

# BEWDLEY SIXTH FORM

## SUBJECTS

**Full Curriculum:**

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## Biology

Faculty - Science and Technology

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### Why choose to study Biology?

The biological sciences have led to so many advances in our society today. Many diseases have been eradicated, while others are now curable. New crops have been developed that grow more successfully and help to feed the world. There are controversies too: e.g. about genetically modified crops and cloning. It is important that we understand the issues and that we are well informed enough to make reasoned decisions.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

At least one grade 6 in your GCSE Sciences. Followed the Higher Tier Maths course at GCSE.

### What will I study?

Some of the topics and concepts that you study are: cells, cell transport, biochemistry, enzymes, digestion, cell cycle, the genetic code, energy and exercise and transport systems in animals and plants. Many of the topics and concepts studied you will recognise as developments of work first met at GCSE Level, and the emphasis of biology on modern developments.

### What skills will I develop?

- You will learn to apply your biological knowledge to unfamiliar contexts.
- You will learn to analyse, to evaluate and to synthesise.
- Through devising and planning investigative work, you will develop transferable problem-solving skills.

### Opportunities

Biology is essential for higher education courses in a range of scientifically-related courses, e.g. medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, biochemistry, dietetics and physiotherapy.

## Business Studies

Faculty - Mathematics, ICT, Business Studies and Computer Science

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### Why choose to study Business Studies?

A Level Business Studies gives students the tools and information required to understand how businesses are created and managed.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

- What is business?
- Managers, leadership and decision making.
- Decision making to improve marketing performance.
- Decision making to improve operational performance.
- Decision making to improve financial performance.
- Decision making to improve HR performance.
- Analysing the strategic position of a business.
- Choosing strategic direction.
- How to pursue strategies.
- Managing strategic change.

### What skills will I develop?

Students will learn a range of key business concepts. They will develop the skills of contextualising answers, analysing and justifying answers.

### Opportunities

Graduate or apprenticeship courses leading to a career including accountancy, advertising, banking, investment and financial services.

## Chemistry

Faculty - Science and Technology

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### Why choose to study Chemistry?

You live in an age and culture which depends heavily on science and engineering. For instance, the environmental problems we face will ultimately be solved on the basis of detailed, accurate science. Chemistry is central among the sciences, in that it touches on physics in the most fundamental parts of the subject, and on biology in that much of modern biology relates to chemical processes.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

At least one grade 6 in your GCSE Sciences. Followed the Higher Tier Maths course at GCSE.

### What will I study?

- You will study in more detail the same sort of areas of chemistry that you met at GCSE, although concepts and generalisations will become more important than specific facts.
- The chemistry of carbon compounds (organic chemistry) will take up more time than at GCSE.
- The extra-curricular programme will allow you to develop an interest in chemistry and other areas outside the sixth-form curriculum.

### What skills will I develop?

Chemistry will develop your skills of clear and unambiguous communication, numeracy, planning a course of action, rigorous analysis of evidence and synthesis of conclusions from evidence.

### Opportunities

Apart from chemistry courses at university, chemistry gives you a huge range of career opportunities. For some it is essential – the chemical industry, pharmacy and medicine, for others it is preferred – engineering, chemical technology.

## Computer Science

Faculty - Mathematics, ICT, Business Studies and Computer Science

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### Why choose to study Computer Science?

Computer Science is a subject that delivers computing and computational thinking skills that are in high demand around the world across multiple career paths in computing.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

Grade 5 in Computer Science.

### What will I study?

You will study a wide breadth of computing topics, including, computer systems, breaking down into:

- Components of a computer and their uses.
- Software and software development.
- Exchanging data.
- Data types, data structures and algorithms.
- Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues.

You will also study algorithms and programming focussing on:

- The elements of computational thinking.
- Problem solving, programming and specific algorithms.

Also you will undertake a programming project; where you will need to design, develop, test and evaluate the solution to a chosen computing problem based around the specification.

### What skills will I develop?

You will develop an understanding of computing systems, algorithms and programming. All of which are highly sort after skills for degree level courses and industry.

### Opportunities

This course will allow progression on to computer science related degrees or skilled work within the industry.

## Design Technology

Faculty - Science and Technology

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### Why choose to study Design Technology?

You enjoy creative, practical challenging opportunities. You would like to follow a career path in a design or practical based subject such as Architecture or Engineering.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

GCSE Design and Technology and Mathematics Grade 6 or above.

### What will I study?

The course will be split into two aspects. Theory lessons focus on the written examination content which will include work of past and present designers through to modern industrial manufacturing processes. All other lessons will focus on a design and make task over the two year course of the student's choosing.

### What skills will I develop?

Problem solving through a design centred approach. Designing and drawing including the use of 2D and 3D Computer Aided Design.

Manufacturing with a wide range of materials, tools and equipment.

### Opportunities

Students usually go to study University courses in Architecture, Engineering, Product Design or other design and manufacturing careers.

## English Language & Literature

Faculty - Communication

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### Why choose to study English Language & Literature?

You will engage creatively and independently with a wide range of spoken and written texts to build a wider understanding of the relationship between texts. You will use integrated linguistic and literary approaches in order to gain confidence in your reading and interpretation of texts. As a result your communication skills will improve and you will become a proficient producer and interpreter of language.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.

Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Language.

Grade 4 in GCSE English Literature.

### What will I study?

Texts studied include an anthology of non-fiction, a drama text and two other texts (including prose fiction) on a theme e.g. 'Crossing Boundaries'. You also complete a 3000 word piece of independent coursework in which you produce one fiction text, one non-fiction text and an analytical commentary.

### What skills will I develop?

Your study of written texts, the process of writing your coursework and the opportunity to analyse your own writing will transform your own ability to write for a variety of audiences and purposes. Your wider reading will broaden your understanding of the human condition and develop your skills as an independent, critical reader.

### Opportunities

Theatre visits, author visits, library visits as well as continuing to refine your written expression for UCAS personal statements.

### Why choose to study English Literature?

Reading about people, their thoughts, and why they do things is fascinating and helps you understand yourself and the people around you. Reading is a great way to learn more about history and politics. Furthermore, Literature can lead to a wide range of degree courses and careers.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Literature.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

## Film Studies

### Why choose to study Film Studies?

Film Studies is a cultural course that gives you a strong grounding in film-making tradition, current practice and cinema from Britain, America and around the world. You will study film in depth, create your own and hone your analytical and essay writing skills. The A level goes well with other 'cultural' courses, or as a qualification that makes you stand out from the crowd.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English.

### What will I study?

Texts include a poetry anthology, prose and drama texts, plus a Shakespeare play. One unit is on the theme of love; the second contains texts from either Modern Literature or World War One. You also complete a 2500 word piece of independent coursework on 2 texts and a topic of your choice.

### What skills will I develop?

The ability to analyse and evaluate texts and critical opinions independently and to develop your skill as an independent, critical reader. You will have the chance to select texts that interest you personally and develop interests in the field of literature.

### Opportunities

Theatre visits, author visits as well as continuing to refine your written expression for UCAS personal statements.

### What will I study?

The practical part of the course involves writing and storyboarding a shooting script for a film short, or filming and editing an actual film. A wide range of films are studied with attention being paid to different academic approaches such as context, narrative, genre and auteurship. You learn how films are made and how they interact with audiences and reflect cultures.

### What skills will I develop?

Your skills of close, detailed analysis will be greatly developed by this course. You also learn how to think about films from different academic perspectives.

### Opportunities

Cinema visits and film conventions might become available for you to include in your UCAS personal statements.

## Fine Art

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Fine Art?

Studying A Level Fine Art will help you to develop imaginative, creative, intellectual and intuitive skills. In an economy that needs and relies upon the creative industries, these Key Skills are of paramount importance. You will develop your skills and creativity through challenge setting you up for any career within the arts.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art.

### What will I study?

Students develop independent thematic projects based around a variety of starting points. The course begins with a series of workshops in order to develop knowledge, understanding, skill, accuracy and creativity. There will be opportunities to develop a range of skills from oil painting to mixed media and installation art.

You will be encouraged to work in a portfolio format, and to undertake written research to support your ideas.

### What skills will I develop?

You will:

- Build up a working knowledge of materials, practices and processes of art.
- Develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using a visual language.
- Expand your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills.

### Opportunities

This course would prepare you for a wealth of art related Further or Higher Education courses. If you choose to look for an apprenticeship, you will have 2 portfolios of work that will provide evidence of your ability and dedication.

## French

Faculty - Communication

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### Why choose to study French?

To further develop your knowledge and love of languages. You will be amongst a select few progressing and honing their spoken and written language skills.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in GCSE French.

### What will I study?

A varied and engaging range of themes, including family, education, music, media and the world of work including how society has changed over the years. You will also learn more about French culture and traditions. You will be kept up to date with French news items and read French articles to share with other students. This is an interactive course!

### What skills will I develop?

You will be using similar skills to GCSE yet they will be enhanced to include longer and more demanding texts to read and translate. You will be reading a French text and studying a film in depth.

### Opportunities

An increase in employability as you increase your spoken and written skills. A language at A level is in high demand. Languages take you further.

## Geography

Faculty - Humanities and Social Sciences

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### Why choose to study Geography?

A-level geography is an opportunity to extend your knowledge of the world, and the people, places and systems within it. It is such a dynamic subject, as you will learn and understand how places, environments and issues can change and how the human population responds to this.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE Geography.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.

### What will I study?

At A level, students follow the OCR specification. There is a natural progression from GCSE to GCE, ensuring that there is development of content. The specification covers core human and physical geography. The human topics are migration, human rights, changing places, and disease dilemmas. The physical topics are coastal processes, tectonic hazards and Earth's life support systems.

### What skills will I develop?

Students will use different types of geographical information, images, text and numerical data. They will undertake critical questioning, and present data in a range of ways. They will develop their communication skills, evaluate findings, draw well-evidenced conclusions, and construct extended written arguments about geographical matters.

### Opportunities

Town planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, environmental planning and tourism. The army, police, research organisations, law and business world also love the practical research skills that geographers develop.

## Geology

Faculty - Science and Technology

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### Why choose to study Geology?

Geologists do not simply study rocks. They explore how the Earth works, what has happened in the 4.5 billion year history of the planet, and model changes we might expect in the future.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6, 6 in GCSE combined Science or grade 6 in separate Sciences.

### What will I study?

The teaching modules are:

- Development of practical skills in geology
- Foundations in geology
- Global tectonics
- Interpreting the past
- Petrology and economic geology
- Geohazards
- Basin analysis

### What skills will I develop?

Geology introduces students to a range of concepts and skills, and applies them to the world around them. They gain understanding of different practical areas of Geology and how they interrelate.

### Opportunities

Geologists study some of society's most important problems, such as energy, water, and mineral resources; the environment; climate change; and natural hazards like landslides, volcanoes, earthquakes, and floods. They are highly sought after to work in petrochemical, engineering and environmental fields.

### Why choose to study Health & Social Care?

Health and Social Care is a subject that could help you to access a wide range of University courses and Careers. From Nursing to Social Work to Art and Music Therapy or Teaching and many more.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 4 in GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science.

### What will I study?

A range of different topics including Human Lifespan Development, learning about Job roles in Health and Social Care and gaining an understanding of how to care for people with a wide range of different needs and abilities.

### What skills will I develop?

The ability to think critically and analyse information and statistics provided by a range of different organisations. In addition you will develop your research skills and will be able to produce effective and accurate reports and summaries of a variety of different situations and topics.

### Opportunities

Students who have completed these courses go on to study, Nursing, Midwifery, Psychology, Social Work, Early Years Studies plus Apprenticeships in Early Years teaching and study of Sociology and Social Policy.

## History

### Why choose to study History?

History is all around us, it is as topical and relevant today as it was when the events, were unfolding. Through studying the causation, significance and impact of historical events you will gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE History.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

### What will I study?

- The Tudors in England 1485-1603. Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty, the mid Tudor Crisis and the Golden Years of Elizabeth I. Revolution, turmoil and triumph!
- USA: The American Dream: illusion versus reality 1945-980. Focusing on the external pressures of the Cold War against domestic pressures for change in American society.

### What skills will I develop?

Skills of analysis, synthesis, inference, evaluation, effective communication both written and oral. Presentational skills including discussion and debate.

### Opportunities

Opportunities are endless. History teaches so much more than just the past. Some examples could be archive work, archaeology, law, journalism, editors, intelligence agency, teachers, foreign service officer, researcher.

## ICT BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Faculty - Mathematics, ICT, Business Studies and Computer Science

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### Why choose to study ICT?

ICT is not only a challenging and engaging course, but it also gives a flavour into how ICT effects the working world.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

You will study 4 units, 2 of which are examined, with the remaining 2 internally assessed. You will start life in ICT by learning how a business would use social media to improve productivity. You will create your own business and use social media tools to create a promotional campaign. You will then move onto create a comprehensive spreadsheet which explores how a company would use modelling to make predictions. In Year 13, we begin by preparing for your 10-hour exam on databases, which is finally followed by another compulsory unit, computational thinking.

### What skills will I develop?

You will gain an appreciation of the core ICT skills which make up the subject, ranging from Word through to Access.

### Opportunities

ICT is a life skill and will enable you to use your skills across a number of subjects.

## Mathematics

Faculty - Mathematics, ICT, Business Studies and Computer Science

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### Why choose to study Mathematics?

You study mathematics because you enjoy solving problems and getting a definitive answer to a problem. There are lots of new areas to study which will keep your interest levels high. Maths is also one of the biggest facilitating subjects and it's essential for many higher education courses and careers.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

There are 3 strands to the course; Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. Pure develops the Algebraic work from GCSE and introduces new areas such as Calculus whilst Statistics encompasses Statistical Distributions and Probability Theory. Mechanics is the study of the physical world and includes forces and momentum. Your knowledge and skills in Mathematical argument, language and proof, problem solving and modelling will be further developed.

### What skills will I develop?

You will see the links between different areas of maths and be able to apply your maths skills across all areas.

### Opportunities

These include; UKMT Individual and Team challenges, The National Cipher Challenge, Maths Fest attendance, Ritangle Competition amongst other enrichment activities.

## Further Mathematics

Faculty - Mathematics, ICT, Business Studies and Computer Science

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### Why choose to study AS Further Mathematics?

Further Mathematics is the step between A Level and University level mathematics. If you are considering a STEM subject degree then having completed AS Further Maths will give you a head start during your first year. We offer this in addition to your other 3 A Level subjects so you don't have to narrow down your choices.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 7 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

The compulsory unit is Pure mathematics and not only develops the A level knowledge but also introduces new areas of mathematics such as Matrices and Complex Numbers. There are then two optional units to choose. Statistics and mechanics both build on the material taught at A Level whilst the Discrete Mathematics module looks at Networks and Critical Path Analysis.

### What skills will I develop?

You will further develop your ability to reason mathematically and to "pull" from different areas of the subject in order to solve problems.

### Opportunities

These include; UKMT Individual and Team challenges, The National Cipher Challenge, Maths Fest attendance, Ritangle Competition amongst other enrichment activities.

## Music Performance RSL Subsidiary Diploma

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Music Performance?

Most importantly you should study music because you love it! Music brings with it key transferrable skills that can seriously enhance your CV and employability skills. Creativity, co-operation & communication are some of these transferrable and skills which are enhanced through musical study.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 4 Standard Performance Skills or better.

### What will I study?

Music performance Skills:  
You will already be a skilled musician and be looking to improve on your technique and interpretive skills. You will select appropriate and challenging repertoire performing to a range of audiences both in and out of school. You will play both solo and within a range of ensembles, developing your instrumental skills.

Studio Sound recording:  
An introduction to studio equipment and a range of music technology including Logic Pro which will enable you to record and produce your own performances and compositions. Planning for a Career in the Music Industry.

### What skills will I develop?

Instrument or vocal performance. Organisational and confidence building skills. Co-operation and confidence building.

### Opportunities

The music course requires students to work practically, independently and as a team member; these are valuable skills to employers. Universities and colleges accept the RSL Diplomas as recognised qualifications, and they are especially valued by those offering very practical and vocational degrees in music. RSL Music Level 3, when studied alongside other qualifications, supports university entrance as well as leading to careers both in and beyond the music industry.

## Music Technology

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Music Technology?

If you have a passion for electronic music or recording please consider Music Technology.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of grade 4 in 5 subjects.  
GCSE Music is useful but not necessary.

### What will I study?

You will learn how to use Logic Pro and compose using technology. You will also learn about recording techniques, and apply these to your two pieces of coursework which is 60% of your final grade. There are two final exams; a listening exam, and another exam where you have to produce a track!

### What skills will I develop?

You will develop skills on industry standard equipment, independent learning, analytical skills, and a critical ear.

### Opportunities

Ex-students go on to further studies in music technology, music composition, music, event management, performing musician, audio and sound techniques and more.

## Photography

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Photography?

GCE Photography develops innovative and visual communication skills with digital photography, which allows students to produce creative and thought-provoking imagery.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature & good ICT skills.  
External candidates - portfolio of work preferred.

### What will I study?

You will be introduced to the key DSLR camera skills and will explore a range of experimental techniques in order to use a digital camera in manual mode. You will develop research, ICT and editing skills in order to present your work in the form of an online portfolio of photoshoots.

### What skills will I develop?

Build a working knowledge of the materials, and technology of photography.

Develop ability to interpret and convey ideas and feelings through visual imagery  
Develop analytical, research and ICT presentation skills.

### Opportunities

Many students go on to Degrees and employment relating to: Graphic Designer, Magazine Editor, Medical Illustrator, Press Photography, Television Camera Operator, Photographer, Animator, Travel Photographer, Fashion Photographer, Advertising/Commercials, Video Artist.

## Physical Education

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Physical Education?

The content has been designed to allow learners to study Physical Education (PE) in an academic setting, enabling them to critically analyse and evaluate their physical performance and apply their experience of practical activity in developing their knowledge and understanding of the subject.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE Science and English.  
Grade 5 in GCSE PE desirable but not essential.

## Physics

Faculty - Science and Technology

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### Why choose to study Physics?

Physicists explore the fundamental nature of almost everything we know of. They probe the furthest reaches of the earth to study the smallest pieces of matter. Join them to enter a world deep beneath the surface of normal human experience.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in at least one of your GCSE Sciences.  
Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

Physical factors affecting performance - applied anatomy, physiology, exercise physiology and biomechanics.

Psychological factors affecting performance - skill acquisition, sports psychology.

Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport - Sport and society, contemporary issues in physical activity and sport.

Performance in physical education - performer or coach in one practical activity, evaluation and Analysis of performance for Improvement.

### What skills will I develop?

This course will prepare learners for the further study of PE or sports science courses as well as other related subject areas such as psychology, sociology and biology. Learners will also develop the transferable skills that are in demand by further education, Higher Education and employers in all sectors of industry.

### Opportunities

This course will create confident, independent thinkers and effective decision makers who can operate effectively as individuals or as part of a team – all skills that will enable them to stand out and effectively promote themselves as they progress through life.

### What will I study?

- You will learn about the particles (and antiparticles) which make up our Universe; waves and quantum phenomena; the physics of motion; the properties of matter; astrophysics...
- Throughout the course you will sustain and develop an enjoyment of, and interest in, Physics and recognise the importance of Physics in present day society.

### What skills will I develop?

- Practical work is an important part of the course – your investigative skills and powers of analysis will be developed.
- You will also learn to review and organise information more effectively.

### Opportunities

Jobs for which Physics provides a good foundation or requirement include engineering, medicine, information technology, astronomy, medical physics.

## Psychology

Faculty - Humanities and Social Sciences

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### Why choose to study Psychology?

Ever wondered why we develop phobias, how much of our behaviour is the result of nature or nurture, whether criminals are born or made – then Psychology is the subject for you.

Psychology offers students the opportunity to understand the complexities of the human mind and behaviour.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English and Science.

## Sociology

Faculty - Humanities and Social Sciences

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### Why choose to study Sociology?

Do you have an interest in contemporary society and how it works? Do you like to debate and discuss your opinions? Do you care about crime and punishment? Do you know why you are being educated? Join Sociology and we will help you identify your opinions about these questions in society.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English.  
Grade 4 in GCSE Maths.

### What will I study?

The structure of the course is a 2 year Linear A Level whereby all external examinations will be sat at the end of the year 13. Outline of modules studied during the 2 year course are:

Paper 1:

- Social Influence.
- Memory.
- Attachment.
- Psychopathology.

Paper 2:

- Research Methods.
- Biopsychology.
- Approaches in Psychology.

Paper 3:

- Issues and Debates in Psychology.
- Gender Development.
- Forensic Psychology.
- Eating Behaviours.

### What skills will I develop?

The skills developed in Psychology are relevant to higher education and the wider world:

- Research skills.
- Analysis of data – collecting recording and interpreting.
- Producing written reports.
- Discussion skills.
- Critical analysis.

### Opportunities

Psychology can enable students to pursue a career in:

- Social work.
- Teaching.
- Forensic work.
- Criminology Marketing.
- Law.

### What will I study?

- Education.
- The family.
- Crime and deviance.
- Research methods.

### What skills will I develop?

- Critical thinking and analysis.
- Fine tune your debating skills.
- Learn to analyse statistics and data relating to society.

### Opportunities

Sociology can enable students to pursue a career in:

- Social work.
- Teaching.
- Forensic work.
- Criminology Marketing.
- Law.

## Spanish

Faculty - Communication

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### Why choose to study Spanish?

To further develop your knowledge and love of languages. You will be amongst a select few progressing and honing their spoken and written language skills.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish.

### What will I study?

A varied and engaging range of themes, including family, education, music, media and the world of work including how society has changed over the years. You will also learn more about Spanish culture and traditions. You will be kept up to date with Spanish news items and read Spanish articles to share with other students. This is an interactive course!

### What skills will I develop?

You will be using similar skills to GCSE yet they will be enhanced to include longer and more demanding texts to read and translate. You will be reading a Spanish text and studying a film in depth.

### Opportunities

An increase in employability as you increase your spoken and written skills. A language at A level is in high demand. Languages take you further.

## Textile Design

Faculty - Expressive Arts & Sports

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### Why choose to study Textile Design?

Studying A Level Textile Design will allow you to experience the ever growing and exciting world of printed, constructed and illustrated Textile and Fashion Design. This course will help you to develop imaginative, creative, intellectual and intuitive skills through challenge setting you up for any career within this area.

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art and/or Textiles.

### What will I study?

You will be encouraged to explore independent responses to a personalised fashion or textile design brief. You will research and develop ideas by means of recording from observation and experimentation, with a wide variety of textile techniques, processes and ideas before moving on to design and create more resolved final pieces.

You will be encouraged to work in a portfolio format, and to undertake written research to support your ideas.

### What skills will I develop?

You will:

- Build up a working knowledge of materials, practices and processes linked to fashion and textile art.
- Develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using a visual language.
- Expand your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills.

### Opportunities

This course would prepare you for a wealth of art, fashion and textile related Further or Higher Education courses. If you choose to look for an apprenticeship, you will have 2 portfolios of work that will provide evidence of your ability and dedication.

### Why choose to study Theatre Studies?

Theatre Studies is an academic, collaborative and creatively challenging subject that prepares you not only for the Arts Industries but all areas of further study. 'Arts contributes £8.5bn to the UK economy. More than double that of the Premier League' (Arts Council Great Britain).

### Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above.  
Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature or Language.  
Strong ability in performance.

### What will I study?

You will participate in intensive practical performance projects: devising and plays. You will study all areas of Theatre, directing, writing, performing and production. The course requires live theatre visits and the study of two play texts, currently 'Jerusalem' and 'Our Country's Good' to prepare for the written exam. We encourage blogging, journal writing and the documenting of process and rehearsals.

### What skills will I develop?

You will develop skills in collaboration, project management, research and written and visual narrative by documenting and developing a piece of theatre from genesis to performance. You will learn how to interpret theatre and develop acting skills from professionally trained actors in various styles. You will study theatre practitioners and develop analytical writing skills citing performance evidence.

### Opportunities

We arrange various theatre trips and a weekend residential visit to London. We hire the 'Blue Orange Theatre' in Birmingham, a professional fringe space in the Jewellery Quarter, for A level examined performances.



