



Key Stage 4

Pathways Booklet

2026-2028

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Choosing a pathway for your Key Stage 4 studies is an important decision that you are about to make. This is exciting yet can sometimes be quite a daunting experience. Please do not panic, we are here to make the process straightforward and to help you make suitable decisions. We will share the necessary information that you need to make informed choices about the next stage of your education.

This booklet is your guide to our Key Stage 4 Curriculum, inside you will find the course content details for all subjects that are currently being offered for study in September 2026.

Our Academy ethos of '*Empowering Learners for Life*' is fundamental to the development of our Key Stage 4 curriculum offer. We firmly believe that students should have greater flexibility with their preferences rather than following the previous model of selecting subjects from a pre-determined block. We have therefore developed a new curriculum model which allows this greater flexibility for our students.

All students will gain at least 8 GCSE qualifications. In addition to the core subjects, English Literature, English Language, Mathematics and Science (Trilogy – 2 GCSE grades, Separate – 3 GCSE grades), students will study an additional **3** subjects. One subject ***must*** be either French, Geography or History. Students will then rank order 4 additional subjects that they would like to study and will be allocated **2** of these.

We continually review the curriculum that all students follow to ensure that they get the best grades possible. This may result in changes to the subjects being studied and the Key Stage 4 timetable if your child's performance is not achieving the desired outcomes.

Students will experience taster sessions for each optional subject and our pathways evening includes an opportunity for students, parents and carers to meet with subject specialists and engage in further discussions about the GCSE and vocational subjects on offer.

Please read this booklet in detail as it provides the necessary information to support you with making informed decisions. Further support and links to useful resources are also available on the Curriculum and Key Stage 4 Pathways page of our Academy website.

Good luck with your decisions and please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that we can do to help!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Woolley
Assistant Principal

Key Stage 4 Curriculum (2026-2028)

Core Subjects

All students will study **English Language, English Literature, Maths and Science.**

Physical Education and **PSHE** are compulsory but non-examined subjects.

Optional Subjects

Students will also study 3 'optional' subjects.

At least one of these subjects must be from either **French, Geography or History.**

The remaining 2 subjects can be from any of the following subjects. Students are asked to rank order 4 of these to allow some flexibility with designing the curriculum model. They will only study 2 and where possible, if a suitable choice, the highest preference subjects will be used.

GCSE Art
OCR Cambridge National Creative iMedia
GCSE Design & Technology
GCSE French
GCSE Geography
OCR Cambridge National Health & Social Care
EDUQAS Vocational Award in Hospitality & Catering
GCSE History
WJEC Vocational Award in Performing Arts
GCSE Photography
GCSE Physical Education / OCR Cambridge National Sport
GCSE Religious Studies

Important Information

Before completing the Pathways Preference Form, please ensure that you have done the following:

- Read the [Pathways and Careers Guide](#) for parents on our Academy website.
- Viewed all subject course content videos (available via this [link](#) on our Academy website)
- Read the course content details for each subject in this booklet.
- Discussed your preferences with class teachers and your parents/carers.
- Consider the career and post 16 pathway that you are interested in. Have you done your research to see if there are any specific entry requirements?
- Consider whether you are thinking of going to university, are there specific qualifications that you need to have?

Further Support

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything further, please contact any of the following members of staff:

Subject specific enquiries – please contact the relevant class teacher or Head of Department (contact details can be found in this booklet, representatives from each department will be available at our Pathways Evening on **Monday 9th February 6:00pm-8:00pm**).

Career Enquiries – Please contact Denise Sillitto, our Academy Careers Adviser if you have any career or post 16 related queries.

denise.sillitto1@staffordshire.gov.uk

Pastoral Support – Please contact Mr Rowley (Head of Year 9) if you require any pastoral support.

jamie.rowley@toa.set.org

Pathways Process – Please contact Mrs Woolley (Assistant Principal) for any other queries.

claire.woolley@toa.set.org

The following links from Careers Page from the Academy website also provide a lot of useful information to support with your decision making.

[Post 16 Pathways Information](#)

[Labour Market Information](#)

[Careers Research](#)

[Information for Parents/Carers](#)

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Key Stage 4 Core Subjects

AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature

Course Content	<p>Students will study both English Language and English Literature, two separate GCSE courses. The specifications covered are AQA 8700 (Language) and 8702 (Literature). The specifications are designed to inspire and motivate students, providing appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are, as far as possible, accessible to all students.</p> <p>English Language:</p> <p>The course will enable students of all abilities to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts covering the 19th, 20th and 21st century time periods as well as to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and sentence structures. At the end of the course they will sit two equally balanced papers where they are required to relate what they have read to the topic and theme of writing tasks.</p> <p>Moreover, students will draw upon a range of texts as reading stimulus and engage with creative as well as real and relevant contexts. Students will have opportunities to develop higher-order reading and critical thinking skills that encourage enquiry into different topics and themes. This course will also ensure that students can read fluently and write effectively. Students will be able to demonstrate a confident control of Standard English and write grammatically correct sentences, using figurative language and analysing texts.</p> <p>English Literature:</p> <p>Students will study a range of texts including a Shakespeare play, a 19th Century novel, a modern text written after 1914 (which may be either drama or prose) and a cluster of poetry. They will answer questions on each of these elements in the exam and will also be expected to comment on an unseen poem. They will develop skills of comprehension and inference as well as being able to read critically. Students will evaluate a writer's choice of vocabulary, grammatical and structural features while analysing and comparing texts on various themes. They will need to be able to write in a clear and coherent manner for a range of purposes using accurate Standard English, spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>English Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing – Written Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks – 50% of GCSE) • Paper 2 Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives – Written Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks – 50% of GCSE) • Non examination assessment: Spoken Language (Marked by teacher – separate endorsement on the certificate.) <p>English Literature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel – Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (64 marks – 40% of GCSE) • Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry – Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes (96 marks – 60% of GCSE)

Progression/ Careers Information	<p>A GCSE grade 5 or above in English is a requirement for the majority of Post 16 courses/careers.</p> <p>This specification offers excellent preparation for A Level Courses in English Language, English Literature, or the combined Language/Literature course.</p>
Additional Information	<p>For further information, please contact Mr Nelson (Head of Department).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">chris.nelson@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>AQA English GCSE English Language</p> <p>AQA English GCSE English Literature</p> <p>Please click here to view the English subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

English

Administration, business, legal

Admin assistant
Barrister
Civil service executive officer
Indexer
Information officer
Librarian
Secretary
Solicitor

PR, marketing and advertising

Advertising account executive
Advertising copywriter
Marketing executive
PPC specialist
Public relations officer
Social media manager

*Important
for most
jobs*

Writing and publishing

Author
Book, magazine or newspaper editor
Copywriter
Editorial assistant
Journalist
Publishing copy-editor
Sub-editor
Technical author
Web content manager

Performing arts

Arts administrator
Actor
Media researcher
Screenwriter
TV presenter

*Useful in
everyday
life*

Other

Archivist
Bookseller
English as a foreign language teacher
Primary school teacher
Private tutor
Secondary school teacher
Translator



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OCR GCSE Mathematics

Course Content	<p>Whilst studying GCSE Mathematics students will develop fluent knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts. Students will have the opportunity to acquire, select and apply mathematical techniques to solve problems, as well as being able to reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions. Finally, students will comprehend, interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.</p> <p>Students will cover a wide variety of content within GCSE mathematics, depending on their tier of entry they will study varying degrees of depth within each topic, however there will be an element of crossover materials. Topics covered by all students are as follows:</p> <p>Number Operations and Integers, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Indices and Surds, Approximation and Estimation, Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change, Algebra, Graphs of Equations and Functions, Basic Geometry, Congruence and Similarity, Mensuration, Probability, Statistics.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>GCSE Mathematics has a Foundation tier (grades 1 – 5) and a Higher tier (grades 4 – 9). Each student will be entered at the tier most suited to their ability. Learners will take all three papers for the appropriate tier in the same series. Each tier has three examinations which are externally assessed by OCR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1 Foundation and Paper 4 Higher - Calculator Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes (100 marks – 33⅓% of GCSE) • Paper 2 Foundation and Paper 5 Higher – Non-calculator Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes (100 marks – 33⅓% of GCSE) • Paper 3 Foundation and Paper 6 Higher - Calculator Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes (100 marks – 33⅓% of GCSE) <p>Each paper consists of a mix of question styles, from short, single-mark questions to multi-step problems. The mathematical demand increases as a student progresses through the paper.</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>GCSE Mathematics at grade 5 is a prerequisite qualification for many college courses as well as apprenticeship routes. GCSE Mathematics at Grade 7 opens even more opportunities at A level and University level.</p> <p>This specification offers excellent preparation for A Level Courses in Maths, Core Maths and Further Maths.</p>
Additional Information	<p>For further information, please contact Mr Paterson (Head of Department).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">steve.paterson@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>OCR Mathematics GCSE</p> <p>Please click here to view the maths subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Maths

Business and finance

Accountant
Accounting technician
Actuary
Auditor
Bank manager
Banking customer service adviser
Bookkeeper
Credit controller
Economist
Financial adviser
Financial trader
Insurance broker
Insurance underwriter
Investment analyst
Payroll administrator
Pensions adviser
Stockbroker
Tax adviser

Good skills in numeracy are required by:

Air cabin crew
Call centre operator
CNC machinist
Construction tradespeople such as joiners, plasterers and bricklayers
Electrician
Engineering operative/technician
Plumber
Restaurant manager
Sales assistant
Stock control assistant
Teaching assistant
Waiting staff

Careers using high level maths include:

Architect
Data analyst
Data scientist
Engineer (all types)
Ergonomist
Meteorologist
Operational researcher
Quantity surveyor
Research scientist (maths)
Secondary school teacher
Software engineer
Statistician
Systems analyst
University lecturer

Most jobs require some ability in maths



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AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

2 GCSE grades in Science

Course Content	<p>Students will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as a double award worth two GCSE's. The specification covered is AQA 8463. The course is designed to engage and challenge students to reach their scientific potential.</p> <p>Biology</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cell biology 2. Organisation 3. Infection and response 4. Bioenergetics 5. Homeostasis and response 6. Inheritance, variation, and evolution 7. Ecology <p>Chemistry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Atomic structure and the periodic table 9. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter 10. Quantitative chemistry 11. Chemical changes 12. Energy changes 13. The rate and extent of chemical change 14. Organic chemistry 15. Chemical analysis 16. Chemistry of the atmosphere 17. Using resources <p>Physics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Energy 19. Electricity 20. Particle model of matter 21. Atomic structure 22. Forces 23. Waves 24. Magnetism and electromagnetism
Course Assessment	There are six papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics. Each exam is 1hr 15 minutes long and all are equally weighted.
Progression/ Careers Information	Ideal for all career pathways as Trilogy Science develops skills and knowledge that is needed in all aspects of life.
Additional Information	<p>For further information please speak to Mrs Woodall (Head of Department).</p> <p>charlotte.woodall@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information please visit: AQA Science GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy</p> <p>Please click here to view the science subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Science

Applied science and technology

Architect
Botanist
Colour technologist
Ecologist
Engineer
Food technologist
Geoscientist
Materials scientist
Metallurgist
Sports scientist
Technical brewer
Textile technologist
Vet
Zoologist

Practical jobs where science is useful

Beauty therapist
Electrician
Electronics engineering technician
Fingerprint officer
Hairdresser
Plumber
Sterile services technician
Textile machinery technician
Water treatment worker

All primary school teachers need science GCSE

Also look at the Career Ideas leaflets for Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Scientific research and laboratory work

Animal technician
Biologist
Biomedical scientist
Chemist
Forensic scientist
Geneticist
Laboratory technician
Meteorologist
Pharmacologist
Physicist
Research scientist
Toxicologist

Healthcare

Dental nurse
Dentist
Doctor
Healthcare assistant
Healthcare scientist
Midwife
Nurse
Optometrist
Paramedic
Physiotherapist
Radiographer

Useful for many jobs



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AQA GCSE Separate Science Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Course Content	<p>Students will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as three separate GCSE courses. The specifications covered are AQA 8461 Biology, 8462 Chemistry and 8463 Physics. The courses are designed to engage and challenge students to reach their scientific potential.</p> <p>Biology: The core content follows a coherent and logical story through biology. Students study the topics of cell biology, organisation, infection and response, bioenergetics, homeostasis, inheritance, evolution and ecology. Building on topics that were introduced at KS3 and developing their knowledge and understanding of the living world around them.</p> <p>Chemistry: The content starts with fundamental aspects of chemistry such as atomic structure, bonding and the properties of matter, and builds to topics in which the fundamentals are applied such as quantitative chemistry and equilibria. Chemical changes, energy changes, organic chemistry, rates of reaction, chemical analysis and chemistry of the atmosphere are also covered. Students discover how materials used in our everyday lives are made and are challenged to think about the impact that we have on the world around us.</p> <p>Physics: The fundamental physics topics of energy, electricity, atomic structure, forces waves, magnetism and space are covered to inspire students to continue with further study. By developing knowledge of these key areas students are able to start to explain the world around them. The course encourages students to be curious and ask questions about the limits of our current scientific knowledge.</p> <p>All course have a practical element with 8 – 10 required practicals in each subject. These are linked to areas of the content where it would be most appropriate to teach them to embed skills and knowledge.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>Each subject has 2 terminal written exams and students will be awarded 3 GCSE grades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: 1 hour 45 mins, 100 marks, 50% of GCSE • Paper 2: 1 hours 45 mins, 100 marks, 50% of GCSE
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>To study A Level Biology, Chemistry or Physics, a grade 6 is needed in GCSE separate or combined science. In addition to A Level science, students could progress to an apprenticeship or further studies in STEM related subjects.</p>
Additional Information	<p>For further information please contact Mrs Woodall (Head of Department).</p> <p>charlotte.woodall@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information please visit:</p> <p>Biology: AQA Science GCSE Biology Chemistry: AQA Science GCSE Chemistry Physics: AQA Science GCSE Physics</p> <p>Please click here to view the science subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Biology

Scientific research and laboratory work

Animal technician
Biochemist
Biologist
Biomedical scientist
Biotechnologist
Clinical scientist
Forensic scientist
Geneticist
Healthcare science assistant
Laboratory technician
Microbiologist
Pharmacologist
Research scientist

Practical jobs where science is useful

Beauty therapist
Electrician
Fingerprint officer
Hairdresser
Plumber
Sterile services technician
Water treatment worker

Landbased and conservation

Botanist
Ecologist
Nature conservation officer
Soil scientist
Zoologist

Healthcare

Dental nurse
Dentist
Dietician
Doctor
Healthcare assistant
Midwife
Nurse
Nursing associate
Occupational therapist
Optometrist
Paramedic
Phlebotomist
Physiotherapist
Speech and language therapist

Other

Clinical engineer
Scenes of crime officer
Science writer
Secondary school teacher
Sexual health adviser
Sports scientist
University lecturer
Vet
Veterinary nurse

All primary school teachers need a science subject at GCSE

Science is useful for many jobs



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Career Ideas...

Chemistry

Scientific research and laboratory work

Biochemist
Biomedical scientist
Biotechnologist
Chemical engineer
Chemical engineering technician
Chemist
Environmental chemist
Forensic scientist
Healthcare scientist
Laboratory technician
Nanotechnologist
Pharmacologist
Research scientist
Toxicologist

Applied science and technology

Food scientist
Materials engineer
Sports scientist
Technical brewer
Textile technologist

Healthcare

Dentist
Dietician
Doctor
Midwife
Nurse
Optometrist
Pharmacist
Physiotherapist

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Practical jobs where science is useful

Electrician
Fingerprint officer
Plumber
Sterile services technician
Textile machinery technician
Water treatment worker

Other

Nuclear engineer
Patent attorney
Scenes of crime officer
Science writer
Secondary school teacher
University lecturer
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Vet



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Physics

Applied science and technology

Acoustic consultant
Architect
Audiologist
CAD technician
Ergonomist
Geophysicist/field seismologist
Geoscientist
Geotechnician
Materials scientist
Medical physicist
Meteorologist
Oceanographer
Operational researcher
Pathologist
Radiation protection practitioner
Radiographer
Surgeon

Engineering

Aerospace engineer
Automotive engineer
Civil engineer
Clinical engineer
Electrical engineer
Electronics engineer
Machine learning engineer
Materials engineer
Materials technician
Mechanical engineer
Metallurgist
Nuclear engineer
Software engineer
Structural engineer



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Practical jobs where science is useful

Electrician
Electronics engineering technician
Plumber
Textile machinery technician
Water treatment worker

Scientific research and laboratory work

Astronaut
Nanotechnologist
Physicist
Research scientist

Other

Investment analyst
Journalist
Patent attorney
Secondary school teacher
Sound engineer
Systems analyst
University lecturer

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Key Stage 4

Optional Subjects

AQA GCSE Art Craft and Design

Course Content	<p>The qualification features a wide range of titles including art, craft and design, fine art, graphic communication, textile design, three-dimensional design, and photography. The flexibility of its design means that the course can be tailored to the students' interests and strengths. This qualification encourages students to reconsider the world around them and develop their work in an individual way from their own experiences. It encourages experimental attitudes and develops a wide range of practical skills.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>This is a well-balanced course with a strong emphasis on practical making, with 60% of the overall weighting being coursework and 40% being exam based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Component 1</u>: Coursework 60% Teacher assessed and externally moderated at the end of Year 11 (mark out of 96) • <u>Component 2</u>: Externally Set Task 40% Teacher assessed and externally moderated at the end of Year 11 (mark out of 96) <p>Total mark out of <u>192</u></p> <p>The grade awarded is based on the overall mark gained from the two components.</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to level three qualifications and such as:</p> <p>BTEC and A Level courses available in Fine Art & Design, 3D Sculpture, Photography, Graphics, Textiles, Print Making and many more.</p> <p>Many employers are impressed by Art qualifications because it shows many skills such, creativity, organisation, confidence, and independence.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Students need to complete at least one-hour extra study each week. This is essential if they wish to complete the course.</p> <p>The Art Department offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities – extra-curricular clubs, visiting artists and trips to Higher Education institutions.</p> <p>For further information, please speak to or email Miss Henshall-Smith (Head of Department) sarah.henshall-smith@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit: GCSE Art and Design 8201 Specification AQA</p> <p>Please click here to view the art and design subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Art and Design

Design

Advertising art director
Architect
Ceramics designer
Exhibition designer
Fashion designer
Footwear designer
Furniture designer
Graphic designer
Interior designer
Product designer
Set designer
Textile designer
Web designer

Craft

Blacksmith
Florist
Furniture restorer
Glass maker
Jewellery designer/maker
Leather craftworker
Picture framer
Prop maker
Signwriter
Stonemason
Upholsterer

Looking after art

Art gallery curator
Art valuer
Arts administrator
Conservator
Museum curator
Picture restorer

Fine art

Animator
Artist
Illustrator
Sculptor
Technical illustrator

Other

Advertising art director
Art therapist
Chef
Hairdresser
Make-up artist
Photographer
Secondary school teacher
Tattooist
University lecturer
Visual merchandiser

There is
a lot of
competition
for jobs

You have
to be
VERY
creative

Work
experience is
VERY
important



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OCR Level 1 / Level 2 Cambridge National Creative iMedia

Course Content	<p>Cambridge National in Creative iMedia will inspire and equip you with the confidence to use skills that are relevant to the digital media sector and the wider industry. It is a vocational qualification, equivalent in value to a GCSE and contains both practical and theoretical elements.</p> <p>As part of the Cambridge National, you will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how media products get their meaning across, create impact and appeal to people • how to create original digital graphics for specific audiences • designing and creating original characters and comics • how to plan and create animations with audio • creating, testing, and making playable digital games <p>You will develop a range of skills to help you succeed not only in the workplace but in other subjects too. These skills include Analytical skills; Digital presentation skills; Creative thinking; Problem solving; Research and planning.</p> <p>No matter what you progress on to – the skills you will learn from a Cambridge National will prepare you for the future.</p> <p>You will understand and apply fundamental principles and concepts of digital media. They will develop learning and practical skills that can be applied to real-life contexts and work situations. You will be encouraged to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically, and critically. Finally, they will develop skills, independence and the confidence that would be relevant to pursuing a career in the media industry.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>The Non-Examined Assessments (coursework units) make up 60% of the final overall grade and are completed in Year 10 and the first half of Year 11. The final written exam is taken in Summer of Year 11 and makes up the remaining 40%.</p> <p>Results are awarded on the following scale: Level 2 – Distinction* (*2), Distinction (D2), Merit (M2), Pass (P2) Level 1 – Distinction (D1), Merit (M1), Pass (P1)</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>By developing applied knowledge and practical skills, this course will help give you the opportunity to progress on to a A-Level Media Studies or Art and Design (Graphic communication), a Cambridge Technical in Digital Media or BTEC National in Creative Digital Media Production, a Creative and Design or Digital T-Level, or an apprenticeship.</p> <p>Creative iMedia can lead to careers in: Printed Media; Marketing; Web Design; Digital Media</p>
Additional Information	<p>For further information, please contact Mr Rowley Jamie.rowley@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit: Cambridge Nationals - Creative iMedia Level 1/Level 2 - J834 - OCR</p> <p>Please click here for the Creative iMedia subject video</p>



Career Ideas...

Computer Science/ Information Technology

Using Information Technology

Business analyst
CAD technician
Data entry clerk
Database administrator
Digital marketer
Information scientist
Library assistant
Pre-press operator
Social media manager
Technical author
Web content editor
Web content manager

Computer systems

Applications developer
Cyber security analyst
Forensic computer analyst
Machine learning engineer
Penetrations tester
Security analyst
Systems analyst
Software developer
Software engineer
Technical architect

It is predicted that 90% of all jobs within the next 20 years will require some digital skills

According to the government, 72% of large companies and 49% of small and medium sized enterprises are suffering tech skill gaps

Multimedia (music, graphics and video)

Computer games developer
E-learning developer
Multimedia programmer
UX designer
Web designer
Web developer

Information Technology

IT consultant
IT project manager
IT security co-ordinator
IT service engineer
IT support technician
IT trainer
Network manager



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Eduqas GCSE Design and Technology

Course Content	<p>The GCSE Design and Technology qualification offers students the opportunity to learn about contemporary technologies, materials, and processes, as well as established designing practices.</p> <p>GCSE Design and Technology places greater emphasis on understanding and applying iterative design processes. Students will use their creativity and imagination to design and make prototypes that solve real and relevant problems, considering their own and others' needs, wants and values.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to work in the practical workshops and the design studios, as well as having access to a wide variety of CNC equipment and materials.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>The course consists of 2 units which each have a 50% weighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour external examination with a variety of question styles that look at core technical principles, specialist technical principles and designing and making principles within the 21st century. • Non-examined assessment: approximately 35-hour substantial design and make task, where students will create a portfolio and a prototype.
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to a variety of level three qualifications such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Level Graphic Design or Product Design • Technical Levels in Craft and Design • Technical levels in design and development for engineering and manufacturing • BTEC in Engineering • Apprenticeships within the engineering sector
Additional Information	<p>Please be aware that the GCSE D&T course is a blend of both theory and practical lessons. Students will need to be prepared to participate in all lessons.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Miss Peacey (Teacher of Design and Technology)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">esther.peacey@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>GCSE Design and Technology Eduqas</p> <p>Click here to view the D&T subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Design and Technology

Practical

Auto electrician
Blacksmith
Bookbinder
Carpenter
CNC machinist
Electrician
Furniture restorer
Glassmaker
Machine printer
Sheet metal worker
Signwriter
Upholsterer
Vehicle body repairer

Design

Advertising art director
Architect
Art editor
Exhibition designer
Furniture designer
Graphic designer
Packaging technologist
Product designer
Set designer

Develop skills including logical thinking, problem solving and research

Also see the Career Ideas leaflets for Engineering and for Textiles

Engineering

Acoustics consultant
Aerospace engineer
Automotive engineer
CAD technician
Clinical engineer
Design and development engineer
Electrical engineer
Ergonomist
Materials engineer
Mechanical engineer
Paper technologist

These jobs involve either product design and development or making and mending things

Jobs with people

Dental technician
Occupational therapist
Orthoptist
Prosthetist-orthotist
Secondary school teacher

Textiles

Clothing/textile technologist
Costume designer
Fashion designer
Sewing machinist
Tailor
Textile designer



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Career Ideas...

Engineering

Maintenance and repair

Domestic appliance service engineer
Engineering maintenance technician
Forklift truck engineer
Heating and ventilation engineer
Lift engineer
Locksmith
Maintenance fitter
Motor mechanic
Office equipment service engineer
Rail engineering technician
Satellite engineer
Telecoms engineer
Textile machinery technician

19% of the UK's total workforce is employed in the engineering sector

Engineers work in transport, power, manufacturing, electronics, communications and healthcare

Design and development

Aerospace engineer
Automotive engineer
Biomedical engineer
Building services engineer
Chemical engineer
Civil engineer
Clinical engineer
Electrical engineer
Electronics engineer
Ergonomist
Marine engineer
Materials engineer
Mechanical engineer
Motorsport engineer
Naval architect
Nuclear engineer
Structural engineer

There are jobs at all levels: operative, craft, technician and professional

Manufacturing

Car manufacturing worker
Chemical plant process operator
CNC machinist
Electroplater
Food packaging operative
Foundry mould maker
Manufacturing systems engineer
Production manager
Production worker
Sheet metal worker



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AQA GCSE French

Course Content	<p>There are three distinct themes across the two year course, covering the following material:</p> <p>Theme 1: People and Lifestyle – Identity and relationships with others, Healthy living and life-style, Education and work.</p> <p>Theme 2: Popular Culture – Free-time activities, Customs, Festivals and celebrations, Celebrity culture.</p> <p>Theme 3: Communication and the world around us – Travel and tourism, including places of interest, Media and technology, The environment and where people live.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>All four skills carry an equal weighting of 25% and are assessed via terminal exams at the end of Year 11.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Listening: At Foundation tier, the listening paper is a 35 minute paper worth 40 marks. At Higher tier, the paper is 45 minutes and worth 50 marks. At both levels, there will be questions and answer in English or non-verbally a dictation task. • Paper 2: Speaking: The paper consists of preparing a roleplay, reading aloud and a conversation based on visual stimuli which students prepare for 15 minutes. At Foundation tier, students are examined over 7-9 minutes. At Higher tier, the examination last 10-12 minutes. • Paper 3: Reading: At both levels, the paper carries 50 marks. At Foundation tier, the paper is 45 minutes, at Higher tier the paper is 1 hour. • Paper 4: Writing: At both levels, students complete translation and creative writing tasks. The Foundation tier paper lasts 1 hour 10 minutes and the Higher tier paper lasts 1 hour 15 minutes. Both papers carry 50 marks.
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students develop many skills through learning French that are also transferrable to other subjects. These range from communication and presentation skills, to resilience, problem solving and working independently.</p> <p>Language skills are in demand in a wide variety of sectors, including those shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation and interpreting • Education • Tourism • National intelligence and security • Government, charity and international development
Additional Information	<p>For further information, please contact Mrs Taylor (Head of MFL).</p> <p>victoria.taylor@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit: AQA Languages GCSE French</p> <p>Please click here to view the French subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Modern Languages

Teaching

Primary or secondary school teacher
Private tutor
Teaching English as a foreign language teacher
University lecturer

Only 25%
of the world's
population
can speak
English

Administration and commerce

Bilingual secretary
Diplomatic service officer
Foreign language analyst (MI5)
Freight forwarder
Immigration officer
Import-export clerk
International aid/development worker
Interpreter
Marketing executive
Patent examiner
Sales executive
Supply chain manager
Translator

Speak
another
language
and take
your skills
overseas

Useful
for jobs in
companies
that have
offices
overseas

Hospitality, travel and tourism

Air cabin crew
Airline customer service agent
Hotel manager
Hotel receptionist
Hotel reservations assistant
Resort representative
Tour guide
Tour manager
Tourist information centre assistant



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AQA GCSE Geography

Course Content	<p>Paper 1: Living with the physical environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge of natural hazards (natural hazards, tectonic hazards, weather hazards and climate change) • The living world (ecosystems, tropical rainforests, and hot deserts) • Physical landscapes of the UK (UK landscapes, coastal landscapes, river landscapes) <p>Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Issues and challenges • The changing economic world • The challenge of resource management <p>Paper 3: Geographical applications and skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue evaluation- How to answer the issue evaluation paper • Fieldwork- Investigation, collection of primary data, processing and presenting data, analysing data and concluding investigation, evaluation of investigation. • Geographical skills- Cartographic, graphical, and statistical skills
Course Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Living with the physical environment (Physical Geography) <p>Examination: 1hour 30 mins (88 marks = 35% of overall grade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment (Human Geography) <p>Examination: 1hour 30 mins (88 marks = 35% of overall grade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 3: Geographical Applications and skills (Fieldwork) <p>Examination: 1hour 30 mins (76 marks = 30% of overall grade)</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>GCSE Geography can lead to A-Level courses at a college of your choice. This will lead to great job prospects, data collected by Higher Education Careers Services Unit in 2017 found Geography students had one of the lowest unemployment rates of just 4.8%. The skills acquired in the study of geography are cross transferable into a wide variety of careers, management, finance, marketing, research, manufacturing, teaching, engineering and building to name but a few.</p>
Additional Information	<p>For further information, please contact Miss Timony (Head of Humanities Faculty).</p> <p>dionne.timony@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit: AQA Geography GCSE Geography</p> <p>Please click here to view the geography subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Geography

Environmental

Cartographer
Commercial/residential surveyor
Countryside officer
Ecologist
Environmental consultant
Farm/estate manager
Landscape architect
Nature conservation officer
Planning and development surveyor
Recycling officer
Sustainability consultant
Town planner
Water conservation officer

Covers both science and humanities, so it goes well with other subjects

Develop skills in writing, research and judging evidence

Scientific

Climatologist
Environmental scientist
Geographical information systems officer
Geomorphologist
Hydrologist
Meteorologist
Oceanographer
Soil conservationist/scientist

There is a growing need for people who understand changes in the climate

Travel and transport

Air traffic controller
Foreign/travel writer
Freight forwarder
Logistics and distribution manager
Pilot
Tour manager
Tourism officer
Transport planner
Travel agent

Other

International aid/development worker
Journalist
Market researcher
Secondary school teacher
University lecturer



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OCR Cambridge National Health and Social Care

Course Content	<p>The Cambridge National in Health and Social Care introduces students to the specialist knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings. The qualification focuses on core values and communicating with individuals, as well as enabling students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to the Health and Social care sector. This qualification will help students to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • valuable communication skills that are extremely attractive in the modern workplace • an understanding of the rights of individuals and person-centred values of care and how to apply these when working with service users • vital knowledge and understanding of how to protect individuals through infection prevention, safeguarding and safety and security measures • an understanding of growth and development through the life stages • an understanding of life events and how to support individuals through them <p>The course provides students with essential knowledge, transferable skills such as evaluation, planning, presentation/delivery, and research skills. As well as tools to improve their learning in other subjects with the aim of enhancing their employability when they leave education.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>The course consists of 3 units: ·</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One externally assessed unit – Exam • Two NEA units [internally assessed and externally moderated]
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>The Health and Social Care course will provide you with essential knowledge and transferable skills to continue studying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care • Level 3 Childcare or children's play, learning and development • Level 3 Extended diploma in Health and Social Care • Apprenticeships in: Adult care work, Health Profession Support, Early years work, Health and Social care, Healthcare Science Assistant, Maternity and Paediatric Support
Additional Information	<p>Health and Social Care is a vocational course. Students will need to be prepared to participate in all lessons.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Mr Johnson (Teacher of Health and Social Care)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">billy.johnson@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>Cambridge Nationals - Health and Social Care Level 1/Level 2 – J835</p> <p>Click here for the Health & Social Care subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Health and Social Care

Social care

Activities worker
Care worker
Counsellor
Drug and alcohol worker
Family support worker
Housing support officer
Personal assistant
Probation officer
Rehabilitation worker
Residential support worker
Social work assistant
Social worker
Welfare rights adviser
Volunteer co-ordinator
Youth worker

Childcare

Childminder
Foster carer
Nanny
Nursery manager
Nursery worker
Playworker

You need science qualifications for some of these careers

The adult social care sector will need up to 650,000 more workers by 2035

You have to be VERY CARING

Healthcare

Dental nurse
Dietician
Healthcare assistant
Health promotion specialist
Midwife
Nurse
Nursing associate
Occupational therapist
Operating department practitioner
Palliative care assistant
Paramedic
Pharmacy technician
Phlebotomist
Podiatrist
Sexual health adviser



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EDUQAS Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering

Course Content	<p>The Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering has been designed to support learners in schools who want to learn about this vocational sector and the potential it can offer them for their careers or further study. It is most suitable as a foundation for further study. This further study would provide learners with the opportunity to develop a range of specialist and general skills that would support their progression to employment.</p> <p>Food preparation skills are integrated into 5 core topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 enables learners to gain and develop comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the hospitality and catering industry including provision, health and safety, and food safety • Unit 2 enables learners to develop and apply knowledge and understanding of the importance of nutrition and how to plan nutritious menus. They will learn the skills needed to prepare, cook and present dishes. They will also learn how to review their work effectively
Course Assessment	<p>The course consists of 2 units:</p> <p>Unit 1: The hospitality and catering industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written examination: 1 hour 20 minutes • 40% of qualification • 80 Marks <p>Unit 2: Hospitality and catering in action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled assessment (written and practical): approximately 12 hours • 60% of qualification
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to a variety of level three qualifications such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC L1-3 in Professional Cookery • Diploma L1-3 Hospitality and Catering • Diploma L1-3 in Professional Bakery • Apprenticeships in Professional Bakery and Food Technology
Additional Information	<p>Please be aware that the Hospitality and Catering course is a blend of both theory and practical lessons. Students will need to be prepared to participate in all lessons, bringing ingredients to practical lessons.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Mr Jackson (Head of Technology)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">matthew.jackson@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>Level 1/2 vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering</p> <p>Click here to view the Food and Nutrition subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Food Preparation and Nutrition

Manufacturing

Brewery worker
Food factory worker
Food manufacturing inspector
Meat process worker
Product/process development scientist
Production manager
Quality manager
Technical brewer

Hospitality and catering

Baker
Barista
Butcher
Cake decorator
Catering manager
Chef
Kitchen assistant
Restaurant manager
Street food trader

Scientific

Biochemist
Consumer scientist
Food scientist
Food technologist
Laboratory technician
Research scientist

Other

Dietician
Environmental health officer
Health promotion specialist
Journalist
Marketing executive
Nutritional therapist
Nutritionist
Retail manager
Secondary school teacher



Some jobs
are NOT
9-5
Mon-Fri
jobs

You need
science
qualifications
for some of
these careers

There
are jobs at
all levels:
operative, craft,
technician and
professional



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AQA GCSE History

Course Content	<p>This course gives students the opportunity to undertake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A period study- Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship. • A wider world depth study- Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1945-1972. • A thematic study- Britain: Health and the people c1170 to present day. • British depth study including the historic environment- Elizabethan England c1568-1603. <p>This course provides students with the opportunity to study History from different eras, on different timescales and from different geographical contexts. Students will be assessed against four main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of knowledge and understanding. • Analysis of events and periods studied. • Source analysis. • Analysis, evaluation and judgements about interpretations.
Course Assessment	<p>There are 2 examinations with one tier of entry, covering the grades 1 to 9. Most of the questions on the exams are essay based, with the smallest marked question being 4 marks. Students need to be comfortable with the ability to write clearly, research information independently and form their own opinions. Students will need to have good motivation, be willing to participate in class discussions, complete all the work set by the deadlines given, and take an active interest in their own learning.</p> <p>Paper 1 (2 hours): Understanding the Modern World worth 50% of GCSE (Germany and The Cold War)- The total mark for this paper is 84 divided across 10 questions.</p> <p>Paper 2 (2 hours): Shaping the nation worth 50% of GCSE (Medicine and Elizabeth)- The total mark for this paper is 84 divided across 8 questions.</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Apart from studying a wide range of exciting historic periods, you will develop valuable skills that will help you with A-levels and future work. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excellent communication and writing skills • how to construct an argument • research skills • investigation and problem-solving skills • analytical and interpretation skills. <p><u>Career opportunities:</u></p> <p><i>History Specific</i> Archaeologist, archivist, historical researcher, museum work, secondary teacher, tour guide and lecturer.</p> <p><i>Non-History specific</i> Civil service, law, publishing, intelligence service, business and finance, marketing and primary teacher.</p>
Additional Information	<p>We aim to provide opportunities for our students outside of the classroom and these often include trips to the theatre and international visits to Berlin. For additional information please contact Mr Charlesworth (Subject Leader of History).</p> <p>nathan.charlesworth@toa.set.org</p> <p>GCSE History Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)</p> <p>Please click here to view the history subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

History

Jobs directly related to history

Archivist
Archaeologist
Conservation officer/conservator
Further education lecturer
Genealogist
Heritage manager
Historic buildings inspector
Museum curator
Museum education officer
Professional historian
Secondary school teacher
University lecturer

Learn about
organising
materials in a
logical way

Develop
skills in
undertaking
research and
writing and
presenting
facts

Learn to
construct an
argument
and assess
evidence

Jobs where history is useful

Barrister
Civil service administrator
Diplomatic service officer
Government research officer
Information officer
Journalist
Librarian
Political researcher and adviser
Press officer
Primary school teacher
Solicitor
Theatre/TV set designer
Tour guide
Trade union research officer
TV researcher



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Level 1 /2 Vocational Award in Performing Arts	
Course Content	The Vocational Award in Performing Arts has been designed to support learners in schools who want to learn about this vocational sector and the potential it can offer them for their careers or further study. It is designed to prepare students for further qualifications in performing arts, drama, dance, music, media studies, film studies and art and design and many more pathways. The subject content for this specification allows students to explore, develop and apply a range of practical performance and production skills.
Course Assessment	<p><u>Unit 1 - Performing</u> You will learn skills and techniques needed to produce a successful performance of an existing work, such as a piece of music or an extract from a play or show. This unit of work can be completed through any of the following disciplines: Dance, Drama, Music Technology or Musical Theatre.</p> <p><u>Unit 2 - Creating</u> You will learn how to create and refine your own original work in Performing Arts, such as: Choreography, Costume Design or Music Composition. This unit can be completed through one of the following disciplines: Devised Drama, Choreography, Composition, Costume Design, Lighting, Make-Up & Hair Design, Set Design and Sound Design.</p> <p><u>Unit 3 - Performing Arts in Practice</u> You will learn about areas of the Performing Arts industry that need to be considered when responding to a commission and will consider these when coming up with and pitching your own idea.</p> <p>You will be assessed through project work. For Units 1 and 2 you will undertake projects (not exams) in response to briefs. The project for each unit will take 10 hours and be worth 30% of your qualification. For each one you will be given a scenario and will need to undertake a number of tasks. In Unit 3 you will undertake another project (no exam) in response to a brief, which will take 20 hours and be worth 40% of your qualification. You will be given a scenario and will need to undertake a number of tasks. The overall grade is awarded on an 8-point scale: Level 2 Distinction*, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Pass, Level 1 Distinction*, Level 1 Distinction, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Pass.</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	Students will research their chosen performance discipline and show/reveal their creativity when developing ideas. They will develop practical skills in a supportive learning environment. The latter requires self-discipline, motivation, and commitment – key elements that are all needed for further study. The course will develop a variety of transferable skills including self-appraisal, evaluation, teamwork, leadership, research, presentation, communication, and problem solving. These are skills that will stand any student in good stead for the future, irrespective of career path.
Additional Information	<p>Due to the nature of the subject, students will be expected to attend rehearsals prior to their live performances.</p> <p>For further information, please speak to or email Miss Nixon, Head of Performing Arts. jenny.nixon@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit: WJEC ENTRY LEVEL FRAMEWORK SPECIFICATION</p> <p>Please click here to view the performing arts subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Performing Arts

Arts industry

Arts administrator
Broadcast journalist
Entertainment agent
Lighting technician
Prop maker
Roadie
Set designer
Sports commentator
Theatre manager

Music

Composer
DJ
Live sound engineer
Musician
Music promotions manager
Music therapist
Studio sound engineer
Teacher

*NOT 9-5
Mon-Fri jobs*

*Good if
you want to
combine skills and
learn about
how productions
are developed*

Drama

Actor
Screenwriter
Secondary school teacher
Stage manager
Stunt performer
TV or film director
TV or film producer
TV or film production runner
TV presenter
Wardrobe assistant

*Performers
need talent,
skills and
determination*

Dance

Choreographer
Circus performer
Dance movement psychotherapist
Dancer
Entertainer
Musical theatre actor/dancer
Teacher



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AQA GCSE Photography

Course Content	<p>This course will enable students to develop their knowledge and understanding of dark room techniques, developing and printing, as well as manipulation of the image, either silver-based technology or digital format; through electronic and mechanical means.</p> <p>In addition, students will have the opportunity to work with film, both in the studio, and location-based work. The course will allow them to edit images and widen their knowledge of the variety of ways in which imagery might be juxtaposed to create appropriate effects.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>This is a well-balanced course with a strong emphasis on practical making, with 60% of the overall weighting being coursework and 40% being exam based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Component 1: Coursework 60%</u> Teacher assessed and externally moderated at the end of Year 11 (mark out of 96) • <u>Component 2: Externally Set Task 40%</u> Teacher assessed and externally moderated at the end of Year 11 (mark out of 96) <p>Total mark out of 192.</p> <p>The grade awarded is based on the overall mark gained from the two components.</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to level three qualifications and such as:</p> <p>BTEC and A Level courses available in Fine Art & Design, 3D Sculpture, Photography, Graphics, Textiles, Print Making and many more.</p> <p>Many employers are impressed by Photography qualifications because it shows many skills such, creativity, organisation, confidence and independence.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Students need to complete at least one-hour extra study each week. This is essential if they wish to complete the course. Student's must also take photographs in their own time and are encouraged to go on location.</p> <p>The Art Department offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities – extra-curricular clubs, visiting artists and trips to Higher Education institutions.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Miss Henshall-Smith (Head of Department).</p> <p>sarah.henshall-smith@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>AQA Art and Design Subject content Photography</p> <p>Please click here to view the photography subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Photography

Media photography

Advertising and editorial photographer
Corporate photographer
Fashion photographer
Fine art photographer
Photographic stylist
Photojournalist
Press photographer
Unit stills photographer

Related careers

Advertising art director
Digital marketer
Film director
Film/video editor
Graphic designer
Media planner
Medical illustrator
Multi-media specialist
Photography sales assistant
Picture library assistant
Print finishing technician
TV or film camera operator
Web content manager

General practice / social photography

Commercial photographer
Family portrait photographer
School portrait photographer
Photographic technician
Wedding photographer

Medical or scientific photography

Clinical photographer
Forensic/scenes of crime photographer
Industrial photographer
Medical photographer
Scientific photographer



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NOT
9-5
Mon-Fri
jobs

There is
a lot of
competition
for these
jobs

To do this
you should
be creative,
patient and
have technical
skills



AQA GCSE Physical Education

Please note that students can study GCSE Physical Education **or OCR Cambridge National Sports Studies, the course will be selected by the PE Department based on the strength of the student*

Course Content	<p>The course aims to give students opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become increasingly physically competent through being actively engaged in a range of physical activities • Develop theoretical knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin physical activity and sport and use this knowledge to improve performance • Develop and maintain their involvement in physical activity as part of a healthy active lifestyle.
Course Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Paper 1 Exam</u> - The human Body and movement in physical activity and sport (30%). • <u>Paper 2 Exam</u> - Socio-cultural influences and well-being in physical activity and sport (30%). • Evaluation of performance in one sport (10%). • Practical performance in 3 sports to include team and individual (30%)
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to level three qualifications and A Levels such as:</p> <p>Sports Science, Sports Exercise and Fitness, Sports Coaching, Physiotherapy, and Personal Training.</p>
Additional Information	<p>The Physical Education Department offer many enrichment opportunities – Extra-curricular clubs and sports teams, leadership opportunities, coaching qualifications, officiating qualifications, sports trips, sports council and links with community clubs.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Mr Jones (Head of Department).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">john.jones@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>GCSE Physical Education Specification for first teaching in 2016 (aqa.org.uk)</p> <p>Please click here to view the physical education subject video.</p>

OCR Cambridge National Sport Studies

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Course Content	<p>This qualification will suit students who prefer a coursework-based course instead of terminal examinations. The course is split 60% coursework and 40% exam. Equivalent to 1 GCSE. 2 mandatory and 1 pathway unit must be completed. The pathway units studied will be decided by the teacher.</p> <p><u>Mandatory units include:</u></p> <p>RO51: Contemporary issues in sport. RO52: RO52: Performance and Leadership in Sports Activities.</p> <p><u>Pathway units include:</u></p> <p>RO53: Sports leadership. RO54: Sport and the media.</p>
Course Assessment	<p>There will be one exam that will focus on Contemporary issues in sport. The exam will last for one hour and 15 minutes and must be taken at the end of the course. (40%)</p> <p>Performance and Leadership in Sports Activities is internally assessed and OCR moderated. (40%)</p> <p>One additional internally assessed unit will be chosen at the teachers' discretion (20%)</p>
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to level three qualifications such as:</p> <p>BTEC and A Level courses available in Sports Science, Sports Exercise and Fitness, Sports Coaching, Physiotherapy and Personal Training.</p>
Additional Information	<p>The Physical Education Department offer many enrichment opportunities – Extra-curricular clubs and sports teams, leadership opportunities, coaching qualifications, officiating qualifications, sports trips, sports council, links with community clubs.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Mr Jones (Head of Department).</p> <p>john.jones@toa.set.org</p> <p>For further content specific information please visit:</p> <p>Cambridge Nationals - Sport Studies Level 1/Level 2 – J829 (ocr.org.uk)</p> <p>Please click here to view the sports subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Sport and Leisure

Leisure

Customer service assistant
Fairground worker
Horse riding instructor
Leisure centre assistant
Leisure centre manager
Lifeguard
Outdoor activities instructor
Riding holiday leader
Visitor attraction general manager

Sport and fitness

Coach
Fitness instructor
Health trainer
Personal trainer
Pilates teacher
Sport and exercise psychologist
Sports physiotherapist
Sports scientist
Yoga teacher

Sports professional

Athlete
Cyclist
Footballer
Golfer
Jockey
Rugby player
Swimmer
Tennis player

Other sport

Journalist
Martial arts instructor
PE teacher
Referee
Sports agent
Sports commentator
Sports development officer
Swimming teacher

You need science qualifications for some of these jobs

Also see the Career Ideas leaflet for Travel and Tourism

Talent and being a member of a club is important for some of these jobs



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AQA GCSE Religious Studies

Course Content	<p>The aim of this course is to encourage students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage students to consider their views on various ethical questions such as war, animal testing, abortion, divorce, terrorism, etc. • Develop their ability to listen and consider different points of view • Analyse strengths and weaknesses of different arguments and reach a reasoned conclusion • Explore comparative religious beliefs and practices • Develop their understanding of different cultures locally, nationally and in the wider world.
Course Assessment	<p>The course is comprised of two main units both of which are terminal examinations on written paper at the end of the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 = 1hr 45 The studies of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices (Christianity and Judaism). Worth 50% of the overall GCSE. • Section 2 = 1hr 45 Thematic studies: relationships and families; religion and life; religion, peace and conflict; religion, crime and punishment. Worth 50% of the overall GCSE.
Progression/ Careers Information	<p>Students could progress to level three qualifications such as:</p> <p>The study of A Level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.</p> <p>Religious Studies is also excellent preparation for many degree courses including Politics, History, English, Law and Philosophy.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Please contact Miss Timony (Head of Humanities Faculty) or your class teacher if you have any further questions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Adam.ralphps@toa.set.org Dionne.timony@toa.set.org Helen.jackson@toa.set.org </p> <p>For further content specific information, please visit:</p> <p>Religious Studies A GCSE 8062 Specification</p> <p>Please click here to view the sports subject video.</p>



Career Ideas...

Religious Studies

Jobs requiring specialist knowledge

Archivist
Journalist
Librarian
Minister of religion/religious leader
Museum worker/curator
Secondary school teacher
Television presenter/researcher
University lecturer

Jobs with people

Advice worker
Careers adviser
Care assistant
Community development worker
Counsellor
Police officer
Politician
Primary school teacher
Probation officer
Social worker
Youth worker

Jobs in business

Advertising account executive
Charity fundraiser
Civil service administrator
Diplomatic service officer
Human resources manager
Marketing executive
Public relations officer
Solicitor

Understanding about the beliefs and values of others is useful in lots of careers

Develop skills in researching and problem solving

Learn to understand both sides of an argument and to negotiate and resolve conflict



Remember, it is important to study a broad and balanced range of subjects. For more information about different jobs, click on 'Explore careers' at <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>