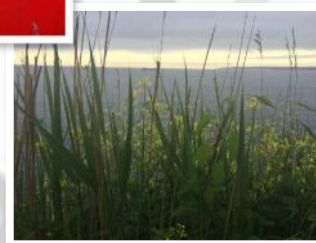
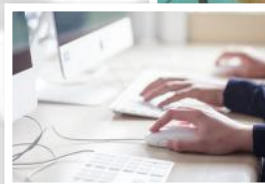
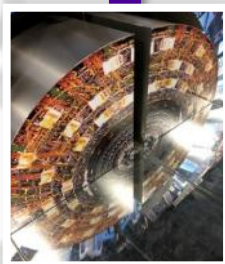


YOUR JOURNEY

YOUR FUTURE...



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Nailsea School Sixth Form

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Welcome to Nailsea School

Sixth Form

Nailsea Sixth Form is a vibrant learning community with an inclusive ethos, offering a wide range of Level 3 courses alongside an extensive pastoral and enrichment programme. We are proud of the high standards of teaching and learning our students experience from subject specialists, while also placing great emphasis on developing the whole student, supporting their academic, social, and personal growth. We support learners to become confident, well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to both our local community and wider society.

Aspirational Learners

Our Sixth Form is committed to developing aspirational learners, giving students the opportunity to explore content beyond the curriculum through our termly Aim Higher tasks, fostering both subject passion and a curiosity for learning. We encourage participation in our Aspire, HE+ and In2MedSchool Programmes, supporting applications to competitive institutions and preparing students for admissions tests and interviews. Students also undertake ambitious work experience placements to further develop career-related skills and attributes, culminating in our engaging and impactful Pathways Week.

Independent Thinkers

At Nailsea, we are passionate about empowering students to embrace our mantra, 'Your Journey, Your Future'. We work closely with our students as they become leaders of their own learning, fostering independence and proactivity in their academic ambitions. Our weekly VESPA Programme enhances Key Stage 5 study skills and learning characteristics, including organisation, critical thinking, and self-reflection, developing a confident and resilient A level mindset. We ensure all available pathways are explored through insightful trips, fairs, and open days, supporting students to make well-informed choices about their future.

Community Ambassadors

Our extensive enrichment programme allows students to pursue diverse areas of interest that support their wellbeing, enhance their academic profile, or broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world. Through volunteering within school and surrounding areas, our students make positive contributions to the local community, developing valuable skills that prepare them for life beyond school. They also benefit from a wide range of experiences, including student leadership, termly social events, Gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and curriculum trips, further enriching their personal development and overall Sixth Form experience.

Students leave Nailsea Sixth Form equipped with the knowledge, skills, experiences, and qualifications needed to thrive in the next stage of their journey. Each year, our students progress to a wide range of exciting destinations, including higher education, apprenticeships, and full-time employment, with many securing places at prestigious universities or joining competitive national organisations.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Nailsea Sixth Form.

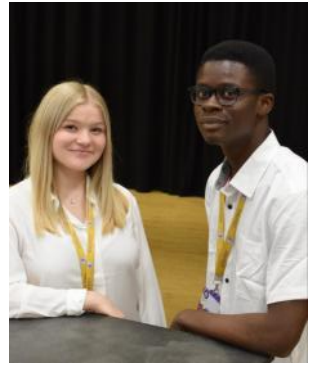
Mr D Truan

Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form



"Students in the Sixth Form develop confidence and independence. They have exemplary attitudes to their work and contribute meaningfully to the life of the school and wider society"

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Planning Your Post 16 Choices: Pathways to Your Future

General advice for subject choices:

- **Balance passion with planning.** Choose subjects you enjoy and perform well in but also consider how they will support your long-term goals.
- **Keep your options open.** If you're unsure of your future direction, select a combination that retains flexibility and will keep a range of opportunities.
- **Check entry requirements early.** Some university courses and apprenticeships require specific A-Levels and GCSE grades.
- **Mix your skill set.** Combining analytical, creative and practical subjects can help you develop a rounded academic profile.
- **Consider both academic and vocational routes.** Explore how different qualifications are structured and assessed to find the style that best suits your strengths and learning approach.

Suggested Pathways: Level 3 Courses for Key Careers and Degrees*

Career Pathway	Suggested Level 3 courses (highly recommended in bold)
Architecture	Art, Craft and Design, Further Maths, Maths, Physics
Biomedical Science	Biology, Chemistry , Human Biology, Further Maths, Maths, Physics
Business and Finance	Business Studies, Computing, Further Maths, Maths
Creative Media and Marketing	Art, Craft and Design, Business Studies, English Language, Media Studies, Photography
Cyber Security / Coding	Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Further Maths, Maths, Physics
Education	Early Child Development, English Language, Health and Social Care, Psychology
Engineering and Physics	Chemistry , Further Maths, Maths, Physics
Environmental Science	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Maths, Physics
Health	Biology/Human Biology , Early Childhood Development, Food Science and Nutrition, Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sport and Physical Activity
Journalism	English Language, English Literature, History, Media Studies, Photography, Politics
Law	Criminology, English Language, English Literature, History, Spanish, Politics, Psychology
Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science	Biology, Chemistry , Further Maths, Maths, Physics, Psychology
Psychology	Biology, Criminology, English Language, Early Childhood Development, Health and Social Care, Human Biology, Psychology
Public Affairs	English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Politics
Sport	Biology, Food Science and Nutrition, Health and Social Care, Human Biology, Sport, Sport and Physical Activity, Psychology

**This is for guidance purposes only and therefore it is essential to do your own pathways research.*

Our Enrichment Programme also supports students' career pathways, offering opportunities such as HE+, In2MedSchool, Aspire, and Debate Society to develop subject knowledge, skills, and experience beyond the classroom.

The resources below can help you make informed choices about your post 16 pathway.

Resource	Website	Description
UCAS: Subject Guides and Course Requirements	www.ucas.com	Central resource for A-Level advice and course entry details
Russell Group: Informed Choices	www.informedchoices.ac.uk	Guidance on A-Level subjects for top universities
Apprenticeship and Technical Pathways	www.apprenticeships.gov.uk	Official government site for apprenticeships

Nailsea Sixth Form Option Blocks

Students are expected to select three courses, establishing the foundation required for successful progression into higher education or employment. Those who wish to pursue a fourth subject are welcome to discuss this possibility with the Head of Sixth Form, who can provide guidance on whether this option is suitable based on academic profile and career aspirations.

Each subject choice must be selected from a different option block. We understand that making these decisions can be challenging, so students are encouraged to think carefully about their options and seek guidance if needed.

Once submitted, courses can still be changed during the interview process and, if necessary, as late as GCSE results day. Changes are subject to course availability and capacity, so students are encouraged to discuss any adjustments promptly to maximise the chance of being accommodated.

Please Note

Those students who have not achieved a grade 4 in either English Language or English Literature, or in Maths, are required to resit these qualifications alongside their Level 3 courses, with these compulsory additional sessions automatically added to their timetable.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E
Biology	Art, Craft and Design	Business Studies	Criminology	English Language
Computing	Geography	Chemistry	French / Spanish	English Literature
Food Science and Nutrition	Health and Social Care	Early Childhood Development	History	Further Maths
Human Biology	Physics	Politics	Maths	Sport and Physical Activity
Media Studies		Psychology	Photography	

The option below is a full-time course and the equivalent to 3 A Levels

Sport Extended Diploma

Entry Requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grades 9–4, alongside the subject-specific entry requirements.

Subject	Grade in subject at GCSE	Additional Grades
Art, Craft and Design	5 in Fine Art or 3D Art	
Biology	66 in Science, or 6 in Biology and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths, 5 in English Language
Human Biology	44 in Combined Science or 4 in Biology	
Business Studies*	4 or L2 Merit	4 in Maths
Chemistry	66 in Science, or 6 in Chemistry and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths
Criminology		4 in English Language
Computing*	L2 Merit in ICT	4 in Maths
Early Childhood Development*	L2 Merit in Health and Social Care	4 in English Language
English Language	5	
English Literature	5	
Food Science and Nutrition*	4	
Geography*	5	
Health and Social Care*	L2 Merit	4 in English Language, 44 in Science
History*	5	5 in English Language
Maths	7	
Further Maths	8	
Media Studies*	5	5 in English Language
Photography*	5	5 in Art
Physics	66 in Science, or 6 in Physics and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths
Politics		5 in English Language
Psychology		5 in English Language, 55 in Science, 4 in Maths
Spanish	6	
Sport*	4 or L2 Merit	4 in English Language, 44 in Science
Sport and Physical Activity*	4 or L2 Merit	4 in English Language, 44 in Science

*Students who have not studied the subject at GCSE will be considered based on their broader academic achievement.

How to Apply

Current Nailsea School students will receive an application form via their school email account. Prospective students from other schools can register for an application form through our website. www.nailseaschool.com/sixth-form/apply-to-sixth-form/ or scan the QR code:



The application closing date is Friday 9th January 2026.

Application Timeline for courses starting September 2026

Online Application Form Open	Thursday 13th November 2025
Open Evening	Thursday 27th November 2025
Online Application Form Closes	Friday 9th January 2026
Sixth Form Interviews	January—March 2026
Conditional Offers	April 2026
Transition Day	Thursday 2nd July 2026
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 20th August 2026
Enrolment Form Opens	Thursday 20th August 2026
Enrolment Form Closes	Friday 21st August 2026
Induction Day	Thursday 3rd September 2026

Interview Process

All applicants will be invited to an interview with a member of the sixth form leadership team. During this meeting, students will have the opportunity to discuss their subject choices, explore potential career pathways, and review their current academic performance, attendance, and conduct. The interview allows staff to provide guidance and support in making informed decisions about post-16 study, as well as giving students the opportunity to ask any questions. Following a successful interview, students will receive a conditional offer before the Easter holiday, giving them the reassurance and clarity they need to plan their next steps.

Transition Day

After the GCSE summer exams, students who have applied are invited to attend our Transition Day, designed to introduce them to life at Nailsea Sixth Form. During the event, students will experience a taster lesson from one of their chosen subjects, explore the sixth form environment, and learn more about the wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities available. We also provide detailed guidance on the enrolment process which takes place following GCSE results day.

Induction Day

Induction Day marks the start of the new academic year and is an exciting opportunity for Year 12 students to begin their sixth form journey. On this day, students will meet their tutor and tutor group, collect their timetables, and receive key information about the year ahead. The day is designed to help students feel prepared as they begin their post-16 studies, while also providing a chance to familiarise themselves with the sixth form environment and make a smooth transition into sixth form life.

Art, Craft and Design - A Level

Contact Person: Ms R Davies

Course Outline:

A Level Art, Craft and Design is ideally suited for students who possess a deep, intense curiosity about all aspects of visual communication, including painting, sculpture, illustration, or any form of creative expression.

Fundamentally, what sets A Level Art, Craft & Design apart is an emphasis on versatility. You're not confined to a single medium or style; instead, you will have the freedom to experiment, innovate, and challenge conventional norms. This in turn allows you to nurture your innate talents, while also honing your skills in drawing, painting, modelling in clay, printmaking, and many other mediums.

Over the two years you will plan, resource and develop projects in an increasingly independent manner, working meaningfully with a number of different mediums and techniques to communicate amazing individual concepts and ideas.

Whether your dream is to become a professional artist, illustrator, graphic designer, architect, or simply any profession that demands creativity and innovation, A Level Art, Craft and Design equips you with the skills and mindset to succeed.

The qualification consists of 60% coursework, with each student selecting their own area of focus, and 40% externally set task culminating in a 15-hour (three day) practical exam.



Progression Post-18

Following the successful completion of A Level Art, Craft & Design, a wide range of exciting progression routes available, including a Foundation Year in Art & Design, University degrees within the Arts, apprenticeships in creative industries and freelance work. Exciting and creative career opportunities include Graphic Design, Architecture, Illustration, Digital Media Design, Animation... The creative industries sector contributed £109bn to the UK economy in 2021 – there are *so many* opportunities out there for you.

Biology - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs I Barron-Smith

Course Outline:

Are you curious about life and how living things work? If you're someone who loves nature and wants to learn more about it, then A-Level Biology AQA is a great choice for you.

What You'll Explore:

Over two enlightening years, you'll delve into the core of biology, gaining invaluable knowledge.

Year 1: Building Foundations

Biological Molecules: Discover the fundamental components of life.

Cells: Explore the intricate world of cellular structures and functions.

Organisms Exchange Substances with Their Environment: Understand how living beings interact with their surroundings.

Genetic Information, Variation, and Relationships between Organisms: Unravel the secrets of genetics, diversity, and the interconnectedness of life.

Year 2: Delving Deeper

Energy Transfers in and Between Organisms: Explore the energy flow that sustains all life.

Organisms Respond to Changes in Their Environments: Investigate how organisms respond to their ever-changing surroundings.

Genetics, Populations, Evolution, and Ecosystems: Unearth the captivating stories of evolution, population dynamics, and the delicate balance of ecosystems.

The Control of Gene Expression: Understand the art of genetic regulation and how genes govern life's processes.

While there's no coursework, your practical skills will be invaluable. You will be assessed during practicals and receive a pass/fail on the practical certificate. Also at least 15% of the marks in tests are based on what you will have learnt in your practicals.



Progression Post-18

A-Level Biology AQA opens doors to a wide range of careers and further studies. Whether you dream of pursuing a medical profession, environmental science, research, or another field, this course provides the foundation. The skills you acquire, such as analysis, interpretation, investigation, research, and problem-solving, are highly valued by employers and training providers across various industries.

Join us on this scientific journey as we explore life's complexities, from tiny molecules to the grandeur of ecosystems. A-Level Biology AQA is your gateway to a world where curiosity knows no bounds, and the pursuit of knowledge is as rewarding as it is challenging.



Qualification

Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%
Examination Board AQA

Human Biology

Cambridge Advanced National Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mrs I Barron-Smith

Course Outline:

The OCR Level 3 Cambridge Advanced National in Human Biology is an exciting and challenging course that gives you the opportunity to explore the remarkable complexity of the human body. If you are fascinated by science and interested in pursuing a future in healthcare, biomedical research, or medical sciences, this qualification offers the perfect foundation.

The course combines theoretical study with practical, hands-on learning. You will explore the fundamentals of human biology, including cell structure, biochemistry, and genetics, before delving into health and disease, understanding how lifestyle, environment, and the immune system influence wellbeing. Alongside this, you will study inheritance and DNA, and develop real laboratory skills through biomedical techniques such as microscopy, biochemical testing, and DNA analysis.

There is also scope to pursue specialist areas that reflect your interests, such as nutrition and metabolism, reproduction, the brain, or drug development. This breadth allows you to deepen your knowledge while making links to real-world contexts and the rapidly developing field of medical science.

Human Biology is more than just content knowledge: it is about developing independence, communication skills, and the confidence to research, analyse, and present ideas. You will use whiteboards, digital tools, and experiments to check understanding, tackle misconceptions, and build your ability to think critically and creatively. The qualification balances examined units with non-examined assessments (NEA), giving you opportunities to demonstrate your knowledge both in traditional tests and through practical or applied assignments.

This qualification is designed to sit alongside A Levels and complements subjects such as Chemistry, Psychology, or Sport. It not only prepares you for progression to undergraduate study in healthcare and medical science but also equips you with transferable skills valued in many career paths.

Human Biology will challenge you to think like a scientist and inspire you to see how biology can shape lives and futures.



Progression Post-18

This course could lead you towards:

- BSc Nursing
- BSc Social Work
- BSc Physiotherapy
- BSc Occupational Therapy
- BSc Speech Therapy
- BSc Health and Social Care
- BSc Midwifery
- BSc Radiography
- BSc Paramedic Science

The course may lead to apprenticeships, such as:

- Early Years Provision
- Care Worker
- Teaching Assistant
- Health Care Support Worker

Qualification: Cambridge Advanced National Level 3 Extended Certificate (AAQ)

External Units 44% Internal Units 56% NEA Examination Board: OCR

Business Studies

Cambridge Technical Level 3

Contact Person: Mrs R Gardiner

Course Outline:

The Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Business at Nailsea School offers an opportunity to explore the business world, equipping you with the skills and knowledge to succeed. The course is ideal for students interested in understanding business operations, developing essential skills, and gaining insights into different business environments. Our curriculum combines practical and theoretical learning, preparing you for higher education or entering the workforce.

What you'll explore:

Over two years, you will cover five key units: Unit 1: The Business Environment, Unit 2: Working in Business, Unit 4: Customers and Communication, Unit 5: Marketing and Market research and Unit 8: Introduction to Human Resources.

You will understand how businesses operate, develop practical skills for professional environments, learn about customer relationships, explore human resources, and gain project management skills.

We're looking for motivated students eager to understand business, develop professional skills, and apply knowledge to real-world scenarios. The ideal candidate should have a genuine interest in business, be open to learning theoretical and practical skills, and possess strong communication and teamwork abilities. If you are curious and hardworking, this course will provide a strong foundation for success.



Progression Post-18

After completing this course, you can pursue a degree in business, marketing, finance, or related fields, or choose an apprenticeship for hands-on experience. Many students successfully transition into careers in finance, marketing, HR, and management.

This course equips you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive in business, whether you aim to start your own enterprise or work in a corporate setting.



Qualification: Cambridge Technical Level 3 Business Studies

Coursework: 50% **Examination:** 50%

Chemistry - A Level

Contact Person: Ms M Evry

Course Outline:

Chemistry helps us to understand the world in which we live and underpins a wide range of science-based degree courses and careers. Success with A level chemistry will prepare you for a future in chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, chemical engineering, biochemistry, biomedical sciences, medicine / veterinary and dentistry. For some undergraduate degrees A level Chemistry is an essential entry requirement. This course is designed to be stimulating, enjoyable and challenging.

Chemistry is for you if:

- You want impressive skills to show off to future employers, e.g data handling, analysis, problem solving, collaborative working.
- You are not afraid to get stuck on new concept and enjoy having to work it out!
- You're not as keen on writing—but you do enjoy methodically working through calculations.
- You are unsure what to do but enjoy chemistry and would like to keep your options open.

Year 1

Module 1: Development of practical skills in chemistry.

Module 2: Foundations in chemistry:

Atoms, ions and compounds, amount of substance, acids and redox, electrons and bonding & shapes of molecules.

Module 3: Periodic Table and Energy:

Periodicity, reactivity trends, enthalpy, reaction rates and equilibria.

Module 4: Core organic chemistry and analysis:

Basic concepts, alkanes, alkenes, alcohols, haloalkanes, organic synthesis and spectroscopy.

Year 2

Module 5: Physical chemistry and transition elements:

Reaction rate, pH, Equilibria, Enthalpy, Entropy and Electrochemistry and Transition Metals.

Module 6: Organic chemistry and analysis:

Aromatic compounds, carbonyl compounds, amines, organic synthesis pathways and instrumental analysis.

A level chemistry requires developing your logical thought, problem solving, precision and accuracy. Thinking about and questioning concepts whilst also manipulating chemical and mathematical equations are essential.



Progression Post-18

Previous A Level Chemistry students have gone on to study a range of scientific and non-scientific courses at university. These include: medicine, dentistry, mathematics, biochemistry, engineering, architecture, languages, music, economics and veterinary sciences.

A Level Chemistry is a required A Level for most medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses.

Criminology

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

Contact Person: Miss A Cartwright

Course Outline:

Criminology is a gripping film-noir of a subject, a procedural police thriller of new knowledge and adventure. We will do our best to ensure it lives up to your CSI expectations. One thing is certain: this A-Level will open your eyes to a range of thrilling job opportunities within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work, as well as sociology and psychology.

Here's a sneak peek at what you'll discover:

Changing Awareness of Crime

Unravel the mysteries surrounding different types of crime and discover the factors that influence our perceptions. Challenge your preconceptions and broaden your understanding of the complex world of criminal activity.

Criminological Theories

Ever wondered why people commit crimes? Peer into the minds of criminals and unleash your inner detective as you explore various theories behind criminal behaviour.

Crime Scene to Courtroom

Step into the shoes of a crime scene investigator and follow the trail from the crime scene to the court-room verdict. Examine crucial evidence and discover the intricate workings of the criminal justice system.

Crime and Punishment

Gain a deep understanding of criminality awareness, criminological theories, and the process of bringing an accused individual to court. Evaluate the effectiveness of social control in delivering criminal justice policy and become a champion of fairness and equality.

The WJEC Level 3 Certificate in Criminology is an Applied General Qualification. The main purpose of the qualification is to support access to higher education degree courses, such as: Criminology, Psychology, Sociology and Law. While not an A-Level, universities widely accept and value students with a Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology.



Progression Post-18

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses, such as:

- BSc Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology

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.

Computing: Application Development

Cambridge Advanced National Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mrs S Wheeler

Course Outline:

Do you want to design the apps, games, and websites of the future? This exciting course blends creativity and technical skill, giving you the chance to develop, test, and present your own digital solutions.

You'll learn how software applications are planned, designed, and built, while also developing user-friendly interfaces that bring ideas to life. From app design and coding to immersive VR experiences and game development, you'll gain hands-on experience in real-world digital projects.

Alongside practical skills, you'll also develop essential transferable skills like problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, and project management. These are highly valued by universities and employers alike.

Whether you're interested in becoming a software developer, game designer, web developer, or user experience specialist, this course is your gateway to the fast-paced digital world.

3 Mandatory Units:

F160 Fundamentals of application development
(Externally Examined)

F161 Developing application software (Externally Examined)

F162 Designing and communicating UX/UI solutions
(NEA unit)

2 optional NEA unit choices:

F163 Game development

F164 Website development

F165 Immersive technology solution development

F166 Software development

Progression Post-18

Studying computing application development offers diverse, high-demand, and high-paying career paths in a future-focused field, developing crucial problem-solving, logical thinking, and creative skills applicable across many industries. Graduates can pursue roles in software development, cybersecurity, and data science, contributing to innovation and solving complex global challenges.



Qualification: Cambridge Advanced National Level 3 Extended Certificate (AAQ)

Coursework (NEA): 60% Examination: 40% Examination Board: OCR

Early Childhood Development

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mrs N Macleod

Course Outline:

The Early Childhood Development BTEC Level 3 offers a rich, engaging pathway into careers in early years education, primary teaching, paediatrics, social work, and child psychology. This course equips you with essential knowledge, professional skills, and real-world understanding of the early years sector.

Children's Development

Begin with an in-depth look at children's developmental progress from birth to eight years. Explore key developmental theories, milestones, and principles. You'll understand how factors like health, family environment, culture, and early experiences can shape a child's growth. You'll be assessed through a 1 hour 45-minute external exam in January, worth 25% of your final grade.

Play and Learning

Next, immerse yourself in the concept of play and how it supports every area of development. Learn how different theories and approaches to play influence practice and provision in early years settings. You'll complete four internally assessed assignments, exploring how play-based learning benefits children and how practitioners plan and deliver meaningful experiences. This unit is worth 25% of your final grade and is completed by the end of Year 12.

Keeping Children Safe

This unit prepares you for real-world responsibilities. You'll gain a thorough understanding of health, safety, and safeguarding procedures, including emergency best practices and how to respond to concerns about a child's welfare. In January, you'll sit another 1 hour 45-minute exam, worth 25% of your final qualification. Research and Reflective Practice.

In your final unit, you'll explore how research shapes early years policy and provision, and how professionals apply this to their own practice. You'll learn how reflective thinking improves the quality of care and supports continuous professional development. You'll complete four assignments, due by May of Year 13, contributing the final 25% to your grade.



Progression Post-18

This can lead to university courses like Early Childhood Studies, Teaching, or Child Psychology. It opens doors to jobs such as nursery assistant, teaching assistant, or childminder. You can pursue apprenticeships in childcare or education. Combined with qualifications like Health and Social Care or Human Biology, it can lead to nursing, paramedic science, or midwifery. It offers flexible pathways into education or early years careers.

Qualification: BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate (AAQ)

Coursework: 50% **Examination:** 50% **Exam Board:** Pearson

English Language - A Level

Contact Person: Ms C B Jacobs

Course Outline:

Studying English is an exhilarating journey into the fascinating world of language. This course is specifically designed to ignite your interest and passion for the spoken and written word. Discover the power of words as you navigate through the historical, geographical, and social influences that have moulded the English language into what it is today.

By immersing yourself in a wide range of reading materials, you'll not only sharpen your critical thinking skills but also cultivate the ability to think independently and form your own unique perspectives.

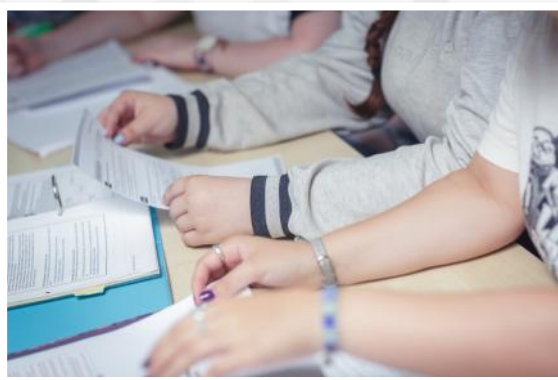
Throughout this course, you'll become a master communicator by honing your writing skills. You'll also have the opportunity to take charge of your learning by conducting an investigation on a topic of your choice, unleashing your curiosity for a fascinating subject. You will embark on a journey that will shape not only your academic path, but also unlock the doors to a lifelong love affair with the power of words.

For this A-level course, we're looking for students who are curious about how language works and how it shapes the world around us. Students develop their analytical skills, creative prowess, and critical thinking abilities – which are all highly valued and recognised by universities, regardless of what you go on to study. If you're someone with a passion for the power of language and aren't afraid to think for yourself, then this course is for you.



Progression Post-18

English and English Literature are highly regarded by both universities and in the workplace, given the connection with the skills of communication, both written and spoken. Our students have gone on to university courses in English, Philosophy, Media, Linguistics, Law and History, and to careers in Law, Journalism, Media, and Education to name but a few.



Qualification: A Level English Language **Coursework:** 20% **Examination:** 80%

Examination Board: AQA

English Literature - A Level

Contact Person: Ms C B Jacobs

Course Outline:

A Level Literature is an amazing adventure, packed with excitement and endless possibilities; it will ignite your passion for novels, plays, and poems in unexpected, thrilling ways.

You'll dive headfirst into a sea of captivating stories. We're not just talking about reading a few books here and there. You'll be immersed in an ocean of literary wonder, equipped with a critical eye and an insatiable curiosity.

This course is designed to unlock your expressive powers and empower you to articulate your thoughts with confidence. You'll sharpen your writing skills, craft compelling essays that captivate your readers and bring your ideas and thoughts to life.

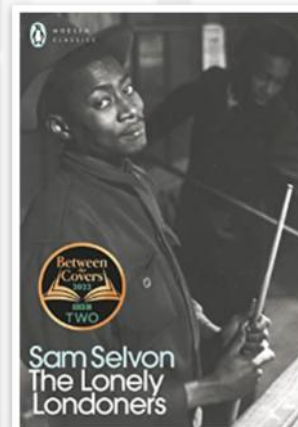
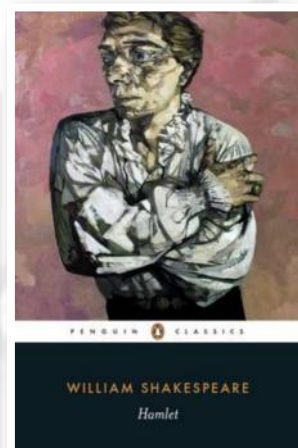
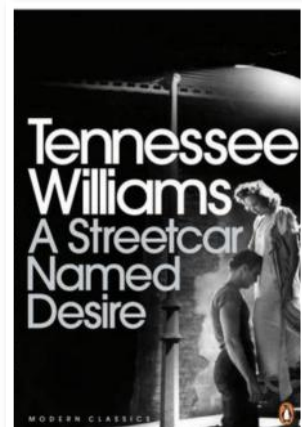
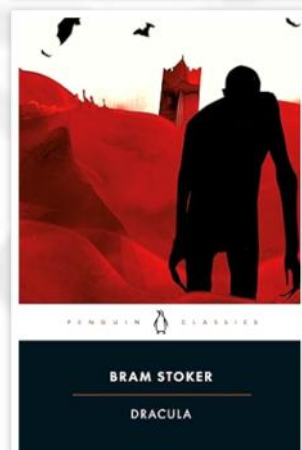
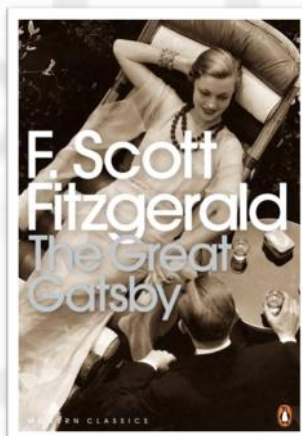
The English Literature classroom is an electrifying place, full of intense discussions as you engage with your classmates, debate the nuances of conflicted characters, untangle intricate plots, and unravel poetic language. It's a chance to share your unique perspective and expand your understanding in a vibrant, intellectual environment.

We don't forget the importance of real-life experiences and adventures, with literary journeys beyond the classroom walls. You'll have the opportunity to attend theatre performances, explore art galleries or lose yourself in films, allowing literature to come alive in new and illuminating ways.

What are you waiting for? Seize this unique opportunity to unlock the magic of words, embrace the thrill of literary exploration, and become part of a community that celebrates the power of literature. A Level Literature will shape your perspective, ignite your imagination, and leave an indelible mark on your soul.

Progression Post-18

English and English Literature are highly regarded by both universities and in the workplace, given the connection with the skills of communication, both written and spoken. Our students have gone on to university courses in English, Philosophy, Media, Linguistics, Law and History, and to careers in Law, Journalism, Media, and Education to name but a few.



Qualification: A Level English Literature **Coursework:** 20% **Examination:** 80%

Examination Board: OCR

Extended Project Qualification

Contact Person: Mrs R Gardiner

Course Outline:

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a uniquely exciting opportunity for students to explore a subject they are passionate about and showcase their independent research and critical thinking skills. With the EPQ, students have the freedom to choose their own topic, allowing them to explore areas beyond the confines of their regular curriculum. Whether it's investigating a scientific hypothesis, looking at historical events, or creating a piece of artwork, the EPQ empowers students to become experts in their chosen field. Students produce either an artefact (such as a piece of artwork, a performance, or a prototype) or a written report.

Through this immersive experience, students learn how to conduct independent research, gather relevant information from various sources, and critically evaluate the credibility and reliability of sources. As a self-directed project, it requires students to manage their time effectively. You will learn to set goals, plan tasks, and meet deadlines, developing essential time management skills that are valuable in higher education and the workplace. Students are required to communicate their research findings effectively through a variety of mediums, such as written reports, presentations, or creative projects.

This qualification attracts the same UCAS tariff points as half an A Level, and therefore students who receive a points offer from university will benefit from studying the EPQ. Some universities also routinely give alternative offers to students who have studied the EPQ, increasing their chances of attending first choice and competitive universities. It is highly regarded by employers due to the valuable skills and attributes that are transferable into the workplace.

Assessment is via the production of a 5000 word written report or an artefact and 1000+ word written report. Students also have to deliver a presentation on their project to members of the sixth form team.



Progression Post-18

All universities like this qualification as it develops skills and teaching methods that they will build on. The independent approach is something employers will look for too.

Qualification: Extended Project Coursework 100%

Examination Board : AQA

Food Science and Nutrition

WJEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Miss N Allright

Course Outline:

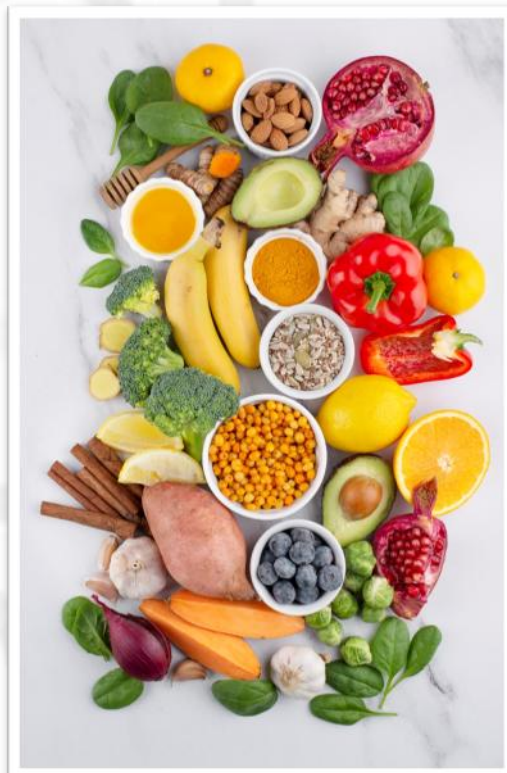
If you're curious about how what we eat shapes our health, performance, and wellbeing, then Food Science and Nutrition is the perfect choice for you. This exciting, applied course blends scientific study with real-world practical skills, helping you explore the fascinating connections between food, health, and the human body.

You'll gain a deep understanding of how nutrition supports growth, energy, and lifestyle — and how food professionals create safe, nutritious, and appealing meals for a range of people and settings. From designing balanced menus to analysing ingredients and understanding dietary needs, you'll learn to think like a professional nutritionist or food scientist.

Practical learning is at the heart of this course. You'll take part in regular food-based investigations, applying theory to real-life scenarios and developing the technical skills needed for modern careers in food and health. You'll also explore key issues such as food safety, sustainability, and the role of diet in preventing illness and promoting wellbeing.

Assessment combines internal coursework with an externally assessed exam, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate both practical ability and scientific understanding.

This course is ideal for students who enjoy hands-on learning and want to make a genuine difference to people's lives through food and nutrition.



Progression Post-18

Studying Food Science and Nutrition opens the door to an incredible range of opportunities after sixth form. It's the perfect foundation for students aiming to pursue careers in nutrition, food science, public health, sports performance, catering, or the wider health and wellbeing sector.

This qualification works brilliantly alongside subjects such as Biology, Sport, and Health and Social Care, giving you a balanced mix of scientific, practical, and people-focused skills that universities and employers highly value.

Qualification: WJEC Level 3 Extended Certificate **Coursework:** 50% **Examination:** 50%

Examination Board: EDUQAS

French - A Level

Contact Person: Mr E Bennetts

Course Outline:

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Progression Post-18

A modern foreign language is a good subject choice for many students and combines well with a wide range of subjects, i.e. another foreign language, English, Humanities, Business Studies, Computing, Maths and Science. The new examination syllabuses cater for the needs and interests of a wide variety of students, and universities and colleges offer many degree courses combining a modern foreign language with another discipline.

Our links with the European Community are developing constantly and the ability to speak a foreign language is becoming increasingly important. There is great demand for personnel with foreign language skills: international organisations such as the EU or the UN, international banking, import/export trade, airlines and the tourist industry; also, journalism, public relations, secretarial, translating, interpreting, communication technology, publishing and teaching.

Geography - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs K Thompson

Course Outline:

A level Geography provides a platform for exploring and understanding the world around us. It covers a wide range of topics such as physical landscapes, human interactions, global issues, and environmental challenges. This dynamic subject allows you to study the complexities of our planet and the interconnectedness of human and physical processes.

Geography is a subject with direct relevance to real-world issues. It addresses global challenges like climate change, sustainable development, urbanisation, and social inequalities. You will gain insights into the world's environmental, social, and economic complexities, enabling you to develop informed perspectives on current affairs and contribute to creating a better future for everyone.

There is a strong emphasis on fieldwork, offering opportunities to conduct practical investigations in different environments. This hands-on approach allows you to collect data, analyse it, and develop practical skills like map reading, data interpretation, and geographical techniques. Residential fieldwork enhances your understanding of concepts and helps you develop important research and analytical skills.

Geography encompasses aspects of both physical and human sciences, making it an interdisciplinary subject. It integrates elements of geology, meteorology, sociology, economics, and politics, providing a well-rounded educational experience. This in turn fosters critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and the ability to connect different disciplines.

When considering your A-level options, it's crucial to explore your personal interests, career aspirations, and the specific course details outlined in the sixth form prospectus. This will enable you to make an informed decision about whether Edexcel A level Geography aligns with your goals and fuels your passion for understanding the world we live in. Fieldwork is a compulsory part of the course, and we go on a residential course to complete fieldwork needed for the NEA. There is a financial cost however, help is available if students are eligible for bursary. In addition to this there is also an optional, five-day residential visit to Iceland which runs every two years.



Progression Post-18

A-level Geography leads to a wide range of careers. The subject equips you with skills that are highly sought after in various fields, including environmental management, urban planning, sustainable development, international relations, geospatial analysis, and tourism. It also serves as a solid foundation for further studies in geography-related disciplines at the university level.

Health and Social Care

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mrs N Macleod

Course Outline:

Get set for a transformative journey with our Health and Social Care Level 3 BTEC course—a course that is not just an education but a gateway to limitless opportunities within the sector. Here's your roadmap to success:

Get stuck straight in with a fascinating exploration of human development, encompassing physical, intellectual, emotional, and social aspects of a lifespan. In January of Year 12, you will sit a 1 hour 30-minute examination paper that accounts for 25% of your overall BTEC grade. You will also study the principles and practices underpinning personalised care and support. It's the foundation upon which all care disciplines stand, and you'll experience it first-hand. Take on four challenging task assignments, which reflect real-world scenarios in the health and social care domain. This unit will be completed at the end of Year 12, and is worth 25% of your BTEC grade.

In Year 13, it's time to explore what it's really like to be part of the health and social care sector. Understand the roles, responsibilities, and the duty of safeguarding individuals with unique needs. Learn the importance of safeguarding sensitive information with utmost care, and tackle discrimination. January of Year 13 will be your moment to shine, with a 1 hour 30-minute examination paper that constitutes 33% of your overall BTEC grade. The focus is the care of physiological disorders. Discover the roles played by various professionals in providing treatment and care for service users. There are four task assignments, completed by May of Year 13, in which you demonstrate your understanding of physiological disorders and their treatment. The tasks are carefully designed to mirror real-world health and social care scenarios.

Health and Social care is much more than a course; it's a compelling journey where you'll not only gain knowledge but also unlock your potential and shape your future in the sector, or any of a number of linked professions.

This course is equivalent to one A-Level; you will study it alongside two other subject choices. Studying Health and Social Care provides you with a foundation of knowledge and skills for a huge variety of careers, but dances alongside A-Levels in the world of academic achievement. What does that mean for you? UCAS points awarded to you are equivalent to that of A-Levels, allowing you to continue your journey with a qualification that is recognised by all universities, whether you're setting your sights on higher education or an exhilarating apprenticeship.

Progression Post-18

This qualification is designed to support progression to higher education. Areas to consider - any degree in health professions, nursing (adult, children, mental health), special needs, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational health, health visitor, teaching (all age groups), police force, social work and prison officer.



History - A Level

Contact Persons: Mrs L Ginnis & Mrs K Nicholson

Course Outline:

Are you ready to embark on an intellectual journey back in time, unravelling the mysteries of the past and providing valuable insights into the present and future? If so, A-Level History offers an unparalleled opportunity to plunge into the recesses of human history, developing your critical thinking and analytical skills, leading to a profound understanding of the world we inhabit. Furthermore, there will be the opportunity to go on a residential trip to Berlin to visit some of the key sites such as the Berlin Wall; the Holocaust Memorial and the Brandenburg Gate to further compliment your History A-Level.

You will have the opportunity in Year 12 to explore modern European History, tracing the journey of 20th Century Spain from monarchy to republic; dictatorship to democracy. You will uncover how this vibrant nation has shaped the modern world. Alongside this you will explore 20th Century Germany, from the devastation of World War Two through post war divisions of East and West Germany and on to their eventual reunification.

In Year 13 you will drop into the tumultuous world of medieval England and The Wars of the Roses. Discover the intrigue, power struggles and dynastic conflict of medieval England featuring the legendary figures of Henry V and Richard III. "Finally, in our coursework unit you will have the opportunity to conduct historical research and explore and compare historians' interpretations of a controversy in the past. This will be under our expert guidance and will equip you well for researching independently at University and completing extended pieces of writing.

A-Level History is a rewarding course giving you the opportunity to unravel the complex narratives that have shaped our world through the analysis of historical evidence and the work of historians. It is suited to students who have an innate curiosity about the past and enjoy the challenge of evaluating both contemporary historical sources and historians' interpretations to construct their own arguments.

Progression Post-18

A Level History has much to offer and fits in with a wide range of other A Level courses (Sciences, Geography, English, Sociology, Technology), and is regarded by colleges, universities and employers as evidence of a student's ability to handle information, to think and to express her or himself clearly.

Many of our students go on to study either History itself, or Law, Politics, Philosophy, Psychology and Education (or combinations of these subjects) at colleges and universities.

History is particularly relevant for careers in journalism, law, broadcasting, government and administration in all its aspects. Any career that demands independent thinking and an ability to see all sides of the issue will benefit from A Level History skills.



Qualification: A Level Coursework: 20% Examination: 80%

Examination Board: Edexcel

Maths - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs R Coates

Course Outline

A-level Mathematics is a fascinating journey through the realm of Pure Mathematics, Statistics, and Mechanics. Pure Mathematics lays the foundation for all mathematical thinking, offering a constellation of concepts to challenge the mind. From the elegance of calculus to the intricacies of algebra and geometry, Pure Mathematics is the intellectual core enriching our understanding of the mathematical universe.

Statistics injects a dose of real-world relevance into the mix, equipping students with the tools to analyse data, make informed decisions, and uncover meaningful patterns.

Mechanics moves your study of mathematics from the abstract to the tangible, grounding theory in the physical world. It allows us to predict the motion of objects, understand forces at play, and engineer solutions to real-world problems. The thrill of Mechanics lies in its ability to bridge the gap between theoretical elegance and practical application, empowering you to engineer the future.

In summary, A-level Mathematics is a two-year journey that nurtures both a deep appreciation for the beauty of mathematics and the skills needed to apply it in a multitude of contexts.

Algebraic fluency is a priority, as are strong organisational and time management skills. Most importantly you must enjoy maths and the problem solving that comes with it!

All students will be expected to complete set work over the summer and will be given an induction test at the beginning of September to ensure that they start the course with a strong foundation.

Progression Post-18

Maths is essential for many degree courses besides a Mathematics degree and is desirable for many more. These include Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Computer Science, Technology, Engineering, Geography, Economics, and Psychology.

Maths also supports many other courses and careers, for example accountancy, actuarial work, banking, computing, MORSE and management.

Whatever employment or further education is pursued, Maths AS/A2 is highly respected and research suggests that people with A-level Mathematics may earn up to a third more per annum than those who don't have it!



Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%

Examination Board: Edexcel

Further Maths - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs R Coates

Course Outline

Studying Further Mathematics at A-level opens up a world of mathematical exploration, encompassing three distinct and exhilarating strands: Core Mathematics, Further Mechanics, and Decision Mathematics. The core strand delves deep into the fundamental principles of mathematics, providing a rock-solid foundation for advanced mathematical concepts.

Further Mechanics introduces the beauty of applying mathematical rigor to analyse the physical world, from the motion of celestial bodies to the intricate mechanics of everyday objects. Meanwhile, Decision Mathematics equips students with the tools to make data-driven choices, shaping the future through the power of algorithms and optimization. The amalgamation of these three strands not only fosters a profound appreciation for the elegance of mathematics but also empowers individuals to tackle complex real-world problems, making Further Mathematics an inspiring journey of intellectual growth and practical impact.

To begin A Level Further Mathematics you need to be a strong mathematician. Algebraic fluency is paramount, as are strong organisational and time management skills. You must also be studying A Level Mathematics.

This is a highly respected course that compliments A Level Maths perfectly. If you have an interest in maths, enjoy a challenge and want to extend and enrich your mathematical A level journey then this is the course for you.

Progression Post-18

Maths is essential for many degree courses besides a Mathematics degree and is desirable for many more. These include Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Computer Science, Engineering, Geography, and Economics. Further Maths particularly supports future studies in Maths, Science, Technology and Engineering.

Maths also supports many other courses and careers, for example accountancy, actuarial work, banking, computing, MORSE, and management.

Whatever employment or further education is pursued, Maths A Level is highly respected and Further Maths AS/A Level will open many doors.

Media Studies - A Level

Contact Person: Miss G Britton

Course Outline:

Media Studies is a fantastic choice for all students: no other subject has the same daily relevance to your life. We all know how much media influences us every day; Media Studies is the springboard to a deep dive into this pluralistic world, allowing you to understand it like never before.

You'll learn to decode all the tricks and tactics that media throws our way, making you a pro at spotting fake news and not falling for all the hype. Through the examination of various media forms like television, radio, social media, and newspapers, you will develop essential media literacy skills, enabling you to analyse messages, discern biases, and identify disinformation. It's not just passive observation; you get to unleash your creativity and construct your very own media projects. Imagine creating your vlogs, podcasts, or short films – the sky's the limit!

Media Studies is the perfect combination of fun and knowledge – you'll have a blast while gaining essential skills for today's complex digital age.

For this A-level course, we're looking for students who are curious about the Media and the world around them. Media Studies develops a wide range of valuable skills that are essential in today's media-saturated world. Some of the key skills it fosters include:

Media Literacy: Students learn to critically analyse and interpret various forms of media, including recognizing biases, evaluating sources, and understanding the impact of media messages on individuals and society.

Communication Skills: Media Studies hones both written and verbal communication skills, enabling students to express their ideas effectively, whether through essays, presentations, or media projects.

Creativity: Engaging in media projects encourages creativity and innovation, as students conceptualize and produce their own content, such as videos, podcasts, or digital storytelling.

Critical Thinking: Media Studies challenges students to think analytically and critically, encouraging them to question information, assess arguments, and form well-founded opinions.

Digital Media Proficiency: With hands-on experience in creating digital content, students acquire technical skills in video editing, graphic design, audio production, and other multimedia tools.

Cultural Understanding: The study of media from different cultures broadens students' perspectives and helps them understand the role of media in shaping cultural identities and narratives.



Progression Post-18

About 1 in 8 UK businesses is in the creative industries – advertising, social media, film and TV, video games etc

- Every company has some form of media presence – social media, website, advertising and marketing, etc
- The media industry generates £13.2 MILLION every hour
- There are over 2.1 million jobs in this sector and the industry is growing at a far higher rate than other traditional industries

Career progression paths can vary from continuing to study Media Studies at Degree level to Advanced Apprenticeships inside the industry. Previous students have gone onto study a range of degree courses including film, media, graphic design and event management. We even have one previous student who now works in the independent video game industry!

Qualification: A Level Coursework: 30% Examination: 70%

Examination Board: AQA

Photography - A Level

Contact Person: Ms R Davies

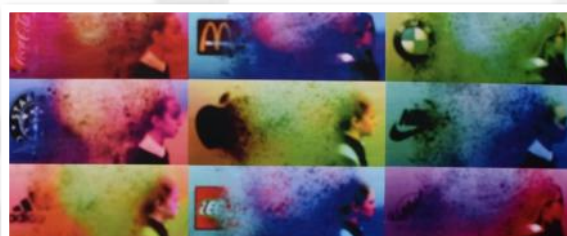
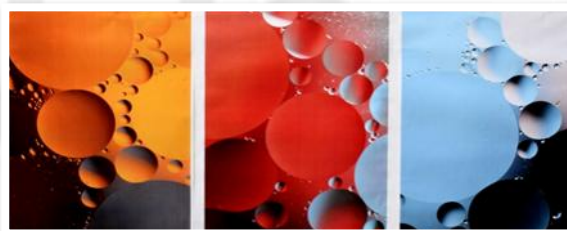
Course Outline:

A Level Photography is an exploration of visual storytelling, where your creativity knows no bounds, and your passion for photography is nurtured into a powerful skill set. Our course offers a perfect blend of technical mastery, compositional knowledge, contextual referencing, and artistic expression, equipping you with the tools to communicate with a camera, in the darkroom and whilst editing using Adobe Photoshop. A Level Photography is ideally suited for students who possess a deep curiosity and inquisitiveness in regard to visual communication.

You will gain a sophisticated understanding of photography equipment, including cameras, lenses, and lighting. You will explore the potential of Adobe Photoshop, from retouching and enhancing your photographs, to complete digital construction of imagery. Fluency with Photoshop will empower you to bring your artistic visions to life - it's also a tool that can set you apart in a competitive job market, as digital literacy and design skills are increasingly in demand across various industries. Through numerous projects, and study of different genres and themes you will also foster critical thinking skills, the ability to analyse and interpret images, understanding the messages and impact they convey.

Whether you dream of becoming a professional photographer, a photojournalist, a digital artist, or simply want to enrich your life with the art of visual storytelling, A Level Photography is your stepping stone to a world of possibilities. Join us, and let your images tell the stories that words alone cannot convey. Your photographic adventure awaits!

The course is made up of 60% coursework, with each student selecting their own area of focus, and 40% externally set task culminating in a 15-hour (three day) practical exam.



Progression Post 18

Following the successful completion of A Level Photography, you have a wide range of exciting progression routes available, including a Foundation Year specialising in Photography and Digital Media, University degrees within the Photographic Arts, apprenticeships in creative industries, and freelance work. Included in variety of exciting and creative career opportunities are Commercial Photography, Photojournalism, Photographic Editing, Graphic Design, Illustration, Digital Media Design, Animation... The creative industries sector contributed £109bn to the UK economy in 2021 – there are *so many* opportunities out there for you.

Physics - A Level

Contact Person: Mr J Todd

Course Outline:

Physics, also known as Natural Philosophy, is the study of nature and the universe in the broadest sense. It is at the heart of everything, and is a rewarding discipline. Physics is the foundation of technology with far-reaching implications for almost all areas of study, and crucially, how we live.

This AQA specification has been developed in consultation with leading universities to provide students with the essential skills and knowledge required for degree level study, whilst incorporating fascinating contemporary aspects of Physics.

Students in Year 12 are taught the first principles of Physics across four modules with cover fundamentals upon which to build further knowledge. We begin the course with a branch of Physics not covered at any previous point in your education, and you will be exposed to new ideas with far-reaching implications as you take your first steps into the world of Quantum Physics.

In Year 13 we expand upon the foundations set, covering a further four modules including topics such as nuclear physics, electric and magnetic fields, and simple harmonic motion. These topics will stretch and challenge your problem solving, and enhance your critical thinking.

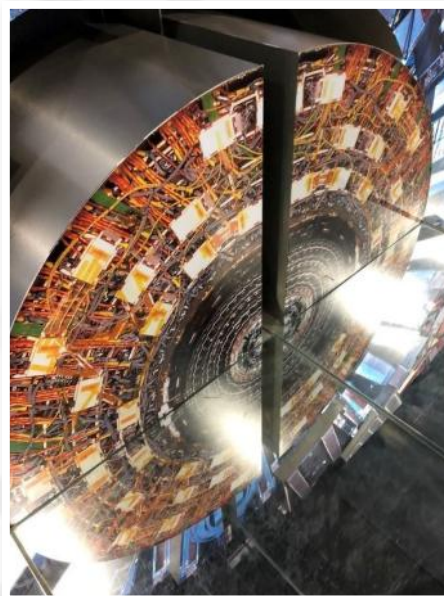
Practical work is at the heart of the course, with regular opportunities to conduct hands-on investigations, allowing students to collect, analyse and evaluate data, and develop practical skills. Successful completion of the practical element to the course is rewarded with a Practical Endorsement, which is essential for many practical science and engineering university courses.

For this course we are looking for students with an innate curiosity and fascination about how things work, in addition to a proven aptitude for science and mathematics, and excellent organisational skills.

Through studying Physics A-Level you will develop and improve upon a wide range of transferable skills, many of which you will have demonstrated in your prior studies, including;

- Making and recording reliable measurements with appropriate accuracy and precision.
- Communicating scientific understanding through report writing and presentations.
- Solving problems through methodical and logical application of mathematics.
- Assessing the validity, reliability and credibility of scientific information.

The course is 100% examination based, assessed through three 2 hour exams in the summer term of Year 13, each 2 hours. Examinations consist of short and long written answer questions, extended calculations, multiple choice, and questions focusing on practical skills and analysis.



Progression Post-18

Previous A Level Physics students have gone on to study a range of scientific and non-scientific courses at university. These include: mathematics, aerospace engineering, music, astrophysics, electrical and mechanical engineering audio technology and engineering, apprenticeships at local companies such as GE Oil. A Level Physics is a required A Level for most engineering courses.

Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%

Examination Board: AQA

Politics - A Level

Contact Person: Mr I Jones

Course Outline:

Have you ever wondered who makes the big decisions that affect your everyday lives? Maybe the face of the current Prime Minister comes to mind (whoever the Prime Minister is when you are reading this, in the last nine years there have been six). Maybe you are thinking on a more international basis – it is certainly true that the decisions made by the President of Russia have had a huge impact on the lives of people living in UK and beyond.



By studying Politics at A Level you will have the opportunity to ask and seek answers to questions about power and the people who exercise this power. There are five key questions to ask politicians: What power do you have? Where did you get your power? In whose interests do you exercise it? To whom are you accountable? How can we get rid of you? These questions are applied not just to domestic Politics - studied in Year 12 - but also global politics and institutions which is central to Year 13.

The exam has three components:

Paper 1 – UK Politics and Core Political Ideas (liberalism, conservatism and socialism).

Paper 2 – UK Government and Non-Core Political Ideas (anarchism, feminism, multiculturalism or nationalism).

Paper 3 – Global Politics (including the UN, NATO, Climate Change and Nuclear powers).

Politics is a fascinating and unique subject; it gets to the heart of who we are and how we think the world should be. Everyone should study it!

Students are given the opportunity to engage with current political issues and debates in the UK and on a global scale. Students are required to decide which side of the argument they are on and are expected to make coherent and intelligent arguments that are supported with evidence and demonstrate that alternative viewpoints have been thoroughly dealt with. These capacities developed go beyond the study of one A Level and equip students with all required to understand and make sense the complex nature of the world around them.

Progression Post-18

A Level Politics provides an excellent academic and skill base for a wide range of university courses and careers. The various skills required by the specification provide opportunities for progression directly into employment but equally contribute to students' lifelong learning.

Government and Politics students have gone into a range of areas including law, journalism, the civil service and the police force.

Psychology - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs C Hastings

Course Outline:

A Level Psychology promises all the crazy, enthralling intensity of the human mind. There is nothing else like it.

Year 12 is your foundation, exploring cognitive psychology, revealing the intricacies of early childhood social development in developmental psychology, and unravelling the complexities of conformity and obedience in social psychology. You'll also gain insight into individual differences, the realm of clinical psychology and mental health, and acquaint yourself with various psychological approaches and research methods.

Year 13 builds upon this foundation, allowing you to become immersed in topics like biopsychology and forensic psychology. You will also study mental disorders and further refine your research skills, whilst getting into the dynamic field of psychology in action, with a particular focus on schizophrenia.

Psychology is about intense content and the science of the mind, but we also nurture essential skills. With a strong emphasis on writing, you'll become proficient in analysing various materials and expressing your insights concisely. Your skills in science, mathematics, and communication will be honed further as you handle complex, disparate material.

Join us to embark on a future rich in understanding, communication, and discovery, rooted in the human psyche.

An inherent interest in understanding human behaviour and the scientific inquiry behind it is crucial for success in this course. A passion for unravelling the human psyche is crucial.



Progression Post-18

Higher Education degree in Psychology, related medical and social science programmes, business studies, teaching, media, sports psychology/science, BTEC Higher National Certificate/Diploma in Counselling/Health and Care.

Direct employment such as in caring professions, occupational and media sectors. Progression on to next level of vocational qualifications, especially into care, sports, management and media sectors.



Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%

Examination Board: AQA

Spanish - A Level

Contact Person: Mr E Bennetts

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Students interested in this course should be prepared to talk, develop and express their opinions on the topics studied in every lesson. They should have a lively interest in the people, life and culture of the relevant country or countries and a commitment to keeping abreast of current affairs at home and abroad.



Progression Post-18

A modern foreign language is a good subject choice for many students and combines well with a wide range of subjects, i.e. another foreign language, English, Humanities, Business Studies, Computing, Maths and Science. The new examination syllabuses cater for the needs and interests of a wide variety of students, and universities and colleges offer many degree courses combining a modern foreign language with another discipline.

Our links with the European Community are developing constantly and the ability to speak a foreign language is becoming increasingly important. There is great demand for personnel with foreign language skills: international organisations such as the EU or the UN, international banking, import/export trade, airlines and the tourist industry; also, journalism, public relations, secretarial, translating, interpreting, communication technology, publishing and teaching.

Sport and Physical Activity

Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Miss J Wild

Course Outline:

Our Sport and Physical Activity course is a brilliant opportunity for anyone excited by the complex, diverse world of sport. It is a journey of discovery into the intricacies of the human anatomy and the secrets of peak athletic performance. You will get the chance to develop your leadership skills, gain insights into the complex field of sports organisation, leading to a detailed awareness of factors surrounding sports management. This course includes the science of sports rehabilitation, mending and strengthening athletes with cutting-edge techniques. You will be able to show your logistical, technical and creative skills through sports management.

Sport and Physical Activity Technical is delivered through a careful blend of practical coursework and examinations, meaning you will have every opportunity to demonstrate your skills, aptitude and determination, and opening up a range of potential careers in a growing industry. Join us and become the driving force behind the future of sports excellence!

You are required to be participating in sport regularly to at least club standard. Excellent time management skills and the ability to meet deadlines are key to being successful in the coursework. If you have not studied a sports course at Level 2 candidates will be considered on a case by case basis, and will need to meet all other criteria. Coaching and leadership courses will be available.



Progression Post 18

Candidates can progress to higher education courses ranging from recreation management, exercise science, sports psychology and outdoor and adventurous activities (degree and foundation levels). Career prospects are continually expanding within a growing industry, and include occupations such as leisure management, sports therapy, teaching, coaching, exercise consultancy and health promotion.

Sport

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma

Contact Person: Mr A Davidson

Course Outline:

If you're passionate about sport and want a course that matches your ambition and curiosity, this is where your journey begins. Unlike traditional A-levels, which are predominantly exam-based, this qualification lets you apply your learning to real-world sporting contexts, with assignments that test your understanding through practical tasks, presentations, written reports and externally assessed projects.

Across two years, you'll complete a dynamic mix of units that develop your understanding of performance, leadership, coaching and the wider sports industry.

Core Units include:

Unit 1 - Anatomy and Physiology Understand how the body's systems work together to support performance, training and recovery.

Unit 6 - Sports Psychology Examine how motivation, confidence and mental preparation affect performance and behaviour in sport.

Unit 8 - Coaching for Performance Learn how to plan, deliver and review coaching sessions that maximise athlete development.

Unit 17 - Sports Injury Management Understand how to prevent, treat and rehabilitate sports injuries effectively.

Unit 23 - Skill Acquisition in Sport Learn how athletes acquire, refine and apply skills through practice, feedback and coaching.

Unit 25 - Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport Apply the laws of the game and gain insight into officiating as a professional pathway.

Assessments are a blend of:

External Exams (set and marked by Pearson) in key scientific and vocational units.

Internal Assignments (marked by your teacher) that include practical demonstrations, reports, video evidence and presentations that mirror real sports industry practice.



Progression Post -18

The qualification is equivalent to 3 A-levels, carries full UCAS points and is recognised by universities across the UK. Typical progression routes include:

- Sports Coaching & Development
- Sports and Exercise Science
- Physiotherapy
- Sports Psychology
- Sport Business Management
- PE Teaching
- Performance Analysis and Strength & Conditioning

It also provides an excellent platform for apprenticeships or employment in coaching, fitness instruction, sports development, or management.

Priority Football Academy



Sixth Form Football Programme – Priority Football Academy

If football is your passion, our Sixth Form Football Programme, delivered by Priority Football, gives you the opportunity to train and compete as part of Nailsea School's **1st XI Football Team**: representing the school against top opposition across the South-West region.

The Offer

Alongside your A Level or BTEC studies, you'll train twice per week under the guidance of UEFA-qualified coaches Adam Davidson and Rob Prior. Sessions take place on our state-of-the-art 4G pitch or Sports Hall. You'll then put your training into action in regular midweek fixtures as part of the English Colleges Football Association (ECFA) League and two cup competitions, competing against some of the region's strongest school and college sides.

The Experience

Our football programme is designed to give you the feel of a semi-professional environment; structured training, game preparation, video analysis, and the chance to develop both individually and as a team.

You'll learn what it means to:

- Represent your school at a competitive level
- Train to professional standards
- Balance sporting commitments with academic achievement

Opportunities

As part of the team, players will have opportunities to:

- Be scouted by semi-professional and academy sides
- Gain insight into sports performance, analysis and leadership
- Compete for regional and national recognition through ECFA pathways

Who Can Join?

The Football Programme is open to all sixth form students whether you're studying A Levels or BTEC Sport anyone can train and play in midweek fixtures.

Why Join the Football Programme?

- Athletic development while pursuing your chosen studies
- Represent the school with pride in competitive fixtures
- Improve your game through structured, high-quality coaching
- Experience the thrill of competitive football



Progression Post – 18

The UK boasts several specialist Universities when it comes to playing and studying sports and performance. Local Universities such as University of South Wales, Bath and Hartpury as well as Loughborough, Glasgow and Exeter are some of the top sports performance Universities that can provide you with valuable experience and qualifications essential for further progression within sport. In addition, Priority Football Academy can help you gain a scholarship studying and playing at a University.

If this course is of interest to you, we would love to speak with you about how we can make your football dreams a reality. Please register your interest at www.priorityfootballacademy.co.uk/join. As there are a limited number of spaces available on this course, we ask that you please endeavour to register your interest as early as possible.

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