



STANGROUND ACADEMY



**Courses available at our
Sixth Form**

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We get more freedom and are treated like adults. The teachers give you much more respect. It's a more relaxed environment.

Rahul and Scott - Year 12

The sixth form team offers an immense amount of support, whether it be with choosing subjects to study, any issues you may have settling in or with university applications. The environment is great for learning and with hard work you're sure to succeed.

Jess - Year 13

During my time in sixth form, I have had the opportunity to expand my leadership skills. One of which was helping the new Year 12's in their transition to sixth form life by delivering a study skills assembly.

Alex - Year 13

Being in sixth form changes the relationship I had with the teachers. The sixth form office makes you feel safe and help with problems you are facing and are available to talk about anything. All the subject teachers always try and help if you need the extra support.

Jen - Year 12

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Stanground Academy has an aspirational and nurturing sixth form. By joining us you will benefit from:

- great subject specialist teachers
- individualised support from teachers who know you really well
- superb next steps advice and guidance for university and employment
- excellent sixth form only facilities including use of the gym
- many enrichment opportunities

These are the subjects we deliver in our Sixth Form:

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| • Applied Science | • History |
| • Art and Design | • ICT |
| • Biology | • Mathematics |
| • Business | • Further Mathematics |
| • Chemistry | • Performing Arts |
| • Criminology | • Politics |
| • Digital Media | • Philosophy and Ethics |
| • English Language | • Physics |
| • English Literature | • Psychology |
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This information booklet includes:

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Applied Science

Qualification

BTEC Extended Certificate
(Equivalent to 1 A Level)

BTEC Diploma
(Equivalent to 2 A Levels)

Examination Board

Pearson Edexcel

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

If you intend to go into a scientific career such as sports science or laboratory technicians, this course will interest you.

What will I study?

- Range of fundamental skills in biology, chemistry and physics, including microscope use, use of calorimeters, titration, preparing standard solutions, interpreting electron micrographs of cells
- A deeper study of how science is presented to people by a range of media
- A large range of scientific practical techniques
- Some of the procedures that must be followed in the average day of a lab technician, e.g. handling dangerous substances/ radioactive substances, preparing solutions of corrosive or harmful chemicals

Units covered at Extended Certificate

- Unit 1: Fundamentals of science
- Unit 2: Working in the science industry
- Unit 3: Scientific practical techniques
- Unit 10: Biological molecules and metabolic pathways

Units covered at Diploma

All of the above plus:

- Unit 4: Laboratory techniques and their applications
- Unit 5: Principles and application of science
- Unit 6: Investigate project
- Unit 12: Diseases and infections

How will I be taught?

Your lessons will include: practical work, theory lessons, lab technician work experience, visits to scientific places of work and use of IT where appropriate.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework portfolio 46% and written external assessment 54%.
Extended certificate 58% exam - 42% coursework.

Which subjects go well with it?

Health and Social Care, IT and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

Foundation degrees in science subjects, sports science courses, careers in applications of science e.g. physiotherapy, production of chemicals, technicians, etc.

Art and Design

Qualification

A Level

Examination Board

AQA

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

The AQA Art and Design Fine Art course offers an introduction to a variety of experiences that explore a range of fine art media, processes and techniques. You will be made aware of both traditional and new media.

What will I study?

You will explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media on a variety of scales. You may use sketchbooks/ workbooks/ journals to underpin your work where appropriate.

You should explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design, from the past and from recent times, including European and non-European examples. This should be integral to the investigating and making processes. Responses to these examples must be shown through practical and critical activities that demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

You will be required to work in one or more area(s) of fine art, such as those listed below. They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

- drawing and painting
- mixed-media, including collage and assemblage
- sculpture
- ceramics
- installation
- printmaking (relief, intaglio, screen processes and lithography)
- moving image and photography

How will I be taught?

You will be expected to understand and demonstrate skills, in the context of their chosen area(s) of fine art. In addition, you will be required to demonstrate skills in all of the following:

- appreciation of different approaches to recording images, such as observation, analysis, expression and imagination
- awareness of intended audience or purpose for their chosen area(s) of fine art
- understanding of the conventions of figurative/ representational and abstract/ non-representational imagery or genres
- appreciation of different ways of working, such as, using under painting, glazing, wash and impasto
- modelling, carving, casting, constructing, assembling and welding; etching, engraving, dry point, mono printing, lino printing, screen printing, photo silkscreen and lithography
- understanding of pictorial space, composition, rhythm, scale and structure
- appreciation of colour, line, tone, texture, shape and form

How will I be assessed?

You should be aware of the four assessment objectives to be demonstrated in the context of the content and skills presented, and also of the importance of process as well as product.

The assessments will measure how you have achieved the following assessment objectives:

- AO1: Develop ideas through sustained and focused investigations informed by contextual and other sources, demonstrating analytical and critical understanding
- AO2: Explore and select appropriate resources, media, materials, techniques and processes, reviewing and refining ideas as work develops
- AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions, reflecting critically on work and progress
- AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements

Portfolio of personal investigation – 60%

Externally set examination – 40%

Which subjects go well with it?

For architecture: Maths and Physics

For artists: English Literature and Philosophy

What could this course lead to?

Successful completion of this course enables you to progress to higher qualifications e.g. degree courses and foundation courses in computer art, fashion design, fine art, graphics, illustration, interior design, 3D design architecture and photography.

Biology

Qualification

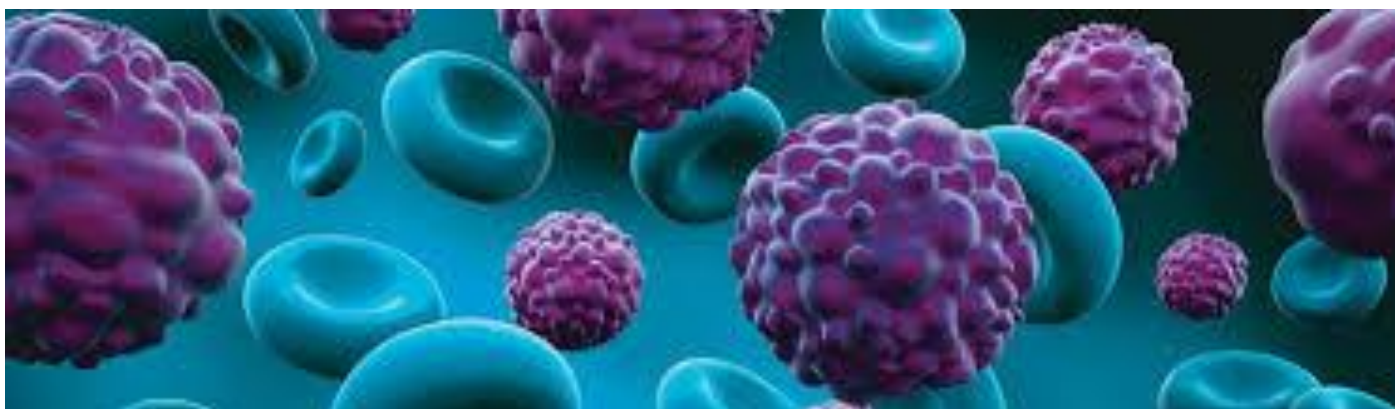
A Level

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

Biology is a science at the forefront of some of the most exciting and sensitive issues in the news today. Are you intrigued when you hear about the medical developments in genetic engineering? Do you want to know why cells divide and what are the causes of cancer? Or are you concerned with the threat of global extinction and the devastation being caused by global warming? Studying Biology A Level will enable you to learn more about these issues of interest.

What will I study?

You will study topics that you are familiar with from GCSE, but at a much deeper and more challenging level.

Units covered in Year 12:

You will study 4 units:

- Development of practical skills
- Foundations in biology
- Exchange and transport
- Biodiversity, evolution and disease

Units covered in Year 13

You will study 3 units:

- Practical skills in biology
- Communication, homeostasis and energy
- Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

How will I be taught?

Via a series of practical and theory lessons. Our approach is to make the lessons as interactive as possible.

How will I be assessed?

Teaching of practical skills is integrated with the theoretical topics. They will be externally assessed through written papers set by OCR. You will also be assessed by your teacher for the Practical Endorsement, for which you will carry out a minimum of 12 tasks during the course.

Which subjects go well with it?

This subject complements subjects such as Chemistry, Geography, Psychology and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

Achieving A Level Biology can lead to a wide range of careers or degree courses. You can go on to study biochemistry, biomedical sciences, biology, medicine, microbiology, pharmacy, psychology, veterinary science and zoology amongst other rewarding subjects at university. Biology is also an excellent A Level for entry to non-science careers or degree courses.

Business

Qualification

Level 3 Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate in Business

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

If you want to broaden and expand your knowledge in the specialist work-related area of business and develop the essential skills and understanding needed to gain confidence and progression, then this vocational course will interest you. It will prepare you for progression to university or into employment in this vocational sector.

What will I study?

The course is made up of five units taken over 2 years.

Core units:

- The business environment (exam)
- Working in business (exam)
- Business decisions (exam)
- Customers and communication (coursework)
- Marketing and market research (coursework)

How will I be taught?

You will learn by completing a mix of coursework assignments, whilst preparing for final exams. The coursework is based on key functions of business, while using real scenarios to help you evidence the skills required. The exam units are focused on an 'introduction to business studies' and the skills required for 'working in a business'.

How will I be assessed?

Exam units and coursework projects.

Which subjects go well with it?

Business combines well with Digital Media, Finance, Health and Social Care, IT, Mathematics, Performing Arts and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

The course provides a solid foundation for studies at a higher level in the following areas: accountancy and finance, business management or administration, human resource management and marketing.

Chemistry

Qualification

A Level

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

Chemistry allows you to study and explore the world around you. If you are interested in problem solving, using logic and maths, and studying trends and patterns, chemistry is for you. You will find out the truth about the particles that make up atoms and build your knowledge of fuels and chemicals that we use every day. You will also find out how TNT is made and how drug cheats are caught.

It is a very practical subject and you will learn techniques that are a real asset for work in university or 'real-life' laboratories.

What will I study?

You will study topics that you are familiar with from GCSE, but at a deeper and more challenging level.

For the A Level qualification, content is split into six teaching modules:

- Module 1: Development of practical skills in chemistry
- Module 2: Foundations in chemistry
- Module 3: Periodic table and energy
- Module 4: Core organic chemistry
- Module 5: Physical chemistry and transition elements
- Module 6: Organic chemistry and analysis

How will I be taught?

Via a series of practical and theory lessons. Our approach is to make the lessons as interactive as possible.

How will I be assessed?

Teaching of practical skills is integrated with the theoretical topics. They will be externally assessed through written papers set by OCR. You will also be assessed by your teacher for the Practical Endorsement, for which you will carry out a minimum of 12 tasks during the course.

Which subjects go well with it?

This subject complements subjects such as Biology, Geography, History, Mathematics, Physics and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

Achieving A Level Chemistry can lead to a wide range of careers or degree courses. You can go on to study biochemistry, biomedical sciences, chemistry, pharmacy and psychology amongst other rewarding subjects at university. Chemistry is also an excellent A Level for entry to non-science careers or degree courses.

Criminology

Qualification

Level 3 Applied Diploma in
Criminology

Examination Board

WJEC

Course Length

2 Years



Who will this course interest?

Criminology is the study of the reasons why individuals commit crimes. By understanding why a person commits a crime, we can develop ways to control crime or rehabilitate the criminal. Ever thought why different people commit different crimes? Why do some people report crime and others don't? How much does the media influence our perception of crime? How does psychology and sociology explain crime? Students who have a keen interest in the psychology and sociology of crime will be well suited to this course.

What will I study?

Year 12:

In "Changing Awareness of Crime" you will learn about the wide range of crime that occurs in society and the reasons people have for not always reporting crime. You will explore the ways in which the media portrays crime and the effect this might have on our perceptions of crime. You will gain an understanding of the social implications of crime and criminality.

"Criminological Theories" allows students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime. You will examine theories behind why people commit crime and will explore the differences between criminal behaviour and deviance.

Year 13:

In "Crime Scene to Courtroom" you will gain an understanding of the process of criminal investigations. The criminal trial process involves many different people and agencies. Learning about the roles of these will give you a clearer insight into what happens once a crime is detected and the process that leads to either a guilty or non-guilty verdict.

"Crime and Punishment" allows students to learn about the different processes of the criminal justice system and evaluate the role of punishment and social control measures in England and Wales. All units will be related to authentic case studies and expects students to consider how these impact on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.

How will I be taught?

As a vocational qualification, the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology will include:

- group work – researching evidence, assessing theories and giving presentations
- independent work – researching contemporary issues
- guest speakers on issues such as the role of the police
- departmental visits to give experience of issues covered in lessons
- student presentations

How will I be assessed?

There are 4 units to be completed which are all mandatory. Each unit is worth 25% of the overall grade. “Changing Awareness of Crime” and “Crime Scene to Courtroom” are internally assessed as controlled assessments at the end of the teaching of those units. “Criminological Theories” and “Crime and Punishment” are externally assessed each in a 90 minute examination out of 75 marks. There will be 3 questions on each paper and will involve short and extended questions based on an applied problem-solving scenario. Students must pass all units to gain this qualification.

Which subjects go well with it?

Applied Science, Business, Digital Media, IT, Psychology, Sociology and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

The course is an excellent first step toward higher education courses such as:

- BSc Criminology
- BA Criminology and Criminal Justice
- BSc Criminology and Psychology
- LLB Law with Criminology
- BA Criminology and Sociology
- BSc Psychology and Sociology
- BSc Criminology with Law

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service, and can be useful for social work, sociology and psychology roles.

Digital Media

Qualification

Level 3 Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate 2016 Suite

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

Anyone interested in a career in the media or who just has a fascination for how we interact with films, television, newspapers, magazines and the internet.

What will I study?

Compulsory Units

- Unit 1 – Media products and audiences
- Unit 2 – Pre-production and planning
- Unit 3 – Create a media product

Optional units

The following units are subject to change, based on student's interest.

- Unit 20 – Advertising Media
- Unit 21 – Plan and deliver a pitch for a media product
- Unit 24 – Cross media industry awareness

How will I be taught?

There will be a variety of teaching formats – university style lectures, small group discussions, student led presentations, group and practical tasks. This is a highly practical course where you are expected to generate ideas and create media products using cameras and IT software.

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 and 2 – external examinations (50% of qualification combined)

Units 3, 20, 21 and 24 are coursework and will be externally moderated (50% of qualification combined).

Which subjects go well with it?

Digital Media combines well with Applied Science, Business, English Language, English Literature, IT, Music, Performing Arts, Psychology, Sociology and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

Higher Education: BA/BSc in art, film production, media studies, psychology, sociology and teaching.

Career opportunities in: art, any kind of PR work or job where you have to present ideas, journalism, law, social work and teaching.

English Language

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
OCR

Course Length
2 years

Who will this course interest?

Ever wondered why English spelling is so complicated? Or why we talk about the weather so much? Studying English will help you to understand the factors that influence what we say and the way we say it.

What will I study?

- Exploring Language
- Dimensions of linguistic variation
- Independent language research

You will have the opportunity to:

- Analyse real-life texts
- Produce original writing based on a topical issue for a real-world purpose
- Learn about and analyse the way in which children acquire language is used in the media
- Discover and reflect on how language changes over time
- Investigate an aspect of the English Language in which you are particularly interested

How will I be taught?

Students are taught in groups and participate in a range of activities. They have the opportunity to work independently and with other students.

Some practical activities take place away from the classroom, for example – recording children or interviewing the general public, family and friends.

Students have the freedom to develop and explore their own chosen topics for the coursework unit.

How will I be assessed?

There are two end of course examinations, each one accounting for 40% of the overall marks and one piece of coursework:

- Paper 1: Exploring Language (2 hours 30 minutes). 3 questions, 80 marks. Written examination.
- Paper 2: Dimensions of Linguistic variation (2 hours 30 minutes). 3 questions, 80 marks.
- An investigation and an academic poster. 40 marks (20%)

Which subjects go well with it?

A Level English Language complements a range of other subjects, such as English Literature (of course), French, History, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

English Language can be pursued at degree level and would go well with an interest in journalism, media, psychology or sociology. It can open up a range of career opportunities, such as advertising, copywriting, forensic linguistics, law, publishing, speech therapy and teaching.

English Literature

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
AQA

Course Length
2 years



Who will this course interest?

If you enjoy reading and would like to study a wide range of novels, poetry and drama, then English Literature A Level will offer you both interest and challenge.

What will I study?

In Year 12 you will study a Shakespeare play, such as 'Othello' or 'The Taming of the Shrew', an anthology of love poetry and two prose texts. There is a wide selection of prose texts available to study, from the 19th century 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte to modern novels such as 'The Rover's Club' by Jonathan Coe or 'Atonement' by Ian McEwan.

Additional Units covered for A Level:

- Texts in shared contexts
- Independent critical study: Texts across time

In Year 13 your teachers will select one option from World War I and its aftermath, focusing on texts written during and after the war, or Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day, focusing on texts that reflect the social, political and moral changes in our world since the end of the Second World War. In addition, you will write a comparative critical study of two texts. This is an independent critical study and you will work with your teachers to choose a theme and texts that reflect your interests.

How will I be taught?

A variety of different approaches is taken towards the delivery and revision of the modules. Students have the freedom to explore their own topics and texts through the coursework modules. Theatre visits to support studied texts are often undertaken.

How will I be assessed?

There are two school based examinations:

- Paper 1 – Love through the ages: Shakespeare and unseen poetry composition (2 hours).
- Paper 2 – Love through the ages: A comparison of a prose and poetry text (1 hour).

There are two external examinations:

- Paper 1 – Love through the ages (3 questions in 3 hours), worth 40% of the A Level.
- Paper 2 – Texts in shared contexts (3 questions in 2 hours 30 minutes) worth 40% of the A Level.

Plus an Independent Critical Study – non-examined assessment worth 20% of the A Level.

Which subjects go well with it?

This is an enjoyable course that complements Art, Geography and History.

What could this course lead to?

English Literature dovetails with any other subject and is traditionally regarded as one of the most flexible academic subjects. It can be the basis for many careers and is highly regarded by university admissions tutors.

Finance

Qualification

Level 3 Diploma

Examination Board

The London Institute of
Banking & Finance
(www.libf.ac.uk)

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

The finance industry accounts for 17% of jobs in the UK and even more locally here in Peterborough. If you are interested in the opportunities in the business of finance, this vocational Level 3 course will take you into the core disciplines of personal financial capability. You will develop both industry and personal knowledge and understanding of money, saving, borrowing, debt and investment planning in both the short and long term. In Year 13 you will enhance this finance knowledge and skill by applying them in the wider financial and business environment.

What will I study?

Year 12 CeFS

Unit 1: Financial capability in the immediate & short term

Including the purpose of money, understanding personal life cycles in finance and the banking system.

Unit 2: Financial capability in the medium to long term

Including saving and investing, understanding long term risk and ethics and sustainability.

Year 13 DipFS

Unit 3: Sustainability of an Individual's Finances

Unit 4: Sustainability of the Financial Services Systems

Including the impact of external influences at different stages in the personal life cycle. Maintaining financial sustainability and avoiding long-term debt. The financial services system and financial sustainability and marketing techniques.

How will I be taught?

The course is well supported by the London Institute of Banking. As part of the course each student receives a course text book and access to the online LIBF learning portal. In lessons we use a combination of topic lecture, group discussion and individual independent reading to acquire and develop our subject knowledge. This learning is further enhanced with written assignments, with individual and group activities based around case study questions and key terms that reflect the exam structure.

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1 and Unit 3 are assessed through 35 multiple choice questions that cover the Unit content.

Unit 2 and Unit 4 is a written exam based on two pre-released case studies. There are also synoptic questions that draw knowledge from both Units 1 and 2 for the CeFS and Unit 3 and 4 in the DipFS exam.

Which subjects go well with it?

Business, IT, Mathematics and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

The financially related content of this qualification serves as an excellent grounding for undergraduate study within finance and business-related disciplines, with many students going on to study accounting, business, finance and banking. The skills developed and enhanced during the course provide valuable study skills appropriate for these disciplines and others, and students have pursued a wide range of other undergraduate courses following this qualification.

The London Institute of Banking and Finance offer specific undergraduate courses at their university facilities in the City of London. Students who have completed the DipFs and go on to study at The London Institute of Banking and Finance receive additional funding through a bursary.

Food Science and Nutrition

Qualification

Level 3 Diploma

Examination Board

WJEC

Course Length

2 years

Who will this course interest?

This course will be of interest to anyone who is interested in receiving a wealth of knowledge about the food and nutrition industry. You will have the opportunity to learn about the relationship between the human body and food as well as practical skills for cooking and preparing food. You will be able to consider employment in a range of different industries including the food and drink sectors of hospitality, catering, food production and food retail.

What will I study?

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Food Science and Nutrition has been designed to provide learners with underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills to progress to further study and training. It offers exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the food production industry.

How will I be taught?

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Food Science and Nutrition is an unconditional qualification. This means that each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands learning related to authentic case studies. It also requires learners to consider how the use and application of their learning impacts on themselves, other individuals, employers, society and the environment.

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Food Science and Nutrition are vocationally relevant to the food production industry.

Where they will develop:

- Skills required for independent learning and development
- A range of generic and transferable skills
- The ability to solve problems
- The skills of project based research, development and presentation
- The fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment
- The ability to apply learning in vocational contexts

How will I be assessed?

The diploma is made up of four units:

1. Meeting the Nutritional Needs of Specific Groups - Internal and External assessment – Mandatory
2. Ensuring Food is Safe to Eat – External assessment – Mandatory
3. Experimenting to Solve Food Production – Internal assessment – Optional
4. Current Issues in Food Science and Nutrition – External assessment – Optional

All learners must take Units One and Two and then select either Unit Three or Unit Four.

Which subjects go well with it?

Applied Science, Biology, Business, Finance, Health and Social Care, IT and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

This course could lead to degree courses in food and nutrition, food science, food technology and public health.

Geography

Qualification

A Level

Examination Board

AQA

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

The course will interest anyone who would like to develop their understanding of how our dynamic planet is changing and how people respond to these changes. The course also involves a hands-on element with fieldwork allowing an immersion into a range of environments.

What will I study?

You will develop your knowledge and understanding of topical issues, which will then allow you to describe and explain the world around you.

Units covered in Year 12:

- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Changing places
- Hazards

Units covered in Year 13

- Global systems and governance
- Water and the carbon cycle
- Contemporary urban environment
- Population and the environment

How will I be taught?

The subject is taught using a range of techniques including discussion, debate, group work, presentations and fieldwork.

How will I be assessed?

Examinations are at the end of the second year.

Component 1: (2 hours 30 minutes) Physical geography paper (120 marks, 40% of qualification)
Exam paper has three sections covering: Water and the carbon cycle (section A), coastal systems and landscapes (section B) and hazards (section C).

Component 2: (2 hours 30 minutes) Human geography paper (120 marks, 40% of qualification)
Exam paper has three sections covering: global systems and global governance (section A), changing places (section B) and contemporary urban environment or population and the environment (section C).

Component 3: Geography fieldwork investigation (60 marks, 20% of qualification)
Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content.

Which subjects go well with it?

The study of Geography would support and be supported by Biology, Mathematics, Philosophy and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

The study of geography could lead on to a range of careers through access to BA/BSc courses in environmental sciences, geography, geology, international development or property management.

German

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
AQA

Course Length
2 years



Who will this course interest?

Travel – so the saying goes – broadens the mind. And never more so than when you speak the language. That way you'll be able to find out what the local people are thinking, how they live and how their culture really works. This course has been designed to give you a profound understanding of German. Not only will you know about the mechanics of the language – like grammar and vocabulary – but how people use language on a day to day basis.

What will I study?

In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of artistic life of German-speaking countries. In the second year, further aspects of the social background are covered, alongside the German political landscape, both in relation to Germany itself and its place in Europe. The past and its role in shaping the present is viewed through the reunification and its consequences while the focus on young people and politics looks forward to shaping the future of German-speaking countries.

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where German is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in German.

Students must also study either one book and one film or two books from the lists in the specification. They must appreciate, analyse and be able to respond critically in writing in German to the work they have studied. In addition, students following this specification will develop research skills in German, demonstrating the ability to initiate and conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where German is spoken.

How will I be taught?

Lessons are taught in the usual style of MFL lessons. Groups are generally smaller which allows lessons to be more interactive and include more pair and group work. The majority of the lessons are taught in German to encourage you to gain confidence in the spoken language.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing

- Written exam – 2 hours 30 minutes (100 marks) 50% of A Level
- Listening and responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources
- Reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes, drawn from a range of authentic sources and adapted as necessary
- Translation into English: a passage of minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- Translation into German: a passage of minimum 100 words (10 marks)
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment

Paper 2: Writing

- Written exam: 2 hours (80 marks). 20% of A Level
- One text and one film or two texts from the list set in the specification.
- Either one question in German on a set piece of literature from a choice of two questions and one question in German on a set film from a choice of two questions. Or two questions in German on set literature texts from a choice of two questions
- No access to text or films during the assessment. No access to a dictionary during the assessment. Students are advised to write approximately 300 words per essay

Paper 3: Speaking

- Oral exam: 21-23 minutes (including 5 minutes preparation time). 60 marks. 30% of A Level
- Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card (5-6 minutes)
- Presentation 2 minutes and discussion (9-10 minutes) of individual research project (35 marks)
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment (including 5 minute preparation time)

Which subjects go well with it?

German goes very well with Business Studies, English Literature, French or History but can also be an interesting contrast to Mathematics or Sciences.

What could this course lead to?

Apart from being beneficial at a personal level, your A Level German can help with lots of career paths. International organisations such as the EU or the UN welcome employees who can communicate in more than one language. Other career opportunities include import/ export trade, international banking, tourism, both at home and overseas, communication, interpreting, journalism, public relations, publishing, technology, telecommunications, translating and of course teaching. In fact the world is your oyster!

Health and Social Care

Qualification

Level 3 Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate
(Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years

Who will this course interest?

If you are interested in working in a health and social care environment, then this course will help prepare you for university and employment.

What will I study?

In Year 12 the following units will be studied:

Unit 1: Building Positive relationships (coursework)

Unit 4: Anatomy and Physiology (external examination)

Unit 24: Public Health (coursework)

In Year 13 the following units will be studied:

Unit 2: Equality and Diversity (external examination)

Unit 3: Health, safety and security in health and social care (external examination)

Unit 16: Supporting people with dementia (coursework)

How will I be taught?

The units will be taught through class activities, discussions and visits to health and social care settings, as well as visits by experts in lessons.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework and external written assessments.

Which subjects go well with it?

Applied Science, Biology, Food Science and Nutrition, Psychology, Sociology and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

University courses such as midwifery, nursing, paramedic studies, physiotherapy or employment within health and social care settings or social work education.

History

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
OCR

Course Length
2 years

Who will this course interest?

History A Level is the course to do if you enjoy learning about the past. If you are good at debating and challenging other people's ideas then you should choose this course. You will learn to form reasoned and justified arguments and to think critically about the past and other people's ideas.

What will I study?

The first year will be divided into four units.

- Unit 1: Early Tudors 1485-1558
- Unit 2: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963
- Unit 3: Popular Culture and the Witch Craze of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries
- Unit 4: Non examined assessment: Topic based essay

How will I be taught?

Lessons are taught using a variety of methods including independent reading, presentations, debate, seminar-style discussions, analysing other historians' works and creative modelling or role play. The expectations are extremely high so you must be prepared to carry out extra reading and consistently contribute to lesson discussions.

How will I be assessed?

All exams are taken at the end of the two year A Level.

- Unit 1: 1 hour 30 minutes examination (25% of total A Level)
- Unit 2: 1 hour examination (15% of total A Level)
- Unit 3: 2 hour 30 minutes examination (40% of total A Level)
- Unit 4: Coursework. Individual 3-4000 word essay based on a topic of your choice. (20% of total A Level)

Which subjects go well with it?

Studying A Level history will support you in many other subjects that require similar evaluative and analytical skills, such as English Language, English Literature, Philosophy and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

This course will lead onto higher education degrees in a wide range of subjects, including English, history, law, politics, sociology and teaching. With a History A Level there are numerous career opportunities available to you, such as journalism, law, political work and teaching. The skills learnt studying this subject can be transferred across many careers that require you to think analytically and require you to argue.

ICT

Qualification

Level 3 Cambridge
Technical Introductory
Diploma in IT

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

Anyone with an interest in ICT, programming, computer maintenance.

It is an ideal foundation for students entering the workplace, providing them with a theoretical background reinforced with practical skills that transfer into the modern workplace.

What will I study?

There are three examined core units:

- Fundamentals of ICT (Yr 12)
- Cyber security (Yr 12)
- Global information (Yr 13)

In addition, there are two coursework units:

- Social Media & Digital Marketing (Yr 12)
- Application design (Yr 13)

The coursework element will involve planning and then creating a website for a business.

How will I be taught?

The examined units will be the focus for the first part of Year 12, before going on to develop the business website. There is a challenging blend of theoretical knowledge and practical hands-on website creation.

How will I be assessed?

The assessment is based on 50% exam and 50% coursework. The coursework is externally moderated by a visiting moderator.

Which subjects go well with it?

ICT is a good choice to take with a range of other subjects, due to the transferrable skills that are inherent in the subject. It is often taken with Applied science, Business, Finance, Health and Social Care and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

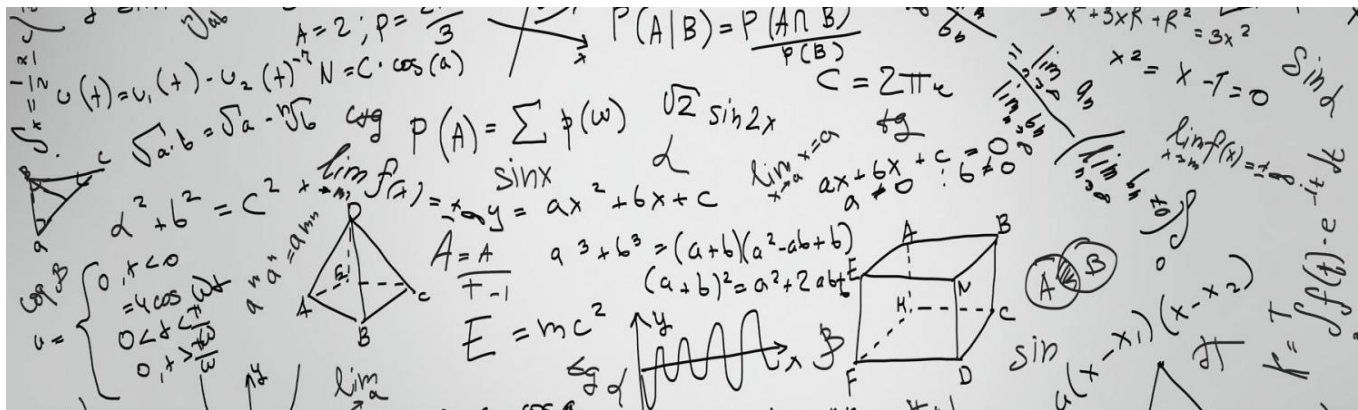
Information and communications technology is the growth sector of the moment. There is an estimated shortage of 30,000 ICT professionals in the UK. As a result, good quality candidates can command good salaries within a short time in their careers. Many of our students go on to do ICT related courses at university.

Mathematics

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
AQA

Course Length
2 years



Who will this course interest?

If you have an inquiring mind and are not just content to accept what you are told but want to know why things work, and if you like working in a logical way and get great satisfaction from solving problems then mathematics is the course for you.

What will I study?

In the core content you will extend your understanding of algebra and trigonometry and apply these skills to a greater range of problems. You will also study calculus which provides you with powerful tools to understand and solve problems involving real world processes. Alongside the core mathematics you will study mechanics and statistics which will enable you to see how the mathematics you learn can be applied to practical problems in physics, business and computing.

How will I be taught?

Lessons are taught using a variety of methods, university style lectures to introduce new concepts, presentations and individual as well as group work. You will be expected to spend at least an equal amount of time outside your timetabled lessons consolidating your learning.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via three external examinations at the end of Year 13.

Which subjects go well with it?

Mathematics provides excellent support for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It also supports Business, Psychology and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

Higher education: A degree in business, computing, economics, engineering, mathematics, sciences or surveying.

Career opportunities: Accountancy, banking, business, construction, computing, and engineering.

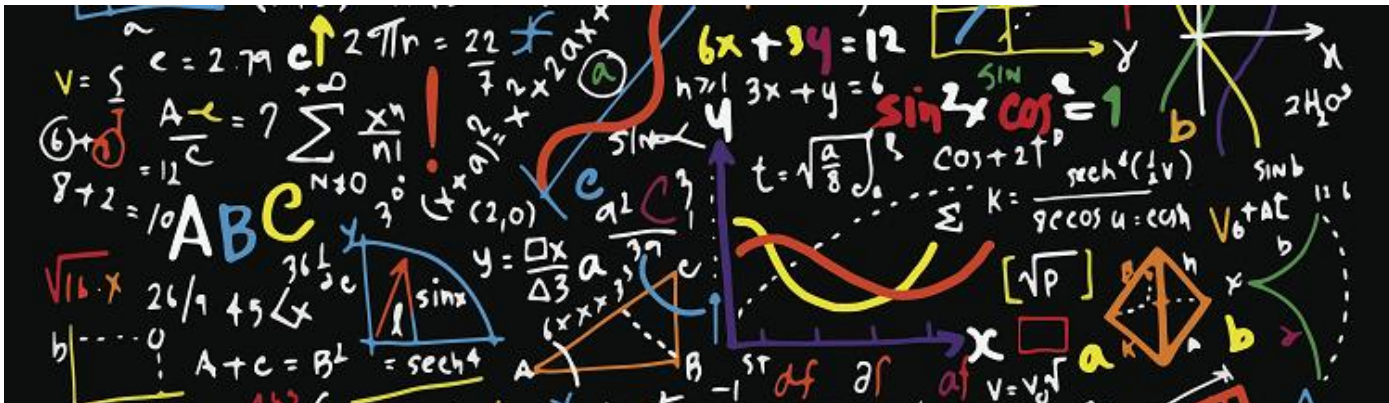
Further Mathematics

Qualification

AS level

Examination Board
AQA

Course Length
1 year



Who will this course interest?

If you are already studying A Level Mathematics, have a real love of the subject and wish to have the opportunity to explore as many different areas of mathematics as possible then this course is for you.

What will I study?

In the compulsory further pure content you will meet new concepts such as complex numbers, differential equations, matrix algebra and a variety of coordinate systems which all have important practical applications across a wide range of disciplines. In addition you will study formally the concept of proof which underpins all mathematics. Alongside the further pure content you will study statistics and mechanics.

How will I be taught?

Lessons are taught using a variety of methods, university style lectures to introduce new concepts, presentations and individual as well as group work. You will be expected to spend at least an equal amount of time outside of timetabled lessons consolidating your learning.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via two external examinations at the end of Year 13.

Which subjects go well with it?

Must be studied alongside A Level Mathematics and provides excellent support for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. It also supports Business, Psychology and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

Higher Education: Many universities put great value in students who have taken Further Maths particularly if you are intending to study mathematics or a course with high mathematics content. It provides a good basis for careers in accountancy, banking, business, computing, construction or engineering amongst others.

Performing Arts

Qualification

Cambridge Technical
Level 3 Certificate in
Performing Arts

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

If you are passionate about performing arts dance, drama and music and have an interest in the creative process as well as performing, then this course is for you. Whether you want a career in the performing arts industry or you want to engage with any of the art forms to satisfy your creative desire, you will find this course both stimulating and challenging.

What will I study?

During this course there will be an emphasis on performance technique through the study of influential practitioners across performing arts history. As well as practical work analysis of professional work is an important component of study as this will encourage your creativity and exploration in developing your own artistic practice.

How will I be taught?

This course will be tailored to suit your creative ability in modules that you will study dance, drama and music.

How will I be assessed?

There is no written examination. You will be assessed on a wider variety of modules that will include dance, drama and music.

Which subjects go well with it?

Studying Performing Arts will support you in many other subjects that require similar analytical skills such as English, Media Studies and Sociology but it also particularly complements Biology and Sport due to the study of anatomy. Certainly, the Performing Arts also combines well with Art due to its highly creative nature.

What could this course lead to?

Higher Education: performing arts could lead on to studying a degree in dance, drama, music, performance, teaching or another related subject.

Career opportunities: beyond the prospect of becoming a professional artist, you may also use this qualification to reach other areas of the industry such as arts choreography, arts journalism, and creative direction within a theatre or independent company or arts therapy.

Politics

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
Pearson Edexcel

Course Length
2 years



Who will this course interest?

This course will be really good for students who like to know how their country is run and also enjoy a good argument! Also will interest those who keep up to date with current affairs.

What will I study?

In Year 12 you will learn about how the UK is governed and why it is governed in this way. In Year 13 you will compare the UK to the USA.

Units covered:

- UK Politics - Including elections, political parties and looking more in depth at how the media impacts on voting behaviour
- UK Government - Features and functions of parliament, the Supreme Court and Prime Minister
- Political ideas
- US political comparison - Compare the government of the UK with the USA and look at concepts

How will I be taught?

Seminars, lecture style, silent debates and group work.

How will I be assessed?

There are three examinations:

- UK Politics
- UK Government
- Comparative unit with USA politics

Which subjects go well with it?

Politics combines well with English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Philosophy and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

Having A Level Politics can lead you to university degree courses in advertising, ethics, history, international development, journalism, media studies, philosophy, politics, and sociology.

Philosophy and Ethics

Qualification
A Level

Examination Board
OCR

Course Length
2 years

Who will this course interest?

If you enjoy questioning life and don't like to simply accept what we are told. If you like to have answers to the big questions that challenge our existence then this course is for you. If you enjoy debating your ideas and opinions with others and like to be challenged in your thinking then this course is definitely for you. You will be encouraged to think logically and you will be taught how to put those thoughts into carefully considered arguments.

What will I study?

This is a challenging and exciting course that allows you to gain a thorough grounding in key philosophical concepts, themes and techniques.

Content overview:

Philosophy of religion

- Ancient philosophical influences
- The nature of the soul, mind and body
- Arguments about the existence of God
- The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
- Ideas about the nature of God
- Issues in religious language

Religion and ethics

- Ethical theories such as Utilitarianism and Kant and the application of ethical theory to euthanasia and business
- Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
- Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs

Developments in religious thought

- Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world
- Sources of religious wisdom and authority
- Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought
- Key themes related to the relationship between religion and society

All learners will study in the context of Christianity.

How will I be taught?

Lessons are taught using a variety of university style lectures to introduce new topics, presentations and small group work sessions. Philosophy and Ethics is taught in a very active manner using such things as junk modelling and student led activities.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via external examinations at the end of Year 13. There are 3 exams each of 2 hours length.

Which subjects go well with it?

Philosophy and Ethics combines well with English Language, English Literature, History, and Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

Higher education – art, anthropology, comparative religion, law, philosophy, psychology, sociology, teaching and theology.

Career opportunities – journalism, law, media, nursing, police, social work, teaching and TV.

Physics

Qualification

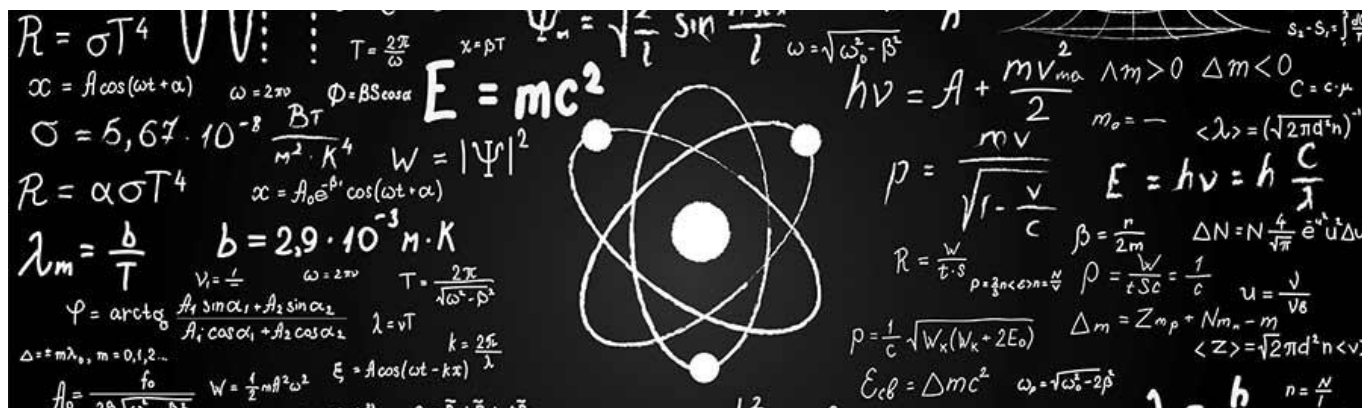
A Level

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

For students who like to solve problems and answer challenging questions about the physical world around them.

This is an essential course for anyone who is interested in finding out about the world around them from the smallest particle to the entire universe.

What will I study?

The course looks at and connects the following topics: Newtonian mechanics, energy, electricity, magnetism, photons, quantum universe, cosmology, nuclear, medical, thermal and particle physics.

Units covered in Year 12

- Forces and motion
- Foundation in physics
- Electrons, photons and quantum mechanics
- Practical skills in physics

Additional units covered in Year 13

- Newtonian world and astrophysics
- Particles and medical physics
- Practical skills in physics

How will I be taught?

Via a series of practical and theory lessons. Our approach is to make the lessons as interactive as possible.

How will I be assessed?

Teaching of practical skills is integrated with the theoretical topics. They will be externally assessed through written papers set by OCR. You will also be assessed by your teacher for the Practical Endorsement, for which you will carry out a minimum of 12 tasks during the course.

Which subjects go well with it?

Any subject that requires an analytical approach would benefit from the study of Physics, it combines well with Chemistry, ICT and Mathematics.

What could this course lead to?

Physics gives you the skills to problem solve, so after the successful completion of a physics course you will be welcomed on to any university course or training programme. Careers include astronaut, computer science, engineering, finance, medicine, research scientist and sport science.

Psychology

Qualification

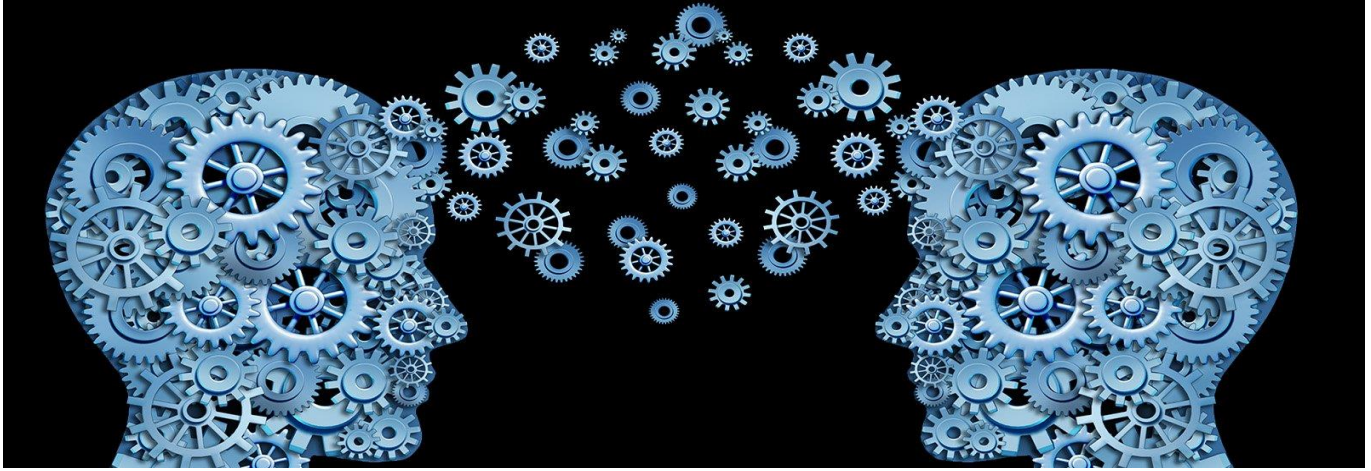
A Level

Examination Board

AQA

Course Length

2 years



Who will this course interest?

Anyone with a curious mind and a desire to learn about human behaviour.

What will I study?

The scientific study of human mind and behaviour. You will touch on many aspects of psychology and answer questions such as: How does our memory work? Do early relationships affect our behaviour for the rest of our lives? Does violent media lead to violent behaviour? What causes phobias? Why are we obedient?

Unit 1

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Unit 2

- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods

Unit 3

- Cognition and development
- Stress
- Forensic psychology
- Issues and debates

How will I be taught?

Through the use of classroom lessons, note taking, interactive activities, group work, discussions and videos.

How will I be assessed?

Regular assessment of knowledge and understanding through the two years to track your progress.

Three external written examinations at the end of Year 13.

Which subjects go well with it?

Biology, Criminology, English, Health and Social Care, History, Mathematics, Sociology and Sport.

What could this course lead to?

A wide range of degree courses at University. Numerous career opportunities including business, educational, clinical, forensic, journalism, laboratory work, occupational and sport psychology, police force and teaching.

Sociology

Qualification

A Level

Examination Board

AQA

Course Length

2 years

Who will this course interest?

Anyone with an interest in society, the family, education, criminology and the role of religion in society.

What will I study?

You will study many aspects of contemporary society including socialisation, culture and identity. You will study the education system including policy and patterns of achievement. You will then go on to look at the role of the family in modern British society, and about the role of religion in western society looking specifically at fundamentalism. Finally, you will learn about crime, deviance and reasons why someone turns to crime.

Year 12

- Education with methods in context
- Topic: Families and households
- Research Methods

Year 13

- Topic: Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

How will I be taught?

Through the use of classroom lessons, note taking, interactive activities, discussions, visiting speakers, independent study and research etc.

How will I be assessed?

External written examination at the end of Year 13.

Which subjects go well with it?

As a Social Science subject, Sociology combines well with most A Levels and is an excellent choice to add breadth to your programme. Subject combinations include Government and Politics, Health and Social Care, Law, and Psychology.

What could this course lead to?

Sociology A Level is a useful and relevant preparation for many degree courses at university such as education, criminology, law, sociology, social policy or social work.

It can also lead on to many career options such as: care working, prison officer, social worker and teaching.

Sport

Qualification

Level 3 Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate in Sport &
Physical Activity

Examination Board

OCR

Course Length

2 years

Who will this course interest?

Students who are interested in sport in general, but especially for those that would like to seek a career in the world of sport. Also for those that enjoy a mixture of practical sport, coaching and theoretical areas surrounding sport. This is a vocational course and in support of this, we aim to provide a number of opportunities for you to see for yourselves a broad range of PE/Sport providers.

What will I study?

A mixture of units that cover the broad spectrum of sport. The various units will be delivered either as practical, theory, or seminar.

Units that will be covered in the duration of the course:

- Unit 1 - Body systems and the effects of physical activity
- Unit 2 - Sports coaching and activity leadership
- Unit 3 - Sports organisation and development
- Unit 8 - Organisation of sports event
- Unit 18 - Practical skills in sport and physical activities

How will I be taught?

You will be taught via a range of different teaching styles. Some lessons will be structured classroom lessons; exploration of the internet and books; through practical activities; teacher led workshops; group work and seminars.

How will I be assessed?

3 units will be internally assessed via the quality of the students' coursework. 2 units are externally assessed via written examinations.

Which subjects go well with it?

It would work well with a mixture of A Levels or vocational subjects. If you wanted to study Sports Science then other Sciences would be beneficial. For teaching opportunities, subjects such as Psychology or Sociology could help.

What could this course lead to?

If you're wanting to seek employment in physical activity or sport then this course would be beneficial for fitness instructors, sports coaches, and sports events management. This course is also a very relevant stepping stone onto many sport-related university courses.

Travel and Tourism

Qualification

Pearson BTEC Level 3
National Extended
Certificate in Travel
and Tourism

Examination Board

Edexcel

Course Length

2 Years



Who will this course interest?

This qualification is designed to support learners who are interested in learning about the travel and tourism industry alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in travel and tourism-related subjects.

The qualification is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

What will I study?

- The World of Travel and Tourism
- Global Destinations
- Visitor Attractions
- Events, Conferences and Exhibitions

How will I be taught?

There will a range of teacher led lessons, group work and extended projects, some of which will have an element of group work to them.

How will I be assessed?

External Assessment

Examinations – all learners take the same assessment at the same time, normally with a written outcome.

Set tasks – learners take the assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task.

Internal Assessment

Tasks will be set by your teacher that will require you to;

- Write up the findings of their own research
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes
- Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate processes

You will make grading decisions based on the requirements.

Which subjects go well with it?

Business, Digital Media, Finance, Food Science and Nutrition, Geography and IT.

What could this course lead to?

Employment in the travel and tourism industry. Entry to higher education such as a university degree.

Extended Project Qualification

Qualification
EPQ

Examination Board
AQA

Course Length
1 year

Who will this course interest?

Students who want to develop study and research skills that brilliantly equip them for university. It appeals to students who are able to commit to a long term project and can work well independently. Students have to be self-motivated and curious!

What will I study?

The Extended Project can cover almost any topic that interests you; it cannot be what you already study in another subject. The Extended Project requires you to create a product; this can be a dissertation, an artefact, or a performance.

You will be taught study and research skills.

How will I be taught?

There are approximately 30 hours of taught lessons and 90 hours of independent study. You will be assigned a supervisor and have meetings with them to discuss progress which is then recorded onto a log.

How will I be assessed?

The dissertation is 5000 words long and the other two options involve the creation of an artefact or performance with a written report of 1,500 words.

- Every student must also keep a detailed log of their progress and how they have managed the project
- Students have to do a 15 minute presentation of their research and evaluate their project overall; both the log and presentation are part of the assessment criteria
- It is centre assessed, there is no examination

Which subjects go well with it?

It goes well with any A Level subject as both Science focused students and Arts focused students do really well in this course. Being able to do research, work independently and to write your ideas in an evaluative way is the main requirement for the course. This course is taken in addition to three other two year courses.

What could this course lead to?

Universities love this course; it is great preparation for being a student at the next level.

Notes page

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Timeline

Below is a timeline of the admissions and induction process for students joining our Sixth Form:

Event	Current Year 11 Students	Other Students	Date
Sixth Form Open Evening	✓	✓	14 November 2018
Open Evening follow-on sessions	✓		Week beginning 19 November 2018
Application forms distributed	✓	✓	3 December 2018
Deadline for application form to be handed in	✓	✓	21 December 2018
Information, advice and guidance meetings (in school time)	✓		From 15 January 2018 until 2 February 2018
Information, advice and guidance meetings (external students only)		✓	From 11 February 2019 Until 15 February 2019
First round of acceptance letters sent to students	✓	✓	25 February 2019
Final round of acceptance letters sent to students	✓	✓	5 April 2019
Sixth Form induction	✓	✓	18 July 2019
Year 11 results day	✓	✓	22 August 2019
New Year 12 starter meetings	✓	✓	4 September 2019
Lessons likely to start	✓	✓	5 September 2019

Further information about the start of year process is provided on the Sixth Form induction days.

Further information about our Sixth Form and how subjects may be timetabled can be found on the Academy website: <http://www.stangroundacademy.org/sixth-form>