



DOVER COLLEGE SIXTH FORM PROGRAMME

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HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Now is the time to think about the next step in your education, a step that will set you on the path to success in adult life. Sixth Form at Dover College is an all-encompassing experience during which we prepare you for that transition into the adult world. Whether you are a student already at Dover College, or you are joining us for Sixth Form, the exciting opportunities here will give you the academic and personal skills that will help you make the most of every opportunity in your life to come.

Dover College Sixth Formers enjoy being part of a warm, welcoming community, gaining more independence and confidence as a result of the support from our excellent teaching team and their fellow students. There are endless opportunities to improve your independence, take on responsibilities, and develop leadership skills. These include a range of enrichment activities such as Young Enterprise, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and earning a position as one of our prefects. Our enrichment programme and superb Careers guidance will also help you greatly with your future CV and applications for top universities and employment, setting you apart from the crowd.

The secret of success in the Sixth Form is to embrace as many opportunities as possible. We do not just want to teach you subjects; we want to help you develop a growth mindset, build up your knowledge and empower your understanding. We will help you to become a confident, self-managing, self-aware and reflective learner. These are the traits that will prepare you for further studies, for your future career and life in general.



OUR SIXTH FORM PROGRAMME:

ENRICHMENT

At Dover College, to complement your studies, we offer you an enrichment programme aimed at developing you into a well rounded individual who has the skills to succeed in a dynamic and changing world. The enrichment opportunities in Sixth Form are broad and very rewarding. Engaging in these activities will give you the edge you need to succeed whilst also helping you build your skills, which are so valuable to achieving your best and to your future employer.

The volunteering programme enables you to gain experience of work while making a real difference to others. The range of volunteering options is wide, and you can bring your own ideas in as well. Students are currently volunteering with the Sports programme, in the Prep School, co-curricular activities, maths tutors and peer mentors. Commitment to volunteering is highly valued by universities and employers but also crucial to your own self-esteem and wellbeing.

There are positions of responsibility that ensure the Sixth Formers are visible role models to the rest of the school. Students can apply to be prefects via a competitive application system – roles include responsibility for Extra-curricular and Sports, Academics, Safeguarding, Pupil Voice, Head of House and Head of School. In addition to the role of prefect, students can train to become peer mentors, to support a younger student who may be experiencing difficulty with their studies or peers or simply struggling to settle down into school life. Further opportunities for leadership include the chance to create your own society focusing on a particular interest of yours. The most recent examples include the History Society and the Manga club.

All Sixth Formers have the opportunity to undertake an Extended Project Qualification. The EPQ is equivalent to half an A level and is ideal preparation for undergraduate research and the world of employment. It gives students the opportunity to explore a topic they are interested in through academic research and an extended essay. It is highly valued by both universities and employers.

The Stretch and Challenge Programme incorporates areas such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, service in school and in the community, Music, Drama and qualifications with LAMDA (The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art). A series of lectures delivered by external academics and professionals are also available to all students.

Pupils also participate in Laborem once a week. During the Michaelmas term, Laborem sessions help pupils to develop the study skills required to achieve success at Level 3 study. During the Lent term, focus switches to learning about Post-18 options and valuable life skills. In the Summer term, students will continue to focus on Post-18 planning and exam technique.

CAREERS PROGRAMME



It is important to everybody at Dover College that all students are fully supported and guided through the process of planning their futures. With a full time, highly experienced careers professional, a whole school commitment and a programme of education, information, advice and guidance for all students, we believe Dover College students are well prepared for their futures.

All staff at Dover College play an active role in preparing them. We have a full programme of careers education which will help students to develop the knowledge and skills to understand themselves, research the opportunities available, make decisions and move successfully on to the next stage. The programme is delivered through PSHE, special events, enrichment programmes, visits, trips and assemblies as well as within individual departments and tutor time. All pupils are provided with a Morrisby account. This is a comprehensive careers platform that is designed to inform, guide and and advise pupils about every aspect of career planning.

All students will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of themselves and their abilities
- Gain a greater knowledge of the range of opportunities open to them
- Take part in work related activities in and out of school
- Understand unbiased information on current labour market information and trends and expectations of employers
- Learn to make decisions wisely about their future
- Be fully prepared to manage change and be fully supported through key transition periods
- Learn how to improve their own employability: how to find work, how to get work and how to progress their careers
- We are proud of our links with employers who work closely with students through visits, talks, interview preparation, and work related learning events.
- In Fourth Form and Lower Sixth, pupils will engage in work experience.

CAREERS ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Every pupil at Dover College receives personalised, high-quality careers support from the moment they enter the Sixth Form, built on one promise: whatever their ambition, they will be supported every step of the way. Through unlimited one-to-one mentoring, structured guidance and specialist pathways, pupils develop the clarity, skills and confidence to take their next steps.

Each pupil works closely with the Head of Careers to explore their strengths and aspirations. These sessions help them identify the pathway that suits them best, while ensuring they understand the requirements, deadlines and opportunities ahead.

Pathways tailored to individual goals

- **University Pathway** - Support with research, course choices, personal statements and the full UCAS process.
- **International University Pathway** - Specialist guidance for overseas applications, including entry requirements, testing expectations and timelines.
- **Competitive Applications** - Intensive preparation for Oxbridge, the Ivy League, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science, including super curricular development, admissions test preparation and interview practice.
- **Apprenticeship Pathway** - Step-by-step support with finding roles, preparing applications and developing employability skills.
- **Gap Year Pathway** - Advice on planning meaningful experiences such as volunteering, travel, internships and personal development.

The strength of the programme lies in its adaptability. Whether a pupil arrives with a clear ambition or is still exploring their options, they receive expert guidance and unwavering support.

Whichever pathway you choose, you will be given professional career guidance and clear information about application processes and deadlines. During your two years of Sixth Form, you will benefit from

- A series of careers lessons which develop skills for lifetime success
- A series of tutorials covering all aspects of future planning
- Work experience opportunities for pupils in Lower Sixth.
- Application and interview preparation
- Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth parent consultation evenings
- Support on results days



THE CURRICULUM

Pupils at the College typically study three subjects in the Sixth Form as well as an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) which is the equivalent of half an A level.

With the EPQ qualification, you will undertake a project in which you can choose your own topic and your own method. You will also have study periods during which you will need to complete independent work and you will be able to choose which games you attend two afternoons a week.

You will have much more freedom and independence than before and to help you with transitioning into making the right choices, you will follow a programme designed to help you adopt a “Sixth Form Mindset”. This will help you set yourself goals and develop a positive and resilient mindset as well as discover the method of study, revision techniques, routines and general working practice that work best for you.

Fifth Form students will be asked to register the subjects they are interested in studying. Following this, subject blocks will be established to reflect students’ choices and enable us to construct the timetable. We will do our best to accommodate the combination of choices for as many students as possible.

You will find a list of subjects in the following pages. German, Chinese and Russian A- levels for native speakers will also be offered outside the timetable, on a private tuition basis.

A LEVEL ART

Why study this subject at A Level?

A Level Art is designed to encourage you to develop skills, creativity, imagination and independence based on personal experience, taught skills and critical understanding. Students show this through their responses to a range of stimuli and through research and individual study. You will develop your visual, analytical and cognitive skills as a young artist. You will explore a personal open-ended brief through the disciplines of painting and drawing. You will also be introduced to methods of digital manipulation and visual IT packages.

Method of assessment:

Work is internally assessed and externally moderated. The four assessment objectives include a student's development, exploration, recording and presenting.

Entry requirement:

GCSE in Art & Design with Grade 4 or above, or equivalent qualification.

What will I study?

AS Level students produce a portfolio of coursework covering several topics to demonstrate exploration, research and acquisition of techniques and skills. A Level students produce two elements. Firstly, a portfolio of work showing personal response to a starting point or stimulus. Secondly, a related study including an extended response of 1000 words. The externally set task consists of selecting a starting point from an early release exam paper.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will have access to the department's studio space and will be encouraged to visit galleries and exhibitions. So far, the trips have included the National Gallery, Tate Galleries, The Turner Contemporary and Victoria and Albert, as well as other independent galleries and exhibitions.

Progression and career opportunities:

Careers opportunities include: Fine artists, specialising in media such as painting, drawing or sculpture, illustrator, graphic designer, photographer, interior designer, furniture designer, teacher or lecturer, curator.



A LEVEL BIOLOGY

Why study this subject at A Level?

Biology is the study of life! From dinosaurs to DNA, organ systems to ecosystems, biology helps to understand the world around us and within us. Studying biology allows you to look at some of the greatest challenges facing humankind, such as disease, food shortages and environmental protection. There is something for everyone, whether you prefer animals or plants, micro or macro biology.

Method of assessment:

100% assessment by exam. Students will sit three papers at the end of Year 13:

Paper 1 - Biological Processes 37%

Paper 2 - Biological diversity 37%

Paper 3 - Unified biology 26%

In addition, they will complete a practical endorsement in Biology. This is not examined and is reported separately to 'A' Level grade.

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in Combined Sciences or Separate Sciences. Grade 6 in Maths GCSE is also desirable.

What will I study?

Module 1 - Development of practical skills in Biology

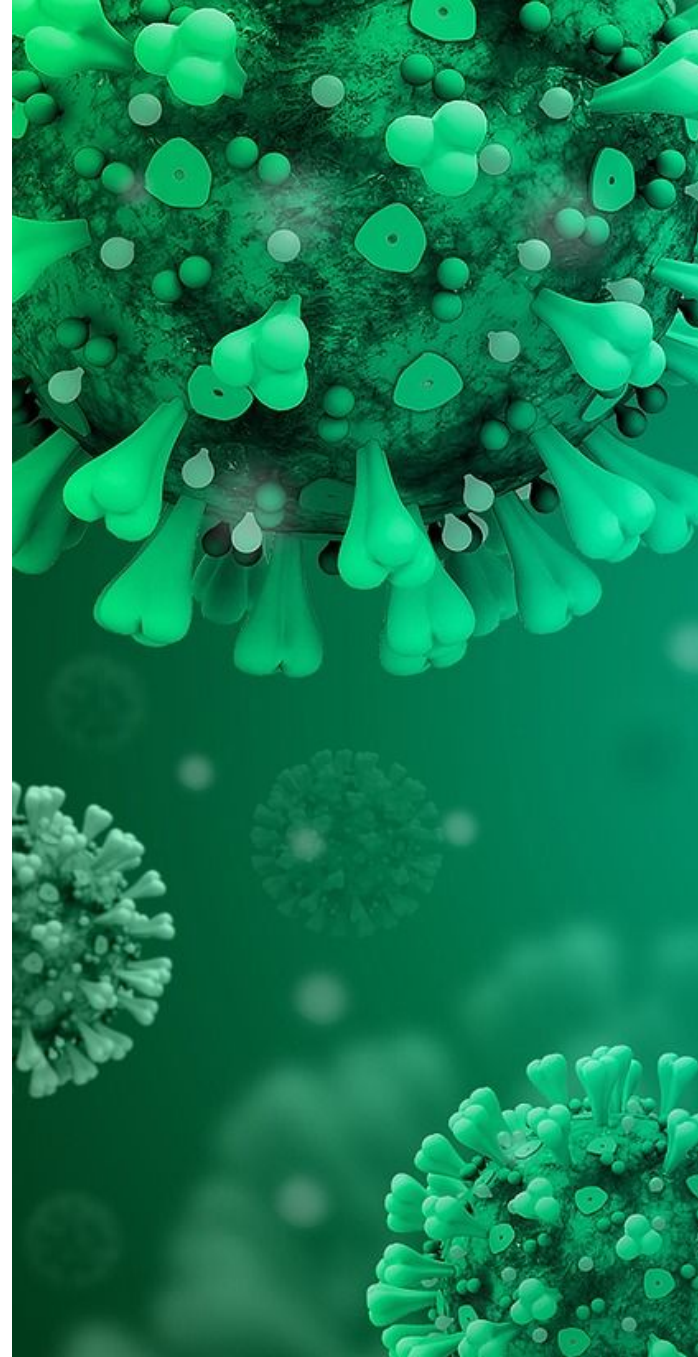
Module 2 – Foundations in Biology

Module 3 – Exchange and transport

Module 4 – Biodiversity, evolution and disease Module 5 – Communication, homeostasis and energy Module 6- Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

Progression and career opportunities:

Biology degrees are extensive, so as you might expect, careers for biology graduates are equally as wide-ranging. Careers you could pursue with a biology degree include becoming a research scientist, a pharmacologist, an ecologist, a doctor, a dentist, a vet, a nature conservation officer, a biotechnologist, a forensic scientist and a science writer.



OCR TECHNICALS LEVEL 3

BUSINESS

Why study this subject at A Level?

Business provides learners with a meaningful understanding of how businesses operate, develop and expand in a modern and ever changing world. The Cambridge Technical is a Level 3 qualification designed to give grounding in different aspects of Business and for students who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study. You will follow a specialist work related programme that covers the knowledge and skills required to progress successfully in a workplace. You will get a firm basis for higher education. You will look at a range of businesses and learn to make intelligent, thoughtful and informed contributions by applying.

Method of assessment:

3 Units Internal assessment through coursework
2 Units External examination

Entry requirement:

Standard Level 3 vocational entry requirements apply. The minimum requirement is at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 OR at least 3 GCSE subjects at Grade 4 alongside 2 alternative GCSE equivalent requirements.

What will I study?:

You will cover five units that will give you an understanding of how businesses are set up and run. These units will cover The Business Environment, Working in Business, Customers and communication, Marketing and Market research and Business Events.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Heard of The Apprentice on TV? Our students who study business can take part in Young Enterprise, where they set up their own business and sell products and services to other students, parents and the wider community. Pupils take on different roles within the business under the guidance of a local business advisor and their teacher. They also compete against other teams to present their product and service. Pupils will also have an opportunity to take part in a work experience placement towards the end of Year 12.

Progression and career opportunities:

Future careers include, Accounting, Marketing and Human Resources. Students can go on to study a variety of Business degrees, including specialising in Marketing or Accounting. Business is a broad subject that can mix with a combination of any other vocational or academic courses.



A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Why study this subject at A Level?

- Everything you hear, see, smell, taste and touch is related to chemistry!
- Do you want to understand ingredient labels?
- Work out if a product will have the advertised effect?
- Understand how cooking works?
- Learn about the technological advances taking place around the world?
- Studying chemistry is not only fun, but allows you to gain a better understanding of the world around you.

Method of assessment:

100% assessment by exam. Students will sit three papers at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1 - Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry 37%

Paper 2 - Synthesis and analytical techniques 37%

Paper 3 - Unified Chemistry 26%

A Practical Certificate is awarded to students who complete the practical element of the course successfully.

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in Combined Sciences or Separate Sciences. Grade 6 in Maths GCSE is also desirable.

What will I study?

- Practical Chemistry
- Foundations of Chemistry
- Periodic table and energy
- Core Organic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry and Transitional Elements
- Further Organic Chemistry and Analysis

Progression and career opportunities:

Students can go on to study a variety of degrees including pharmacology, biochemistry, chemistry, chemical engineering, medicine, and nursing. Chemistry paves the way for a multitude of rewarding careers in the health and biotechnology sector and chemical engineering. It can help produce professional researchers of the next generation.



A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

Why study this subject at A Level?

Computers and computing are transforming the way we work, rest and play. By studying Computer Science, students will become proficient programmers in Python. Computer Science encompasses learning about encryption, cyber security, network components, hardware and software development. Additionally, for the mathematically minded, the course covers logic gates, Boolean algebra and finite state machines. Some aspects of the course overlaps GCSE Computer Science, which is a benefit to any student who has already studied at GCSE. You have the opportunity to create a project on a topic of particular interest, for example, a graphical game, a quiz or an application that maintains sport scores.

Method of assessment:

Paper 1 - Computer Systems - Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes 40%

Paper 2 - Algorithms and Programming - Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes 40%

Project - Programming project 20%

Entry requirement:

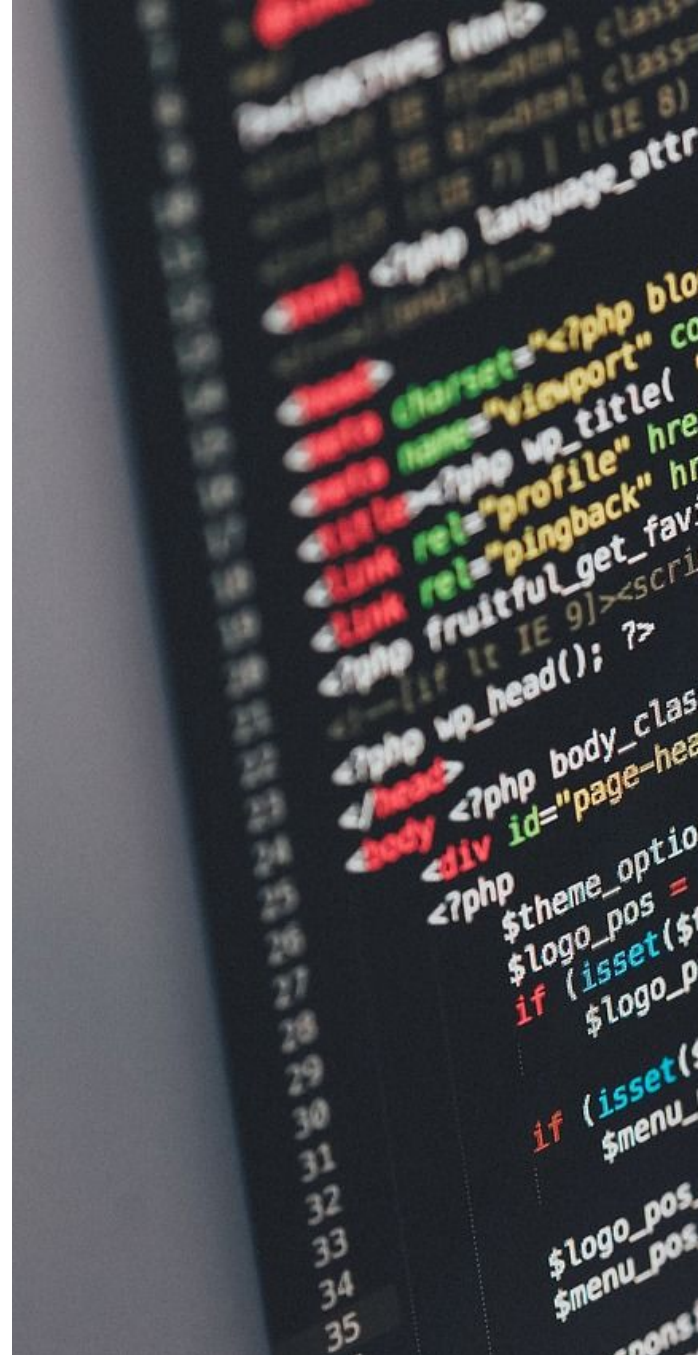
Grade 6 or above in Computer Science, or equivalent qualification. Grade 6 in Maths GCSE is also desirable.

What will I study?

- Programming in Python, Assembly language and Object-Oriented Programming
- How data is represented on a computer including numbers, sound and images
- Hardware components includes the CPU, storage devices and input/output
- Data structures, for example stacks, trees and hash tables
- Binary arithmetic, logic gates, Boolean algebra, adders and flip-flops!
- Problem solving with advanced computational thinking
- Networking technologies, for example wireless, data transmission and the client-server models

Progression and career opportunities:

Just about any career path can be enhanced with good computer skills but specific careers include: software analyst, software developer, cyber security analyst, computer analyst, game developer, machine learning engineer and web developer.



RSL LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

CREATIVE ARTS

Why study this subject at A Level?

The aim of the Drama and Theatre course is to develop your interest and enjoyment in drama and theatre, both as active participants and as informed members of an audience, fostering an enthusiasm for, and critical appreciation of the subject. The social, cultural and historical influences on the development of drama and theatre are also explored in each component, along with the study of key theatre practitioners.

Method of Assessment:

Two components are performance based (one internally assessed and the other one externally assessed). The third component is an externally assessed written examination.

Entry requirement:

GCSE Drama and English (Level 4 and above) desirable.

What will I study?

- Core Unit 1 - Performing Preparation
- Core Unit 2 - Planning for a career in the Creative & Performing Arts Industry
- 5 optional units from the following:
 - Acting for the Camera
 - Ancient Greek & Roman Theatre
 - Approaches to Acting
 - Audition Techniques (Acting)
 - Contemporary Theatre
 - Drama in the Community
 - Elizabethan or Jacobean Theatre
 - Vocal Techniques (Acting)
 - Working with Masks or Puppetry

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Throughout the course, learners will engage in hands-on workshops, performances, and collaborative projects, all aimed at honing their craft and building confidence on stage.

Progression and career opportunities:

The RSL Level 3 Diploma prepares students for further study or professional work in theatre, film, television, or other performance sectors, giving them the versatility and expertise needed to thrive in this competitive industry.



BTEC LEVEL 3

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

Why study this subject?

- You will be able to critically analyse any media product to find the truth behind it
- You will learn the technical skills to produce films, TV programmes, magazines and other media products
- You will learn how to find, engage and build an audience for any product, including computer games and social media
- You will prepare for employment in one of the busiest growth sectors of the job market

Method of assessment:

100% assessment by exam. Students will sit three papers at the end of Year 13.

- Module 1. Media Representation- External Assessment
- Module 2. Pre-Production Portfolio- Internal Assessment
- Module 3. Responding to a Commission- External Assessment
- Module 4. Film Production (Fiction)- Internal Assessment

Entry requirement:

Standard Level 3 vocational entry requirements apply. The minimum requirement is at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 OR at least 3 GCSE subjects at Grade 4 alongside 2 alternative GCSE equivalent requirements.

What will I study?

You will analyse a variety of digital media sources (film, TV, print, computer games, social media, radio, podcasts etc.) and find out how they are produced and why they appeal to their target audiences. You will learn why you enjoy what you enjoy. The course will also cover the psychology of understanding the visual world and how audiences interact with it. This will be based on several theoretical and psychological frameworks as well as cultural and sociological understanding. You will then go on to learn the skills to produce these yourselves. There is a focus on functional and practical media skills in this course where you will learn how to use the equipment and spend a lot of your time doing practical activities. You will learn the skills to devise, shoot and edit your own film, telling your story your way.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

We will have guest lecturers from the industry and there will be opportunities to shoot film projects within the community.

Progression and career opportunities:

Careers opportunities are very wide and include careers in television, radio, advertising and social media management.



WJEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

CRIMINOLOGY

What will I study?

This is an exciting subject which incorporates aspects of Law, Sociology and Psychology, and will allow you to understand crime and deviance in detail. You will understand different theories of crime, analyse real and contemporary case studies, and study the inner workings of the criminal justice system. You will also learn about the impact crime and criminal behaviour have on society. Questions such as 'why do people commit crime?', 'how should we punish offenders?' and 'what is the role of the criminal justice system?' will be addressed throughout the two-year course.

Method of assessment:

- **Controlled Assessment** (Units 1 & 3): These are internal assessments taken under controlled conditions. Students respond to a set brief to produce coursework, such as designing a campaign for change (Unit 1) or evaluating evidence from crime scenes to courtrooms (Unit 3).
- **External Exams** (Units 2 & 4): These are 90-minute written exams containing short and extended answer questions based on stimulus material and applied, problem-solving scenarios. Covering criminology theories (Unit 2) and crime/punishment (Unit 4).

Entry requirement:

Entry requirements for the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology typically require 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and Maths

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

There will be opportunities to work with experts in the field and outreach departments of University of Kent/Canterbury ChristChurch University

Progression and career opportunities:

The main purpose of the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is mainly to use the qualification to support access to higher education degree courses.

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



A LEVEL 3D DESIGN

Why study this subject at A Level?

The A Level Three Dimensional Design course is all about exploring your creativity and developing new skills. You will get to experiment with different materials and techniques whilst working on exciting personal projects. Through hands-on work and research, you will build your artistic abilities and learn to think creatively and independently. You will also have the opportunity to experiment with digital design tools to bring your ideas to life in new ways.

Method of assessment:

Work is internally assessed and externally moderated. The four assessment objectives include a student's development, exploration, recording and presenting.

Entry requirement:

GCSE in Art & Design/DT with Grade 4 or above, or an equivalent qualification.

What will I study?

AS Level Students produce a portfolio of coursework covering several topics to demonstrate exploration, research and acquisition of techniques and skills.

A Level students produce two elements. Firstly, a portfolio of work showing personal response to a starting point or stimulus. Secondly, a related study including an extended response of 1000 words. The externally set task consists of selecting a starting point from an early release exam paper.

Progression and career opportunities:

Studying Three-Dimensional Design opens a variety of exciting career paths, including product design, interior design, furniture design and set design. You can also explore roles in 3D modelling for animation or video games, jewellery design, exhibition design, or even architectural design. The skills you develop can lead to careers in sustainable design, advertising and other creative industries where innovation and creativity are highly valued.



A LEVEL ECONOMICS

Why study this subject at A Level?

Economics is the study of the ways in which people, businesses and industries use resources and how governments behave. More broadly, A Level Economics helps prepare you for careers that require numerical, analytical and problem-solving skills, for example in business planning, marketing, research and management. Economics helps you to think strategically and make decisions to optimise the outcome.

Method of assessment:

Paper 1 35% 2 hours

Paper 2 35% 2 hours

Paper 3 30% 2 hours

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths and English.

What will I study?

Year 1

- Theme 1: Markets, consumers and firms
- Theme 2: The wider economic environment

Year 2

- Theme 3: The global economy
- Theme 4: Making markets work

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Each year students are encouraged to enter a team for the IFS student Investor competition. They will be allocated £100,000 of virtual money to invest.

Progression and career opportunities:

Future careers include economist, accountant and data analyst. Students can go on to study an Economics degree or a Business Management degree. Economics is a broad subject that can mix with a combination of any other vocational or academic courses.



A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Why study this subject at A Level?

English Literature will encourage you to be inspired motivated and challenged by reading widely across a range of texts and to develop your independent study skills. A Level learners cultivate their own critical responses and engage with the richness of literature.

Method of assessment:

Examined assessment 2 hours 30 min 40%
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Non-examined assessment 20%

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in English Language & Literature.

What will I study?

- Shakespeare
- Drama and Poetry pre-1900
- Close reading, comparative and contextual study of the Gothic topic

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will join a range of exciting trips designed to support the course, including visits to local, regional and London-based productions. You will also play a part in a host of College dramas and plays.

Progression and career opportunities:

The analysis of language and critical evaluation of text permeates almost every aspect of education in some shape, way or form. If you choose to study English literature at A Level, you'll develop comprehensive written and spoken communication skills, become adept at arguing a point as well as understand how to analyse various levels of meaning.



A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Why study this subject at A Level?

Geography involves the study of important global issues that matter now. It is a facilitating subject which is compatible with all other A Levels and can help to provide a bridge between arts and science subjects. It has a broad skills base and an independent research component which helps you prepare for university.

Method of assessment:

Two written papers 80%

Independent Investigation (3000/4000 words) 20%

Entry requirement:

It is very useful to have studied Geography at GCSE or IGCSE. It is important to have a Grade 4 or better at both Maths and English GCSE. There is more essay writing in the A-level exam than the GCSE/IGCSE.

What will I study?

- Natural Hazards
- Coastal landscapes
- Water and the Carbon cycle
- Global systems and Governance
- Population and the environment
- Changing places

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will undertake a 5 day residential field trip as part of your non-examined assessment.

Progression and career opportunities:

Geography is a broad-based subject which provides lots of opportunities for future progression. For example, geography is an obvious choice for careers in sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, energy supply, retail location, managing the effects of hazards and climate change. For careers in the world of business, an understanding of global economics forms an important part of geography. However, the skills you develop through the studying of geography at A level are readily transferable to a wide range of careers.



A LEVEL HISTORY

Why study this subject at A Level?

History encompasses much of our everyday life and helps us to understand how the human race has reached its current heights. At A Level you will delve a little deeper into specific areas of our past and really explore the causes and consequences of events that have shaped our nation and other parts of the world. You will get the chance to perform at a high academic level and demonstrate the top level of study skills and critical thinking.

Method of assessment:

Three exams and one piece of coursework.

Entry requirement:

Due to the extended essay writing skills required it is recommended that students have achieved at least a grade 6 at GCSE in either History or English. However, individual circumstances will be considered.

What will I study?

- Britain Transformed, 1918 - 97
- The USA, 1955 - 92; conformity and Challenge
- The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580–c1750
- Holocaust as the Non Examined Assessment

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Along with living and being immersed in a historic site, History A Level ties in well with English and both subjects complement each other. Academic trips to museums and sites of historic interest are on offer where appropriate. There are also academic conferences that take place in London throughout the year, and we will be arranging trips to some of these where they fit with course content. There will be a chance to explore the School archive including a Geneva Bible dating from the 16th Century.

Progression and career opportunities:

All universities see an A-Level in History as a major indicator of solid academic ability as it shows students to be well-read and able to express themselves on the page. Employers recognise the extensive range of skills developed through the advanced level study of History.



A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

Why study this subject at A Level?

Mathematics requires logic, creativity and imagination—skills highly prized by employers, and not only in jobs which use maths directly. Your precise method of thinking and problem- solving will enable you to tackle a wide range of roles, wherever you are heading.

Method of assessment:

100% assessment by exam. Students will sit three papers at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1: Pure Mathematics 1 33.33%

Paper 2: Pure Mathematics 2 33.33%

Paper 3: Statistics & Mechanics 33.33%

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?

Pure Maths: Proof, Algebra and functions, Coordinate geometry in the (x, y)plane, Sequences and series, Trigonometry, Exponentials and logarithms, Differentiation, Integration, Numerical methods, Vectors.

Statistics: Statistical sampling, Data presentation and interpretation, Probability, Statistical distributions, Statistical hypothesis testing

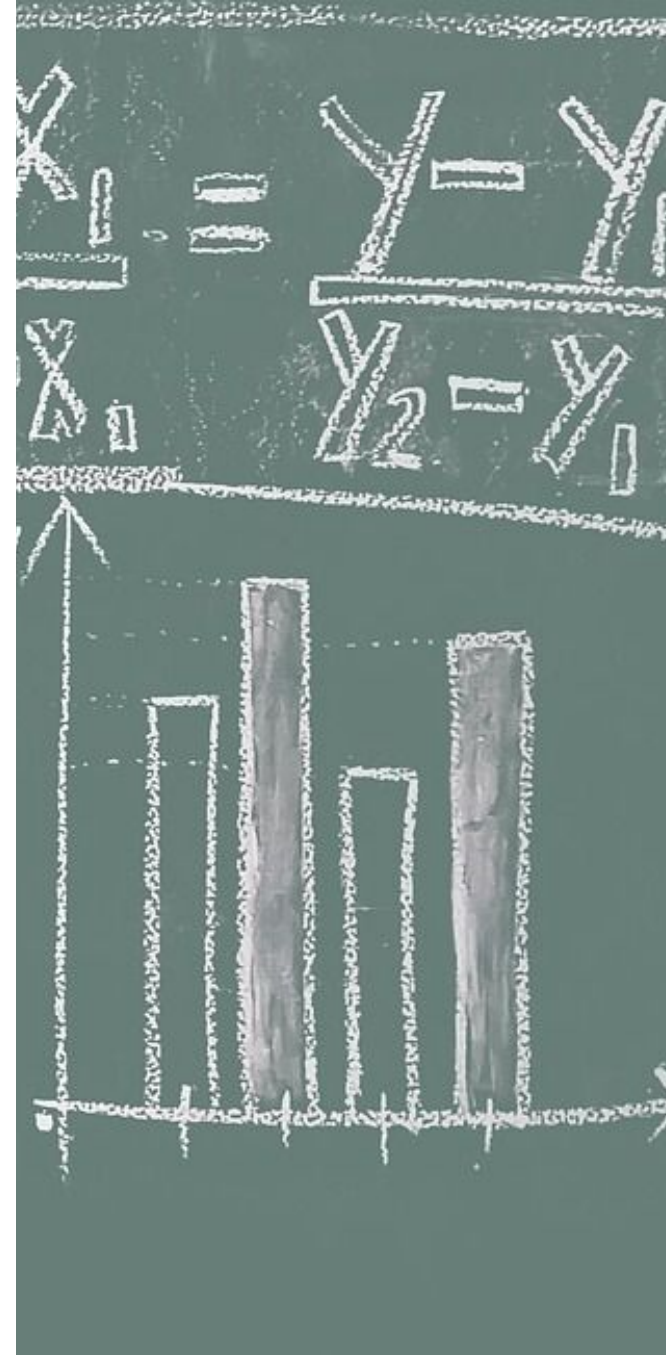
Mechanics: Quantities and units in mechanics, Kinematics, Forces and Newton's laws, Moments

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will be prepared for and sit UKMT Mathematics Challenges at senior level. There are also opportunities to represent the College in team Maths challenges.

Progression and career opportunities:

Students of Mathematics are in high demand for some of the most well-paid jobs around. Careers in areas such as computer science, finance, scientific research and engineering allow people to contribute to a brighter technological future, and utilise the highly sought after skills available to learn in an A-Level in Mathematics.



A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS

Why study this subject at A Level?

If you enjoy Mathematics, this course will provide you with a challenge and give you the chance to explore new and more sophisticated mathematical concepts. Further Maths will count as two A levels: you will study three A Level Maths modules in the first year and four A Level Further Maths module in the second year. Further Mathematics qualifications are highly regarded by universities and are very useful for engineering and economics graduate courses.

Method of assessment:

You will sit seven two-hour papers for the double A Level qualification. You can be assessed at AS level at the end of the second year.

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths.

What will I study?

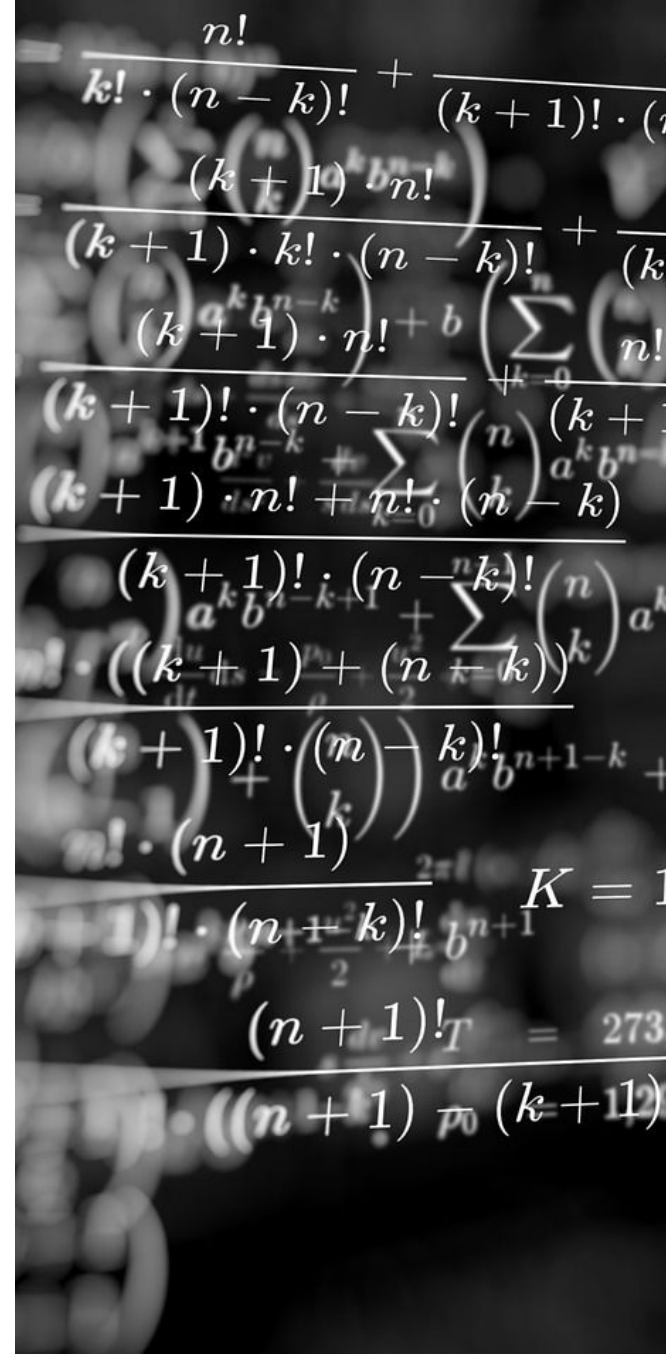
Core Pure: Proof, Complex numbers, Matrices, Further algebra and functions, Further calculus, Further vectors, Polar coordinates, Hyperbolic functions, Differential equations. Pupils then have the choice of 2 of the following:
Optional Modules: Further Pure Maths, Further Statistics, Further Mechanics, and Decision Mathematics

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

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A LEVEL MFL FRENCH & SPANISH

Why study this subject at A Level?

A Modern Language will boost your employability, confidence, knowledge of cross-curricular topics and improve your critical thinking and interpersonal skills. Throughout your studies, you will further your competence in the language while developing your knowledge of the countries where the language is spoken.

Method of assessment:

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing (including translation from and into English) - 50%

Paper 2: Writing (Essays on the work of Literature & Film) - 20%

Paper 3: Speaking - a 23-minute oral exam, including a discussion on an Independent Research Project (IRP) - 30 %

Entry requirement:

A grade 7 or above in the chosen language at GCSE.

What will I study?

Current affairs and social media, political issues and trends; technological, scientific and artistic developments, as well as the Culture of the countries where the language is spoken. We will also study a work of Literature and analyse a Film. Thus, making an A Level in a language an ideal complement to both Scientific and Humanities subjects.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Cultural immersion opportunities and academic outings are on offer where appropriate. Moreover, all students are encouraged to take full advantage of the resources available in the department to practise their language skills further.

Progression and career opportunities:

Languages at A Level are becoming increasingly important as employers actively seek people with good communicative and analytical skills. Studying a language at A Level could lead to a straight language course, a degree combining a language with another subject, such as Business, Law, International Relations, but it could also be a subsidiary subject in a Science degree, such as Chemical Engineering. What it is certain is that languages are extremely useful in all walks of life, from Industry to Research, Politics Tourism, Journalism, as well as in the Diplomatic World.



RSL LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

CREATIVE MUSIC INDUSTRY

Why study this subject at A Level?

Music can be a great release from the differing styles of other subjects as it gives you the opportunity to perform and to create. Music nestles alongside Languages, Maths, Sciences, Humanities and other Creative Arts, so it can be approached from many academic standpoints. Nurturing a higher level of performance and creativity are transferable skills for life. The cultural enrichment through analysis and listening to a wide range of musical genres provides a sound base for developing as a well-rounded member of society!

Method of assessment:

Assessment takes place throughout the course through a number of assignment briefs. Assessment is 100% coursework, there is no final examination in this course.

Entry requirement:

Pupils should have a general aptitude for music. To follow the Performance pathway students should be proficient on an instrument or singing. To follow a Music Technology pathway students should have experience and basic skills in computer based music making. Pupils who have not taken music at GCSE will be assessed via an audition/interview to ensure their suitability.

What will I study?

Pupils will study a range of units that can be shaped around their interests, skills and abilities. All assessment is through the creation of portfolios of evidence showing the development of their musicianship. This will include written work, video and audio recordings and practical music through performance and/or composition.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

This music course maximises the potential for practical music making in all its forms. You will spend most of your time developing your skills across all aspects of music. On this course you can also gain credit through taking part in school music groups such as the choir, camerata or school production.

Progression and Career Opportunities:

Studying this course would allow you to pursue the further study of music at university or conservatoire, especially with a performance or commercial focus. You would also be well prepared to follow a career in the music industry and the transferable skills developed through music would benefit any career choice that you make. Additionally, you will have developed musical skills that could provide you with a lifetime of enjoyment and enrichment, outside of the career path that you follow.



A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Why study this subject at A Level?

A Level Photography is designed to encourage students to develop skills, creativity, imagination and independence based on personal experience, taught skills and critical understanding. Students show this through their responses to a range of stimuli and through research and individual study.

- You will develop a wide range of skills and techniques
- You will explore a variety of photographic media, techniques and processes
- You will be able to use traditional and/or digital techniques

Method of assessment:

Work is internally assessed and externally moderated. The four assessment objectives include a student's development, exploration, recording and presenting.

Entry requirement:

GCSE in Art & Design with Grade 4 or above, or equivalent qualification.

What will I study?

AS Level students produce a portfolio of coursework covering several topics to demonstrate exploration, research and acquisition of techniques and skills.

A Level students produce two elements. Firstly, a portfolio of work showing personal response to a starting point or stimulus. Secondly, a related study including an extended response of 1000 words. The externally set task consists of selecting a starting point from an early release exam paper.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will have access to the department's studio space and will be encouraged to visit galleries and exhibitions. Past visits have included; The Tate Galleries, Turner Contemporary and The Photographers' Gallery, as well as other independent galleries and exhibitions.

Progression and Career Opportunities:

Advertising art director, Film/video editor, Graphic designer, Magazine features editor, Photographer, Press photographer, Television camera operator, Museum/gallery curator, Web designer.



A LEVEL PHYSICS

Why study this subject at A Level?

Physics is in high demand in industry: the analytical skills developed within it are highly prized, especially in Engineering, Medicine and Computer Science. It is an interesting and stimulating subject and involves up to date topic areas from recent research.

Method of assessment:

100% assessment by exam. Students will sit three papers at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1 Modelling physics 37%

Paper 2 Exploring physics 37%

Paper 3 Unified physics 26%

A practical endorsement (no exam assessment) is reported separately to 'A' Level grade.

Entry requirement:

Grade 6 or above in Combined Sciences or Separate Sciences and a Grade 6 in Maths.

What will I study?

Module 1 - Development of practical skills in physics

Module 2 – Foundations in physics

Module 3 – Forces and motion

Module 4 – Electrons, waves and photons

Module 5 – Newtonian world and astrophysics

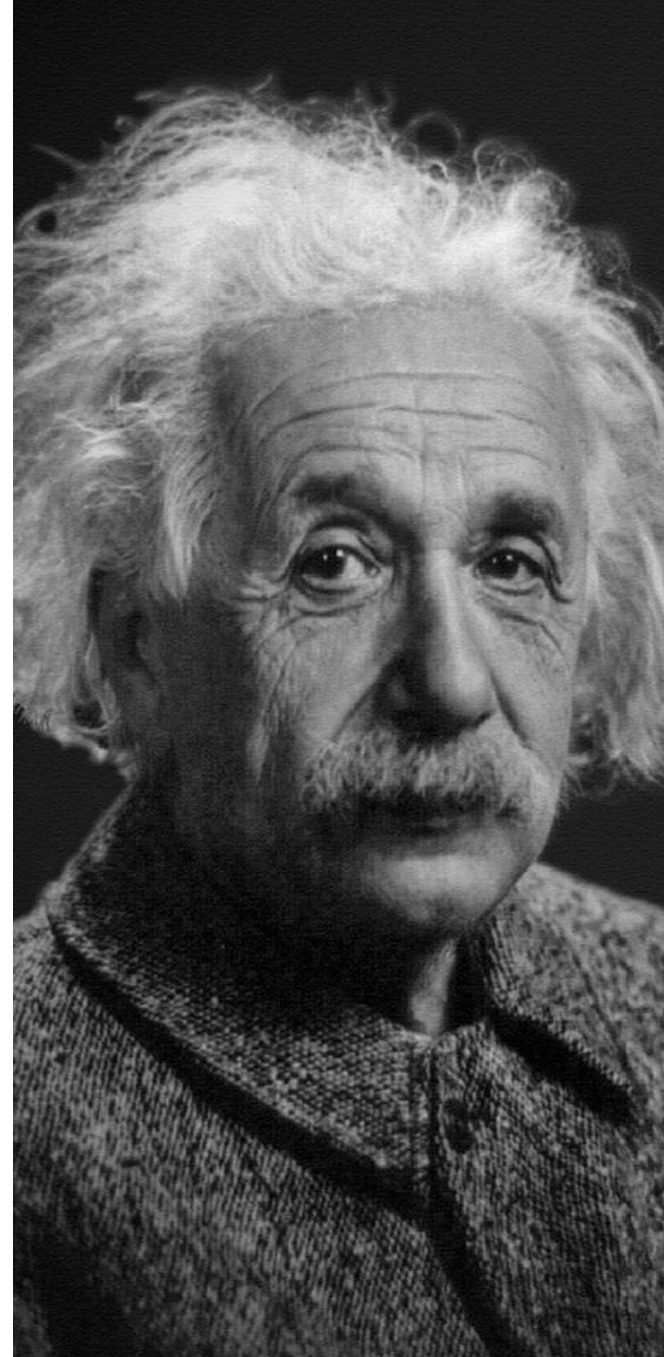
Module 6 – Particles and medical physics

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Dover College holds affiliate membership of the Institute of Physics. All students have access to the resources via the app. In addition to this, students can attend a Science Journal Discussion Group held during lunchtimes.

Progression and career opportunities:

A degree in physics can lead to a range of fulfilling and exciting careers. Physicists are highly sought after in a variety of fields. Jobs directly related to a Physics degree include becoming an astronomer, a clinical scientist, a lecturer, a nanotechnologist, a radiation protection practitioner, a research scientist and a sound engineer. A degree in physics will also enable you to gain skills that would be highly relevant in other, more unexpected roles. These include as a data analyst, a nuclear engineer, an operational researcher, a patent attorney, a software engineer and a telecommunications researcher.



BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Why study this subject?

This qualification offers an engaging and effective introduction to Psychology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

Method of assessment:

It comprises of 4 mandatory units, 2 of which are externally assessed and 2 are coursework based, internally assessed pieces of work.

Entry requirement:

Grade 4 in Combined Science, English and Maths GCSEs

What will I study?

- Unit 1 (External exam) Psychological Approaches and Applications (1hr 30)
- Unit 2 (Internal coursework) Conducting Psychological Research
- Unit 3 (External exam) Health Psychology (1hr 30)
- Unit 4 (Internal coursework) Criminal and Forensic Psychology

Progression and career opportunities:

Students can go on to study a variety of degrees including psychology and nursing. Psychology paves the way for a multitude of rewarding careers in the health and academic sector, and for the psychologists of the next generation.



BTEC LEVEL 3

SPORT

What will I study?

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport is a qualification for those who have a genuine interest in the scientific, theoretical and practical aspects of the subject. It also helps you develop a number of transferable skills:

- Researching actively and methodically
- Giving presentations and being an active member of a group
- Effective writing
- Analytical skills
- Creative development

Method of assessment:

2 Units internal assessment through coursework.

2 Units external examination.

Entry requirement:

Minimum Grade 4 in GCSE Science (double award) and minimum Grade 4 in Maths and English at GCSE. This is a scientifically demanding course in which the external assessments must be passed to gain the qualification.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

You will visit the university of Canterbury Sports Science department, where you will be put through your paces in various fitness tests. You will have the chance to host and organise sporting events, coach small groups and risk assess sporting situations. You will be expected to commit fully to the sporting life of the College and represent it in its major sports teams.

Progression and career opportunities:

Along with competing as an athlete if you are fortunate enough to compete for a club you can tailor your sport pathway into sports coaching and management. On top of this you could become a sports development officer and enhance the variety of opportunities available to young people as they grow or become a PE teacher and have a positive impact on the next generation. Outside of the classroom other opportunities lie within sports physiotherapy, sport therapy or becoming a sports lawyer. If writing and exploring is more your passion, you could become a sports journalist or photographer and your career could take you all over the world.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Why study this subject?

An EPQ provides further academic stretch and challenge alongside A Level studies and also helps to evidence a genuine interest in a specific area (which is useful for UCAS university applications). An EPQ also carries UCAS points and is valued at 50% of a full A Level in the UCAS tariff.

Method of assessment:

Work is internally assessed and externally moderated.

An EPQ consists of a 5000-word report on a subject of your choice and a presentation on both the planning and project management of your EPQ, as well as the content of your report.

What will I study?

Completing an EPQ helps students develop a number of different skills, which are vital for university. It requires excellent organisational skills: planning the project over a 20-week period and making sure that each stage is completed on time is essential to creating a high-quality end product and attracting the highest assessment marks in the process. Students also develop good time-management skills because it is not part of the normal school curriculum. Students therefore have to assign their own time to complete the project each week, while juggling the demands of A Levels.

Topics of EPQ:

You can do an EPQ on any topic. As long as it does not overlap with the content of your A level studies, and as long as you are able to produce an academic piece of writing about it, you are good to go. Your supervisor can help you to know whether what you wish to write about is appropriate.

Progression and career opportunities:

The EPQ is a highly valued qualification, which can certainly enhance university applications and helps students to develop study skills, which will be invaluable for Higher Education. Many universities will reduce their grade entry for students with predicted grades of B and above in the EPQ.



INTERNATIONAL IELTS

Why study IELTS?

IELTS Academic Module is the most common English language requirement for university entrance in the UK. It also has universal validity.

What does IELTS consist of?

Pupils are prepared for, and tested in listening, reading, writing and speaking exams, each worth 25% of the total mark. There is no externally validated coursework. A score from 1 to 9 is awarded for all four tested skills and these are then averaged and rounded to produce an overall Band score ranging again from 1 to 9.

How much do I need to score?

Entry to university normally requires an overall grade of between 6, 6.5 or 7 dependent on the subject and university. Some courses may ask the student to have, for example, a 6.5 for writing or in all 4 skills. Results are issued two weeks after the students have taken the test on a Test Report Form. This is valid for two years.

Where and when can I take the test?

IELTS exams are held on set dates during the year and students are normally prepared for exams held in the Lent and Summer terms. In some circumstances it might also be possible for suitable candidates to take the exam at the end of the Michaelmas term. The exam can also be taken independently at other approved test centres both in the UK and abroad.

Entry Requirement:

This course is for International students in Lower Sixth who have taken the IGCSE and are academically strong.



IGCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Why study this subject at IGCSE?

- You will have the opportunity to obtain a useful qualification in English
- You will enhance your general knowledge skills
- You will prepare for the more demanding IELTS course later

If you came to England to study and improve your English, pass your exams in a variety of subjects and then go to university—this course is for you!

Method of assessment:

Assessment by examination only:

CIE Reading & Writing 60%

Listening 20%

Speaking 20%

Ideally, students follow a two-year course during Fourth and Fifth Form. However, many international students entering Lower Sixth with an appropriate level of English can attend courses which will enable them to take the exams in May.

What will I study?

Skills practice: listening, reading, writing, speaking.

Language work: topic-based material, grammar, vocabulary building, spelling, functions, register, colloquial and formal language, punctuation and paragraphing.

Analysis and practice of different writing styles: letters, e-mails, summaries, report and discursive essay writing, etc.

Opportunities beyond the classroom:

Much as our EAL expert teachers enjoying bringing language to life inside the classroom, we recognise the importance of getting out and about and making the most of your time in the UK. You will practise your spoken and written English as much as possible in 'real life' scenarios, on school trips, for example, to art galleries and theatre productions in London.

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