A-LEVEL COURSES DELIVERED AT OUR DEDICATED SIXTH FORM CENTRE
STUDYING A-LEVELS

Our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, based at our South Sefton Campus, we offer a wide choice of A-levels which are delivered by specialist teachers in a modern campus with outstanding facilities. You can expect a personalised learning programme designed specifically for your abilities, talents and aspirations. Your individual programme of study will be carefully designed with you by our expert team. We also offer a small number of BTEC courses and GCSE re-sits.

Welcome to the Sixth Form Centre

Thank you for expressing an interest in studying at the Sixth Form Centre of Hugh Baird College. Our vibrant, state-of-the-art campus is the College’s dedicated Sixth Form Centre, offering an extensive choice of academic A-level subjects and a small number of BTEC courses. During your two years here you will be treated like an adult but you will not be left to fend for yourself. You will be given tailored academic and pastoral support to ensure that you can achieve the best possible results. As an A-level student, you will also have the opportunity to take additional qualifications such as Core Maths or the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). You will also take part in weekly enrichment sessions so that you can develop key skills and experience new things.

I would encourage you to attend one of our upcoming Open Events so that you can look around our fantastic facilities, talk to our specialist A-level teachers and meet our current students. The dates of these events can be found on the back page of this guide. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Joe Poole
Director of Curriculum
Hugh Baird College
Sixth Form Centre

WHY CHOOSE A-LEVELS AT HUGH BAIRD COLLEGE?

• Small class sizes • Routes into top universities • Dedicated campus
• Outstanding personal support • Tailored academic support
• Vibrant and caring community • Broad enrichment opportunities
• Results - 99% pass rate at A-level

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Name: Patrick McBride

Next steps: To study Law at Edge Hill University and one day become a Barrister.

Patrick said: “After finishing high school I was ready for a change. When I saw Hugh Baird College was offering A-levels, I applied and have never looked back. Since attending the College’s Sixth Form Centre, I have grown in confidence and have grown as a person. I feel more mature and ready to move on to study at university. A big part of this change was down to the support I received, not just from the staff, but from the friends I made during my time at the Sixth Form Centre.”
SIXTH FORM CENTRE
SUCCESES

Amy Kelley
Results: A* in English Literature, A* in Media and Distinction* in BTEC Art & Design
Where are they now? Studying for a degree in English Literature at Edge Hill University
Amy said: “My time at Hugh Baird College’s Sixth Form Centre has been amazing, I really enjoyed my time here. The College enhanced my learning experience and my tutors have supported me every step of the way. I am now studying English Literature at Edge Hill University to one day hope to become an English Literature teacher.”

Jessica Lam
Results: A* in Biology, A* in Chemistry and A in Psychology
Where are they now? Studying for a degree in Medicine at Hull York Medical School
Jessica said: “My journey studying my A-levels has been a real roller coaster, at first I found the leap from GCSE to A-levels very difficult. However, the support I received from not only staff, but the new circle of friends I’d made was amazing. At the Sixth Form Centre, you’re allowed to be independent yet you’re supported when you need it the most.”

Marcia Bakker
Results: A in Psychology, A in Sociology and Distinction* in BTEC Applied Law
Where are they now? Studying for a degree in Criminology and Psychology at Edge Hill University
Marcia said: “When I left high school I wasn’t quite sure what I wanted to do next. My time at Hugh Baird College’s Sixth Form Centre really helped me figure out what career path I wanted to take. My tutors always supported me no matter what. My second year was great and provided me with opportunities that strongly influenced my choices for the future.”

99% PASS RATE
75% A* - C GRADES
100% PASS RATE AT BTEC (SOUTH SEFTON CAMPUS)
100% PASS RATE IN 17 OUT OF 19 A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

IN THE TOP
10% OF COLLEGE’S NATIONALLY FOR PROGRESS

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COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING YOU

Studying at our Sixth Form Centre is different to high school and we appreciate that some students will be anxious about moving to a new place of study. We understand this and we fully support you to make this transition.

We have a fantastic team of teaching and support staff who ensure that you settle in quickly and get used to a more independent way of studying and learning.

Our past students have told us that they valued being treated as an adult and many have said that this really helped them when they progressed to study at university.

Dedicated Personal Tutor
Each student is assigned a dedicated Personal Tutor who will work closely with you to support and guide you during your time with us. We find that this system works exceptionally well and our students tell us that their Personal Tutor plays an important role in their success, development, welfare and academic achievement.

Wellbeing support
We are extremely proud of the wellbeing support we provide our A-level students during their time at Hugh Baird College. This is provided by our Student Services Team and includes a range of services to help ensure you feel supported. It is important that you are happy and enjoying studying at the Sixth Form Centre.

Counselling Service
We offer a counselling service to all students. Counselling gives you the opportunity to talk over any matters that may be causing you concern.

Concerns may include: personal problems / stress / panic attacks / loneliness / course difficulties / relationships or family difficulties / trauma and crisis / bereavement.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAID:

Name: Adam Jones and Anna Gaskell
A-levels studied: Adam studied A-level History, Sociology, Philosophy and Ethics. Anna studied A-level Psychology, Chemistry and Sociology.

Where are they now?
Both students are now studying for degrees at Edge Hill University. Adam is studying History and Anna is studying Psychology.

Adam and Anna said: “The support that was provided was amazing. Staff are willing to help you with whatever might be worrying you. This could be helping you to settle in to your new surroundings or talking to you about your options after your A-levels. The team are also extremely supportive during the stressful and overwhelming exams period. Staff really care about the mental health and general wellbeing of their students.”

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GUIDE TO COURSES & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Important information
- Some subjects have specific entry requirements (see course pages for details).
- Subject entry requirements and course availability can change. For the latest information, please visit www.hughbaird.ac.uk
- If a subject has too many applicants, places will be given to those who applied earliest and have achieved the entry criteria.
- Should an A-level subject not reach the minimum number of students needed to make it viable, then every effort will be made to enrol students on a similar, appropriate A-level subject. Hugh Baird College reserves the right to cancel A-level subjects or make changes to its provision.

Which subjects should I study?
Your choice of subjects depends on your GCSE results, interests and career aspirations. You will be treated as an individual and guided by our expert team to choose the programme of courses which will ensure you achieve your potential.

How many subjects will I study?
You will take three subjects over two years.

Can I study a mixture of A-levels and BTEC courses at the Sixth Form Centre?
We offer a small number of BTEC courses. Students are recommended to only study one BTEC course alongside two A-levels.

Can I study some A-levels at the Sixth Form Centre and a BTEC course at Hugh Baird College’s Balliol Road Campus?
It is not expected that a student would attend both campuses, but the feasibility of this would be discussed on an individual basis. Potential timetable clashes and workload would need to be considered in detail for this to be a possibility.

Can I re-sit GCSE English and maths?
There is the opportunity to re-sit either GCSE English or maths to achieve a grade 4.

Special educational needs and disabilities
If you have a Special Educational Need, disability or long term medical condition and want to know about the support available to you, please contact Hayley Byrne at hayley.byrne@hughbaird.ac.uk who will be happy to discuss your needs and provide any further information.
A-LEVEL OPEN EVENINGS 2019/2020

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

Thursday, 14th November 2019
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Wednesday, 5th February 2020
5.30pm – 7.30pm

Our A-level Open Evenings take place at our dedicated Sixth Form Centre located at the College’s South Sefton Campus (Sterrix Lane, Litherland, L30 2DB). However, if you can’t make these dates, A-level specialists are available at all other College Open Events. See back page for dates.

ACCESS TO A-LEVELS

Entry requirements
A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths.
You must be 16 years old.

What will I study?
You will choose three or four GCSEs and study these for one year.
Please note: Students who have not achieved a grade 4 in English Language and/or Maths must re-sit these subjects.

Where to next?
It is anticipated that those who successfully complete this programme will progress on to a two year A-level study programme.

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ACCOUNTING A-LEVEL | AQA 7127

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?
Unit 1 subject content:
- An introduction to the role of the accountant in business
- Types of business organisation
- The double entry model
- Verification of accounting records
- Accounting concepts used in the preparation of account records
- Preparation of financial statements of sole traders
- Limited company accounts
- Analysis and evaluation of financial information
- Budgeting
- Marginal costing

Unit 2 subject content:
- Standard costing and variance analysis
- Absorption and activity based costing
- Capital investment appraisal
- Accounting for organisations with incomplete records
- Partnership accounts
- Accounting for limited companies
- Interpretation, analysis and communication of accounting information
- The impact of ethical considerations

How will I be assessed?
Unit 1 - One three hour written exam equal to 50% of the A-level qualification
Unit 2 - One three hour written exam equal to 50% of the A-level qualification

Where to next?
All organisations that deal with money need accountants and the larger the organisation the more it needs. This includes businesses, from small to large, but also charities, churches, sports clubs, councils, the NHS, schools and colleges and the police. Therefore, there are opportunities to work in a vast range of organisation.
ART & DESIGN A-LEVEL | WJEC H600

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject (or a similar subject) at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4. Students who have not studied GCSE Art & Design (or a similar subject) will be considered on an individual basis.

What will I study?
You will have the freedom to work with a wide range of materials and techniques. This gives you the opportunity to find out your strengths and develop your visual skills. You will be encouraged to develop your own creative ideas and, on the whole, will be expected to work on individual projects.

In the first year, you will be introduced to a variety of materials and techniques that will enable you to develop your independent thinking skills, improve your observational drawing technique and work with your own creative inspiration. During the second year, you will work predominantly on developing your practical portfolio using a broader range of skills and media.

You will be supported to develop your personal, creative voice, to research and record your responses to the work of other artists and designers. You will also have the opportunity to exhibit your work at Liverpool Small Cinema alongside Film and Media students.

How will I be assessed?
Component 1 – Personal Investigation (60%)
Component 2 - Externally Set Task (40%)

Where to next?
Our creative industries are worth more than £36 billion a year and they employ 1.5 million people in the UK [www.gov.uk]. More than 50% of our Art students continue their art education at university.
Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 5 in each of the separate GCSE Sciences or grades 5/5 in GCSE Dual Science. You must also have achieved at least a grade 4 in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study several topics including: animal and plant cells; tissues; atomic structure and bonding; chemical and physical properties of substances related to their uses; waves and their application in communications. You will be introduced to quantitative laboratory techniques, calibration, chromatography, calorimetry and laboratory safety, which are relevant to the chemical and life science industries.

In Year 2, you will cover the stages involved and the skills needed in planning a scientific investigation: how to record, interpret, draw scientific conclusions and evaluate. You will also study the physiology of human body systems.

How will I be assessed?
Year 1:
3 examinations; Biology, Chemistry and Physics 40 minutes each (25%)
Internally marked assignment (25%)

Year 2:
Externally marked assignment (33.5%)
Internally marked assignment (16.5%)

Where to next?
The course is especially suitable if you are considering careers in Nursing, Midwifery, Sports Science, Physiotherapy, Paramedics, Teaching and Environmental Science.

BTEC Course
This course is only available to students studying two A-levels at the Sixth Form Centre. Students are recommended to only study one BTEC course alongside two A-levels.
BIOLOGY A-LEVEL | OCR H420

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Biology or grades 6/6 in GCSE Dual Science. You must also have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study cells, exchange and transport, molecules, biodiversity, food and health. In Year 2, you will study communication, homeostasis and energy, control, genetics and the environment as well as being assessed on Year 12 topics. You will also develop a range of practical skills.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Biological Processes) A-level (37%) 2.25 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Biological Diversity) A-level (37%) 2.25 hours
Examination – Paper 3 (Unified Biology) A-level (26%) 1.30 hours
Assessment is via external examination following the OCR specification.

Where to next?
A wide range of careers are opened up to students who study A-level Biology including: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy.
BUSINESS A-LEVEL | EDEXCEL 9BSO

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4. You must also have achieved at least a grade 4 in GCSE maths.

What will I study?
How did the founders of YouTube manage to create a business worth over £800m in less than 2 years? Should Burberry have moved production to China? What should tobacco companies do to maintain sales if smoking is banned in the UK? Are zero hour contracts acceptable? Why did Unilever buy Ben and Jerry’s?
These are some of the issues you will consider when studying A-level Business. You will look at a number of different organisations facing different business problems. You will analyse the key factors involved and recommend the best course of action for the business to take.

Should a business recruit internally or externally? How should you raise the finance needed to start up a business – should you borrow from a bank or sell shares? Essentially the course is about debating and decision-making in a business context.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Marketing, People and Global Businesses) A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Business Activities, Decisions and Strategy) A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 3 (Investigating Business in a Competitive Environment) A-level (30%) 2 hours
Assessment is via external examination following the Edexcel specification.

Where to next?
Degrees in business, finance, marketing, law, languages and European business are only some of the options available to you. Careers within the business environment from marketing to strategy, communications to finance, and any requiring high level analytical skills and communication skills, such as the entertainment industry or insurance.
CHEMISTRY A-LEVEL | AQA 7405

**Entry requirements**

To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

**Additional entry requirements**

You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or 6/6 in GCSE Dual Science. You must also have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

**Why study Chemistry?**

With a competitive job market, it is important that you have qualifications that make you stand out to prospective employers and having a qualification in Chemistry will do this. Chemistry provides you with many transferable skills including problem solving and logical thinking.

**What will I study?**

The specification is split into the three main areas of Chemistry: Organic, Inorganic and Physical. You will study all three areas in the first year, which includes topics such as: atomic structure, amount of substance, bonding, periodicity, energetics, kinetics, equilibria, group 2 and 7, alcohols and organic chemistry.

In Year 2, you will cover all of these topics in more depth along with transition metals, acids and bases, spectroscopy, polymers and redox equilibra. There is a big emphasis on practical work throughout both years, with the practical element being assessed throughout the written examinations.

**How will I be assessed?**

Examination – Paper 1 A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 2 A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 3 A-level (30%) 2 hours

Assessment is via external examination following the AQA specification.
COMPUTER SCIENCE A-LEVEL | OCR H446

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4. You must also have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE maths.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study a range of topics within computer systems including characteristics of contemporary processors, software and software development, exchanging data, data types, data structures and algorithms as well as the legal, moral and ethical issues around computing. You will also explore computational thinking, problem solving, programming and algorithms. In Year 2, you will develop your skills and knowledge as well as using algorithms to solve problems. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a programming project of your choice covering analysis of a problem, design of a solution, development of your solution and finally a full evaluation.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Computer Systems) A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Algorithms and Programming) A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Programming Project A-level (20%)
All assessment is via externally moderated coursework and external examination following the OCR specification.

Where to next?
Computer Science offers a wide range of employment and higher education possibilities in careers, such as: Software Design and Software Engineering or you could become a Computer Analyst, Computer Programmer, IT Technician, Web Developer, IT Consultant or Games Designer.
CRIMINOLOGY A-LEVEL | WJEC 6248

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

What will I study?
The course has elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology that compliments studies in Humanities. An understanding of Criminology is useful to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, including Police Officers and Social Workers. Studying Criminology develops critical thinking skills, a deep knowledge of relevant issues applied to the crime context and skills that are relevant in careers working with and supporting people such as politics, probation work and law.

How will I be assessed?
You will be assessed via internal and external exams.

Where to next?
Degree courses such as:
- BA/BSc Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology

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DRAMA & THEATRE A-LEVEL  |  AQA 7262 H600

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4. A willingness to participate in practical activities and performances is also essential.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre by studying one set play. You will also analyse and evaluate the work of live theatre makers. Practically, you will take part in the exploration and theatrical interpretation of two extracts each taken from a different play. Students will create a portfolio evidencing the interpretive process and analysing and evaluating the performance. In Year 2, you will study all of the above plus an additional set play. Practically, you will also create a devised performance influenced by the work of a prescribed practitioner. You will also practically explore an additional extract taken from a different play.

How will I be assessed?
Examination - Component 1 A-level (40%) 3 hours
Devised Performance (Practical) – Component 2 A-level (30%)
Making Theatre (Practical) – Component 3 A-level (30%)

Where to next?
You can progress to university courses in Drama, Performance and related subjects or vocational courses at drama and theatre schools. Drama and Theatre studies is an excellent foundation for careers in drama, theatre, performance media or any career requiring high level communication skills.

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ECONOMICS A-LEVEL | EDEXCEL 9ECO

Entry requirements
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Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

Why study A-level Economics?
Economics is about the world around us. It involves the study of how individuals behave and interact with each other and the dynamics between the interactions of individuals, firms, and the government. You’ll be challenged with real life questions such as: Is it right that Professional Footballers earn more than the Prime Minister? Should there be a tax on fast food? Why are ticket prices to see concerts so high? Should students have to pay tuition fees? Economists enjoy healthy debate over these issues. It is this controversy which makes Economics A-level a dynamic and lively subject. It will allow you the opportunity to make your own judgements and form your own opinions on these issues and others.

Economists are highly sought after in the world of work – they are the second highest paid graduates. Having an Economics A-level will make you stand out to prospective employers.

What will I study?
You will study both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Microeconomics is the study of individuals and firms. In microeconomics, you will address issues such as the impact of the rise of the budget supermarkets – Aldi and Lidl. Can global warming be effectively controlled? Is it fair to tax sugary drinks?

Macroeconomics is the study of the national economy and government. In macroeconomics you will address issues such as: How is the UK economy affected by emerging markets like China and India? What happens to the economy if people lose their jobs? Is the UK Government’s borrowing out of control?

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Markets and business behaviour) A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (The national and global economy) A-level (35%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 3 (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) A-level (30%) 2 hours
Assessment is via external examination following the Edexcel specification.

Where to next?
Degrees in Economics, History, Maths, Politics, Business, Finance, Marketing, Law, Languages, and Philosophy are only some of the options available to you. If university is not your preferred route, you will be well prepared for the world of work.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE A-LEVEL | AQA 7707

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 4 in both English Language and English Literature.

What will I study?
You will study six literary texts and three non-literary texts and an anthology based on the theme of Paris to consider the representation of place. You will explore the idea of imagined worlds through the study of Margaret Atwood’s The Handmaid’s Tale. You will also study poetry by Seamus Heaney and examine how Fitzgerald writes about society in The Great Gatsby. You will learn how to produce re-creative exam writing and critical commentaries evaluating your own stylistic choices. You will also study A Streetcar Named Desire and explore how the writer uses talk features to create dramatic effect. In addition, you will produce a 2,500-3,000 word investigation on a specific theme comparing a literary and non-literary text of your choice.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Telling Stories) A-level (40%) 3 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Exploring Conflict) A-level (40%) 3 hours
Non Exam Assessment – Paper 3 (Personal Investigation) A-level (20%)

Assessment is via non-exam assessment which will be externally moderated and external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
You can progress to university courses in English, Drama or Media-based degrees. Alternatively, you could pursue careers in: Journalism, Law, Teaching, Publishing, Public Services, and Management.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE A-LEVEL | AQA 7702

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 4 in both English Language and English Literature.

What will I study?
You will study topics including language, the individual and society, textual variations and representations, child language development, and language diversity and change. You will study how different groups in society use language according to influences, such as, ethnicity, occupation, class, gender, sexuality, and disability. You will also study dialects including global, national and regional varieties of English. You will investigate and evaluate data and write analytical essays that challenge theoretical viewpoints. You will produce your own creative writing pieces for coursework and in exam conditions and then critically evaluate your own work. You will get the opportunity to be independent and develop your research skills through producing a language investigation into a topic of your choice.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (The Individual and Society) A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Language Diversity and Change) A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Non-Exam Assessment – Paper 3 (Language Investigation and Original Writing) A-level (20%)
Assessment is via non-exam assessment which will be externally moderated and external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
You can apply for university courses in English Language and Linguistics as well as a whole range of other subjects with a combined degree. Relevant careers include Journalism, Sales, Teaching, Management, Administration, Information Management, Publishing and Public Services.

100% PASS RATE IN 2018/19
ENGLISH LITERATURE A-LEVEL | AQA 7717

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 4 in both English Language and English Literature.

What will I study?
You will study three texts from the genre of tragedy: King Lear, Death of a Salesman and Tess of the D’Urbervilles. You will also study the genre of crime writing by reading The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Atonement and Brighton Rock. You will also learn to analyse unseen texts in the exam and produce a coursework folder of two essays linked to critical theories such as feminism, Marxism and eco-criticism.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Tragedy) A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Elements of Crime Writing) A-level (40%) 3 hours
Non-Exam Assessment – Paper 3 (Critical Approaches) A-level (20%)
Assessment is via non-exam assessment, which will be externally moderated, and external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
Degrees in English, Law, Journalism and Media and Cultural Studies and any career requiring high level communication skills, such as: Publishing, Public Relations, Marketing, Journalism, Media, Management, the legal professions and Teaching.

100% PASS RATE IN 2018/19
FILM STUDIES A-LEVEL | EDUQAS A670QS

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject (or media studies) at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4.

What will I study?
You will study a wide range of concepts and areas of film including all aspects of the film industry, the role of both audiences and producers, how films generate meaning, the micro-elements of film including cinematography and editing and film as social documents reflecting the times in which they are made. The films studied include Vertigo (Hitchcock, 1958), Blade Runner (R. Scott, 1982), Under the Skin (J. Glazer, 2013), Beasts of the Southern Wild (Zeitlin, 2012) and Moon (D. Jones, 2009).

How will I be assessed?
Component 1 – American film External assessment exam 90 minutes (35%)
Component 2 – European film External assessment exam 90 minutes (35%)
Component 3 – Production Internal assessment Coursework Film production (30%)
Assessment is via coursework which is internally moderated and external examination following the EDUQAS specification.

Where to next?
Film and TV Production degrees, employment in TV and Film industries and specialist training in all technical disciplines.
**FRENCH A-LEVEL | EDUQAS A800QS**

**Entry requirements**
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

**Additional entry requirements**
You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE French.

**What will I study?**
While studying a variety of topics, you will work on getting better in the four languages skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing.

You will study the following topics:

**Year 1:**
- Being a young person in French-speaking society and understanding the French-speaking world:
  - Family
  - Youth trends
  - Educational and employment opportunities
  - Regional culture and heritage in the French speaking world
  - Literature, art, film and music in the French speaking world

**Year 2:**
There is a focus on society in the second year and the key events during 1940-50 that shaped the France of today:
- Migration and integration
- Cultural identity, marginalisation and enrichment
- Discrimination and diversity
- Life in occupied France
- Rebuilding and restructuring after the war
- Repercussions for modern day France

**How will I be assessed?**
Component 1: Speaking (30%)
Component 2: Listening reading and translation (50%)
Component 3: Critical and analytical response in writing (20%)

**Where to next?**
You can go to university to study degrees in French as a single degree or combined with a vast choice of other subjects: French and another language, French and business or European studies. Even degrees in English can have foreign languages components. Did you know that language graduates are sought after by employers in all industries? Fluency in a language can lead to a career in Teaching, Interpreting, Translating, Journalism, Tourism, Business and Education.
GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL | EDUQAS A110QS

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4.

What will I study?
Unit 1 – Physical Geography: Changing Landscapes and Tectonic Hazards
Unit 2 – Human Geography: Changing Places
Unit 3 – Global Systems and Global Governance. Processes and patterns of global migration and global governance of the Earth’s oceans.
Unit 4 – Contemporary Themes in Geography
Select two optional themes from four:
- Ecosystems
- Economic Growth and Challenge: India or China or Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Energy Challenges and Dilemmas
- Weather and Climate

Unit 5 – Independent investigation
One written independent investigation, based on the collection of both primary data and secondary information.

How will I be assessed?
Unit 1 - 4 structured questions with data response (24%)
Unit 2 - 5 structured questions with data response, 3 of these based on the student’s fieldwork investigation (16%)
Unit 3 – 4 structured questions with data response (24%)
Unit 4 – an extended response question and two essays (16%)
Unit 5 – non-exam assessment (20%)

Where to next?
Geography can lead to a wide range of university courses. For example: Environmental Impact Analysis, Town and Country Planning, Environmental Conservation, and careers in specialist areas including Environmental or Natural Hazard Management, Tourism, Conservation, working overseas, as well as urban design in the UK.
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

(BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate)

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 4 in GCSE separate sciences or grades 4/4 in GCSE Dual Science.

What will I study?
In your first year, you will study Human Lifespan Development, developing your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development. You will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health, across all life stages. You will also study Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs which looks at the principles behind providing quality care and support.

In the second year you will study Working in Health and Social Care that will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. Finally, you will study Physiological Disorders so that you understand how to provide appropriate treatment and care.

How will I be assessed?
Year 1:
Unit 1 - Human Lifespan Development (exam)
Unit 5 - Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (coursework)

Year 2:
Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care (exam)
Unit 14 - Physiological Disorders and their care (coursework)

The course is assessed via internally assessed coursework and external examinations.

Where to next?
Most students progress onto a range of Health, Social Care or Early Years related degree courses at university. However, some students seek employment in Health, Residential Care or Early Years’ settings. Did you know, the NHS is the largest employer in Europe?

BTEC Course
This course is only available to students studying two A-levels at the Sixth Form Centre.
Students are recommended to only study one BTEC course alongside two A-levels.
HISTORY A-LEVEL | AQA 7042

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study:
- The Tudors: England 1485-1547
- Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union 1917-29.

In Year 2, you will study:
- The Tudors: England 1547-1603
- Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia and the Soviet Union 1929-53
- Civil Rights in the United States.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Examination – Paper 2 A-level (40%) 2.5 hours
Coursework – Paper 3 A-level (20%)
Assessment is via coursework which is externally moderated and external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
A-level History is a sought after qualification by both employers and universities as it shows skills of analysis, independent study and the ability to put forward an argument. Former A-level History students have gone on to become Barristers, Solicitors, Judges and Civil Servants.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will explore the impact of social media on the ways in which businesses promote their products and services. You will learn how to develop a plan to use social media within a business context and then implement its use by creating profiles to build your own online community for the business. You will move on to study the design, creation, testing and evaluation of a relational database system to manage information. Within a given scenario, you will examine the structure of data and its origins, and how an efficient data design follows through to an effective and useful database.

In Year 2, you will study the role of computer systems and the implications of their use in personal and professional situations and you will examine issues related to the use of IT systems and the impact they have on organisations and individuals. You will learn how to create a suitable data model for a given scenario and develop skills to use spreadsheets to complete a set of tasks.

How will I be assessed?
Year 1:
Coursework – Using Social Media in Business
Controlled Assessment – Creating Systems to Manage Information
10 hours timed assessment (over a five day period)

Year 2:
Coursework – Data Modelling
Examination – Information Technology Systems (2 hours)
Assessment is via internally assessed coursework and external examination following the EDEXCEL specification.

Where to next?
IT offers a wide range of employment and higher education possibilities in areas such as: social media marketing, multimedia, systems analysis, information system management, virtual reality, computer animation, interactive computer entertainment and computing.

BTEC Course
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LAW A-LEVEL | AQA 7162

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will learn all about the English legal system and the people who work in it such as Barristers, Solicitors, Jurors and Magistrates. You will learn about court practices and procedures and how laws are made and have an opportunity to experience them first hand through trips to courts. You will develop an understanding of the basics of criminal law and have a chance to study non-fatal offences against people (assaults). In doing so, you will study real cases and have an opportunity to apply your knowledge to scenarios – just like a legal professional. You will also learn about the law of negligence and discover how to start a claim in the tort of negligence and how damages are calculated in cases involving personal injury. In addition, you will learn about occupiers liability and the law relating to tresspassers.

In Year 2, you will learn more about other criminal offences such as murder, manslaughter and robbery, as well as the defences that can be pleaded such as insanity and intoxication. You will have the opportunity to study either Human Rights Law or the Law of Contract as well as deepening your understanding of the role of law in society and how it works in practice.

How will I be assessed?
Paper 3: Law of Contract or Human Rights Laws
All 3 papers are written exams, lasting 2 hours each and each worth 33% of the A-level course.
They are a combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.
Assessment is via external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
Degrees in Law, Criminology, Psychology, Business, and European Studies are only some of the options available to you. Some students go on to be Solicitors, Barristers or Legal Executives but, equally, Law has many transferable skills that can be useful for working in other sectors.

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MATHEMATICS A-LEVEL | AQA 7357

Entry requirements

To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements

You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?

You will study a range of topics from Pure Mathematics including proof, algebra, functions, coordinate geometry, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, differentiation, integration and vectors.

In addition, one third of the course consists of a combination of statistics and mechanics.

How will I be assessed?

Examination – Paper 1 (Pure Maths) (33.3%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 2 (Pure Maths & Mechanics) (33.3%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 3 (Pure Maths & Statistics) (33.3%) 2 hours

Where to next?

A-level Mathematics is a facilitating subject which means that it is one of the most useful for entry to a wide range of university degree courses. It is essential for students wishing to study Physics, Engineering and Chemistry, and, of course, Mathematics at degree level.

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FURTHER MATHEMATICS A-LEVEL | AQA 7367

**Entry requirements**
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

**Additional entry requirements**
Grade 8 or above in GCSE Mathematics is required to study Further Mathematics at A-level. Further Mathematics must be taken alongside A-level Mathematics.

**What will I study?**
All students must study the core content.
Compulsory content:
- Mathematical argument, language and proof
- Mathematical problem solving
- Mathematical modelling
Students must study two of these options:
- Optional application 1 – Mechanics
- Optional application 2 – Statistics
- Optional application 3 – Discrete

**How will I be assessed?**
There are three written exams at the end of the second year. Each exam is two hours long and worth a third of the final A-level grade.

Paper 1 and Paper 2 may assess content from the following sections:
- Proof
- Complex numbers
- Matrices
- Further Algebra and functions
- Further calculus
- Further vectors
- Polar coordinates
- Hyperbolic functions

Paper 3 will assess two of the topics studied from Discrete, Mechanics or Statistic.

**Where to next?**
Further Mathematics is highly prized by universities and employers in whatever area you study. However, it is essential to take Further Mathematics to at least A-level if you wish to study Mathematics, Physics or Engineering at some top universities.
MEDIA STUDIES A-LEVEL  |  EDUQAS A680QS

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject (or film studies) at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 4.

What will I study?
You will study various concepts and ideas including who media audiences are, why audiences consume and use the media, how audiences respond to different media and how different groups are represented by the media now and in the past. These areas are discussed through the study of different types of media, such as advertising, magazines, television, video games, blogs, radio and newspapers.

You’ll also have the opportunity to learn new technical skills in photography and video editing, putting these to good use in the creation of your own media texts.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Component 1 (Media Products, Industries and Audiences) A-level (35%)
Examination - Component 2 (Media Forms & Products in Depth) A-level (35%)
Coursework – Component 3 (Cross-Media Production) A-level (30%)

Where to next?
Media students go on to study Media at university, production based degrees, specialist training in an aspect of Media production e.g. camera operation and careers in Journalism, TV/Film/ Radio production, Advertising/Marketing and Public Relations.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) A-LEVEL | EDUQAS A550QS

Entry requirements
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Additional entry requirements
You must have studied GCSE PE or Level 2 BTEC Sport and have achieved at least a grade 5 (GCSE) or Distinction (BTEC). You must also have achieved at least a grade 4 in GCSE Science. Given the practical content of this course, you must play competitive sport outside of school / college.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study the following topics: exercise physiology, training and performance; movement analysis, technology and biomechanics; sport psychology; skill acquisition; sport and society. In Year 2, you will enhance your knowledge of the above topics. Examination papers are in the form of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. You will be assessed practically in a specialised area of activity, either as a performer or coach and also be required to analyse your own performance in detail.

How will I be assessed?
Component 1:
Exploring concepts in physical education. Written examination: 2 hours (35%).
Contextualised questions to include multiple choice, data response, short and extended answers.

Component 2:
Evaluating physical education. Written examination: 2 hours (35%).
A range of questions to include data response, short and extended answers.

Component 3:
Improving personal performance in physical education. Non-exam assessment (30%):
- Practical performance in one activity as a player/performer or coach
- Analysis and evaluation of personal performance

Where to next?
You can progress to higher education to study degree courses, including Sports and Exercise Science, Sports Studies and Sports Development, or opt for more vocational courses.
PERFORMING ARTS | (BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate)

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
It is essential that you have experience in at least one of the two arts disciplines of Drama and Dance. This might come from your GCSE studies or from classes/clubs that you attend outside of school/college.

What will I study?
You will study a total of four units, two in the first year and two in the second year. In Year 1, you will focus on exploring the work of practitioners of dance and drama and develop your performance skills and techniques for live performance. In Year 2, you will study two further units including the opportunity to develop your performance skills through a variety of practical workshops.

How will I be assessed?
Year 1 – National Certificate:
Unit 1 – Investigating Practitioner’s Work
Supervised written assessment task
Unit 2 – Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
Coursework
Year 2 – National Extended Certificate:
Unit 3 – Group Performance Workshop
Supervised practical assessment task
Unit 4 – Further Development of Dance and Drama Skills

Where to next?
Studying Performing Arts will provide you with the skills needed to progress to further training in performing arts or dance/drama including university or arts school.

BTEC Course
This course is only available to students studying two A-levels at the Sixth Form Centre.
Students are recommended to only study one BTEC course alongside two A-levels.
PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS A-LEVEL  |  AQA 7062

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

What will I study?
The subject covers the distinct but related disciplines of Philosophy and Ethics. Both of these are applied to knowledge you will gain of a particular religion.

In Philosophy, you will apply rigorous philosophical analysis to a variety of topics in the Philosophy of religion. These will include arguments (and evidence) for and against the existence of God (such as cosmological, teleological, and ontological arguments) and questions about life after death.

In Ethics, you will learn about a number of ethical theories including: natural law, situation ethics, virtue ethics, utilitarianism, and Kantian ethics.

In order to apply the knowledge that you have acquired and the skills you have developed, you will study a range of ideas presented by a particular religion. In this context, you will examine the existence (or not) of the soul, the meaning and purpose of life, and the conflict between science and faith.

How will I be assessed?
You are assessed through examinations, which will be divided between Philosophy and Ethics and the dialogues between Philosophy, Ethics, and religion:

Examination – Philosophy and Ethics, A-level 50%
Examination – Dialogues between Philosophy, Ethics, and religion, A-level 50%

All assessment is via external examination.

Where to next?
Degrees in Medicine, Law, Journalism, Publishing or Politics. Philosophy and Ethics is invaluable if you wish to work for charity organisations, and any career requiring high level communication and analytical skills, such as, Publishing, Journalism, Management, the legal profession and Teaching.
PHYSICS A-LEVEL | AQA 7408

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Physics or 6/6 in GCSE Dual Science. You must also have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?
A-level Physics will introduce the strange world of quantum phenomena where you will learn about the fundamental particles that are responsible for all interactions within the known Universe.

Further mechanics will develop your ability to analyse systems mathematically promoting your ability to manipulate problems and present calculated solutions.

At the end of Year 2, there is the option of taking a specific module in physics for engineers, physics for medicine, astrophysics or turning points in development physics.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 A-level (34%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 2 A-level (34%) 2 hours
Examination – Paper 3 A-level (32%) 2 hours

Assessment is via external examination following the AQA specification, plus evidence of practical competency through lesson-based practicals.

Where to next?
The sky’s the limit – well actually it is not, because you could move onto university to study Astro-physics or a huge range of other specialist physics areas such as, mechanical or atomic or seek employment in engineering.

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POLITICS A-LEVEL | AQA 7152

**Entry requirements**
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

**What will I study?**
You will look in-depth at UK and US government and politics. Comparisons across the UK and US political systems are addressed in the comparative component. You will identify parallels, connections, similarities and differences between aspects of politics. This will ensure that you develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, political institutions and political processes. The study of the four ideologies (beliefs) will enhance your knowledge and understanding of politics, political debate and political issues in both the UK and the US.

**How will I be assessed?**
Unit 1 – Government and politics of the UK:
Percentage of total marks: 33.3%
Method of assessment; exam: 2 hours

Unit 2 – Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics:
Percentage of total marks: 33.3%
Method of assessment; exam: 2 hours

Unit 3 – Politics ideas:
Percentage of total marks: 33.3%
Method of assessment; exam: 2 hours

**Where to next?**
Students go on to study Politics and a huge number of universities offer this as a single or joint honours degree programme. Many students go on to study related subjects at university such as American Studies, Social Science or Public Policy to name just a few.

Students can also go on to work in a huge range of industries, however Parliamentary Researchers in the House of Commons and assistant to MPs are often key areas for starting or furthering careers.
PSYCHOLOGY A-LEVEL | AQA 7182

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
Although there is no requirement to have studied this subject at GCSE, if you have studied this subject at GCSE then you must have achieved at least a grade 5. You must also have achieved at least a grade 4 in both GCSE Maths and GCSE Science.

What will I study?
In Year 1, you will study social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology, approaches in psychology, biopsychology and research methods. In Year 2, you will study all of the units above along with issues and debates in psychology, gender, stress and aggression. Examination papers are in the form of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

How will I be assessed?
Examination - Paper 1 (Introductory Topics in Psychology) A-level (33.3%) 2 hours
Examination - Paper 2 (Psychology in Context) A-level (33.3%) 2 hours
Examination - Unit 3 (Issues and Options in Psychology) Please be aware that topics selected in Unit 3 are subject to change. A-level (33.3%) 2 hours
All assessment is via external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
You can study Psychology or other related degree courses at university such as Child Development, Educational Psychology. You can also combine Psychology with a wide range of other subjects. Studying Psychology will provide you with many transferable skills which can lead to a variety of career opportunities.
SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL | AQA 7192

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

What will I study?
Sociology offers a fascinating insight into social and cultural issues. It combines theoretical perspectives and research evidence to explain how societies work and the reasons for inequalities in society. Sociology provides an understanding of the power of society in shaping who we are. Topics studied include families and households, education, research methods and sociological theories, belief systems and crime and deviance.

How will I be assessed?
Examination – Paper 1 (Education with Theory and Methods) A-level (33.3%)
Examination - Paper 2 (Families and Households and Beliefs in Society) A-level (33.3%)
Examination – Paper 3 (Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods) A-level (33.3%)
All assessment is via external examination following the AQA specification.

Where to next?
You can go to university to study degrees in Sociology, Criminology, Youth Justice, Law, Nursing and Social Work. A sociological understanding is useful for any career working with people and is specifically part of the training for many. Sociologists take up careers in Teaching, Law, the medical and caring professions, Counselling, the Police, Social/Probation Work, Journalism, Sales and Management.

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SPANISH A-LEVEL | EDUQAS A810QS

Entry requirements
To study three A-level subjects or two A-level subjects and one BTEC (Extended Certificate) subject. You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. If you haven’t achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Maths, there may be an opportunity to re-sit this alongside your other subjects.

Additional entry requirements
You must have achieved at least a grade 6 in GCSE Spanish.

What will I study?
Spanish tests all four language skills - listening, reading, speaking and writing, whilst building upon already familiar topics from GCSE, such as education, Spanish tradition and culture, entertainment, trends and travelling. In Year 2, you will further develop your language skills through the study of more advanced topics including Spanish history and Spanish literature from 1936. You will also study a Spanish film. Grammar is a key part throughout.

How will I be assessed?
Component 1: Speaking (30%)
Component 2: Listening reading and translation (50%)
Component 3: Critical and analytical response in writing (20%)

Where to next?
You can go to university to study degrees in Spanish as a single degree or combined with a vast choice of other subjects: Spanish and another language, Spanish and business or European studies. Even degrees in English can have foreign languages components. Did you know that language graduates are sought after by employers in all industries? Fluency in a language can lead to a career in Teaching, Interpreting, Translating, Journalism, Tourism, Business and Education.

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