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Sixth Form Curriculum Booklet

2027-2029



Sixth Form Introduction

Welcome to Chilwell School Sixth Form at Lakeview
At Chilwell School, we are proud to offer a nurturing yet challenging environment where you can thrive both academically and personally. Chilwell Sixth Form provides a unique opportunity to deepen your knowledge, build essential skills, and prepare for your future.

A Holistic Approach to Education
We understand that Sixth Form is an exciting but demanding stage. That's why we provide tailored academic programs, personalised pastoral care, and a strong support network to help you succeed every step of the way.

Academic Excellence
Our diverse A-Level curriculum is taught by passionate, experienced staff, designed to prepare you for university, apprenticeships, or employment. We aim to challenge and inspire every learner.

Beyond the Classroom
We believe education goes further than the academic curriculum. With enrichment activities, leadership opportunities, and community projects, you'll develop as a confident, well-rounded individual.

Support Every Step of the Way
Your progress and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Leading this support is Mr Jason Nichols, Head of Sixth Form, who brings a wealth of experience and is dedicated to helping students grow into independent, motivated adults. Alongside tutors, subject teachers, and career advisors, he ensures you're supported throughout your Sixth Form journey.



Mr Jason Nichols
Head of Sixth Form

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Course Information



English Literature

"English Literature is open to all - there are no barriers and no restrictions. In the English language and in its great writers there are great riches and treasures" Churchill

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

80% EXTERNAL EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 20% CRITICAL STUDY

CAREERS IN WRITING, EDITING, PUBLISHING, CONTENT CREATION AND JOURNALISM

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This course is a detailed exploration of prose, poetry and drama which spans various periods and genres. Students study texts from Shakespearean classics to modern works, analysing themes, characters and literary techniques. There is great power in stories; literature is both intensely personal and a communal experience.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/specification-at-a-glance/

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, reading comprehension, writing proficiency and communication

GET INSPIRED - Reading the Pre-Raphaelites by Tim Barringer, Great Expectation by Charles Dickens and The Secret Library Podcast

University courses in English Literature, joint honours with subjects like creative writing and related courses like Media or Journalism

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ENGLISH FACULTY



English Language

The English language is a passport to the world — rich in history, vast in expression, and powerful in connection. Through it, we share ideas, shape futures, and speak to every corner of the globe

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

80% EXTERNAL EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 20% LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

CAREERS IN WRITING, EDITING, PUBLISHING, CONTENT CREATION AND JOURNALISM

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This course goes far beyond standard grammar and vocabulary. It dives deep into advanced theories and concepts about language use and structure, which can often be challenging for students to comprehend and apply. It allows students to discover the true power of language in relation to both spoken and written expression.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7702/specification

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, analytical, articulate arguments and understanding language structure and usage

GET INSPIRED - Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson, The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of English Language by David Crystal and The World in Words Podcast

University courses in English Language, joint honours with subjects like Linguistics and related courses like Media or Journalism

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Media Studies

"The media's the most powerful entity on the earth." – Malcolm X

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR
A-LEVEL
70% EXTERNAL EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 30% COURSEWORK

This course looks at the world of media, exploring how different media forms communicate meaning, represent people and issues, as well as how media industries function. Students will analyse various media texts from traditional forms like newspapers to contemporary ones like social media, while also developing practical production skills.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/media-studies-h009-h409-from-2023/

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, written and oral communication, analytical thinking and creativity

GET INSPIRED - bigissue.com, marvel.com and The Media Show Podcast

University courses courses in media, cultural studies, journalism, film/television and digital media/marketing

CAREERS IN FILM, JOURNALISM, MARKETING, GRAPHIC DESIGN AND BROADCASTING

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Mathematics

This is a demanding yet rewarding course that builds upon GCSE foundations, focusing on deepening an understanding of core mathematical concepts and introducing new ones like calculus and statistics. It develops valuable skills applicable to diverse fields of study. Topics include pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics which are aimed at fostering logical logical thinking, problem solving and analytical reasoning.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN DATA ANALYSIS, ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTANCY, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND AUDITING

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/a-level/mathematics-7357/specification

Skills Developed: Problem solving, logical reasoning, breaking down problems and formulating solutions

GET INSPIRED - The Man who knew Infinity by R Kanigel, Humble Pi by Matt Parker and The Secrets of Mathematics Podcast

University courses in different mathematical disciplines like pure, applied, statistics, actuarial science, finance and physics

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Further Mathematics

This is a challenging yet rewarding course that builds on the foundations of A level Mathematics. It explores advanced concepts and techniques, enhancing problem solving and analytical skills. The qualification is often required for mathematics related degree programs, especially at prestigious universities like Oxford and Cambridge.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/a-level/mathematics-7367/specification

Skills Developed: Problem solving, logical reasoning, breaking down problems and formulating solutions

GET INSPIRED - The Man who knew Infinity by R Kanigel, Humble Pi by Matt Parker and The Secrets of Mathematics Podcast

University courses in different mathematical disciplines like pure, applied, statistics, actuarial science, finance and physics

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN DATA ANALYSIS, ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTANCY, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND AUDITING

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CORE Mathematics

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

This course is designed to support students who achieve a grade 4 or above at GCSE. It is suitable for students who choose not to take the A level route, but still want to pursue numerical and statistical aspects of mathematics. It focuses on the application of mathematics to solve real life situations and can be beneficial for supporting the study of subjects like business, geography and psychology.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/level-three/mathematics-1350/specification

Skills Developed: Problem solving, data analysis and interpretation, application to real world situations and logical reasoning

GET INSPIRED - Mathematics: A short introduction by Timothy Gowers, The Math Book by Clifford Pickover and The Secrets of Mathematics Podcast

University courses at foundation level covering topics like calculus, linear algebra, probability and statistics and pure mathematics

CAREERS IN DATA ANALYSIS, ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTANCY, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND AUDITING

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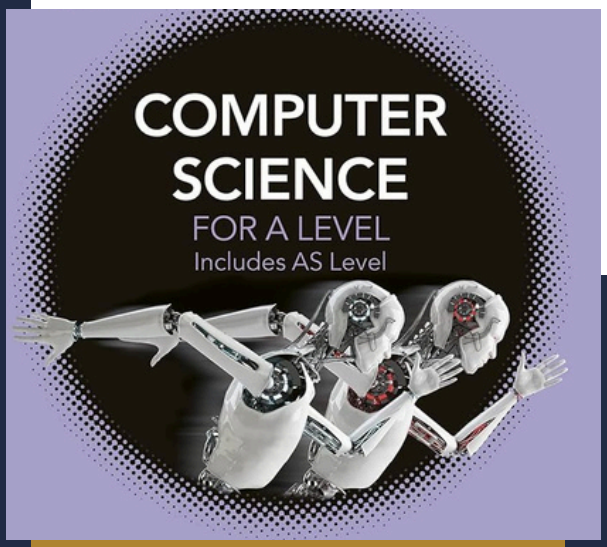
Computer Science



A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR 80% EXTERNAL EXAMS AND 20% PROGRAMMING PROJECT

CAREERS IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, DATA SCIENCE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, CYBERSECURITY AND WEB DEVELOPMENT

This course covers a comprehensive understanding of computer systems, programming and the impact of technology on society. It develops practical skills in programming, networking and communication with the aim of preparing students for further studies or careers in technology.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/computer-science-h046-h446-from-2015/

Skills Developed: Problem solving, programming, computational thinking and logical reasoning

GET INSPIRED - Hackers: Heroes of the computer revolution by Steven Levy, Artificial intelligence: A modern approach by Stuart Russell and Computer science: Just the useful bits Podcast

University courses in programming, algorithms and data structures, computer architecture, operating systems and artificial intelligence

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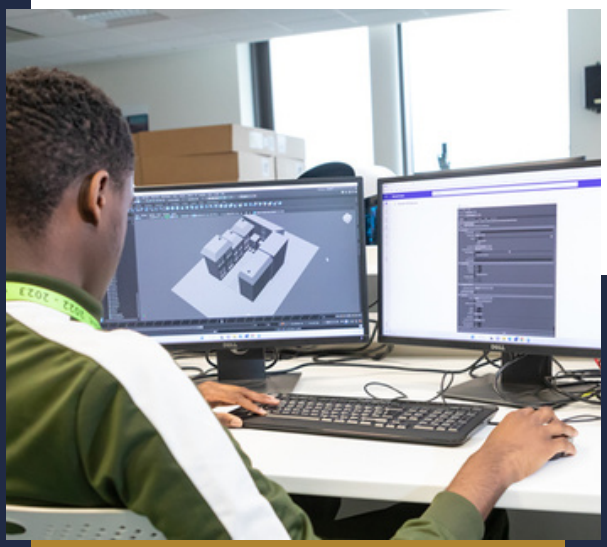

Applied IT

This course involves developing a practical understanding of how to use technology to solve problems and meet real world needs. It focuses on applying knowledge of IT systems, software development and communication technologies to create solutions and improve processes. Areas of study include software design, website development and digital media creation.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/697580-specification-cambridge-advanced-national-in-it-data-analytics.pdf

Skills Developed: Proficiency in software applications, digital literacy, problem solving and communication

GET INSPIRED - Trigger happy: The inner life of videogames by Stephen Poole, Wired magazine and This week in tech Podcast

University courses in data analytics, data science, big data, digital marketing and multimedia design

LEVEL 3

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED NATIONAL IN IT

CAREERS IN DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL MARKETING, WEB CONTENT DESIGNER, DIGITAL ARTIST AND CLOUD SYSTEM ENGINEER

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Biology

Biology opens our eyes to the living world — from the tiniest cell to the vast web of life. It helps us understand who we are, how we live, and how all life is connected.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN ECOLOGY, FOOD SCIENCE, MICROBIOLOGY, PHARMACY AND MEDICINE

This course is the study of life, exploring everything from the smallest molecules to complex ecosystems. Students will learn about the fundamental principles of biology, how organisms function and interact with their environment. It emphasises both theoretical understanding and practical skills, including analysing data, conducting experiments and applying knowledge to real world situations.

Spec Link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/biology/a-level/biology-7402/specification/specification-at-a-glance

Skills Developed: Problem solving, good literacy, laboratory skills, organisation and independence

GET INSPIRED - The selfish gene by Richard Dawkins, TED Talks and The Naked Scientist Podcast

University courses with specialisms in ecology and evolution, physiology and anatomy, microbiology and biotechnology.

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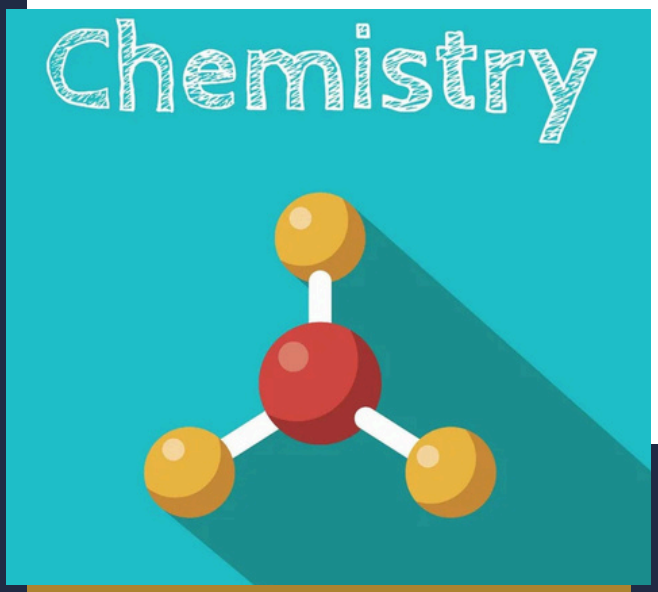
SCIENCE FACULTY



Chemistry

Chemistry is the science of change — it reveals the secrets of matter, fuels innovation, and helps us understand the building blocks of our world and beyond

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN TOXICOLOGY, PHARMACY, FORENSIC SCIENCE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE

This course involves digging deeper into the core principles of the subject, including physical, organic and inorganic chemistry, as well as developing practical skills. It is challenging yet rewarding and builds upon GCSE knowledge, exploring real world applications of chemistry to help students understand the world around them.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/chemistry/a-level/chemistry-7405/specification

Skills Developed: Mathematics, problem solving, analytical thinking and laboratory techniques

GET INSPIRED - Bad science by Ben Goldacre, The Human Experiment (2013) Documentary and Chemistry for your life Podcast

University courses with specialisms in medicine, forensic science, environmental chemistry, chemical materials and computational chemistry

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Physics

Physics helps us unlock the laws of the universe — from the smallest particles to the vastness of space. It challenges us to ask why, to explore how, and to see the world through the lens of discovery

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN MEDICINE, ASTRONOMY, METROLOGY, ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

This course explores the interactions between matter, energy and force. Topics such as electric circuits, moments and nuclear radiation will be familiar from GCSE. It provides a much deeper understanding about how the universe works, everyday phenomena and technology.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physics/a-level/physics-7408/specification/specification-at-a-glance

Skills Developed: Mathematics, problem solving, analytical thinking and laboratory techniques

GET INSPIRED - A brief history of time by Stephen Hawking, TED Talks and Physics World Weekly Podcast

University courses with specialisms in astrophysics, theoretical physics, condensed matter physics, particle physics and mechanics

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Environmental Science

Environmental Science helps us understand the planet we call home — exploring how natural systems work, how we impact them, and how we can build a more sustainable future.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN ECOLOGY, GEOSCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY

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This course is a multidisciplinary subject that explores the natural world and the impact of human activities on it. It combines concepts from all the sciences, geology and geography to provide a comprehensive understanding of environmental systems and issues. Students learn about ecosystems, biodiversity, pollution, climate change, energy and sustainability.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/environmental-science/a-level/environmental-science-7447/specification/specification-at-a-glance

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, data analysis, problem solving and effective communication.

GET INSPIRED - This Changes Everything: Capitalism Vs The Climate by Naomi Klein, Silent Spring by Rachel Carson and Rare Earth Podcast.

University courses in environmental science, environmental management, ecology and wildlife, sustainability and geography.

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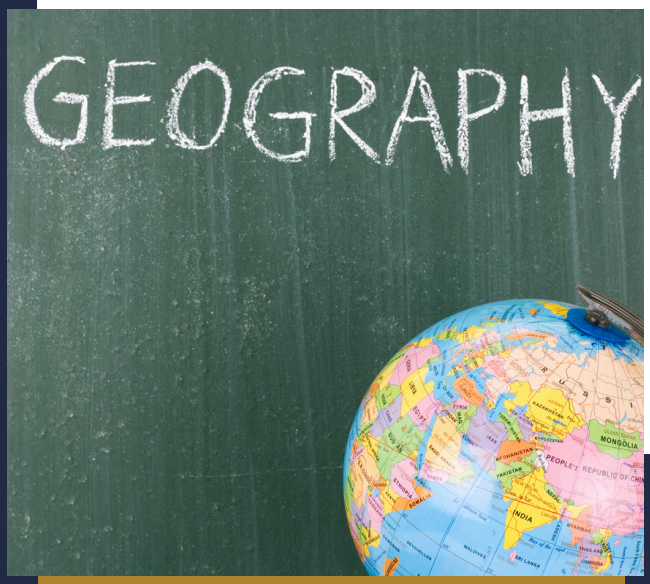

Geography

Geography connects us to the world — helping us understand places, people, and the forces that shape our planet. It teaches us to see patterns, make connections, and become global citizens

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

80% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS) AND 20% COURSEWORK

CAREERS IN ENVIRONMENT AND CONVERSATION, URBAN PLANNING, RESEARCH, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND METROLOGY

This course explores the world through the lens of human and physical geography, investigating the intricate relationships between people, places and the environment. Students study global and local issues, understanding their interconnectedness and the contemporary challenges they face such as sustainability, globalisation and climate change.

Spec Link: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/geography-2016.html

Skills Developed: Data interpretation, critical thinking, research and written communication

GET INSPIRED - Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall, The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman and GeoPod Podcast

University courses in geography, environmental science, sustainability and environmental policy and human or physical geography



History

History brings the past to life — helping us understand how the world was shaped, why societies change, and what we can learn from those who came before us.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

80% EXTERNAL EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 20% COURSEWORK

CAREERS IN POLITICS, LAW, JOURNALISM, POLITICS, BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The course offers an opportunity to study diverse topics from the life of a serf in Russia to the burning of Protestants under Mary. It encourages critical thinking and independent research. With a focus on evidence-based arguments, evaluation and interpretation, it prepares students, no only for academic success, but also to become informed citizens. Whether passionate about politics, culture, or global change, History provides a compelling foundation.

Spec Link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/a-level/history-7042/specification/subject-content/introduction

Skills Developed: Analysis, argument construction, evaluation, research, inference, reasoning, quality of communication

GET INSPIRED - The Tudor History and Travel show and Russian Pod Podcast; Killing Rasputin by Margarita Nelipa; A People's Tragedy by Orlando Figes, mary Tudor by Anna Whitelock, Reformation: Europe's Houses Divided by Diarmaid MacCulloch

University courses History, Law, Politics, Journalism, Economics, Sociology, Media Studies



Religious Studies

Religious Studies encourages us to explore life's big questions — fostering understanding, respect, and reflection as we learn about beliefs, values, and traditions from around the world.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDUQAS (WJEC)

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN CARING ROLES, AI ETHICS, SOCIAL WORK, HEALTHCARE, JOURNALISM AND LAW

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This is a course that explores religion, ethics and philosophy with an emphasis on fostering a critical thinking approach to understand these complex subjects. It encourages students to examine fundamental beliefs, moral values and the relationship between religion and society with a focus on Buddhism.

Spec Link:
https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/3jplmlqa/eduqas-a-level-religious-studies-spec.pdf

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, written communication, research and open mindedness.

GET INSPIRED - An introduction to Buddhist Philosophy (Stephen J Lamaukis). Ethics for beginners (Peter Kreeft). Philosophy of Religion (Alistair E McGrath).

University courses in philosophy, theology or ethics.

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Art

Art is a language without words — it invites us to express, to imagine, and to see the world through different eyes. It celebrates creativity and the power of human emotion.

This course is a comprehensive art program designed to build upon GCSE skills and delve deeper into creative practice, critical thinking and theoretical knowledge. It involves both practical and theoretical study, encouraging students to explore various artistic techniques, historical and contemporary art movements and personal creative journeys.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/a-level/art-and-design-7201/specification

Skills Developed: Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpting and digital media.

GET INSPIRED - The story of Art by E.H. Gombrich, Thinking about Art by Penny Huntsman and Art Curious Podcast.

University foundation and undergraduate degrees in art and design related subjects.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

60% PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND 40% EXTERNAL ASSIGNMENT

CAREERS IN GRAPHICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, TEACHING, ILLUSTRATION AND FINE ART

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CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FACULTY



Politics

Politics helps us make sense of power, people, and change — it empowers us to question, to engage, and to shape the society we live in

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL (PEARSON)

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN CIVIL SERVICE, PUBLIC RELATIONS, DIPLOMACY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND JOURNALISM

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This course is a comprehensive study of political systems, ideas and processes which focus on both UK and global contexts. It explores how political decisions are made, the role of democracy and the various political ideologies that shape our world. Students develop critical thinking skills, learn to analyse current affairs and engage in political debate.

Spec Link:
https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Politics/2017/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/A-level-Politics-Specification.pdf

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, discussion and debate, written communication and comprehension of political texts.

GET INSPIRED - Anarchy, State and Utopia by Robert Nozick, The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx and The Rest is Politics Podcast.

University courses in politics, joint honours with subjects like history, international relations, economics and languages.

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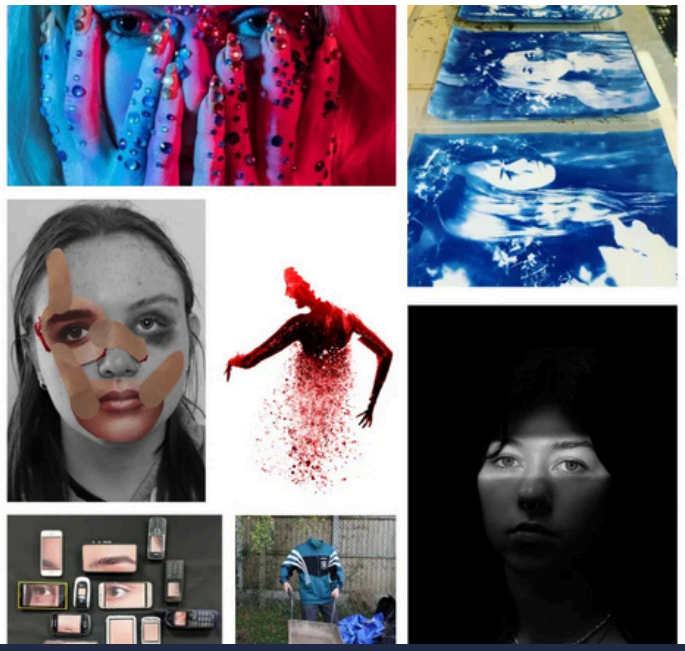
HUMANITIES FACULTY



Photography

Photography captures more than just images — it freezes moments, tells stories, and helps us see the world in new and meaningful ways. It is both a creative art and a powerful tool of expression.

This course provides students with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in photography. It focuses on developing creative thinking, experimenting with different techniques and understanding the historical and societal impact of photography. Practical skills include using cameras in changing conditions, editing digital images and exploring traditional and alternative photographic processes.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/a-level/art-and-design-7206/specification

Skills Developed: Camera operation, lens selection, digital software and studio equipment

GET INSPIRED - Photography: The Definitive Visual History by Tom Ang, The Photographer's Eye by john Szarkowski and The Photographer's Podcast

University foundation and undergraduate degrees in art and design related subjects

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

60% PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND 40% EXTERNAL ASSIGNMENT

CAREERS IN FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTOJOURNALISM, FASHION, PORTRAIT AND EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHY

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Textiles

Textiles blend creativity with craftsmanship — transforming ideas into fabric, texture, and design. It's where tradition meets innovation, and imagination becomes something you can touch.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

60% PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND 40% EXTERNAL ASSIGNMENT

CAREERS IN PRODUCT DESIGN, VISUAL MERCHANDISING, RETAIL BUYING, WAREHOUSE OPERATIVE/MANAGEMENT AND FABRIC TECHNOLOGY

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This course focuses on developing practical skills and knowledge in various textile techniques and processes, as well as understanding their role in art, fashion and design. Students explore materials, create projects and develop their own artistic voice. The course encourages experimentation, research and critical thinking.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/a-level/design-and-technology-7562/specification

Skills Developed: Drawing, material knowledge, experimentation and textile techniques

GET INSPIRED - Slow Stitch: Mindful and Contemplative Textile Art by Clarie Wellesley-Smith, Stella McCartney: Queen of the Catwalk by Sarah Levete and Tales of Textiles Podcast

University foundation and undergraduate degrees in art and design related subjects

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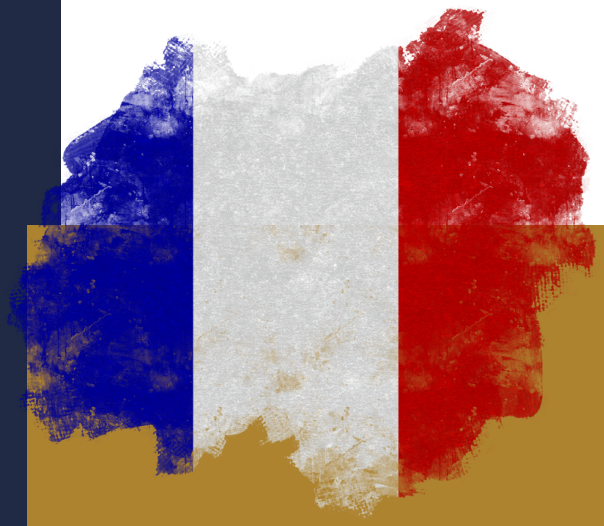
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FACULTY



French

Learning French opens the door to a rich world of language, culture, and connection — it builds confidence, broadens horizons, and brings us closer to millions of people around the globe.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

70% WRITTEN EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 30% SPEAKING EXAM

CAREERS IN TRANSLATION, INTERPRETATION, TEACHING, PROOFREADING AND DIPLOMACY IN FOREIGN OFFICE

This course involves developing advanced skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing in the language, while also exploring German culture, society and history. It is challenging but rewarding and builds upon GCSE knowledge, as well as equipping students with valuable skills like communication, critical thinking and research methods.

Spec Link:
https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/french-2016.html

Skills Developed: Language proficiency, analytical thinking, cultural understanding and written communication

GET INSPIRED - L'Etranger by Camus, Les Enfants du Paradis (1943) film and Géopolitique Podcast.

University courses in different areas of language like literature, film, cultural history, joint honours with subjects like history, business or business.

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German

Learning German unlocks a language of innovation, culture, and history — connecting us to new ideas, diverse people, and opportunities across Europe and beyond.



A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

70% WRITTEN EXAMS (2 PAPERS) AND 30% SPEAKING EXAM

CAREERS IN TRANSLATION, INTERPRETATION, TEACHING, PROOFREADING AND DIPLOMACY IN FOREIGN OFFICE

This course involves developing advanced skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing in the language, while also exploring German culture, society and history. It covers various themes including social trends, cultural aspects like art and architecture and historical events like reunification.

Spec Link: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/german-2016.html

Skills Developed: Language proficiency, analytical thinking, cultural understanding and written communication.

GET INSPIRED - Look who's back by Timur Vermes, Das boots film and Inside Europe Podcast.

University courses in different areas of language like literature, film, cultural history, joint honours with subjects like history, business or business

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Business

The study of Business helps us understand how the world works – from big ideas to everyday decisions. It builds skills in leadership, strategy, and innovation for the world of today and tomorrow.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT, CONSULTANCY, HUMAN RESOURCES, MARKETING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This newly designed course offers a modern and relevant approach to reflect the evolving business landscape. The qualification will help students build the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in today's competitive environment, whether heading to university, apprenticeships or straight into the workplace. It is suitable for those who simply have an interest in the world of business, as well as those who might have aspirations to be an entrepreneur of the future.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/business/a-level/business-7138

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, written communication, data interpretation and numerical analysis

GET INSPIRED - Business stripped bare by Richard Branson, Ted Talks, BBC Business Daily Podcast

University courses covering business disciplines like marketing, finance, human resources, entrepreneurship and leadership

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Economics

Economics helps us understand how the world works — from individual choices and market forces to global financial systems. It builds skills in critical thinking, policy analysis, and decision-making for the world of today and tomorrow.

This course offers a dynamic, engaging, and rigorous introduction to economic theory and real-world application. Students will study microeconomic and macroeconomic frameworks, analyzing how markets operate, where they fail, and how governments intervene to manage local and global economies. Analytical, numerical, and evaluative skills form a crucial part of the course, and students are encouraged to stay informed on current global economic issues.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/economics-h060-h460-from-2019/

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, data analysis, quantitative reasoning, policy evaluation, and structured argument construction.

GET INSPIRED - Freakonomics by Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner, Undercover Economist by Tim Harford, BBC More or Less Podcast, FT Economics.

University courses covering economics disciplines like Finance, Econometrics, Politics & Economics (PPE), Data Analytics, Development Studies, and International Relations.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, DATA SCIENCE, POLICY MAKING, MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, BANKING AND PUBLIC POLICY

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Drama

Drama brings stories to life — building confidence, creativity, and empathy. It invites us to step into others' shoes, express ourselves, and connect through performance.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

40% EXTERNAL EXAM (1 PAPER) AND 60% INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

CAREERS IN ACTING, STAGE MANAGEMENT, COSTUME DESIGN, SOUND ENGINEERING AND SHOW PRODUCTION

This course involves a blend of practical performance, theoretical analysis and critical evaluation. Students engage with set texts, explore various theoretical styles and develop their skills in acting, directing and design. It aims to cultivate creativity, communication and analytical thinking.

Spec Link: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/drama-and-theatre-2016.html

Skills Developed: Creative expression and performance, critical thinking, written communication and discussion

GET INSPIRED - The empty space by Peter Brook, Theatre shows and Drama of the week Podcast

University courses with pure or joint honours options in disciplines like theatre studies, acting, film and visual culture, musical theatre and performance

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Performing Arts

Performing Arts is all about creativity, confidence and bringing ideas to life. Whether your passion is acting, dancing, musical theatre or working behind the scenes, this exciting, practical course gives you the opportunity to develop your talents, collaborate with others and experience what it takes to create memorable performances.

This exciting, practical course is designed for students who enjoy performing and want to develop their creative talents. Students will explore professional practices within the industry, learn how performers prepare, perform. and collaborate. The course provides an excellent foundation for further study or a future career in the creative industries.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-technicals/performing-arts/

Skills Developed: Creativity, communication, confidence, teamwork, performance techniques, problem-solving, self-discipline, resilience and critical evaluation.

GET INSPIRED - Hamilton by Lin-Manuel Miranda, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, National Theatre at Home, The Stage, and productions from the Royal Shakespeare Company.

University courses covering Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance, Drama and Theatre Studies, Performing Arts, Theatre Production, Creative Industries, Arts Management and Education.

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

ASSESSMENT: COMBINATION OF INTERNALLY ASSESSED COURSEWORK AND EXTERNALLY ASSESSED UNITS

CAREERS IN SET DESIGN, SOUND TECHNICIAN, DANCER, ACTOR, THEATRE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

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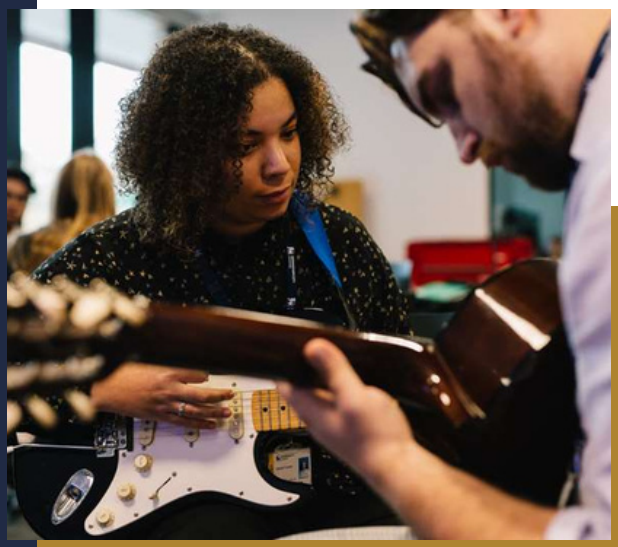

Music

Music speaks across cultures and generations — it inspires creativity, builds discipline, and brings people together through rhythm, melody, and emotion.

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

40% EXTERNAL EXAM (1 PAPER) AND 60% INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

CAREERS IN MUSIC PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE, COMPOSING, MUSIC THERAPY, TECHNICAL ROLES AND TEACHING

This course builds on knowledge of musical theory to gain a deeper understanding of the basic principles of performance. It involves refining practical skills, studying and practising composition, as well as expanding knowledge of music theory through listening and appraisal.

Spec Link:
https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music-asa-level/#tab_keydocuments

Skills Developed: Creative expression and performance, critical thinking, written communication and discussion

GET INSPIRED - World music: A very short introduction by Philip Bohlman, Music concerts and Song Exploder Podcast

University courses with pure or joint honours options in disciplines like technology, business, composition, history

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Sport and Physical Activity

Sport and Physical Activity strengthen both body and mind — building teamwork, resilience, and confidence while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

LEVEL 3

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL

CAREERS IN COACHING, PHYSIOTHERAPY, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND PERSONAL TRAINING

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This course involves exploring the science, sociology and psychology of physical activity and its impact on individuals and society. It is a multidisciplinary field that covers various aspects from understanding the physiological and biomechanical principles behind movement to analysing the social and cultural contexts of sport.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-technicals/sport-and-physical-activity/#level-3

Skills Developed: Research and data analysis, communication, coaching and teamwork

GET INSPIRED - Rise of Superman: Decoding the science of ultimate human performance by Steven Kotler, Cycle of Lies : The fall of Lance Armstrong by Julia Macur and BBC Sports podcast

University courses in sport and exercise science, sports management, physical education, coaching and sports therapy

PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY



Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care is about supporting others – it builds compassion, communication, and the skills to make a real difference in people's lives and well-being.

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the sector, equipping students with the knowledge, skills and experience needed for further education or entry-level roles. It covers aspects of human development, working in care settings, anatomy, physiology and public health. Students are encouraged to seek a work placement to apply their learning in real-world environments.

Spec Link:
https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-advanced-nationals/health-and-social-care-level-3-h025-h125/

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, empathy, problem solving and independence

GET INSPIRED - This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay, No Child of Mine by Susan Lewis and The Social Care Podcast

University courses in health and social care, nursing, social work, public health and psychology

LEVEL 3

EXAM BOARD: CAMBRIDGE OCR

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED TECHNICAL

CAREERS IN SOCIAL CARE, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, HEALTH SERVICES, COUNSELLING AND YOUTH WORK

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SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY



Criminology

Criminology explores crime, justice, and the society we live in — helping us understand human behaviour, challenge assumptions, and work toward a safer, fairer world.

This course is diverse and practical, offering a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the causes of criminality and the role of the criminal justice system. Students will apply theories of criminality to real life cases and explore how changes can be made in criminal law and social policy.

Spec Link:
https://www.wjec.co.uk/media/21xjkr24/wjec-applied-diploma-in-criminology-spec-e-22-06-22-1.pdf

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, written and verbal communication, research and statistical analysis

GET INSPIRED - Crime by Robert Reiner, Crime and Society in Britain by Hazel Croall and The Criminology Podcast

University courses in criminological theories, criminal justice system, social research methods, legal systems and law and policing and law enforcement

LEVEL 3

EXAM BOARD: WJEC APPLIED DIPLOMA

50% EXTERNAL EXAMS AND 50% INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

CAREERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL WORK, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, FORENSIC SCIENCE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY



Sociology

Sociology helps us make sense of society — exploring how people live, interact, and shape the world around them. It encourages critical thinking, empathy, and a deeper understanding of social change.

A LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN SOCIAL WORK, RESEARCH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JOURNALISM

This course explores how society functions, the factors influencing individual behaviour and the ways social structures impact different groups of people. It examines various sociological theories, research methods and social issues like family, education, crime and social inequality.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/a-level/sociology-7192/specification

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, research, written communication and discussion and debate

GET INSPIRED - Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class by Owen Jones, The Spirit Level: Why Equality is better for Everyone by Richard Wilkinson and The Sociology Show Podcast

University courses in sociology, joint honours with subjects like criminology, politics, history or social policy

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Psychology

Psychology explores the human mind and behaviour – helping us understand ourselves and others, and unlocking the science behind thoughts, emotions, and actions.

This course takes a look at the scientific study of human behaviour, exploring various perspectives and research methods to understand why people think, feel and act the way they do. Areas of study include social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology and optional topics like aggression, forensic psychology or addiction.

Spec Link:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/a-level/psychology-7182/specification

Skills Developed: Critical thinking, application of logic and reason, research and written communication.

GET INSPIRED - Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman, The Lucifer Effect by Philip Zimbardo and All in the Mind Podcast.

University courses in different forms of psychology like clinical, forensic, educational, social and developmental.

A LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

100% EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 PAPERS)

CAREERS IN COUNSELLING, PSYCHOTHERAPY, SOCIAL WORK, RESEARCH AND ACADEMIA

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Advice and Guidance

Picking your A-Level subjects is an important step that can shape your future opportunities.

Here are some tips to help you make the best choices:

1. Follow Your Interests and Strengths
Choose subjects you enjoy and are good at — this will keep you motivated and help you succeed.

2. Think About Your Future Goals
Consider what you want to study at university or what career you might want. Some courses and jobs require specific subjects.

3. Keep Your Options Open
If you're unsure about your future plans, pick a mix of subjects that keep different pathways open.

4. Research Subject Content
Look into the topics you'll study in each subject to make sure they excite and challenge you.

5. Talk to Teachers and Advisors
Get advice from your teachers, careers advisors, and older students who can share their experiences.

6. Balance Your Workload
Be realistic about how much work each subject involves and how you manage your time.

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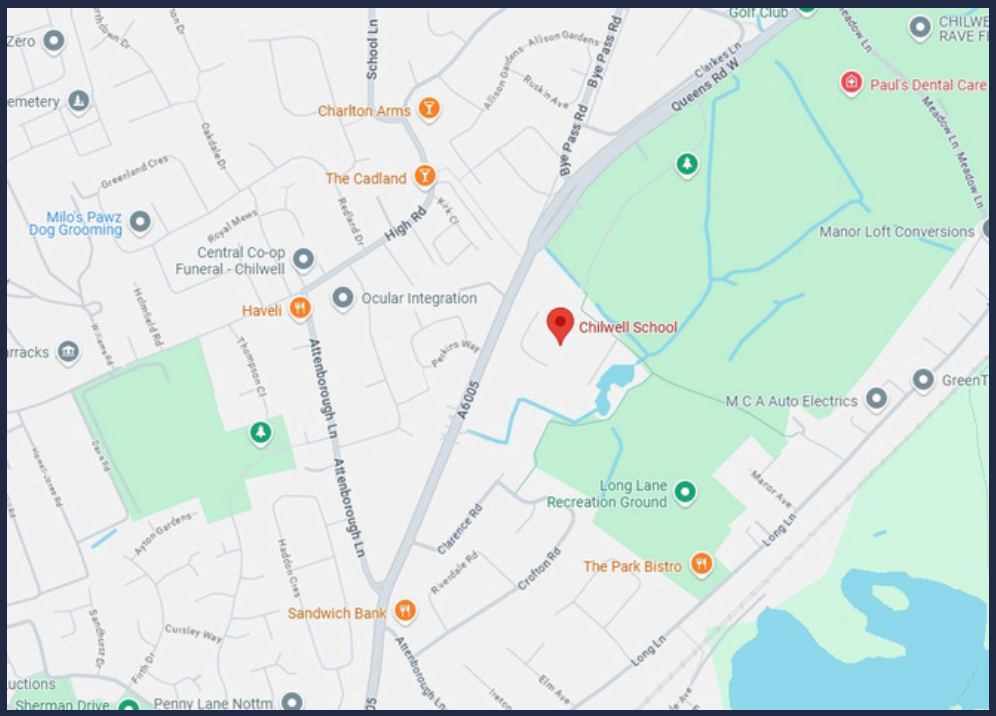

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