



Athena
Sixth Form College

Subject Information
& Entry Requirements

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Aspire at Athena

Our bespoke Aspire at Athena offer provides all students with a comprehensive programme of one to one support in taking their next steps after sixth form, right from the start of year 12.

Expert tutors deliver engaging sessions throughout students' time at sixth form, all of which are tailored to them to ensure they feel fully supported, ready to aim high, and in control of their own future.

Examples of support provided to individuals at Athena each year include: one to one academic mentoring from the start of year twelve; trips to university open days; small group sessions with visiting university admissions tutors; regular sessions with subject experts to prepare for university entrance exams and interviews; one to one careers support meetings from external agencies.

Our super-curricular offer underpins the Aspire at Athena programme.

Our intention is that all students will be supported to ensure they are challenging themselves to extend their subject knowledge and understanding outside of their learning in the classroom.

Super-curricular opportunities are subject-specific and collated by expert staff, but include: provision of challenging reading lists for each subject; timetabled extended reading seminars and book groups; trips and visits specific to A Level subjects; a programme of lectures by visiting experts in all subject areas.

Entry Requirements

A Level Programme Entry Requirements

- **Minimum of 5 x 5s**
- **Minimum of a 4 in English and Maths**

The opportunity to study four Advanced level subjects will be offered to some particularly well-qualified applicants, this is currently defined as students who have achieved at least an average grade 7 across their best seven GCSE subjects.

Vocational and Applied Diploma Entry Requirements

- **5 x 4s**
- **4 in English and Maths**

Subject Requirements

Biology	6 in GCSE Biology if doing single sciences or 6,6 in GCSE Trilogy Science 6 in GCSE Maths
Chemistry	6 in GCSE Chemistry if doing single sciences or 6,6 in GCSE Trilogy Science 6 in GCSE Maths
Computer Science	6 in GCSE Maths 6 in Computing if taken at GCSE
Economics	6 in Maths GCSE
English Language / Literature	6 in either GCSE English Language or Literature
English Literature	6 in English Literature GCSE
Fine Art	6 in Art if taken at GCSE
Film Studies	6 in a Humanities subject or English GCSE
French	6 in GCSE French
Geography	6 in GCSE Geography
Government and Politics	6 in a Humanities GCSE or English GCSE
History	6 in GCSE History or a humanities subject
Maths	7 in GCSE Maths
Maths (Further)	8 in GCSE Maths
Music	6 in GCSE Music, if taken and at least one instrument / voice to Grade 5 If music is not taken at GCSE then Grade 5 or above in an instrument and theory is required

PE	6 in PE if taken at GCSE
Psychology	5 in GCSE Maths or Science 6 in GCSE English
Physics	6 in GCSE Physics or 6-6 in Combined Science 6 in GCSE Maths
Philosophy and Ethics	6 in Religious Studies if taken at GCSE 6 in a Humanities subject
Sociology	6 in a Humanities subject or English GCSE
Spanish	6 in GCSE Spanish
Theatre Studies	6 in Drama if taken at GCSE

Vocational and Applied Additional Requirements

Cambridge National Health and Social Care	None
Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity	None
Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology	None
Level 3 Applied Diploma in Tourism	None
Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education	None
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services	None



Biology

Biologists are scientists who study the natural world and all the living things in it, from the largest mammals down to our very own microscopic DNA.

They try to understand how animals and organisms work (including us humans), how we evolved and the things that can make us sick or improve our health.

Because biologists deal with the natural world, their jobs can take them anywhere, from labs to zoos to ocean liners in the arctic and fieldwork in the Amazon jungle.

As with the other sciences, biology helps you to build up research, problem solving, organisation and analytical skills.

If you study biology, you will likely find yourself working on group projects, which will help you build your teamwork and communication skills too.

It will provide an excellent foundation for further study of Biology, Biomedical Science or other Biological Science courses in higher education as well as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Nursing.

Biology is a key subject for lots of STEM careers, particularly in healthcare, medicine and jobs involving plants or animals. The list is pretty long and includes nursing, dentistry, forensic science, psychology, physiotherapy, botany, environmental science, zoology, geology, oceanography, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, genetics and research.

For students not intending to pursue a study of Biological Sciences to a higher level the course provides a valuable educational experience and the chance to develop skills relevant to areas beyond Biology.



Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity

This course provides a specialist, work-related programme of study which covers the key knowledge and practical skills required for those who have already decided the specialist area they wish to study.

It has been set up for those students who have a real interest in the theoretical and practical aspects of sports development, coaching and fitness.

It will give you the opportunity to develop your knowledge and investigate a wide range of sport, exercise and coaching aspects.

Students wishing to develop a career in the leisure industry, sports centre management or coaching will find this Level 3 BTEC course a beneficial foundation.

You will gain a qualification that will enable you to study sports related degrees at university, such as Sports Management, Sports Therapy, PE Teaching, Sports Coaching, Analysis of Sport and Physiotherapy.

This qualification is particularly appropriate for learners who are interested in progressing to a career in sport and physical activity development.



Chemistry

Chemists conduct experiments to study how elements work in different conditions, test how they mix, and work out what they are made up of right down to the tiniest particle.

The results can be ground-breaking, colourful, explosive, or almost impossible to see.

Chemists use their experiments and knowledge to develop medicines, foods, fabrics and other materials, from neon lights to shatterproof glass.

They also use it to understand the world around us, from why leaves change colour to discovering invisible pollutants in the air.

Pick up a can of soft drink and you'll find chemistry everywhere, from the metal can you're holding, to the paint used to cover it and the liquid inside.

All that questioning and experimentation can be really handy when it comes to building a whole range of skills for work.

Chemistry helps you to develop research, problem solving and analytical skills. It helps to you challenge ideas and show how you worked things out through logic and step-by-step reasoning.

Chemistry often requires teamwork and communication skills too, which is great for project management.

Chemistry will help you get ahead in most STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) careers and more besides.

Chemistry is an important subject for careers in: medicine, environmental science, engineering, toxicology, developing consumer products, metallurgy (studying how metals behave), space exploration, developing perfumes and cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, software development and research.



Childcare

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education enables learners to develop knowledge and understanding of child development, education and care, which will allow them to progress to further education to study courses like midwifery and child psychology or join the workplace as an apprentice. This qualification is the equivalent, in size and rigour, to that of an A Level. Students will get a chance to put Theory into practice through voluntary work in settings and to develop personal and profession goals through creating their own professional development plan throughout their course.

This qualification will prepare learners and assist them to progress to higher education and apprenticeship courses such as an Advanced Apprenticeship for the Children and Young People's Workforce or Early Years Educator, which leads to vocationally related employment in early years and childcare with a licence to practice.

This course will allow you to work on organisation skills as well as time management and working with others in creative and imaginative way.

Over the 2 year course there will be 5 units plus 2 additional units that are set by the exam board. The first being an exam which will be based around unit 1 and 2. The external controlled assessment is based around all 5 units of study.

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education enables learners to prepare for employment in job roles such as:

- **Assistant in children's centres**
- **Practitioner in day nurseries**
- **Practitioner in nursery schools**
- **Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools**
- **Pre-school worker.**



Computer Science

Computer Science is a practical subject where students can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It's an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement and can look at the natural world through a digital prism.

Learners will develop an ability to analyse critically evaluate and make decisions. The project approach is a vital component of 'post-school' life and is of particular relevance to Further Education, Higher Education and the workplace.

The OCR A Level in Computer Science will encourage learners to be inspired, motivated and challenged by following a broad, coherent, practical, satisfying and worthwhile course of study. It will provide insight into, and experience of how computer science works, stimulating learners' curiosity and encouraging them to engage with computer science in their everyday lives and to make informed choices about further study or career choices.



Criminology

Criminologists play an important role in the criminal justice system. They conduct research, teach and work with various law enforcement agencies. They study the social and psychological factors that cause people to commit crimes and research which approaches to rehabilitation work and don't work.

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities. It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for learners through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

The qualification would support learners' progression from GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, Ethics or Humanities.

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology.

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice system, e.g. the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.



Economics

Through studying economics, students:

- Learn how to form well-structured opinions backed up by evidence and analysis and put across arguments for and against theories and practices
- Develop a sound understanding of economic concepts and theories through a critical consideration of current issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life
- Apply economic concepts and theories in a range of contexts and to appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real-world phenomena
- Analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it

- Work effectively with data, assessing its validity, conducting analysis using excel and visualising data effectively through charts and graphics

Possible career choices A-level Economics can offer you include accountancy, stockbroker, banker and online financial and business-related careers, however most require a higher level of education. Your A-level Economics can lead you to degrees in Economics, Business Studies, Social Sciences, Engineering, Accountancy, Financial services, Management and Journalism.



English Language/Literature

There's a lot more to English than the words we speak, read and write. English is the primary language of communication in the UK and often also around the world.

Employers say that one of the most valuable things they look for in the people who work for them is good communication skills and what better way to learn how to communicate but studying how we communicate? Studying English Language and Literature helps to sharpen your analytical skills; you'll take a variety of fascinating texts and confidently link with other texts, theories, literary movements, critical theories and even historical events.

You'll show that you can handle complex ideas, search for patterns and interpret information (written and oral) in a wider context.

You will also develop your planning and research skills as well as gain knowledge of how history, culture, philosophy and even human behaviour can be influenced and even changed by powerful literary texts, non-literary texts and spoken language.

Essentially, whenever you need to persuade, inform or connect with someone, English Language and Literature is your best friend.

A thorough understanding of English Language and Literature is essential for any job that involves written or oral communication; writing factually or imaginatively and being able to respond critically to any text – fiction, non-fiction and non-literary fiction. These opportunities are as varied as: advertising, marketing, writing, journalism, teaching, law, media and design, performing arts and business.



English Literature

English Literature has been a large part of our education systems for centuries. From the many timeless works of William Shakespeare, to the contemporary writings of Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, literature has provided generations of budding intellects with the wisdom of eras combined.

Literature helps explore and analyse some of life's greatest questions and assists young people in gaining the skills required for a deeper thought process to life.

Classic texts provide fundamental concepts that complement modern day texts and their messages. The styles of writing and thought processes of historical texts are vital to understanding the world and how humans perceive our surroundings. This subject also provides a broad, bold spectrum of types and times of texts. In no other classes will you receive this large a variety of choice and knowledge.

You will learn to consider different points of views, knowledge beyond your years, key lessons for the future, writings from the past, creativity beyond belief, freedom of expression, themes that push us forward and skills for lifelong achievement all contribute to the value of English Literature.

What more could you want from a subject?

English Literature explores how to analyse poetry, annotate narratives, structure and word essays.

It explores expression and communication with students and often involves class discussions that help with public speaking and self-confidence. English Literature can also encourage philosophical debate and diplomatic responses to a wide variety of issues.



Film Studies

Film Studies is designed to introduce A level learners to a wide variety of films in order to broaden their knowledge and understanding of film and the range of responses films can generate.

The course therefore offers opportunities to study mainstream American films from the past and the present as well as a range of recent and contemporary British films, American independent films and global films, both non-English language and English language.

The historical range of film represented in those films is extended by the study of silent film and significant film movements so that learners can gain a sense of the development of film from its early years to its still emerging digital future. Studies in documentary, experimental and short films add to the breadth of the learning experience.

Production work is a crucial part of this specification and is integral to learners' study of film. Studying a diverse range of films from several different contexts is designed to give learners the opportunity to apply their knowledge and understanding of how films are constructed to their own filmmaking and screenwriting.

This is intended to enable learners to create high quality film and screenplay work as well as provide an informed filmmaker's perspective on their own study of film.

Film studies can lead to studying Film, Media, or TV at university – usually with the option between theoretical and practical degrees.

This can then lead to a broad range of potential careers within film, media, and television industries.





Fine Art

Studying Fine Art at A Level will develop your intellectual, imaginative, creative and intuitive capabilities. You will establish your practical, technical and expressive skills and refine your aesthetic understanding and critical judgement of the visual world. Fine Art is sub-divided into the following four disciplines: painting and drawing, printmaking sculpture, lens-based image making.

You will acquire new skills across these disciplines to broaden your knowledge, and help give you the confidence you need to achieve your full potential in this rich and exciting subject area.

This course promotes independence of mind to communicate your own ideas in personal outcomes to discover what it means to be a creative and imaginative visual artist. Fine art may be created to communicate ideas and messages about the observed world, the qualities of materials, perceptions, or preconceptions.

It can also be used to explore personal and cultural identity, society and how we live.

Studying Fine Art develops a highly desirable skillset transferrable to a range of degree subjects and careers. Fine Art students have a strong sense of the visual world around them.

Organisation, problem solving, dexterity, lateral thinking, complex analysis, critical and analytical skills are crucial skills for further education and employment. There is a wealth of creative degree course options open to you following Art A Level.

For example: architecture, animation, concept design, creative advertising, fine art, fashion, textile art, textile design, graphic design, game design, illustration, art history, photography, visual communication to name just a few.



French

Languages are everywhere, be it on holiday, at work, or on a daily basis. This course inspires students who have an appreciation of the language and culture of the French-speaking world. French A-level covers a wide range of interesting topics (such as music, technology, arts, politics, French history), which are relevant to the world we live in. You will gain an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the French language, literature, film and culture of France and other francophone countries. The skills you acquire will prepare you for further education and enhance your employability.

You will develop your love of the French language, whilst being able to communicate effectively, confidently and clearly.

Choosing A-level French will open many doors, offer you a range of career possibilities, and enable you to have fun en route.

Knowledge of a modern foreign language to A-level is a valuable asset to further your education or enhance your employability.

At university French can be studied in combination with another language or almost any other subject.

This knowledge is a much sought after skill in the current job market, giving you access to a wide range of career options such as interpreting, translation, teaching, marketing, journalism, media, sport, tourism, banking, law, exports, fashion, engineering, business – careers within UK or international companies can give you many opportunities to travel and work both in the UK and around the world - almost anything, almost anywhere!



Geography

Studying geography provides the opportunity of combining both science and arts disciplines – it encompasses elements of different areas of both the physical and human world we live in.

Through studying and reflecting on the world as it is today you will have your perceptions challenged, minds excited and have your investigative and analytical skills stimulated and developed.

Geography is a great subject to build a diverse number of careers on or support you in your other studies.

If you want to make a difference to the world, studying geography is a good place to start.

Geography careers offer opportunities to develop solutions to some of the most pressing issues for modern society, including climate change, natural disasters, overpopulation, urban expansion, and multicultural integration.

Varied jobs could include – environmental consultant, town planner, cartographer, global NGO's, conservation officer, landscape architect, engineering consultant, renewable energies, civil servant, and many more!





Government and Politics

With an incredible series of unexpected and unpredictable events at home and abroad in recent years, the study of Politics has never been more relevant or more fascinating and it's a great subject for those with enquiring minds and a desire to find out just what is going on in the world today and why.

Politics A-level is a lively and engaging subject that will captivate anyone who wishes to understand the society in which we live, and be able to situate this within the broader global context.

We tackle big issues, such as terrorism, poverty and climate change, head on.

You will develop skills in analysis, evaluation, debate, handling evidence and formulating credible and substantiated arguments, whilst at the same time advance your knowledge of national and international politics.

A good grade in Politics at A level is valued by universities and employers, since it requires the development of analytical skills and demonstrates the ability to evaluate political, social and economic issues.

This course also lays an appropriate foundation for further study of government and politics or related subjects in higher education.

In recent years students studying Politics have gone on to study a diverse range of subjects at university however Law, International Relations and History have been particularly popular choices.



History

To become a well-rounded citizen of the world, to know yourself and understand why the societies we live in exist as they do.

This is the purpose of history, whether you appreciate the narrative or depth of detail and knowledge acquired in historical study, or are keen to engage in political debates centred on historical exemplars, history at A-Level is the course for any aspiring philosopher, politician or academic, never mind historian!

History can help you to understand the society you live in and as such become confident, articulate and opinionated.

Whether you turn these skills to a career in the legal profession, teaching, politics or client relations is up to you.

However, you can be sure that having studied history will ground you as an individual, such that whatever challenges face you in future, will never rock your ambition.

History works best alongside a study of government and politics.



Health and Social Care

The Cambridge Technicals have recently been updated and designed refreshing and exciting content, that's up to date, engaging, fit for purpose and suitable for the needs of students.

Students will develop professional and personal skills through interaction with people who either work in the sector or require care or support, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin their skills.

This will allow them to offer specific, person-centred care and support and build positive relationships with the people they are working with, so that their needs and requirements are met whilst they maintain control of their own care and support.

Students will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses.

Students will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting health and social care, so that they can ensure the people they are working with are not only able to access all the care and support they are entitled to, but are also able to protect themselves from any harm or abuse whilst at work.

The subject enables students to pursue interests across all three pathways; Health, Social Care and Childcare.

It develops a highly desirable skillset coveted by universities offering degree courses in Midwifery, Nursing, Psychology, Early Years Education, Occupational Therapy, Criminology, Counselling, Social Care and Pharmacy.

It also offers opportunities for apprenticeships within the sector, including the NHS.



Mathematics

Your A Level studies will allow you to develop a formal set of techniques to solve both abstract and real-world problems.

These techniques includes algebra, graphing, functions, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and vectors.

The fields of statistics and probability will allow you to deal with the models used to help statisticians predict what may or may not happen in the future.

Mechanics allows you to grasp the modelling of physical scenarios that support concepts in real life and areas such as physics.

Mathematics is a beautiful subject in itself, allowing you to stretch your intellectual capabilities by applying methodologies that have been refined over the centuries by mathematicians before you.

The subject develops a highly desirable skillset coveted by universities offering degree courses in the Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Biology), Engineering, Computing, Architecture, Business & Finance, Social Sciences such as Economics and Psychology, and obviously Mathematics itself.

Future employers also hold the logical reasoning and problem solving skills gained from the study of Mathematics.



Mathematics (Further)

This course will introduce new areas of mathematics beyond the regular A-Level Mathematics course.

Examples include complex numbers, polar coordinates and matrices.

You will also study topics covered in Mathematics in greater detail and expand upon your problem solving and analytical thinking skills.

Ideas from mechanics are developed enabling mathematical models to be more accurate and realistic. In addition the Further course covers discrete mathematics.

This includes study of the mathematics behind computer algorithms and that involved in codes and ciphers.

Many former students studying mathematical, scientific and engineering courses at university have told us that studying A-Level Further Mathematics gave them a real advantage in the early part of their degree courses.

The analytical, logical and problem-solving skills acquired are held in high regard by Universities and employers alike, providing a wealth of possible future careers.



Music

Music A-level involves building skills in performance and composition and gaining a broad musical knowledge through the study of a plethora of set musical genres.

You should choose music if you are a proficient instrumentalist or singer and/or have a strong interest in composing your own music, and are interested in developing your understanding of a variety of musical styles.

The A-level Music course is a valuable qualification in its own right; it not only demonstrates academic, practical and creative skills but also highlights your qualities of self-discipline and commitment.

Music students should be accomplished instrumentalists or singers of at least Grade Five standard on at least one instrument or voice and Grade Five standard for theory.

You may wish to study Music in higher education either on an academic degree course or on a more practically based course for performers.

The A-Level provides a sound basis for students wishing to proceed to degree courses in Music or Performing Arts.

It can lead to careers in teaching, performing and composition as well as related areas in publishing and media.

Having studied Music demonstrates to universities and employers that you are an academic, well-rounded, skilled and often highly conscientious individual with much to offer.





PE

Studying A Level Physical Education will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance.

Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the non-exam assessment component, you will also develop a wide ranging knowledge into the how and why of Physical activity and sport.

The combination of physical performance and academic challenge provides an exciting opportunity for students.

You can perform, and then through the academic study improve your performance or coaching through application of the theory.

Physical Education is studied through a range of different contexts and the impact it has on both ours and other's everyday lives.

You will learn the reasons why we do things, why some people outperform others, mentally and physically.

You will also delve into the ethical considerations behind the use of drugs and also the influence that modern technology is having in and on physical activity and sport.

A Level Physical Education can open up a range of possibilities for further education and career opportunities including: sports development, sports coaching, physiotherapy, personal training or becoming one of the next generation of PE teachers.

The transferable skills you learn through your study of Physical Education, such as decision making and independent thinking are also useful in any career path you choose to take.



Philosophy and Religion

Whilst this course continues to explore philosophical & ethical issues, it is completely different to GCSE as you start to consider some of the deeper questions about God, ethics and the meaning of life.

For this subject you just need an open mind and be prepared to ask more questions than you'll find answers.

Religious Studies is a very thought-provoking subject that develops writing and analytical skills.

Philosophy and Religion is highly regarded by universities and employers as it proves that you are able to think, discuss and evaluate.

It is an excellent preparation for any humanities degree.

It particularly prepares students for the following careers: Legal and medical services, journalism and publishing, education and social work, broadcast, film, video and media sector, and politics.



Psychology

Have you ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour?

Or why some people conform?

Have you ever considered whether the experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today?

A level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways.

You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and may more that will prepare you for the future with the possibility of a range of interesting careers such as counselling, forensic and occupational psychology, nursing, teaching, research, Human Resources.



Physics

Physicists look for all the hidden laws that explain why all matter (that's every physical thing) and energy in the known universe exists, where it comes from and how it behaves the way it does.

So if you're wondering how forces of nature, like gravity, work or how aircraft stay up in the air, you'll need to go to a physicist like Brian Cox, Stephen Hawking or Albert Einstein for an explanation.

Physicists use the laws they uncover to develop new materials, machinery, and technology to improve our lives and help us explore the universe further, from computers to telescopes and spacecraft.

Physicists ask some big questions, but they specialise in different areas and their work can be varied.

For example, nuclear physicists study the tiniest particles of matter to discover what the universe is made of, whereas astrophysicists study some of the largest things – stars, planets and celestial bodies.

Many physicists also combine their work with the other sciences (Chemistry and Biology) to study things like Meteorology (the atmosphere) and geophysics (the structure of the earth).

Physics is a seriously useful subject for the majority of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) careers and you'll find physicists everywhere, in industry, transport, government, universities, the armed forces, the secret service, games companies, research labs and more.



Sociology

Everything that you study in Sociology either has affected you already or will do in the future.

As societies are living, breathing organisms that change and adapt as they grow, this subject is constantly changing and updating.

You will be considering the impact of these changes on society and viewing them through the lens of modern life in Britain.

This broad and varied syllabus looks primarily at social life in Britain today, why is it that we do what we do in the way that we do it?

It isn't just a theoretical study though, sociological study can have a real impact on our lives – if we know that a child from a low income family is likely to achieve poor GCSE's then we need to understand why this is and take steps to change this.

Sociology affects your life today and will continue to do so, understanding the reasons why empowers us to bring about real and lasting social change.

Sociology can help you into many different careers and courses of further study such as: Police work, Social work, Education, Politics, Healthcare, Journalism, Criminology and Law.

Spanish

Languages are everywhere, be it on holiday, at work, or on a daily basis.

This course inspires students who have an appreciation of the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

Spanish A-level covers a wide range of interesting topics (such as music, technology, arts, politics, Spanish history), which are relevant to the world we live in.

You will gain an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of the Spanish language, literature, film and culture of Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The skills you acquire will prepare you for further education and enhance your employability.

You will develop your love of the language, whilst being able to communicate effectively, confidently and clearly.



Choosing A-level Spanish will open many doors, offer you a range of career possibilities, and enable you to have fun en route.

Knowledge of a modern foreign language to A-level is a valuable asset to further your education or enhance your employability.

At university Spanish can be studied in combination with another language or almost any other subject.

This knowledge is a much sought after skill in the current job market, giving you access to a wide range of career options such as interpreting, translation, teaching, marketing, journalism, media, sport, tourism, banking, law, exports, fashion, engineering, business – careers within UK or international companies can give you many opportunities to travel and work both in the UK and around the world - almost anything, almost anywhere!



Travel and Tourism

Globally, one in ten jobs is in tourism and hospitality and the UK ranks as the 6th largest tourist destination. It's an incredibly important industry with lots of opportunities. The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Tourism is designed to provide learners with the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills associated with tourism organisations and activities.

It is the ideal qualification for students with an interest in or desire to work in the tourist industry but equally is a sound qualification for those wishing to access university. The course is broadly comparable to one A-level and has equivalent UCAS points.

You will learn and use a variety of transferable and employability skills much valued by employers and universities. It will prepare you for further study or training in tourism-related occupations. The qualifications will provide a broad basis for further or higher education or for moving into employment and training in fields relating to tourism, business and other service based industries.

You will explore the attractions of the UK including natural landscapes, coastal resorts and cities and an understanding of why it is important to continually develop tourism and to how it is marketed. You will explore the way the tourism industry responds global events such as natural disasters and the impact of changing expectations. The environmental impacts of tourism will also be studied along with how these are managed. And how the global tourism industry must respond. You will also learn how to successfully plan a tourism event and a tour within the UK, considering a range of factors including budget, risk assessment and target market.

Travel and Tourism is one of our vocational options and would therefore work well alongside others such as Health and Social Care, Criminology, BTEC Sport, Childcare. Yet, there is the option to study other A Level subjects which may interest you further.



Theatre Studies

Your A Level studies will give you the opportunity to explore drama as a practical art form, in which ideas and meaning are communicated to an audience through choices of form, style and convention.

It's a fantastic course if you love watching, creating, performing and writing about drama because the course is so versatile and suits the needs of all those who are interested.

Throughout the course you will create, perform and respond to drama and theatre, develop the creativity and independence to become effective theatre makers and explore the relationship between theory and practice in a range of theatrical styles and periods and historical, social and cultural contexts.

You will also learn how relevant research, independent thought and analysis of live theatre production can inform decision making in their practical work and put this understanding into practice as well as experience the ways in which theatre makers collaborate to create theatre.

Drama and Theatre studies opens many doors for students and provides you with desirable skills wanted by universities and employers.

These include creativity, emotional intelligence, analysis and evaluation skills, problem solving, creativity, strong language, communication skills and many more.

An A Level in Drama and Theatre could lead you to career in acting, directing, design, law, marketing, event management, public speaking, creative writing, teaching, therapy and management to name but a few.



Uniformed Public Services

The Uniformed Public Services are always looking for physically fit, enthusiastic and well-prepared recruits.

We train our students for a variety of careers within the services, such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Paramedics, Customs & Excise and Security.

Key skills of leadership, assertiveness, physical fitness, and personal responsibility are very important and emphasised in this course.

Whatever Public Service the students eventually decide to join, their future employers will inherit extremely well trained and motivated individuals who will undoubtedly add value.

The full two-year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services is equivalent to three A levels. This means that once students have successfully completed the course they can choose whether to progress to a career or to higher education.

Students will cover a wide range of units, including but not restricted to:

Government

Policies & the Public Services

Team Development & Leadership

Citizenship & Diversity

Understanding Discipline

Public Service Fitness

Physical Preparation for Public Services

Expedition Skills Outdoor

Activities Police Powers War

Conflict & Terrorism

Criminology

Major Incidents

Crime & its Effects

Law & the Legal System





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