



# Sixth Form Options September 2024

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FACULTY	SUBJECTS OFFERED
Creative Arts	A Level Fine Art
	A Level Photography
	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Performing Arts – Level 3
English	A Level English Language
	A Level English Literature
	A Level Film Studies
Humanities	A Level History
	A Level Philosophy and Ethics
	A Level Geography
	A Level Psychology
	A Level Sociology
	BTEC National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism – Level 3
Enterprise and	WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Food Science and Nutrition
Creative	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in IT – Level 3
Technology	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media – Level 3
	A Level Business
Maths	A Level Mathematics
	A Level Further Mathematics
MFL	A Level French
Science	A level Biology
	A level Physics
	A level Chemistry
	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Forensic Science
Sport	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity –
	Level 3
	Cambridge Technical Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity – Level 3
Core Options	EPQ - Level 3
	Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award
	Level 3 Certificate in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) AS Equivalent

# A Level Biology

**Examination Board: OCR** 

Contact Teacher: Dr Skinner/ Mrs Park



#### Course Details and Assessment

All components are externally assessed and a supporting practical portfolio to demonstrate competence in practical skills will also be reported on. The exam will cover all work from all areas of the course and include a synoptic exam.

#### The course will cover the following Biology topic areas:

Year 1 Course	Year 2 Course	
Basic components of living systems	Neuronal and hormonal communication	
Biological molecules	Homeostasis	
Enzymes	Plant responses	
Cell division	Energy for biological processes	
Exchange surfaces and breathing	Respiration	
Transport in animals and plants	Genetics of living systems	
Classification and evolution	Patterns of inheritance and variation	
Biodiversity	Manipulating genomes	
Communicable diseases	Cloning and biotechnology	
	Ecosystems	
	Populations and sustainability	

A Level			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	
Biological processes	2hr 15 minute written paper	37%	
Biological diversity	2hr 15 minute written paper	37%	
Unified Biology	1 hour 30 minute written paper	26%	
Practical endorsement	Ongoing portfolio of experimental Pass/Fa		
	techniques		

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Biology	2 Science GCSEs at Grade 6 or above.
Environmental biology	A Grade 5 or above in Maths and English
Ecology	would be an advantage.
Medicine	
Veterinary science	
Pharmacy	
Biomedical engineering	
Sports science	
Education	
and many, many more	

### A Level Business

Examination Board: AQA
Contact Teacher: Mrs Powell



#### Course Details and Assessment

This A Level Business course introduces you to all you need to know about working in business, providing a solid foundation for further study. With a focus on helping you to become a good decision maker, you'll learn essential managerial skills, alongside techniques to help you become an analytical problem solver. These skills are all highly sought after and valued in a wide range of careers.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
An introduction to key business areas:	An investigation of the strategic decisions that
Marketing, operations, finance and human	all businesses have to make.
resource management	
Content	Content
Topic 1 – What is business?	Topic 7 – Analysing the strategic position of a
Topic 2 – Managers, leadership and decision	business
making	Topic 8 – Choosing strategic direction
Topic 3 – Marketing Management	Topic 9 – Strategic methods: how to pursue
Topic 4 – Operational Management	strategies
Topic 5 – Financial Management	Topic 10 – Managing strategic change
Topic 6 – Human Resource Management	

The course is assessed through 3 written exams.

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Business	Grade 5 in both English
Finance	Literature and Language
Marketing	Grade 5 in Maths
Management	Grade 5 in Business Studies
Transferable skills across all subject areas e.g. motivational	(if studied for GCSE)
theory will help you to work well with others and help them	
achieve their potential	
Managing your own business	

"Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently - they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do."

# A Level Chemistry

**Examination Board: OCR** 

Contact Teacher: Mrs Woods/ Mrs McCafferty



#### Course Details and Assessment

The A Level Chemistry course has a strong focus on practical and mathematical skills, alongside traditional chemical concepts. These components of the course are externally assessed and culminate each year in a series of written exams. The exams are focused on application of knowledge and require candidates to link understanding from all of the units studied.

#### The course will cover the following chemistry topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Module 1 - Development of Practical Skills	Module 5 – Physical Chemistry and
in Chemistry	Transition Elements
Module 2 - Foundations in Chemistry	Module 6 – Organic Chemistry and Analysis
Module 3 - The Periodic Table and Energy	
Module 4 - Core Organic Chemistry	

A Level		
Assessment	Outline	Weighting
2h 15m written paper	Periodic Table, Elements and Physical 37% Chemistry	
2h 15m written paper	Synthesis and Analytical Techniques	37%
1h 30m written paper Unified Chemistry 26%		26%
Practical endorsement	Ongoing portfolio of experimental techniques	Pass/Fail

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements		
Medicine	2 Science GCSEs at Grade 6 or above.		
Dentistry			
Chemical Engineering	A grade 6 in Mathematics is preferable, a		
Biochemical Sciences	grade 5 essential.		
Pharmacology	A Grade 6 or above in English would be an		
and many , many more	advantage.		

# Cambridge Level 3 Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media

KINGSBURY GREEN ACADEMY

**Examination Board:** OCR **Contact Teacher:** Miss Parsons

#### Course Details and Assessment

The Cambridge Technical course in Digital Media aims to develop students' knowledge, understanding and skills of the essentials of media products and their audiences. Students will gain an insight into how different media institutions operate to create products that appeal to specific target audiences. Students will gain knowledge of the production processes and create their own digital media products and campaigns. The course is an exciting combination of Creative iMedia and Media Studies and allows students who have an interest in the subject to continue to develop their knowledge.

#### The course will cover the following IT topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
<ul> <li>Media Productions and Audiences</li> <li>Media Industries</li> <li>Job Roles</li> <li>Types of Advertising</li> <li>Demographics</li> <li>Pre-Production and Planning</li> <li>Revenue Streams</li> <li>Regulatory Issues</li> <li>Pre-Production and Planning</li> <li>Create a Media Product</li> <li>Create a media product proposal</li> <li>Plan and develop pre-production materials</li> <li>Create production materials</li> <li>Post-production techniques</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advertising Media</li> <li>Existing Advertising Campaigns</li> <li>Plan a cross-media advertising campaign</li> <li>Produce the planned media components</li> <li>The Creation and Use of Sound in Media</li> <li>Understand how sound elements are used across media industries.</li> <li>Know the techniques and processes used to create sound elements.</li> <li>Plan the production of sound elements.</li> <li>Record, edit and review sound elements.</li> </ul>

Year 1		Year 2			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Unit 1 Exam	2hrs Written	22.3%	Unit 21	Internal	11%
	Paper			Assignment	
Unit 2 Exam	2hrs Written	22.3%	Unit 20	Internal	11%
	Paper			Assignment	
Unit 3 Internal	Internal	22.3%	Unit 23	Internal	11%
Assessment	Assignment			Assignment	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
University courses	Merit or above in Creative iMedia. Grade 4 in GCSE	
Apprenticeship	English Language and Maths.	
Digital Marketing		
Graphic Design		

# A Level English Language

**Examination Board: AQA** 

Contact Teacher: Mrs Lloyd/Mrs Webb



#### Course Details and Assessment

The course will start with a focus on the AS exam content; exploring key theorists, terminology and skills required to analyse and compare texts from various modes. You will also explore the diversity of language and the contextual factors involved, such as gender, geography and social groups.

In the second year we will explore child language acquisition and how language is used to present ideas, attitudes and opinions. We will consider historical changes and worldwide contexts alongside topical issues such as androcentric texts, which provides excellent opportunities for debate and discussion.

You are also required to create coursework (NEA) which will focus on a language investigation and then a piece of original writing which you will review as part of your submission.

A Level				
Assessment Component	Exam	Weighting		
Language, the Individual and Society	Written examination, lasting 2 hours 30 minutes	40% of the total qualification		
Language Diversity and Change	Written examination, lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes	40% of the total qualification		
NEA: Language in Action (language investigation, original writing and a commentary)	Internally assessed coursework Externally moderated	20% of the total qualification		

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
<ul> <li>University Courses:</li> <li>Media</li> <li>Advertising and Marketing</li> <li>Writing and Journalism</li> <li>Communication Studies/ Linguistics</li> <li>Teaching</li> <li>Speech Therapy</li> </ul>	Grade 5 or above in English language.	

# A Level English Literature

Examination Board: AQA Literature B

Contact Teacher: Mrs Webb



#### Course Details and Assessment

The A Level English Literature course encourages students to understand how narrative works, to look at genre and to learn about critical approaches to texts. Through wide and independent reading, the course also considers different types of critical approach to genre and how texts can reflect cultural meanings.

#### The course will cover the following texts and topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Aspects of Tragedy William Shakespeare's Othello Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman A selection of John Keats' poetry	Elements of Political and Social Protest Writing Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner William Blake's Songs of Innocence and of Experience Unseen text analysis
	Paper 3: Theory and Independence (NEA) Students work independently to analyse a text of their choice and a selection of poetry from a specific theoretical perspective (e.g. Marxism or Feminism)

A Level				
Assessment				
Paper 1:	Aspects of Tragedy			
Closed book e	xam. 2 hrs 30 mins. 40%			
Paper 2:	Texts and Genres			
Open boo	ok exam. 3 hrs. 40%			
Paper 3: Theory as	nd Independence (NEA) 20%			
Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements			
This subject is highly regarded by Russell	<ul> <li>Minimum of Grade 5 or above in English</li> </ul>			
Group universities and is especially useful for	Literature GCSE and English Language GCSE			
careers in Journalism, Marketing, Media,				
Education and Law. • A passion for reading and critical analysis				
Strong independent learner				

### A Level Film Studies

**Examination Board:** Eduqas **Contact Teacher:** Mrs Lloyd



#### Course Details and Assessment

Film is one of the main cultural innovations of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years. Studying film enables us to connect with others and enjoy exploring aesthetic and creative aspects. The course enables students to study exciting and dynamic films from around the world, considering significant developments, styles and genres. Eleven films (from the 1920s up to 2010) will be studied in detail. Students will also have the opportunity to be creative: planning and filming their own short films and writing screenplays.

Assessment consists of two exams, of 2 ½ hours each, and the NEA.

#### The course will cover the following Film topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2	
Classical Hollywood: Vertigo, Alien	Global Film: Life is Beautiful, City of God	
New Hollywood: Joker, Moonlight	Documentary: <i>Amy</i>	
British films: Shaun of the Dead, Under the	Silent Cinema: Strike	
Skin	Experimental Film: Fallen Angels	
NEA (coursework) film or screenplay and an Evaluative Analysis		

A Level			
Assessment	Weighting		
Component 1	Varieties of film and filmmaking	35%	
Component 2 Global filmmaking perspectives		35%	
Component 3: NEA Short film or screenplay and evaluation		30%	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements		
Film production / marketing	Grade 5 and above in English Literature or		
Media courses	Language. Or – Grade 4 if students have		
Media and promotion roles	Film GCSE.		
Links well to a range of English and Social	Film GCSE will be an advantage, however		
Studies Courses	candidates with a strong interest in film		
	would be considered without this.		

### A Level Fine Art

**Examination Board: AQA** 

Contact Teacher: Ms Bennett and Mrs Lesniowska



#### Course Details and Assessment

The fine art course encourages students to experiment with materials media and techniques in an expressive and imaginative way, exploring ideas, processes and creativity.

The A level takes on the form of a Personal Investigation. Students develop practical work, which is linked through the exploration of particular themes, concepts, ideas, issues or approaches. Students are actively encouraged to explore their own initial responses and ideas individually, working with a wide range of materials, media and techniques of their own choice. Students produce practical work and a written investigation (between 1000 – 3000 words) related to their practical work. The combination of these should be connected, in some way to the practice of artists, designers or crafts-people. The externally set assignment allows students to select one starting point and put together a portfolio of work based around a theme working in a variety of media and scale.

#### The course will cover the following areas:

Year 1	Year 2	
Experiment with a wide range of media,	A Personal Investigation	
techniques and processes.	Exploring and experimenting with a wide range of	
	processes, media and scale to express their ideas	
Recording and experimentation with media:	on their chosen theme.	
Investigations of relevant sources using a	A written piece of work (1000 - 3000 words) to	
variety of media such as, paint, pencil, pen,	support their practical work.	
textiles, print, ceramics and other 3D media.	Study the work of a wide variety of artists,	
	photographers and craftspeople.	
Photography:		
Processes in analogue and digital media.	Externally set assignment	
	Explore their chosen starting point working in a	
Life Drawing:	variety of media and scales. With the	
2 day life drawing course with the focus on	combination of these to be connected in some	
developing measuring skills.	way to that of artists, designers or craftspeople.	

A Level				
Assessment	Duration	Weighting		
Component 1	Unlimited	60%		
Component 2 Externally set assignment	15 hours supervised time	40%		

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
University courses: Graphics, Advertising, Packaging; Ceramics;	Grade 4 or above at
Music production, Events management, Web Designers,	GCSE Art or
Architecture, Animation, Video Game designer, Floristry, Millinery,	Photography
Textiles, Furniture design, Jewellery design, Interior Design,	
Product design, Fashion/costume design, Car design, Theatre set	Grade 4 or above in
design, Teaching (primary/secondary etc.), Film making etc.	English desirable

# BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Forensics and Criminal Investigation (1.5 A-Level Equivalent)

KINGSBURY GREEN ACADEMY

**Examination Board:** Edexcel **Contact Teacher:** Dr Skinner

#### Course Details and Assessment

The Pearson BTEC Foundation Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation is a comprehensive program designed to prepare students for careers in law enforcement, forensics, and criminal investigation. This course covers a wide range of topics, including crime scene analysis, evidence collection and preservation, forensic science techniques, and the legal aspects of criminal investigation. Students gain practical skills and theoretical knowledge, enabling them to understand and contribute to the criminal justice system. The program offers a solid foundation for further education or immediate entry into various roles within the field of forensic and criminal investigation.

The course will cover the following topic areas:

Over the two years				
Unit 1 - Principles and applications of	Unit 4 - Forensic Investigation Procedures in			
science	Practice			
Unit 2 – Practical Scientific procedures	Unit 9 - Environmental Forensics			
and techniques	Unit 13 - Forensic Genetics			
Unit 3 – Science investigation skills				

Year 1		Year 2			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Unit 1 - Principles and applications of science	Externally assessed exam	18%	Unit 3 – Science investigation skills	Externally assessed synoptic exam	24%
Unit 2 – Practical Scientific procedures and techniques	Internally assessed coursework	18%	Unit 4 - Forensic Investigation Procedures in Practice	Internally assessed coursework	18%
Unit 9 - Environmental Forensics	Internally assessed coursework	12%	Unit 13 - Forensic Genetics	Internally assessed coursework	12%

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
Links to a range of university courses	If Trilogy was studied at GCSE then Science	
Policing	GCSE grade 4-4. If separate sciences were	
Forensic analysis	studied at GCSE, a 4 grade in two subjects. A	
	Grade 5 in Maths & English would be an	
	advantage.	

### A Level French

**Examination Board: AQA** 

Contact Teacher: Miss Martin



#### Course Details and Assessment

Studying French at A Level gives students the opportunity to refine their language skills, improve their written and oral fluency, whilst broadening their understanding of the culture and society of French-speaking countries, and the issues and influences that have shaped them. The course covers a broad range of topics, whilst providing students with the flexibility to focus on areas of personal interest through the research project and choice of literary works.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

AS Course	Full A Level
Core Content:	Core Content:
Social issues and trends	Social issues and trends
Artistic culture	Political and artistic culture
Grammar	Grammar
Options:	Options:
Literary texts and films	Literary texts and films

AS Level			A Level		
Assessment	Outline	Grading	Assessment Outline G		Grading
1 hour 45	Paper 1:	45%	2 hours 30	Paper 1: Listening,	50%
minutes	Listening, reading		minutes	reading and	
written exam	and writing		written exam	writing	
1 hour 30	Paper 2: Writing	25%	2 hours	Paper 2: Writing	20%
minutes	(literary text or		written exam	(literary texts	
written exam	film)			and/or film)	
12-14	Paper 3:	30%	21-23	Paper 3:	30%
minutes oral	Discussion on 2		minutes oral	Discussion on a	
exam	sub themes		exam sub theme		
			Presentation and		
			discussion about		
			the student's		
			chosen research		
				project	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
University courses	Grade 5 or above in GCSE French
Translating and Interpreting	
Business Management	
Careers in Travel and Tourism sectors	
Law	
Teaching	

### A Level Further Mathematics

**Examination Board:** EDEXCEL **Contact Teacher:** Mrs Nevison



#### Course Details and Assessment

The A Level Further Mathematics course requires the study of A Level Mathematics. It broadens the areas of study in not only pure mathematics but also allows for a greater breadth of study in applied areas including decision mathematics. Pure mathematics content covers important areas such as matrices and complex numbers that are essential in further mathematical study, engineering and physics. It requires greater problem solving skills and is a highly regarded A Level.

#### The course will cover the following key mathematical topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Complex numbers	Polar coordinates
Matrices	Hyperbolic functions
Further vectors	Differential equations
Proof	
Further calculus	Choice of two from Statistics, Mechanics,
Further algebra and functions	Decision and Further Pure units
Choice of two from Statistics, Mechanics and	
Decision units	

A Level			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	
Paper 1	Core Pure Mathematics 1	25%	
1.5 hours			
Paper 2	Core Pure Mathematics 2	25%	
1.5 hours			
Paper 3	Further Mathematics Option 1	25%	
1.5 hours			
Paper 4	Further Mathematics Option 2	25%	
1.5 hours			

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Mathematics related university courses	Grade 7 or above at GCSE Mathematics
Physics, Engineering,	
Actuary, Accountancy,	
Economics, Medicine,	
Architecture, Computing	

# A Level Geography

**Examination Board:** OCR **Contact Teacher:** Mr Parry



#### Course Details and Assessment

A Level Geography examines the relationship between people and their environment from scientific, political, economic and social perspectives. It is an excellent choice for developing skills including IT, research, analysis, evaluation and decision-making; all vital preparation for Higher Education.

#### The course will cover the following Geography topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2		
Compulsory fieldwork to Snowdonia	Compulsory fieldwork to Snowdonia		
Human Geography: Changing Spaces	Human Geography: Changing Spaces and		
Making places and Disease Dilemmas	making places, Disease Dilemmas and		
Physical Geography: Glaciated	Global Connections		
landscapes	Physical Geography: Glaciated		
	landscapes, Earth's life support systems		
	and Hazardous Earth		
	Independent Investigation		

A Level		
Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Physical Systems	1 hr 30 on Glaciated landscapes and	22%
	Earth life support systems	
Human Interactions	1 hr 30 mins on Changing Spaces and	22%
	making places and Global connections	
Geographical Debates	2 hr 30 minutes on Disease Dilemmas	36%
	and Hazardous Earth	
Independent Investigation	4000 word report on own Geographical	20%
	question.	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
Degrees in: Geography, Environmental	Grade 5 or above at GCSE Geography	
Studies, Geology, Geophysics,	If no Geography GCSE, a Grade 5 or above in	
Oceanography, Town & Country Planning,	English and a Grade 5 in Science are	
Marine Geography,	required.	
Geography is a sort after subject for any		
career due to the variety of skills it provides		

# A Level History

**Examination Board:** Edexcel **Contact Teacher:** Mrs Durham



#### Course Details and Assessment

This course focuses upon a wide range of British, European and world History. Running through all the units is the theme of conflict within a country and how it is met, managed and solved; by whom and for whom. In this way, students will be able to draw wider conclusions as to the nature of equality and governance in today's society.

#### The course will cover the following areas:

Year 1	Year 2		
1. Britain, 1625–1701: conflict,	3. Civil Rights and Race Relations in the		
revolution and settlement USA 1850-2009			
2. Russia in Revolution, 1894–1924	4. Germany in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century		

	A Level	
Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Unit 1	2 hr 15: Sections A and B comprise a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1). Section C comprises one compulsory question that assesses the ability to analyse and evaluate historical interpretations (AO3).	30%
Unit 2	1 hr 30: Section A comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, based on two sources. It assesses source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2). Section B comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1).	20%
Unit 3	2 hr 15: Section A comprises one compulsory question for the option studied, assessing source analysis and evaluation skills (AO2). Section B comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in depth (AO1). Section C comprises a choice of essays that assess understanding of the period in breadth (AO1).	30%
Unit 4	4000 word investigation focusing upon a topic of contention for historians regarding an aspect of history they choose (usually Germany in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century).	20%

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
History is widely considered an excellent	Grade 5 in GCSE History (or Grade 5 in both
choice at GCE – particularly by Russell Group	English Language and English Literature if
universities. This is due to its development	History has not been taken at GCSE)
of skills such as research, explanation and	
analysis; and the emphasis placed upon	
developing, arguing and writing in an	
extended manner.	
Career choices are diverse as many people	
choose to take the skills if not the	
knowledge and enter fields such as business,	
law, government, education and academia.	

# Cambridge Level 3 Technical Extended Certificate in IT

KINGSBURY GREEN ACADEMY

**Examination Board: OCR** 

**Contact Teacher:** Miss Parsons

#### Course Details and Assessment

The Cambridge Technical course in IT aims to develop students' knowledge, understanding and skills of the essentials of IT and Cyber Security. Students will gain an insight into the IT sector as they investigate the pace of technological change, IT infrastructure on a global scale, and the importance of legal and security considerations. The course is an exciting combination of Computer Science and IT and allows students who have an interest in the subject to continue to develop their knowledge.

#### The course will cover the following IT topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Fundamentals of IT	Cyber Security
Computer Components	Cyber Attacks
<ul> <li>Computer Systems</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responding to Cyber Attacks</li> </ul>
Number Systems	Project Management
Software	Project Lifecycle
Global Information	<ul> <li>Planning and Executing Projects</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Types of Information</li> </ul>	Internet of Everything
<ul> <li>WWW Technology</li> </ul>	Global Impact
<ul> <li>Risks and Impacts of Technology</li> </ul>	How People Connect Globally

Year 1		Year 2			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Unit 1 Exam	1hr 30mins	22.3%	Unit 3 Exam	1hr	22.3%
	Written Paper			Written Exam	
Unit 2 Exam	1hr 30mins	22.3%	Unit 8	Internal	16.3%
	Written Paper			Assignment	
			Unit 17	Internal	16.3%
				Assignment	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
University courses	Merit or above in IT qualification. Grade 4 in GCSE
Apprenticeship	English Language and Maths.
Technician	

### **A Level Mathematics**

**Examination Board**: EDEXCEL **Contact Teacher**: Mrs Nevison



#### **Course Details and Assessment**

The A Level Mathematics course has a strong focus on combining pure and applied mathematical skills. These components of the course are externally assessed at the end of the final year with three two hour exams. The course will cover pure mathematics, statistics and mechanics.

#### The course will cover the following key mathematical topic areas:

A Level		
Pure:	Applied:	
Algebraic manipulation and proof	Statistical sampling	
Functions	Probability	
Differentiation	Kinematics	
Integration	Newton's laws	
Trigonometry	Moments	
Vectors		
Exponentials and logarithms		
Co-ordinate geometry		
Sequences and Series		
Numerical methods		

#### The course is assessed in the following way:

Students who wish to achieve qualifications in Mathematics must complete the assessments listed below in the final year of study i.e. 2 exams at the end of year 1 for AS Level or 3 exams at the end of year 2 for A Level:

A Level		
Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Paper 1	Pure mathematics	33.33%
2 hours		
Paper 2	Pure mathematics	33.33%
2 hours		
Paper 3	Applied: Statistics and Mechanics	33.33%
2 hours		

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Mathematics related university courses	Grade 7 or above at GCSE
Physics, Engineering, Actuary	Mathematics, high Grade 6 will be
Accountancy, Economics, Medicine	considered.
Social science, Geography, Geology	
Architecture, Computing .	

# Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate - Level 3 Performing Arts (Acting/Dance/Music)



**Examination Board: OCR** 

Contact Teacher: Mr Burt/Mrs Mitchell

#### Course Details and Assessment

The Performing Arts course allows students to specialise in their chosen art form (acting/dance/music) and can be completed as a single qualification (Extended certificate equivalent to 1 A Level) or a double qualification (Diploma equivalent to 2 A Levels).

It is an exciting qualification that allows students to specialise in a discipline whilst working collaboratively with other artists. This qualification is also known as a CTEC and is a vocational course; designed with the workplace in mind providing a high quality, but more practical alternative to A Levels.

There are no traditional written exams for the extended certificate course (single) and one for the Diploma Course (double). The externally examined units comprise practical performances with written assignments to support them.

The table below shows the units required to complete the Extended Certificate. Students studying for the Diploma complete the same elements plus a number of other optional units. Please ask as there are many options.

Manda	atory Units		Pick one optional unit (17%)
Unit	Assessed	Weighting	Current issues in PA
Prepare to work in	Externally	33%	Improvisation
the PA sector			Health and fitness for performance
Proposal for a	Externally	17%	Performing repertoire
commissioning brief			
Influential	External	17%	
performance			
practice			
Combined arts	Internally	17%	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
University courses	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Music, GCSE Drama
Professional performer	Extra-curricular certificates in dance, drama
Arts Education work	or music.

"The Arts are not just a nice thing to have or to do if there is free time or if one can afford it. Rather, paintings and poetry, music and fashion, design and dialogue, they all define who we are as a people and provide an account of our history for the next generation."

## A Level Philosophy & Ethics

**Examination Board:** OCR **Contact Teacher:** Mrs Kelly



#### Course Details and Assessment

This course is highly regarded by universities because of the mature levels of thinking required.

If you enjoy debating, discussion, thinking analytically and reading then this is a course you will enjoy. If you are intrigued by the ultimate questions such as "Why are we here?", "What happens after death?", "What evidence is there for a God?" and "What is the meaning of good/bad?" Then you will succeed in this course. This course complements English, History, Sociology, Maths and Psychology.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Philosophy:	Philosophy:
Ancient Philosophical influences, arguments about the existence	Ideas about the nature of God, issues
or non -existence of God, the nature and impact of religious experience, the challenge for religious beliefs of the problem of	in Religious Language.
evil, the nature of the soul, mind and body, the possibility of life	Ethics:
after death.	Debates surrounding the significant
	ideas of conscience and freewill.
Ethics:	Ethical Language and applied Sexual
Normative ethical theories, the application of ethical theory to	Ethics.
two contemporary issues of importance, ethical language and	
thought.	Developments in Christian Thought:
	Significant social and historical
Developments in Christian Thought:	developments in theology and religious
Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections	thought; key themes related to the
and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world;	relationship between religion and
sources of religious wisdom and authority; practices which	society.
shape and express religious identity and how these vary within a	
tradition.	

#### The course is assessed in the following way:

#### A Level

There will be 3 exams lasting 2 hours each and worth 120 marks each. They are worth 33% each of the A Level total grade.

The exams are in Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Developments in Christian Thought.

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
This course is highly regarded by Universities	Grade 5 or above in a Humanities subject or Grade 5
because of the mature levels of thinking required.	or above in English.
The skills developed could be particularly useful for	
careers in law, education, social work, politics,	
medicine, administration or the media.	

### A Level Photography

**Examination Board: AQA** 

Contact Teacher: Mrs Lesniowska/Ms Bennett



#### Course Details and Assessment

The A Level photography course encourages students to experiment with a wide range of photographical media, techniques and processes in an expressive, creative and imaginative way.

The A level takes on the form of a Personal Investigation. Students develop practical work which is linked through the exploration of particular themes, concepts, ideas, issues or approaches. Students are actively encouraged to work in one or more area(s) of photography. They may explore, overlap and combine processes and techniques. Supporting their practical work, students produce a written investigation (between 1000 – 3000 words) relating to it. The externally set assignment allows students to select one starting point and put together a portfolio of work based around a theme working in one or more areas of analogue and /or digital photography.

#### The course will cover the following areas:

Year 1	Year 2
Experimenting and developing an understanding of techniques and processes in analogue and digital photography.	A Personal Investigation Exploring and experimenting with a wide range of both analogue and digital processes to express their ideas on their chosen theme.
Analogue: Solargrams, projectograms, photograms, photo graffiti, photo stencils, taking / processing and developing 35mm films and producing prints, double exposure	A written piece of work (1000 - 3000 words) to support their practical work. Study the work of a wide variety of photographers.
and sandwich prints.  Digital:	Externally set assignment Explore their chosen starting point working in one or more areas of analogue and/or digital
Contrast, hue and saturation, colour popping, layering, photomontage.	photography. With the combination of these to be connected in some way to that of photographers and artists.

A Level					
Assessment Outline Weighting					
Component 1	Unlimited	60%			
Component 2 Externally set assignment	15 hours supervised time	40%			

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
University courses: Graphics, Advertising, Web Designers,	Grade 4 or above at GCSE	
Architecture, Animation, Photo journalism, Tourism	Photography or Art.	
photographer, PA/Marketing, Shoot producer, Freelance		
photographer, Photographic studio Intern, Product	Grade 4 or above in English	
photographer etc.	desirable.	

# A Level Physics

**Examination Board:** OCR **Contact Teacher:** Ms West



#### Course Details and Assessment

The A Level Physics course has a strong focus on problem solving and practical skills. Over the course, pupils will cover a diverse range of content - from classical mechanics to quantum theory - and investigate how these are applied to areas of science such as cosmology and medical physics. Through investigative work pupils will develop a deep understanding of key principles and apply this to new contexts.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

#### Year 1/2

- 1 Development of practical skills in physics
  - 2 Foundations in physics
    - 3 Forces and Motion
  - 4 Electrons, waves and photons
  - 5 Newtonian world and astrophysics
    - 6 Particles and medical physics

A Level			
Assessment	Outline	Weighting	
2 hours 15 minutes written	Modelling physics (01)	37%	
paper	(assesses modules 1,2,3 and 5)		
2 hours 15 minutes written	Exploring physics (02)	37%	
paper	(assesses modules 1,2,4 and 6)		
1 hour 30 minutes written paper	Unified physics (03)	26%	
	(assesses modules 1 to 6)		
Non-exam assessment	Practical endorsement in physics (04)	pass or fail	
	(Ongoing portfolio of experimental		
	techniques)		

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements		
Physics	If Trilogy science was studied at GCSE:		
Mathematics	<ul> <li>A grade 6-6 in Science, including</li> </ul>		
Engineering	Physics units at 6 or above		
Astrophysics	If separate sciences were studied at GCSE:		
Particle physics	<ul> <li>A grade 6 in Physics</li> </ul>		
Chemical engineering	<ul> <li>A grade 6 in either Biology or</li> </ul>		
Biomedical engineering	Chemistry		
Radiography	A grade 6 in Mathematics is preferable, a		
Optometry	grade 5 essential.		
and many, many more.	A Grade 6 or above in English would be an advantage.		

### A Level Psychology

**Examination Board:** AQA **Contact Teacher:** Mrs West



#### Course Details and Assessment

Psychology is the study of people and their behaviours. We encourage students to investigate how we think, act, react and interact with our environment in different situations.

We have been analysing behaviour and the mind since the day we were born. This Social Science subject encompasses the biological influences, social pressures and environmental factors that affect our behaviours.

The course is 100% examination and covers a wide range of content over the 2 year A Level course.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

#### A Level

#### Paper 1

- 1. Memory models of memory, forgetting and eye witness testimony.
- 2. Social Influence conformity, obedience, minority influence and social change.
- 3. Attachments types of attachments, cross cultural studies on attachments, effects of deprivation and institutionalisation, effects of attachment on later life.
- 4. Psychopathology defining abnormality, explanations and treatments for phobias, depression and OCD

#### Paper 2

- Approaches to Psychology Behaviourism, Social Learning Theory, Cognitive, Psychodynamic, Humanistic and Biological.
- 2. Biopsychology Genetics, localisation and lateralisation of brain function, brain plasticity and biological rhythms.
- 3. Research Methods experimental and non-experimental methods, ethics and descriptive and inferential statistics.

#### Paper 3

- 1. Issues and Debates in Psychology nature V nurture, free will V determinism, culture and gender bias, idiographic V nomothetic and ethical implications.
- 2. Relationships evolutionary explanations of attraction, theories of relationship formation and breakdown, parasocial relationships and virtual relationships.
- 3. Schizophrenia classification, diagnosis, explanations and treatments
- 4. Forensic Psychology offender profiling and explanations for this, dealing with offending behaviour.

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Psychology is highly regarded by many	Grade 5 in English Language and Maths, also
universities for its development of skills and	a Grade 5 in Science and a Grade 5 in a
the insight given to human behaviour. Due	Humanities subject at GCSE.
to its scientific focus, it is seen by many	
universities as an acceptable science A-Level.	
This is an excellent grounding for a range of	
Social Science degrees and careers.	

## A Level Sociology

**Examination Board:** AQA

Contact Teacher: Mrs Durham



#### Course Details and Assessment

Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions, the consideration of what actually is society, and how and why it is the structure it is. Sociology's units are diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies.

#### The course will cover the following areas:

Year 1	Year 2
The course covers not only the skills needed to research Sociology but also the influence of two key functions within society - education and the family.	The course at year 2 builds upon the first year of study, developing further the research and evaluation skills. It also considers two new aspects of society - the role of belief within society and the impact of crime and deviance upon society.

#### The course is assessed in the following way:

#### A Level

Assessed across 3 papers of equal weighting (33.3%). Each exam is 2 hours.

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods - A mixture of short and extended answers considering both knowledge of Education unit and the skills of Sociologists.

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology - Extended written answers on both the Families unit and the Beliefs in Society unit.

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods - A mixture of short and extended answers considering both knowledge of Crime and Deviance unit and the skills of Sociologists.

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Sociology is highly regarded by many	Grade 5 in English Language for written
universities for its development of skills and the	communication skills, and a grade 5 in any Humanities
insight given to the function and role of aspects	subject at GCSE.
within society. This is an excellent grounding for	
a range of social science degrees, careers in	
public service and education.	

# Cambridge Level 3 Technical Extended Certificate in Sport & Physical Activity

**Examination Board:** OCR

Contact Teacher: Mr Ferguson



#### Course Details and Assessment

The OCR course 'extended certificate' in sport and physical activity is a practical and engaging course which will allow all learners to achieve their potential. It focuses on developing theoretical knowledge and understanding of the factors that underpin physical activity and sports science. It requires learners to understand how physiological and psychological factors affect performance, with a significant element of course based upon sports leadership and coaching. This course is perfect for students who wish to prepare for employment in the sport and physical activity sector, or move onto a sport based degree at university.

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

#### Full Course overview

Students will complete 5 units over the duration of the course. Some units are externally assessed by OCR in the form of an exam, while other units are completed by students in the form of a written assignment which is then internally assessed by school staff and then moderated by the exam board. Students will complete 360 guided learning hours over the duration of the two-year course, and will finish with the equivalent of one full GCE A level.

Unit titles	How are they assessed	
Body Systems and the Effects of physical Activity	External exam in June of the first year	
Sports Coaching and Activity Leadership	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Sports Organisation and Development	External exam in January of the second year	
Practical Skills in Sport and Physical Activities	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Sport and Exercise Psychology	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements	
University courses: Sports Science/ coaching/	Merit 2 at Sports Science in Year 11 (or	
psychology/ sociology. Careers could include:	equivalent GCSE mark). Grade 4 (or equivalent)	
physiotherapy/ coaching/ leadership/ governing	in English and Science. An enthusiasm and love	
bodies/ teaching.	of physical activity and sport in general.	

# Cambridge Level 3 Technical Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity

**Examination Board: OCR** 

**Contact Teacher:** Mr Ferguson



#### Course Details and Assessment

The Diploma in Sports Coaching is an extension of our 'extended certificate'. It is worth the equivalent to two full A levels and the same equivalent of UCAS points. Students who opt for the Diploma, will also complete the same units as those students who have opted for the 'extended certificate'. As well as completing the same units on the 'extended certificate', students will also focus on performance profiling of athletes, how to safely organise and run a sporting event, and how to coach and train specific target groups for an activity of their choice. In year 2, students will look at health and fitness testing and sporting injuries. This course is perfect for students who wish to focus on sport and practical activities as it will fill two options blocks on their timetable

#### The course will cover the following topic areas:

#### Full Course overview

Students will complete 10 units over the duration of the course. Some units are externally assessed by OCR in the form of an exam, while other units are completed by students in the form of a written assignment-based task or practical task, which are then internally assessed by KGA staff and then moderated by the exam board. Students will complete 720 guided learning hours over the duration of the two-year course, and will finish with the equivalent of two full GCE A levels.

Unit titles	How are they assessed	
Body Systems and the Effects of physical Activity	External exam in June of the first year	
Sports Coaching and Activity Leadership	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Sports Organisation and Development	External exam in January of the second year	
Working safely in Sport External exam in January of the sec		
Performance analysis	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Organisation of Sports events	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Physical Activity for specific groups Assignment/ Practical based		
Health and Fitness testing	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Sports injuries	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Practical Skills in Sport and Physical Activities	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	
Sport and Exercise Psychology	Assignment/ Practical based tasks	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements		
University courses: Sports Science/ coaching/	Merit 2 at Sports Science in Year 11 (or		
psychology/ sociology. Careers could include:	equivalent GCSE Grade 4). Grade 4 (or		
physiotherapy/ coaching/ leadership/ governing	g equivalent) in English and Science. An		
bodies/ teaching.	enthusiasm and love of physical activity and		
	sport in general.		

# BTEC National Extended Certificate Level 3 in Travel and Tourism



**Examination Board:** Pearsons **Contact Teacher:** Miss Todd

#### **Course Details and Assessment**

The Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism is designed for post-16 learners with an interest in travel and tourism who want to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education. This qualification gives a broad introduction to the travel and tourism industry, with an emphasis on core knowledge and fundamental skills that are transferable across other sectors. You will have to complete a range of units, be organised, take some assessments that will be set and marked and keep a portfolio of your assignments. The qualification is comprised of four units. As shown in the table below three of the units are mandatory and one is an optional unit from a choice of two topic areas. Two of the units are externally assessed (Comprising 58% of the course). The other two units are internally assessed (Comprising 42% of the course).

#### Content

The three mandatory units cover the following content areas:

- The travel and tourism industry the travel and tourism industry in the UK is growing and is of major importance to the economy.
- Different types of destinations and their importance learners will investigate the features and appeal of global destinations.
- Principles of marketing in travel and tourism learners will explore how to develop a successful marketing plan for use by travel and tourism organisations to attract and engage with customers using research data.

Content				
	Mandatory unit	:S		
Unit title	Guided learning	Percentage	Externally	Internally
	hours		assessed	assessed
The world of Travel and Tourism	90	25%	Yes	
Global destinations	120	33%	Yes	
Principles of marketing in Travel	90	25%		Yes
and Tourism				
Visitor attractions	60	17%		Yes

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
The course prepares you either to work within the	Grade 4 or above in English Language.
industry or to progress to higher education. The	Grade 4 or above in a Humanities
travel and tourism industry is worldwide and can	subject (ideally Geography)
offer excellent opportunities for travel and work	Grade 4 or above in Maths.
across the globe.	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tourism is important because **it can create sustainable local economies**. I'd much rather have 1,000 tourists going up the Tambopata than 1,000 gold miners."



# **Core Options**

# Extended Project Qualification Level 3 (EPQ)



**Examination Board:** Edexcel **Contact Teacher:** Ms Wood

#### Course Details and Assessment

With Extended Project, you get a say in what you want to study. With the support of Ms Wood you choose a topic to explore in-depth — usually one that interests you, which you might like to study in Higher Education, or pursue as a career. The EPQ has no exams, just coursework, so if you're self-motivated and enjoy working independently - whether in a practical way, like designing or performing, or researching, investigating and writing - then EPQ is for you. You will learn more about something that interests you and investigate a controversial topic whilst you expand your knowledge and gain practical skills that will help you in Higher Education and the workplace.

#### The course allows you to complete a project in four ways:

Dissertation	Artefact (sculpture/model/DVD)
Examples:	Examples:
Can you believe in God and the Big Bang?	Jewellery made from recycled materials
Should children be forced to exercise?	A model of a church created using
	Computer Aided Design
Investigation/Field Study	Performance (sport/drama/music)
Examples:	Examples:
Is Wi-Fi safe?	The role of comedy in serious culture
Do violent computer games contribute to	Is music effective in motivating workers?
anti-social behaviour?	

Year 1/2		
Assessment		
Project management, final project and presentation of final work		
This course is equivalent to an AS level.		
Grade	UCAS points	
A*	24	
А	20	
В	16	
С	12	
D	10	
E	6	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Subject related university courses as well as	A grade 5 at GCSE English Language and
level four apprenticeships	Literature and maths would be an advantage
Research skills	
Independent learning	

# Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Examination Board:** N/A **Contact Teacher:** Mr Parry



#### Course Details and Assessment

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award is often referred to as the Golden A Level.

The award is an opportunity for you to stand out from other University and job applicants by demonstrating a commitment to supporting others and also developing your own personal skills.

You do not need to have completed the Bronze or Silver award to undertake Gold. The Gold award consists of completing 5 different areas; Expedition, Volunteering, Skill, Physical and a Residential. Universities and business rate the Gold award as one of the most important additions to a student's CV.

There is no exam for the award but an assessed expedition is undertaken at the end of Year 13. The key training elements are delivered in a one hour lesson every fortnight.

#### The award covers 5 distinct areas:

Volunteering	Physical	
This involves supporting a community organisation or individual, which can take place in or out of school	Developing your own physical wellbeing through personal fitness.	
Skill	Residential	
Developing skills, such as learning to drive, cooking etc.	Undertaking a 5 day 4 night residential which gives an opportunity to develop your skill set in a variety of areas.	
Fynedition		

The expedition phase consists of a practice expedition in Year 12 and an assessed expedition in Year 13. These take place after the exams and are normally in the mountains of Southern Wales. The expedition is over 4 days and involves students planning and navigating the expedition with limited support from staff.

# Level 3 Certificate in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)

**Examination Board:** AQA **Contact Teacher:** Mr Darton



#### Course Details and Assessment

This is a 2 year course that leads to a Level 3 qualification equivalent to an AS level. Core Maths has been designed to maintain and develop real-life mathematical skills. What students study is not purely theoretical or abstract; it can be applied on a day-to-day basis, whether in work, study or life. It includes a financial mathematics element as well as statistics and analysis. It should support other A level subjects, in particular with science, geography, business studies, economics and psychology.

#### The course will cover the following key mathematical topic areas:

Level 3 Course compulsory	Optional depending on unit chosen (2A/2B/2C)
Analysis of data	Normal distribution (2A)
Maths for personal finance	Probabilities and estimation (2A)
Estimation	Correlation and regression (2A)
Critical analysis of data (including	Critical path and risk analysis (2B)
spreadsheets)	Expectation (2B)
	Cost benefit analysis (2B)
	Graphical methods (2C)
	Rates of change (2C)
	Exponential functions (2C)

#### The course is assessed in the following way at the end of Year 2:

Level 3 certificate		
Assessment	Outline	Weighting
Paper 1	Compulsory	50%
1 hour 30		
Paper 2	2A: Statistical techniques	50%
1 hour 30	OR	
	2B: Critical path and risk analysis	
	OR	
	2C: Graphical techniques	

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Maths/Science related university courses as well as	Grade 4 or above at GCSE
workplace problem solving.	Mathematics