



Fullbrook 6

A Level Choices

Big enough to challenge, small enough to care.

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Financial Support Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund is a government supported scheme available for 16-19 year old students in full-time education and of permanent residence in the UK. It is awarded on a discretionary basis to those students facing financial barriers to participation in further education.

For further information please contact Mr D Hayward, Director of Sixth Form at Fullbrook

English, Media and Film Studies

A level

English Literature

A Level

Course Content: This course will encourage you to develop an interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading widely, critically and independently, across centuries and genre, through the experience of an extensive range of views about texts and how to read them.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Sixth Form entry requirements as well as a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Skills and Commitment: A Level English lessons will be based mainly around studying set texts for examination. Students will be expected to take part in group discussions and to put forward their ideas regarding these texts. They may also be asked to produce presentations on key sections, either individually or as a group. Students will be expected to undertake personal research and reading during their study time in order to prepare them for future lessons. As with English at GCSE, the form of assessment will be through written work.

Cost: Students will also be expected to buy the texts and study guides needed for study throughout the course.

Progression: A Level English is looked favourably upon by Colleges and Universities. It would be useful for students considering a career in teaching, journalism, editing, advertising, marketing or any other career requiring excellent communication skills. For those students considering going into business or commerce, A Level English shows good analytical skills which would be beneficial in this area.

English Language and Literature

A Level

Course Content: This subject involves the integrated study of the English language in speech and writing. You will examine a variety of speech styles, accents and dialects, as well as a range of written texts, from Renaissance texts to contemporary texts. These texts, along with your own creative writing, will be analysed in detail using systematic frameworks. You will also study the theories which have arisen from the different uses of language and literature studied on the course.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Sixth Form entry requirements as well as a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Skills and Commitment: A Level English lessons will be based mainly around studying set texts for examination. Students will be expected to take part in group discussions and to put forward their ideas regarding these texts.

They may also be asked to produce presentations on key sections, either individually or as a group. Students will be expected to undertake personal research and reading during their study time in order to prepare them for future lessons. As with English at GCSE, the form of assessment will be through written work.

Cost: Students will also be expected to buy the novels and study guides needed for study throughout the course. The anthology will be provided by the exam board.

Progression: English Language compliments most A level subjects. It will help you to develop and refine your use and understanding of English, as of language in general. Widely accepted in Higher Education, it provides a sound foundation for further studies and careers in areas such as speech therapy, foreign languages, teaching and journalism.

the start of the course. It is preferable that focus films are purchased so that these can be studied in detail, particularly for revision. Students may also attend cinema evenings every half term and an option on a study trip abroad in Spring 2019 (to be advised).

Progression: This course will develop your written work, communication skills, analytical skills and independent research skills. Whilst it could lead to a career in the media, it will also benefit those looking to work in an academic or business environment. It is an academic course using film as a medium for research and analysis.

Film Studies

A Level

Course Content: This course is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film. Cinema is studied as a medium, as an art form, and as a social and economic institution. The course will cover a broad range of films, encouraging you to develop skills of observation, critical analysis and reflection.

Exam Board: WJEC

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 at English

Skills and Commitment: Students should have a genuine interest in films. Therefore it is preferable that students read film magazines and internet sites, regularly go to the cinema and keep up to date with issues surrounding the film industry.

Cost: Students will be expected to buy the textbook at

Media Studies

A Level

Course Content: The Media Studies course is designed to allow students to draw on their existing experience of the media and to develop their abilities to both respond critically to the media and create media texts of their own.

Exam Board: WJEC

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 at English

Skills and Commitment: Students develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide variety of media, including digital media technologies, drawing on the fundamental concepts informing the study of the media: texts, industry and audiences. The course also encourages creative work to enable students to gain a greater appreciation of the media through their own production work and to develop their own production skills.

Cost: £15 for text book, with an option on study trip abroad in 2019 to be advised.

Progression: The qualification allows students to investigate and explore media industries and their products, apply this knowledge to their own media productions, and develop critical faculties which enable them to interpret and interact with the global media on a sophisticated level. Progression to a wide range of HE courses linked to media production and academic study is possible together with opportunities in media industries apprenticeships.

Mathematics

AS/A Level

Course Content: AS and A level mathematics builds from GCSE level mathematics and introduces calculus and its applications. It emphasises how mathematical ideas are interconnected, and how mathematics can be applied to model situations mathematically using algebra and other representations, to help make sense of data, to understand the physical world and to solve problems in a variety of contexts, including social sciences and business. It prepares students for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines involving the use of mathematics.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics (Students who achieved a very high grade 6 may be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Head of Maths).

Skills and Commitment: The ability to work independently is essential as students must consolidate topics learnt. Students must be prepared to attempt unfamiliar problems. A basic grounding of Higher tier GCSE Mathematics is important, and students who feel they need additional practice can always ask for extra worksheets and resources to help them with any areas of weakness before the commencement of the course.

Cost: Students will be required to purchase two textbooks and a calculator. Fullbrook sells the textbooks at a subsidised rate, but you are free to purchase from any retailer.

Progression: Mathematics is a highly valued qualification by all universities. It goes well with any combination of subjects, and may be of particular use to students considering reading medicine, sciences, computing, economics, social sciences, psychology and any other numerate subject at university.

Further Mathematics

A Level

Course Content: The first year of the course will cover a full A level in Mathematics. The second year will cover a separate A level in Further Mathematics. The content of the first year is all compulsory, and consists of Pure Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics (Statistics and Mechanics). The content of the second year includes some optional choices which will be made closer to the time.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 8 or above in GCSE Mathematics (Additional Mathematics is an advantage but not compulsory)

Skills and Commitment: The ability to work independently is essential as students must consolidate topics learnt. As students will be spending a significant amount of

time working on the subject it is important they enjoy mathematics. Students must be prepared to attempt unfamiliar problems and able to quickly learn new concepts.

Cost: Students will be required to purchase two textbooks in September (for AS level maths), another two in December (for A Level maths), and a calculator. Fullbrook sells the textbooks at a subsidised rate, but you are free to purchase from any retailer.

Progression: Mathematics and Further Mathematics are highly valued qualifications by all universities. Further Mathematics may be of particular use to anyone considering studying Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Computer Science, Physics and other numerate degrees at one of the UK's leading universities.

Graphic Communication

A Level

Course Content: The course involves exploring, researching and acquiring techniques and developing skills, knowledge and understanding in a range of media specific to Graphic Communication. Students may use traditional methods such as drawing, printing and/or digital techniques to produce graphic images. In addition, students will develop skills applying and using composition in Graphic Communication, understanding and applying formal elements such as colour, tone, texture, shape and form in relation to Graphic Communication, selecting, editing and highlighting Graphic Communication imagery and text and manipulating imagery.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade C or above in Graphics or Art/ Textiles (subject to interview). It is important that you are creative, enthusiastic and interested in all areas of design and graphic communication.

Skills and Commitment: Students must have a genuine enthusiasm and interest in all areas of design and graphic communication. The course involves creating visual and tactile meaning through the use of images and materials. It develops practical understanding, imagination, technique and creative ability. Students will also be expected to show an awareness of other artists work and make reference to them in their own studies.

Cost: A voluntary contribution of £15 is requested to cover the cost of materials used within school. Students will be expected to buy their own sketchbooks and any other materials to supplement the resources available in school.

Progression: Students will either go on to complete a one year Foundation course or university equivalent. Possible future career paths include Graphic design, Web Design, Illustration, Print Design, Industrial Design, CAD/CAM Design, Product Design, and Furniture Design.

Product Design

A Level

Course Content: The course involves designing solutions to problems and producing prototypes to test your designs. It develops practical understanding, imagination, technique and creative ability and the use of CAD/CAM. These are attributes vital to the Product Design, and wider design industry. Students will build up an understanding of how products are developed and manufactured, appreciating the properties of materials.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade C or above in a Design Technology subject.

Skills and Commitment: Students need to develop imaginative and creative solutions to problems that they can then develop through modeling and testing towards

the manufacture of a practical outcome. Research skills combined with communication and analysis skills are a key to success. An understanding of the moral, social and environmental impact of product design is also developed.

Cost: Students will be asked to make a £25 contribution towards materials each year. Any specialist materials requested will incur an additional cost.

Progression: Career paths into higher education include Product Design, Engineering, Furniture Design and Architecture.

Textiles

A Level

Course Content: The course involves exploring, researching and acquiring techniques and developing skills, knowledge and understanding in a range of textiles media. Students will use methods such as textile design, print and digital techniques to produce outcomes in visual, tactile and/or sensory forms.

Students will build and demonstrate an understanding of relevant research, and how ideas, feelings and meanings can be conveyed and interpreted in images and artefacts. The course develops practical imagination and creative ability: attributes which are vital to the fashion and textile industry.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade C or above in Textiles or Art (subject to interview). It is important that you are creative, enthusiastic and interested in fashion and textiles.

Skills and Commitment: Students must have a genuine enthusiasm and interest in fashion and textiles. Students will be expected to demonstrate an imaginative and

creative practical ability when working and experimenting with a wide range of fabrics and materials. Students will also be expected to show an awareness of other artists work and make reference to them in their own studies.

Cost: Students will have the opportunity to attend The Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace. A voluntary contribution of £40 is requested to cover the cost of materials used within school. Students will be expected to buy their own sketchbooks and any other materials or fabrics, to supplement the resources available in school.

Progression: Many students will go on to complete a one year Foundation course prior to university. Possible future career paths include Textile/Fashion Design, Interior Design, Theatre Design, Costume Design, Buying and Merchandising, Fashion Marketing, Window dressing.

Fine Art

A Level

Course Content: Students will undertake a series of projects in order to build up a coursework portfolio. Beginning with a theme students will develop skills and knowledge by exploring a wide range of media and techniques including drawing and painting, print making, sculpture and photography. Students will be required to research and explore the ideas surrounding an artist's work and methods and relate this to the development of their own work.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Grade C in one of the following courses: Art, Textiles or Graphics. It is also useful to have a good English GCSE, grade 4 or above.

Skills and Commitment: Students must have a genuine enthusiasm and interest in Art and Design. Students will be expected to demonstrate an imaginative and creative

practical ability when working and experimenting with a wide range of materials. Students will also be expected to show an awareness of other artists work and make reference to them in their own studies.

Cost: A £20 contribution in each year of the course to cover the costs of Cartridge paper, printing and other Art materials used on the course.

Progression: Degree courses in Film Photography, Media, Advertising, Art and Design. The course will support courses in Advertising, journalism, Film Photography, New Media Design, Film and Fine Art.

Photography

A Level

Course Content: Photography is a means of communicating in a visual way. It should challenge the way we think about the world, and encourage us to think about the work of photographers and other lens-based artists. The emphasis of this course will be on using photography as a creative and expressive means to communicate ideas, thoughts and feelings.

Students will undertake a series of projects in order to build up a coursework portfolio. Beginning with a theme, students will develop skills and knowledge by exploring a wide range of media and techniques including darkroom processes which may include photogram, 35mm film, the use of acetates, image manipulation packages and digital photography.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: It is useful to have a good English GCSE, grade 4 or above.

Skills and Commitment: Students must have a genuine enthusiasm and interest in photography. Students will

be expected to demonstrate an imaginative and creative practical ability when working and experimenting with a wide range of photographic materials. Students will also be expected to show an awareness of other artists work and make reference to them in their own studies.

Cost: A £50 contribution payable on registration day to contribute towards specialist darkroom materials. Students will be required to purchase two black square sketchbooks.

Progression: Our aim is to expose students to as broad a range of methods and approaches as we can. We will encourage students to develop their work in line with their own interests and strengths as well as equipping them with a solid foundation of skills. This enables students to build up a solid portfolio of work both for the examination and for entry to art related courses beyond A level; Degree courses in Film Photography, Media, Advertising, Art and Design. Some courses will require a pre-course general Art Foundation Course. The course will support careers in Advertising, Journalism, Film Photography, New Media Design, Film, Media and Fine Art.

Biology

A Level

Course Content: The science of life is truly amazing and this course has been designed to engage and inspire by showing you how an understanding of many contemporary issues requires a grasp of fundamental biological ideas. Our aim is to enable you to develop your interest in, and enthusiasm for, biology including developing an interest in further study and careers in biosciences. You will have the opportunity to develop an awareness of the relevance of biology to everyday life and how society makes decisions about biology-related issues and how biology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in two GCSE Sciences, 6 Mathematics and 5 English is recommended.

Skills and Commitment: You should have a genuine interest in the fascinating and fast developing world of Biological Sciences. The course will study the key concepts underpinning biology today through real-life contexts. The course is demanding and will require much time and effort, but as a successful candidate you will develop a range of practical and research skills and a thorough knowledge of Biology which will relate, in a wider sense, to everyday life.

Cost: Students will be required to purchase two textbooks at approximately £20 each and a calculator.

Progression: Biology links effectively with a range of subjects. A solid understanding of maths and chemistry as well as biology at GCSE is required. You may go on to study Biology at University or a broad range of related studies such as marine biology, environmental management, conservation, ecology, medicine, dentistry, biotechnology, forensics and many more.

Science
A level

Chemistry

A Level

Course Content: In Chemistry you will explore your ability to analyse and explain data, recognise trends and patterns and solve problems which have relevance in any work environment.

This specification provides a modern course which will help you to relate what can appear to be obscure knowledge with the world around you. It shows you the relationship between the development of the subject and its social, economic, environmental and technological applications by using specific in context examples. You can also develop your knowledge through practical investigation and test your own understanding by explaining and evaluating your findings.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Students wishing to study A Level Chemistry must achieve Grade 6 in two Science (Core, Additional or Extension) GCSE's, whilst 6 in Maths and 5 in English are recommended.

Physics

A Level

Course Content: Physics is a wide-reaching discipline, studying the complex interactions between matter, energy, and their related subjects, forces, space, and time. Practically, at the A-Level this wide-reaching subject is presented as developing the skills to recognize and answer fundamental questions about the way the world works.

In the first year students will begin by studying the fundamentals of working as a physicist, and then move on to studying mechanics and dynamics, electrics, materials, and wave mechanics, including a large unit on quantum mechanics and the dual nature of light. The second year of study will investigate electric, magnetic, and gravitational fields; nuclear radiation and particle physics, thermodynamics, and simple harmonic motion.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in 2 Science GCSE's, grade 6 in Maths and grade 5 in English is recommended.

Skills and Commitment: Students who apply for this course should have an interest in the natural world, and be curious about how things work. Students will be expected to (regularly) examine a natural phenomenon or event and break it down into component parts, analysing different elements of it as the situation requires.

Skills and Commitment: Students who take an A Level in Chemistry will have enjoyed the GCSE but feel they still have unanswered questions and a desire to understand more about the world around us at a fundamental level. We look at Chemistry in context, including the environmental, pharmaceutical and medicinal worlds and ask students to apply their knowledge and understanding to some concept based tasks within these modern day situations.

Cost: The Edexcel Chemistry textbook will be supplied for the students at a cost of approximately £20.

Progression: Chemistry complements many other AS subjects including Physics, Biology, Maths, Geography and PE and is also highly regarded as a stand alone Science. Lots of students continue with their Chemistry studies and are choosing careers linked to this exciting and contemporary subject. Chemistry is often a compulsory A-Level for students wishing to pursue a career in Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry or Pharmacy.

Additionally, students should enjoy carrying out practical work, and be eager to put what they have learned in class to the test. Essential skills from the GCSE include the ability to work efficiently, safely, and demonstrate a significant interest in the accuracy and implications of practical results.

Finally, students should be comfortable working with maths, and with connecting maths to the real world by applying or deriving formulae as needed. While development of maths skills is a significant part of the course, students should be aware that Physics, as a discipline, puts maths to work in the majority of practical and theoretical situations

Cost: Students will be required to purchase a textbook at approximately £20 and a calculator.

Progression: Pursuing Physics opens a surprising number of options. Physics has historically been one of the foundations for the fields of Engineering, Material Science, Medicine, Power and Infrastructure work, Aviation, IT, Automotive Research, Aerospace, and Electrical Engineering.

Physics boasts a huge number of areas performing research into the fundamental questions of our universe as well; students will be well equipped to pursue higher education in fields including Laser Engineering, System Analytics, Particle Physics Research, Medical Physics, Forensics, Optical Engineering.

Geography

A Level

Course Content: The A Level Geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE Geography.

Skills and Commitment: You will learn in a wide variety of ways such as by using maps, data analysis and interpreting differing points of view on current issues. You will be encouraged to present your ideas to the rest of the group and debate issues facing the world today. You will frame your own questions using higher level thinking skills e.g. evaluation, analysis, interpretation, and showing your grasp of complex issues through report and essay writing. Students will experience two days of fieldwork at AS level and four days throughout the A Level course. This will include a coastal study of the sand dunes at Studland Bay, Dorset, and an evaluation of the regeneration of Stratford, London particularly looking at the impacts of the Olympic park development.

Cost: This course consists of compulsory field trips with costs from £200. Students will also be required to purchase a text book.

Progression: It is widely recognized that Geography draws together the techniques of research, planning, communication and presentation in demand by employers today. Students learn skills that are easily transferable for use both in further education and the world of work.

Humanities

A level

History

A Level

Course Content: During this course you will study three key areas of History: The significant historical developments of The Tudor Period in England (1485-1603); an in-depth study of The Cold War (1945-1991); a personal study focusing on an aspect of the British Empire 1857-1967.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 at GCSE History.

Skills and Commitment: It is essential to have studied History at GCSE, due to the content of the A-Level course. You will develop a range of skills including; interpretation, evaluation and judgement, debating, analysis and causation. All of these skills are greatly value by employers and can be transferred across subjects.

Religious Studies

A Level

Course Content: Religious Studies A-Level takes your studies at GCSE to a much deeper level through studies of both Philosophy and Ethics. You may hold a personal religious faith or none to be successful at this course. In fact, the wider the range of views held in the class the better. Philosophy asks ultimate questions concerning who we are, and why we are here. Ethics considers what makes something right or wrong, and how we should navigate the complexities of issues in today's society. You will analyse and debate some of the questions that have been contested over thousands of years.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: Minimum of GCSE English Language Grade 6 / Religious Studies Grade 6 (if previously studied).

Skills and Commitment: You will learn through activities designed to promote independent enquiry and critical thinking such as discussions, debates and role-plays. Enquiry questions will challenge you to think outside the box and reflect on alternative perspectives. There will be a focus on essay skills for written work. The questions and topics discussed are challenging but debating issues is always fun!

Cost: Students will be required to purchase a compulsory textbook for each unit in the first year, which are around £20 each. There may also be additional costs for trips.

Progression: Through the study of History you will learn to understand a wide range of information and viewpoints, analyse their utility, validity and provenance, then come to your own supported conclusions. History is a well respected A Level which will equip you with knowledge and skills which are prized in adult life enhancing employability and developing an ability to take part in a democratic society. Many of our students go on to study History at university, and many continue with social sciences or the arts. Careers in Law, Journalism, Business and The Civil Service are a small selection of the opportunities open to those who have studied History.

Cost: Students will be required to purchase a compulsory textbook for each unit in the first year, which are around £20 each. There may also be additional costs for trips.

Progression: An A-Level in Religious Studies is a sound academic qualification for whatever you choose to do in the future. Some students go on to study Theology or Philosophy at University, but as It expands your understanding of different people and cultures, alongside developing critical thinking and analytical skills it will be useful for many subjects and career-paths. A-Level Religious Studies ably prepares students for careers working with people such as medicine, law, journalism, media and the care and social sectors as well as enhancing the life-skills needed for many other jobs.

Many top universities favour students with an A-Level in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion as it enhances your skills of critical thinking and prepares you for the higher-order thinking you will need to pursue any degree at university.

Government and Politics

A Level

Course Content: Government & Politics addresses 'the art of the possible'. How and why do the people with power over us achieve their goals? How possible is it for us, the voters, to bring about genuine change to the system? The course begins with an excellent grounding in the UK political system inviting students to explore, investigate and evaluate the people and institutions that govern us. In year two the course focuses on key political concepts and ideas as well as a comparative study of US politics, examining aspects such as the presidential system, the constitution and race and ethnicity.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Minimum of GCSE English Grade 5. A GCSE in Sociology or History is desirable but not essential.

Skills and Commitment: You will be expected to form firm opinions on a range of aspects and these will often be debated in class. Formal lecture and note-taking lessons are broken up with discussions, group work, interactive tasks and quizzes. You will be expected to do about 5 hours private study each week and keeping up to date with political developments is essential as this will help to shape a greater understanding of Politics as a whole.

Cost: There is a compulsory textbook for Government and Politics which retails at approximately £35.

Progression: An A level in Government & Politics is a sound academic qualification for whatever you choose to do. Students may go on to university to study politics, but others may study law, social sciences, the humanities, business studies, languages and countless other courses. Some students go into politics, whilst others may plan careers in legal journalism, international business or the civil service.



Social Sciences

A level

Economics

A Level

Course Content: Economics is designed to support analysis of current economic problems and issues and encourage students to appreciate the interrelationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. The content is engaging and up-to-date so that students can relate what they are learning to the world around them—locally, nationally and globally.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English to begin this subject.

Skills and Commitment: For this course it is essential that you have an interest in current affairs. The key elements involved in study are the ability to analyse economic

developments, consider possible outcomes and evaluate the likely impact of these. Economics is regarded highly by both universities and the business world.

Cost: There is a compulsory textbook for Economics which retails at approximately £20.

Progression: Economics is a popular choice in higher education, either on its own or combined with other subjects. Many business organizations or public sector departments employ professional economists.

Law

A Level

Course Content: In the first year this unit introduces students to the nature of law and the English legal system and covers topics such as the rule of law, law making and interpretation. Students will also explore the roles of legal professionals and lay people. In year 2 students will gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between law and society and explore concepts such as morality and justice.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Minimum of GCSE English, history or sociology at Grade 6.

Skills and Commitment: Taking the step up to sixth form study means a commitment to becoming a genuine self-manager and independent enquirer. Formal lecture and note-taking lessons are broken up with discussions and debates, problem solving, mock-trials and games and quizzes. Visits to courts and talks from legal professionals will also aid your understanding. You will be expected to do about 5 hours private study each week, including reading a newspaper daily and keeping up to date with legal developments.

Cost: There is a compulsory textbook for Law year 1 which retails at approximately £25.

Progression: An A level in Law is a sound academic qualification for whatever you choose to do. Students have gone on to university to study law, history, social sciences, theology, politics, business studies, languages and countless other courses. After a Law degree most students intend to become solicitors or barristers or pursue careers in legal journalism or the civil service. Other students have moved on to careers in banking or business and several have joined the Police.

Sociology

A Level

Course Content: The Sociology course is designed to provide students with an insight into a number of areas within society. The course is a linear two-year course and the units studied include Socialisation, Culture and Identity, Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities, Debates in Contemporary Society.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: GCSE grade 5 or above in GCSE English.

Skills and Commitment: Students will learn through reading, independent research and exam practice. The subject is useful in enhancing social and communication skills and provides a deeper understanding of the impact of society on human behaviour.

Cost: None.

Progression: There are many occupations that involve a sociological background including teaching, politics, social work, human resources and research occupations. There are also direct links into careers in journalism, social work, government advisors, medicine/market research.

Psychology

A Level

Course Content: Psychology is the scientific study of the human condition in terms of both mind and behaviour. The Psychology course is designed to provide a wide range of skills to the learner, as well as providing an overview of one of the most exciting disciplines to explain the human condition. With a focus on scientific research, method and statistical analysis you will be provided with a wide skill set applicable across many future degree options.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: GCSE grade 5 in English, Maths and Biology.

Skills and Commitment: Students will learn through practical work, problem solving, analysis and interpretation, reading, independent research, and exam

practice. The subject is useful in enhancing social and communication skills and provides a deeper, more scientific knowledge of the human and non-human mind and behaviour.

Cost: £25 per year on textbooks and any additional money for non-compulsory trips.

Progression: There are many occupations that involve a psychological background including Occupational Psychologists, Forensic Psychologists, Clinical Psychologists, nursing, teaching, policing, law, sports and business. Psychology is a highly desirable A level for higher study and gaining credit for many courses.

French

A Level

Course Content: Students study changes in French society, political culture and the Arts in French-speaking countries, immigration and the multicultural society in France and the occupation and the resistance during WW2.

At A Level students are required to study 2 works: one literary text and one film in the French language.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE French.

Skills and Commitment: It is important that students are aware of the world around them by regularly reading a quality newspaper and/or news website in their own language as well as in French.

Regular learning of vocabulary and wider reading and listening of French are essential to ensure progress.

Cost: All students are provided with a text book, vocabulary and grammar book. We recommend that each student purchase their own copy of the textbook, the DVD of the film and the novel which we will provide details of.

Progression: French has strong cross-curricular links with many other subjects and is highly valued by Universities and future employers. University courses such as Medicine and Engineering favour students who have studied a language as it shows an ability to communicate and provides the opportunity to study/work abroad and/or to work for an International company at home or abroad.

Studying a language improves understanding of your own language and develops understanding and appreciation of other cultures

Spanish

A Level

Course Content: Students study the development of Spanish society, Political culture and the Arts in Spanish-speaking countries, Immigration and the multicultural society in Spain and Franco's dictatorship and the transition to democracy.

Students are required to study two works: one literary text and one film in the Spanish language.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE Spanish.

Skills and Commitment: Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to enable them to communicate effectively and confidently on a variety of issues.

Essay writing skills, including how to give considered and informed responses to open questions.

German

A Level

Course Content: Students study the social development in German society and the political culture and arts within German-speaking countries. The course then develops an awareness of German reunification and immigration within their multicultural society.

Students are required to study a film in German and literary text.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE German.

Skills and Commitment: Listening, speaking, reading and essay writing skills. Cognitive, interpersonal skills, intrapersonal skills and adaptability are key characteristics.

Regular reading of vocabulary and wider reading and listening of German are essential to ensure progress.

Contextualised grammar and vocabulary, which are practised, reinforced and tested in each of the four skills in each topic and sub-topic area.

Cost: All students are provided with a text book, vocabulary and grammar book. and the novel which we will provide details of.

Progression: Higher education institutions and employers have a need for students to develop a range of transferable skills to enable them to respond confidently to the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work. Studying a language improves understanding of your own language and develops understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Cost: All students are provided with a text book, vocabulary and grammar book. Details will be provided about the DVD film and the literary text recommended.

Progression: Studying a language improves understanding of your own language and develops an understanding and appreciation of other cultures. Higher education institutions and employers have a need for students to develop a range of transferable skills that can be used during study and the world of work.

Physical Education

A Level

Course Content: You will enjoy a practical application of what you learn in the classroom and study a range of topics over the two years including anatomy and physiology, skill acquisition, psychology and the history and contemporary issues of sport.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above in GCSE Physical Education. A grade 5 in English Language would be of benefit. Students will need to be highly proficient in one sport from the OCR list and they must be regularly competing within that sport.

Skills and Commitment: In the practical coursework you will experience a range of activities with continuous assessment and, where possible, we will aim to assess you on your own individual strengths. You will also prepare a portfolio based on one of your activities – applying theoretical knowledge and implementing and evaluating an action plan to improve your performance.

Cost: All students are expected to purchase a text book for private study.

Progression: Students hoping to progress to a sport related degree will find this subject particularly useful. It would also be a valuable qualification for those wishing to go directly into employment in the sport or leisure industry. Equally, any student with a keen interest in sport could take Physical Education.

Career options include the Armed Forces, Coaching, Fitness Training, Osteopathy, PE Teaching, Physiotherapy, Recreation Management, Sport Development Officer, Sport Product Design, Sports Therapy, Travel Agency specialising in Sport, Sports Media, Sports Journalism and Sports Photography.

Level 3 BTEC Sport

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Course Content: The BTEC Level 3 Diploma is designed to broaden and expand upon different vocational areas of sport and it is suitable for those who have decided that they wish to enter a particular area of work that involves an element of development, coaching or fitness. This is a two year course in which students will complete 13 units across a broad spectrum of sports related areas.

A wide variety of teaching and learning methods are used on the course, including both theory and practical methods. Students will be involved in the teaching and coaching of younger students at various times of the course, applying the knowledge they have learnt from their theory based lessons. The majority of work will be coursework based and will be completed as a project style assignment.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Drama and Theatre Studies

A Level

Course Content: This course is designed to provide a balance across a range of learning experiences. It combines the activities of exploring both classical and contemporary texts, creating theatre, the performing of plays, the analysis of theatre and the critical evaluation of all these elements.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade 5 English and Grade 5 Drama.

Skills and Commitment: Students completing the course successfully will hone their analytical and creative skills

Music Technology

A Level

Course Content: Students will learn to record ensembles of various sizes as Multi Track Recordings, sequence MIDI data, arrange existing material and compose new pieces of work using technology based composition methods.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements: GCSE grade 4 or above. Alternatively, students who can demonstrate significant experience with music sequencing software will also be considered.

Skills and Commitment: Students will learn to direct and manage recording sessions, working individually and as part of a team, being confident enough to make important

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 or above in Physical Education. A grade 5 in English Language would be of benefit but not essential.

Skills and Commitment: Students should have a genuine interest in sport, in particular a keen interest in development, coaching or fitness. It is not essential but an involvement in a team outside of school would be an advantage and students must have a good level of fitness.

Cost: Purchase of a text book.

Progression: This course will develop your written work, communication and leadership skills and independent research skills. Whilst it could lead to a career in sports development, coaching or fitness, it will also benefit those looking to go to university to study sports science, sports development or coaching and teaching.

and have a thorough understanding of drama and theatre and an ability to communicate effectively with others.

Cost: £60 over two years (to cover two theatre visits).

Progression: Drama and Theatre Studies aims to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level by providing an opportunity to study plays from the point of view of a director, designer, performer and informed audience member. The qualification is designed to enable students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the language of drama and theatre as well as to develop their performing and analytical skills.

on the spot decisions. The course is 40% coursework and as such good time management is essential.

Cost: Students will need a good pair of over-ear, closed back headphones. We recommend Beyerdynamic DT231, costing approximately £35.

Progression: Students can go on to study music, music technology or production courses at degree level. Students choosing this subject may be looking to pursue careers in performance, composition, arranging sound engineering, music production and television and radio.

IT

A Level

Course Content: This qualification continues your education through applied learning by developing your knowledge and understanding of the principles of IT and global information systems. It consists of two external examinations on the topics 'Fundamentals of IT' and 'Global Information'. Students will carry out their assessments focusing on the career pathway for an application developer. The topics covered here are Project Management, Application Design and Web design and Prototyping.

Exam Board: OCR

Entry Requirements: GCSE ICT or Computer Science, grade B or above. English grade 5 or above at GCSE

Skills and Commitment: The course will create a solid foundation in the fundamentals of hardware, networks, software, the ethical use of computers and how businesses use IT.

Students will develop and understanding of the uses of information in the public domain, globally, in the cloud and across the internet, by individuals and organizations.

Cost: Text book approximately £22.

Progression: The course pathway is Application Design. Typical job roles within the pathway include Junior Web Application Developer, Junior Application Developer or Junior Software Analyst. It will also prepare students who wish to continue with higher learning at university.

Computer Science

A Level

Course Content: This course is intended to be of interest and value to students whether or not they progress to further studies in Computing, and to provide a sound foundation in both practical and theoretical aspects of Computing.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: GCSE grades in Computer Science or ICT at a level 6 (or Grade B). Level 6 (or Grade B) in Math's GCSE.

Skills and Commitment: Students taking this course learn to program to a high level. They also develop excellent numeracy, critical thinking and analysis. They learn about

project management and report writing and also become more perceptive about the importance of technology and how the microchip has become essential for modern living.

Cost: None.

Progression: This course is ideal for those with an aptitude or interest in computers and should be the first choice for those who wish to take the subject further either educationally or as a career option. It and also offers significant skill development for those taking the subject for university entry. The skills developed are used directly in many areas of science, maths, engineering and electronics. There is an extremely high demand for students with a computing background.

Business Studies

A Level

Course Content: In this course students learn the interrelated nature of business using business models, theories and techniques to support analysis of contemporary issues and situations. The content is designed for students to learn about topics and issues that are relevant in today's society—including contemporary developments such as digital technology, ethics and globalization.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: GCSE Business, English Language and Mathematics Grade 5 or higher.

Skills and Commitment: Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions—all skills that are needed or further study and employment.

Cost: None.

Progression: This course is ideal for entrepreneurs of the future, students wishing to pursue their education with an MBA and graduates that are looking for career entry at management level. It will also prepare students for higher education in the world of work in any career path they wish to pursue.

Extended Project Qualification

Course Content: The EPQ is a qualification which entails learning the independent learning skills you will require in further education whilst pursuing an academic interest which arises from your post 16 studies. It is a two year course which combines seminars, one-to-one tutorials and independent research of a topic you are passionate about. Higher Education institutions rate the EPQ very highly as it gives them a barometer of how well you will cope with your studies when you leave college. Students love the freedom to choose the topic to research.

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Students should be enrolled on to at least two full time A Level or BTEC courses. Grade 5 or above at GCSE English and Maths.

Skills and Commitment: Academic research, report writing, independent learning, presentation skills and public speaking are all useful attributes.

Cost: None.

Progression: The EPQ is equivalent to an AS Level qualification (UCAS points awarded). Universities welcome it as a meaningful 3rd or 4th subject choice. Employers and trainers approve of the focus the course has on developing independent/personal academic interest.

University Destinations 2017

Accounting, Mathematics, Economics and Finance	
University	Course
University of Portsmouth	Accounting with Finance
Lancaster University	Accounting, Finance and Mathematics
Coventry University	Mathematics
University of Sussex	Mathematics
Warwick University	Mathematics
London School of Economics	Mathematics and Economics
Bournemouth University	Economics
University of Essex	Economics (including Foundation Year)

Science, Forensics and Engineering	
University	Course
University of Surrey	Biochemistry
Coventry University	Biological and Forensic Sciences
University of Portsmouth	Biomedical Science
Newcastle University	Chemical Engineering (4 years)
Southampton University	Electronic Engineering (4 years)
Brunel University London	Engineering
Oxford University	Human Biology
Swansea University	Materials Science and Engineering
Loughborough University	Mechanical Engineering
University of Portsmouth	Mechanical Engineering
Swansea University	Mechanical Engineering with a Foundation Year
University of Exeter	Medical Imaging (Diagnostic Radiography)
University of Portsmouth	Pharmacy
Warwick University	Physics
Keele University	Physics Single Honours
Coventry University	Forensic Investigations

The Creative Arts, Design, Architecture	
University	Course
University of Chichester	Acting
University of Reading	Architecture
University of Bath	Architecture (with placement)
University for Creative Arts	Graphic Communication
University of the Arts London	Illustration and Visual Media
Nottingham Trent University	Interior Architecture and Design
Southampton University	Fashion and Textile Design
University of Glasgow	Product Design Engineering

English	
University	Course
Birmingham City University	English
University of Exeter	English
University of Portsmouth	English Literature
University of Reading	English Literature
Roehampton University	English Literature
Winchester University	English Literature
University of East Anglia	English Literature
University of Glasgow	English Literature/History
Brunel University London	English with Creative Writing

Humanities and Education	
University	Course
Cardiff University	Criminology
University of Portsmouth	Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Portsmouth	Criminology with Psychology
University of Portsmouth	Law
University of Exeter	Politics and International Relations
University of Portsmouth	Psychology
University of Bath	Psychology (with placement)
Roehampton University	Education (extended degree)
Roehampton University	Education (extended degree)
University of Reading	Education Studies

Media and Film	
University	Course
University of Chichester	Community Sport Coaching
University of Portsmouth	Computer Networks
Kingston University	Construction Management
Kingston University	Cyber Security and Computer Forensics with Business

Media and Film	
University	Course
Kent University	Film
Saint Mary's University	Film and Screen Media
Winchester University	Film Production
University for Creative Arts	Film Production (4 Years)
Bath Spa University	Film, Television & Digital Production
University of Sussex	Media Practice
University of Buckingham	Communication, Media & Journalism

Notes

Advice and guidance.

- Keep to your strengths and interests. Not everybody at your age has definite ideas about what they want to do post 18.
- Most students will study three subjects but it will be useful to consider four at this stage. You can finalise your choices once your GCSE results are known.
- Talk to your teachers about the subjects you are considering – they will give you advice on course content and the demands of the course.

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