



6TH FORM PROSPECTUS



2024

> Your future starts here

Welcome to Harefield School Sixth Form

We are delighted to welcome you to our Sixth Form which has been designed to support your educational journey as you prepare for the exciting challenges that lie ahead. Our Sixth Form offers a rich array of opportunities for personal growth and academic advancement, providing a tailored environment to facilitate your development into well-rounded individuals.

At our school, we understand the significance of choice in shaping your academic path. Therefore, we offer a comprehensive selection of A Level and vocational subjects. Our A Level offerings encompass a diverse range of disciplines, including the humanities, sciences, and social sciences, providing a solid foundation for higher education and future careers. Meanwhile, our vocational subjects are designed to equip students with practical skills and valuable qualifications that meet the demands of the modern workforce. Students are encouraged to explore both academic and vocational options, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience.

Student life in our Sixth Form is built around a commitment to fostering an engaging and supportive atmosphere. We believe that a vibrant student community enhances learning, and thus, we encourage all students to partake in various extracurricular activities. Participation in nearly 20 hours of scheduled academic engagement each week not only deepens your subject knowledge but also cultivates essential skills in collaboration, communication, and leadership.

Facilities

Our dedicated Sixth Form area is equipped with the latest facilities to support your educational needs. With extensive ICT provision, you will have access to a variety of resources and tools to aid your studies, including computers and study spaces that promote both independent learning and collaboration. Our environment is designed to inspire creativity and innovation, reflecting our commitment to providing high-quality education.

Student Leadership

In addition to academic pursuits, we place a strong emphasis on student leadership. Our Student Leadership programme allows you to engage actively in shaping the school community, fostering a sense of responsibility and empowerment. As a leader, you will have the opportunity to represent your peers, organise events, and contribute to initiatives that enhance the overall student experience. This invaluable experience not only promotes personal growth but also enhances your university applications.

Careers, Universities and Apprenticeships

Furthermore, we offer robust support for careers and university applications. Our dedicated Sixth form team is committed to guiding you through the process of exploring career options and making informed decisions about your future. From providing advice on writing a personal statement to preparing for university interviews, we are here to support you at every step.

As a Sixth Form student, you will also have access to gym facilities, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. We believe that physical well-being is integral to academic success and personal fulfilment, and thus, we encourage you to take advantage of these amenities.

We invite you to embark on this exciting chapter of your educational journey. The Harefield School Sixth Form offers a unique combination of rigorous academic study, leadership opportunities, and personal development resources. Together, we will strive to ensure that you not only meet your academic goals but also flourish as an individual prepared for the future.

Courses

Harefield Sixth Form offers a wide range of A Level courses. We recommend that students take 3 subjects at A Level.

In order to begin any of the A Level courses offered by Harefield Sixth Form, students must achieve the following grades at GCSE. Conditional offers for the Sixth Form will be confirmed upon receipt of GCSE results in August 2025.. Students wishing to follow a Level 3 programme of study at Harefield school must have 5 grades 4 (or equivalent) or above including English and Maths.

Subject	Entry requirements
English Literature	Grade 6 or above in English Literature and English Language
Maths	Grade 7 or above in Maths GCSE.
Biology	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology and grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths (students on the combined science course would need to achieve grade 6-6 minimum)
Business Studies	Grade 6 or above in GCSE in Business or Distinction* in BTEC Business. If Business has not been studied at Level 2, we require a GCSE English and Maths at grade 6.
Chemistry	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry and Maths (students on the combined science course would need to achieve grade 6-6 minimum).
Geography	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Geography.
History	Grade 6 or above in History and English.
Sociology	Grade 5 and above In English.
Media	Grade 5 or above in English and 6 or above in Media(if taken)
BTEC sport Level 3	Grade 5 or above in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC Sport (but must include the minimum of a Merit in the Unit 1 exam) 5 x GCSE passes at Grade 4 and above including English and Maths.
Health and Social Care Level 3	5 x GCSE passes at Grade 4 and above including English and Maths.

As per the ESFA guidance for funded education for 16 to 19 year olds, the core aim of Harefield's study programme is the completion of three A Level courses.

Careers & Further Education Support

At Harefield School, we are committed to providing exceptional career and higher education support to our students, recognising the importance of equipping them with the tools and resources necessary to navigate their post-secondary options effectively. Our comprehensive programme encompasses a variety of initiatives, ensuring that each student receives tailored guidance relevant to their individual aspirations.

UCAS support

In addition to Tutor support, we partner with UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) to provide essential information regarding university applications. Our students are given access to workshops that cover the fundamentals of the UCAS process, including personal statement writing and interview preparation. This not only enhances their understanding of higher education options but also empowers them to make informed choices based on accurate and up-to-date information.

Careers advisor

To further enrich our students' understanding of potential career pathways, we have established a collaboration with the EDT Careers Advisor. Regular sessions with our dedicated advisor allow students to explore various career options, understand the job market, and receive advice on CV writing and job applications. The EDT Careers Advisor also assists students in identifying apprenticeship opportunities that align with their skills and interests, providing them with a viable alternative to the traditional university route.

Trips

We also recognise the value of experiential learning through visits to universities. These trips not only expose students to campus life but also allow them to engage with current students and faculty, fostering a deeper understanding of academic expectations and university culture. Such experiences can significantly influence their decision-making regarding higher education and help to demystify the university application process.

Harefield School is devoted to guiding our students through their career and higher education journeys, ensuring they are well-prepared to make informed decisions about their futures. Through our collaborative efforts, we aim to inspire and empower our students to achieve their full potential.

English Literature A Level

Exam Board

OCR

Studying OCR English Literature at A Level offers an invaluable opportunity for students to engage deeply with a range of texts, enhancing their critical thinking and analytical skills. The curriculum encompasses a diverse selection of literature, including classic and contemporary works from British and international authors. This breadth of content not only fosters a profound appreciation for literary art forms but also encourages students to explore themes such as identity, society, and morality.

The course demands rigorous engagement with the texts, promoting skills in interpretation, argumentation, and written communication. Students will analyse various genres, forms, and techniques, enhancing their ability to articulate their thoughts coherently and persuasively. Through the study of plays, poetry, and prose, learners develop a nuanced understanding of context and the significant impact of historical and cultural movements on literature.

Course Outline

Component 1- students will study a Shakespeare play, a drama text from pre 1900 and well as a collection of poetry from pre 1900. Across the exam, students are required to; explore contrasts, connections and comparisons between their chosen literary texts; explore ways in which texts relate to each other and to literary traditions, movements and genres; understand the significance of cultural and contextual influences on readers and writers and identify and consider how attitudes and values are expressed in their chosen texts.

Component 2- students will study two texts from The Gothic genre. Across the exam, students are required to: explore contrasts, connections and comparisons between different literary texts within the context of a specific topic area; explore ways in which texts relate to one another and to literary traditions, movements and genres; explore ways in which texts are interpreted by different readers, including over time and use literary critical concepts and terminology with understanding and discrimination.

Component 3- coursework. Here, we encourage individual study, interest and enjoyment of modern literature and for learners to develop; an appreciation of how writers shape meanings in texts through use of language, imagery, form and structure; an understanding of texts informed by an appreciation of different

Interpretations and an ability to explore connections across texts, such as stylistic, thematic or contextual

Assessment

- Exam 1- Drama and Poetry pre- 1900. 60 marks. 40%
- Exam 2- Comparative and contextual study. 60 marks. 40%
- Coursework- Close reading, creative writing and a comparative essay. 40 marks. 20%

Links to future pathways

A Level English Literature is highly regarded by universities and employers alike. The critical skills developed during the course are transferable to a multitude of professions, including education, law, journalism, marketing, and public relations. Graduates often find themselves well-prepared for a range of degree courses, as the ability to analyse and evaluate complex texts is paramount in higher education.

Mathematics A Level

Exam Board

Pearson Edexcel

Studying this subject offers you the unique opportunity to develop critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and a deep understanding of concepts that shape the world around us. Whether you're passionate about exploring how things work, analysing data, or solving complex problems, this subject will equip you with the tools and knowledge needed for success in a wide range of careers.

It encourages innovation, creativity, and a logical approach to real-world challenges, giving you a competitive edge in today's rapidly evolving job market.

By studying this subject, you're not just gaining information—you're building a foundation for a fulfilling and impactful future.

Course Outline

Course Outline for Edexcel A-Level Mathematics

1. Pure Mathematics (66.7% of the course)

Pure Mathematics involves studying mathematical concepts that are fundamental to all branches of mathematics.

Key Topics:

- **Algebra and Functions:**
 - Simplifying expressions, solving equations and inequalities.
 - Graphs of functions and transformations.
 - The modulus function.
 - Exponentials and logarithms.
- **Coordinate Geometry:**
 - Equations of straight lines and circles.
 - Using coordinate geometry to solve geometric problems.
- **Sequences and Series:**
 - Arithmetic and geometric progressions.
 - Summing series and working with sigma notation.
- **Trigonometry:**
 - Trigonometric functions, identities, and equations.
 - Radians, arc length, and area of a sector.
 - Solving trigonometric equations and using addition formulas.
- **Differentiation:**
 - First and second derivatives.
 - Differentiation of polynomials, trigonometric, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
 - Applications to curve sketching, rates of change, and optimization.
- **Integration:**
 - Techniques of integration, including substitution and integration by parts.
 - Definite integrals and areas under curves.
 - Applications to volume of revolution.
- **Vectors:**

- 2D and 3D vector algebra.
- Applications to geometric problems involving lines and planes.
- **Binomial Expansion:**
 - Expanding expressions using binomial theorem.
 - Applications of binomial expansions to algebraic expressions.
- **Numerical Methods:**
 - Methods of solving equations numerically (e.g., iteration and Newton-Raphson method).

2. Applied Mathematics (33.3% of the course)

A. Statistics (16.7%)

Statistics introduces mathematical techniques to analyse and interpret data.

- **Statistical Sampling:**
 - Methods of sampling and interpreting different sampling techniques.
- **Data Presentation and Interpretation:**
 - Measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode).
 - Measures of spread (range, variance, standard deviation).
 - Representing data graphically (histograms, box plots).
- **Probability:**
 - Basic probability rules and conditional probability.
 - Venn diagrams and probability trees.
- **Statistical Distributions:**
 - Discrete probability distributions, including the binomial distribution.
 - Continuous probability distributions, focusing on the normal distribution.
- **Hypothesis Testing:**
 - Using probability distributions to test hypotheses for one-tail and two-tail tests.

B. Mechanics (16.7%)

Mechanics involves the study of motion and forces, helping to model real-world physical systems.

- **Kinematics:**
 - Equations of motion in a straight line and under constant acceleration.
 - Velocity-time graphs, displacement-time graphs, and their interpretation.
- **Forces and Newton's Laws:**
 - Newton's laws of motion applied to particles.
 - Forces in equilibrium, weight, tension, and friction.
- **Moments:**
 - The concept of moments and applications in physical equilibrium problems.
- **Projectiles:**
 - Modelling motion under gravity and solving projectile problems.
- **Applications of Forces:**
 - Resolving forces and working with inclined planes.
 - Using forces in combination with vectors.

Assessment Overview

- **Paper 1: Pure Mathematics 1** (2 hours, 33.3%)
 - Topics: Pure mathematics content from the course.
- **Paper 2: Pure Mathematics 2** (2 hours, 33.3%)

- Topics: Additional pure mathematics content.
- **Paper 3: Statistics and Mechanics** (2 hours, 33.3%)
 - Section A: Statistics.
 - Section B: Mechanics.

Each paper is worth 100 marks and consists of a mix of short-answer and longer, problem-solving questions.

Links to future pathways

One of the primary reasons to study A Level Edexcel Maths is the versatility it offers in terms of career opportunities. Mathematics forms the backbone of numerous professions, including engineering, finance, medicine, and technology. Graduates with a strong mathematical background are in high demand, as industries increasingly rely on data analysis and quantitative skills to drive decision-making processes. Pursuing mathematics at A Level can lead to further education in fields such as physics, economics, and computer science, thereby expanding one's career options significantly.

Art & Design A Level

Exam Board- Pearson

Studying Pearson A Level Art offers an exceptional opportunity to explore and develop your creative abilities. The curriculum encompasses a diverse range of artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpture, and digital art, which encourages students to express themselves innovatively. Additionally, the course places significant emphasis on contextual studies, enabling students to analyse historical and contemporary artworks, thereby enhancing their understanding of artistic movements and techniques.

Course Outline:

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 advanced GCE in art and design consists of two components, which are teacher assessed and moderated by the exam board.

Component one is a personal study where students generate and develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes, and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcomes. The component incorporates three major elements: supporting studies, practical work, and a personal study.

Component 2 - students are given an externally set theme and they need to develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes, and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcomes.

Assessment

Component 1 60% of A Level

Component 2 40% of A Level

Links to future pathways

A qualification in A Level Art opens doors to various career pathways. Graduates can pursue professions in fine art, graphic design, architecture, fashion, and art therapy, among others. The skills acquired during this course, such as problem-solving, creativity, and technical proficiency, are highly valued in multiple sectors. Consequently, studying Pearson A Level Art not only cultivates artistic talent but also equips students with essential competencies applicable in a broad range of professional fields.

Biology A Level

Exam Board

AQA

Studying A Level Biology AQA provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of living organisms and their interactions within ecosystems. The course content is meticulously designed to cover a wide range of topics including cellular biology, biochemistry, genetics, and ecology. Students will engage with both theoretical principles and practical experiments, equipping them with valuable laboratory skills and a critical understanding of scientific methodology. This blend of knowledge and hands-on experience not only fosters intellectual curiosity but also instil a sense of responsibility towards the environment and public health.

Course Outline

1. Biological molecules: Students will study the structure and properties of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, and nucleic acids, alongside their roles in biological processes.
2. Cells: This segment encompasses the study of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, cellular organisation, and division processes including mitosis and meiosis.
3. Organisms exchange substances with their environment: This theme delves into transport mechanisms in plants and animals, focusing on concepts such as gas exchange, circulatory systems, and the role of nutrients.
4. Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms: Here, topics include DNA structure, gene expression, genetic variation, and the principles of inheritance as well as the importance of biodiversity and evolutionary processes.
5. Energy transfers in and between organisms: Students will investigate metabolic pathways, energy production, and the relationships between different trophic levels in ecosystems.
6. Organisms responding to changes in their internal and external environments: This section focuses on homeostasis, hormonal coordination, and neural responses.

Assessment

Paper 1 - topics 1- 4 Written exam worth 35% of A Level

Paper 2 - topics 5 - 8 Written exam worth 35% of A Level

Paper 3 - topics 1-8 Written exam worth 30% of A Level

Links to future pathways

A Level Biology serves as a stepping stone for various career paths. The skills acquired through this qualification are highly transferable and sought after in numerous fields. For instance, students aspiring to enter the medical profession will find that a strong foundation in biology is essential for further studies in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science. Furthermore, careers in biotechnology, environmental conservation, and research increasingly require a deep understanding of biological concepts.

Business A Level

Exam Board

AQA

Studying AQA A Level Business offers a comprehensive insight into the world of commerce. The curriculum is designed to equip students with essential knowledge and skills that are highly regarded in both higher education and the job market. The course encompasses a wide range of topics including business ideas, marketing strategies, financial planning, and operational management, providing students with an understanding of the key functions that underpin successful businesses.

The content of the AQA A Level Business specification encourages critical thinking and the application of theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios. Students engage with case studies and business simulations, which promote analytical skills necessary for problem-solving and strategic decision-making. This foundational knowledge is complemented by the exploration of contemporary business issues, ensuring that learners are well-prepared to tackle challenges faced by enterprises today.

Course Outline

Year 1 Content

- What is business?
- Managers, leadership and decision making
- Decision making to improve marketing performance
- Decision making to improve financial performance
- Decision making to improve human resource performance.

Year 2 Content:

- Analysis strategic position of a business
- Choosing strategic direction
- Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
- Managing strategic change

Assessment

Paper 1

- Written exam: 2 hours 100 marks in total
- 33.3% of A-level

Three compulsory sections:

- Section A has 15 multiple choice questions (MCQs) worth 15 marks.
- Section B has short answer questions worth 35 marks.
- Sections C and D have two essay questions (choice of one from two and one from two) worth 25 marks each

Paper 2

- Written exam: 2 hours 100 marks in total
- 33.3% of A-level

- Three data response compulsory questions worth approximately 33 marks each and made up of three or four part questions.

Paper 3

- Written exam: 2 hours 100 marks in total 33.3% of A-level
- One compulsory case study followed by approximately six questions

Links to future pathways

Pursuing A Level Business can open a plethora of career opportunities. Graduates can enter diverse fields such as marketing, finance, human resources, and entrepreneurship, among others. The qualification is highly respected by universities and employers, as it demonstrates a student's capability to manage, lead, and innovate within a business context. Moreover, those who aspire to pursue higher education in business-related degrees will find that A Level Business provides a solid grounding for further study and research.

Chemistry A Level

Exam Board

AQA

Studying AQA A Level Chemistry offers students a rich and rigorous intellectual experience that is fundamental for those pursuing further education and careers in science-related fields. The course is meticulously designed to develop not only subject-specific knowledge but also critical thinking and analytical skills, which are invaluable in today's competitive job market.

The AQA A Level Chemistry syllabus encompasses a comprehensive range of topics, from the fundamental principles of chemical reactions to advanced concepts such as organic chemistry and thermodynamics. This breadth of content ensures that students gain a thorough understanding of both theoretical frameworks and practical applications. Practical laboratory skills are emphasised throughout the course, with various investigations and experiments enabling students to engage in hands-on learning. Such experience fosters a deeper appreciation of scientific inquiry and enhances problem-solving abilities.

Course Outline

- **Physical Chemistry:** This section covers fundamental concepts such as atomic structure, the mole concept, and chemical bonding. Students will explore thermodynamics, kinetics, and equilibria, with a particular focus on the interpretation and manipulation of chemical equations.
- **Inorganic Chemistry:** Students will investigate the periodic table and trends in chemical behaviour, delving into the properties and reactions of various groups, particularly the alkali metals, halogens, and transition metals. The course encourages understanding the significance of different types of bonding and the role of electrons in determining chemical reactivity.
- **Organic Chemistry:** This segment encompasses the study of organic compounds, their functional groups, and various reaction mechanisms. Students will learn to identify, synthesise, and analyse organic substances, healthily engaging in practical applications and implications of organic chemistry in real-world contexts.
- **Practical Skills:** The A Level Chemistry course incorporates a significant practical component, enabling students to gain hands-on experience in laboratory techniques and methodologies. Assessments will include practical skills, as well as the ability to critically evaluate data and results.
- **Contextualised Learning:** Throughout the course, students will appreciate the societal and environmental impact of chemistry. This includes discussions on sustainability, ethical considerations related to chemical production and consumption, and the role of chemistry in addressing global challenges.

Assessment

- Paper 1 - 2 hour written exam worth 35% of A Level
- Paper 2 - 2 hour written exam worth 35% of A Level
- Paper 3 - 2 hour written exam worth 30% of A Level

Links to future pathways

The study of chemistry opens doors to a multitude of career pathways. Graduates of A Level Chemistry often pursue further education in fields such as medicine, pharmacology, engineering, environmental science, and biotechnology. The analytical and methodical skills developed through the study of chemistry are highly sought after in industries including healthcare, research, and academia. In an age where sustainable practices are increasingly prioritised, chemists play a crucial role in developing innovative solutions to global challenges, such as climate change and resource management.

Geography A Level

Exam Board

Pearson Edexcel

Studying Edexcel Geography A Level offers students a unique opportunity to explore the intricate interactions between people, places, and the environment. This qualification not only provides an in-depth understanding of geographical concepts but also equips learners with essential skills that are highly sought after in various career paths.

The Edexcel Geography A Level curriculum engages students with contemporary issues, including climate change, urbanisation, and globalisation. By examining these key themes, students develop a critical understanding of the world, fostering an awareness of their role as informed global citizens. The course encourages the application of geographical knowledge through fieldwork, enabling students to gather, analyse, and interpret data in real-world contexts. This hands-on experience enhances their understanding of theoretical concepts while developing practical skills.

Course Outline:

Component 1 students will engage with a variety of physical geography topics, including the study of tectonic processes, coastal systems, and natural hazards. This segment aims to foster an understanding of the processes shaping the planet's surface and their implications for human activity.

Component 2 focuses on human geography, exploring themes such as globalisation, urbanisation, and development. Students will critically analyse the impacts of these phenomena on societies, economies, and environments, considering both local and global perspectives.

Component 3 emphasises geographical skills and investigative techniques, equipping students to conduct fieldwork and data analysis. Practical skills developed during this component are essential for informed decision-making and for understanding geographical materials, including maps, graphs, and geospatial technologies.

Finally, the course culminates in a substantial independent investigation where students select a geographical question or hypothesis. This project encourages students to apply their knowledge, hone their research skills, and engage in critical analysis, culminating in a written report.

Assessment

- Paper 1- Physical Geography, exam 135 minutes, 30% of overall mark
- Paper 2- Human Geography, exam 135 minutes, 30% of overall mark
- Paper 3- Synoptic unit, exam 135 minutes, 20% of overall mark.
- Paper 4 - coursework, internal assessed, externally moderated. 20 % of overall mark.

Links to future pathways

Pursuing A Level Geography opens up a multitude of career opportunities. Graduates often find themselves in diverse fields such as urban planning, environmental consultancy, and international development. The skills acquired through the study of geography—such as analytical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication—are transferable and valued in many professions. Furthermore, geography graduates are well-prepared for roles in teaching, research, and policy-making, contributing meaningfully to society and addressing some of its most pressing challenges.

History A Level

Exam Board

AQA

Studying A Level AQA History offers students a profound opportunity to engage with the past, fostering critical thinking skills and a nuanced understanding of contemporary society. This course enables learners to explore significant historical events and themes, cultivating their ability to analyse complex information and develop reasoned arguments.

The curriculum, which covers diverse periods, encourages students to ask critical questions about causation, change, and consequence. Through the examination of primary and secondary sources, students will not only enhance their research skills but also gain a deeper appreciation for the multifaceted nature of historical narratives.

Course Outline

- Component 1 - Breadth Study Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855 - 1964
- Component 2 - Religious conflict and the Church in England, c1529–c1570
- Component 3 - Historical Investigation - a personal study over 100 years

Assessment

Component 1 - Breadth Study Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855 - 1964

The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated interpretations.

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Component 2 - Religious conflict and the Church in England, c1529–c1570

The study in depth of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Component 3 - Historical Investigation - a personal study over 100 years

A personal study based on a topic of the student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2.

- 3500–4500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

Link to future Pathways

An A Level in History equips students with transferable skills highly valued across various professions. Graduates often pursue careers in education, law, public policy, journalism, and heritage management. The analytical skills developed through historical study are crucial for problem-solving and assessment in the workplace, making history graduates appealing to potential employers.

Furthermore, the ability to appreciate different perspectives and cultural contexts is increasingly important in today's global society. Studying history fosters empathy and ethical reasoning, qualities that are essential in roles that require teamwork and communication.

Sociology A Level

Exam Board

OCR

Studying Sociology A Level with the OCR (Oxford, Cambridge and RSA) examination board offers students an insightful and comprehensive understanding of society and its intricate dynamics. This subject equips learners with the analytical skills required to explore various social structures, cultural norms, and collective behaviours, fostering a critical perspective on the world we inhabit.

The curriculum encompasses a wide range of topics, including socialisation, identity, social stratification, and the impact of social institutions such as family, education, and media. These themes not only enhance academic knowledge but also promote the development of key skills such as critical thinking, research, and communication. Students are encouraged to engage with contemporary societal issues, thus relating theoretical concepts to real-world applications.

Course Outline

- H580/01 Socialisation, Culture and Identity
- H580/02 Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities
- H580/03 Debates in Contemporary Society

Assessment

100% examination at end of Year 2

Paper 1: Socialisation, culture and identity

Paper 2: Researching and understanding social inequalities

Paper 3: Debates in contemporary society

Links to future pathways

Graduates with Sociology qualifications often pursue careers in social work, education, public policy, and community development. Additionally, fields such as criminology, health and social care, and market research also highly value the insights gained from sociological studies. The skills acquired through the examination of societal trends and behaviours allow for a nuanced understanding of human interaction, making Sociology graduates attractive to potential employers.

Media Studies A Level

Exam Board:

Eduqas

A Level Media Studies, particularly through the Educas examination board, provides students with an in-depth understanding of the media's role in society and its influence on contemporary culture. This qualification equips learners with essential analytical skills, enabling them to critically evaluate various media forms, including television, film, digital media, and print.

The curriculum encompasses a broad range of topics, including media language, representation, audience engagement, and industry practices. Students engage with theoretical frameworks, allowing them to understand the complexities of media ownership, regulation, and the impact of technological advancements. Practical components of the course enable learners to create their own media products, fostering creativity and technical skills. This combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience nurtures a comprehensive understanding of the media landscape.

Course Outline

Component 1: investigating the Media

- You will analyse media language and explore representations in the media, using relevant theories and consider representations. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of key aspects of media industries and study media audiences, considering aspects such as how they are targeted and how they respond to media texts.
- Component 2: Media Forms and Productions in Depth
- This section allows you to explore tasks in more detail with comparative analysis. The areas you will study are Television in the Global Age, Magazines- Mainstream and Alternative Media and Media in the Online Age
- Component 3: Cross- Media Production
- Using industry standard software, you will create an individual cross- media production using traditional and digital forms

Assessment

- 30% coursework (60 marks)
- 35% exam 1 (90 marks)
- 35% exam 2 (90 marks)

Links to future pathways

Pursuing A Level Media Studies opens a myriad of career pathways. Graduates often find themselves equipped to enter the dynamic fields of film, television, journalism, advertising, public relations, and digital marketing. The critical thinking and analytical skills developed throughout the course are highly valued in the media industry, where the ability to assess content critically and create engaging narratives is paramount.

BTEC Sport Level 3

Exam Board:

Pearsons BTEC Level 3 in Sport & Fitness

Studying BTEC Sport Level 3 Pearson offers a comprehensive and engaging approach to understanding the multifaceted world of sports. This qualification is ideal for students who are passionate about sport and seek to develop both theoretical knowledge and practical skills applicable to various careers within the industry.

Pursuing this course cultivates essential competencies in areas such as sports coaching, exercise science, and sports management, thereby equipping students for a plethora of occupational pathways.

Course Outline

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport - equivalent to 3 A levels

BTEC Extended certificate - equivalent to 2 A levels

BTEC Diploma - equivalent to 1 A Level

Assessment

Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the qualifications. It includes a range of assessment types and styles suited to vocational qualifications in the sector. For these qualifications, learners will be assessed via recorded practical delivery, presentations as well as written assessments. Most units in the sector are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification.

Students will also be required to sit externally marked examinations which are compulsory units.

Links to future pathways

The BTEC Sport qualification is recognised by a wide range of universities and employers, making it an excellent stepping stone for those aspiring to excel in the competitive field of sports. By choosing BTEC Sport Level 3, students lay a solid foundation for a rewarding career in the sporting sector. Graduates can consider roles in personal training, sports development, and fitness instruction, or even advance to higher education, potentially specialising in areas like sports therapy and health promotion.

Health and Social Care BTEC level 3

Exam Board

Pearson/BTEC

Pursuing a Level Three BTEC in Health and Social Care offers students a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of health and social care systems. The course content encompasses vital areas such as human development, safeguarding, and effective communication in care settings, equipping learners with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in this vital sector.

Moreover, the programme provides practical experiences and a context for theoretical application, fostering both personal and professional growth.

Course Outline:

Human Lifespan Development: This looks at growth and development through the different stages of life and considers the factors that can affect them along with the effects of ageing.

Working in Health and Social Care: this considers the different types of care available for people

Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs, which looks at the principles and practicalities that underpin individual care.

The fourth unit can be chosen from units which study Sociological, psychological or physiological care needs.

Work experience will be included.

Assessment

Human Lifespan - 1 x 90 minute exam

Working in Health and Social Care 1x 90 minute exam.

Meeting Individual Needs- Internally assessed, written report on care of individuals.

Chosen fourth unit- Internally assessed coursework.

Links to future pathways:

Students are well-prepared for a variety of career paths, including roles as social workers, healthcare assistants, or nursing professionals. Furthermore, the qualification serves as a robust foundation for further academic pursuits, such as university degrees in nursing, social work, or public health. Consequently, the Level Three BTEC in Health and Social Care is an excellent choice for those aspiring to make a meaningful impact in the health and social care landscape.