

NEALE-WADE
SIXTH FORM

OPEN UP YOUR FUTURE

PROSPECTUS
2023-24





"Coming to Neale-Wade Sixth Form has been great for me. I have more autonomy over my studies and have been supported in developing my independent learning skills."

WELCOME TO NEALE-WADE SIXTH FORM

We are delighted you are considering Neale-Wade Sixth Form for your Sixth Form studies. We have high expectations for all our students and believe that with the dedicated support of our teachers, tutors and careers advisors, our students will develop the independent learning skills and self-confidence they require to realise their ambitions.

Our teachers are passionate about their subject and keen to enrich and accelerate opportunities for all students and we are confident you will fulfil your potential through hard work, supported by expert teaching and pastoral support.

In a globalised world, securing strong qualifications and a track record of success has never been more important. At Neale-Wade Sixth Form, we want our students to leave us as confident, articulate, and mature young adults, ready to face the challenges of life post Sixth Form.

We wish you every success in your studies in Year 11 and look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form soon.



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Mr Graham Horn
Principal



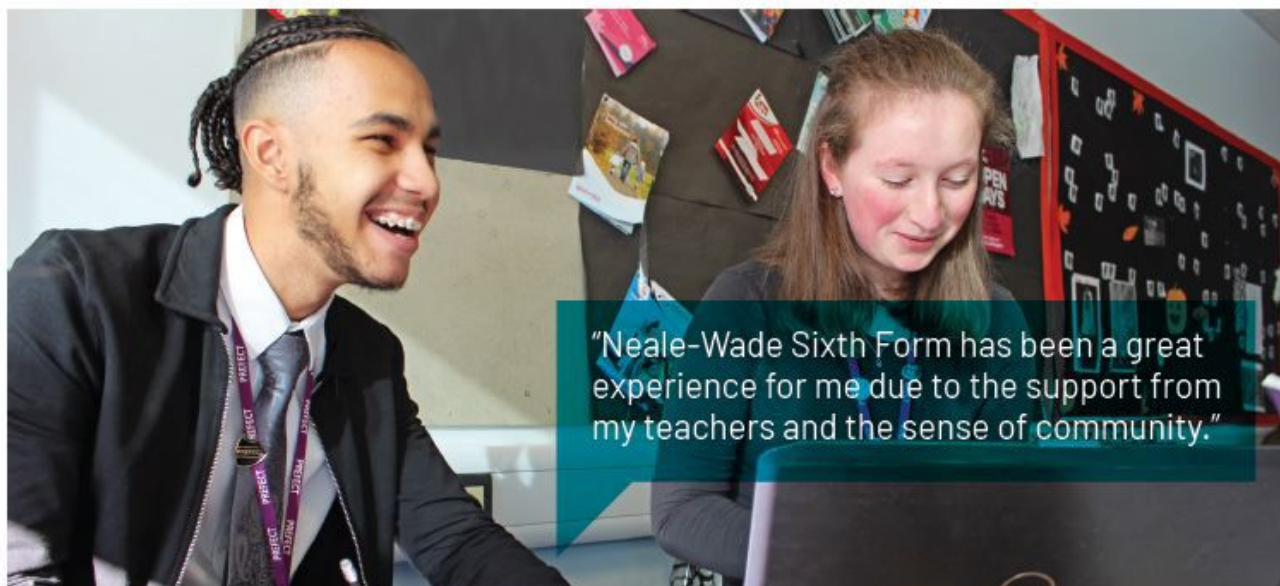
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Dr Carole Spibey
Head of Sixth Form

2022 RESULTS & STUDENT DESTINATIONS

Many of our students went on to university and apprenticeship programmes, including, Law, Physics with Astrophysics, Architecture and a Degree Apprenticeship in Accountancy and Operating Department Practice to name but a few.

Students	Achievement	Destination	Subject
Sasha	A* A* A A	University of Manchester	Computer Science & Maths
Caitlin	B B B	University College London	Natural Sciences
Duke	A A Dist*	University of Liverpool	Business Management
Sophie	A* A C	University of Manchester	Biosciences
Ben	Dist* Dist* Dist	Sheffield Hallam University	Sports Studies
Daniel	A B B	University of East Anglia	Business Management
Joshua	A B B	University of Liverpool	International Business Management
Caitlyn	A* A* Dist* Dist*	University of Bournemouth	Advertising & Marketing
Gabriela	A Dist* Dist	London Southbank University	Adult Nursing
Lucy	B B C	Degree Apprenticeship, Addenbrookes Hospital	Operating Department Practitioner



WHICH COURSES?

You have an option to study a dedicated A level programme or a mixed programme of study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We want all our students to be successful on the courses they choose to follow. You will be given careful advice and guidance at various stages through the application process. Our entry requirements are designed to help you on the road to success.

To study either A levels or Level 3 vocational and technical qualifications, you will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English.

In addition to our academic requirements, it is important that we consider your suitability to study at Level 3. All Sixth Form students are required to complete independent study and the volume and depth of work covered at this level requires considerable commitment. We will want to work with you to ensure you are ready for this next step, taking into account your attendance and behaviour in Years 10 and 11.

Please note, many subjects have specific GCSE requirements, please ensure you check the requirements for each subject.



"I enjoy coming to Sixth Form every day and love the subjects that I have chosen to study."

ENRICHMENT

We believe that as students in the Sixth Form you should undertake high quality activities which interest you and support you to progress to the next steps, supporting the development of your social, emotional and employability skills.

You can choose from:

- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support (literacy and numeracy support with some of our most vulnerable students)**
- **Literacy Support (reading buddies with KS3 students)**
- **Fundraising**
- **Work experience**
- **Debating**
- **Cross-school clubs**

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This course is equivalent to half an A level and designed to extend students' writing, communication, research, and self-motivation skills. Completion of the EPQ is welcomed by many of the UK's top universities in preparing students for higher education.

Level 3 Core Maths

This course, which is equivalent to one AS level, builds on GCSE Mathematics and is compulsory for those students taking sciences including social sciences without A level Mathematics. The focus of the course is on problem-solving, reasoning and the practical applications of mathematics and statistics.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

These free courses support students' independent study around subject areas as well as giving advice on degree choice and the university applications process.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

**All students should complete their application using the following link:
www.mychoice16.co.uk/courses/opportunities**

Applications should be completed by no later than 13th January 2023.

There is an opportunity to apply throughout the year, but students should be aware that they may not receive their preferred choices if a late application is received.

Once applications have been received, all applicants will be invited for an interview to discuss their application and ensure that their subject choices are suitable. You will receive an acknowledgement of your application and a guidance consultation interview in the Spring term.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form and to you playing an active part in the life of our college.





"The Sixth Form Team make the jump between GCSE and A level a lot easier to deal with and are always supportive and helpful."

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

Are you a creative and imaginative person?

- Do you enjoy exploring and experimenting with new ideas, techniques, and materials?
- Do you have the confidence to try new things, even if they do not work out how you thought they would?
- Are you passionate about the highly visual and aesthetic world that you live in?

If so, you would be a highly suitable candidate for A level Art.

Suggested subject pairings

Sociology, Psychology, English Literature, Media Studies, Performing Arts.

Life After Sixth Form

You could progress to a Foundation or Degree Level in one of the following subject areas:

Animation, Animation and Visual Effects, Architecture, Creative Computing, Design for Publishing, Fashion, Fashion Marketing and Business, Film and Moving Image Production, Fine Art, Games Art and Design, Games Development, Graphic Design, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, Textile Design, User Experience Design

Studying art at A level is the stepping-stone towards of a diverse range of creative careers including, but not limited to:

3d animator, book illustrator, web developer, cartoon artist, game level designer, logo designer, book cover artist, comic book artist, graphic designer, medical illustrator, print designer, video game designer, web designer, advertising, photography, underwater/nature/aerial/portrait/wildlife photographer, photojournalist, wedding/celebrity photographer, photo retoucher, tattoo artist

Course-specific entry requirements

Grade 5 at GCSE Art or equivalent vocational qualifications, alternatively, if you have not studied art at GCSE, then you can demonstrate your suitability for the course by showing a portfolio of your creative work (drawings/paintings/digital/photographs/sculptures/prints/videos) at interview.

Examination Board

Eduqas

ART & DESIGN

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Is it for me?

This course allows for specialisation in Art or Product Design and is popular with students who wish to explore a range of techniques in the subject as they will select from a wide range of materials and possible outcomes in an area that suits their own interests. The range of materials include woods, metals, plastics, clay and modern materials or traditional art-based materials as suits their specialism.

You will develop your technical and conceptual skills through practical projects in art and design, and learn how to communicate your ideas visually, solving creative problems through experimenting with materials, techniques and processes. Using various tools and materials, your ideas become a reality and you will develop a portfolio of art and design projects that showcase your interests.

Through critical and contextual studies, you will learn how to research and analyse art and design works by other practitioners and how to apply their findings to your own practical projects.

This course is designed to give students an understanding of art and design methods and principles and explore working methods linked to industry practice. Students will:

- Produce work with a client in mind
- Produce work that reflects the way that artists and designers make a living from their work with real-life briefs
- Develop their practical skills, techniques and processes to a standard that allows them to progress to higher level study

Life after Sixth Form

Students wishing to study Art and Design in higher education or ultimately pursue a career in art and design or a related field would usually progress to an art foundation course. There are many career opportunities in art and design and therefore a Level 3 in Art and Design is excellent preparation for higher education courses in subjects like Technical Illustration, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Textiles, Fine Art, Architecture, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Photography, Animation and Game Design.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

Edexcel

BIOLOGY

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

The A level qualification builds on content studied at GCSE. Biology is a hands-on subject, and we place emphasis on practical classes; training in relevant scientific techniques; testing of ideas by experiment; and fieldwork where appropriate. This popular course will allow you to experience a breadth of study including biological molecules, cells, organisms and their environment, genetic information, variation, populations, evolution, and ecosystems.

This subject has an aspect of data analysis; students should have a good grasp of mathematics.

Suggested subject pairings

Students studying Biology often take Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Sport, Geography and Psychology.

Life after Sixth Form

Whether you decide to work in a laboratory, the field, the ocean, a zoo, a classroom, or industry you can contribute as a biologist. A background in biology gives you many skills and increases your career options so you can adapt to the changing world.

Some of the many industries where you will find opportunities are agriculture, the pharmaceutical industry, education, environment, and many others.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in Biology and preferably a grade 6 in Mathematics.

Examination Board

AQA

BUSINESS STUDIES

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

Business is a dynamic subject. You will learn about the diverse nature of business enterprise and the interdependence of the various parts of the business world. You will explore business success and business failure, investigate local, national and global business markets, and understand how businesses need to adapt and respond strategically to the changing environment in which they operate to survive and grow.

Through studying business, you will develop transferable skills that will prepare you for studying at university or moving into the world of work. You will become skilled in making decisions, solving problems, applying numerical skills (including understanding finance and working with data) and understanding the business environment. You will also develop commercial awareness.

Suggested subject pairings

Sociology, Geography and Mathematics.

Life after Sixth Form

Studying Business could lead to careers in a variety of different industries such as human resources, finance, law, production, distribution and marketing.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

OCR

BUSINESS

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Is It for me?

The Extended Certificate is for students who are interested in studying the business sector at Level 3.

This qualification provides insight into, and experience of, how businesses work, stimulating learners' curiosity and encouraging them to engage with commerce in their everyday lives and to make informed choices about further study and about career choices.

The course is split into four modules:

- **Exploring business**
- **Developing a marketing campaign**
- **Personal and business finance**
- **The recruitment and selection process**

Suggested subject pairings

A wide choice of subjects will work well with Level 3 Business and students do not need to have studied Business at GCSE.

Life after Sixth Form

This course is suitable for learners who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in business-related subjects, or looking at apprenticeship opportunities.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

Edexcel

CHEMISTRY

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

Chemistry A level builds on content studied at GCSE and is clearly divided into three areas of chemistry: physical, inorganic, and organic. This organisation of topics is particularly useful for students wanting to further study Chemistry at university. Chemistry is a practical subject and throughout the course experimental work is integrated with theoretical concepts. There is also an emphasis on mathematical skills and data analysis, which students with a strong foundation in maths will enjoy.

Suggested subject pairings

Biology, Mathematics, Physics and Geography.

Life after Sixth Form

A level Chemistry is a demanding but rewarding subject which, either as a standalone subject or when combined with other science subjects, opens doors to so many career opportunities in traditional fields such as medicine, pharmacy, research, and the pharmaceutical industry and provides transferable skills in the areas of maths, business and law.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in Chemistry and a grade 6 in Mathematics.

Examination Board

OCR

CRIMINOLOGY

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Is it for me?

This qualification is designed for students who have an interest in and want to have a greater understanding of criminology and the criminal justice sector, social and probation work.

This qualification is designed to support access to higher education degree courses, such as, Criminology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Criminology and Psychology, and Criminology with Law to name a few. Also, 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.

There are four units:

- **Changing Awareness of Crime**
- **Criminological Theories**
- **Crime Scene to Courtroom**
- **Crime and Punishment**

The first unit will enable students to demonstrate understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime

and why some crimes are unreported. The second unit will allow students to gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what they have learned in the previous unit.

The Crime to Courtroom unit will provide an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. Students will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. In the final unit, students will apply their understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

Suggested subject pairings

Psychology, Sociology, Law and History are all good choices.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

WJEC

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

The aim of the course is to encourage you to develop your interest, enjoyment, and analytical skills in the fields of both language and literature. You will examine a wide range of texts, both literary and non-literary, learning how to use precise literary and linguistic terminology to analyse and compare works across genres and time.

The course covers literature (prose, poetry and drama) as well as non-literary texts (such as autobiography and travel writing) and spoken language texts (e.g. dialogue and speeches). Study of the various contexts in which texts are created further illuminates how writers craft meaning and how life is in constant conversation with art.

Suggested subject pairings

Any subject can be taken alongside English.

Life after Sixth Form

The study of English Language & Literature at this level can lead to a range of further studies and careers, including journalism, publishing, media, teaching and creative writing.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in English.

Examination Board

Edexcel

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

This is an excellent course for anyone who enjoys the written word and engaging with texts by established authors. We explore the structure of the texts and explain the ideas they present. If you enjoy discussion and analysis, then this is the subject for you.

You will engage with a wide range of texts across different eras and genres, from Shakespeare to Graham Greene, Sylvia Plath to John Donne. You will be asked to analyse and evaluate texts, and to write a comparative coursework essay based on two texts of your choice.

Life After Sixth Form

A level English Literature can take you anywhere! It is an excellent foundation for any degree with a strong written element or requiring good communication skills. Careers could include journalism, the media, advertising, law, or the Civil Service.

Suggested subject pairings

Any subject can be taken alongside English Literature; it is a great partner to any qualification with a written element.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in English.

Examination Board

Edexcel



FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Is It for me?

Are you interested in understanding more about the food that we eat and the science behind the cooking process? Do you wonder what happens to the structure of meat as it's cooked or why an egg goes solid when boiled? Then Food Science and Nutrition may be for you. It is a multidisciplinary subject where we study the structures of nutrients, dietary related diseases, manufacturing of different products and food safety systems.

You will get the opportunity to experience a wide range of practical techniques, such as caramelisation, pasta and dessert making, and preparing complex dishes.

Suggested subject pairings

The WJEC Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition course can be successfully matched with a range of subjects including Health and Social Care, Chemistry, Biology and Sport.

Life after Sixth Form

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles. Care providers and nutritionists in hospitals use this knowledge, as do sports coaches and fitness instructors. Hotels and restaurants, food manufacturers and government agencies also use this understanding to develop menus, food products and policies that support healthy eating initiatives. Many employment opportunities within the field of food science and nutrition are available to graduates.

This qualification will also support entry to higher education courses such as:

- BSc Food and Nutrition
- BSc Human Nutrition
- BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition
- BSc (Hons) Food Science and Technology

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

WJEC

GEOGRAPHY

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

Are you interested in our changing planet - the physical and human environments we live in and having the opportunity to experience:

- What are they like?
- Why are they the way they are?
- How and why are they changing?

If these are issues which interest you, then Geography could be the subject for you.

There are 3 sections to the course as follows:

- Physical Geography, including water and carbon cycles, coastal systems and landscapes, and natural hazards.
- Human Geography including global systems and governance, changing places, and population and the environment.
- Geographical Investigation which will be an individual investigation based on fieldwork.

Suggested subject pairings

Geography can act as a 'bridge' between arts and sciences, and as such can be combined with a wide range of other A level subjects. It works equally well when combined with Mathematics and science-based subjects or English, arts and social science-based subjects.

Life after Sixth Form

A level Geography allows for progression into a wide range of further education and career opportunities, which include geography-related areas such as planning, architecture, environmental sciences, engineering, geology, and meteorology, as well as a wide range of other areas including law, business, accountancy and other humanities or science-based subjects.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in Geography.

Examination Board

AQA



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Equivalent to two A levels

An option is also available to study the Extended Diploma – equivalent to three A levels

Is it for me?

This course is made up of a combination of different units that will give learners an understanding of health and social care in the wider contexts of different environments and settings where care takes place. The following units will give students an understanding of the importance of effective communication in health and social care, the importance of legislation in health and social care and the principles behind the person-centred approach to care and how this is applied in the workplace. Students will also develop transferable skills such as communication skills as well as research, planning and organisation.

All students will study the following mandatory units:

- Building positive relationships in health and social care
- Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care (Exam)
- Health, safety and security in health and social care (Exam)
- Anatomy and physiology for health and social care (Exam)
- Infection control
- Personalisation and a person-centred approach to care (Exam)
- Safeguarding (Exam)

Suggested subject pairings

Complementary subjects are Sociology, Psychology and Biology.

Life after Sixth Form

Students studying this Health & Social Care qualification will be able to enter employment or higher education. For example, you can use your diploma to study the following at university:

- BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- BA (Hons) in Social Work
- BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy
- BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy
- BSc (Hons) in Speech Therapy
- BA (Hons) in Health and Social Care

These qualifications also provide the skills needed to enter the workplace in areas such as healthcare science or an NHS Practitioner Training Programme.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board

OCR

HISTORY

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

It is ideal for students who enjoyed GCSE History and wish for more in-depth study.

History is full of significant characters and events that continue to shape the world that we live in today. Throughout your A level study you will investigate and analyse the actions of our national hero Winston Churchill and form your own judgement about whether he deserves the reputation that history has given him.

You will also study the rise and fall of Germany as the nation established democracy with the Weimar Republic and how it rebuilt and recovered from the First World War. The study then continues by looking at the dramatic rise of the Nazi dictatorship and its eventual collapse. The study culminates with the legacy of the Second World War and Germany's search to regain its national identity.

The Changing Nature of Warfare unit allows you to gain an insight into over two hundred years of warfare and the masters behind the changes in warfare such as the French leader, Napoleon, and the Prussian military mastermind, Moltke.

This thematic study will enable you to investigate how warfare shaped society as weaponry, technology, tactics, leadership and organisation radically altered warfare from the French Revolutionary wars through to the Second World War. The coursework unit will be an essay of your own choice.

Suggested subject pairings

Students studying History often take English, Media Studies and other humanities subjects.

Life after Sixth Form

The skills gained through studying History are applicable to many careers including politics, the Civil Service, teaching, law and journalism. History provides a fantastic opportunity to ignite and engage your passion and interests in culture, society, and politics. Studying History will help you develop into an independent learner, a critical thinker, and a decision maker. All these personal assets will make you stand out as you progress to university and/or the workplace.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in History.

Examination Board

OCR

IT

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

A single award option is also available as an OCR Introductory Diploma

Is It for me?

This qualification provides the ideal foundation for those students who wish to pursue IT at degree level or as a career. The emphasis is now on a creative IT focus, rather than the traditional computing perspective. Students can gain skills that can be transferred into the business world. This pathway focuses on the development of a range of applications across platforms and sectors. We have made sure our students will gain the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the 21st century, enabling them to demonstrate the skills of writing specifications, and the design, build, testing and implementation of applications.

Students will follow the application developer pathway. This means that they will complete a unit in application design in addition to the three mandatory units which are assessed by examination (fundamentals of IT, global information and cyber security). In addition to this, students will complete a further seven units which are all coursework-based.

Cyber security reflects an important development in the sector around information security and requires learners to consider how data should be protected and how the IT sector should respond to emerging threats such as cyber terrorism.

Suggested subject pairings

Business or media complement IT or an A level such as English or Mathematics.

Life after Sixth Form

This course will lead directly to a degree with an IT component or any other qualification where the use of IT is a focus. Alternatively, due to the business nature of the course, this qualification will support entry to an apprenticeship or the workplace.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board
OCR

MATHEMATICS

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

Students who are interested in problem-solving, working logically and enjoy the challenge of mathematics.

Maths is excellent training for the mind requiring precise and accurate work, clear logical thought and problem-solving skills. You will also learn some effective study skills and study algebra and functions, coordinate geometry, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, differentiation, integration, numerical methods, vectors, statistical sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability, statistical distributions, statistical hypothesis testing, quantities and units in mechanics, kinematics, forces and Newton's law.

Suggested subject pairings

Students studying Mathematics often take Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business Studies, and IT.

Life after Sixth Form

A level Mathematics will equip you with the necessary skills to cope with numerous jobs and higher education courses. Mathematical skills and qualifications are useful in career areas including scientific, technical, financial, and managerial roles as well as in education and the civil service. In addition, many subjects in higher education involve Mathematics as an essential part of the course, particularly in the sciences, finance and economics but also in courses such as Geography, Sport and Psychology.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 7 in mathematics.

Examination Board
Edexcel

PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE)

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Is it for me?

Do you love dance? Do you want to develop your skills further, then this qualification may be ideal for you. You will develop your craft by progressing your dance, choreography, and performance skills through the medium of workshops, rehearsals and performances, giving you a full understanding of the disciplines and the backgrounds behind them whilst perfecting your technique. You should have an interest in developing broad skills, knowledge and understanding based on the practical needs and concerns of the performing arts industry.

This is a vocational qualification which will make demands on your body and your brain. Learners will develop their craft by progressing their dance, choreography, and performance skills through the medium of workshops, rehearsals and performances, giving them a full understanding of the disciplines and the backgrounds behind them whilst perfecting their technique.

Suggested subject pairings

This subject will complement many other courses such as Business, Art and Design or Media Studies.

Life after Sixth Form

The BTEC Extended Certificate is the equivalent of one A level and can lead to further study in Drama, Theatre Studies, Dance and Performing Arts in Higher Education at degree or HND level. It can be used as part of your course to broaden your studies and may lead on to a career in the performing arts industries.

Course-specific entry requirements

Minimum of five GCSE, or equivalent, at grade 4 – 9, including English Language and/or a Level 2 Dance qualification.

Examination Board
Edexcel

PERFORMING ARTS (DRAMA)

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Equivalent to two A levels

An option is also available to study the Extended Certificate – equivalent to one A level

Is it for me?

This course has been developed to provide the opportunity for students to enter employment in the performing arts sector, to study at drama school or universities, or to progress to vocational qualifications such as the BTEC Higher Nationals in Performing Arts.

The range of units you can take is vast, but is likely to include the following:

Mandatory Units:

- Investigating Practitioners' Work
- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Group Performance Workshop
- Performing Arts in the Community
- Individual Performance Commission
- Final Live Performance

Optional Units

- Developing the Voice for Performance
- Acting Styles
- Physical Theatre Techniques

Suggested subject pairings

Performing Arts (Drama) can pair with any subject, but partners particularly well with English or Media Studies.

Life after Sixth Form

This course can lead onto a number of higher education courses at degree level in Performing Arts at specialist colleges and drama schools.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

Examination Board
Edexcel



PHYSICS

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

Why is the sky blue? What makes glass transparent? How can radioactive substances be used in medicine? How does the universe work? If questions like these fascinate you, then Physics is the subject for you. Physics is a far-reaching subject that provides a wide range of experience that leads to many alternative career options.

Topics include measurements and their errors, particles and radiation, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity, fields and their consequences and nuclear physics. At A level there are optional topics students are entered for including astrophysics and electronics.

Suggested subject pairings

Studying Mathematics would be advantageous. Without Mathematics it is not normally possible to take Physics or Engineering courses at university. Physics also fits well with any of the other sciences and Geography.

Life after Sixth Form

For those who intend pursuing a degree course, many scientific and engineering courses are available. The career possibilities arising from these are endless. Physicists and engineers can be found working at the frontiers of knowledge; others tackle the challenging problems that arise in the application of physical ideas to industrial and engineering problems.

Physics graduates also find careers in other areas like accounting, finance, sales and management, where their ability to reduce a problem to its component parts, then apply logic supported by calculation to provide a solution, is much sought after.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 7 in Mathematics.

Examination Board

AQA

PSYCHOLOGY

A LEVEL

Is it for me?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour and is studied by considering psychological research in terms of its strengths, limitations and ability to explain human experience. It is an exciting, fast-paced and challenging course that will change the way you think about everyday human behaviour.

This course will help you develop a number of skills:

- How to view the world around you from different perspectives
- How to plan and conduct scientific investigations
- How to analyse and interpret data
- Critical reasoning skills
- How to put across your point of view fluently

Suggested subject pairings

Biology, Sociology, Media Studies and Business Studies are all appropriate.

Life after Sixth Form

Psychology can help your career either directly or indirectly. Of course, if you wish to become a psychologist, therapist or mental health worker, this A level is of direct value.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 6 in English.

Examination Board

AQA



SOCIOLOGY

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

In terms of the history of life on Earth, it is only yesterday that mankind was living in caves, and the day before when we were swinging from branch to branch with the other creatures. Yet in what is really the blink of an eye we have developed into a complex society with a wide number of problems and opportunities to live with. It is those factors which affect how our species, and the tribes and family groups within it, works on a day-to-day basis. Over a fascinating two-year period, you will cover a spectrum of subjects which, between them, will help you make sense of the society we live in and understand the culture and identity issues which affect us all.

Studying Sociology offers insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective and critical approach to understanding issues around culture, identity, religion, crime, childhood, and social power.

More than once during the course you are bound to ask yourself the question, "why have we developed like this, poverty, ignorance, crime, injustice ... shouldn't we have left them in the Stone Age?"

Suggested subject pairings

Biology, Psychology, Sport and Media Studies are all appropriate.

Life after Sixth Form

Sociology can lead to a variety of different careers including welfare services; politics; Civil Service; marketing; advertising and teaching.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need a grade 5 in English.

Examination Board

AQA

SPANISH

A LEVEL

Is It for me?

A level Spanish builds on the skills and knowledge build at GCSE and allows you to discover in more depth the official language of 21 countries. There's a reason why A-level Spanish is the most popular foreign language – it's highly prized by employers around the world, as well as university. In addition, it is one of the top five languages used in business, so speaking Spanish could also improve your job prospects in the future.

You'll develop the ability to understand different dialects and examine the economic, social, and cultural issues in Spain and Latin America. This course focuses on the topics of politics, immigration, media, cultural celebrations, and Hispanic communities. This will deepen your understanding of the language, society, and history of Spain as well as develop your grammatical knowledge and your spoken fluency.

You will study authentic spoken and written sources in Spanish including literary texts and films, and also conduct your own individual research project on an aspect of Hispanic culture you are interested in and present this as part of your assessment.

Suggested subject pairings

Spanish can be combined with almost any other subject including English, Business, Law, Sport, and any of the sciences and social Science.

Life after Sixth Form

There are a range of things you can do with your Spanish A level qualification. It will allow you to study the language at a further level – at university for example, however the language can also be of use to those studying culture, literature, sociology and history due to the range of transferable skills you'll learn.

Spanish is of huge global importance, and there are ever increasing opportunities for Spanish speakers to work in Europe and Latin America. Language graduates have the highest employment rate after students of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

Course-specific entry requirements

You will need GCSE grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish.

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SPORT

BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Is it for me?

A Diploma in Sport will give students a solid foundation in the sector, enabling them to develop essential skills required for gaining employment, securing career progression, or progressing to further qualifications and training required to achieve their goals.

You will study:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing
- Professional development in the sports industry
- Sports leadership
- Investigating business in the sport and active leisure industry
- Skill acquisition in sport

Learners will also choose three optional units that have been designed to support progression to the range of sector-related courses in higher education, and to link with relevant occupational areas.

Great subject pairings

Sport goes well with Psychology and Biology as well as Business.

Life after Sixth Form

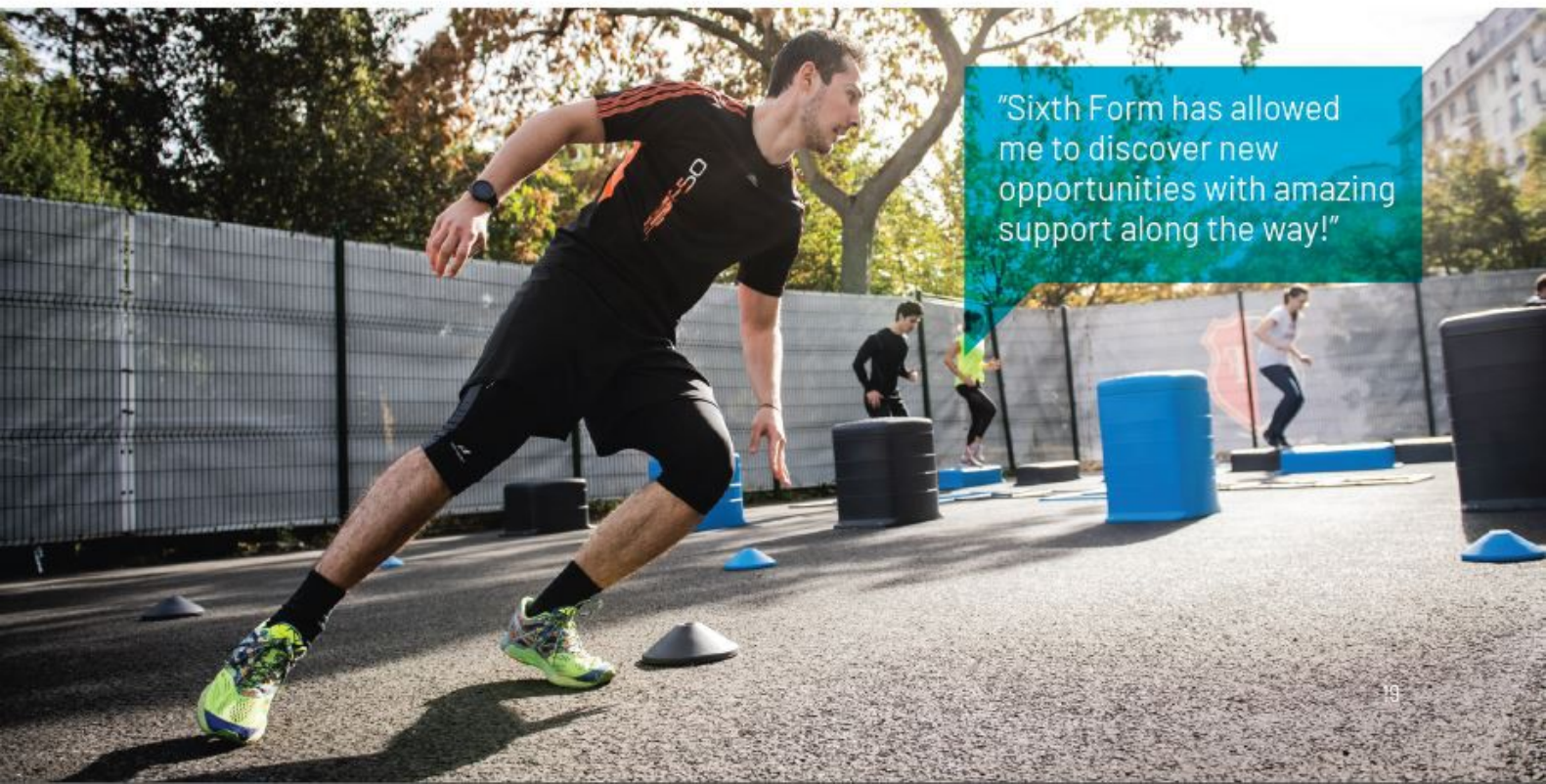
This course introduces the sector for students looking to build a career in sport within one of its occupational areas. These areas include careers in exercise and fitness, coaching and leadership, sports development, and the outdoors. The course will give students a solid foundation in the sector, enabling them to develop essential skills required for gaining employment, securing career progression, or progressing to further qualifications and training required to achieve their goals.

Course-specific entry requirements

No additional requirements to the main entry to Sixth Form information.

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"Sixth Form has allowed me to discover new opportunities with amazing support along the way!"

"I have found all my teachers extremely helpful, always taking the time to support me with my coursework and exam preparation."



"I am really enjoying my time in the Sixth Form; the staff are really helpful, and I know they will support me in getting the best grades I can."

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

My time at Sixth Form taught me to take initiatives with my learning and become more independent. I knew my teachers would provide support at any time I needed it. The careers advice and guidance I was given was especially helpful when I was researching apprenticeship pathways as I was able to understand the next steps, I needed to take to achieve my goals. I have now started with the NHS on a degree apprenticeship as an Operating Department Practitioner.

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I studied Sociology, Religious Studies and Media and really enjoyed my time in Sixth Form. I am now at University studying Primary education. One of the best things about the Sixth Form is the amount of support you are given, be that academic or pastoral, as well as the different experiences that are offered.

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