



SIXTH FORM

Course Directory 26/27

Art & Design: Fine Art



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in a
Visual Arts subject

Students without a
GCSE in Art &
Design
would be
considered via a
portfolio and a
discussion with
the subject leader

Career Pathways

Artist
Architecture
Illustration
Media
Photography
Sculpture

A-Level | Eduqas

A Level Fine Art is an introduction to a variety of experiences which explore a range of Fine Art Media, processes and techniques. It will help students to develop personal visual responses to ideas, observations, environments and cultures, using practical, critical and contextual thinking. It provides students with a good grasp of a range of traditional and new media.

Course content

Practical Portfolio - students produce a portfolio of work from starting points, topics or themes.

- The focus is on including work that shows exploration, research, acquisition of techniques and skills.
- Students must produce and submit practical work that shows evidence of working from at least two forms of Fine Art Media.

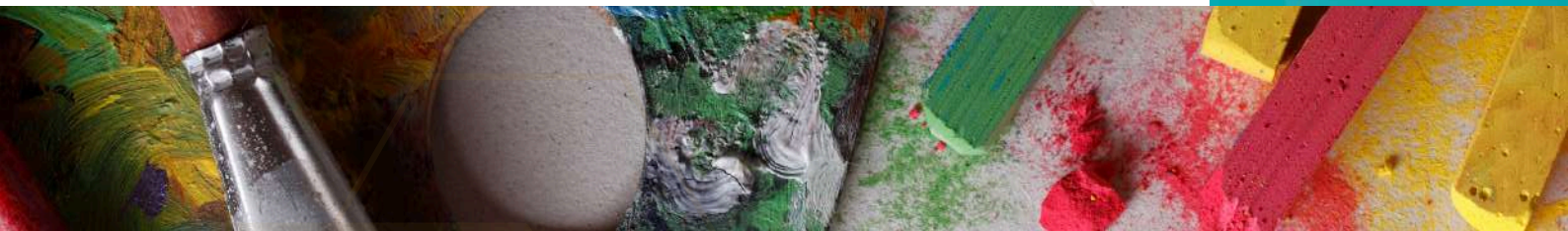
Personal Investigation - A major project identified by the student, including a related personal study of up to 3,000 words.

Externally Set Task:

- Candidates select one starting point from an externally set range of topics.
- In 15 hours of controlled examination time, candidates work to plan and then realise ideas into a final outcome.

Students will be assessed by:

Building a portfolio, written essays and a 10 hour examination



Biology



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A-Level | AQA

Biology, inspired by the living world around us, with content relevant to real world experiences. An interesting and inspiring course, A Level Biology is a stepping stone to higher education. The course will nurture students' passion for Biology and lay the groundwork for further study in courses such as biological sciences and medicine.

Students will develop skills and enhance their understanding of the living world and they will also gain analytical skills, and develop their scientific enquiry and problem-solving skills.

Course content

- Biological Molecules
- Cells
- Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- Genetic information, variation and relationships
- Energy transfer, in and between organisms
- Organisms respond to changes in their environment
- Genetics, Populations, Evolution and Ecosystems

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations, practical skills, demonstrating knowledge of both theory, and practical skills.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in Biology
and Grade 6 in
one other
Science or 6-6
Combined
Science

Career Pathways

Medicine
Zoology
Life Sciences
Veterinary Science
Biochemistry



Business



SIXTH
FORM

Entry
Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE
Business Studies

Career
Pathways

Management
Marketing
Finance
Human Resources
Teaching

A-Level | Pearson

A-Level business studies equips students for real life experiences they will face throughout their career. A stimulating course allowing students to develop a range of skills, including budgeting and financial stability, which can be supported through real life business examples. It is an opportunity for students to get as involved with a subject as they wish, through relevant news articles supporting the key themes and knowledge discussed in lessons; a subject where learning never ends. A forward-thinking subject which engages, motivates and ensures all learners are able to analyse all types of businesses.

Course content

- Understanding the nature and purpose of business
- Understanding different businesses form
- Manager, leadership and decision making
- Decision making to improve marketing, operational, financial and HR performance
- Analysing strategic position Strategic direction, how to pursue strategies and strategic change

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations.



Chemistry



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A-Level | AQA

A-level Chemistry attempts to answer the big question 'what is the world made of' and it's the search for this answer that makes this subject so fascinating. From investigating how one substance can be changed drastically into another, to researching a new wonder drug to save millions of lives, the opportunities that chemistry provides are endless.

Course content

- Atomic Structure
- Bonding
- Thermodynamics
- Organic Synthesis
- Amino Acids, Proteins and DNA
- Spectroscopy (NMR and IR)
- Electrochemical cells
- Acids, bases and buffers
- Kinetics in chemical reactions
- Equilibria in reversible reactions

Students will be assessed by:

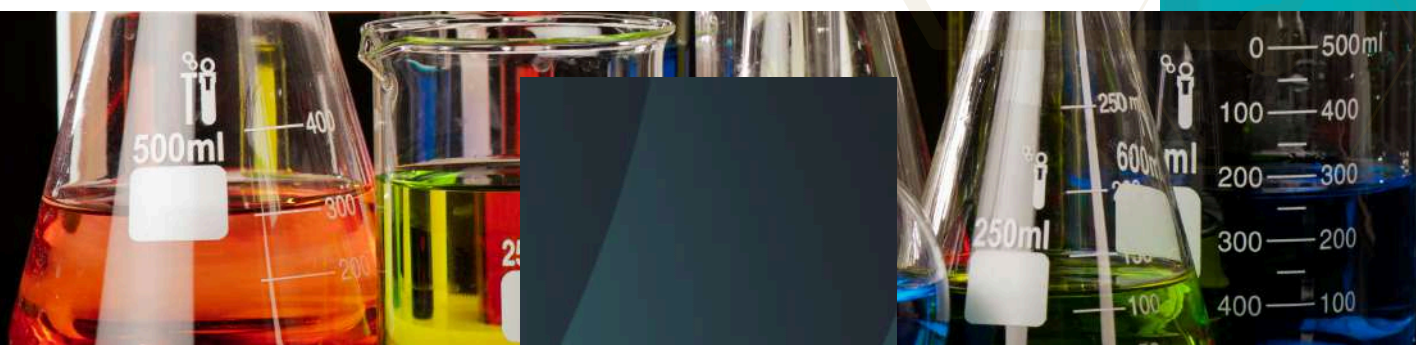
Examinations and 12 required practical skills.

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in
Chemistry and
grade 6 in one
other Science or
6-6 Combined
Science

Career Pathways

Medicine
Analytical Chemist
Chemical
Manufacturing
Forensics
Environmental
Protection
Dentistry



Computer Science



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A-Level | OCR

Computer Science is a practical subject where students can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It's an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism.

Course content

- The characteristics of contemporary processors input, output and storage devices
- Software and software development
- Exchanging data
- Data types, data structures and algorithms
- Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues
- Elements of computational thinking
- Problem solving and programming
- Algorithms to solve problems and standard algorithms

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations and controlled assessment

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in Computer Science
Grade 7 in Mathematics if Computer Science not studied

Career Pathways

Software Engineer
Coder
Programmer
Web Developer
IT Analyst
Teacher



Dance



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in a
Performing Arts
subject or a Merit in
BTEC (if studied) and
an audition

Career Pathways

Performer
Choreographer
Dance Teacher
Dance Administration
and Management
Dance Movement
Therapy

A-Level | AQA

Dance is an exciting and diverse subject. This dynamic qualification encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity. This course reflects both current and historical dance practices, and teaches critical thinking, through professional dance works. Students will improve their own technical ability and will have the opportunity to perform and choreograph in a variety of dance styles.

Course content

This course will require students to develop, demonstrate and articulate practical and theoretical knowledge, understanding and experience of:

- Technical performance skills
- The process and art of choreography
- The interrelationship between the creation, presentation and viewing/appreciation of dance works
- The development of dance placed within an artistic and cultural context
- Professional dance works and the significance of those works
- Subject specific terminology and its use

Students will be assessed by:

Practical examination and written examination



Design & Technology

A Level | AQA

A-Level Product Design is perfect for students with creative and curious minds who love solving real-world problems. The subject combines imagination, technical skill, and hands-on making, allowing you to design and create innovative products that improve people's lives.

Throughout the course, you'll develop valuable skills in problem solving, critical thinking, and design communication — combining creativity with practical making. You will explore the full design process, from concept to creation, learning how to apply design principles, sustainability, and modern manufacturing techniques to real-world contexts.

This course provides an excellent foundation for future study and careers in architecture, engineering, industrial design, interior design, and many other creative or technical fields.

Course content

AQA A-Level Product Design combines practical creativity with theoretical understanding, helping students explore how products are developed and made.

The course focuses on two key areas:

- Technical principles – materials, manufacturing, and the impact of technology and sustainability.
- Designing and making principles – developing ideas, solving problems, and producing innovative prototypes.

Students apply knowledge from subjects such as science, maths, and art to make informed design decisions and understand the role of technology in modern design.

Students will be assessed by:

AQA A-Level Product Design is assessed through two written exams and a coursework project:

- Paper 1: Technical Principles – 2 hours 30 minutes, worth 30%, testing knowledge of materials, manufacturing, and technical design.
- Paper 2: Designing and Making Principles – 1 hour 30 minutes, worth 20%, focusing on design processes, problem solving, and product analysis.
- Non-Exam Assessment (NEA): Design and Make Project – worth 50%, a substantial design and make task where students identify a problem, research, design, develop, prototype, and evaluate their own product.



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 or a level 2
Merit in a technology
subject

Career Pathways

Artist
Architecture
Illustration
Media
Photography
Sculpture



Drama



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in a
Performing Arts
subject or a Level 2
Merit in BTEC (if
studied)

Career Pathways

Acting
Directing
Writing
Stage Management
Technical Theatre
(Lighting, sound &
Design)

A-Level | Eduqas

Drama & Theatre Studies is geared to exploring a wider range of drama content, including more contemporary practitioners/theatre groups, making study more relevant to students wanting to pursue a career in this field.

It develops confidence and communication skills and, as such, it can be recommended for many occupations that will require these skills.

Course content

- Devising theatre
- Theatre text in performance
- Theatre makers in practice

Students will be assessed by:

Examination and coursework.



Economics



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A Level | PEARSON

Dive into the fascinating world of economics and discover how it shapes our lives and the global landscape. With Edexcel A Level Economics, you'll explore key concepts such as supply and demand, market structures, and economic policies.

Engage in critical thinking, develop analytical skills, and apply your knowledge to real-world scenarios. This course is perfect for those aspiring to careers in finance, business, politics, or international relations.

Course content

Microeconomics:

- Supply and demand analysis
- Market structures (perfect competition, monopoly, etc.)
- Consumer behavior and utility
- Production and cost theories

Macroeconomics:

- Economic indicators (GDP, inflation, unemployment)
- Fiscal and monetary policy
- International trade and finance
- Economic growth and development

Market Failure:

- Externalities and public goods
- Market power and regulation
- Information asymmetry

Global Economy:

- Exchange rates and their impact
- Globalization effects
- Economic policies in different countries

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations

Entry
Requirements

Grade 5 in
Mathematics

Career
Pathways

Finance
Management
Government
Teaching
Consultant
Statistician



Engineering



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Maths and
Grade 5 in Physics

Career Pathways

Mechanical
Engineering
Electrical and
Electronic Engineering
Mechanical and
Manufacturing
Engineering

level 3 | Cambridge Advanced National (AAQ)

This qualification builds theoretical knowledge and hands on experience of engineering, equipping students with the understanding and skills that will help prepare them for progression to undergraduate study and are relevant to the engineering sector.

Course content

- Principles of engineering – Exam
- Materials Science and Technology – Exam
- Engineering in practice - NEA
- Computer Aided Design (CAD) – NEA
- Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM) – NEA

Students will be assessed by:

The qualifications are assessed holistically and includes both external exams and non Exam Assessment (NEA) units using the Pass, Merit and Distinction grading scale.

Extended Certificate:

External assessment(Exam) 40%
Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) 60%



English Language



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Writer
Teacher
Journalist
Editor
Publishing
Public Relations
Copywriter

A-Level | AQA

English language is all around us, always changing, never static and incredibly powerful. It can be used to bring communities together, it can be used to incite violence, and it can be used to paint striking images. This course will enable students to understand where the English language has come from, how it has changed over time, how we learn it and how it is used. It will also give students the tools needed to become a skilled writer and allow them to use language to persuade, inform, instruct and entertain – skills necessary for whichever career path students decide to take.

Course content

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development
- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills
- Language Investigation

Students will be assessed by:

Written examination, a language investigation and a piece of original writing.



English Literature



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A-Level | AQA

Students will study AQA English literature specification A. This course is holistic and has a historicist approach. No texts are studied in isolation and there are shared contexts across the eight texts students will study. This means that students will be submerged in to love and war, learning to understand the texts, their themes and how they have been perceived over time.

Students will draw out patterns of similarity and difference using different reading strategies, engaging with a variety of perspectives. Students will also debate and challenge different interpretations of other readers, whilst forming their own.

Course content

- Love across the ages
- World War One and its aftermath
- Shakespeare
- Modern drama
- Poetry
- Teaching
- Law
- Heritage and contemporary novels

Students will be assessed by:

Written examination and coursework.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language
Grade 5 in English
Literature

Career Pathways

Writer
Teacher
Law
Media
Archivist
Publishing



Film Studies



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Creative writing for
TV/Film
TV/Film Production
including Directing,
Editing and
Cinematography
Technical roles in
TV/Film including
Camera Operators,
Sound and Special
Effects

A-Level | Eduqas

This course is ideal for students who want to explore how and why films are made. A Level Film Studies focuses on the analysis and deconstruction of film, over a wide historical time frame. It allows students to engage with films, from early silent cinema to 1930s Hollywood films, to contemporary and experimental cinema. A passion for a wide range of cinema is essential for success in Film Studies A Level, but it is not necessary to have studied either Film or Media at GCSE. It is an academic subject and suits students who have flourished in essay-based subjects like English Literature or History.

Course content

A Level Film Studies involves studying 12 different films. These are separated into set categories, namely; American, British, Independent, Global, Documentary, Experimental and Silent Film. These are analysed via a number of different study area frameworks, including: film form, meaning and response.

Students will also study how to write and format professional screenplay, and develop their own screenplay and photographic storyboard for a short movie.

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations and creative projects.



Food Science and Nutrition

Level 3 AAQ in Food Science and Nutrition (Extended Certificate) with Eduqas.

Course content

This qualification provides an in-depth understanding of food science, nutrition, and their application in real-world contexts. You will explore the relationship between diet and health, food safety, and the development of innovative food products. The course combines academic theory with practical skills, preparing you for higher education or careers in areas such as dietetics, food science, public health, and product development.

The course is taught through a mix of classroom-based theory, practical sessions in a fully equipped kitchen, and independent research. You will develop advanced cooking techniques, understand food safety legislation, and apply scientific principles to food production.

You will study:

- Nutritional needs across the life stages
- Practical food production skills
- Principles of food hygiene and food safety
- Optional units on food experimentation or current issues in food science and nutrition

Students will be assessed by:

Assessment is a combination of written examinations and non-examined assessments (coursework):

In Year 12 (Certificate)

- Unit 1: Nutritional needs across the life stages – Written exam (1 hr 30 mins) – 50%
- Unit 2: Developing practical food production skills – Internal assessment – 50%
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In Year 13 (Extended Certificate) Above units plus:

- Unit 3: Principles of food hygiene and food safety – Written exam (1 hr 30 mins) – 25%
- Plus one optional unit (Unit 4: Experimenting to solve food production problems OR Unit 5: Current issues in food science and nutrition) – Internal assessment – 25%



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Entry Requirements

Five 9–5 grades including English, plus:
• Maths Grade: 5
• Subject Specific: 6 or above in Food Preparation and Nutrition (or 5 with teacher recommendation)

Career Pathways

BSc Food and Nutrition
BSc Human Nutrition
BSc Public Health Nutrition
BSc Food Science and Technology

Dietetics and nutrition consultancy
Food product development
Public health and food policy
Catering and hospitality management

MFL- French



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Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in French

Career Pathways

Civil Service
Journalism
Law
Publishing
Translations
Travel & Tourism
Teacher

A Level | AQA

A course in one of the Modern Languages prepares students for the world of work and travel, both linguistically and by providing them with the many skills inherent in any 'Arts' A Levels, such as essay and report writing. There are opportunities to go abroad during the two-year course. Universities and Employers welcome a language qualification combined with anything from Accountancy and Law, to Mathematics or the Sciences, as Modern Languages are seen as a 'facilitating' subject.

Course content

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Literary texts and films

Students will study either one text and one film, or two texts from a prescribed list and they must also complete an individual research project, which relates to a country or countries where French is spoken.

Students will be assessed by:

Listening examination, speaking examination, reading and writing examination



MFL-Spanish



SIXTH
FORM

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in
Spanish

Career Pathways

Civil Service
Journalism
Law
Publishing
Translations
Travel & Tourism
Teacher

A Level | AQA

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Course content

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar
- Literary texts and films

Students will study either one text and one film, or two texts from a prescribed list and they must also complete an individual research project, which relates to a country or countries where Spanish is spoken.

Students will be assessed by:

Listening examination, speaking examination, reading and writing examination



Geography



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A Level | AQA

"Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future"- Michael Palin.

A Level Geography is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study, and there has never been a better or more important time to study A Level Geography. Dealing with vital issues such as urban change, migration, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards, our students enjoy the scope of the material they cover in geography, the insights it can provide into the world around us and the highly contemporary nature of the issues it tackles.

Course content

Physical geography, which includes:

- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems
- Natural hazards

Human geography, which includes:

- Global systems
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments

Students will be assessed by:

Written examinations, independent fieldwork and investigation.

Entry
Requirements

Grade 5 in
Geography

Career
Pathways

Cartographer
Surveyor
Environmental
Consultant
Geographical
Information Systems
Officer
Planning and
Development
Town Planner
Teacher



History



SIXTH
FORM

A Level | AQA

History develops students' understanding of the past and provides them with an overview of the change and continuity in human history. Our range of units allows students to explore key areas of political and social history in Britain, Europe and the wider world. The course will help students develop essential transferable skills such as communication, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

History challenges students intellectually; developing their knowledge and understanding of social, political, economic and religious themes that are still relevant in the 21st century. History encourages students to take an active role in their own learning and the varied ways in which the course is delivered helps them to enjoy their learning, as well as improving their understanding of how today's world came to be.

Course content

Breadth study:

- Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964
- Depth study: The English Revolution 1625-1660
- Historical investigation: In depth study of a subject of student's choice

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations and coursework.

Entry
Requirements

Grade 5 in History

Career
Pathways

Historian
Archaeology
Journalism
Publishing
Archivist
Law
Teacher



Human Biology



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FORM

Level 3 Cambridge Advanced National -Extended Certificate (AAQ)

This course will help you develop independence and confidence in using skills that are relevant to the medical sector for example, researching topic areas and recording research sources, then using them to interpret data. You will study a range of topics which include Human cells and tissues, human physiology, organs and systems, the basics of microbiology and key concepts in endocrinology, neurobiology and reproduction.

Course content

Mandatory units

- F170 Fundamentals of human biology
- F171 Health and Disease
- F172 Genetics
- F173 Biomedical techniques

Optional units

- F174 Nutrition and metabolism
- F175 Human Reproduction

Students will be assessed by:

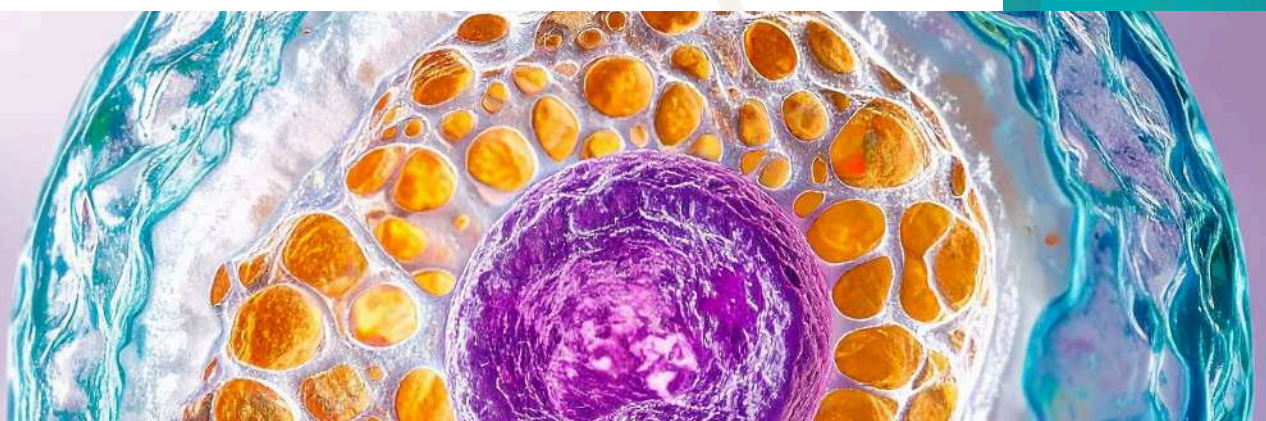
Two external exams and four NEA's (Non-examined assessment) Coursework under exam conditions

Entry Requirements

4 or above in science (if separate sciences this ideally needs to be biology) or 4-4 in combined science. Grade 4 or above in maths

Career Pathways

Nurse
Midwife
Teacher
Physiotherapist
Lab technician



Maths



SIXTH
FORM

Entry
Requirements

Grade 6 in Maths

Career
Pathways

Mathematics
Engineering
Accountancy
Sciences
Business Management
Teacher

A Level | AQA

Mathematics is a skill which is used almost everywhere, a good A Level in mathematics can make it easier for students to step into their dream career. Employers and Universities value mathematicians, it is a subject which requires students to have determination and commitment, together with high levels of academic ability.

Course content

Pure mathematics:

- Proof
- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry
- Sequences and series
- Trigonometry
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Mechanics:
 - Vectors
 - Quantities and units in mechanics
 - Kinematics
 - Forces and Newton's laws
- Statistics:
 - Statistical sampling
 - Data presentation and interpretation
 - Probability
 - Statistical distributions
 - Statistical hypothesis testing

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations



Further Maths



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A Level | AQA

This course will appeal to students if they are interested in, and have the ability to study Further Maths. If students would like to pursue maths at University, a pathway which will have demanding mathematical content, this course will develop their knowledge, giving them a clear understanding of mathematics and mathematical processes in a way that promotes confidence and fosters enjoyment. Students will develop abilities to reason logically and recognise incorrect reasoning, to generalise and to construct mathematical proofs.

Course content

Further Pure:

- Algebra
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Complex numbers
- Graphs
- Matrices Decision Maths:
- Devising algorithms
- Graph theory
- Networks
- Linear programming

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations.

Entry
Requirements

Grade 8 in Maths

Career
Pathways

Mathematics
Engineering
Accountancy
Sciences
Business Management
Teacher



Media Studies



SIXTH
FORM

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Media Planner
Programme
Researcher
Broadcasting
Web Manager
Advertising Account
Executive
Event Manager
Film Director
Magazine Journalist

A Level | Eduqas

This course aims to develop a critical response to the media by exploring a wide variety of media, drawing on fundamental media concepts and theoretical framework.

Students will gain an understanding of how media products are constructed; why the producers of a text are important in media industries; how audiences are grouped and targeted, how the digital revolution allows us to become producers ourselves and how the representation of people, places and events is evident in media.

Course content

Component 1:
Media Products

Component 2:
Media Forms and Products in depth

Component 3:
Cross Media Production

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations and coursework.



Music



SIXTH
FORM

Entry Requirements

GCSE Music Grade 5
or BTEC Distinction (if
taken) or the ability to
perform at Grade 5
minimum

Career Pathways

Composing
Event Management
Performing
Teaching

A Level | Eduqas

This course aims to nurture and develop a lifelong love of music, which is one of the most individual form of self-expression. The A Level will be delivered through activities which combine the three main areas of music: Performance, Composition and Appraisal.

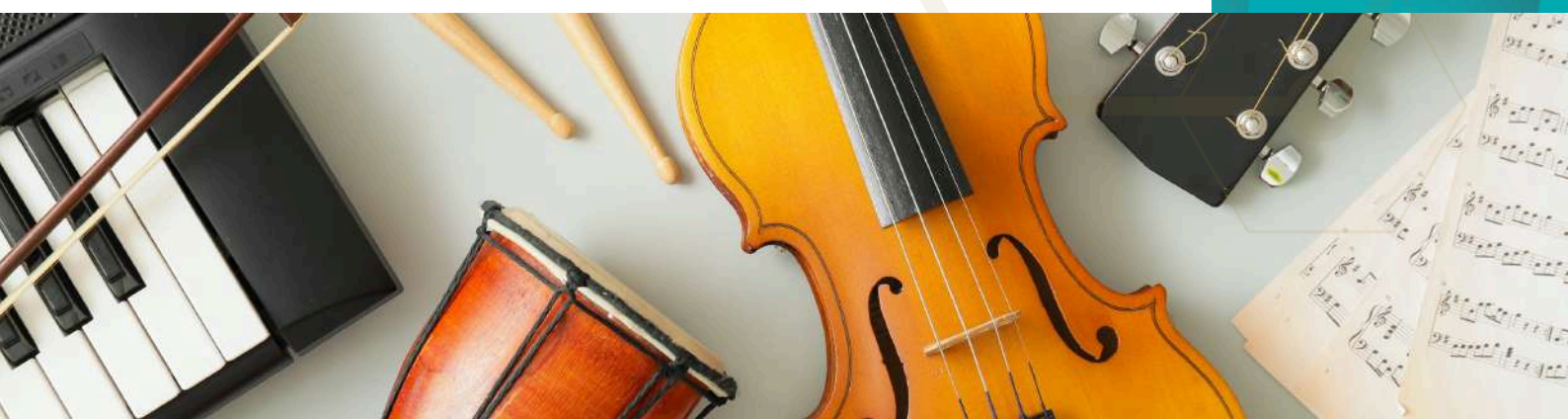
Music students are open minded and interested; they have a talent for performance and a commitment to practice, and additional instrumental lessons. Our A-Level musicians are often the backbone of our performances at The Elizabethan, and have helped us to achieve the prestigious Gold Arts Mark Award. Many of our former students have maintained links with us.

Course content

- Performance— a short solo recital
- Composition— Two compositions, one free, the other to a set brief
- Appraisal— listen to, study, analyse and research set works from a variety of areas of study

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations, compositions and performances.



Physical Education



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in PE (if studied) and Grade 5-5 Combined Science, and must be currently playing a competitive sport

Career Pathways

Broadcasting
Coach
Events Management
Exercise and Fitness
Instructor
Nutritionalist
PE Teacher
Performance Analyst
Physiotherapist
Referee

A Level | OCR

Students are introduced to a wide range of topics and concepts enabling them to fully experience the subject. This gives a good clear basis for those who wish to build on this in further education. Students also get to see where they fit in with physical activity and sport and how to improve their performance either as a coach or a performer.

Course content

- Physiology
- Psychological factors affecting performance
- Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport
- Performance in physical education (NEA)

Students will be assessed by:

Written examinations, internal assessments, and internal assessments.



Physics



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Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in Physics
and Grade 6 in one
other Science or 6-6
Combined Science

Career Pathways

Engineering
Medical Physics
Scientific Researcher
Project Management
Electronic Engineer

A Level | OCR

The course will challenge students intellectually and they will take an active role in the consideration of phenomena and the physical world around us.

Students will become more adept at problem solving and showing analytical skills, and enjoy learning the subject using a range of methods and techniques.

Course content

- Development of practical skills in physics
- Foundations in physics
- Forces and motion
- Electrons, waves and photons
- Newtonian world and astrophysics
- Particles and medical physics

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations, practical skills, and demonstrating knowledge of both theory and practical skills



Psychology



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in any two
Science Subjects

Career Pathways

Clinical Psychologist
Educational
Psychologist
Research
Psychologist
Law
Journalism
Nursing
Teaching
Social Sciences

A Level | AQA

If you are interested in people and human behaviour, then this course is for you. Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Studying the course will enable students to develop a sound understanding of the leading approaches and key research areas in psychology. The course involves scientifically-based research, theory and research methods.

Students will also develop their communication, analysis, interpretation and evaluation skills. Techniques and skills developed through studying psychology can be applied across a wide range of other subjects, including arts, social sciences and traditional sciences. The associated career pathways are endless.

Course content

- Introductory topics in psychology
- Psychology in context
- Issues and options in psychology

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations.



Religion, Ethics and Philosophy



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A Level | OCR

We live in a multi-ethnic and changing society. Religion, Philosophy and Ethics have never been so key and relevant in today's world and to the way we act and think. Most religions and beliefs offer answers to life's deepest questions, and this A Level will give students the opportunity to explore and challenge assumptions and theories as well as improving their logical and critical thinking.

Course content

- Philosophy of religion - including ancient philosophical influences, the nature of the soul, mind and body and arguments about the existence or non-existence of God.
- Religion and ethics - including normative ethical theories, debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience and sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.
- Developments in religious thought – all in the context of Christianity.

Students will be assessed by:

Written examinations (three x 2hours).

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Teaching
Politics
Communications
Publishing
Human Resources
Advertising
Law
Aid/Humanitarian
Worker



Sociology



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Sociology Degree
Advice Worker
Law
Social and
Community Work
Police
Health Service

A Level | AQA

Through the study of Sociology, students get the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of this very engaging subject. It develops skills such as independent thinking, critical analysis and research and the opportunity for theoretical debate.

The course will both inspire and challenge various views of the world in which we live and will act as a stepping stone to higher education and the world of work.

Course content

Compulsory units:

- Education with theory and methods
 - Crime and deviance
- Optional units:
- Culture and Identity
 - Families and households
 - Health
 - Work, Poverty, Welfare
 - Beliefs in society
 - Media

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations.



Criminology



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Level 3 Applied | WJEC/ EDUQAS

The course is focused around developing an understanding of different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Students will also explore why people commit crime, and develop an understanding of the criminal justice system, from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict. This will develop the understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. Because it is an applied course, the learning always relates to authentic case studies.

Course content

- Changing awareness of crime
- Criminological theories
- Crime scene to courtroom
- Crime and punishment

Students will be assessed by:

Examinations and controlled assessment.

Year 12: Certificate

Year 13: Diploma

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in English
Language

Career Pathways

Further study in BA
Criminology and
Criminal Justice
National Probation
Service
Courts and The
Tribunal Service
National Offender
Management Service
Police
Law



Health & Social Care

Level 3 Cambridge Advanced National -Extended Certificate (AAQ)

This course will help you develop independence and confidence in using skills that are relevant to all sectors, not just health and social care. You will explore equality, diversity and rights in health and social care, with a particular focus on The Equality Act of 2010. You will understand the principles and values that underpin the need for a person-centred approach to care and how individuals with mental health conditions can be cared for and supported in a way which is suitable for their needs.

Course content

Mandatory units

- F090 Principles of health and social care
- F091 Anatomy and Physiology for health and social care
- F092 Person-centred approach to care
- F093 Supporting people with mental health conditions

Optional Units:

- F095 Investigating public health
- F096 Supporting people in relation to sexual health, pregnancy and postnatal health

Students will be assessed by:

Two external exams and four NEA's (Non-examined assessment) Coursework under exam conditions



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Entry Requirements

4 or above in science (if separate sciences this ideally needs to be biology) or 4-4 in combined science.
Grade 4 or above in English

Career Pathways

Nurse
Teacher
Police Officer
Social Worker
Midwife



Science - Applied



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Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in any two
Sciences or 5-5
Combined Science

Career Pathways

Nursing
Teaching
Lab Technician
Forensics
Sports Science
Food Science

Level 3 Cambridge Advanced National - Extended Certificate (AAQ)

Students will build upon their GCSE knowledge and understanding of biology, chemistry and physics, by using their investigative skills to perform different scientific procedures across the three disciplines. Students will also study science in a real-world context, preparing them for future work in this area.

Course content

Mandatory units:

- Principles and applications of science
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills

Optional units:

- Physiology of human body systems
- Human regulation and reproduction
- Genetics and genetic engineering

Students will be assessed by:

All elements of the course will be externally assessed through a combination of exams, case studies and projects.



Sports Studies



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Level 3 | BTEC National Extended Certificate- Pearson

Students who study BTEC Sport, develop an incredibly well- rounded understanding of the sports industry.

Learning is developed on what the students may have done before at GCSE and prepares them well for higher education courses or work within the sports industry. This course can be studied alongside other A Level or Applied courses.

Course content

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Fitness Training & Programming for Health, Sport and Wellbeing
- Professional Development in the Sports Industry
- Further Optional Units

Students will be assessed by:

Written examinations and coursework style tasks.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in PE or L2
Pass at BTEC (if
studied)

Career Pathways

Sports Coaching
Sports Science
Sports Nutrition
Sports Therapy
PE Teaching
Armed Forces
Personal Training

