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A-Level History

The Humanities Pathway

Why study History?

The aims of the course are to encourage students to acquire knowledge and understanding of selected periods of history and develop an interest in, and an enthusiasm for, the study of history, which would form a sound basis for further historical study. This course would suit people who enjoy reading and debating issues and then writing essays to set out their arguments.

What does the course involve?

Unit 1 British period study and enquiry

England 1485-1558
The Early Tudors and Mid Tudor Crises 1547-1558

Unit 2 Non-British period study

Russia 1894-1941

Unit 3 Thematic study and historical interpretation

Britain and Ireland 1791 –1921

Unit 4 Topic based essay

What can the qualification lead to?

This course supports progression from Level 2 studies and acts as a bridge to further study at college or university.

History is a well regarded academic subject that can be studied or can be used to support many other areas of study

Who is it for?

This course would suit those who can think critically and reach substantiated judgments.



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Why study Politics?

In this course students are given the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of the politics of the United Kingdom. Including its local, national and European Union governance. This course would suit those who have an interest in current affairs and enjoy following local and national political events in the media. This two-year course will also develop students' understanding of political ideologies researching key themes including; Socialism, Feminism, Conservatism and many more. They will also learn about the complex and exciting world of American politics.

What does the course involve?

Component 1

UK Politics and Core Political Ideas such as conservatism, liberalism and socialism.

Component 2

UK Government and Optional Political Ideas such as anarchism, ecologism, feminism, multiculturalism and nationalism.

Component 3

Government and Politics of the USA which includes the US Constitution, US Presidency, Congress and The Supreme Court.

What can the qualification lead to?

It is a qualification that supports further study in Humanities subjects such as History and Law. Many of our Politics students also go on to study Politics and International Relations at university as they develop a real passion for the subject.

Who is it for?

People with strong communication skills, critical thinking, analysis, an interest in social justice, morals, and ethics



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A-Level Biology

The STEM Pathway

Why study Biology?

Biology aims to give students a thorough grounding in the essential concepts of Biology, and basic Biochemistry. This will give students the option to go on study associated disciplines at university or to go into industry. It is also intended to instil in students a love of the subject for itself and not just to see Biology as a stepping stone to another course.

What does the course involve?

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

What can the qualification lead to?

Biology is a fascinating subject, and the course content gives a good grounding for students wishing to study any Biological Science further.

Biology is valuable for Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Human Medicine and Physiotherapy.

Who is it for?

Inquisitive and curious people that love to investigate and find answers.



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A-Level Chemistry

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Why study Chemistry? What does the course involve?

The Chemistry course is aimed to challenge the way you see the world. You will find out how atoms and molecules interact with each other and with you. Chemistry is one of the subjects that allows access to the top universities in addition to being an entry requirement for many jobs and professions

Module 1: Development of Practical Skills in Chemistry

Module 2: Foundations in Chemistry

Module 3: Periodic table and energy

Module 4: Core organic Chemistry

Module 5: Physical Chemistry and transition elements

Module 6: Organic Chemistry and analysis

What can the qualification lead to?

Chemistry is used in most fields. Doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physical, therapists, veterinarians, Science teachers, fire fighters and people who make fireworks learn about chemistry and so do truck drivers, plumbers, artists, hairdressers, chefs... the list is extensive.

Who is it for?

Every reaction in nature is ruled by chemistry, from metal rusting to your digestion. If you have a curious mind, then a chemistry course will help you answer all the questions you may have about the world and your environment.



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A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies The Arts Pathway

Why study Drama?

To develop and apply an informed, analytical framework for making, performing, interpreting and understanding drama and theatre. As a practical subject, Drama and Theatre Studies provides students with the opportunity to develop creatively and independently whilst allowing students to experience opportunities to perform published text and devised work. Students can also specialise in a technical skill. An exciting and inspiring course that is designed to prepare students for study at A Level & Higher Education.

What does the course involve?

Component 1: Performance Workshop Learners participate in the creation, development and performance of one extract from a text and one reinterpretation of an extract from a second text using the working methods and techniques of either an influential theatre practitioner or a recognised theatre company.

Component 2: Text in Context Learners will study one complete performance text.

Component 3: Performance Workshop - students will produce a realisation of performance and design.

Component 4: Text in Action - students will perform a devised performance and an extract from a text

Component 5: Text in Performance - students will study two complete texts and prepare for an unseen text for the written paper.

What can the qualification lead to?

Skills in communication and confidence; necessary in any pathway a student may choose and can provide the foundations for a range of different professions: Journalist, TV/Radio Presenter, Teacher, Actor, Lighting/Sound Designer.

The academic nature of the Drama A Level entwined with the practical element makes this a well-respected qualification that can set students apart from others competing for jobs and/or university places.

Who is it for?

People wanting to develop their communication, listening and empathy skills



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A-Level Art and Design The Arts Pathway

Why study Art and Design?

A-level Art and Design provides students with opportunities to develop personal responses to ideas, observations, experiences, environments and cultures in practical, critical and contextual forms. This four-unit specification, requires students to develop their ability to show a range of skills.

What does the course involve?

Unit 1 & 2: Coursework portfolio students explore a range of media for example painting, printmaking, chalk pastel and a range of drawing techniques. This must include a minimum of one complete project with a range of finished responses. Internal set assignment students must create a response to a set topic / theme.

Unit 3: Personal investigation, students specialise in their chosen theme. A written essay is also required.

Unit 4: Externally set assignment students must create a response to an externally set topic/theme

What can the qualification lead to?

Animation
Art therapist
Ceramics designer
Community arts worker
Fashion designer
Fine artist
Furniture conservator/restorer
Furniture designer
Glass blower/designer
Graphic designer
Illustrator
Product designer
Interior designer

Who is it for?

People with strong self-expression and creativity. Art can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.



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A-Level English Literature The Arts Pathway

Why study English?

To develop your interest and enjoyment of literature. You will read a wide variety of alternative texts from different periods; you will analyse and respond to literature making informed opinions and judgments on literary texts. You will be able to gain an understanding of cultural, historical and other influences on texts.

What does the course involve?

Component 1: One Shakespeare play and one other drama from either tragedy or comedy -both texts may be selected from one or both of these categories; Critical essays related to their selected Shakespeare play.

Component 2: Students study two prose texts from a chosen theme. At least one of the prose texts must be pre-1900.

Component 3: Students study poetic form, meaning and language; a selection of post-2000 specified poetry and a specified range of poetry from a literary period. Coursework: Students have a free choice of two texts to study.

What can the qualification lead to?

Students with qualifications in English Literature go on to work in a range of fields including: Publishing, Media, Advertising, Sales and Teaching. The academic standards of the course ensure, however, that whatever you chose to do, your English Literature qualification will be welcomed and valued.

Who is it for?

People who think critically about complex topics from different perspectives.

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A-Level French

The Arts, Business or Humanities Pathway

Why study French?

To develop linguistic skills and the capacity for critical thinking based on knowledge and understanding of the language, culture, history and society in the countries and communities where French is spoken. By the end of the programme, students will have both the linguistic and cultural understanding required to be able to competently and compassionately communicate with speakers of French. As well as communication, students will have the opportunity to enhance other transferrable skills such as autonomy, research, resourcefulness and creativity

What does the course involve?

1.1 Aspects of French-speaking society: current trends, The changing nature of family, The 'cyber-society', The place of voluntary work

1.2 Aspects of French-speaking society: current issues, Positive features of a diverse society, Life for the marginalised, How criminals are treated.

2.1 Artistic culture in the French-speaking world: A culture proud of its heritage, Contemporary francophone music, Cinema: the 7th art form

2.2 Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world: Teenagers, the right to vote and political commitment, Demonstrations, strikes - who holds the power? Politics and immigration

What can the qualification lead to?

An A-Level in French will enable students to continue to study the language at degree level. It will also furnish them with the necessary skills to learn other languages 'ab initio'. Language skills are highly respected and sought after in the work-place. Linguists can become Translators and Interpreters. They may find positions in the European Union, United Nations and other professional areas where language skills are required e.g. business and medicine

Who is it for?

People who want to connect with others and who share an outward looking view of the world.



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A-Level Mathematics

The STEM or Business Pathway

Why study Mathematics?

The course builds on the skills developed during the GCSE Mathematics qualification. Some familiar topics are covered in much more detail but then many new topics are introduced such as Calculus, Statistics or Mechanics.

What does the course involve?

Pure 1 - Proof, functions, series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, calculus, vectors.

Pure 2 - Proof, functions, series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, calculus, vectors.

Stats & Mechanics - Sampling, probability, distributions, hypothesis testing, kinematics, forces, moments, Newton's Laws.

What can the qualification lead to?

A spokesperson for the Institute of Mathematics and its Application says: 'A Level maths is tremendously important. It provides a firm foundation for all scientific, technical, engineering and mathematical careers and a flying start for many other types of career, such as those in finance, medicine, agriculture...etc. The list is endless!'

Who is it for?

People who want the satisfaction gained from knowing there is always a right answer!



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A-Level Level Philosophy and Ethics The Arts or Humanities Pathway

Why study Philosophy and Ethics?

Our aim is to help the students develop a range of skills including the ability to think religious, philosophical and ethical issues through in a rational manner, to draw logical conclusions from the results of their research and to be able to communicate effectively through a variety of mediums. We aim to help our students enhance their research skills, their ability to justify their views, consider the implications of the theories they study and produce a well rounded learner who has the ability to think for themselves.

What does the course involve?

Year 12 Philosophy: Cosmological Argument; Teleological Argument; Ontological Argument; Problem of Evil; Religious Experience

Year 12 Ethics: Divine Command Theory; Virtue Ethics; Natural Law; Situation Ethics; Utilitarianism

Year 12 Christianity: Jesus' Birth & Resurrection; Bible; Nature of God; Atonement; Religious Life

Year 13 Philosophy: Religious Language; Religion and Psychology; Atheism

Year 13 Ethics: Meta Ethics; Freewill and Determinism; Natural Law; Proportionalism

Year 13 Christianity: Attitudes to Wealth, Migration & Equality; Religion & Society; Religion & Science; Ecumenism, Liberation Theology

What can the qualification lead to?

Philosophy & Ethics is much sort after by universities, be it that you study it as a lone subject or in combination with any other subject. A significant number of A Level students go on to study Theology or Philosophy at university.

Careers vary from the Banking sector and the Armed Forces to the more vocational careers such as Teaching, the Medical profession and Social work. Some students have been employed in the Environmental sector with this qualification.

Who is it for?

People who want to answer fundamental questions, such as those about existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language.

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A-Level Spanish

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Why study Spanish?

To develop linguistic skills and the capacity for critical thinking based on knowledge and understanding of the language, culture, history and society in the countries and communities where Spanish is spoken. By the end of the programme, students will have both the linguistic and cultural understanding required to be able to competently and compassionately communicate with speakers of Spanish. As well as communication, students will have the opportunity to enhance other transferrable skills such as autonomy, research, resourcefulness and creativity

What does the course involve?

1.1 Aspects of Hispanic society:

Modern and traditional values
Cyberspace
Equal rights

1.2 Multiculturalism in Hispanic society:

Immigration
Racism
Integration

2.1 Artistic culture in the Hispanic world:

Modern day idols
Spanish regional identity
Cultural heritage

2.2 Aspects of political life in the Hispanic world:

Today's youth, tomorrows citizens
Monarchies and dictatorships
Popular movements

What can the qualification lead to?

An A Level in Spanish will enable students to continue to study the language at degree level. It will also furnish them with the necessary skills to learn other languages 'ab initio'. Language skills are highly respected and sought after in the workplace. Linguists can become Translators and Interpreters. They may find positions in the European Union, United Nations and other professional areas where language skills are required, for example business, law and medicine

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Health Pathway

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Level 3 BTEC Business

The Business, Sport or Health Pathway

Why study Business?

The BTEC Extended Certificate in Business provides students with knowledge and understanding of business activity and the environment in which it operates.

What does the course involve?

The Certificate offers an introduction to a vocational sector through applied learning. For learners for whom an element of business would be complementary, the qualification supports progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other vocational or general qualifications. The certificate is equivalent in size to 0.5 of an A Level. You will study 2 units, both mandatory, of which 1 is external. The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in business related subjects. The Extended Certificate is equivalent in size to one A level and consists of 4 units.

What can the qualification lead to?

As with all Level 3 courses you can move onto higher education to undertake a degree course. Full time learners can focus on their career aspirations and potentially enter employment in that business sector. Learners develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes useful for the world of work.

Who is it for?

People who want to build skills that are useful in any professional field, such as analysis, finance, planning and strategy.



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Geography, History, Psychology and Sociology.



Level 3 Cambridge Technical Sport and Physical Activity The Sport Pathway

Why study Sport and Physical Activity?

OCR Cambridge Technical Sport & Physical Activity is a vocational course that provides underpinning knowledge of a wide range of key topics required for a future career in the sports and leisure industry. The course will develop your academic and vocational ability by assessing you in a variety of methods that are relevant to your chosen subject of study or area of work.

What does the course involve?

Certificate

Body Systems & the Effect of Exercise, Sports Coaching & Leadership.

Extended Certificate

Sports Organisation & Development, Sports Injury & Rehabilitation, Organisation of Sports Events, Biomechanics.

Foundation Diploma

Working Safely in Sport, Physical Activity for Specific Groups, Practical Skills, Group Exercise to Music.

Diploma

Health & Fitness Testing, Sport & Exercise Psychology, Performance Analysis, Improving Fitness for PA.

What can the qualification lead to?

University study
(Undergraduate degree in Sport & Exercise Science) or to employment such as Gym Instructor / Personal Trainer, Leisure assistant, Grass roots sports coach.

Who is it for?

People who want to solve some of society's biggest challenges whilst working out how the body responds to the challenge of physical activity.



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A-Level Physics

The STEM Pathway

Why study Physics?

The course aims to provide an engaging and stimulating experience of Physics. Students are encouraged to develop their own concepts and study methods, under the guidance of an experienced teacher, and to explore and question fundamental scientific ideas and technologies which have puzzled some of the greatest scientists and natural philosophers in history.

What does the course involve?

Module 1: Development of Practical Skills in Physics

Module 2: Foundations of Physics

Module 3: Forces and motion

Module 4: Electrons, waves and photons

Module 5: Newtonian world and astrophysics

Module 6: Particles and medical Physics

What can the qualification lead to?

This course provides a sound basis from which to progress to university courses in Physics and Engineering, Architecture, Materials Technology, Design and Production, Finance, Telecommunications, Medicine, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Meteorology, Archaeology, Optics and Education.

Who is it for?

Inquisitive and curious people that love to investigate and find answers.



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A-Level Psychology The STEM Pathway

Why study Psychology? What does the course involve?

To provide students with a sound understanding of the various methods and approaches in psychology. We aim to help the students to develop their research skills in psychology including basic data analysis. In addition, we encourage the students to develop their confidence in forming coherent arguments and developing communication skills to enable them to present subject content to small groups. The topics covered through the two years are stimulating, thought-provoking and wide-ranging.

Year 1 (AS Level)

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Research Methods

Year 2 (A-Level)

- Biopsychology
- Issues & Debates in Psychology
- Gender
- Stress
- Addiction

What can the qualification lead to?

The Psychology course can lead to a career in Sport, Health, Education, Childcare, Nursing, the Law, Social Work, Criminal/Forensic Research, and Personnel Management. A significant number of students continue to pursue the subject at university and beyond into professional careers. We have had a number of successful past students who have qualified professionally, returning to school and delivering specialist content to our new psychology students.

Who is it for?

People who love to study the different human thought processes

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Level 3 BTEC Computing

The Business, Sport or Health Pathway

Why study Computing?

This course is aimed at students who have an enthusiasm for using computers to solve problems and an interest in the impact computing has and will have on society. Computing is a major part of modern life and the ability to understand how computers work and what they can achieve is a major advantage in the workplace. The course aims to equip students with the skills to enable them to use computers effectively in the workplace or move onto higher education.

What does the course involve?

Fundamentals of computer systems

Learners study the fundamental principles of how computer systems work, including the role of hardware and software, the way components of a system work together and how data in a system is used.

IT Systems Security and Encryption

Coursework Learners will study IT system security threats and the methods used to protect against them. Learners undertake activities to protect IT systems from security threats, including data encryption.

What can the qualification lead to?

Preparing you for the world of work or university. Computing is offered by universities either as a subject in its own right, or, in combination with a wide range of subjects, e.g. Career Opportunities: Software Engineer, Security Consultant, Network Manager.

Who is it for?

People love to solve problems, because computers solve problems to serve people.



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and Computer Studies.**

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Level 3 Technical in Health and Social Care

The Health Pathway

Why study Health and Social Care?

The aims of the course are to encourage students to acquire knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector which is fast becoming one of the most important careers in the world.

A career in this lets you truly make a significant difference in the lives of others. This course gives you the theoretical knowledge needed to ensure people are safe and have everything they are entitled to.

What does the course involve?

Unit 1

Building positive relationships in health and social care.

Unit 2

Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care.

Unit 3

Health, safety and security in health and social care.

Unit 4

Anatomy and physiology.

Plus, two other optional units.

What can the qualification lead to?

This course supports progression onto higher level diplomas and caring courses for all social care sectors as well as university courses such as nursing. It also may provide a route into employment in the care sector or care services.

Who is it for?

This course would suit people with good communications and teamwork skills but you must have also empathy for others and a desire to care for others.



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Level 3 Engineering

The STEM Pathway

Why study Engineering?

This course is aimed at students who have an enthusiasm for problem solving and designing using electronic components, and an interest in how this can be applied to real world problems.

Engineering is a major aspect of everything we use in the modern world, and there are a broad range of opportunities to use these skills in the workplace.

The course aims to equip students with the skills to enable them to move into an engineering workplace or move onto university.

What does the course involve?

- There are six units :
- Mathematics for Engineering
 - Science for Engineering
 - Principles of Mechanical Engineering
 - Principles of Electrical Engineering
 - Electrical and Electronic Design
 - Computer Aided Design

What can the qualification lead to?

Preparing you for the world of work or university. Engineering of all types is offered by universities. Career opportunities: Electrical engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Structural engineer, Manufacturing, Aeronautical Engineering

Who is it for?

People who want to study a practical subject that can lead to a world of opportunities.



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A-Level Sociology

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The aims of the course are to encourage students to acquire knowledge and understanding of the way that society is organised and ways it can be studied. This course would suit people who are interested in knowing why society is the way it is and enjoy debating live issues and then writing essays to set out their arguments.

What does the course involve?

In Y12, the course focuses on the role of Education in society and the study of Theories and Methods in sociology.

In Y13, the course focuses on Beliefs in Society, Globalisation and revisits Theories and Methods in a wider context.

What can the qualification lead to?

This course supports progression from Level 2 studies and acts as a bridge to further study at college or university.

Sociology is a well regarded academic subject that can be studied in its own right. It is also a gateway subject to the fields of social work, social policy, politics and social care. Combining very well with History, English and Psychology.

Who is it for?

This course would suit those who can think critically and reach substantiated judgments.