

## Courses Offered

### Psychology (with Forensics)

Psychology can simply be described as ‘the scientific study of mind and behaviour’. Although the behaviour of human beings has always been of interest to others, it is only recently that a rigorous scientific approach has been applied to its study. A very popular course that combines well with many other subjects.

### Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

This qualification is designed to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion. Learners will develop their skills of critical analysis in order to construct balanced, informed arguments and responses to religious, philosophical and ethical ideas.

### Sociology (with Crime)

By choosing this option you will be involved in a subject that invites you to explore different views on society, including your own. You will learn to consider influences on sociological behaviour and develop an analytical approach which will influence your own thinking as you approach your own educational, professional and personal life in the future.

### Mathematics (Levels 2) & English (Level 2)

Students who need to improve their GCSE grade in Mathematics and / or English to a band 4 will need to continue with Level 2 (GCSE) studies in these subjects alongside their other choices.

*“Subjects are carefully sequenced to support students to learn the curriculum effectively from Year 7 through to Year 13.” Ofsted 2023*



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*“Students follow appropriate programmes of study, which meet requirements and are well tailored to students’ abilities and aspirations.” Ofsted 2018*

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### AAQ in Cyber Security & Networks

This course has been developed to meet the challenging needs of the IT sector and prepare students for Higher Education or employment. This qualification enables students to get hands on with the practical elements of cyber security and networks. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to practical, real life contexts such as assessing the risks to networks, devices and applications, auditing measures used to prevent cyberattacks and planning digital forensic investigations.

### Art - Fine Art

This course offers an excellent general Art education which prepares students well for the full range of Art and Design related courses at Higher Education. This course is a development from GCSE Art, with parts based on the student's own choice of media and direction.

### Art - Photography

This is a practical and theoretical course in which students will explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. Students will study Photography as an effective method of communication and medium for the presentation and exchange of ideas as well as an art form. Students will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to Photography and a wider range of art and design.

### Art - Textiles

This course will be suitable for students who are interested in the Textiles and Fashion Design industries and its influences on society. The course aim is to produce highly employable designers who can demonstrate creativity and an individual approach to producing textile products and fashion documents.

### Biology

This life science is always a popular choice at A level as it provides access to a broad range of science courses as well as combining well with a large range of other sixth form courses. Biology has a significant practical element and requires good mathematical and language skills. A GCSE band 6 in Biology or a 6.6 in Combined Science is required to study this course.

### BTEC Applied Science

This course is specifically designed for students that are interested in learning about the science sector. The course provides an opportunity to continue scientific study through a more applied route, one that gives more context to the learning within specific fields in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

### BTEC Diploma in Sport

This course is designed to give learners an overview of the principals of sports development, the key agencies involved, provide practical examples of current practice, and study various related units, for which, the learner gains credits that accumulate towards their final grade. The units may include: physical education and the care of children and young people, sport as a business and organising sports events. This course would appeal to anyone aiming for a career in the diverse world of the sports industry.

### Business (with Marketing and Finance)

This A level will inspire you to pursue a career in Business. You will develop skills that will increase your competence, knowledge, understanding and effectiveness in business. A level Business supports anyone wishing to enter the world of work or those wishing to continue studying Marketing, Finance or Business Management at degree level.

### Business Cambridge Technical

Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Business builds upon the Business knowledge students developed at KS4. The course has been developed to meet the changing needs of the Business sector and prepare students for Higher Education or employment.

### Chemistry

Chemistry is the study of materials in the world around us, what they consist of and how they interact and behave. It is not only a useful subject in its own right, but it is also essential to support other subjects such as Biology. Chemistry provides a good scientific background for those interested in careers other than science. A GCSE band 6 in Chemistry or a 6.6 in Combined Science is required to study this course.

### Computer Science (with Programming)

A level Computer Science will provide students with the ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including: abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation.

### Digital Media Cambridge Technical

Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Digital Media helps students develop the knowledge and practical skills required in the digital media industry. Students gain hands-on experience of the production process, developing their ideas from planning, through editing and post-production, to final presentation.

### Drama & Theatre Studies

Drama & Theatre provides the excitement and discipline of performance, the pleasure and satisfaction of working creatively with others, the intellectual rigour of textual and philosophical analysis and the space for deepening understanding of the human world.

### Economics (with Finance and Globalisation)

A level Economics is the study of the economy, at both local, national and international level. A level Economics is a must for anyone considering studying any aspect of business, accounting and finance or business management.

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### English Language & Literature

This combined course will appeal to students who would like the opportunity to study non-fiction and spoken English as well as literature of all types. You will study the variety of voices and communication styles in classic works of fiction as well as creating your own texts in a variety of formats. The study of both Language and Literature will suit those with interests in creative writing and interpersonal communication. The subject could lead on to Higher Education and a wide variety of careers in writing, publishing and journalism.

### English Literature

This is a popular A level subject, complimenting a wide range of other subjects when applying to university courses. English Literature focuses on detailed reading of poetry, prose and drama, giving you a broad experience of literature of all types from all periods. English Literature suits those with a genuine love for reading, debating challenging ideas and writing critically. The subject can lead to careers in writing, publishing, journalism, law and many more.

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Students may chose to take the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) as an extension to their A level, BTEC or CTEC studies. The EPQ will develop and extend from one or more of the student's study areas and / or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It will be based on a topic chosen by the student and agreed as appropriate by the school.

Delivered in year 12, the EPQ allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It is worth half an A level and can be used to gain extra UCAS points.

### Geography

A level Geography is a bridge between Science and the Arts subjects, therefore will give you a desirable qualification which is looked on favourably by both Higher Education providers and employers. Geographers are by nature inquisitive and you will study a variety of wide ranging and exciting topics, from natural hazards, to coastal systems to the changing nature of urban environments. You will also have the opportunity to apply your skills through Fieldwork trips and learn how to statistically analyse data collected.

### History

History is a widely respected academic subject that develops analytical writing, independent enquiry and debating skills. History is seen as an excellent qualification for students going on to study law, journalism, publishing and a wide variety of positions in business. In year 12 we study communist states in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the rise of communist dictators. In year 13 we complete a British History unit and an independent research study on the American Civil Rights Movement.

### Level 3 Core Maths

Core Maths is a highly influential subject which underpins several other subject areas. The aims of this course are to develop logical thought processes as well as learning precise and accurate modes of presentation. The course will help you to develop the skills needed to apply mathematical thinking in real life situations.

### Mathematics

Rockets, smartphones and stock markets; many of humanity's most thrilling creations are powered by Mathematics. Mathematics is a highly influential subject which underpins several other subject areas such as Psychology, Biology, and Business Studies. It develops ordered logical thought as well as precise and accurate modes of presentation. Mathematics is an effective means of modelling, solving and interpreting a wide range of practical problems. A mathematics qualification can open doors to exciting, well paid careers. Mathematical skills equivalent to a GCSE band 7 are needed to start this course.

### Mathematics - Further

This course is designed to appeal to those who are very able at Mathematics and those who are considering a Mathematics degree. This course is taken as a second Mathematics A level and so must be chosen with A level Mathematics. The applied topics also support the mathematical techniques and knowledge needed for Physics and any Engineering courses.

### Media

This course explores how media is created and develops a critical perspective of how media is used. This popular qualification would support a range of careers within media, broadcasting, human resources, public relations and teaching.

### Physical Education

This is an interesting, academic and multi-disciplined course including Psychology, Sociology, Physiology and Anatomy. It gives you the opportunity to study all aspects of sport, is well recognised by HE institutions and lends itself well to a variety of career choices. An excellent practical sports ability in one sport is essential to gain entry onto this course. A band 6 or better at GCSE is desirable.

### Physics

Physics is often referred to as the fundamental science as it involves learning about processes that underpin the world around us and ultimately controls how we live our lives. Knowledge and skills associated with Physics are much in demand in careers ranging from engineering and science to management and finance. A GCSE band 6 in Physics or a 6.6 in Combined Science, along with a 6 in Maths is required to study this course.