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APPLIED SCIENCE

EXAM BOARD

PEARSON

QUALIFICATION

BTEC

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 5
GCSE Maths Grade 5
You will also require a grade 6-6 in Combined Science or a Grade 6 in at least two Science subjects if studied individually.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment combines **external examinations and practical/coursework-based assessments**, giving students different opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and scientific skills.

COURSE OVERVIEW

BTEC Applied Science provides students with an exciting opportunity to develop their scientific knowledge alongside practical laboratory skills. The course covers key areas of biology, chemistry and physics, helping students understand how scientific principles are applied in real-world situations.

Students develop practical skills through laboratory investigations, learning how to safely use scientific equipment, collect and analyse data, interpret results and evaluate experimental methods. They also develop important transferable skills including problem-solving, teamwork, communication and independent working.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University and higher education courses may include:

- Biomedical Science
- Forensic Science

Career and apprenticeship opportunities may include:

- Laboratory Technician
- Biomedical Laboratory Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Technician

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their BTEC Applied Science studies, students can take part in a range of **co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities:**

- STEM enrichment activities
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics workshops
- University and Industry Visits
- Guest Speakers

WHY this subject?

BTEC Applied Science is an excellent choice for students who **enjoy science but also want to learn through practical, hands-on experiences**. The course combines scientific knowledge with opportunities to investigate, experiment and apply learning to real-world situations. Students study aspects of **biology, chemistry and physics**, while developing practical laboratory skills and learning how scientists collect, analyse and evaluate evidence.

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ART & DESIGN

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade 5 in Art and Design OR an equivalent portfolio of work.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

60% Coursework – Portfolio of work
40% Externally Set Assignment

COURSE OVERVIEW

COURSEWORK – 60%

Year 12: As an introduction to this course, students undertake a series of experimental workshops where they explore a range of materials, techniques and processes. They respond to the themes of DECAY and STRUCTURES as they develop their own artwork through drawing, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Year 13: Students select their own topic for a personal investigation. They research a variety of contextual sources and then develop their own artwork in response to their chosen theme.

EXTERNALLY SET ASSIGNMENT- 40%

Students will be given a selection of themes from the exam board. They will have 12 weeks to produce a visual response to this theme that will culminate in a 15hr practical exam.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Art and Design can prepare students for a range of degree courses including:

- Fine Art
- fashion and textile design
- film and media studies
- graphic design / illustration
- product design / set design
- photography

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their studies, Art students will have the opportunity to visit a range of Art galleries and to take part in creative workshops at local universities. As Art ambassadors, they will also be encouraged to develop confidence and leadership skills by helping to run our after-school art clubs and intergenerational whole school projects.

WHY this subject?

Alongside preparing students for a career in the creative industries, the study of art and Design can encourage self-expression, build confidence and help with emotional wellbeing –as students navigate the pressures of studying and of everyday life. The leading people in any field are those who can think creatively and innovatively- skills that all employers value alongside any other qualifications.

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BIOLOGY

EXAM BOARD

OCR

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 4
GCSE Maths Grade 6
You will also require a grade 6-6 in Combined Science or a Grade 6 in at least two Science subjects if studied individually.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

OCR A-Level Biology is assessed through **three written examinations**, with practical skills assessed throughout the course. The examinations cover knowledge, understanding, application and scientific analysis.

COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level Biology is an exciting and challenging subject that explores the **science of living organisms**, from cells and molecules to whole organisms and ecosystems. The OCR course encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of how living systems work and how biological knowledge can be applied to real-world issues.

Students study a broad range of topics including **cell biology, biological molecules, exchange and transport, biodiversity, evolution, communication, genetics, ecosystems and disease**. Practical work is an important part of the course, allowing students to develop laboratory skills, collect and analyse data, and investigate biological questions.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University and higher education courses may include:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Biomedical Science
- Neuroscience

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their studies, students can take part in a range of **co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities**:

- STEM enrichment activities
- University Taster Days
- University and Industry Visits
- Guest Speakers

WHY this subject?

OCR A-Level Biology is an excellent choice for students who are **curious about how living things work** and want to understand the science behind health, disease, genetics, evolution and the environment.

A-Level Biology is particularly valuable for students considering careers in **medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, biomedical science, pharmacy, neuroscience, environmental science, research and healthcare**.



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BUSINESS

EXAM BOARD

PEARSON Edexcel

QUALIFICATION

BTEC

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at grade 4+ including English and maths

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Students will take 4 units in total, including 3 compulsory units:

- Exploring business – **Internally Assessed**
- Developing a marketing campaign – **Examination**
- Personal & Business Finance – **Examination**
- Recruitment and Selection – **Internally Assessed**

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course has been designed to cover a broad range of fields, through knowledge-based work with practical elements which will allow progression to employment, a higher apprenticeship or university.

This course is ideal for students who are passionate about business and are either planning on starting up their own business or pursuing a career in an area of business studies.

Through the use of real-life business scenarios, you will develop an awareness of the business world and be able to analyse the steps needed to be taken to be successful in the industry. You will develop your skills of independent learning, team-work, research, problem solving, communication and organisation.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Many Business students progress to careers in:

- Finance
- Sales
- Human resource management
- Marketing.

It is also excellent for a range of management roles in the private or public sectors.

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- Young Enterprise
- Potential trips to London and the financial district
- Financial Advisor guest speakers
- University Trips

WHY this subject?

Students who choose this subject at QES benefit from:

- Specialist staff who are passionate about their subject
- Lessons which involve a mixture of examination and coursework-based assignments
- Subject content which is relevant and up to date with the dynamic world we live in



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CHEMISTRY

EXAM BOARD

OCR

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 4
GCSE Maths Grade 6
You will also require a grade 6-6 in Combined Science or a Grade 6 in at least two Science subjects if studied individually.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

OCR A-Level Chemistry is assessed through **three written examinations**, with practical skills assessed throughout the course. The examinations cover knowledge, understanding, application and scientific analysis.

COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level Chemistry is a challenging and rewarding subject that explores **the substances that make up our world and the reactions that transform them**. The OCR course develops students' understanding of chemistry from atomic and molecular level through to real-world applications. Students study key areas including **atoms and compounds, chemical reactions, periodicity, energetics, kinetics, equilibrium, organic chemistry, polymers, analysis and modern applications of chemistry**. Practical work is an important part of the course, allowing students to develop laboratory skills, carry out investigations and apply chemical theory to experimental situations.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University and higher education courses may include:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Biomedical Science

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their studies, students can take part in a range of **co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities**:

- STEM enrichment activities
- University Taster Days
- University and Industry Visits
- Guest Speakers

WHY this subject?

A-Level Chemistry is an excellent choice for students who enjoy **solving problems, carrying out practical investigations and understanding how and why substances behave and react**. It combines mathematical thinking with practical and theoretical science, making it both challenging and rewarding.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

EXAM BOARD

OCR

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths at Grade 6

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Theory of computation
Paper 2: Fundamentals of data representation
Each paper is 2 hrs 30 m, worth 40% of the A level
Non exam assessment - programming project worth 20% of the A level

COURSE OVERVIEW

Computer Science is an exciting but demanding subject that will help you develop an analytical, problem-solving approach, which is sometimes called 'computational thinking'. The course will equip you with the fundamentals of problem-solving, which you will put into practice by developing computer programs. The thinking skills developed during the course are precisely those needed to design the new algorithms needed to meet the challenges

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Computer Science opens up the opportunity to take a degree in Computing, Software Engineering or Artificial intelligence and of course Computer Science.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

You will be part of the Computing & ICT Department which is very active in organising enrichment activities. We organise various activities throughout the year such as University trips.

WHY this subject? A Level Computer Science is the ideal choice for diving deep into the mathematical and algorithmic foundations of technology. It is highly valued by top universities and provides an excellent pipeline into computer science degrees, AI research, or backend software engineering roles.



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CRIMINOLOGY

EXAM BOARD

WJEC

QUALIFICATION

DIPLOMA

DURATION

[2 YEARS]

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 English
Grade 4 Mathematics

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This two-year course is assessed through a combination of controlled assessments and written examinations:

Unit 1: Controlled assessment (internally marked, externally moderated)

Unit 2: Written examination (externally marked)

Unit 3: Controlled assessment (internally marked, externally moderated)

Unit 4: Written examination (externally marked)

Each unit is worth 25% of the final grade.

COURSE OVERVIEW

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is an engaging and thought-provoking course that explores the causes of crime, the role of the criminal justice system, and how society responds to criminal behaviour. It blends theoretical understanding with practical application, providing a strong foundation for students interested in law, psychology, sociology, and public services. This qualification is equivalent to one A Level and carries the same UCAS points. It is highly valued by universities and employers alike, demonstrating a student's analytical skills, understanding of complex issues, and ability to apply knowledge to real world situations

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Law & Criminal Justice – Law, policing, probation, courts and criminal justice

▣ **Criminology** – Criminology, criminal justice and forensic-related degrees

Policing & Public Services – Police, prison service, probation and other public services

Psychology – Forensic psychology, psychology and psychological research

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Forensic & Criminology Trips – Explore crime, investigation and criminal justice through real-world experiences.

Courts & Criminal Justice Visits – Opportunities to visit courts and explore how the justice system operates.

Crime Scene Investigation Activities – Practical experiences exploring evidence, investigation and forensic techniques.

Guest Speakers – Hear from professionals working in policing, law, prisons, probation and criminal justice.

WHY this subject?

Criminology gives you the opportunity to understand crime from the perspective of both the offender and the criminal justice system. You'll explore **why people commit crime, how crimes are investigated, how offenders are prosecuted and whether punishments are effective**. It's ideal for students who enjoy **psychology, law, debate and understanding real-world issues**, while developing valuable skills in **analysis, evaluation, research and applying theories to contemporary cases**.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

EXAM BOARD
PEARSON

QUALIFICATION
AAQ PEARSON

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at grade 4+ including English and Maths

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment is through a combination of internally and externally marked units:

Unit 1 & Unit 2: Externally assessed written exams

Unit 3 & Unit 4: Internally assessed coursework and assignments
Each unit contributes 25% towards the final qualification grade.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate) is an exciting and engaging course designed for students who are interested in understanding how children grow, learn, and develop.

This qualification explores the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development of children from birth to age eight, providing a strong foundation for those considering careers or further study in education, health, or childcare.

The course is equivalent to one A Level and carries the same UCAS points. It combines academic study with applied learning and is highly valued by universities and employers for developing analytical, reflective, and communication skills.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Early Childhood Studies – Degree courses in Early Childhood, Early Years and Child Development

Teaching & Education – Primary Teaching, Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) and Education Studies

Early Years & Childcare – Nursery practitioner, early years educator and childcare roles

Child Development & Psychology – Psychology, Child Psychology and related social science degree

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Early Years Settings Visits – Visit nurseries, preschools and early years settings to see theory and practice in action.

Practical Child Development Activities – Explore play, learning, communication and child development through hands-on activities.

Work with KS4 Students – Opportunities to support younger students studying Health & Social Care and related subjects, developing leadership skills.

WHY this subject?

Early Childhood Development is perfect for students who are passionate about working with children and want to understand how they grow, learn and develop. You'll explore child development, play, health and wellbeing, learning and development, safeguarding and the role of early years professionals, combining academic knowledge with practical, real-world application. It's an ideal choice for students considering careers in early years, teaching, childcare, health or children's services.



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ECONOMICS

EXAM BOARD

PEARSON Edexcel

QUALIFICATION

A Level

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English: 6
GCSE Maths: 6

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Markets and business behaviour

Written Paper - 35% of the A Level

Paper 2: The national and global economy

Written Paper - 35% of the A Level

Paper 3: Microeconomics and macroeconomics

Written Paper - 30% of the A Level

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is an exciting subject that gives you a strong understanding of how economies work, how individuals and organisations make decisions, and how policies impact societies.

It equips students with the necessary skills, and theoretical knowledge required to interpret economic trends, analyse the role of economics in their immediate/wider society and evaluate economic policies incorporated by different governments.

By engaging with trending, relevant economic events and applying economic principles to practical case study scenarios, students would gain specific knowledge and transferable skills that are important in problem solving, data interpretation, and independent thinking.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Many Economics students progress to careers in:

- Finance
- Investment Banking
- Data Analysis
- Corporate Law

Additionally, many students also go on to study other related fields such as Politics and International Relations

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

- Young Enterprise
- Potential trips to London and the financial district
- Financial Advisor guest speakers
- University Trips

WHY this subject?

Students who choose this subject at QES benefit from:

- Specialist staff who are passionate about their subject
- Subject content which is relevant and up to date which students are able to follow on the news
- While data and models matter, the core of economics is about practical problem-solving and human psychology.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 6
GCSE Maths Grade 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society - 40%
Paper 2: Language Varieties – 40%
Language in action: Independent language investigation (2,500–3,000 words) and original writing with commentary (750–1,000 words). – **20%**

COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level English Language is an engaging course that explores **how and why people use language in different ways**. Students investigate real examples of spoken and written language, developing an understanding of how language is shaped by **audience, purpose, context, identity and society**.

Students study a wide range of texts and explore areas including **language, gender, power, occupation, regional variation, social groups and language change**. They learn how to analyse the choices speakers and writers make and how language can influence the way we communicate and understand the world.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University pathways may include:
English Literature, English Language, Journalism and Media, Creative Writing, History, Law, Psychology and Sociology, Education and Teaching.
Career opportunities can include:
Teaching and education, Journalism and publishing Law, Marketing and communications.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Students can lead or participate in: debate competitions, school performance production, supporting in KS3 and KS4 lessons, leading or participating in Young Writing Club and The Linguistic Society; acting as judges for writing competitions, reading and writing mentors and leading student voice questionnaires for students.

WHY this subject?

A-Level English Language is an excellent choice for students who are **curious about how people communicate and how language shapes the world around us**. It goes beyond traditional English study, allowing students to explore real conversations, media, social interaction and the ways language changes over time.



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ENGLISH LITERATURE

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QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 at GCSE English Literature

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Literary Genres - 2½-hour closed-book examination - **40%**

Paper 2: Texts and Genres - 3-hour open-book examination, including an unseen passage – **40%**

Theory and Independence: Two coursework essays of 1,250–1,500 words – **20%**

COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level English Literature encourages students to explore a wide range of texts, develop their understanding of writers' ideas and techniques, and confidently express their own interpretations. Students study poetry, prose and drama from different periods, exploring themes such as love, relationships, power, identity and society.

Throughout the course, students will develop their ability to analyse language, structure and form, while considering historical, social and cultural contexts. They will also explore different interpretations of texts and learn how to construct thoughtful, well-supported arguments.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University pathways may include:

English Literature, English Language, Journalism and Media, Creative Writing, History, Law, Psychology and Sociology, Education and Teaching.

Career opportunities can include:

Teaching and education, Journalism and publishing, Law, Marketing and communications.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Students can lead or participate in: debate competitions, school performance production, supporting in KS3 and KS4 lessons, leading or participating in Young Writing Club and The Linguistic Society; acting as judges for writing competitions, reading and writing mentors and leading student voice questionnaires for students.

WHY this subject?

It is widely recognised by universities that the skills developed through the study of English Literature are among the most transferable, with English graduates going on to develop the widest range of careers — among the most popular are publishing, broadcasting, marketing and PR, journalism, law, teaching and politics.



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EPQ

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

AS Level

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Level Study Programme

If you are studying A Levels you are able to apply to complete the EPQ qualification at the beginning of Year 12.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Independent research project – approximately **5,000 words** for a research-based written project

Project product – may include an artefact, performance or other outcome alongside a written report

Presentation – presentation of the project to a non-specialist audience

Production Log – records planning, research, decision-making, development and evaluation

- **120 guided learning hours** in total
- **50 marks** available

COURSE OVERVIEW

The **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** gives you the opportunity to **independently research a topic that genuinely interests you**. You will choose your own question, plan and conduct research, evaluate sources and produce an extended piece of work. Your project could take the form of a **5,000-word academic report, investigation or essay**, or a practical project supported by a written report. You will also present your findings to an audience, developing the **independent research, critical thinking, project management and academic skills** that are highly valued by universities and employers.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University Applications – Demonstrate independent study and academic research skills.

Academic Degrees – Particularly valuable preparation for subjects involving extended research, such as Psychology, Sociology, Law, History and Sciences.

Research & Investigation – Develop skills in evaluating evidence, analysing information and reaching independent conclusions.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Research Skills Workshops – Learn how to find, evaluate and reference reliable academic sources.

University-Style Learning – Develop the independence and academic skills expected at university.

Academic Reading & Wider Research – Explore topics beyond the A Level specification and investigate areas of personal interest.

WHY this subject?

EPQ gives you the freedom to investigate something you genuinely care about while developing the skills needed for university and beyond. You choose the question, lead the research and take responsibility for your final project. It is an opportunity to **stand out from other applicants**, demonstrate genuine academic curiosity and develop your **independence, critical thinking, research, organisation and presentation skills**.



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GEOGRAPHY

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PEARSONS EDEXCEL

QUALIFICATION
A LEVEL

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 5
GCSE Maths Grade 5
GCSE Humanities subject Grade 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three written examinations – 80%

Examinations include some short open responses, as well as longer, extended writing. Calculators may be needed. Includes a synoptic investigation based on a variety of resources.

Coursework component – 20%

COURSE OVERVIEW

Our world is incredibly complex. Within this course we delve into both physical and human geography, looking at humanity's relationship with the Earth so we can view the world in a holistic way. You will be taught a wide-ranging combination of skills which are interchangeable and will make you highly employable. Using these skills you will view current world issues with a wider perspective which allows you to understand the nature of how people's lives are changing, to help forecast the future for populations and for the planet and prepare you for the future career.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A-Level Geography can support progression into a wide range of university courses and careers, including:

- Geography and Environmental Science
- Environmental Management and Sustainability
- Urban Planning and Development
- Politics, International Relations and Development
- Economics and Business

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Opportunities to help lead the Eco Council to help the school gain their Green Flag Award. At least four days of field trips take place throughout the two years as part of the course requirement, for the second year you will be required to attend a residential trip.

WHY this subject?

A-Level Geography is an excellent choice for students who are curious about **the world around them and the people, places and processes that shape it**. It combines scientific understanding with human and social perspectives, making it a broad and highly relevant subject. Students develop valuable skills in **data analysis, research, problem-solving, essay writing, interpretation and critical thinking**.



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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

EXAM BOARD
AAQ / PEARSON

QUALIFICATION
BTEC

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSES grade 4+ including English and Maths

ASSESSMENT METHODS

External Assessment (Examination) (50%)
Unit 1 - Human Lifespan and Development
Unit 2 - Human Biology and Health

Internal Assessment (Course work) (50%)
Unit 3 - Health and Social Care Practice
Unit 4 - Health Policy and Wellbeing

COURSE OVERVIEW

Are you interested in a career where you can make a real difference to people's lives?

This two-year Level 3 qualification is ideal for students interested in health, social care, childcare and allied health professions. You'll develop your knowledge through a combination of academic study, real-world application and practical learning.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

-  University and higher education
-  Higher apprenticeships
-  Careers within health and social care
-  Childcare and early years
-  Allied health professions

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

- Trips and visits to support learning.
- Speakers and Q&A with different industry professionals.

WHY this subject?

Health & Social Care is the perfect choice if you want to understand people, make a difference and build a rewarding career. You'll explore real-life topics including human development, health, wellbeing and the factors that shape people's lives. The course can open doors to exciting careers such as nursing, midwifery, social work, teaching, childcare, counselling and many allied health professions. Whether you want to progress to university, an apprenticeship or employment, Health & Social Care gives you the knowledge, skills and confidence to take your next step.

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HISTORY

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

QUALIFICATION

A Level

DURATION

2 Years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As a minimum you should have a GCSE in History.
-You should have achieved a minimum of Grade 6 or above in either GCSE History or GCSE English.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

- Paper 1: Breadth study (30%)
- Paper 2: Depth study (20%)
- Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects of depth study (30%)
- Coursework (20%)

COURSE OVERVIEW

Year 12 (Year One):

- Britain, 1625-1701: conflict, revolution and settlement. (30%)
- Russia in revolution, 1894-1924. (20%)

Year 13 (Year Two):

- Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603. (30%)
- The Holocaust (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

History opens up a number of possible degrees such as History, Law, English and Philosophy. It also opens up interesting careers like teaching, politics, law, journalism and the civil service.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

In History at QE6 we offer a range of co-curricular opportunities including: guest lectures from history academics; history related trips; access to further reading lists; opportunity and support entering national essay writing competitions.

WHY this subject?

History is a great academic subject for your application to university and for any future careers and offers transferable skills. History shows universities and employers your ability to communicate complex ideas, analyse information and make evidence-based judgements. It also presents your power to independently research and prepare a balanced essay.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

EXAM BOARD

Pearson

QUALIFICATION

BTEC Level 3 Certificate

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at grade 4+ including English and maths

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Theory of computation
Paper 2: Fundamentals of data representation
Each paper is 2 hrs 30 m, worth 40% of the A level
Non exam assessment - programming project worth 20% of the A level

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides an attractive alternative to the traditional A Level for students who prefer to have a more practical element. The fundamental philosophy of this course is that you actively experience the Information and Communication Technology environment.

The use of Information Technology (IT) is now a way of life for everyone. The majority of jobs involve this use of IT either directly or indirectly. This course will give you a broad idea of how IT is used in different ways within the workplace or elsewhere and the importance of communicating correctly.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

The qualification can also lead to higher education, either a foundation course in a related field or a suitable degree course. Students studying ICT vocational courses have either gone on to university to study a variety of subjects or can take up apprenticeships in a relevant field.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

You will be part of the Computing & ICT Department which is very active in organising enrichment activities. We organise various activities throughout the year such as University trips.

WHY this subject? The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National / AAQ in Information Technology shifts the focus from pure coding to the practical application of technology in business. It offers a highly hands-on, coursework-friendly approach that directly prepares you for industry certifications, IT management degrees, or higher-level apprenticeships in network security and data analytics.



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LAW

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE History, PRE or Geography: 5
GCSE English Language or Literature: 5
GCSE Maths: 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: The Nature of Law & the English Legal System / Criminal Law – 2 hours | 100 marks | 33%
Paper 2: The Nature of Law & the English Legal System / Tort – 2 hours | 100 marks | 33%
Paper 3: The Nature of Law & the English Legal System / Human Rights – 2 hours | 100 marks | 33%

COURSE OVERVIEW

Explore how the law shapes society and protects the rights and responsibilities of individuals. You will study the English legal system, criminal law, tort law and human rights, using real cases and legal principles to understand how the law works in practice. You will develop your ability to apply legal rules to real-life scenarios, analyse legal arguments and evaluate the effectiveness of laws, while building strong skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and written argument.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Law – Law degrees, solicitor, barrister and legal careers
Criminal Justice – Policing, probation, prisons and criminal justice
Government & Public Services – Civil Service, local government and public policy

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Court Visits – Experience the legal system in action through visits to local courts and legal institutions.
London Legal & Parliamentary Trips – Explore the Supreme Court, Houses of Parliament and other key legal institutions.
Guest Speakers – Hear from solicitors, barristers, police officers and other legal professionals.
Mooting & Legal Debates – Develop confidence in constructing legal arguments and presenting cases

WHY this subject?

Law gives you the opportunity to understand how society works and how rules affect our everyday lives. You'll explore real cases, criminal behaviour, individual rights and the justice system, while learning to apply legal principles and construct persuasive arguments. It's ideal for students who enjoy debating, problem-solving and current affairs, and want to develop highly transferable skills in analysis, critical thinking, research and written communication.



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A LEVEL COURSE GUIDE

MATHEMATICS

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QUALIFICATION
A LEVEL

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Mathematics Grade 6 (Ideally Grade 7)
GCSE English Grade 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Pure Mathematics
Paper 2: Pure Mathematics
Paper 3: Statistics and Mechanics
Each paper is 2 hours, worth 100 marks and has equal worth towards the final grade.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course content of A-level maths is fixed and focuses on Pure and applied topics:

- Pure Mathematics includes: algebra and functions, coordinate geometry, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, differentiation, integration, numerical methods and vectors.
 - Statistics: sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability, distributions and hypothesis testing
 - Mechanics: kinematics, moment and forces & Newton's laws
- Students will study all topics across two years.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A-Level Maths provides the opportunity to go on and study a Maths degree as well as a pool of other degrees such as: Physics, Chemistry and Biology, Economics and Finance, Medicine, Engineering, Veterinary science, History and many more. An A-Level in Mathematics can also open the door-way to many exciting job opportunities such as game design, app development and astronomy.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

In Maths at QE6, we offer a range of co-curricular opportunities including: guest lectures from universities; Maths related trips; access to further reading lists; Senior Maths challenge and many more.

WHY this subject?

Whatever your future plans may be, studying A-level mathematics will stretch your mind and empower you with abilities that will stay with you for life. Whether that is managing your budget or delving into data, your mathematical background will become a valuable asset for employers across every field.



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MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

DURATION

1 YEAR

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Mathematics Grade 4
GCSE English Grade 4

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Compulsory Content (60 marks, 90 mins)
Analysis of data, maths for personal finance, estimation, critical analysis of given data and models.
Paper 2: Option Paper (60 marks, 90 mins)
Statistical techniques OR critical and risk analysis OR graphical techniques.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Core Maths builds on your GCSE knowledge and shows you how mathematics is used in real life, further study and the workplace. You will develop valuable skills in problem-solving, interpreting information, managing money and making informed decisions. The course builds confidence and competence with mathematical and statistical techniques, including the use of technology to analyse and solve practical problems. Students study topics including data analysis, personal finance, estimation, probability, statistics, correlation and regression, critical analysis of data, cost-benefit analysis and graphical methods. Most importantly, Core Maths helps you understand the value of mathematics beyond GCSE and gives you practical skills for your future.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Core Maths can support progression to university courses and careers involving data, statistics, finance, business, science, geography, psychology, social sciences and many other fields. It also develops practical skills that employers value, including problem-solving, analysing information and making evidence-based decisions more confidently.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

In Maths at QE6 we offer a range of co-curricular opportunities including: guest lectures from universities; Maths related trips; access to further reading lists and many more.

WHY this subject?

Core Maths provides a valuable bridge between GCSE Mathematics and the mathematical skills needed in further study, higher education and employment. It is particularly useful for students who want to continue using maths but do not need to study A-level Mathematics. The aim is to develop mathematical confidence and skills applicable to the real world.

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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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QUALIFICATION
A LEVEL

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths Grade 7 (Ideally Grade 8)
GCSE English Grade 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Core Pure Mathematics 1
Paper 2: Core Pure Mathematics 2
Paper 3: Further Pure Mathematics 1
Paper 4: Further Mechanics 1 or Decision 1
Each paper is 90 mins, worth 75 marks and equally weighted towards the final grade

COURSE OVERVIEW

Students will study Core Pure Mathematics, Further Pure and Further Mechanics or Decision Mathematics.

- Core Pure Mathematics will include topics such as proof, complex numbers, Matrices, algebra and functions, calculus, vectors, Polar coordinates, Hyperbolic functions and differential equations
- Further pure will include topics such as trigonometry, calculus, differential equations, coordinate systems, vectors, numerical methods and inequalities.
- Further Mechanics will include topics such as momentum and impulse and elastic collisions in one/two dimensions.
- Further Decision will include topics such as algorithms on graphs and critical path analysis.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Further Mathematics provides the opportunity to add breadth and depth to topics covered in A-Level Mathematics. New topics help to form an important part of Maths-rich degrees in areas such as Sciences, Statistics, Computing, Engineering. It can also open the door-way to many exciting job opportunities in Maths such as studying for a masters or a PHD.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

In Maths at QE6 we offer a range of co-curricular opportunities including: guest lectures from universities; Maths related trips; access to further reading lists; Senior Maths challenge and many more.

WHY this subject?

If your future plans are to study maths or a related subject within the STEM universe, beyond 6th form, then studying A-level Further Mathematics will give you the opportunities to do so. It will provide significantly deeper challenges as an additional subject alongside A-Level Maths.



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MEDIA

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language: 5
GCSE Maths: 5

ASSESSMENT METHODS

2 written examinations + 1 non-exam assessment

- **Paper 1: Media One** – 2 hours | 84 marks | **35%**
- **Paper 2: Media Two** – 2 hours | 84 marks | **35%**
- **NEA: Creating a Cross-Media Production** – 60 marks | **30%**

COURSE OVERVIEW

Explore how the **media shapes our understanding of the world, influences audiences and reflects society**. You will study a wide range of media including **television, film, newspapers, magazines, advertising, radio, music video, video games and online media**. You will develop your understanding of **media language, representation, industries and audiences**, while analysing real-world media products and exploring the social, cultural, political and historical contexts behind them. You will also develop practical creative skills through your own media production.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Media & Film – Film, Television, Media Production and Film Studies

Digital & Social Media – Digital Media, Content Creation and Social Media

Marketing & Advertising – Marketing, Advertising, PR and Brand Management

Journalism & Communications – Journalism, Publishing, Media and Communications

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Film & Media Trips – Visits to cinemas, studios, museums, exhibitions and media organisations.

Guest Speakers & Industry Workshops – Meet professionals working across television, film, journalism, advertising and digital media.

QE6 Media Projects – Create promotional content, campaigns and media materials for the Sixth Form and wider school.

Support KS4 Media Students – Opportunities to mentor and support GCSE Media students, developing leadership and communication skills.

WHY this subject?

Media Studies gives you the opportunity to understand and create the media that surrounds us every day. You'll explore how **television, film, social media, advertising, news and popular culture shape the way we see ourselves and the world around us**, while developing your own creative skills. It's an ideal subject for students who enjoy **being creative, analysing media, discussing contemporary issues and understanding how audiences are influenced** with skills that can lead into a huge range of creative and professional careers.



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MUSIC

EXAM BOARD

Eduqas

QUALIFICATION

A Level

DURATION

2 Years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 or above in GCSE Music
Grade 5 theoretical knowledge is preferred (ABRSM)
The ability to play an instrument or sing to a Grade 5 standard (eg Trinity/ABRSM)
Continued instrumental or singing lessons

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Component 1: Performing (visiting examiner)
Component 2: Composing (Coursework)
Component 3: Appraising (Written exam)

COURSE OVERVIEW

The A Level Music course is designed to allow learners to pursue their own musical interests. Learners develop skills in the three distinct but related disciplines of performing, composing and appraising, whilst having flexibility to specialise in either performing or composing. The Eduqas specification is designed to offer contrast and breadth as well as depth of study. Learners will engage with both classical and popular music. All learners will study the development of the symphony, engaging with landmark orchestral repertoire, which is important in developing knowledge and understanding of musical elements and language in context. Learners will use the musical language of this period to compose one piece of music to a brief. Learners will also choose one area of study from Pop and Rock, Musical Theatre and Jazz and one further area of study exploring the musical language and styles from either the early twentieth century or the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University courses, Conservatoire courses, Apprenticeships, Freelance work as session musician, private tutor, event technician.
Careers include: School teaching, Instrumental teaching, Music producer, composing for film, tv and games, musician in bands, orchestras, theatre, sound engineer, arts administrator, orchestra manager.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Arts Award
Leading Music Clubs
Participation in Music Clubs
School Productions as a musician or on stage
Theatre visits

WHY this subject?

Shape your identity as a musician through performance, composition and creative exploration.
Gain real-world musical experience through performance, collaboration and leadership.



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PERFORMING ARTS

EXAM BOARD
PEARSON

QUALIFICATION
BTEC Level 3

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSE at Grade 4+ including English and Maths
Grade 5 GCSE English

You must have at least two years' experience either dance, acting, or singing. You will also need the desire to improve your skills and perform to a live audience.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Component 1 – Investigating Practitioners' Work
Component 2 – Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts.
Component 3 – Responding to a Professional Brief

COURSE OVERVIEW

BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts is an exciting, practical and industry-focused course for students who are passionate about performance and want to develop their skills, creativity and confidence.

Students will explore Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre, developing their ability to create, rehearse, perform and evaluate work. They will learn how professional performers and practitioners work, while developing valuable skills in teamwork, communication, creativity, problem solving and independent learning.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

The course provides an excellent foundation for university, dance & drama schools, and employment within the creative industries. Such as: Performer • Dancer • Actor • Musical Theatre Performer • Choreographer • Performing Arts Teacher • Director • Theatre Producer • Arts Administrator • Stage Manager • Costume, Set or Lighting Designer

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

School productions & Performing Arts showcases. Theatre and live performance trips. Workshops with professional practitioners. Extra-curricular Dance, Drama and Performing Arts activities. Choreography and leadership opportunities mentoring and working with younger students. External performing arts events and projects. Residential and educational trips

WHY this subject?

Perform. Create. Grow. Develop as a confident, versatile performer through practical training, productions and live performance opportunities.

Industry-connected learning. Work with visiting professionals and experience workshops and performance opportunities that bring the Performing Arts industry into QE6.

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PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language: 5
GCSE Maths: 4

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion and Ethics – 3 hours | 100 marks | 50%

Paper 2: Study of Religion and Dialogues – 3 hours | 100 marks | 50%

COURSE OVERVIEW

Explore some of the **biggest questions about life, belief and human existence**. You will study **Philosophy of Religion**, exploring arguments for the existence of God, religious experience and the problem of evil, alongside **Ethics**, including ethical theories and issues such as euthanasia and sexual ethics. You will also study **Christianity and its relationship with philosophical and ethical ideas**, developing your ability to **analyse arguments, evaluate different viewpoints and construct well-reasoned responses**.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Philosophy & Theology – Theology, Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics
Law & Politics – Law, Politics, International Relations and Human Rights
Education & Teaching – Teaching, education, youth work and pastoral roles
Psychology & Social Sciences – Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy and related subjects

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Places of Worship Trips – Visit churches and other places of worship to explore religious beliefs and practices in real-world contexts.
London & Museum Visits – Explore exhibitions and collections linked to religion, philosophy, ethics and culture.
University & Theology Enrichment – Attend university lectures, taster days and subject-specific events.

WHY this subject?

Religious Studies challenges you to think deeply about some of life's **biggest questions**. You'll explore debates around **God, morality, suffering, free will, religion and society**, while considering different perspectives and forming your own reasoned conclusions. It's ideal for students who enjoy **discussion, debate and questioning ideas**, while developing highly valuable skills in **critical thinking, evaluation, essay writing and constructing convincing arguments**.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 Years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Level 5 in GCSE Photography OR Art and Design
OR an equivalent portfolio of work.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

60% Coursework – Portfolio of work
40% Externally Set Assignment

COURSE OVERVIEW

The A level course aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of photography; camera controls, techniques, photographic materials, printing and presentation alongside a study of photography in a historical and social context. Students will learn about the practical and critical/contextual aspects of the following :- Portraiture, Landscape Photography, Still-life Photography, Documentary Photography, Experimental Imagery and Photographic Installation.

Year 12: Two teacher-led projects :- "Decay" and "Portraiture"

Year 13: Personal Investigation and Externally Set Exam Task

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students can go on to further studies, usually at Art College or further education. These studies may lead to related careers, which might include:-

- photography
- advertising
- publishing
- media
- journalism

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their studies, Photography students will visit a range of Art galleries and take part in photography workshops at our local universities. They will also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by helping to run our after-school art clubs and intergenerational whole school projects.

WHY this subject?

This course is for students who have a keen interest in photography, an aptitude in Art and English and wish to develop their analytical and practical skills alongside their knowledge of photography.



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PHYSICS

EXAM BOARD

OCR

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade 4
GCSE Maths Grade 6
You will also require a grade 6-6 in Combined Science or a Grade 6 in at least two Science subjects if studied individually.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

OCR A-Level Physics is assessed through **three written examinations**, with practical skills assessed throughout the course. The examinations cover knowledge, understanding, application and scientific analysis.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Physics is an exciting and challenging subject that explores **how and why the universe works**, from the behaviour of particles and forces to the movement of planets and the nature of energy. The OCR course develops students' understanding of key areas including **forces and motion, energy, materials, waves, electricity, quantum physics, particles, astrophysics and medical physics**. Students learn to apply mathematical models and scientific principles to explain real-world phenomena and solve complex problems. Practical work is an important part of the course. Students develop skills in **planning investigations, collecting and analysing data, evaluating experimental methods and drawing evidence-based conclusions**.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

University courses may include:

- Physics and Astrophysics
- Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Medical Physics
- Mathematics

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Alongside their studies, students can take part in a range of **co-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities**:

- STEM enrichment activities
- University Taster Days
- University and Industry Visits
- Guest Speakers

WHY this subject?

A-Level Physics is an excellent choice for students who are **curious about how the world and universe work** and enjoy solving challenging problems. It combines **mathematics, practical investigation and scientific theory**, encouraging students to think logically and apply their knowledge to unfamiliar situations.



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FUTURE READY.

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POLITICS

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A Level

DURATION

2 Years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE in History or PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics).
-You should have achieved a minimum of Grade 5 or above at GCSE in either: History; English; PRE or Geography.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

. All examinations at the end of the second year.

- Paper 1: Government and politics of the UK [2 hours] (33%)
- Paper 2: The government and politics of the USA [2 hours] (33%)
- Paper 3: Political ideas [2 hours] (33%)

COURSE OVERVIEW

Year 12 (Year One):

- Government and politics of the UK
- The government and politics of the USA

Year 13 (Year Two):

- Political ideas: Liberalism; Conservatism; Socialism; Feminism

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Politics opens up a number of possible degrees such as Politics, sociology, ethics, advertising and journalism. It also opens up interesting careers like international organisations, media, politics, law, government, journalism and the civil service.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

In Politics at QE6 we offer a range of co-curricular opportunities including: guest lectures from academics; government and politics related trips; access to further reading lists; opportunity and support entering national essay writing competitions.

WHY this subject?

Politics is a good academic subject for your application to university and for any future careers and offers transferable skills. Politics shows universities and employers your ability to communicate complex ideas and analyse information. It also presents your power to independently research and prepare a balanced essay. Politics would be an excellent subject to take alongside History, PRE or English.



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PSYCHOLOGY

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language: 5

GCSE Maths: 5

Students should be aware that Psychology contains substantial mathematical and science content.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

3 X EXAMS IN YEAR 13

Exam 1 – Introductory Topics in Psychology

Exam 2 – Psychology in Context

Exam 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology

Each is 2 hours long and makes up 33.3%

COURSE OVERVIEW

Explore **why people think, feel and behave the way they do** through the scientific study of psychology. You will study key areas including **social influence, memory, attachment, biopsychology, approaches, psychopathology and research methods**, alongside optional topics such as **relationships, schizophrenia and forensic psychology**. You will develop skills in analysing research, evaluating psychological theories and applying knowledge to real-life situations, preparing you for **university study and careers involving people, behaviour and mental health**.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

- **Psychology degrees** – BSc/BA Psychology and related courses
- **Psychology careers** – Clinical, educational, forensic, occupational and counselling psychology
- **Healthcare & social care** – Mental health, nursing, social work and allied health professions
- **Education & working with young people** – Teaching, youth work and educational support
- **Criminology & law** – Forensic psychology, criminology, policing and the criminal justice system
- **Business & people-focused careers** – HR, marketing, advertising and organisational psychology
- **Apprenticeships & employment** – Degree apprenticeships and roles involving people, behaviour and wellbeing

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

Forensic Psychology & Criminology Trips – Explore real-world applications of psychology through specialist trips and experiences.

London Dungeon Trip – Explore fear, behaviour, social influence and psychological responses in an engaging real-world setting.

Psychology in the Real World – Course-related trips, guest speakers and workshops exploring careers and applications of psychology.

WHY this subject?

Psychology gives you the opportunity to understand what makes people think, feel and behave the way they do. From memory and relationships to mental health, crime and social influence, you'll explore fascinating questions about human behaviour while developing valuable skills in **critical thinking, research, analysis and evaluation**. It's an ideal subject for students who are curious about people and want to understand the world around them.



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SOCIOLOGY

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A LEVEL

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language: 5
GCSE Maths: 4

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods – 2 hours | 80 marks | 33.3%

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology – 2 hours | 80 marks | 33.3%

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods – 2 hours | 80 marks | 33.3%

COURSE OVERVIEW

Explore **how society shapes our lives, identities and opportunities**. You will study key topics including **Education, Families and Households, Crime and Deviance, Media, Beliefs in Society and Research Methods**, alongside different sociological perspectives such as **Marxism, Functionalism and Feminism**. You will develop your ability to **question society, analyse evidence, evaluate different viewpoints and apply sociological theories to contemporary issues**. Sociology is ideal for students who enjoy debating ideas and understanding **people, culture, inequality and social change**.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Sociology & Social Sciences – Sociology, Criminology, Social Policy, Anthropology and Politics
Law & Criminal Justice – Law, policing, probation, criminology and the wider justice system
Education & Youth Work – Teaching, social work, youth work and educational support and support service

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

London & Sociology Trips – Explore society, culture, inequality and social change through visits and real-world experiences.
Crime & Criminal Justice Experiences – Opportunities to explore criminology, policing and the criminal justice system.
Guest Speakers & Workshops – Hear from professionals working in social work, policing, education, government and other related careers

WHY this subject?

Sociology helps you understand the world around you and the forces that shape people's lives. You'll explore fascinating questions about **family, education, crime, inequality, culture and social change**, while challenging your own assumptions and considering different perspectives. It's a great choice for students who enjoy **debating ideas, discussing current issues and questioning why society works the way it does** — while developing highly transferable skills in **analysis, evaluation and critical thinking**.

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SPANISH

EXAM BOARD

AQA

QUALIFICATION

A Level

DURATION

2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE grade 7 in Spanish (any exam board)

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Reading and Listening

Written Paper - 50% of the A Level

Paper 2: Writing

Written Paper - 20% of the A level

Paper 3: Speaking

Oral recorded exam - 30% of the A Level

COURSE OVERVIEW

Spanish A Level gives you the opportunity to extend your skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing through the study of topics related to Spain and South American countries. This is structured around the themes of Hispanic society, culture in the Hispanic world, multiculturalism in Hispanic society and political life in Hispanic society. You will study a film (*El Laberinto del Fauno*) and a novel (*Como Agua Para Chocolate*), and in the final year you will conduct an independent research project on a topic on Hispanic culture or politics of your choice, and present it in your speaking exam.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

As well as offering Spanish Language degrees, most university courses in the UK offer languages as a subsidiary subject, and can be combined with subjects such as economics and business, politics, diplomacy, journalism, online gaming design, marketing, public relations, engineering, tourism, law, education and many more.

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

- Conversation classes and Spanish for Business
- Potential trips to London to the Spanish Cultural Centre (Instituto Cervantes), art exhibitions and film events.
- University Challenges Days and translation competitions
- Potential trips to Spain (Madrid, Malaga, Valencia)

WHY this subject?

Students who choose this subject at QES benefit from:

- Specialist staff who are passionate about their subject
- Small classes with individualised attention for students
- A significant focus on speaking to equip you with real-life language skills
- Subject content which is relevant and up to date with the dynamic world we live in



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SPORT (Cert)

EXAM BOARD
PEARSON

QUALIFICATION
BTEC

DURATION
2 YEARS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs including English Language and Mathematics at grades 5 - 9.

The following course are accepted as 1 GCSE entry at Level 2 Merit or above;

- GCSE PE (Grade 5 - 9)
- NCFE Health & Fitness
- OCR Sport Studies or Sport Science
- BTEC Sport Studies

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Overall the course consists of 4 units; 3 mandatory units and 1 optional unit;

- Unit 1 – Anatomy and Physiology (Mandatory – Externally Assessed)
- Unit 2 – Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being (Mandatory – Externally Assessed)
- Unit 3 – Professional Development in the Sports Industry (Mandatory – Internally Assessed)
- Unit 5 – Application of Fitness Testing (Optional – Internally Assessed)

COURSE OVERVIEW

The BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport is designed for students with a passion for sport who are interested in careers in sports performance, coaching, officiating, health and fitness.

Equivalent to one **A Level**, the course combines theoretical and practical learning across Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming, Professional Development and Practical Sports Performance. Students will develop industry-relevant knowledge alongside transferable skills including communication, teamwork and leadership..

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Completion of this qualification will give between 16 and 56 UCAS points to gain entry onto an HND/Foundation Degrees or BA Degrees in Sport e.g. Sports Coaching, Sports Science, Sports Psychology, Sport Business, Sports Therapy or PE Teaching.

Additionally, this course will provide learners with pathways into employment within the sports industry and provide professional sports opportunities, including USA Sport Scholarship pathways

QE6 EXTRAS & CO-CURRICULAR

As part of our QE6 Extras, learners will benefit from a variety of sport, health & fitness opportunities available to them, including;

- Level 1 Coaching Qualifications
- Refereeing/Officiating Qualifications
- Sports Leaders Qualification
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Additionally, learners will be able to attend regular sports clubs, have access to our sport and fitness facilities and participate in our sports trips, including stadium tours and fixtures.

WHY this subject?

- Combine theoretical learning with practical sports performance and industry-focused assessment.
- Develop the knowledge, practical experience, leadership and transferable skills needed for progression into university or careers within the sports industry.



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