why study A level Media?

You will enhance your enjoyment and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life, by changing from an audience member to a producer with a critical eye.

You will develop critical understanding of the media through engagement with media products and concepts and through the creative application of practical skills, including filming and editing, designing websites and photography.

As part of your study in A level Media you will work in an industrial context by responding to a brief to create two linked production pieces. You will develop your own views and interpretations of media texts, and apply theory to them.

What will you study?

You will:

- Build on your own interests, knowledge and enjoyment of media texts and technologies
- Engage with theory, research and ideas relating to the chosen topic
- Develop skills in pre-production and in media technologies to produce your own media texts
- Use the necessary framework of concepts to carry out your own readings of media texts
- Undertake detailed study of a cross-media topic which is focused on contemporary media texts and the changing contexts within which media texts are created
- Explore a range of media platforms such as broadcasting, e-media and print

What could you do next?

Many of our students go on to study Media Studies and Media Production at university. You could go into a variety of areas, such as journalism, animation, computer game design, editing or marketing.

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate/Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production

Key information

Qualification: BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production

Exam/coursework: 4 Units (2 Internal and 2 External), 13 Units (9 Internal and 4 External)

Entry requirements: At least 5 grade 4s at GCSE or equivalence.



Why study Creative Digital Media Production?

Would you like to learn about how and why films, adverts, music videos and television programmes are edited, and plan and create your own? You will work in a professional context, as you respond to a brief and pitch your ideas. You will explore the professional practice of editing, and develop your own technical and creative skills.

What will you study?

You will research existing television advertisements to investigate how persuasive messages can be constructed. You will then follow professional protocols and plan and produce an advertisement for television aimed at a target audience. You will evaluate the effectiveness of your advert.

You will learn about filming and editing, and how this has developed and changed over time. Through study of the development and principles of editing, you will develop an insight into the 'language' of editing and the technical conventions used by editors to communicate with audiences. You will practise these skills, and create a short film in response to a brief.

What could you do next?

Many of our students go on to study Media Production at university. You could go into a variety of areas, such as animation, computer game design, editing and journalism. Many will look to working in the TV and film industry after university.

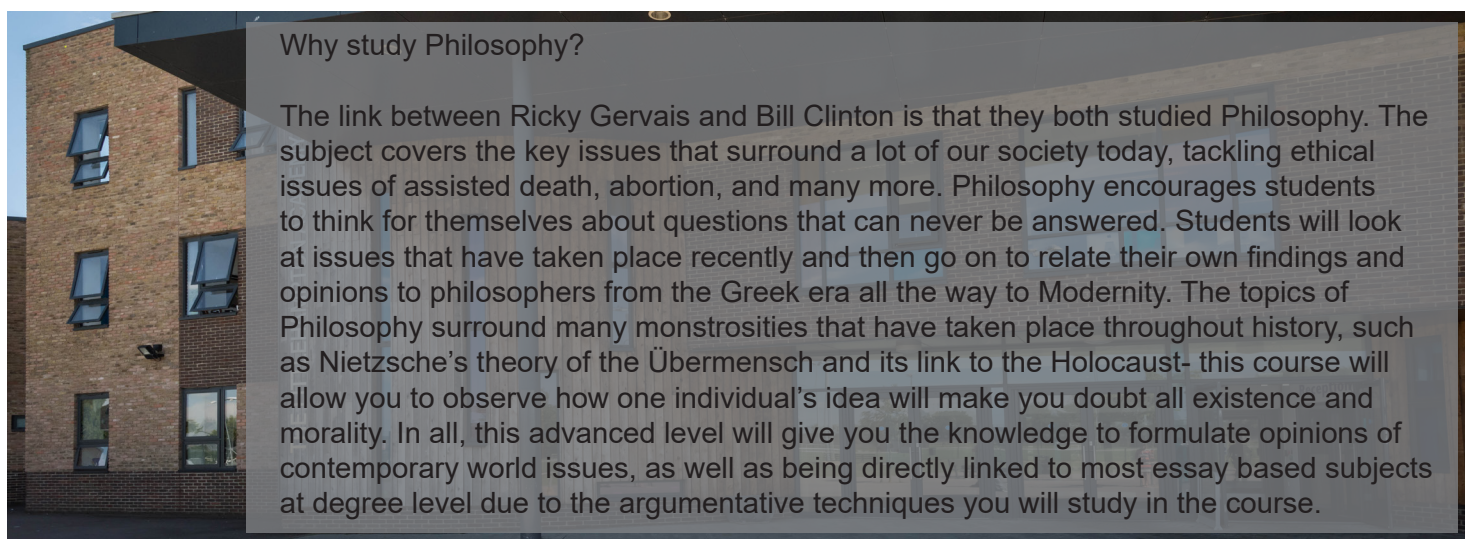
Philosophy

Key information

Qualification: A level Philosophy

Exam/coursework: 100% Examination (2 three hour exams at the end of the second year) (AQA)

Entry requirements: Minimum of grade 4 in GCSE English Language, a GCSE in Sociology, History or Religious Studies is desirable but not essential.



What will you study?

In the first year you will study two units of Philosophy: Epistemology (how do we know what we know?); and Moral Philosophy (what makes an act right or wrong?). We look at issues such as 'is murder always wrong or can there be times when murder is the most appropriate option?' and 'how do we know what we know is truly what we know?' these are discussed in detail through the form of spoken and written debates. In the second year the final two units will be Metaphysics of God (does God exist?); and Metaphysics of Mind (what makes us think that what we know is true?). The second year is primarily focussed towards what people believe to be true possibly being false even though it is seen and things unseen are the real truth.

What could you do next?

An A level in Philosophy could lead you to gain a direct internship at law firms or to obtain other jobs at further study.

University courses the subject directly links to: Law, Philosophy, English Literature and/or Language, Theology and Religious Studies, Politics, Psychology, and many other essay based subjects.

Photography

Key information

Qualification: A level

Exam/coursework: 40% exam, 60% coursework

Entry requirements: 5 GCSE 9-5 grades.

Why study Photography?

Modern digital photography is an exciting and dynamic area to study. Photography forms the basis of the majority of web based design or new media industries. Studying digital photography can open up a wide range of university and career paths such as: photo journalism, freelance photography, web design, animation, computer game design, CGI and film special effects amongst many others. Successful students who have studied with us have gone on to gain places at university studying computer animation design, lens based arts, computer game design and photography. The photography suite has just been refurbished with high end computers and state of the art photo software.

What will you study?

The course starts with six weeks of workshops to develop your key skills in using the cameras, composing photos and developing them in the digital darkroom. Gallery visits then inform the latter half of the course where you will embark on producing a sustained project that is based on a theme.

During the course you will gain the experience of becoming a practising professional by putting on your own private exhibitions with the possibility of obtaining commissions to sell your photography.

What could you do next?

The Art department have strong links with our local FE College, Northbrook, where students have gone on to study a Foundation degree in Art and Media – which includes Photographic Arts. Students successful in Photography can go onto further study either at foundation level for one or two years (Northbrook) or to university to study in many photographic fields, such as forensic photography, or photographic arts and media.

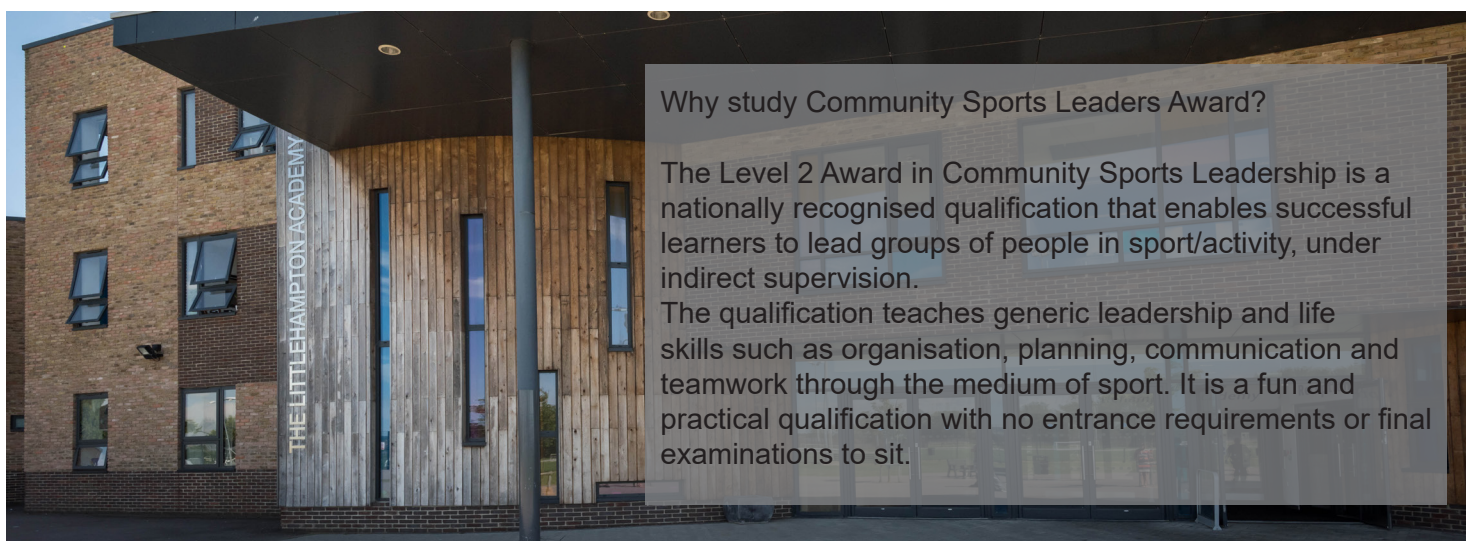
Physical Education - Community Sports Leaders Award

Key information

Qualification: Community Sports Leader Award

Exam/coursework: 100% course work – 10 hours of Community Sports Volunteer Work

Entry requirements: None required but it is an advantage if you have studied either GCSE PE or BTEC Sport Level 2



Why study Community Sports Leaders Award?

The Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to lead groups of people in sport/activity, under indirect supervision.

The qualification teaches generic leadership and life skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of sport. It is a fun and practical qualification with no entrance requirements or final examinations to sit.

What will you study?

Students will study seven units. The large majority of the course will be practical. Students will be required to produce written work for each unit to help evidence their learning and understanding.

- 1 Plan, lead and evaluate a sport/activity session
- 2 Developing leadership skills
- 3 Lead a session to improve fitness
- 4 Adapting sports activities
- 5 Establish and maintain a safe sport/activity session
- 6 Organise and deliver a sports event or competition
- 7 Pathways in sport and recreation

It is an expectation that candidates volunteer at community and primary sports events throughout the year to enable them to practise and develop their leadership skills further.

What could you do next?

On completion of the course candidates will be required to complete 10 hours of voluntary sports work within the community. Higher Sports Leaders Award. University to study Sport Related Degree / Coaching Course

Physical Education - Higher Sports Leaders Award

Key information

Qualification: Higher Sports Leader Award

Exam/coursework: 100% course work – 40 hours of Community Sports Volunteer Work

Entry requirements: Candidates should have completed the Community Sports Leaders Award. Studying BTEC Sport is an advantage although is not essential.



Why study Higher Sports Leaders Award?

The Level 3 Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to lead unsupervised groups of people in sport and recreational activities. This qualification builds upon the skills and experience gained through the Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership.

The qualification teaches generic leadership and life skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of sport. It is a fun and practical qualification, with no entrance requirements or final examinations to sit.

What will you study?

The HSLA is the advanced version of the community sports leader award. It qualifies you to coach unsupervised and successful completion earns you UCAS points to assist with entry into university.

The course builds on the skills developed in CSLA. Eight units must be completed in Developing Leadership Skills, Provision of Sport in the Community; leading sessions designed to improve fitness; lead and organise an 'event'; legal and ethical responsibilities in working with others lead activity sessions for primary children, disabled and the older adult.

Higher Sports Leader candidates will be required to complete at least 30 hours of voluntary sports leadership with 3 groups. Usually this will be Children, Community and Disabled. It is an expectation that candidates volunteer at community and primary sports clubs

What could you do next?

The HSLA is a very practical course that will benefit anyone who wants a career working with others. University to study Sport Related Degree / Coaching Courses.

Physics

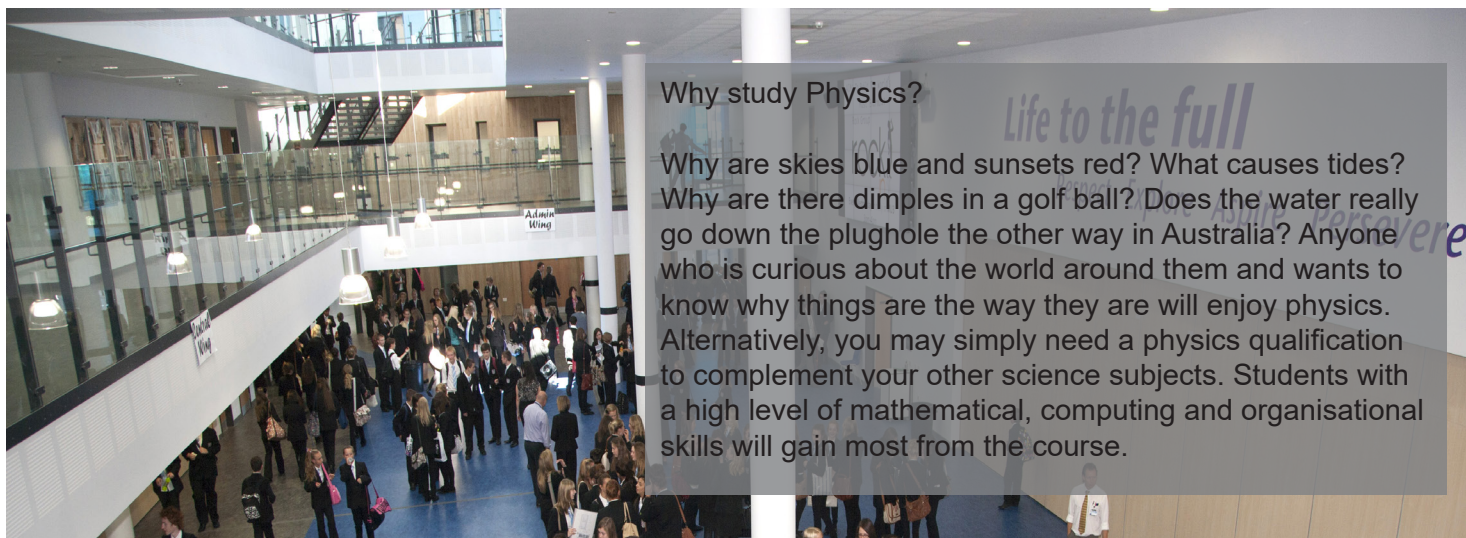
Key information

Qualification: A level Physics

Board: AQA

Exam/coursework: 100% exam with required practicals for practical award.

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 5-5 Combined Science or 5 Triple Physics (must be in the examined unit as well as overall). Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics



Why study Physics?

Why are skies blue and sunsets red? What causes tides? Why are there dimples in a golf ball? Does the water really go down the plughole the other way in Australia? Anyone who is curious about the world around them and wants to know why things are the way they are will enjoy physics. Alternatively, you may simply need a physics qualification to complement your other science subjects. Students with a high level of mathematical, computing and organisational skills will gain most from the course.

What will you study?

During year one, the course involves the study of mechanics (motion, forces, energy and power) and materials (flow of liquids, properties of materials; Young's modulus and elastic strain energy) and waves (including refraction, polarisation, diffraction and stationary waves), electricity (current and resistance, Ohm's law and its applications) and the wave/particle nature of light.

The second year develops on these themes, including the study of further mechanics (momentum and circular motion), electric and magnetic fields electro-magnetic induction and its applications, cosmology (the study of space and the origins of the universe), thermal and particle physics, which involves the acceleration and detection of high-energy particles.

What could you do next?

A level Physics is a route into numerous careers: engineering, medical physics, meteorology, computing, materials science, civil service, communications, environmental work, education, geophysics, economic modelling in the City, etc. The skills you learn in a physics-based degree are in short supply in the UK and are highly prized in our technological and computer-based economy and as such university graduates with a Physics based degree often earn salaries significantly higher than the average graduate wage.

Key information

Qualification: A level Politics

Exam/coursework: 100% exam

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language and any Humanities based subject (Citizenship, Geography, History, Religious Studies, Sociology)

Why study Politics?

Everyone is affected by politics as it is about the way in which people organise their lives together in a community. The important decisions that affect their lives concerning wealth, health, and education are essentially political decisions. Since politics touches every aspect of our lives, it is worth having knowledge of how the whole process of an elected government works. Studying A level Politics helps you to do this. If you want to be involved in local or national government and make a difference to society, then this course would be a valuable first step. Essentially this advanced level gives you the knowledge to understand how decisions are made within the U.K., as well as in other countries.

What will you study?

During the first year, you will study two main themes; people and their participation in politics, and governing modern Britain. Issues such as 'what is parliament's role in the U.K. political system?' and 'how important are pressure groups in a democracy?' are debated. The second year of the course is geared towards a focus on international relations. This topic gives you an understanding of politics on a global scale, and includes looking at the importance of power and how political organisations have developed to promote co-operation and prevent disputes.

What could you do next?

An A level in Politics is well regarded by many universities, and a degree in Political Science can lead to such careers in journalism, law, and of course politics!

Key information

Qualification: A level Psychology

Exam/coursework: 100% final exam

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language, Mathematics and a 4 in Science.

Why study Psychology?

Psychology is a fascinating science concerned with the study of the mind and behaviour. It has connections with many subjects, such as biology and sociology, and has a broad range of applications in everyday life, including childhood development, stress, health and mental illness. The aim of psychologists is to explore questions that give us a better understanding of people's behaviour and the common factor linking people who study psychology is curiosity and a search for knowledge. The course will enable you to learn to write essays, develop skills of analysis and to construct logical arguments.

What will you study?

Psychology is an attractive subject that develops a range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. You will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers. Some topics that are covered include Memory, Attachment, Research Methods, Relationships, Gender, Schizophrenia, Aggression and Eating Disorders.

What could you do next?

An advanced level in psychology is well regarded by many universities, and a degree in psychology can lead to such careers in nursing, education, clinical psychologist, counselling psychologist, educational psychologist, sport and exercise psychologist, detective, education consultant, life coach and management.

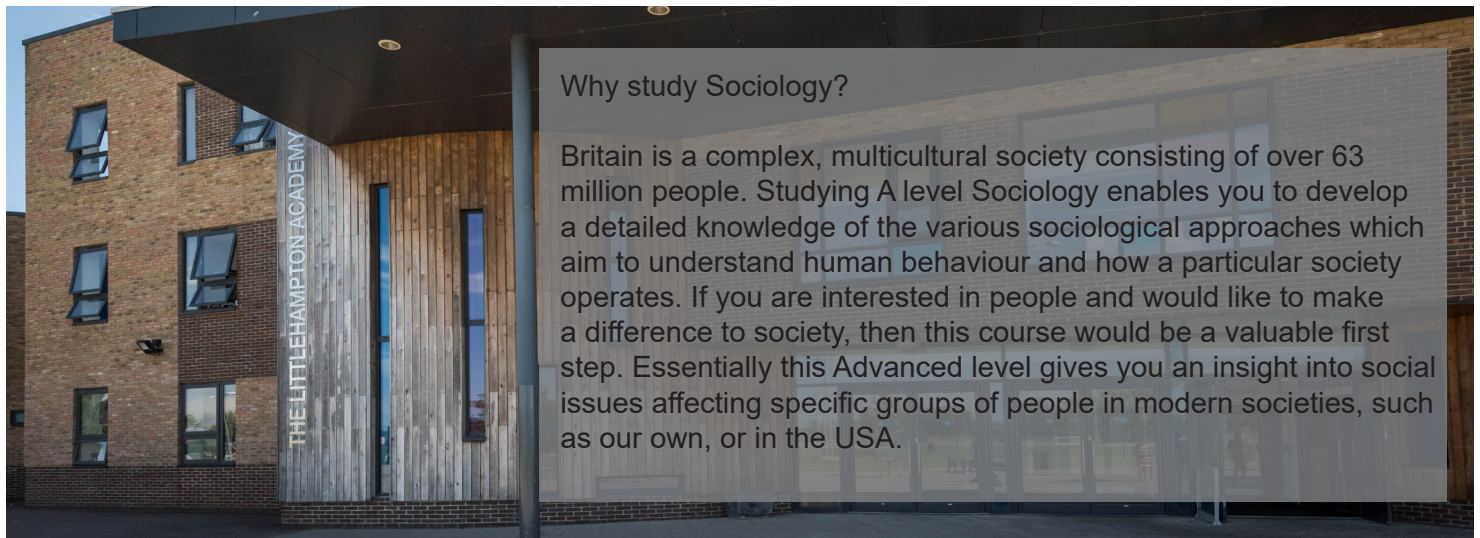
Sociology

Key information

Qualification: A level Sociology

Exam/coursework: 100% exam

Entry requirements: Minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language and either Sociology or any Humanities based subject (Geography/History)



Why study Sociology?

Britain is a complex, multicultural society consisting of over 63 million people. Studying A level Sociology enables you to develop a detailed knowledge of the various sociological approaches which aim to understand human behaviour and how a particular society operates. If you are interested in people and would like to make a difference to society, then this course would be a valuable first step. Essentially this Advanced level gives you an insight into social issues affecting specific groups of people in modern societies, such as our own, or in the USA.

What will you study?

You will learn about the many facets of British society. For instance, in the first year of the A level course, the focus is on the different cultures that exist within the United Kingdom. There is also the first year the opportunity for you to conduct various sociological investigations linked to family life and the upbringing of children. This may include interviewing people within the local community about issues to do with the provision of education for children. In the second year, the topics involve looking at the influence of the media on young people, as well as consisting of a detailed focus on the different sociological explanations for criminal and anti-social behaviour.

What could you do next?

An A level in Sociology is well regarded by many universities, and a degree in social science can lead to such careers in broadcasting, nursing, in the police force and in social services. Basically, completion of A level Sociology can lead onto a wide range of occupations that involve working with people.

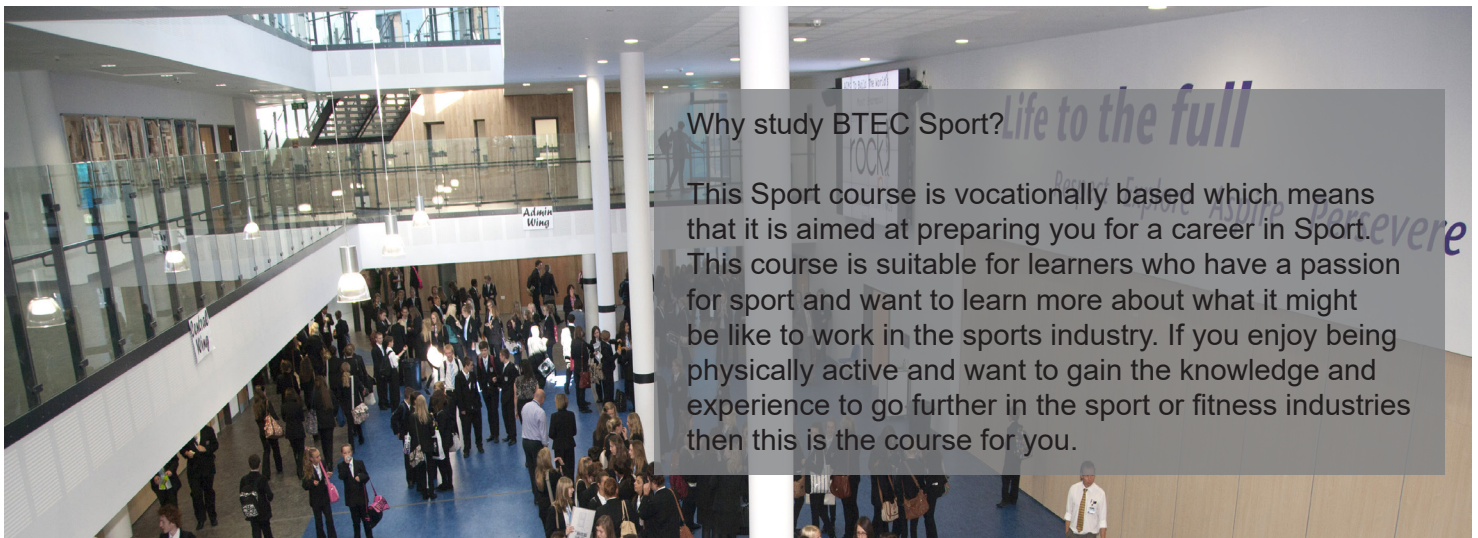
BTEC National Extended Certificate in SPORT - Level 3

Key information

Qualification: BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport 360 GLH Equivalent in size to one A level. **Single Award (1 A level equivalent)**

Exam/coursework: 4 Units in total. 2 are coursework based, 2 are externally assessed.

Entry requirements: 5 GCSE's or equivalent qualifications at grade 4 or better.



What will you study?

Over the two years you will study 4 units; Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry, and Practical Sports Performance. Each unit will give you an excellent foundation of knowledge and experience. Two of the units are examined and assessed externally. The other two are project based where you will complete written and practical assignments to demonstrate your understanding.

What could you do next?

As a broad basis of study for the sport sector, this qualification is designed to support progression to higher education. Successful completion of this course will meet the entry requirements to university courses. It will also provide you with a robust qualifications for potential employers to see.

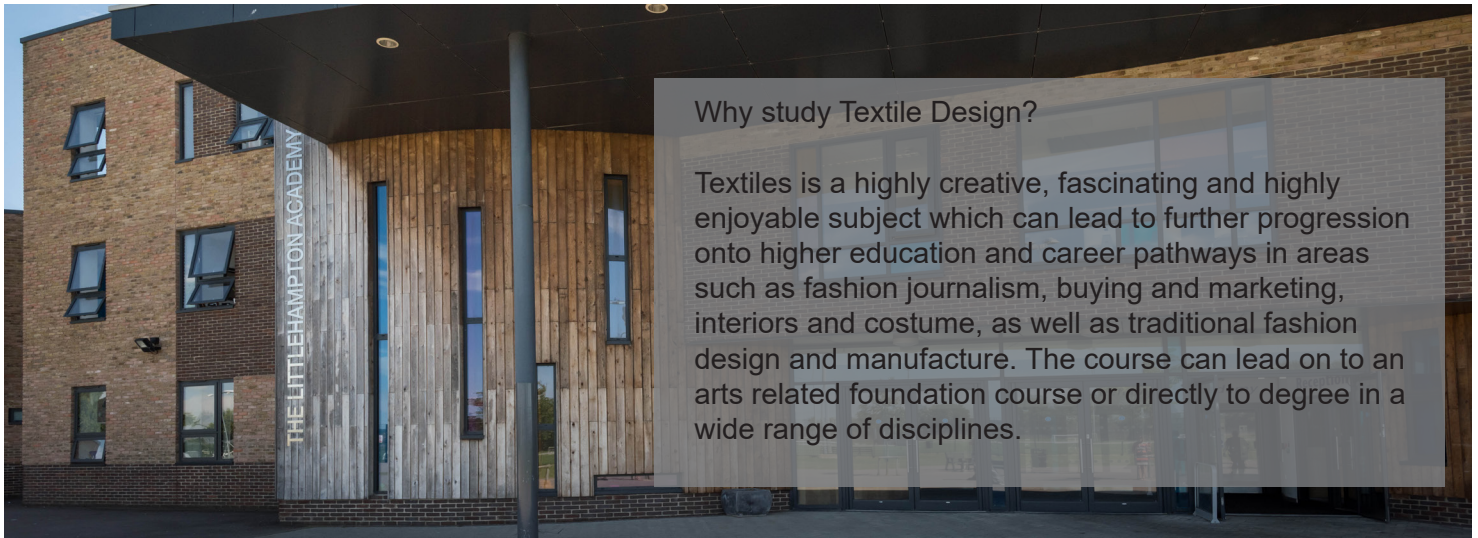
A Level Textile Design

Key information

Qualification: AQA A level Textile Design

Exam/coursework: 60% Coursework 40% Exam (Exam is a practical Exam)

Entry requirements: 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 and above.



What will you study?

The course will commence with a series of practical workshops which will build and extend your skills in all areas of textile design including machine skills, hand stitching, fabric manipulation, sketchbook presentation, product design, photography, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, screen printing, block printing, fabric dyeing and fashion illustration. You will then begin:

Component 1: Personal Investigation - 60%. A personal investigation in which candidates develop work in response to an idea, issue, concept or theme of their choosing.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment - 40%. Candidates will be given a question paper containing a range of exciting starting points. Candidates will choose one to develop. They will be given a lead-in period in which to prepare for the final exam. The final exam consists of a supervised period of 15 hours.

What could you do next?

A level Textiles can lead to further progression onto higher education and career pathways in areas such as fashion journalism, buying and marketing, interiors and costume, as well as traditional fashion design and manufacture. The course can lead on to an arts related foundation course or directly to degree in a wide range of disciplines.

Jobs directly related include: Clothing/textile technologist, colour technologist, interior and spatial designer, fashion designer, textile designer, costume designer, fashion & digital textiles designer, domestic textiles, wallpaper designer and textiles artist.

10 steps into the Sixth Form

Applying to TLA Sixth Form for a place in September 2021



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1. TALK TO YOUR TEACHERS

Discuss with your teachers what their subjects involve in the Sixth Form – find out what you can be doing to prepare yourself for Sixth Form study.



2. RESEARCH

Find out requirements for university/career paths. Use the Russell Group's 'Informed Choices' guide:
www.russellgroup.ac.uk/informed-choices
Visit the careers hub.



3. OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 15 October
2020 6-8pm.**

Visit all of the subjects we have available and ask questions about what course we have on offer.



4. TUTOR TIME

Talk to your tutor about the options available to you at TLA Sixth Form. Come and speak to the Sixth Form team if you have more questions.



5. APPLICATION FORM

Open from Friday 16
October 2020

Deadline Friday 18 December
2020



6. INTERVIEW

Interviews (from November 2020) with a member of the Sixth Form team or S.L.T. All students will be offered a conditional place based on results.

7. MOCK EXAMS

Feb 2021. Your Mock results will give you a clear indication if you're on track to meet our entrance requirements.

8. TRANSITION DAYS

14 - 15 July 2021. Join us for 2 days of lessons to experience what Sixth Form life is really like and collect work to ensure you're ready for Post 16 study.

9. RESULTS DAY

Confirm your place in the Sixth Form once you receive your GCSE results. An opportunity to change subjects in light of results will be available.

10. Enrollment Day

This will take place on GCSE Results Day



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