

# Whitburn CofE Academy Sixth Form



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Prospectus for 2019 Entry

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# Welcome to Whitburn

Dear Prospective Student/Parent/Carer,

Whitburn is a truly World Class Sixth Form, evidenced by our recent WCSQM accreditation. Not only do we have incredible staff and students who work together to achieve excellence for all, we have a close-knit community which is what makes this Sixth Form so special. With support networks ranging from subject teachers and subject representatives to form tutors and careers advisers, the perhaps daunting step up to Sixth Form is made as easy as possible. Our Sixth Form provides a wide range of opportunities, from trips to Africa and Berlin to Sixth Form Sports Afternoons as well as British Sign Language courses and Young Enterprise opportunities. There's something on offer for everyone to be a part of outside of their A-Level studies.

We hope you decide to apply to join us,

Sam and Eleanor, Student Presidents



Dear Student

We regard it as an honour that you consider placing your trust in us to deliver an outstanding post-16 educational experience, opening up exciting routes to further education and employment. I believe our Sixth Form offers a distinctive and more adult learning environment but retains the existing strengths of the school. Whitburn Church of England Academy now has a track record of excellent results at A level, with our graduates achieving places on prestigious courses at top universities and in degree level apprenticeships. Few non-selective Sixth Forms can match our record in terms of results, progress and success in Oxbridge, Russell Group University and medicine applications.

Equally as important as academic success, we have long been recognised as a nurturing environment for personal and spiritual development, living up to our motto of "Excellence for all". We have an extensive extra-curricular and enrichment programme and outstanding provision in arts, music and sports so that our 'graduates' have every advantage that a well-rounded education can offer. We are proud of the warm, welcoming atmosphere that our Sixth Form offers where Whitburn pupils have the opportunity to continue their successful education with staff they know and trust, but where we very much welcome new entrants to our Sixth Form who integrate quickly and add to the life of the school. I look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

Mr A Hardie, Principal



*A. Hardie*

We are proud that our Sixth Form is not just a building but a community of aspirational people and, here at Whitburn you will find a small, supportive and encouraging environment that will help you to become the best you can be. Our students are dedicated, enthusiastic and committed to a professional approach to their studies, something we expect all of our students to have.

Our students are offered the best opportunities available in terms of their academic education, but also for their personal and social growth. Our Enrichment Programme and Trips and Visits ensure there is something for everyone.

We are delighted with the number of students choosing Whitburn as the place for them to succeed in their A Level study. We are also pleased however to welcome around 15% of our students from schools other than our own. Those students have added to our community and brought their own unique talents and experiences to enrich what we already had. They always settle in very well and quickly form new friendships.

We look forward to meeting you during the application process and hopefully welcoming you in September 2019.

Mr L M Craggs, Head of Sixth Form



*L M Craggs*



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# Why Choose Whitburn?

Whitburn Sixth Form is welcoming, hardworking and determined  
Abbie, Y13

*I'm really enjoying sixth form: I like the smaller classes as it's much easier to ask questions".*

## Our Anglican Ethos

Our ethos underpins all we do and the way staff and students work collaboratively in Sixth Form and quickly integrate those from other schools exemplifies this.

## Quality of Teaching

Dedicated staff with excellent subject knowledge always go the extra mile to support students.



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Just came back to my office to find this! It is year 13's last day on TT today. They will be missed! @WhitCofEAcad



## Continuity

For those currently studying in Year 11 at Whitburn they have the opportunity to continue through to 18 at Whitburn.

## Student Satisfaction

We are proud of the ratings we receive in our annual student survey:  
96.2% feel settled at Whitburn.

*I can't really explain why, but I love it!*  
John, Y13

## Excellent feedback from inspectors

Our School Improvement Partner reported we were well on track to becoming an 'Outstanding Sixth Form'

## Dedicated Sixth Form Facility

Students have their own 'base', a modern building with their own canteen and high-spec classrooms.



## Goldilocks!

We often say we are in the 'Goldilocks zone' – not too big that we don't know our students as individuals, not so small we cannot offer you choice of courses.

## Enrichment and Support

There is more to Sixth Form than A Levels and we offer a full Enrichment Programme offering choice and variety as well as a programme of speakers and careers talks.

## Trips and Visits

From a 'free' trip to Auschwitz (*selection based on written application*) to a trip to Swaziland requiring months of fundraising, there is something for everyone.

*Whitburn Sixth Form is calm, friendly and ambitious*  
Jessica, Y13

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Ofsted Outstanding Provider  
Officially Outstanding! - Whitburn Church of England Academy  
@Whitburncofcaacademy.org

31/01/2018, 14:39

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Mr Hardie welcoming back our Class of 2017 last night. Lovely to catch up with familiar faces! #ExcellenceForAll @WhitCofEAcad @PB TSA Alliance



21/12/2017, 08:58

*Whitburn Sixth Form is sophisticated, supportive and unique*  
Rebecca, Y12



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# A Modern Learning Environment

We have provided first-class facilities to set our students up for success.

The Sixth Form Centre is light and airy and has a diverse range of study environments so that students can enjoy an element of choice in deciding where is best for them to complete whatever task they have to complete. We have an upstairs study for quiet, independent learning. We have the social space downstairs where group study is permitted in an open environment with tea and coffee available. Thirdly, there is a 'break-out area' near the study which offers yet more choice.

Classrooms are also cool and stylish with classic grey colour schemes and the latest in interactive whiteboard technology.

All students have their own locker and benefit from a canteen offering a break and a lunch service which we are constantly developing with the help of feedback from students. There are also biometric vending machines available only to Sixth Form students. A high-speed Wi-Fi network with Sixth-Form specific access permissions allows students to bring their own devices and access course materials through the OneDrive on the Office 365 platform. Student email addresses facilitate professional dialogue with peers and staff. Microsoft Teams is increasingly being used to help collaboration between staff and students and between students.



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As a student in our Sixth Form, you have considerably more freedom than pupils in the lower school. Whilst we have a relaxed environment which is less formal in many ways, we encourage professionalism in all areas. To help us achieve this, we have certain expectations of you that reflect that you are a young adult, that you are part of the Sixth Form and that you are part of the wider school community.

## **Dress Code**

Students in the sixth form have the privilege of choice, provided that their dress is appropriate for a professional, working environment. A good guideline is that the student should *feel confident that they have dressed appropriately for an interview*.

### **Acceptable Dress**

- Watch and jewellery appropriate to a business environment
- Subtle make up and nail varnish appropriate to a business environment
- Tailored jacket or formal suit or jumper or cardigan
- Plain coloured shirt or smart top
- Tie of own choice (optional)
- Smart trousers or skirt of a modest length (5cm maximum above knee)
- Dress of a modest length
- Smart shoes (heel 2cm maximum height)
- One pair of earrings suitable for a business environment
- One nose stud (not a ring)
- Lanyard with Student ID badge

### **Unacceptable Dress**

- Denim
- Sportswear or other casual wear (unless attending practical PE lessons)
- Extreme hair styles and colours
- Visible tattoos



As Head of Sixth Form, Mr Craggs will have the final say as to whether students are dressed in what is deemed to be appropriate under the Dress Code.

## **Safeguarding**

It is a requirement that every person on site is immediately identifiable as a member of the school so Sixth Form students must wear an ID badge at all times. Badges and lanyards are supplied free of charge to students but any losses will incur a replacement cost. The badge also incorporates a chip which operates the door system in the Sixth Form block and allows students to access the main school building.



# Life At Whitburn

## School Day

The school day for Sixth Form students will follow the same structure as the lower school, running from 8.55am until 3.30pm. Many students choose to work café-style and take the later 4.30 bus.

## Attendance

Alongside excellent teaching, full attendance is the most significant determining factor in achieving success at A Level. Students are expected to be in school all day every day, and a significant number of students choose to work for an extra hour and get the late bus home.

## Independent Work

Once a student moves into Sixth Form, the phrase “..well I’ve finished all of my homework” is banned! Sixth Form is very much about self-regulated learning and whilst independent study will include formal, set homework tasks, it is also about reviewing lesson notes, making revision resources, reading around the subject, collaborating with peers to check understanding, watching lectures and talks from online resources such as TED Talks, YouTube and Kahn Academy.

It is expected that in addition to 5 hours per subject per week of timetabled lessons, students will spend up to **5 hours per week, per subject** in self-regulated learning. Course staff will guide students in this, especially during the early weeks of Year 12 and will be on hand to support students who find difficulty adapting. We encourage students to consider this their full-time job and therefore aim for 30-40 hours per week.

## Pastoral System

There will be up to six form classes in each year group. The form tutor will also deliver the fortnightly PSHE lesson. This programme will incorporate a range of activities including taught elements of the Extended Project Qualification, covering study skills, careers and HE advice, sessions on independent living and other activities in support of our Anglican ethos. This programme will be supplemented by occasional collapsed timetable days.

## Car Parking

Any Sixth Form student who wishes to bring a car to school must comply with the Sixth Form travel policy which can be viewed on our website. There is no space for student car parking on site. We would encourage students to purchase permits for the Whitburn Bents (‘Latimer’s’) Car Park. This permit will last all year and can be used outside of school time too therefore representing very good value.



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# Trips and Visits

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A few more...looks like the guys got wet but were able to make a difference. @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAlliance @weareworldchall



Dominic Corr  
@c

25/07/2018, 20:54

Group selfie with the eyjafjallajökull volcano @WhitSixthForm #helgitour2017 @MrROren #WSTSelfie @WhitCofEAcad



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Some of our students are @ChurchillCol @Cambridge\_Uni today for a very special event! All will be revealed soon... @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAlliance #WorldClass



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@whitburnbiology Biology Squad photo 2018. A-Level fieldwork. @WhitCofEAcad



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We've just sequenced these skulls to show human evolution over 35 million years. @whitburnbiology #ExcellenceforAll



13/10/2017, 14:55

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Gold @DofE practice expedition going well despite high temperatures. Here are our intrepid explorers enjoying that feeling of being at the top! @WCSQM @WhitCofEAcad



05/07/2018, 08:46

Whitburn MedSoc  
@MedWhitburn

Today some of our medsoc members attended a 'Robotics in medicine' conference 🤖 Ever fist bumped a robot?



190 views

20/09/2018, 16:19

Our first World Challenge expedition to Malawi in July 2018 was a great success and students returned with a new perspective on life. They felt they had been able to help a community and also enjoyed a Safari. We have teams lined up for Swaziland 2019 and Cambodia 2020.

In October 2017 our second trip to Iceland took place where students saw geological marvels such as geysers, crater lakes, glaciers, volcanoes and black sands as well as human achievements such as geothermally-heated greenhouses producing tomatoes near the Arctic Circle and the famous Blue Lagoon. A whale-watching trip satisfied the biologists.

Our first trip to Berlin gave our Historians a chance to visit the Berlin Wall memorial and Holocaust memorial sites. Two students annually are selected to visit Auschwitz. Politics is a new subject this year and students may get a chance to visit Washington DC.

Duke of Edinburgh groups are going for Gold once again. Biology and Geography fieldtrips are an integral part of the course. All students have the opportunity to visit Sunderland and Northumbria Universities.

Several subjects use our partnership with Sunderland University to visit their facilities to enhance learning.

Photos and tweets on this page capture some of the many highlights from our recent trips and visits.



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# Choosing A Levels

Choosing your A level courses may be straightforward for some but can be a huge dilemma for others, especially if you are unsure about what you want to do after Sixth Form. It is important to make an informed decision, as your choice of courses will have a major bearing on your university and career choices in the future.

All students must pick three courses. A fourth academic qualification is possible in the form of the Further Maths, EPQ, Core Maths or possibly a language alongside your three A Levels. Film Studies may also be an option via the Enrichment programme.

## Time allocation

Teaching time for each subject will be **5 hours per week**. The remaining periods will be allocated as self-directed study periods and there is a clear expectation that students make sensible decisions about how they spend this time.

## How to make your choices

If you have a clear idea about the university course you would like to apply to or have a particular career in mind, then your choices are likely to be straightforward. For example, for Medicine, Chemistry is considered essential. It is well worth checking the requirements for particular courses and careers before selecting your A levels and further advice follows. Mr Moore (Careers Coordinator), Mr Craggs (Head of Sixth Form) and Ms Dickenson (Assistant Head of Sixth Form) are all available to support students in making these decisions.

## Guidance Meetings

As part of the application process, you will be invited in for a guidance meeting with one of the Sixth Form team. These typically take place in February, once offer letters have been sent out. The meeting will last around 15 minutes and is a valuable opportunity to get some advice and guidance about subject choices and how they will set you up for your next steps after Sixth Form.

### Keeping your options open

It is best to choose subjects that you are interested in and perhaps those for which you are predicted the highest GCSE grades as you will be more likely to be successful doing what you enjoy and are 'good at'.

### Facilitating Subjects

The [Russell Group of Universities](#), in their publication '[Informed Choices](#)' advise that for students who are unsure about what to study beyond A Levels, choosing two 'facilitating subjects' would enable them to keep their options open. See the list on their website.

If you're unsure which courses to choose in Sixth Form try these websites for advice. Look carefully over the 'do's' and 'don'ts'.

If you don't know what career path to follow or what course you might do at university, or even if university is for you, arrange to meet Mr Moore or Mr Craggs.



[UCAS](#)



[Russell Group](#)



[Prospects.ac.uk](#)



[Studential.com](#)



[Careers4u.tv](#)



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# A Connected Sixth Form

They say 'no man is an island' and we are proud of our efforts in making links with other organisations who have something to offer our students. Our flagship formal partnership with Sunderland University allows students to visit the university and make use of state-of-the-art facilities that usually are not available to Sixth Form students. We have also hosted academics at the Academy to share their experience with our students.

We are involved with the local universities and we host speakers to talk about their Supported Progression schemes—NU Entry, Durham SP, Sunderland First Choice and Newcastle Partners. All of our Year 12 students spend a day at both Northumbria and Sunderland Universities developing study skills and exploring opportunities beyond Sixth Form.

Our brightest prospects attended the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences and we are part of the Cambridge HE+ group to encourage and support entry to competitive universities.

We are a careers Hub School and for those not set on the traditional University route, we have been involved with several firms offering fabulous sponsored degree or degree apprenticeship programmes—Orchard Software, Accenture, Ernst and Young, RSM, KPMG, Northumbrian Water amongst others. Over 30 providers attended our HE and School Leavers' Fayre showcasing degrees, alternatives to University and Gap Years.

Our Enrichment programme is supported by a local tutor who delivers our popular Sign Language. A volleyball coach from LEAD Education has supported the programme too. NCS visit regularly to offer their programme to our students. World Challenge are our chosen partner for our overseas expeditions to Swaziland in 2019 and Cambodia in 2020.



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Welcome back to one of our 'old boys' the always immaculate Lewis who is advocating school leaver programmes & higher apprenticeships with @RSMTenon @WhitCofEAcad



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Road Sense Commin Sense with @OpDragon @northumbriapol this morning. Important messages for all. Inspirational speakers. @WhitCofEAcad



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Results are in...our future doctors, pharmacists, biomedical scientists and pharmacologists will do their bit to fight #AntibioticResistance @Whitburnbiology @WhitCofEAcad @sunderlanduni



Rebecca Williams @

HE+ residential 🍷 #whitburnatcambridge



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# Student Support at Whitburn

Support can take many forms. The Sixth Form team meet students regularly to discuss how things are going and to offer support with whatever need might arise during what can be a stressful two years. Sixth Form brings many new challenges personally as well as academically and we have a strong support network available to students.

Each student has a **personal tutor** as an initial point of contact. Head of Sixth Form, Mr Craggs and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Ms Dickenson are always available for students. Our SMT link Mrs Tennet is also based in Sixth Form and Sixth Form Administrator Miss McAneny can help with day-to-day practical issues. We employ a dedicated **Careers Coordinator**, Mr Moore who is based in Sixth Form and has extensive knowledge of the careers landscape. As part of the wider Academy, Mrs Bengston is the **SENCO** and coordinates support for those with identified needs.

Peer-to-peer support is available through our subject reps and revision buddying initiatives. Academic support is enhanced by our strong **links with local Universities**, in particular our nearest neighbour Sunderland University with whom we have signed a **strategic partnership** agreement which has already led to bespoke opportunities being offered to our students.

**Financial Support** is available through the 16-19 bursary, full details of which can be found on the website. Free School Meals continue to be available—see the link on the main academy website.



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# Welcome to Whitburn

Attend Open Evening  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2018

Taster Opportunity  
December TBC

Application Deadline  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Guidance Meetings  
Feb-March

**Enrolment**  
**22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**August 2019**



First win for the staff at our fourth attempt! We were made to work for it however. Thanks to all for participating. @whitcofeacad @whitburnpe



Grand final!!! Campbell currently trailing to Liddle College. Minutes to go... @WhitCofEAcad



11/07/2018, 15:00

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Intrepid explorers ready to go!! We wish them a safe, enjoyable trip and hope they come back with memories that stay with them for life. @WorldChallenge @WhitCofEAcad



Fabulous venue here at the Assembly Rooms. Our students look amazing and are all excited about the next stage of their journeys @WhitCofEAcad



Good work guys! Enjoy the atmosphere 🇧🇷

Mrs H Amin @AminHal2013  
Year 12 Students support the PRIDE event 🙌 @WhitCofEAcad @WhitSixthForm



On the following pages are our Subject Descriptors. You will be able to discuss subject choices at a Guidance Meeting after the Application Deadline.

Careers information in subject descriptors taken from <http://www.prospects.ac.uk>

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# Entrance Requirements

We expect **applicants for A Level programmes** to present at enrolment with a good range of GCSEs averaging grade 5 or above including English and Maths. This will give you a good chance of success at A Level. We would expect students to achieve a D or higher by the end of Year 12 to make continuation in that subject a sensible option. **If a subject is oversubscribed, those with higher grades will be given priority.**

Subject	Qualification	Contact	Entry Requirements
Art	A Level	Mrs Dembry	Grade 5 in GCSE Art and Design. If Art has not been studied at GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of your work to be considered for a place on this course.
Biology	A Level	Mrs Pollard	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics <b>and</b> either a Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or 6-6 in Dual Award Science.
Business Studies	A Level	Ms Thirwell	Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies. If Business has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language <b>and</b> Maths.
Chemistry	A Level	Mrs Kale	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics <b>and</b> either Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry <b>or</b> 6-6 in Dual Award Science.
Computer Science	A Level	Mr Mulford	Grade 5 in GCSE Computing Science. If Computer Science has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 6 in Mathematics or a Grade 5 in Mathematics and Core Maths as an additional subject.
Core Maths	Level 3 Certificate	Mrs Bentley	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, preferably Grade 5.
Dance	Level 3 BTEC	Steve Mann <a href="mailto:dance@theleadacademy.co.uk">dance@theleadacademy.co.uk</a>	Four GCSEs grade 4 or above (including Maths and English) or be pursuing personal study at a specialist level in dance and/or performing arts.
Economics	A Level	Mr Shaw	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics <b>and</b> Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
English Language	A Level	Mrs Maughan	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
English Literature	A Level	Ms Dickenson	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature and at least Grade 5 in English Language.
Film Studies	A Level	Mr Thompson	Grade 5 in GCSE Media Studies or Film Studies. If Media Studies or Film Studies have not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.
French	A Level	Mrs Watson	Grade 6 in GCSE French.
Further Maths	A Level	Mr Sheard	This course must be taken alongside A Level Mathematics. Students must have a Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics (ideally Grade 8).
Geography	A Level	Mrs Husband	Grade 5 in GCSE Geography. If Geography has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in English Language <b>and</b> Grade 5 in a Science. A grade 5 in Maths.
Health & Social Care	Level 3 BTEC	Miss Charles	Grade 4 in English Language, Maths, and Biology or Core Science.
History	A Level	Mr Liddle	Grade 5 in GCSE History. If History has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 6 in English Language.
ICT	Level 3 BTEC	Mr Mulford	Grade 4 in GCSE Computer Science or a Level 2 Pass in a Technical or Vocational IT qualification. If Computer Science or IT has not been studied at Key stage 4, a Grade 5 in Maths.
Maths	A Level	Mrs Bartch	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
Media Studies	A Level	Mr Smailes	Grade 5 in GCSE Media Studies or Film Studies. If Media Studies has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature.
Music	A Level	Mr Rose	Grade 6 in GCSE Music. If Music has not been studied at GCSE, ABRSM (or equivalent) Grade 5.
Performing Arts	Level 3 BTEC	Miss Cresswell	Grade 5 in GCSE Music. Experience of performing in at least two of Singing, Drama, Dance.
Philosophy & Ethics	A Level	Miss Roberts	Grade 5 in GCSE RE. If RE has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in English Language GCSE.
Physical Education	A Level	Mr Leggett	Grade 5 in GCSE PE. If PE has not been studied at GCSE, a Grade 5 in Biology or Core Science. You must also be very good at practical PE regularly participating at a <b>competitive</b> standard.
Physics	A Level	Miss Kiefer	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics <b>and</b> either a Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or 6-6 in Dual Award Science. <i>Applicants choosing Physics should also study Maths A Level to give a realistic chance of success.</i>
Politics	A Level	Miss McManus	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature.
Psychology	A Level	Miss Boswell	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature <b>and</b> grade 5 in Biology or 5-5 in Trilogy Science.
Sociology	A Level	Ms Britton	Grade 5 in English Language or Literature.
Spanish	A Level	Mrs Watson	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish.
Sport – Outdoor Education	Level 3 BTEC	Steve Mann <a href="mailto:steve@leadeducation.co.uk">steve@leadeducation.co.uk</a>	Four GCSEs grade 4 or above (including Maths and English). You must have a keen interest in sport, sports coaching and outdoor adventurous activities.



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# A Level Art and Design

Exam board: AQA

## Why choose Art and Design?

Did you enjoy the challenges of GCSE? Then you will certainly enjoy A level Art and Design. It gives you the opportunity to further develop your style, ideas and skills. It provides the foundation for further study of Art and Design or related subjects in Higher Education leading to Foundation Degree, Higher National Diplomas and Degree.

A wide range of careers and university courses can be accessed from advertising and marketing to art therapy, fashion design and architecture.

...So what are you waiting for?

We're looking for the next great artist. Is it you?



## How the Course is Examined

60% personal study/art project  
(1,000 – 3,000 word essay)  
and February – April 40% exam.

## Job options

Jobs directly related to a Fine Art degree include:

- Exhibition designer
- Fine artist
- Further education teacher
- Higher education lecturer
- Illustrator
- Museum/gallery curator
- Printmaker
- Secondary school teacher

Jobs where your Fine Art degree would be useful include:

- Commercial art gallery manager
- Interior and spatial designer
- Museum/gallery exhibitions officer
- Art therapist
- Arts administrator
- Multimedia program
- Stylist

Student Profile: Katie

Other subjects: Geography, Philosophy

Now studying: Fine Art, Sunderland



*"My favourite subject is Art - I love it because I can experiment with different things and the Baltic trips are really good."*

## Course Detail

Year 12: creatively develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms. In other words you will build upon skills learnt at GCSE and develop a greater understanding of the formal elements of art and art history. You'll create a 'full project' and 'random' work as well as be encouraged to work on a large scale.

Year 13: designed to stretch and challenge you further you'll use a broad range of materials and techniques. You will produce a 'full project', chosen by you and write a 1000-3000 word accompanying essay.

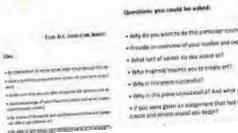
There will also be opportunities to visit art galleries, attend workshops with artists and gain careers advice from local higher education providers.



@WhitburnArt



I put together a few tips and possible questions that you could be asked in an art based interview for University. I found it difficult to find online resources for preparing for an art based interview, so hopefully this helps 😊



Wow, we look forward to seeing the final piece which is sure to be #worldclass @WhitCofEAcad @WCSQM

WhitburnArt @WhitburnArt Drawing up large scale... how many Olivia's can you see?



# A Level Biology



@BiologyWhitburn



## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Biology?

The human genome has been sequenced and we know the complete arrangement of the three thousand million bases that make up human DNA.

In Kenya 350 people die every day from AIDS and in South East Asia the skies are dark with smoke as the last Bornean rainforests are burned to grow oil palms. Biologists are concerned with all these issues. The work they do in the fields of cell biology, medicine, food production and ecology is vital to us all and is never far from the headlines.

Having an A level in Biology will put you in great stead for a huge range of careers from Medicine to Environmental Science. You could progress to an Honours Degree, Foundation Degree or Higher National Diploma in Biological Science. Degree courses you may like to consider are Biology, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Zoology, Botany and Marine Biology.

### Course Detail

Whilst studying this subject you will learn about disease, ecosystems and the variety of living organisms.

The course covers fundamental biological principles such as human health, animal and plant systems.

There will be an opportunity for fieldwork outside of school: we have been to Sunderland University, the Centre for Life and an anatomy workshop at the RVI.

### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed as an A Level at the end of Year 13 with three written exams, including an essay question.

**Student Profile:** James

**Other subjects:** Maths, Chemistry, AS French

**Now studying:** Medicine & Surgery, Newcastle



## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Biology degree include:**

- Biotechnologist
- Higher education lecturer
- Microbiologist
- Nanotechnologist
- Nature conservation officer
- Pharmacologist
- Physician associate
- Research scientist (life sciences)
- Research scientist (medical)
- Secondary school teacher
- Soil scientist
- Zoologist

**Jobs where your Biology degree would be useful include:**

- General practice doctor
- Sustainability consultant
- Health promotion specialist
- Science writer
- Acupuncturist
- Dentist



# A Level Business Studies



@WhitburnBusine1



## Exam board: Edexcel

### Why choose Business Studies?

Business is front page news. The subject allows students to explore business behaviour and understand how a business operates and what can influence its success. It gives pupils the opportunity to understand how the world they live in works, as well as developing entrepreneurial skills, problem-solving abilities and strategic thinking. It combines well with all other subjects due to its relevance to so many careers and everyday life.

If you have Business Studies A level it can be attractive to employers as it shows you have a background knowledge of how a business works, so you can then be considered for higher positions.

Career choices with A-level Business include management, marketing, finance, accounting, banking, retailing, manufacturing and local government. Many universities accept Business A level when students are applying for courses such as Economics, Business Studies and many other options.



### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed by three written papers, one of which will involve a pre-released case study.

**Student Profile:** Ben

**Other subjects:** Economics, Geography

**Now:** Higher Level Apprenticeship Digital Marketing, SME Centre of Excellence



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### Course Detail

You will cover 4 themes:

- Marketing and People
- Managing Business Activities
- Business Decisions and Strategies
- Global business

You will have the opportunity to study up-to-date case studies to allow them to see how the theory links to the real world. You will investigate how a business makes decisions, along with how these decisions impact a business.

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Business degree include:**

Actuarial analyst  
Business adviser  
Business analyst  
Chartered management accountant  
Corporate investment banker  
Data analyst  
Data scientist  
Forensic accountant  
Insurance underwriter  
Management consultant  
Operational researcher  
Product manager  
Project manager

Risk manager  
Social media manager  
Stockbroker  
Sustainability consultant

**Jobs where your Business degree would be useful include:**

Human resources officer  
Logistics and distribution manager  
Marketing executive  
Retail manager  
Sales executive  
Stylist  
Systems analyst  
UX analyst

# A Level Chemistry



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## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Chemistry?

Chemistry A level opens doors to all sorts of careers that you may not have imagined! The food we eat, clothes we wear and the technology we use all depend upon chemistry. Chemists develop new medicines, safeguard our food supply and monitor and protect our environment. You will often spend time conducting experiments and research in a laboratory environment, so be prepared to work with a range of scientific equipment wearing your lab coat!

Having an A level in Chemistry will allow you to enter a range of careers including Medicine and Pharmacy, Forensic Science, Optometry and Physiology. If you want to go into a career in any form of medicine including Veterinary Science then you will find A level Chemistry compulsory or at least desirable. Other career possibilities include food technology, nursing, physiotherapy, radiography, law and zoology.

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Chemistry degree include:**

*Analytical chemist  
Chemical engineer  
Healthcare scientist, clinical biochemistry  
Forensic scientist  
Nanotechnologist  
Pharmacologist  
Research scientist (physical sciences)  
Toxicologist*

**Jobs where your Chemistry degree would be useful include:**

*Chartered certified accountant  
Environmental consultant  
Higher education lecturer  
Nuclear engineer  
Patent attorney  
Science writer  
Secondary school teacher*

**Student Profile:** Suman

**Other subjects:** Maths, Biology

**Now studying:** Pharmacy, Newcastle



### Course Detail

A lot of the areas covered in A level Chemistry are studied at GCSE, such as the structure of an atom, bonding, quantitative chemistry, alkanes and the periodic table. However there are several new topics you will encounter whilst on the course such as energetics, kinetics and equilibrium, periodicity and organic analysis.

In addition to this you will focus on your practical skills as there will be an emphasis on linking theoretical knowledge to experimental work.

There will be opportunities for fieldwork outside of school, along with possible residential visits.

Our students have used first-class facilities at Sunderland University to carry out some of their required practical work as well as carrying out some of the tasks a pharmacist would do, such as preparing and dispensing a cream.



### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed as an A Level at the end of Year 13.

# A Level Computer Science



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**Exam board: AQA**

## Why choose Computer Science?

Computer Science is a practical subject where learners can apply the principles learned in the classroom to real world systems; it is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement. Computer Science will value computational thinking, helping learners to develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence.

Students will develop an understanding of and ability to apply the concepts of computer science. They will learn to analyse problems and think creatively, innovatively and analytically. They will also develop the capacity to see relationships between the different aspects of Computer Science and develop mathematical skills. Studying this subject at A Level supports progress onto Computer Science and Software Engineering courses at University and employment opportunities in a growth industry.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Computer Science degree include:**

*Application analyst  
Business analyst  
Data analyst  
Database administrator  
Games developer  
Information systems manager  
IT consultant  
Multimedia programmer  
SEO specialist  
Systems analyst  
Systems developer  
UX analyst  
Web designer  
Web developer*

**Jobs where your Computer science degree would be useful include:**

*Digital copywriter  
IT sales professional  
IT trainer  
Nanotechnologist  
Network engineer  
PPC specialist  
Product manager  
Secondary school teacher  
Social media manager  
Technical author  
UX designer  
Web content manager*



## Course Detail

The course comprises 3 components: **Computer Systems** which explores the characteristics of contemporary processors, how software is developed, the exchange of data between systems, data types, structures and algorithms and legal, moral and ethical issues.

**Algorithms and Programming** focused on computational thinking, problem solving and programming.

A **Programming Project** focused on designing, implementing and evaluating a program to solve a problem.

## How the Course is Examined

The course is examined by two papers worth 40% each. The first is a written exam and the second is an on-screen programming task.

A **Non-Examination Assessment** is worth 20% of the final mark.

**Student Profile:** Matthew

**Other subjects:** Maths, Physics

**Now studying:** Computer Science, Northumbria



# Level 3 BTEC Dance



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## Exam board: Pearson

### Why choose BTEC Dance?

Dance City and Whitburn Sixth Form have come together with LEAD Academy to offer a unique qualification to help you develop, excel and pursue a career as a dancer.

This specialist qualification will enable you to apply for dance and performing arts degree programmes or audition directly for advanced training in the dance industry to specialist schools. Past students have gone onto full time training at London Studio Centre, Rambert School, Bird College and onto our degree programme.

National Diplomas are equivalent to three A levels but are more vocational. The training is focused on the skills you need to work in the industry and therefore ideal if you know you want a career in dance.

### Where will I study?

Primarily in Dance City's purpose built professional studios in Newcastle city centre. You will also benefit from enrichment activities at Whitburn Academy, which can be arts focused, taking advantage of the excellent arts and media facilities at their purpose built Sixth Form College.

### What you will gain...

- Unique qualification earning up to 168 UCAS points
- High level, pure dance training
- Trained by highly skilled, experienced professional dancers
- Cutting edge facilities including studios, theatre and gym
- Excellent public performance opportunities
- Direct route to Dance/Performing Arts
- Degrees or specialist dance schools
- Introductions to specialist schools
- Opportunity to attain Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



**Student Profile:** Megan

**Other subjects:** n/a

**Now:** Applying to Conservatoires



### How the Course is Assessed:

This course is assessed via a mixture of practical performance in training, rehearsals and shows as well as written evidence in the form of training diaries and course assignments.

### Course Detail

The course has a strong focus on practical activity with high level, comprehensive, pure dance training delivered by experienced dance professionals from Dance City Learning Academy.

You will develop your technique, artistic understanding and overall fitness to prepare you for a career in professional dance performance and/or teaching.

You'll gain experience of a range of dance specialisms including Classical Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Choreography, Physical Theatre, Urban and Jazz which will develop you as a versatile dance artist.

In addition, you'll study core units linked to professional and performance-based dance practice, the study of the performing arts industry, and also the historical context of performance.



**Student Profile:** Ben

**Other subjects:** EPQ

**Now:** Applying to Dance City's BA Course



# A Level Economics



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## Exam board: OCR

### Why choose Economics?

Economics is all around us; from how governments set policy to how we spend in the high street.

### You will study:

**Microeconomics** which examines the behaviour of basic elements in the economy e.g. households, firms, buyers and sellers.

**Macroeconomics** which analyses the entire economy and issues affecting it including inflation, economic growth, and the public policies that address these issues.

An A level in Economics will provide you with a wide range of both subject-specific and transferable skills, all of which are highly sought after by employers and universities. Indeed, according to research by the University of Manchester, students who go onto to study Economics at degree level have one of the highest employability records of all subjects!

### How the Course is Examined

The assessment will be through two written examinations, equally weighted, covering the three component units.

### Course Detail

This course covers 3 components of study over the two years;

**Component 1** - Microeconomics covers topics including How a Competitive Market Works, Competition and Power, and Labour Markets.

**Component 2** – Macroeconomics covers topics including Economic policy objectives and indicators of macro-economic performance and the global context.

**Component 3** – Themes in Economics; this will draw on the content of components 1 and 2 in a real world context.

**Student Profile:** Cathryn

**Other subjects:** Geography, History

**Now studying:** Economics and Geography, Lancaster



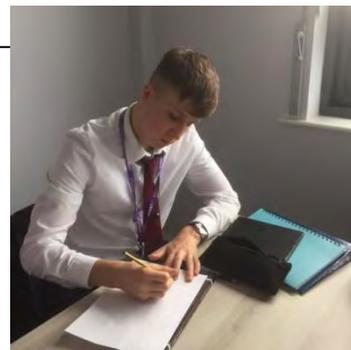
## Job options

### Jobs directly related to a Economics degree include:

*Actuarial analyst*  
*Chartered accountant*  
*Chartered certified accountant*  
*Chartered public finance accountant*  
*Data analyst*  
*Economist*  
*Financial risk analyst*  
*Forensic accountant*  
*Investment analyst*  
*Statistician*  
*Stockbroker*

### Jobs where your Economics degree would be useful include:

*Actuary*  
*Civil Service fast streamer*  
*Data scientist*  
*Diplomatic service officer*  
*Local government officer*  
*Management consultant*  
*Quantity surveyor*



# A Level English Language

Exam board: AQA

## Why choose English Language?

English Language at A Level is completely different from GCSE and the aim of this course is to introduce you to methods of studying and understanding spoken and written language in use.

You will be exposed to some of the current debates about language use and encouraged to form and discuss your own opinions. The course will develop your analytical thinking and research abilities, which in turn will help to develop necessary skills required for a wide range of university degrees and possible careers.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Linguistics degree include:**

*English as a foreign language teacher*  
*Lexicographer*  
*Publishing copy-editor/proof-reader*  
*Speech and language therapist*  
*Teaching assistant*

**Jobs where your Linguistics degree would be useful include:**

*Civil Service fast streamer*  
*Digital copywriter*  
*Editorial assistant*  
*Information officer*  
*Marketing executive*  
*Primary school teacher*  
*Public librarian*  
*Public relations officer*  
*Social researcher*  
*Translator*

## How the Course is Examined

There are two written examinations which account for 80% of the A level.

There is one coursework module which counts for 20%.

## Course Detail

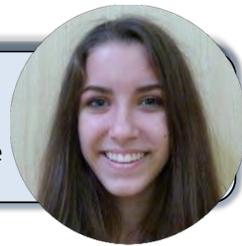
Throughout the first year, you will explore language in relation to the individual, looking at how language is used by different social groups and how language varies within different situations. You will also develop knowledge of phonetics and an advanced knowledge and awareness of grammar.

In Year 13, you will continue to develop this knowledge, adding new topics such as child language acquisition and how language has changed from the 1600s to the present day.

**Student Profile:** Jessica

**Other subjects:** Biology, Psychology

**Now studying:** Speech and Language Sciences, Newcastle



English students meet inspirational linguist David Crystal



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# A Level English Literature

**Exam board: AQA**

## Why choose English Literature?

Studying English Literature at A Level encourages an enjoyment and appreciation of Literature.

Key to success in English Literature is your ability and willingness to read independently. In preparation for the start of each year, there will be preparatory reading of exam texts to do over the summer holiday. Over the course you will also be expected to read critical material on the writers you are studying so as to develop your own interpretations of texts through understanding the views of others.

It is a facilitating subject, widely accepted and valued by universities across the country. A Level English Literature helps to develop skills of analysis and critical thinking, as well as individual study, thereby preparing you for a wide range of future career choices.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a English degree include:**

*Digital copywriter*  
*Editorial assistant*  
*English as a foreign language teacher*  
*Lexicographer*  
*Magazine journalist*  
*Newspaper journalist*  
*Publishing copy-editor/proof-reader*  
*Web content manager*  
*Writer*

**Jobs where your English degree would be useful include:**

*Academic librarian*  
*Advertising account executive*  
*Advertising copywriter*  
*Arts administrator*  
*Information officer*  
*Marketing executive*  
*PPC specialist*  
*Primary school teacher*  
*Public relations officer*  
*Records manager*  
*Secondary school teacher*  
*Social media manager*



**Student Profile:** Lucy

**Other subjects:** History, Maths

**Now studying:** Literature, Jesus College Cambridge



## Course Detail

Throughout the first year, you will explore texts within the genre of Tragedy. You will study three texts including a Shakespeare text as well as a further drama text and a prose and poetry text.

There is a great deal of reading required for this course, and students will be expected to read independently from a wide selection of texts, including work by writers such as William Shakespeare and Margaret Atwood.

## How the Course is Examined

Unit 1, Tragedy, is studied in Year 1 and this is a closed book exam.

Unit 2, Political Writing, is studied in Year 2 and this is an open book exam (80%)

There is a coursework module on literary theory which involves two essays looking at both the novel and poetry (20%)



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# A Level Film Studies



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## Exam board: WJEC Eduqas

### Why choose Film Studies?

Film Studies is the investigation and study of the most significant cultural development of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The course offers students the opportunity to study and explore the diverse nature of film; ranging from its early history in the silent era through to modern mainstream and independent productions from around the world.

Film Studies offers students a focused programme of study which builds an understanding of the craft of film and develops the ability to write for the screen and develop productions.

With the advent of digital distribution and proliferation of film-making tools, the opportunities for prospective young film-makers are greater than ever. Film Studies is an ideal option for students looking to focus their passions and learn the craft while the subject is also an excellent companion to the study of English or Media.

### How the Course is Examined

70% examination

30% coursework

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Film Studies degree include:**

*Broadcast engineer*

*Broadcast presenter*

*Location manager*

*Programme researcher broadcasting/film/video*

*Television camera operator*

*Television/film/video producer*

*Television production coordinator*

**Jobs where your Film Studies degree would be useful include:**

*Advertising art director*

*Community arts worker*

*Marketing executive*

*Runner broadcasting/film/video*

### Course Detail

You will study 12 films from a variety of time periods and movements.

Initial units explore the development of Hollywood cinema from the 1930s to the 1990s as well UK and European independent and mainstream releases.

Additionally, the course covers Recent Hollywood, world, shot and documentary film as well as covering silent and experimental movements.

There will also be the opportunity for possible visits and work experience.



# A Level French



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## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose French?

Speaking a modern foreign language is an invaluable tool in today's modern world, "the global village". Recognised as a robust academic qualification, A Level French is highly valued by universities. It can lead to a French degree, or can also be studied in combination with another language, English Literature or International Business Management.

Over 200 million people throughout the world speak French. It is the international language of cooking, fashion, theatre, the visual arts, dance and architecture. Furthermore France is the most popular tourist country worldwide, attracting over 70 million visitors per year. A Level French allows students to build on the foundation of GCSE in order to gain independence in skills and to prepare for the study of the language at a higher level.

Studying AS Level over two years alongside your three 'main' A Levels may be possible.

### Course Detail

4 themes taught across 2 years. Taught through the means of listening, speaking, reading and writing, as follows:

#### Theme 1

Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends

#### Theme 2

Artistic culture in the French-speaking world

#### Theme 3

Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues

#### Theme 4

Aspects of political life in the French speaking world

**Students also study 1 literary text, 1 film and French grammar**

**Student Profile:** James

**Other subjects:** Biology, Chemistry, Maths

**Now:** Medicine and Surgery, Newcastle



## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Modern Languages degree include:**

*Interpreter*

*Translator*

*Marketing executive*

*Secondary school teacher*

**Jobs where your Modern Languages degree would be useful include:**

*Detective*

*Tour manager*

*Sales executive*

*Patent examiner*

*Broadcast journalist*

*Diplomatic service officer*

*English as a foreign language teacher*

*International aid/development worker*

*Logistics and distribution manager*

## How the Course is Examined

### 3 papers

Paper 1 : Listening, reading and writing (including translation)

Paper 2 : Writing (essay based on the text or film studied)

Paper 3 : Speaking (based on 4 subthemes)



# A Level Geography



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## Exam board: EDEXCEL

### Why choose Geography?

Geographers study the interaction between people and the places they inhabit, exploring the relationship between human populations and physical landscape. As such it is a relevant and flexible subject which integrates well with a variety of other subject areas and can be combined with Science or Art subjects. The course is designed to address key ideas and debates in the world today, such as climate change, globalisation, urban regeneration and management of the world's resources. Geography develops the ability to combine scientific principles with economic awareness, environmental concern and an appreciation and tolerance of people. You will develop your own values, attitudes and opinions and have opportunities to develop team work and fieldwork skills.

### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed with a written exam for units 1, 2 & 3. The assessment for Unit 4 will be a non-examined assessment (internally assessed and externally moderated)

### Course Detail

There are 4 units of study for A level:

#### Unit 1: Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems and Sustainability

Tectonic processes and Hazards:

Coastal Landscapes: The Water and Carbon Cycles and Insecurity

#### Unit 2: Dynamic Places and Human Systems and Geopolitics

Globalisation: Shaping Places:

Superpowers: Global Development

Unit 3: Synoptic Investigation of a contemporary geographical Issue

Unit 4: Students complete an Individual Investigation of 3000-4000 words based on a fieldwork enquiry.



## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Geography degree include:**

*Cartographer  
Commercial/residential surveyor  
Environmental consultant  
Geographical information systems officer  
Planning and development surveyor  
Secondary school teacher  
Town planner*

**Jobs where your Geography degree would be useful include:**

*International aid/development worker  
Landscape architect  
Logistics and distribution manager  
Market researcher  
Nature conservation officer  
Sustainability consultant  
Tourism officer  
Transport planner*

**Student Profile:** Lauren

**Other subjects:** Geography, Psychology

**Now Studying:** Geography, Hull



# A Level History

Exam board: OCR

## Why choose History?

It's really interesting! It teaches you about where you have come from and what lessons can be learnt from events of the past.

History is a highly-respected academic qualification. Even if you are dedicated to the sciences or to mathematics, History is an excellent additional option to take.

Valued by universities, it also goes well with most combinations of subjects to give a wide range of professional careers from Business to Politics, Architecture to Journalism. University admissions tutors know that if you have studied History you have completed a challenging, rigorous qualification which requires high-level independent thinking. You will learn to write, think and study in a much more rounded way and broaden your talents.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a History degree include:**

*Heritage manager  
Historic buildings inspector or conservation officer  
Museum education officer  
Museum or gallery curator  
Museum or gallery exhibitions officer  
Secondary school teacher*

**Jobs where your History degree would be useful include:**

*Academic librarian  
Archaeologist  
Archivist  
Broadcast journalist  
Civil Service administrator  
Editorial assistant  
Information officer  
PPC specialist  
Politician's assistant  
Solicitor  
Web content manager*



**Student Profile:** Billy

**Other subjects:** Literature, Philosophy

**Now Studying:** International History and Politics, Leeds



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## Course Detail

The OCR A level specification for History allows you to follow 4 units of study, running in pairs, parallel to each other across Years 12 and 13.

You will study "Anglo-Saxon England and the Norman Conquest 1035-1107" for the British Study and Enquiry, and "Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963" for the Non-British Study.

The Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations section will be "Popular Culture and the Witch Craze of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries". You will also undertake a research question, in which you can choose an area of interest to study.

## How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed with 3 written examinations which contribute 80% to the overall award and 20% from a Historical Investigation.



## Exam board: Pearson

### Why choose Health and Social Care?

Whilst it is often in the news for its struggles with budget cuts and the challenges of an ageing population, the NHS remains one of our best-loved institutions and one of our biggest employers. Increasingly, the private sector has a role to play and employment opportunities may be with organisations in this sector.

This course will give you good background knowledge of the principles of care generally and also with patients who have specific conditions.

Students studying Health and Social Care may be offered the opportunity to go out on placement.

Health and Social Care would sit nicely with other A-Level options including Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Ethics and English Language.

We would expect students to progress to employment via Advanced Apprenticeship, or Higher Education with degrees in Nursing, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Occupational Therapy, Dental Nursing, Public Health, Health Studies and others being possible destinations.

**We may be able to offer both an Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A Level) and a Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels) depending on demand.**

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Health Studies degree include:**

*Community development worker  
Further education teacher  
Health promotion specialist  
Health service manager  
Medical sales representative*

**Jobs where your Health Studies degree would be useful include:**

*Adult nurse  
Counsellor  
Occupational therapist  
Physician associate  
Primary care graduate mental health worker  
Social worker  
Youth worker*



## Health and Social Care

### Course Detail

The following are **compulsory** units for the Extended Certificate:

1. Human Lifespan Development (1.5 hr exam)
2. Working in Health and Social Care (1.5 hr exam)
3. Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (Coursework assignment)

**The Diploma also requires:**

4. Principles of safe practice in Health and Social Care (Coursework assignment)
5. Promoting Public Health (Coursework assignment)
6. Enquiries into current research in Health and Social Care (Assessed research Task)

The following are **optional** units, assessed by coursework assignments and will be selected according to student interest and staff expertise:

- . Sociological Perspectives
- . Psychological Perspectives
- . Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- . Physiological Disorders and Their Care
- . Nutritional Health (available for Diploma only)

### How the Course is Examined

Both the Extended Certificate and Diploma qualifications will be assessed by two 1.5 hour written exams as well as continuous assessment via coursework assignments which are internally assessed.

The Diploma also includes a task involving independent research prior to a supervised assessment.

# Level 3 BTEC National Information Technology



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## Exam board: Pearson

### Why choose Information Technology?

We're in the 21st century and today everything's about technology. It's seen in almost every aspect of modern life.

### Level 3: National Certificate in Information Technology

This qualification is designed for learners who are interested in a basic introduction to the study of IT alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in IT.

### Level 3: National Extended Certificate in Information Technology

This qualification is designed to provide learners an introduction to the study of creating IT systems to manage and share Information with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in IT.

**We may be able to offer both a Certificate (equivalent to one AS Level) and an Extended Certificate (equivalent to an A Level) depending on demand.**

## Job options

### Jobs directly related to an Information Systems degree include:

*Application analyst*  
*Data analyst*  
*Data scientist*  
*Database administrator*  
*Information systems manager*  
*IT consultant*  
*IT technical support officer*  
*Systems analyst*  
*Systems developer*

### Jobs where your Information Systems degree would be useful include:

*Applications developer*  
*Business analyst*  
*Network engineer*  
*IT sales professional*  
*UX analyst*  
*Web content manager*



## Course Detail

The following are **compulsory** units for the **Certificate**:

### **Manage Information.**

Learners study the design, creation, testing and evaluation of a relational database system to manage information.

### **Using Social Media in Business** (Coursework assignment).

Learners explore how businesses use social media to promote their products and services. Learners also implement social media activities in a business to meet requirements.

### **The Extended Certificate also requires: Information Technology Systems.**

Learners study the role of computer systems and the implications of their use in personal and professional situations.

In addition one of the following **optional** units, assessed by coursework assignments and will be selected according to student interest and staff expertise:

- **Data Modelling**
- **Website Development**

## How the Course is Examined

The certificate is consists of two modules, one of which is assessed by examination and the other is assessed by a coursework assignment.

The extended certificate is consists of 4 modules. Two of which are assessed by examination and two are assessed by coursework assignments.

# A Level Mathematics



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**Exam board: EDEXCEL**

## Why choose Mathematics?

The GCE in Mathematics is highly motivating. Mathematics at Advanced GCE is a course worth studying, not only as a supporting subject for the physical and social sciences, but in its own right. It is challenging but interesting.

You will build on work you covered at GCSE and be introduced to new ideas produced by some of the greatest minds of the last millennium.

An essential part of mathematical study is the challenge of analysing and solving problems and the satisfaction and confidence gained from achieving a 'correct' answer. You will also need to be able to communicate well in written work to explain your solutions. Studying A-Level Mathematics is **essential** for those of you who wish to read a variety of Maths-related subjects at university, for example: Mathematics, Statistics, Physics and many Engineering courses. It can be useful for a range of other degree courses such as Architecture, Economics, Psychology and Accounting. Studying Mathematics also complements courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

## Course Detail

**All students will study Pure Maths, Statistics and Mechanics.**

**Pure Maths** provides students with a thorough grounding in the mathematical tools and techniques often needed in the workplace including major topics such as logarithms, differentiation/integration and geometric/arithmetic progressions.

**Mechanics:** this deals with the action of forces on objects.

**Statistics:** you will learn how to analyse data in order to arrive at conclusions.



## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Maths degree include:**

*Actuarial analyst*  
*Actuary*  
*Chartered accountant*  
*Chartered certified accountant*  
*Data analyst*  
*Data scientist*  
*Investment analyst*  
*Research scientist (maths)*  
*Secondary school teacher*  
*Statistician*  
*Systems developer*

**Jobs where your Maths degree would be useful include:**

*Civil Service fast streamer*  
*Financial manager*  
*Financial trader*  
*Insurance underwriter*  
*Meteorologist*  
*Operational researcher*  
*Quantity surveyor*  
*Software tester*



**Student Profile:** Samantha

**Other subjects:** Psychology, Sociology

**Now Studying:** Higher Level Apprenticeship, Womble Bond Dickenson Law Firm

## How the Course is Examined

Paper 1 and 2 will include Pure Maths

Paper 3 will be in 2 sections.

Section A- Statistics.

Section B- Mechanics.

The duration of each paper is 2 hours.

# A Level Further Mathematics



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## Exam board: EDEXCEL

### Why choose Further Mathematics?

There are many reasons for you to take Further Mathematics:

- It is a challenging but rewarding and intellectually stimulating experience.
- It allows able mathematicians to explore new more sophisticated mathematical concepts.
- It enables you to stand out as an able mathematician to both Universities and potential employers.
- It assists greatly in the transition to Maths-related degree courses.

Those that opt for Further Maths will also follow the A level Mathematics course simultaneously and hence gain two separate qualifications. For some degree courses, such as Mathematics, Engineering and Computing Science, Further Maths would be a desirable, if not an essential, qualification.

**It is possible to study AS Further Maths in addition to your three A Levels.**

### Course Detail

#### Compulsory Further Pure content:

- Proof
- Complex numbers
- Matrices
- Further algebra and functions
- Further calculus
- Further vectors
- Polar coordinates
- Hyperbolic functions
- Differential equations

#### Units Studied:

- Core Pure 1
- Core Pure 2
- Further Mechanics 1
- Further Statistics 1

**Student Profile:** Joe

**Other subjects:** Maths, Physics

**Now Studying:** Aeronautical Engineering, Imperial College London



### How the Course is Examined

4 x 90 minute exams

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to an Accountancy and Finance degree include:**

*Accounting technician  
Actuarial analyst  
Business adviser  
Chartered accountant  
Chartered certified accountant  
Chartered management accountant  
Chartered public finance accountant  
Company secretary  
Forensic accountant  
Stockbroker*

**Jobs where your Accountancy and Finance degree would be useful include:**

*Actuary  
Data analyst  
Data scientist  
Economist  
Licensed conveyancer  
Management consultant  
Purchasing manager  
Retail banker  
Tax adviser*



# Level 3 Certificate Core Maths



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**Exam board: EDEXCEL**

## Why choose Core Maths

Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) is a subject designed to develop students' mathematical skills and thinking.

The additional skills and knowledge which it gives beyond GCSE level support other A Level subjects such as Psychology, Sciences and Geography. It is suited to those who have some mathematical ability but who do not have the interest or aptitude to study Mathematics at A level.

It applies mathematics to real life problems and issues, including Personal Finance.

## Course Detail

### Compulsory content:

- 3.1 Analysis of data
- 3.2 Maths for personal finance
- 3.3 Estimation
- 3.4 Critical analysis of given data and models

### Optional Components: (2 of the following)

- 3.5 The normal distribution
- 3.6 Probabilities and estimation
- 3.7 Correlation and regression
- 3.8 Critical path and risk analysis
- 3.9 Expectation
- 3.10 Cost benefit analysis
- 3.11 Graphical methods
- 3.12 Rates of change
- 3.13 Exponential functions

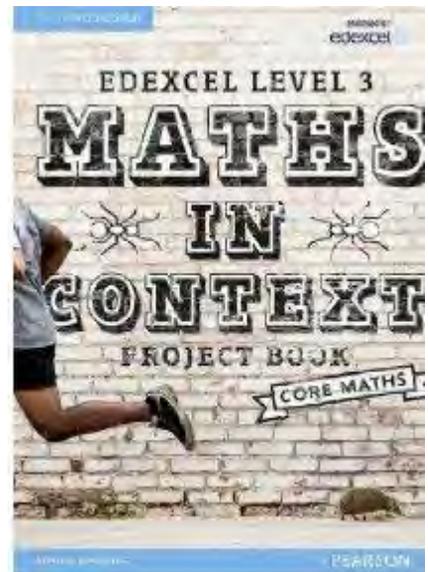
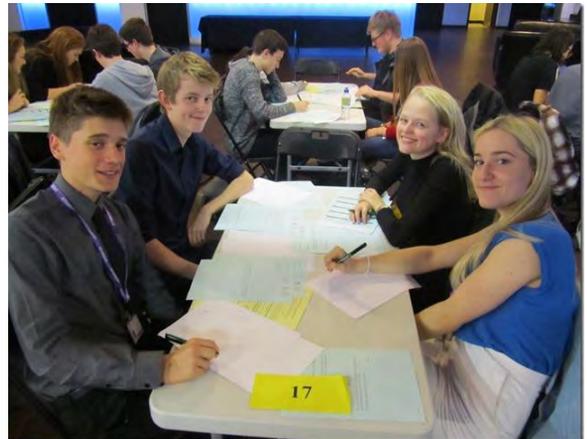
## How the Course is Examined

### Paper 1

One hour 30 minute exam covering 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3

### Paper 2

One hour 30 minute exam covering **one** of the following three areas:  
Statistical Techniques  
Critical Path and Risk Analysis  
Graphical Techniques



# A Level Media Studies

**Exam board: WJEC Eduqas**

## Why choose Media Studies?

We are surrounded by the media in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and it informs almost every aspect of our lives. From your mobile phone to the daily newspaper to your games console the world is throwing hundreds of messages at you every day; Media Studies is one of the subjects that helps you understand this and puts you in control.

The subject is relevant to modern life and society, and involves hands-on practical work designed to develop production skills and your understanding of critical theory. Possible careers include working within the film, TV, music or games industry. The level to which you will study criticism and debate will be useful in a wide variety of degree subjects such as English, Media, Politics, Journalism, and Law.

## Course Detail

You will cover three components in total over the two-year course. In Year 12 you will look at music videos, video games, advertising, newspapers and radio.

In Year 13 you will look at television, magazines, and online media. You will also complete a practical production piece based on a set brief. There will also be the opportunity for possible visits and work experience.

**Student Profile:** Callan

**Other subjects:** Business, History

**Now Studying:** Filmmaking,  
Leeds Beckett



## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Media degree include:**

*Media planner*  
*Multimedia specialist*  
*Programme researcher, broadcasting/film/video*  
*Public relations officer*  
*Runner, broadcasting/film/video*  
*Social media manager*  
*Television/film/video producer*  
*Web content manager*

**Jobs where your Media degree would be useful include:**

*Advertising account executive*  
*Broadcast journalist*  
*Editorial assistant*  
*Event manager*  
*Information officer*  
*Magazine journalist*  
*Market researcher*  
*UX designer*  
*Writer*

## How the Course is Examined

This comprises 30% coursework and 70% written examination.



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# A Level Music



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## Exam board: EDEXCEL

### Why choose Music?

A level Music develops knowledge and understanding of genres and periods of musical history. It allows you to develop creatively as both a performer and a composer. The course works well alongside external accreditations including ABRSM examinations and the Arts Award scheme, both of which are recognised on UCAS tariff points for university entrance. There are tuition opportunities across all instrumental families; guitar, bass, drum kit, piano, Music Theatre and classical voice. The academy enters students for external examinations such as ABRSM practical and theory, Rock School, RGT guitar and LCM Music Theatre. There will also be a breadth of extra-curricular opportunities including WCEA Orchestra, Choir, Big Band, various instrumental and vocal ensembles, the annual academy production and European tours. The GCE course is excellent preparation for higher education courses in music.

### How the Course is Examined

Composition & Performance = 60%  
Developing Knowledge and Understanding = 40%

## Course Detail

**Performance skills:** To perform a recital on voice or an instrument in any style of the candidate's choice.

**Composition:** Students compose pieces to briefs set by Edexcel as well as learning about compositional techniques and advanced harmony.

**Listening and Understanding:** Aural and analytical skills are studied through selected instrumental and vocal pieces from the Edexcel *New Anthology of Music* and wider listening.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Music degree include:**

*Music therapist*  
*Musician*  
*Private music teacher*  
*Secondary school teacher*  
*Sound technician, broadcasting/film/video*

**Jobs where your Music degree would be useful include:**

*Arts administrator*  
*Broadcast engineer*  
*Community arts worker*  
*Event manager*  
*PPC specialist*  
*Radio broadcast assistant*  
*Radio producer*  
*Theatre stage manager*



# Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts



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## Exam board: Pearson

### Why choose Performing Arts?

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is intended as an Applied General qualification. It is designed for post-16 learners with an interest in performing arts who want to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education.

Equivalent in size to one A Level, this qualification gives a broad introduction to the performing arts sector with an emphasis on core knowledge and fundamental skills which are transferable.

The department has music specialists and the course content is focused on **Music Theatre skills**. It is an expectation of the course that all students also receive private tuition to complement the Guided Learning Hours: These can be voice / dance or drama. There are many combinations of skills allowed in the specification and for further details please contact Mr Rose to arrange for a discussion on how the course could work for your specific skills.

Students opting for this unit will need to have:

- Excellent independent learning skills.
- Be involved fully in the Music department to ensure all opportunities to develop skills are accessed.
- Be involved in Academy performances and events for evidence of progress.



## Course Detail

Learners investigate the work of performing arts practitioners and develop critical analysis skills and contextual understanding of how practitioners communicate themes in their work. They explore technical performance skills with a focus on developing skills and techniques in at least two performance styles.

In the group workshop candidates are expected to integrate creative, physical and vocal skills and techniques, working collaboratively to create a performance in response to a given stimulus.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Performing Arts degree include:**

*Actor*  
*Community arts worker*  
*Dancer*  
*Drama therapist*  
*Music therapist*  
*Theatre director*

**Jobs where your Performing Arts degree would be useful include:**

*Arts administrator*  
*Broadcast presenter*  
*Further education teacher*  
*Higher education lecturer*  
*Secondary school teacher*  
*Theatre stage manager*



## How the Course is Examined

### Mandatory Units:

Investigating Practitioners' Work.  
Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance.  
Group Performance Workshop.

### Optional Unit:

Developing the Voice for Performance.

**OR**

Musical Theatre Techniques.

# A Level Physical Education

Exam board: OCR

## Why choose Physical Education?

Studying A Level Physical Education will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the non-exam assessment component, you will also develop a wide-ranging knowledge into the 'how' and 'why' of physical activity and sport.

The combination of physical performance and academic challenge provides an exciting opportunity for students.

A Level PE can allow entry into higher education and is vital for sport-related degree courses such as Sport and Exercise Science, Sports Studies and Physical Education. These degrees could in turn lead to a range of career opportunities such as PE teacher, sports psychologist, sports scientist, leisure and recreation manager, sports administrator, sports nutritionist, performance analyst, sports development manager, fitness professional, physiotherapist and conditioning coach.

**Student Profile:** Lauren

**Other subjects:** Biology, Geography, EPQ

**Now Studying:** Sport & Exercise Science, Leeds Beckett



## How the Course is Examined

- Component 1: 2 Hour written exam (30%)
- Component 2: 1 Hour written exam (20%)
- Component 3: 1 Hour written exam (20%)
- Component 4: NEA – internally assessed and externally moderated (30%)



Great to see one of our 'old boys' gaining recognition for his talent. Well done James!

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Congratulations to A Level PE student @JamesJMcGurk @WhitSixthForm on being selected for the U19 Squad in August! Good Luck 🍀 [twitter.com/WalesRugbyL/st...](https://twitter.com/WalesRugbyL/st...)

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## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Sport Science degree include:**

- Exercise physiologist
- Fitness centre manager
- Secondary school teacher
- Sports administrator
- Sports coach
- Sports development officer
- Sports therapist

**Jobs where your Sport Science degree would be useful include:**

- Event manager
- Health promotion specialist
- Higher education lecturer
- Outdoor activities/education manager
- Sport and exercise psychologist



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## Course Detail

**Students will cover:**

- Component 1: Physiological Factors Affecting Performance (Anatomy and Physiology/ Exercise Physiology/Biomechanics)
- Component 2: Psychological Factors Affecting Performance (Skill Acquisition/Sports Psychology)
- Component 3: Socio-cultural and Contemporary issues (Sports, society and technological influences)
- Component 4: Performance within Physical Education (Performance or coaching practical/EAPI)



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# A Level Philosophy and Ethics



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## Exam board: OCR

### Why choose Philosophy and Ethics?

This is a course that will guide you to think about, analyse, reflect on and critically evaluate your own beliefs and assumptions, as well as those of other people and society as a whole. You will be asked to discuss BIG questions; do we have free will? Is Euthanasia ever acceptable? Is there such a thing as right and wrong? What is the purpose of life?

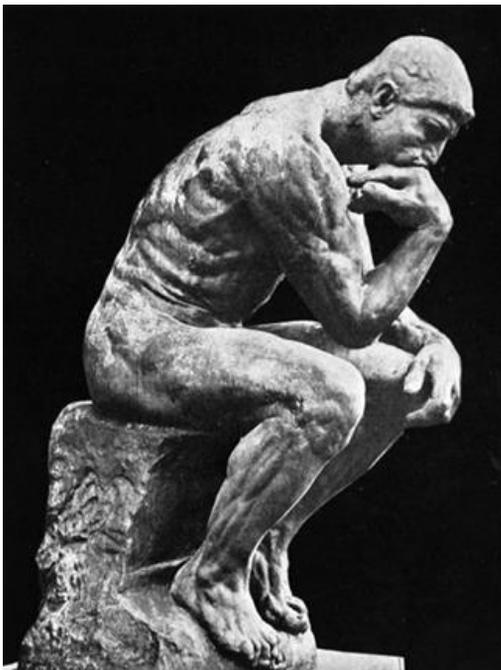
Philosophy is highly regarded by universities and may be used for entry onto Philosophy and many other degrees courses.

Universities and employers alike value the skills such as critical thinking and debate that are developed during the study of this discipline.

Students who study A-level Philosophy and Ethics often go on to have careers in legal, medical services, journalism and publishing, education, social work, media work and politics.

### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed with a written examination for each of the 3 components: Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Religious Thought.



### Course Detail

There are 3 components of study across Years 12 and 13.

In each year you will study a unit of topics relating to Philosophy of Religion and a second unit of topics relating to Religious Ethics and Developments in Religious Thought.

Year 12 topics include Ancient Greek influence on the Philosophy of Religion, Applied Ethics – Euthanasia and Business Ethics.

Year 13 topics include the Twentieth Century perspectives on religious language and applied ethics topics such as sexual ethics.



**Student Profile:** Liam

**Other subjects:** Literature, History

**Now Studying:** Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, York St John

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Philosophy degree include:**

*Further education teacher  
Higher education lecturer  
Secondary school teacher*

**Jobs where your Philosophy degree would be useful include:**

*Barrister  
Civil Service fast streamer  
Health service manager  
Local government officer  
Marketing executive  
Newspaper journalist  
Paralegal  
Psychotherapist  
Recruitment consultant  
Solicitor  
Stockbroker*

# A Level Physics



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## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Physics?

Physics has long been thought of as the most fundamental of all sciences, with studies ranging in scale from galaxies to sub-atomic particles. A level Physics is the study of everything in the physical world and how it works and is full of exciting questions and opportunities to prove theories that are still in doubt. Physics is never far from the news and has been again highlighted with the teleportation of photons to space which could lead to the development of an ultra-secure quantum internet.

There is a wide range of careers possible with A level Physics, ranging from medical physicist to oceanographer, naval architect to audio technician. There are also engineering careers too; flight, mining, electrical/electronics, mechanical, aeronautical and agricultural.

University degree courses requiring or preferring A level Physics include Physics, Engineering and Geographical Sciences, to name but a few.

### Job options

#### Jobs directly related to a Physics degree include:

*Geophysicist/field seismologist*  
*Higher education lecturer*  
*Metallurgist*  
*Nanotechnologist*  
*Radiation protection practitioner*  
*Research scientist (physical sciences)*  
*Secondary school teacher*

#### Jobs where your Physics degree would be useful include:

*Investment analyst*  
*Meteorologist*  
*Nuclear engineer*  
*Operational researcher*  
*Patent attorney*  
*PPC specialist*  
*Systems developer*



**Student Profile:** Dominic

**Other subjects:** Geography, Maths

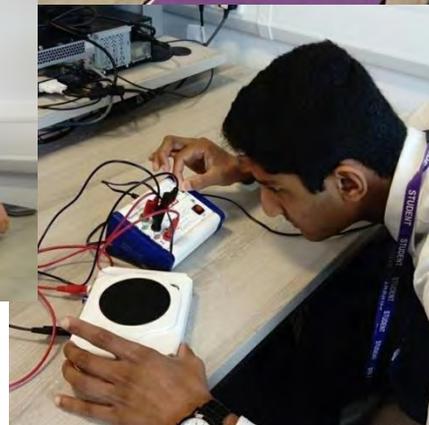
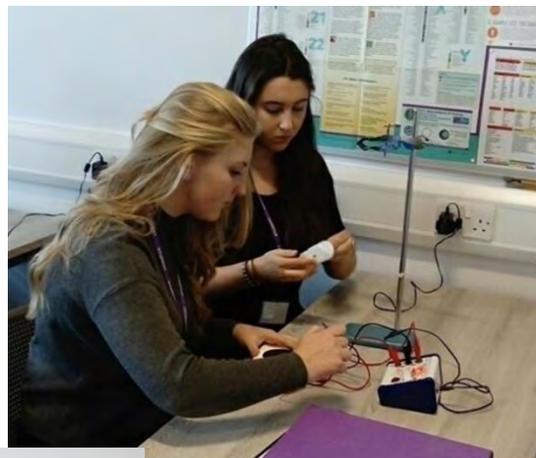
**Now Studying:** Civil Engineering, Newcastle



### Course Detail

Whilst studying this subject you will gain a greater understanding of the basic principles of Physics and learn more about topics studied at GCSE. You will also learn the importance of Newton's theory of gravitation and Einstein's theory of special relativity. In Year 13 you will have the opportunity to choose an area of study that you are most interested in, whether it is astrophysics, medical physics, engineering, electronics or the great 'turning points' in Physics.

There may be opportunities for fieldwork, as well as the possibility of a residential visit.



### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed as an A Level at the end of Year 13.

There are three written exams.

# A Level Politics

## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Politics?

It has been a momentous year in politics, from Brexit to Donald Trump's unexpected victory in the US presidential election to the internal power battle in the Labour Party.

Politics affects everything we do in life; the Politics course at A-Level takes a look at the major functions of government and politics in Britain and beyond. The political aspect covers the major components of the democratic process; parties, pressure groups and elections.

Students will develop their critical thinking skills and enhance their ability to interpret, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics. They will acquire knowledge of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom and beyond and will be encouraged to think and debate more widely about how other political systems may differ.

Students can progress to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options too, such as Journalism, Media, teaching or work in the legal profession.

### How the Course is Examined

This course will be assessed with a written examination for each of the 3 components.



### Course Detail

**UK Government and Politics:** the constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and the executive, the judiciary and devolution. Political Participation - democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media and the EU.

**US Government and Politics and Comparative Politics:** Constitution and federalism, US congress, US presidency, US Supreme Court, democracy and participation, civil rights. Comparative politics - UK and US

**Political Ideas:** Core Political Ideas - conservatism, liberalism, socialism. Additional political idea - anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism, nationalism.

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Politics degree include:**

*Civil Service fast streamer*  
*Government social research officer*  
*Politician's assistant*  
*Public affairs consultant*  
*Public relations account executive*  
*Social researcher*

**Jobs where your Politics degree would be useful include:**

*Charity officer*  
*Detective*  
*Diplomatic service officer*  
*Forensic accountant*  
*Human resources officer*  
*Local government officer*  
*Market researcher*  
*Marketing executive*  
*Newspaper journalist*  
*Public relations officer*  
*Stockbroker*



Future lawyers and policy-makers considering votes at 16 and how bills become law. @WhitCofEAcad



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# A Level Psychology



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## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Psychology?

Psychology is the study of human behaviours using scientific methods to both analyse and explain different human behaviours. If you are fascinated by the idea of understanding the brain and if you want to grasp the complexities of human behaviour then A level Psychology is for you.

This well-recognised course offers insight into what makes us who we are and provides the opportunity for you to develop both socially and academically. In lessons, you may be exploring various areas to do with cognitive behaviour, developmental and even biological psychology by focusing on issues such as memory, child and adult developmental stages and psychological research methods.

Future careers include forensic scientist, criminologist, psychologist, educational psychologist, teaching, NHS and public services.



### Course Detail

#### Compulsory Content:

Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods, Issues and debates in psychology

#### Optional content:

Relationships, Gender, Cognition and development, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress, Aggression, Forensic psychology, Addiction

**Student Profile:** Sam

**Other subjects:** PE, Economics, EPQ

**Now Studying:** Criminology, Northumbria



## How the Course is Examined

3 written examinations: all papers include multiple-choice questions, short answer and extended writing.

Each exam is worth 33% of the final grade.



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## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Psychology degree include:**

- Clinical psychologist
- Counselling psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Further education teacher
- Health psychologist
- High intensity therapist
- Occupational psychologist
- Primary care graduate mental health worker
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Sport and exercise psychologist

**Jobs where your Psychology degree would be useful include:**

- Advice worker
- Careers adviser
- Counsellor
- Detective
- Human resources officer
- Market researcher
- Play therapist
- Psychotherapist



# A Level Sociology

**Exam board: AQA**

## Why choose Sociology?

Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how we experience life and it is becoming a more and more popular subject. It is an interesting and demanding academic subject which will equip you with a range of skills; you will learn to think critically, to question common-sense assumptions, to solve problems, to work independently and as part of a group and to write clearly-structured analytical essays. You will debate the issues that are important in our society and analyse and evaluate the sociological theories and research around topic areas such as the family, crime and the mass media. You should be interested in current affairs and social issues.

If you have an interest in understanding how the world around you works, and enjoy critical thinking and exploring ideas from different viewpoints, then Sociology would be a good choice for you! All of this is excellent preparation for university or for a whole range of careers including teaching, social work and the police force.

## How the Course is Examined

Three 2 hour written examinations including short answers, extended writing and essays.

**Student Profile:** Anna

**Other subjects:** Language, Psychology

**Now studying:** Sociology, Newcastle



## Course Detail

You will cover areas such as Socialisation, Families and Households, Education and Research Methods.

Within these topics you will be required to study, amongst others; divorce and its effects, the social construction of childhood, feminist perspectives on the family and education and to understand the theories of the founders of sociology such as Emile Durkheim and Karl Marx. In addition to lessons, you will be directed to contribute to your understanding of sociological theories and research methods by wider reading of textbooks, newspapers and journals, and keeping a portfolio of relevant news articles and TED Talks.

We also encourage students to create their own revision materials that they will use as seminars to teach the rest of the class.

In the second year of the A level, you will be required to study Crime and Deviance and Beliefs in Society, as well as a more in-depth study of Sociological Theories and Methods.

## Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Sociology degree include:**

*Family support worker  
High intensity therapist  
Primary care graduate mental health worker  
Probation officer (Northern Ireland)  
Social worker*

**Jobs where your Sociology degree would be useful include:**

*Adult guidance worker  
Advice worker  
Careers adviser  
Charity officer  
Community development worker  
Counsellor  
Detective  
Play therapist  
Volunteer coordinator  
Youth worker*



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# A Level Spanish

## Exam board: AQA

### Why choose Spanish?

Speaking a modern foreign language is an invaluable tool in today's modern world, "the global village". Recognised as a robust academic qualification, A Level Spanish is highly valued by universities. It can lead to a Spanish degree, or can also be studied in combination with another language, English Literature or International Business Management.

Spanish is the second most widely-spoken language in the world after Mandarin, so the subject offers huge geographical, cultural and historical scope alongside the ability to become linguistically proficient. The language skills acquired will allow you to access a world of exciting literature and films.

If you enjoyed GCSE Spanish you will relish the challenge of A level.

**Studying AS over two years may be possible as an 'extra' to your three other A Levels.**

### How the Course is Examined

3 papers:

Listening, reading and writing  
(including translation)

Writing (essay based on the  
text or film studied)

Speaking (based on 4 subthemes)



**Student Profile:** Rebecca

**Other subjects:** Art, Literature, History

**Now:** Applying to History courses at University

### Course Detail

Throughout the two years, four topics, taught through the means of listening, reading, writing and speaking, as follows:

**Aspects of Hispanic society: current trends (Year 12)**

**Multiculturalism in Hispanic Society (Year 13)**

**Artistic culture in the Hispanic world (Year 12)**

**Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world**

As well as:

**Literary texts and films**

**Grammar**



### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Modern Languages degree include:**

Interpreter  
Secondary school teacher  
Secondary school teacher  
Translator

**Jobs where your Modern Languages degree would be useful include:**

Broadcast journalist  
Detective  
Diplomatic service officer  
English as a foreign language teacher  
International development worker  
Logistics and distribution manager  
Marketing executive  
Patent examiner  
Sales executive  
Tour manager



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# Level 3 BTEC Sport (Outdoor Education)



Lead Education



## Exam board: Pearson

### Why choose BTEC Sport?

Lead Education in partnership with Whitburn Sixth Form bring you the BTEC Level 3 Outdoor Sport Education Programme.

This is an education programme providing learners with an opportunity to learn, work and train alongside highly qualified sports coaches and outdoor adventure instructors within the sports industry.

Learners will take part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities whilst studying for a BTEC Level 3 in Sport Outdoor Adventure, equivalent to 2-3 A-Levels and gain nationally recognised coaching and leadership qualifications.

LEAD Education will provide a unique balance of practical and theoretical based learning where students are taught through classroom lectures, practical sports, group discussions and portfolio work. The programme itself is a full-time, two-year course.

### What you will gain:

As well as gaining the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Outdoor Adventure worth up to 168 UCAS points you will also gain valuable work experience by shadowing the professional instructors and work towards industry specific National Governing Body coaching qualifications such as: -

- National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS)
- Climbing Wall Instructor
- Rock Climbing Instructor
- BCU 1,2 and 3-Star (Kayak/Canoe)
- Paddle Sport Instructor (Level 1)
- RYA Power Boat level 1/2 and PWC (Jet ski)
- National Navigators Award Scheme (NNAS)
- Go Mountain Bike Award (Go MTB)
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
- First Aid at Work
- FSRT (Foundation Safety and Rescue Training)

**Please note that learners on this course will study off-site Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and will spend Wednesdays at the Academy.**



**Student Profile:** Lukas

**Other subjects:** n/a

**Now:** Applying to Sports Coaching courses at Universities



### Course Detail

The course includes units in all aspects of sports leadership and coaching from working safely to event management, sports psychology, anatomy and physiology and the business side of sport.



### How the Course is Assessed:

You will be assessed in many ways including video evidence of your training and practical performance, assessor witness testimonies, work diary and log books, peer observations, self-assessments, written reports, assignments and work experience.

### Job options

**Jobs directly related to a Sport and Leisure Management degree include:**

*Fitness centre manager  
Outdoor activities/education manager  
Secondary school teacher (PE)  
Sports coach*

**Jobs where your Sport and Leisure Management degree would be useful include:**

*Customer service manager  
Event manager  
Sports administrator  
Outdoor Centre Management*

*Also see PE descriptor for jobs relating to Sport science and coaching degrees*



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Sixth Form students @WhitSixthForm are having lot of fun in Cambridge! Kings College Cambridge and @ChurchillCol #WorldClass



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Amazing effort from our North East team #Heavenlyhandmade at the YE National finals #YEFinal18 Huge congrats to our own Jack Richardson from @WhitSixthForm for winning the 'Founders Award'. Great day! @AminHal2018



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We're looking at some fabulous new training facilities for paramedics, nurses and doctors. 🙌



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Survived 3 miles of @NECCRun Dedicated to all in @WhitSixthForm who have been affected in any way. You know who you are. Off for a lie down...



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Sports reps have a sports afternoon today. Dodgeball mayhem currently... @PEWhitburn @WhitCofEAcad



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Our World Challenge group have arrived safely in Malawi after Mr Cripps waved them off on Saturday. Best of luck over the next two weeks from The Sixth Form team! 🙌 #worldchallenge #instagram.com/p/B5hY9ehPC/...

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Look what I returned to my office to find! Fresh produce grown by our little crew of gardeners. Well done guys, hope the hot weather brings more bumper crops! #growyourown @WhitCofEAcad @HughFW



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Wow! Incredible colour palette there. Creates a very natural form.



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Waving off our adventurers this morning at departures as they head for #malawi! We wish them a safe trip and look forward to welcoming them back to encourage others to grasp this life-changing opportunity @wearworldchall @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAliance



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@WhitSixthForm we are so proud of your #worldclass achievements here at @WCSQM. Congratulations.

Whitburn Sixth Form @WhitSixthForm Fabulous coverage by @shieldsgazette of a busy, emotional day here. Well done to all our students for their efforts. Record breaking year for Whitburn Academy @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAliance @WCSQM shieldsgazette.com/ne...

16/09/2018, 18:56

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Ruff Marloni @NUSUpward

Very excited to talk about NUSU and life at University at Whitburn CofE Academy tomorrow!



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Cooking again with Y13 today in PSHE. Happy 18th to Rachel! Birthday pizza toast! @WhitCofEAcad



27/04/2018, 09:52

Ms Dickenson @missdickenson

Highlight of my morning @WhitSixthForm @WhitCofEAcad Thanks Mrs Mack!



07/04/2018, 11:21

YE - NorthEast @YENorthEast

Introducing our Company Programme winners for 2018 Heavenly Handmade! from Whitburn C of E Academy! Well done to all our participants.



08/05/2018, 10:45

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Our Gold @DotNorth team have walked over Robinson yesterday and are heading through the Honistor pass and camping at the bottom of Devent water today. Great achievement, we're really proud of them all! @simonsidea @WhitCofEAcad @WCSQM @PBTSAliance



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Delighted that our students are gaining regional recognition. Well done to Lucy for her dedication and commitment to her studies. Fully deserves her success and we wish her well as she starts reading English at Cambridge. @WhitCofEAcad

Shields Gazette @shieldsgazette Student of the Year goes to Lucy Bell. #gazettebest

28/09/2018, 09:21

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Drum roll please...we are now officially recognised as a World Class School as a result of the efforts of our #WorldClass students! @WhitCofEAcad @churchillcol @Cambridge\_Uni @PBTSAliance #excellenceforall



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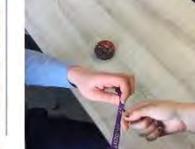
The thaw may be starting but drivers must still take care. Please watch this...



04/03/2018, 08:23

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Sewing buttons on - a job for two but at least we'll be smart at interview!



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'Heavenly Handmade', you are truly #worldclass, students at @WhitSixthForm get every chance possible to excel.



07/05/2018, 21:40

WhitburnCofEAcademy @WhitCofEAcad

Lewis and Adam came to visit us with the certificates they received from Buckingham Palace for completing their Gold DotE Award. Well done boys and lovely to see you! #dote #buckinghampalace #sixthform #aiumini #ft.tt/2z5z0FC

06/08/2018, 11:31

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Fab open eve! Lots of lovely potential students and how good were our student ambassadors? #Excellenceforall @WhitCofEAcad

Amazing 18%  
Even better than that 85%

02/11/2017, 21:37

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Y12 are being given a talk on Mental Health. Both pupil & student wellbeing are very important to us here at Whitb... ft.tt/2kQ2Uf8

13/10/2017, 10:06

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Nice article on the recent achievements of our #WorldClass students @WCSQM @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAliance



School is officially world class after wowing award judges @theangiesettes.com

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Congratulations to all Whitburn Gold Award holders receiving their @DotE certificates today! @WhitSixthForm @simonsidea



24/05/2018, 12:55

WhitburnCofEAcademy @WhitCofEAcad

School is officially world class after wowing award judges



School is officially world class after wowing award judges @sunderlanduni

19/12/2017 @PBTSAliance

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Team Malawi from @WhitSixthForm in fine voice! Love all the singing and dancing in this video! Thanks for sharing @wearworldchall #foreverchanged

Whitburn Sixth Form @WhitSixthForm Here are the highlights of our @wearworldchall expedition to @Malawi 2018 courtesy of super talented @tatum.you.tu.be/ @uBSSZFKiQ via @YouTube @WhitCofEAcad @PBTSAliance @WCSQM

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Today is #WorldSleepDay2018 so we wondered how many hours you get?

Less than 6 hours 21%  
6-7 hours 21%  
7-8 hours 48%  
8-10 hours 10%

29 votes - Final results

16/03/2018, 16:38

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Article on recent NEW leaders conference 50 of our girls attended.



North East Women Leaders conference inspires next generation @chroniclelive.co.uk/

09/10/2017, 11:43



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Some of our Twitter highlights from 2017-18