



COURSE INFORMATION 2017 / 2018

Dear Prospective Chelsea Academy Student,

Welcome to our school! At Chelsea Academy we are proud of the contribution that our sixth form makes to the life of the school and the role we play in making sure every student has the opportunity to make the best of themselves through learning.

Read on and find out more about what we think makes our sixth form different to others you may be considering, and what we look for in prospective students.

If you have not already visited the school and seen for yourself our facilities, students and teachers, or if you are seeking advice on course content or which to choose, please contact holly.power@chelsea-academy.org.

A Message from the Principal, Matthew Williams:

Not only is teaching at Chelsea Academy rated 'Outstanding' by OFSTED, but this year we were also commended by the Good Schools Guide for excellent results in both science and languages. We are a Leading Edge school and a member of PiXL all of which ensures that your education is truly outstanding. We are proud to be one of only 20 schools in the country to be designated as a 'World Class School'. This prestigious award recognised the quality of education both in and outside of the classroom that our students receive.

We were delighted with our 2016 examination results, achieving 52% A*-B and 99% A*-E at A2, with students going on to study at Oxbridge and other top universities, as well gaining prestigious apprenticeships. What matters to us more than anything is that all our students get the support they need to make the best of themselves. That's why we are particularly proud that our sixth form students also make more overall progress than at many other schools in the country, as measured by our value-added score.

We place significant emphasis on areas beyond just academic study. From work experience on a film set, to expeditions in Canada we offer our students incredible opportunities to develop their character and stand out from the crowd as they move into the wider world.

All we ask for from our students is that they share our core Christian values of joy, charity, perseverance, forgiveness and servant leadership and commit to work hard with no excuses. In return we do everything we can to ensure they make the best of themselves.

I look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Message from Governor, Barnaby Lenon:

At Chelsea Academy we share in a belief that education remains one of the most powerful enablers of social mobility, making it vital that an outstanding education is available to anyone, irrespective of their background.

That is why we celebrate the diversity of the school, and relentlessly encourage an awareness of the local community and the wider world. We want our students to not only achieve qualifications that will be of value throughout their lives, but also to develop into well rounded, mature and knowledgeable young adults who can engage with the world around them.

Outstanding teaching by subject specialists ensures that each student is intellectually stretched in a 'High Challenge, High Support' environment. University entrance and wider careers advice is excellent. The opportunities students are offered outside their academic subjects are extensive and second to none.

Barnaby Lenon was Head Master of Harrow School in northwest London until 2011 and is currently Chairman of the Independent Schools Council. He was born in Chelsea, educated at Oxford University, taught at Eton, was deputy head of Highgate School and head of Trinity School, Croydon. Mr Lenon is also on the board of Ofqual, the exams regulator.

Message from Assistant Principal for Sixth Form, Holly Power:

We place great emphasis on support for the individual at the Academy. Our House system, plus small coaching groups allows us to provide a greater level of personal support. We look for students that are prepared to commit to hard work, with no excuses, and who share the Academy's Christian values of joy, charity, perseverance, forgiveness and servant leadership.

Students are well-provided for, with a separate private study area, on-site careers advisor, mentoring and tutoring opportunities, weekly lectures with external guests, and a varied enrichment programme which currently includes exclusive access to our sports facilities on Wednesday afternoons.

My colleagues and I are very proud of what our students achieve and do everything we can to ensure that their hard work and commitment allows each one to make the best of themselves.

This information booklet is designed to give you more details about the courses that are on offer in the Sixth Form. The courses will run subject to interest. Some subjects are being reformed in 2017 and we are currently waiting for specifications to be certified. Currently we are planning for all students to sit AS exams in June 2018 despite the decoupling of AS from A Level courses.

Entry requirements

To be made an offer to study in the Sixth Form at Chelsea Academy, students must be predicted to achieve at least a grade 5 in English language and Maths. All subjects have more specific entry requirements which are outlined in this information booklet. In order to gain a place, students need to meet the entrance criteria for four courses.

Induction tests may be conducted in some subjects and these may be used to determine whether a student has the prior knowledge required to begin and then continue a particular course. Students will usually study four courses in Year 12 with the view to continuing with three of these courses in Year 13. Some students take 5 AS levels.

Applications should be made via our online application form by the deadline of **Friday 27th January**. We will write to offer you a place following the receipt of your reference.

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ART AND DESIGN: FINE ART

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 60%

Examination: 40%

Specific entry requirements:

One of the following is required: a grade B in GCSE Art and Design, a grade B in a related DT subject such as Graphic Products, Textiles or Resistant Materials, or a Distinction in BTEC First Diploma in Art and Design.

What will you study?

At AS you will experiment with different materials and techniques that are both conventional and unconventional. Processes such as print-making, digital media and 3D making can also form part of your visual practice. You will make connections with the work of other artists from different times, places and cultures, looking at European and non-European examples.

At A2 you will carry out a sustained exploration of a chosen theme and produce a detailed journal analysing your own work and making connections with the practice of others.

What can this course lead to?

Studying Fine Art at A Level is the ideal complement to many other course choices. It will stimulate, nurture and inspire students' creative instincts when applying to Higher Education programmes leading to career paths in disciplines such as painting, sculpture, graphics, fashion, digital media, architecture and interior design.

ACCOUNTING

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

The usual Academy entry requirements apply.

What will you study?

A-level Accounting helps students to develop knowledge and understanding of the purposes of accounting and apply this to a variety of accounting problems.

This four-unit specification requires students to develop their ability to acquire a range of important and transferable skills such as data skills, presenting arguments and making judgements and justified recommendations, recognising the nature of problems, solving problems and making decisions and planning work, taking into account the demands of the task and the time available to complete it.

What can this course lead to?

This course is closely related to Business studies and would be complimented by AS Maths or Quantitative Methods. It is suitable for students that are interested in going into accounting or business management in the future.

BIOLOGY

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

An A grade in GCSE Additional Science is required, or a B grade in GCSE Biology. A B grade or above in GCSE Core Science or another science is also required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study modules on cell biology, transport systems in animals and plants, biochemistry, nutrition, health, biodiversity and evolution. You will also participate in a series of practical skills classes involving experiments and investigations linked with the modules of study.

In conjunction with the AS modules you will study modules on communication, homeostasis, photosynthesis, respiration, biotechnology, genetics, ecology and animal/plant responses. You will also further develop your practical skills and conduct more complex experiments and investigations linked with the modules of study.

What can this course lead to?

Through studying Biology at A Level, students will be well prepared for courses in any of the biological, biochemical and biomedical sciences at degree level. In combination with the study of other sciences and mathematics at A Level, students will be well prepared for degree courses in a broad range of scientific disciplines, including medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English is required, and a GCSE in Business Studies would be an advantage but is not essential.

What will you study?

At AS you will study two main topics. The first is 'Planning and Financing a Business' and includes studying the different types of business structure and an introduction to money matters. The second topic is 'Managing a Business' and develops your knowledge of increasing profits, recruiting and managing employees, operations management (including customer service and technology) and marketing.

At A2 the first of the two topics studied is 'Strategies for Success' and includes financial strategies to improve profits, strategies to take on the competition, operational strategies to improve products for improving employee relations. These are the four cornerstones of a successful business. The second topic is 'The Business Environment and Managing Change'. This helps you to plan the vision of a business, and considers how organisations can best cope with the impact of economic, cultural, political or technological changes.

What can this course lead to?

Through studying Business Studies at A Level, students will be well prepared for degrees in the field of business or finance. Future employment prospects may include working for a corporation or management consultancy. All businesses (and other organisations like charities and hospitals) need sound business skills behind them.

CHEMISTRY

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

An A grade in GCSE Additional Science is required, or a B grade in GCSE Chemistry. A B grade or above in GCSE Core Science or another science is also required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study atomic structure, chemical reactions, electrons, bonding, chemical structure, the periodic table, basic concepts of hydrocarbons, alcohols, halogen alkanes, analytical techniques, energy and resources. You will also develop your practical skills in Chemistry.

At A2 you will develop a deeper understanding of hydrocarbon rings, carboxylic acids, amines, polymers, chemical synthesis, analytical techniques, rates of reactions, chemical equilibria, pH, energy and transition elements. You will also further develop your practical skills.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to a variety of science degrees, including Chemistry, Medicine, Chemical Engineering, Geology and Biochemistry. This course will also develop a number of highly valued, transferable skills such as the ability to work in groups, application of number and problem solving.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 25%

Examination: 75%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics and ICT is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will complete two units on Computer Fundamentals, Programming Techniques and Logical Methods. At A2 you will study a further two units on Advanced Computing Theory and the programming project. Through the course you will learn the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically;

You will also develop an understanding of the organisation of computer systems, including software, hardware, data, communications and people.

An important skill is project and time management and having the capacity to see relationships between different aspects of the subject, and perceive your field of study in a broader perspective.

What can this course lead to?

This modern qualification gives an insight into a range of computing systems, including an understanding of the principles of programming and the solving of problems. It will give students access to Higher Education courses and can lead to employment opportunities in the field of Computing and IT.

DANCE

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 55%

Examination: 45%

Specific entry requirements:

GCSE Dance would be an advantage but is not essential.

What will you study?

At AS Level you will focus on the following: solo choreography, performance of own, choreography, performance within a duo / trio, training, technique, health and safety of the dancer and analysis of choreography and performance within a professional repertoire.

At A2 you will focus on group choreography, knowledge and understanding of a specific area of study related to the development of one of the following: modern dance, ballet or jazz dance. You will also develop your performance skills related to one of the specific areas of study or to a choreographer of one of the set works. You will enhance your knowledge of training, technique, health and safety of the dancer and complete an analytical study of one set work and its cultural and artistic context.

What can this course lead to?

This course can lead to a variety of Dance degrees or to more general Arts courses such as musical theatre, performing arts and the creative arts.

Dance A Level will nurture and develop transferable skills that are highly valued in today's competitive job market. These skills include team work, analytical skills, confidence, independent learning, research skills and communication skills.

DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 40%

Examination: 60%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English and Drama is required. If you have not studied GCSE Drama you will have an audition.

What will you study?

At AS you will study two complete plays in depth. You will learn about practitioners from the past and present and you will perform a section of a play, as well as a monologue or duologue. Your acting ability will be challenged and stretched. You will also have the opportunity to see amazing live theatre.

At A2 you will work closely as a team to create your own, original piece of drama and perform and market it. You will study one complete play from the point of view of a director and plan rehearsals. You will learn about the history of theatre and how this affects the present and be able to make informed and intelligent connections between them.

What can this course lead to?

This course can lead to theatre studies at university or to more general arts courses. The subject is also highly complementary to courses such as History, Psychology, English, Sociology and other arts subjects.

Drama and Theatre Studies also nurtures and develops transferable skills that are highly valued in today's competitive job market, including team work, analytical skills, confidence and public speaking.

ECONOMICS

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and English is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will focus on both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Within microeconomics you will consider issues such as: 'why are house prices so high?', 'can pollution effectively be controlled?' and 'should governments interfere with markets?' The macroeconomic issues covered include: 'why does the government have an inflation rate target and how does it affect us?', 'what happens to the economy if people decide to spend more?'

At A2 you will study modules on the Economics of Work and Leisure and the Global Economy. You will participate in lengthy research projects and presentations and write essays to prepare you for the examinations.

Where can this course lead to?

Through studying Economics at A Level, students will be well prepared for business, economics or finance-related courses at degree level. Economics is a versatile subject that can help you in a number of careers. Not only could you find yourself working for big corporations, banks or the government but your qualification in economics could also be valuable support in a career like marketing, law, journalism or teaching.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: AS = 0% A Level = 20%

Examination: AS = 100% A Level = 80%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Literature is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will explore the central position of narrative in the ways that literary texts work, with a particular focus on how narratives are constructed by authors and the different ways in which narratives can be responded to by readers. You will also explore the concept of dramatic genres, with a particular focus on comedy. At least one of the three texts studied will include a Shakespeare play.

At A2 you will build on the concept of genre studied in the AS course, focusing on 'Elements of the Gothic'. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of texts, some of which may be of your own choosing. In addition, you will study critical theories, such as Marxism and Feminism, establishing who has power in the world of the text.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to further study of Literature at degree level. The course will also develop a number of transferable skills that will be beneficial for both further study and employment.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 100%

Examination: 0%

Specific entry requirements:

The usual Academy entry requirements apply.

What will you study?

The Extended Project will develop and extend from one or more of the learner's study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It will be based on a topic chosen by the learner(s) and agreed as appropriate by the centre. It will involve extended autonomous work by the learner and require a total of 120 guided learning hours.

Learners are required, with appropriate supervision, to choose an area of interest, draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the centre. Plan, research and carry out the project, deliver a presentation to a specified audience, provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.

What can this course lead to?

The EPQ allows students to embark on largely self-directed projects. By taking responsibility for the choice and design of an individual project (or an individual role in a group project) students become more critical, reflective and independent learners.

They develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills, increase their planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills learn to apply new technologies. They also confidently demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.

FRENCH

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A B grade in GCSE French is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study:

Media: television, advertising, communication technology.

Popular culture: cinema, music, fashion / trends

Healthy living / lifestyle: sport / exercise, health and well-being, holidays.

Family / relationships: relationships within the family, friendships, marriage / partnerships.

At A2 you will study:

Environment: pollution, energy, protecting the planet

The multicultural society: immigration, integration, racism

Contemporary social issues: wealth and poverty, law and order, impact of scientific and technological progress

Cultural topics: La Haine, Brittany

What can this course lead to?

It will develop and build on the skills acquired at GCSE. Enhance employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel, provide an insight into another culture and society and provide students with a sound basis for further study.

FILM STUDIES

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 70%

Examination: 30%

Specific entry requirements:

6 in GCSE English Language
Preferred but not essential: B in GCSE Films
Studies and/or Media Studies or equivalent.

What will you study?

At AS you will study the development of film form through at least two Hollywood and US set films from the following time periods: 1930-1960 and 1961-1990. You will also be required to study representation and undertake a comparative contextual study of at least two films. You will also study at least one European non-English language film. You will produce and evaluate an extract from your own contemporary British film.

At A2 you will study the silent era as well as the following key movements within film: Soviet montage; German expressionism; Italian neo-realism; French new wave. You will also explore and analyse documentary films as well as non-English language films from outside Europe. You will produce and evaluate a ten-minute experimental film.

What can this course lead to?

University course in a film related
discipline Film school course
Employment in film (or wider media) industry
(one of the UK's largest and fastest growing industries)

GEOGRAPHY

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 80%

Examination: 20%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English and B in
Geography is required.

What will you study?

You will study a wide range of both human and physical topics. The human geography that you will study will include the social, moral and environmental issues associated with globalisation. You will investigate super power geographies and who might be the superpower nations of the future. Other human topics include regeneration and re-branding and health, human rights and interventions. The physical geography you will study includes tectonic processes and hazards. You will learn about the threats to the water cycle and how we might manage the risk of both water and energy insecurity in the future. You will also investigate coastal landscapes and change.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to a range of science related courses, including Geography, Geology, Environmental and Natural Sciences. Geography, when taken alongside other sciences or mathematics, can lead to pure science degree courses or medical courses. A Level geography develops a wide range of transferable skills, in particular independent research skills, analytical thinking and problem solving which are beneficial for both further study and employment. Jobs which people commonly do with a geography qualification include working as International Aid Workers, in Environmental consultancy and as architects.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study the basics of the British political system. You'll learn about the institutions: parliament, cabinet, prime minister. You'll also study the individuals and organisations that operate within the system: the parties, the pressure groups and others. You will sit two exams at the end of the AS course.

At A2 you will compare the US and UK systems: 'how did the current US system evolve out of the British system of the late 18th century?', 'is the US President a powerless figure?', 'is the US Congress the same as the UK Parliament?', 'what role do judges play in both countries?'. You will sit two exams at the end of the A2 course.

What can this course lead to?

This course is especially useful for those considering university degrees or careers in many areas, including law, journalism, education social sciences, social policy, public policy, philosophy, political science, international studies and economics.

HISTORY

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 20%

Examination: 80%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English and a B in History is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study aspects of British history from an entirely new angle. There are two units. One is a late medieval / early modern study of 'The War of the Roses' and 'The Reign of Henry 7th' while the other is an in-depth study of 'Britain 1945-1990'. Both units lead to an exam.

At A2 you will study what happens to countries when corrupt, decaying regimes reach the end of their natural life. You will complete an in-depth study of the causes, events and legacy of 'The French Revolution 1786-1830' and 'The Making of Modern China 1900-2000'. The former is an exam topic, while the latter is an enquiry leading to a piece of coursework.

What can this course lead to?

This course is especially useful for those considering university degrees or careers in many areas, including law, accountancy, journalism, education, librarianship, social sciences, social policy, public policy, philosophy, political science, international studies and museums or the heritage sector. All universities value History as a subject that demonstrates academic ability, no matter what subject you are applying for.

MATHEMATICS

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics

What will you study?

You will study three key aspects of mathematics. Two thirds of the course will focus on Pure Mathematics meaning essential algebraic, geometric and trigonometric skills along with the concepts of calculus and vectors. One sixth of the course will look at Mechanics. In this part of the course you will learn about kinematics, the study of movement, forces and moments. The final sixth of the course will cover Statistics and in particular you will learn how to analyse a large data set, a key transferrable skill. You will also cover advanced probability, data representation and data analysis.

What can this course lead to?

Mathematics is an extremely valuable subject which will support other A Level studies in sciences and humanities where there are key numeracy skills. Beyond school, an A Level in Mathematics is highly sought after by universities and employers as a key facilitating subject. It is an essential course of study for degrees in many science subjects, engineering and finance related courses.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics is required. You will also need to score highly in the induction test.

What will you study?

At AS you will study a further pure module as well as two applied modules which will both be mechanics.

At A2 you will have the chance to take your passion and aptitude for mathematics further. You will study a second further pure module and two other modules from further pure mathematics, mechanics, statistics and decision mathematics chosen to reflect the needs and interests of the students in the class.

What can this course lead to?

Mathematics is an extremely valuable subject. A Further Mathematics qualification is regarded highly by universities and employers. It demonstrates a student's ability for higher level thinking and strong study skills, as well as a natural gift in mathematics. It complements the majority of degree courses and is an advantage when applying for science, engineering and finance-related degrees.

MEDIA STUDIES

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 70%

Examination: 30%

Specific entry requirements:

6 in GCSE English

Preferred but not essential: B in GCSE Media Studies or equivalent

What will you study?

At AS you will explore how the media language of media products construct different representations and how media products are used by institutions to communicate messages to different media audiences. You will also practically explore the creation of a television advert.

At A2 you will use aspects of the theoretical framework to analyse and evaluate your own cross-media productions.

You will explore and analyse the ideas and arguments from debates about the media.

You will practically explore the creation of three linked media products in a cross-media production.

What can this course lead to?

University course in a media related discipline

Employment in media industry (one of the UK's largest and fastest growing industries)

MUSIC

Examination Board: Edexcel

Coursework: 60%

Examination: 40%

Specific entry requirements:

Either a grade C in GCSE Music or an equivalent (ABRSM Grade 5 Theory) is required. Instrumental / Vocal Grade 5 or above is recommended.

What will you study?

At AS you will prepare and perform a 5-6 minute assessed performance either solo or as part of an ensemble. You will also study composition skills, leading to composing a 3-minute piece in response to a chosen brief. You will develop your musical understanding by studying set works, completing a harmony exercise and listening and appraising a selection of musical genres.

At A2 you will produce an extended performance and also complete a composition and technical study. You will submit two compositions or two technical studies, or one composition and one technical study. You will also complete a further detailed study of set works, aural analysis, continuity and change in instrumental music.

What can this course lead to?

This course provides a very sound basis for any music degree or work within the music profession. Music is widely regarded to be an attractive subject for employers due to the skills it develops, including evaluation, performance, confidence, communication and working with others.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 40%

Examination: 60%

Specific entry requirements:

A GCSE in Physical Education is an advantage but is not essential. A grade B in GCSE Core Science and 6 in English is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study a range of topics across three broad areas of Physical Education, namely anatomy and physiology, acquiring movement skills and socio-cultural studies. The 'Acquiring, Developing and Evaluating Practical Skills' module comprises the 40% of the AS course that is assessed in a practical context.

At A2 you will apply your knowledge of a sport in a practical assessment of your role as a performer, coach or official. You will study the historical origins of sport and its development over time, compare sport in a variety of countries, investigate sports psychology and learn about exercise and sport physiology.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to a range of sport-related degrees that can ultimately lead to careers across the broad sport and leisure industry spectrum. Careers in teaching, physiotherapy, sports management, elite performance, fitness training and sports can all be achieved through this pathway.

PHYSICS

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 20%

Examination: 80%

Specific entry requirements:

An A grade in GCSE Additional Science is required, or a B grade in GCSE Physics. A B grade or above in GCSE Core Science or another science is also required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study motion, forces in action, work and energy, electric current, resistance, circuits, waves, quantum physics and practical skills in Physics.

At A2 you will develop a deeper understanding of Newton's laws and momentum, circular motion and oscillations, thermal physics, electric fields, magnetic fields, capacitors, exponential decay, nuclear physics, medical imaging, modelling the universe and further practical skills in Physics.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to a variety of science-related degrees, including Physics, Medicine, Engineering and Mathematics. This course will also develop a number of highly valued, transferable skills such as the ability to work in groups, application of number and problem solving.

PSYCHOLOGY

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in GCSE English and B Core Science is essential.

What will you study?

At AS you will study modules on investigative techniques within the field of psychology, along with modules on psychological approaches, including social, cognitive, physiological, developmental and individual differences. You will also discuss and analyse issues, debates, perspectives and methods arising from the modules of study.

At A2 you will choose to study modules on applied psychology disciplines, including forensic, clinical, sport and education psychology. You will also participate in classes on approaches and research methods in psychology, where you will be required to design a practical project.

What can this course lead to?

Through studying Psychology at A Level, students will be well prepared for courses in psychology and other related subjects at degree level. In combination with the study of other sciences and mathematics at A Level, students will be well prepared for degree courses in a broad range of scientific disciplines.

PHILOSOPHY

Examination Board: OCR

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A grade 6 in English Language
B in Religious Studies or another Humanities subject.

What will you study?

Over the course you will study three units: philosophy of religion, religion and ethics, and a study of Christianity.

In the philosophy module you will explore key philosophical issues and questions; the nature and influence of religious experience; the problems of evil and suffering; and philosophical language.

In the ethics module you will explore topical ethical debates; a detailed study of different ethical theories; the application of these theories to ethical issues including medical ethics, and ethical language.

In the final module on Christianity you will explore the key religious beliefs, values and teachings; sources of wisdom and authority; religious practices and their impact on religious identity; and the relationship between Christianity and society, both now and historically.

What can this course lead to?

Students can progress to a wide range of degree course and careers in a variety of disciplines including law, journalism and business. Students will develop key critical skills, including analysis and evaluation, as well as skills in debate and creating a coherent argument from a variety of viewpoints, all of which are viewed highly by universities and employers.

SOCIOLOGY

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

There is no need to have studied Sociology at GCSE. A grade 6 in English Language GCSE and a B in a Humanities subject is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study two units for examination

Unit 1: Education with Methods in Context

Unit 2: Research Methods with Topics in Sociology

Unit 2 topics could include culture and identity, families and households, health, work poverty and welfare, beliefs in society, global development, the media, stratification and differentiation.

At A2 you will study

Unit 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Unit 2: Topics in Sociology

Unit 2 topics could include culture and identity, families and households, health, work poverty and welfare, beliefs in society, global development, the media, stratification and differentiation.

What can this course lead to?

Sociology is an A Level that is very respected by universities. It is a great choice of subject for people who are interested in the world and society around them and seek to explain these patterns. It is a good subject for those interested in following a career path in social work, nursing or medicine and a variety of other careers such as marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, law and teaching.

SPANISH

Examination Board: AQA

Coursework: 0%

Examination: 100%

Specific entry requirements:

A B grade in GCSE Spanish is required.

What will you study?

At AS you will study:

Media: television, advertising, communication technology.

Popular culture: cinema, music, fashion / trends

Healthy living / lifestyle: sport / exercise, health and well-being, holidays.

Family / relationships: relationships within the family, friendships, marriage / partnerships.

At A2 you will study:

Environment: pollution, energy, protecting the planet.

The multicultural society: immigration, integration, racism.

Contemporary social issues: wealth and poverty, law and order, impact of scientific and technological progress.

Cultural topics: The Cuban Revolution, Pan's Labyrinth - Guillermo del Toro.

What can this course lead to?

It will develop and build on the skills acquired at GCSE. Enhance employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel, provide an insight into another culture and society and provide students with a sound basis for further study.

