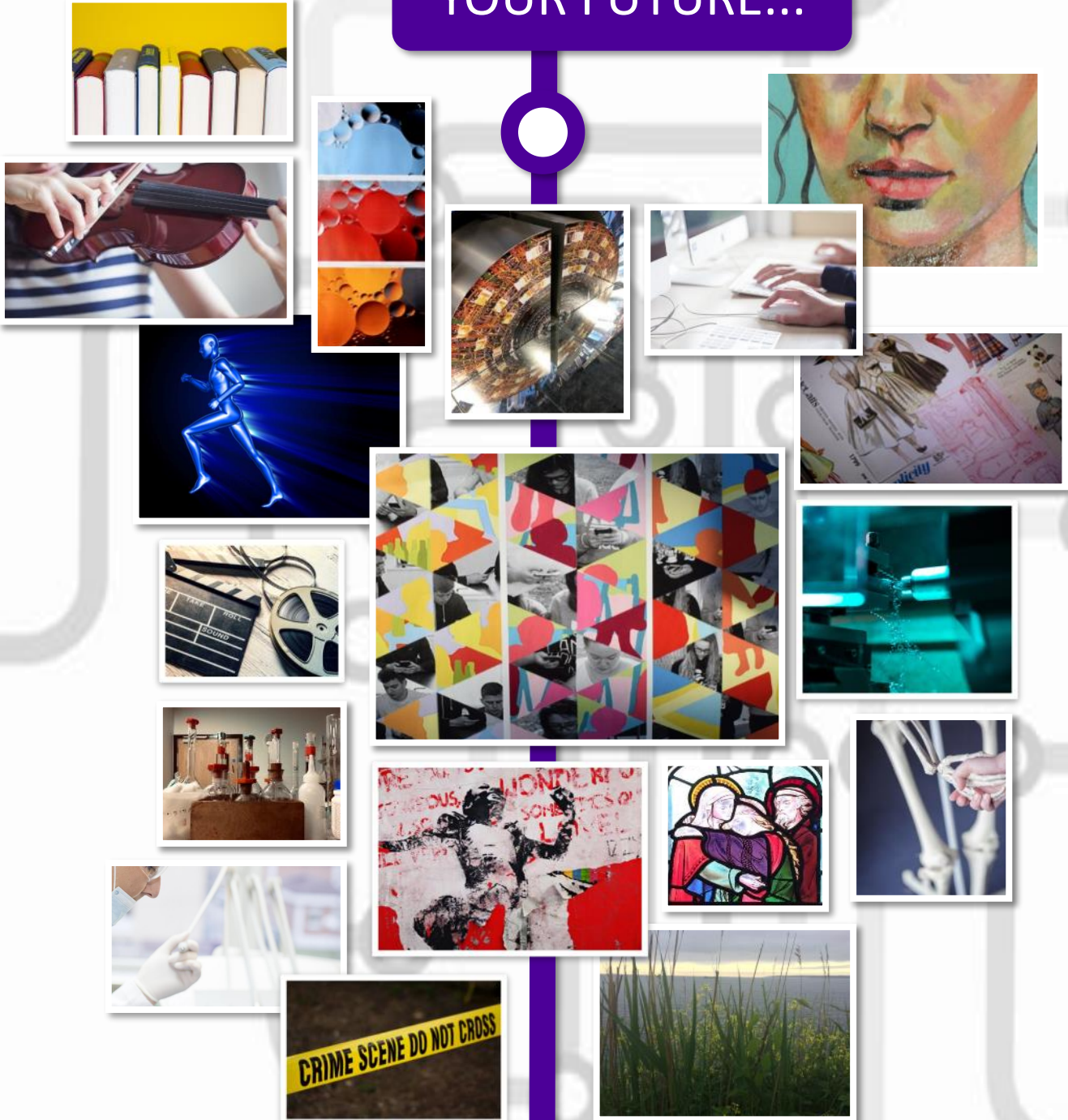


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# Nailsea School Sixth Form

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# Welcome to Nailsea School

## Sixth Form

Nailsea Sixth Form is a vibrant learning community with an inclusive ethos, offering a range of Level 3 courses alongside an extensive pastoral and enrichment programme. We are proud of the high standards of teaching and learning that our students experience from subject specialists in excellent facilities, however we also place great emphasis on developing the holistic student, seeking to support our learners in their journey towards becoming well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to our local community and wider society.

### Aspirational Learners

Our Sixth Form is committed to developing aspirational learners, providing students with the opportunity to explore content beyond the curriculum through our termly Aim Higher tasks, showing a passion for the subjects alongside a curiosity for learning. We encourage students to engage in our Aspire and HE+ Programmes, supporting applications to competitive institutions and preparing students for admissions tests and interviews. Students also research ambitious work experience placements to further develop career related skills and attributes, culminating in our successful Pathways Week .

### Independent Thinkers

At Nailsea we are passionate about empowering students to embrace our mantra 'your journey, your future'. We collaborate with students to develop valuable leadership skills, encouraging them to become fully independent in their academic ambitions. Our weekly VESPA Programme enhances students' Key Stage 5 study skills and learning characteristics which develops their A level mindset. We take the time to explore all available options so that well informed decisions can be discussed and explored, supported by trips to university, apprenticeship fairs and open days.

### Community Ambassadors

Our extensive Enrichment Programme allows students to pursue diverse areas of interest that support their wellbeing, holistic development and future career options. Year 12 students also volunteer within the school or local community, modelling positive learning attitudes and enhancing a range of essential softer skills. The Sixth Form Prefect team coordinate the whole school student council, mentoring our lower school House Captains to make a positive change within our school community.

Following their time at Nailsea Sixth Form, students are well-equipped with the skills, experience and qualifications to succeed. Every year we have students who decide to continue their learning in higher education, apprenticeship programmes or full time employment, with many of these joining competitive universities or national organisations.

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

Mr D Truan

Assistant Headteacher - Head of Sixth Form

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

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## How to Apply

Please visit the Sixth Form page of our website to register your interest. The full application form will then be sent to students from a company called Appliicaa.

[www.nailseaschool.com/sixth-form/apply-to-sixth-form/](http://www.nailseaschool.com/sixth-form/apply-to-sixth-form/)

The application closing date is Friday 10th January 2025



## Please Note

All Sixth Form students must re-sit GCSE English and Maths if they have not achieved a Grade 4 in either of these subjects. These sessions will automatically be allocated to their timetable, with lessons being compulsory.

We are unable to guarantee that all courses promoted in this prospectus will be running from September 2025, as this will be dependent on projected student numbers. If a course is not running, we will inform you at the earliest opportunity.



## Nailsea Sixth Form Option Blocks

We expect applicants to select the equivalent of three A Level subjects, with students welcome to discuss studying a fourth with the Head of Sixth Form. Each subject choice must come from a different option block.

A	B	C	D	E
Biology	Film	Art	Criminology	Criminology
Further Maths	History	Chemistry	Engineering	Geography
Health & Social Care (Extended Certificate)	Media	Geography	English Language	Maths
ICT	Photography	Music	English Literature	Psychology
Politics	Physics	Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	Maths	French
Psychology		Business Studies	Sport and Physical Activity	Spanish
The two options below are full-time courses and the equivalent to 3 A Levels				
Health & Social Care (Extended Diploma)				
Sport (Extended Diploma)				

## Entry Requirements

5 Grade 4s or above as well as meeting the individual entry requirements of your chosen Level 3 courses.

Subject	Grade in subject at GCSE	Additional Grades
Art, Craft and Design	5 in Fine Art or 3D Art	
Biology	66 in Science or 6 in Biology and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths
Business Studies	4 or L2 Merit (if studied)	
Chemistry	66 in Science or 6 in Chemistry and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths
Criminology		4 in English Language
Engineering	5 (if studied)	5 in Maths
English Language	5	5 in English Literature
English Literature	5	5 in English Language
Film Studies	5 (if studied)	5 in English Language
French	5 (in Higher Paper)	
Geography	5 (if studied)	
Health and Social Care Extended Certificate	L2 Merit (if studied)	4 in English Language
Health and Social Care Extended Diploma	L2 Merit (if studied)	4 in English Language and 44 in Science
History	5 (if studied)	5 in English Language
ICT	4 (if studied)	
Maths	7	
Further Maths	8	
Media Studies	5 (if studied)	5 in English Language
Music	4	
Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	4 (if studied)	4 in English Language
Photography	5 (if studied)	5 in Art (if studied)
Physics	66 in Science or 6 in Physics and 6 in another Science	6 in Maths
Politics		4 in English Language
Psychology		5 in English Language, 55 in Science and 4 in Maths
Spanish	5 (in Higher Paper)	
Sport Extended Diploma	4 or L2 Merit (if studied)	4 in English Language and 44 in Science
Sport and Physical Activity	4 or L2 Merit (if studied)	4 in English Language and 44 in Science

# Art, Craft and Design - A Level

Contact Person: Ms R Davies

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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



# Biology - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs I Barron-Smith

## Course Outline:

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

### What You'll Explore:

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

#### Year 1: Building Foundations

**Biological Molecules:** Discover the fundamental components of life.

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

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

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

#### Year 2: Delving Deeper

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

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

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

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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

Join us on this scientific journey as we explore life's complexities, from tiny molecules to the grandeur of ecosystems.

A-Level Biology AQA is your gateway to a world where curiosity knows no bounds, and the pursuit of knowledge is as rewarding as it is challenging.



**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**  
**Examination Board AQA**

# Business Studies - Cambridge Technical Level 3

Contact Person: Mr J Kirwan

## Course Outline:

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

What you'll explore:

Over two years, you will cover five key units: Unit 1: The Business Environment, Unit 2: Working in Business, Unit 4: Customers and Communication, Unit 8: Introduction to Human Resources, and Unit 16: Principles of Project Management. You will understand how businesses operate, develop practical skills for professional environments, learn about customer relationships, explore human resources, and gain project management skills.

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



## Progression Post-18

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

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



**Qualification:** Cambridge Technical Level 3 Business Studies

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

# Chemistry - A Level

Contact Person: Ms M Evry

## Course Outline:

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

Chemistry is for you if:

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

Year 1

Module 1: Development of practical skills in chemistry.

Module 2: Foundations in chemistry:

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

Module 3: Periodic Table and Energy:

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

Module 4: Core organic chemistry and analysis:

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

Year 2

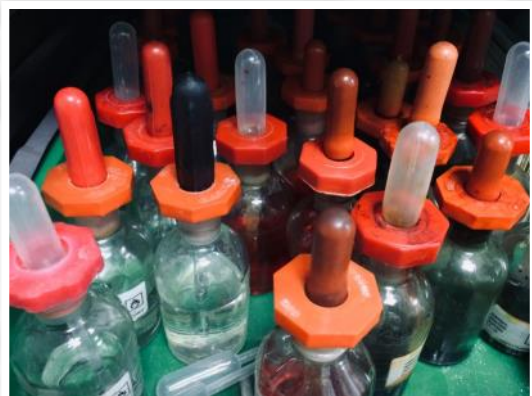
Module 5: Physical chemistry and transition elements:

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

Module 6: Organic chemistry and analysis:

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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

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

**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**  
**Examination Board: OCR Specification A**



# Criminology

## WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

Contact Person: Miss A Cartwright

### Course Outline:

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

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

#### Changing Awareness of Crime

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

#### Criminological Theories

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

#### Crime Scene to Courtroom

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

#### Crime and Punishment

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

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



### Progression Post-18

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

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

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

# Engineering

## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mr J Kirwan

### Course Outline:

Engineering at Nailsea is a dynamic, exciting subject that offers clear routes forward to further study and a career in the engineering sector. The course is divided into three clear competencies.

Firstly, you'll develop your mathematical and physical scientific knowledge and understanding by studying Engineering Principles. This creates a clear foundation, enabling you to solve complex problems in an engineering context.

The second key module is focused on common engineering processes, looking at regulatory systems, health and safety and how individual and team performance can be affected by human factors.

In module 3 you will get to examine product designs and manufacturing processes in detail. This fascinating unit will provide real-world opportunities to examine what triggers changes to the design phase of engineering products and the typical challenges that engineers face, including how to 'design out' safety risks.

Lastly, there is a detailed CAD Engineering module. You will use CAD software and hardware to produce multi-layered, complex 2D and 3D drawings.

To excel in engineering, you'll need strong maths skills, problem-solving abilities, and proficiency in technical tools. Critical thinking, communication, and attention to detail are essential. A keen interest in the subject and a passion for continuous learning are also key for driving innovation in this dynamic field.



### Progression Post 18

After completing A BTEC in engineering you have several pathways available.

You could pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering at a university, specialising in a specific discipline like civil, mechanical, electrical, or computer engineering. This potentially could lead to professional engineering roles.

Alternatively, you might consider an engineering apprenticeship which offers practical, hands-on training while earning a qualification. Engineering students at Nailsea go on to work in a variety of contexts, including the aerospace and automotive industries.

**Qualification:** BTEC Coursework: 33.5% Examinations: 66.5%

**Examination Board:** Edexcel

# English Language - A Level

Contact Person: Ms C B Jacobs

## Course Outline:

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

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

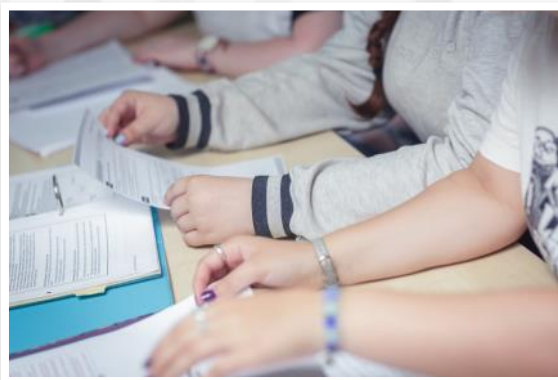
Throughout this course, you'll become a master communicator by honing your writing skills. You'll also have the opportunity to take charge of your learning by conducting an investigation on a topic of your choice, unleashing your curiosity for a fascinating subject. You will embark on a journey that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

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



## Progression Post-18

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



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

**Examination Board:** AQA



# English Literature - A Level

Contact Person: Ms C B Jacobs

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

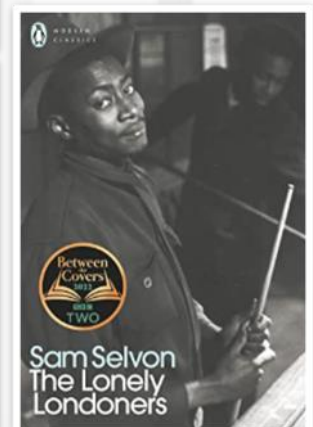
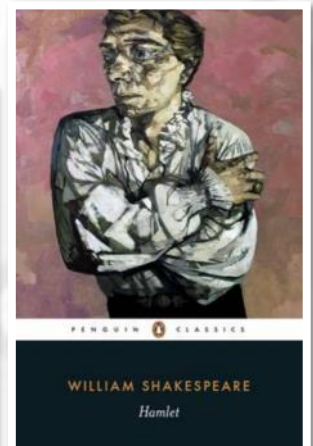
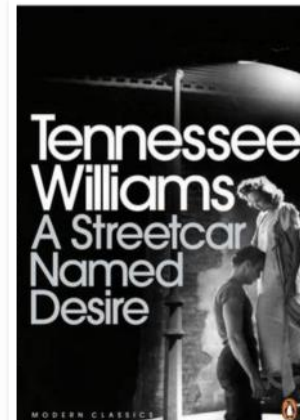
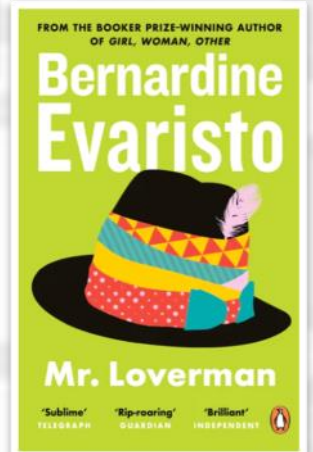
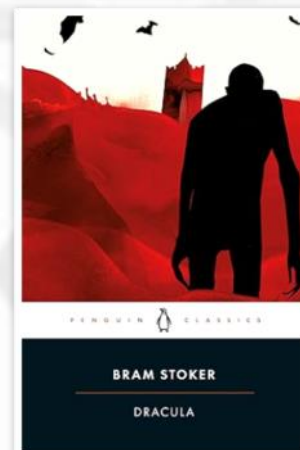
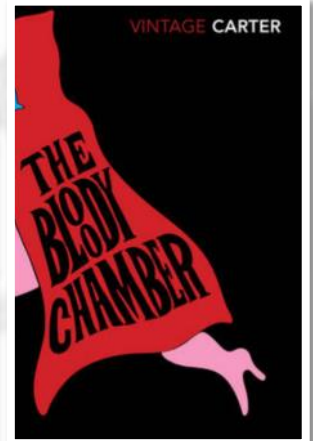
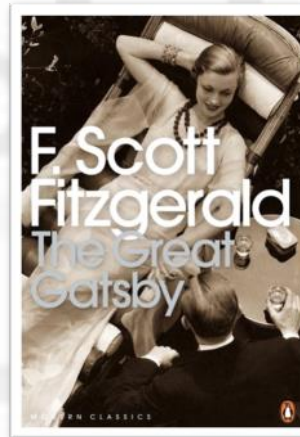
The English Literature classroom is an electrifying place, full of intense discussions as you engage with your classmates, debate the nuances of conflicted characters, untangle intricate plots, and unravel poetic language. It's a chance to share your unique perspective and expand your understanding in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

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

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

## Progression Post-18

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



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

**Examination Board:** OCR

# Extended Project Qualification

Contact Person: Mrs R Gardiner

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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

**Qualification:** Extended Project Coursework 100%

**Examination Board :** AQA

# Film Studies - A Level

Contact Person: Miss G Britton

## Course Outline:

It's time to spill the beans on why Film Studies is unequivocally the coolest subject in the world. Picture this: you're not just sitting in class, but diving headfirst into an electrifying cinematic adventure! We watch mind-blowing movies and analyse the directors' intentions through their choice of key elements of film form.

The course provides the opportunity to explore different cultures, travel back in time, and unravel the secrets of storytelling, all through the magic of movies. That's not all though - you will become a mini-filmmaker! By working together on film projects, you will unleash your creativity and produce your masterpiece – talk about epic teamwork!

There's a hidden perk though; through the power of film you will become an expert at critical thinking, seeing through the hidden messages in films and becoming a smarter consumer of the waves of flashy visual content out there. This is a superpower; the capacity to be open-minded and culturally aware.

If you're up for a thrilling ride that'll expand your mind and leave you with lifelong skills, Film Studies is THE subject to choose. Lights, camera, action – let's embark on this epic journey together!

For this A-level course, we're looking for students who enjoy films and discussing them. Film Studies develops a wide range of valuable skills that extend beyond the world of cinema. Some of the key skills that students can gain through Film Studies include:

**Critical Thinking:** Analysing films requires students to think critically, interpret complex narratives, and evaluate the artistic choices made by filmmakers.

**Communication:** Discussing and writing about films helps students improve their communication skills, both verbally and in written form.

**Creativity:** Engaging with filmmaking and storytelling encourages creativity and the ability to express ideas in unique and innovative ways.

**Cultural Awareness:** Studying films from different cultures and historical periods fosters cultural empathy and a broader perspective on the world.

**Teamwork:** Collaborative film projects require teamwork, promoting cooperation and effective communication among students.

**Visual Literacy:** Learning to interpret visual elements in films hones visual literacy skills, which are essential in understanding various forms of media.



## Progression Post-18

The Film Industry has over 2.1 million people employed - these are not only jobs that are directly involved with the camera and the set, but also HR, marketing and advertising, finances, catering, etc. Jobs in the film industry have a salary that is 68% higher than the average salary nationwide.

Career progression paths can vary from continuing to study Film Studies at Degree level to Advanced Apprenticeships inside the industry. Previous students have gone onto study Film at Warwick and Bristol.

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

**Examination Board: Eduqas**



# French - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs J Cahill

## Course Outline:

Are you ready to set foot on an incredible linguistic journey that will transform your world? If so, then French is absolutely for you. Imagine immersing yourself in the cultural tapestry of a foreign country, effortlessly communicating at a social level with locals, and broadening your language skills to operate on a whole new level!

At A Level, it's not just letting your friend know what time you'll arrive at the station and what jumper you'll be wearing. It is a deep dive into current affairs and popular culture. Get ready to debate, argue, and express yourself with confidence, using spoken and written language to go beyond rote learning and move towards fluency.

Unlocking the secrets of grammar will be your key to effective communication, enabling you to express yourself with clarity and individuality.

We will equip you with the skill to read and digest authentic spoken and written sources diving into captivating films and fantastic literary texts.

The Exam is divided into three parts:

**Part 1: Listening, Reading, Writing (50%).** In this paper, all the topics you have studied over the course are assessed via reading and listening as well as translation tasks. Your ability to apply grammar studies is also very important. Where possible authentic material is being incorporated into this paper.

**Part 2: Writing (20%).** In this paper you will be writing about one text and one film (or two texts). Your ability to engage with the material as well as the application of grammar will be assessed.

**Part 3: Speaking (30%).** During the exam you will be talking about an individual research project as well as about one of four sub themes studied during the course (based on the stimulus card).

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

Students should be independent learners and ideally have a willingness to read in the language, attend lectures, plays and films and, if possible, travel abroad to practise. Students will be asked to purchase a text book as well as a novel, which the class will be studying during the course. We also advise students to purchase a grammar and translation workbook.



## Progression Post-18

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

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

**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: AQA**

# Geography - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs K Thompson

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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

# Health & Social Care

## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Mrs N Macleod

### Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

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

### Progression Post-18

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



**Qualification:** BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate  
**Coursework:** 50% **Examination:** 50% **Exam Board:** Pearson



# Health & Social Care

## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Contact Person: Mrs N Macleod

### Course Outline:

Welcome to the dynamic world of health and social care! Whether you dream of launching your career immediately, prefer the hands-on approach of an apprenticeship, or aim to advance your education at university, our course paves the way for your path to success in the Health and Social Care sector.

What sets our qualification apart is an unwavering commitment to real-world learning: expertise in health and social care requires more than just theory. That's why both our internally and externally assessed units come alive with applied learning experiences, immersing you in work-related scenarios in a range of settings.

Our curriculum will empower you to uncover the mysteries of human lifespan development and master the complexities of compassionate care and support for individuals with unique needs. We will also study physiological disorders, gain valuable insights into dementia care, unlock the secrets of mental health well-being, and explore psychological perspectives. You'll study biomedical science and genetics, providing a strong scientific foundation.

The course consists of 100 hours of work experience placements, learning from the best in the field. These real-world encounters enrich your learning substantially. You'll have the chance to put everything you've learned into action across a variety of settings, from hospitals to community centres.

The course consists of four externally assessed units, and nine internally assessed units. These practical assessments will push your boundaries, sparking your creativity and problem-solving skills.

Are you ready to take the first step towards a career that's not just a job but a calling? If so, sign up for Health and Social Care and take the first step towards a rewarding, brilliant career.



### Progression Post-18

This course is equivalent to three A-Levels with equivalent UCAS points, recognised by all universities and apprenticeship providers, leading to courses like:

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

The course may lead to apprenticeships, such as:

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

**Qualification:** BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

**External Units 43% Internal Units 57% Coursework Examination Board:** Pearson

# History - A Level

Contact Persons: Mrs L Ginnis & Mrs K Nicholson

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

## Progression Post-18

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

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

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



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

**Examination Board:** Edexcel

# Information Communication Technology

## Cambridge Technical Level 3

Contact Person: Mr J Kirwan

### Course Outline:

Welcome to the future of technology with the Cambridge Technicals IT Extended Certificate! Whether you're looking to dive straight into a career in IT, pursue an apprenticeship, or further your studies at university, this course offers a fantastic foundation for success in the digital world.

In Year 12, you'll begin your IT journey with two foundational units that will shape your understanding of the digital world. Unit 1: Fundamentals of IT introduces you to the core technologies behind the systems that power our tech-driven lives. You'll explore the essential components of IT, including hardware, networks, and software, to understand how they all work together. This unit also delves into the ethical aspects of computing, helping you see the importance of responsible IT use. Additionally, you'll learn how businesses harness the power of IT to drive success, giving you a glimpse into the critical role technology plays in the corporate world. Unit 2: Global Information takes you into the world of data and information management. In this unit, you'll unravel the complexities of how information flows within organisations and beyond. You will explore both internal and external data management, learning how organisations use this information to fuel important decision-making processes. This unit will equip you with the skills to understand, manage, and analyse information, an essential skill set in today's data-driven world.

In Year 13, students will focus on more specialised and advanced aspects of IT, beginning with Unit 3: Cyber Security, which will provide a deep understanding of the various threats, vulnerabilities, and risks that affect both individuals and organisations in the digital age. Students will learn about the different types of cyber security challenges and explore the cutting-edge solutions used to prevent or respond to these incidents. This unit will equip students with the skills to safeguard systems and data, preparing them to play a crucial role in protecting the digital world from cyber threats.

Once these mandatory units are completed, students will have the opportunity to personalise their learning by choosing two additional coursework-based units, allowing them to explore areas of IT that align with their personal interests and career aspirations.

This course is equivalent to one A-level. To be successful in IT you require excellent time management to meet deadlines, a keen interest and enjoyment of ICT and its ever changing role in society. Organisational skills and the ability to problem solve will be an advantage.

### Progression Post-18

Students will study the concepts associated with the use of ICT in the 21st Century. They will also have opportunities for acquiring skills needed in the IT profession, such as co-operative working and project management. These practical skills can be developed in areas of ICT that are of interest to them. Students can also use these newly acquired skills as a springboard into other higher qualifications and for working environments.





# Maths - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs R Coates

## Course Outline

A-level Mathematics is a fascinating journey through the realm of Pure Mathematics, Statistics, and Mechanics. Pure Mathematics lays the foundation for all mathematical thinking, offering a constellation of concepts to challenge the mind. From the elegance of calculus to the intricacies of algebra and geometry, Pure Mathematics is the intellectual core enriching our understanding of the mathematical universe. Statistics injects a dose of real-world relevance into the mix, equipping students with the tools to analyse data, make informed decisions, and uncover meaningful patterns.

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

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

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

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

## Progression Post-18

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

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

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



**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: Edexcel**

# Further Maths - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs R Coates

## Course Outline

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

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

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

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

## Progression Post-18

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

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

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

**Qualification:** A Level Examination: 100%

**Examination Board:** Edexcel

# Media Studies - A Level



Contact Person: Miss G Britton

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Teamwork and Collaboration:** Group projects and discussions in Media Studies promote teamwork, collaboration, and interpersonal skills, essential for successful communication in the media industry.

## Progression Post-18

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

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

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

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

**Examination Board: AQA**



# Music Practitioners

## RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

Contact Person: Mr D Pate

### Course Outline:

Music is an essential part of the human experience. It allows us to get creative and communicate ideas and emotions through sound. Alongside this, it helps connect us to different cultures and times. It is a science as well as an art form, which means it will help you build your problem solving, research, planning, analytical and critical thinking skills. Musical performance is collaborative, confidence building and a lifelong source of joy and fulfilment.

Music is an integral and essential part of the cultural life of the school and the music department is an exciting place to be. We have incredible facilities, including purpose-built practice rooms and performance spaces, a full recording studio kitted out with industry standard equipment, a dedicated music technology suite and a range of instruments for students to use. KS5 music students are at the centre of the musical life of the school, often taking part in concerts, trips, recording albums, clubs and much more.

The study of Music will engage and extend an appreciation of the diverse and dynamic heritage of music, promote spiritual and cultural development, encourage life-long learning and provide access to music-related and other careers. Students studying Music at KS5 will choose a pathway - performance, composition, technology or business. The units they study will focus on their chosen specialism - performers will produce live performances, composers will write their own music, tech specialists will record bands and business specialists will look at music promotion and events management. There are several optional units that students can choose from depending on their area of interest, and all students will complete a unit on planning a career in the music industry.

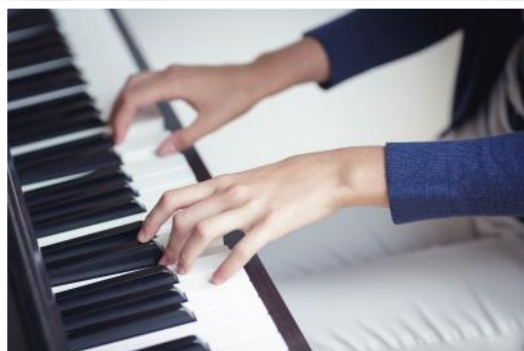
The course is a vocational qualification run by RSL. The external unit based on a student's chosen pathway is one third of the qualification. The internally assessed core unit is one sixth of the qualification, and the remaining parts of the course are formed of optional units chosen based on students interests. The final qualification is marked at either pass, merit or distinction, and the course is worth up to 84 UCAS points.

Music is often taught in small classes and teaching resources are tailor-made to bring out the best in students and play to their individual strengths. Lessons will focus on developing practical and composition skills, as well as listening to and analysis of a wide range of pieces.

### Progression Post-18

Many students go on to study Music at either university or music college, but for others it is a lifelong love alongside pursuing other careers.

There are a wide range of career options available as a performer, composer or many other related musical careers.



# Philosophy, Ethics and Religion - A Level

Contact Person: Mr I Jones

## Course Outline:

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion at Nailsea is an engaging and thought-provoking course exploring three key branches of religious studies: Christianity, philosophy and ethics.

Component 1 looks at Christianity, how Christian beliefs have developed in the 2000 years since the time of Jesus; structured around complex, intellectual questions like; what does Christianity have to say about the gap between the rich and the power? What gender is God?

We go on to look at the Philosophy of Religion. This component starts by considering arguments for the existence of God in the modern and postmodern age, including atheists like Dawkins and Harris. We have all the questions, we just need you to consider them. Can we believe in God through reason and rational thought? Does the physical world tell us anything about the likelihood of God's existence?

It's the study of Ethics for component 3, where we ask two basic questions. What does it mean to do or be good? Who decides what is good? Do we believe the certainty of a deontological or instead opt for the teleological or situational principle – be prepared to find out!

Essentially, this course offers a rewarding opportunity to consider deep questions about existence, ethics, and religious beliefs, while equipping you with essential skills for further academic pursuits and personal growth.

Students are given the opportunity to develop critical skills such as reasoning, debating and empathy. Students have to decide what they think on some key theological, philosophical and ethical issues which develops skills and capacities that go beyond the study of one A Level and equips them with the complex nature of the world around them. In short, it prepares them for life.

## Progression Post-18

Universities and employers consider Religious Studies as a subject that develops high level thinking skills, equipping students with analytical and critical ability.

Religious Studies is a rigorous academic course that requires students to think philosophically, use skills similar those required in the study of history and do empathise with others who may have different religious beliefs from their own.



**Qualification:** A Level Examination: 100%

**Examination Board:** Eduqas



# Photography - A Level

Contact Person: Ms R Davies

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

If you have not taken an Art or Photography GCSE your application will be considered if you can demonstrate your interest in Photography through a portfolio of images.



## Progression Post 18

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

**Qualification: A Level Coursework: 60% Examination: 40%**

**Examination Board AQA**



# Physics - A Level

Contact Person: Mr J Todd

## Course Outline:

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

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

Students in Y12 are taught the first principles of Physics across 4 modules with cover fundamentals upon which to build further knowledge. We begin the course with a branch of Physics not covered at any previous point in your education, and you will be exposed to new ideas with far-reaching implications as you take your first steps into the world of Quantum Physics.

In Y13 we expand upon the foundations set, covering a further 4 modules including topics such as nuclear physics, electric and magnetic fields, and simple harmonic motion. These topics will stretch and challenge your problem solving, and enhance your critical thinking.

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

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

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

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

The course 100% examinations based, assessed through final 3 exams in the summer term, each 2 hours. Examinations consist of short and long written answer questions, extended calculations, multiple choice, and questions focusing on practical skills and analysis.



## Progression Post-18

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

**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: AQA**

# Politics - A Level

Contact Person: Mr I Jones

## Course Outline:

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



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

The exam has three components:

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

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

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

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

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

## Progression Post-18

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

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

**Qualification:** A Level Politics **Examination:** 100%

**Examination Board:** Edexcel

# Psychology - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs C Hastings

## Course Outline:

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Progression Post-18

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

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



**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: AQA**



# Spanish - A Level

Contact Person: Mrs J Cahill

## Course Outline:

Are you ready to set foot on an incredible linguistic journey that will transform your world? If so, then Spanish is absolutely for you. Imagine immersing yourself in the cultural tapestry of a foreign country, effortlessly communicating at a social level with locals, and broadening your language skills to operate on a whole new level!

At A Level, it's not just letting your friend know what time you'll arrive at the station and what jumper you'll be wearing. It is a deep dive into current affairs and popular culture. Get ready to debate, argue, and express yourself with confidence, using spoken and written language to go beyond rote learning and move towards fluency.

Unlocking the secrets of grammar will be your key to effective communication, enabling you to express yourself with clarity and individuality.

We will equip you with the skill to read and digest authentic spoken and written sources diving into captivating films and fantastic literary texts.

The Exam is divided into three parts:

Part 1: Listening, Reading, Writing (50%). In this paper, all the topics you have studied over the course are assessed via reading and listening as well as translation tasks. Your ability to apply grammar studies is also very important. Where possible authentic material is being incorporated into this paper.

Part 2: Writing (20%). In this paper you will be writing about one text and one film (or two texts). Your ability to engage with the material as well as the application of grammar will be assessed.

Part 3: Speaking (30%). During the exam you will be talking about an individual research project as well as about one of four sub themes studied during the course (based on the stimulus card).

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

Students should be independent learners and ideally have a willingness to read in the language, attend lectures, plays and films and, if possible, travel abroad to practise. Students will be asked to purchase a text book as well as a novel, which the class will be studying during the course. We also advise students to purchase a grammar and translation workbook.



## Progression Post-18

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

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

**Qualification: A Level Examination: 100%**

**Examination Board: AQA**

# Priority Football Academy



Incorporate football into your studies, with weekly training sessions during the school day and midweek fixtures in the English Colleges FA League. A career in football may not be as far away as you think...

As the sports industry continues to expand at a rapid rate, the career opportunities within it have never been better for young people with an interest in sport and exercise. For most students, A-levels are the only viable route to further education through your school, but they're not for everyone.

Priority Football Academy at Nailsea School offers a Level 3 Sports course which equates to three A levels, and can lead to further education, and a career in the sports industry,

## What is Priority Football Academy?

Priority Football Academy is a full-time football program that incorporates professional training, competitive fixtures and performance analysis.

All training sessions are led by UEFA qualified coaches Adam Davidson and Robert Prior. Enrolled students can expect a full-time training program that includes three weekly training sessions on a 4G all-weather pitch, a bi-weekly 30-minute video analysis session and 20+ competitive ECFA fixtures over the course of the academic year.

Professional football academies across the globe are increasingly using performance analysis to optimise the learning environments they create for their players. We want to create that same experience for our students here at Priority Football Academy; allowing them to get to grips with the tools and resources used in the professional game whilst working alongside coaches and analysts with decades of experience in the sports industry.

## What are the Possibilities?

Develop as a student-athlete in a professional environment whilst studying a Level 3 Sports course which equates to three A levels. Train as part of a team and play against some of the South West's best footballers in a nationally recognised ECFA competition with opportunities to represent your country at college level, and put yourself in front of a broad network of academy scouts.

This course will tap into your aptitude for sport and give you the tools and resources to take a your next step towards a successful career in sport. Upon completion of the course, student-athletes will be encouraged and supported in taking full advantage of the following opportunities:-

- Exit routes to professional academies and semi-pro clubs.
- Full assistance with US College Scholarship applications.
- Travel and work as a football coach in the United States.
- Enough UCAS points to attend university.
- Paid apprenticeship program for talented coaches.
- Coach and analyst internships with local professional clubs.



## Progression Post – 18

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

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

# Sport

## BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Contact Person: Mr A Davidson

### Course Outline:

What if you have the knack for coaching young athletes, or the analytical brain to be a Performance Analyst, or maybe you have the interpersonal skills for a career Sports Psychology? The beauty of this course is that we don't expect you to know which career you have an aptitude for just yet. But, by affording you a rich learning environment that blends practical and theoretical elements across range of modules, we help you tap into the things you're best at, so you can work towards a career in sport that captures and holds your interest.

Sport is unparalleled as a medium for learning because it makes the process fun, it challenges us to the edge of our capabilities and it stimulates a curiosity about improvement. Imagine for a moment, an environment where students are taught to extend those attitudes and feelings to the classroom. That's how sport-minded students can excel as athletes and academics.

So, if you're student with a love for sport, but maybe you find it difficult to be enthusiastic about more traditional subjects; this course could be perfect for you to find the career you love, or more simply start enjoying your academic journey more because it better matches you and your natural interests.

Completing this course doesn't preclude you from studying non-sport degrees at University. A BTEC Level 3 in Sport is equivalent to three A-levels and will set you up beautifully for a BSc in Sports Coaching, Performance Analysis, Physiotherapy or Sports Psychology but it doesn't pigeonhole you into a choosing a sport-specific degree.

If you apply yourself academically & athletically, in two years time you will be perfectly positioned to either

- (i) begin working in sport
- ii) embark on an apprenticeship or
- (iii) take your first steps into further education, pursuing Bachelors degree.



### Progression Post -18

It can lead to study at university/ apprenticeships/careers in personal training, instructor qualifications, coaching and leadership, sports development, sports management, sport and exercise science. It is always advisable for students to check what qualification are accepted for routes they wish to pursue in employment or higher education courses.



# Sport and Physical Activity

## Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate

Contact Person: Miss J Wild

### Course Outline:

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

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

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



### Progression Post 18

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

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