



CHASE HIGH **Sixth Form**

Courses

2026

Entry Requirements

3 x A Levels with optional EPQ	Average Grade Score of 5 (as defined below), including English Literature or Language, plus Subject Specific Requirements.
3 x Combination of A Levels and vocational courses	Average Grade Score of 4 (as defined below), including English Literature or Language, plus Subject Specific Requirements.

b) To calculate the 'Average Grade Score', the GCSE grades achieved across the external applicant's best six (as a minimum) GCSE results (including English Literature or Language) must be added together and then divided by six to establish the average grade.

c) 'Subject Specific Requirements' means the requirements for the specific BTEC and/or A Level courses to be studied in the Sixth Form. For full details of the 'Subject Specific Requirements', please refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus. Applicants should note that Grade 4 GCSE Mathematics is a Subject Specific Requirement for most, but not all, A Level courses.

d) The Minimum Academic Entry Criteria described above set a threshold which, once attained, puts all applicants on an equal footing for places, with the oversubscription criteria and tie breaker set out below being applied where there are more eligible applicants than places available. For the avoidance of doubt, applicants achieving a higher Average Grade Score than the threshold will not have any advantage.

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A Level Sociology

Head of Department: Mr G Bates

What will I study?

In Sociology, you will study both social structures, such as the family, and social phenomenon, such as crime and deviance, and look at how individuals affect society and how society affects individuals. In your first year, as part of the first unit, you will look at two aspects of contemporary British society, culture and Identity, and examine how they are inextricably linked, while the second unit looks at the family and its changing nature. In the third unit, you will study the theoretical basis of Sociology and research methodology, and how it is linked to the study of the patterns of inequality in contemporary Britain.

In your second year, you will explore the trends and patterns of crime, and discover how crime and deviance can be constructed within society. We also examine some solutions to the problem of crime. Finally, we finish with an in-depth study of globalisation and our relationship with social media.

A Level Units:

Unit 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity with focus on Families and Relationships. Candidates can gain up to 90 marks, which account for 30% of overall grade.

Unit 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities in Age, Class, Ethnicity and Gender
Candidates can gain up to 105 marks, which accounts for 35% of overall grade.

Unit 3: Debates in Contemporary Society, which includes Globalisation and the Digital Social World with a focus on Crime & Deviance. Candidates can gain up to 105 marks, which account for 35% of overall grade.

You can progress on to:

- You could choose to study subjects such as Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology at college or university. Ultimately, this subject will prepare you for entry into a variety of careers, from social research or civil service work to teaching and policing.
- Other career opportunities include: Advice Worker, Community Development Worker, Further Education Teacher, Higher Education Lecturer, Housing Manager/Officer, Marketing Executive, Police Officer, Policy Officer, Secondary School Teacher, Social Researcher and Youth Worker.

Entry Requirements:

5+ GCSE Sociology if taken or equivalent qualification

5+ GCSE English Literature or Language

4+ in GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

Socialisation, Culture and Identity (01)

90 marks/1.5 hour written paper, which is 30% of overall grade.

Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities (02)

105 marks/2.25 hour written paper, which is 35% of overall grade.

Debates in Contemporary Society (03)

105 marks/2.25 hour written paper, which is 35% of overall grade.

A Level History

Head of Department: Mr J McDonnell

What will I study?

The theme of A Level History is centred around revolutions! You will study why the 17th Century in Britain was one of turmoil - including the War of Three Kingdoms, Exclusion Crisis and Glorious Revolution. You will also study the French Revolution and gain an appreciation for the start of the Modern World. Our attention will then shift to the British Empire. We will study case studies including: America, India, and Australia and look at the growth of Free Trade and the Navy. You will choose a coursework question based on a topic from your studies.

A Level Units:

Paper One: Britain, 1625-1701: Conflict, Revolution and Settlement.

Paper Two: France in Revolution, 1774-99.

Paper Three: Britain: Losing and Gaining an Empire, 1763-1914

Britain and Empire will be taught in Year 12.

France and coursework will be taught in Year 13.

Entry Requirements:

5+ GCSE History if taken or equivalent qualification

5+ GCSE English Literature or Language

How am I assessed:

Paper One: Britain, 1625-1701: Conflict, Revolution and Settlement - 60 marks/2.25 hour paper/30% of the overall grade.

Paper Two: France in Revolution, 1774-99 - 40 marks/1.5 hour paper/20% of the overall grade.

Paper Three: Britain: losing and gaining an empire, 1763-1914 - 60 marks/2.25 hour paper/30% of the overall grade.
Coursework - 3000-4000 words/20% of the overall grade.

You will gain/can progress on to:

- The ability to research, analyse and defend supported decisions.
- The ability to analyse different sources of information.
- A variety of topics that will give an insight into the Early Modern and Modern World.
- A pathway to study History and other related subjects at university.
- Career paths: Lawyer, Journalist, Archivist, Teaching, Tour Guide, Finance, Data Analyst. Every professional job will utilise skills acquired in A Level History.

A Level Politics

Head of Department: Mr J McDonnell

What will I study?

You will start Government and Politics looking at the British Constitution and understanding how the legal and political systems work. This will be followed by looking at elections, political parties and voting patterns. Essentially, we shall break down what makes Britain British. We shall then look at the three key ideologies: socialism, conservatism, and liberalism. This will be followed by a study into anarchism and how anarchism is growing in support with young people. Our final paper is based on global politics. We shall look at a variety of global institutions, such as the UN and World Bank, and gain an understanding of how the world has advanced due to globalisation and a spread of ideas.

A Level Units:

Paper One: UK Politics

1. Political Participation: democracy and participation, political parties, electoral systems, voting behaviour and the media.
2. Core Political Ideas, conservatism, liberalism, socialism.

Paper Two: UK Government

1. The constitution, parliament, Prime Minister and executive, relationships between the branches.
2. Non-core political ideas – multiculturalism.

Paper Three: Global Politics

Sovereignty and Globalisation: global governance: political and economic, global governance: human rights and environmental, power and developments, regionalism and the European Union, comparative theories.

Entry Requirements:

5+ GCSE History if taken or equivalent qualification

5+ GCSE English Literature or Language

How am I assessed:

Paper One: UK Politics and Core Ideas - 84 marks/2 hour paper/33% of the overall grade

Paper Two: UK Government and Non-Core Ideas - 84 marks/2 hour paper/33% of the overall grade

Paper Three: Global Politics - 84 marks/2 hour paper/33% of the overall grade

You can progress on to:

- A pathway to study Politics at university! Excellent as a joint subject, for example, History and Politics.
- Politics is great for developing analytical, communication and critical thinking skills.
- A great A Level selection could see Politics studied alongside: History, Media, Sociology, English, Psychology and Business Studies.
- Career – Lawyer, Journalist, Banker, Translator, a role in think tanks, Business Data Analyst, Civil Servant, Teacher, Politician.

A Level Photography

Head of Department: Miss L Mower

What will I study?

Photography is well suited to creative students with an interest in digital design, creative arts and media. You will learn practical photography skills, regularly planning and completing different photo shoots relating to their project themes using DSLR cameras. You will use these photographs in your sketchbooks and edit them using a variety of different manual and digital processes to show creative development. Photography work is printed, presented, and annotated in detail with written analysis and personal commentary using relevant key words.

Camera It is ESSENTIAL for the course to have your own DSLR Camera, SD card and Card Reader.

Sketchbooks In Year 12 and Year 13, you have to provide your own sketchbook. As Photography is an art and design subject, you will also need a selection of appropriate stationery/supplies.

A Level Units:

Component 1: In the first year, you will create a coursework portfolio that is made up of a variety of different themes and projects.

Personal Investigation: In the beginning of the second year, you will design your own personal project and explore this independently using the skills learnt during the first year. You will also write an accompanying formal essay with structured research and analysis.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment. In the spring term of Year 13, you receive an Externally Set Assignment from AQA with a selection of themed questions. You will spend approximately three months researching and experimenting with artistic ideas, which will lead to the creation of a final piece in a ten hour examination that takes place across two school days.

Entry Requirements:

4+ GCSE Photography if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

How am I assessed:

Personal Investigation: 60% of final grade

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment: 40% of final grade.

You can progress on to:

- Employment in creative fields such as photo-journalism, fashion photography, graphic design, advertising, illustration, print media, film & television, publishing, interior design etc.

A Level Psychology

Head of Department: Mrs H Turner

What will I study?

You will study AQA A Level Psychology. Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour. It is a multidisciplinary subject, combining Science, Maths and English skills to investigate human behaviour. Psychologists observe human behaviour, create theories to explain this behaviour and then carry out scientific research to test their theories. However, not all psychologists agree with each other and the A Level explores a range of answers to questions such as "why do we obey?" "Where do phobias come from?" and "Is criminal behaviour learnt or inherited?"

A Level Units:

The A Level is structured as follows:

Paper 1

Social Influence
Memory
Attachment
Psychopathology

Paper 2

Approaches in Psychology
Biopsychology
Research Methods

Paper 3

Issues and Debates in Psychology
Cognition and Development
Schizophrenia
Forensic Psychology

Entry Requirements:

5 + GCSE English Literature or Language

4+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

Paper 1 – Introductory Topics in Psychology
2 hour written examination, 96 marks, 33.3%

Paper 2 – Psychology in Context
2 hour written examination, 96 marks, 33.3%

Paper 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology
2 hour written examination, 96 marks, 33.3%

You can progress on to:

Psychology lends itself to a huge range of career opportunities due to its blend of English, Maths and Science. Careers in Psychology include, Educational Psychologists, Forensic Psychologists, Sports Psychologists and Counsellors. The subject is also useful for industries such as Human Resources, Market Research and Neuroscience.

A Level English Literature and Language

Head of Department: Miss M Howard

What will I study?

You will engage creatively and independently with a variety of spoken, written and multi-modal texts. The set texts for this course are: The Handmaid's Tale; Paris Anthology; A Streetcar Named Desire; The Kite Runner and Carol Ann Duffy poetry.

Designed with a focus on the integration of language and literature, this specification enables you to see how linguistic and literary methods are related and to explore these links in their work.

The variety of assessment styles used, such as re-creative writing, commentary writing, discursive essays and research-based investigative writing, allow you to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.

Entry Requirements:

5+ GCSE English Literature or Language

4+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

Paper 1

3 hours: 100 marks: 40% of overall A Level.

Remembered places – understanding the representation of place.

Imagined worlds – considering point of view and genre in prose.

Poetic voices – exploring the forms and functions of poetic voice.

Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities.

Paper 2

Writing about society – the role of the individual in society, and re-creative writing based on set texts.

Critical commentary – evaluating your own writing.

Dramatic encounters – exploring conflict in drama.

Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities.

Non Examination Assessment: One coursework piece: 50 marks: 20% of A Level

A personal investigation that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse. (2,500–3,000 words)

You can progress on to:

- Teacher
- Translation
- Business
- Sociology
- Journalist
- History
- Linguistics
- Psychology

A Level Maths

Head of Department: Mrs S Margerison

A Level Units:

Pure:

- Unit 1:** Proof
- Unit 2:** Algebra and functions
- Unit 3:** Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane
- Unit 4:** Sequences and series
- Unit 5:** Trigonometry
- Unit 6:** Exponentials and logarithms
- Unit 7:** Differentiation
- Unit 8:** Integration
- Unit 9:** Numerical methods
- Unit 10:** Vectors

Entry Requirements:

- 4+ GCSE English Literature or Language
- 6+ GCSE Maths

Statistics and Mechanics:

- Unit 1:** Statistical sampling
- Unit 2:** Data presentation and interpretation
- Unit 3:** Probability
- Unit 4:** Statistical distributions
- Unit 5:** Statistical hypothesis testing
- Unit 6:** Quantities and units in mechanics
- Unit 7:** Kinematics
- Unit 8:** Forces and Newton's laws
- Unit 9:** Moments

How am I assessed:

Written Pearson Edexcel papers:

Paper 1: Pure – 2 hours

Paper 2: Pure – 2 hours

Paper 3: Statistics and Mechanics – 2 hours

You can progress on to:

- If you have a real passion for Maths and have achieved a Grade 6 at GCSE, this course will allow you to develop a deeper understanding of algebraic concepts as well as discover brand new elements to the subject which will further peak your curiosity. By taking an A Level in Maths, you will also start to see where it is used to solve more complex real-life problems by studying the applied sections, and how it links with Physics by working closely on the motion of objects, as well as discovering how the probability of events is used in working out the spread of diseases.
- An A Level in Maths is always highly regarded and allows many doors to open in career paths later in life.

A Level Chemistry

Head of Department: Mrs H Kimmel

What will I study?

Year 1:

- Physical chemistry: Including atomic structure, amount of substance, bonding, energetics, kinetics, chemical equilibria and Le Chatelier's principle
- Inorganic chemistry Including periodicity, Group 2 the alkaline earth metals, Group 7(17) the halogens
- Organic chemistry Including introduction to organic chemistry, alkanes, halogenoalkanes, alkenes, alcohols, organic analysis

Year 2:

- Physical chemistry Including thermodynamics, rate equations, the equilibrium constant K_p , electrode potentials and electrochemical cells
- Inorganic chemistry Including properties of Period 3 elements and their oxides, transition metals, reactions of ions in aqueous solution
- Organic chemistry Including optical isomerism, aldehydes and ketones, carboxylic acids and derivatives, aromatic chemistry, amines, polymers, amino acids, proteins and DNA, organic synthesis, NMR spectroscopy, chromatography

Practicals:

- Measuring energy changes in chemical reactions
- Tests for identifying different types of compounds
- Different methods for measuring rates of reaction
- Studying electrochemical cells
- Preparation of organic solids and liquids
- Advanced form of chromatography for more accurate results.

You can progress on to:

- Analytical chemist
- Chemical engineer
- Clinical biochemist
- Pharmacologist
- Doctor
- Patent attorney
- Chartered certified accountant
- Toxicologist

Entry Requirements:

7 + Chemistry

7 + Combined Science

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

5+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

There are three exams at the end of the two years for A-level, all of which are two hours long.

At least 15% of the marks for A-level Chemistry are based on what you learned in your practical's.

Paper 1: Any content from topics 1–4, 35 % of A- level including relevant practical skills Assessed written exam: 2 hours

Paper 2: Any content from topics 5–8, 35% of A- level including relevant practical skills Assessed written exam: 2 hours

Paper 3: Any content from topics 1–8, 30% of A-level including relevant practical skills Assessed written exam: 2 hours

A Level Biology

Head of Department: Mrs H Kimmel

What will I study?

Year 1:

- Biological molecules; Cells; Organisms exchange substances with their environment; Genetic information

Year 2:

Energy transfers in and between organisms; Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments; Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems; The control of gene expression

Practicals:

Biology, like all sciences, is a practical subject. Throughout the course you will carry out practical activities including:

- using microscopes to see cell division
- dissection of animal or plant systems
- aseptic technique to study microbial growth
- investigating activity within cells
- investigating animal behaviours
- investigating distributions of species in the environment.

Entry Requirements:

6 + Chemistry

6 + Combined Science

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

5+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

There are three exams at the end of the two years for A-level, all of which are two hours long.

At least 15% of the marks for A-level Biology are based on what you learned in your practical's.

Paper 1: Any content from topics 1–4, including relevant practical skills. Written exam: 2 hours, 35% of A-level

Paper 2: Any content from topics 5–8, 35% of A-level including relevant practical skills Assessed written exam: 2 hours 35% Of A Level

Paper 3: Any content from topics 1–8, 30% of A-level including relevant practical skills Assessed written exam: 2 hours

You can progress on to:

- Clinical molecular geneticist
- Nature conservation officer
- Pharmacologist
- Research scientist
- Vet
- Secondary school teacher
- Marine biologist
- Dentist.

BTEC Sport

Head of Department: Mrs S Lane

What will I study?

Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport (equivalent to one A Level)

Level 3 National Diploma in Sport (equivalent to two A Levels)

BTEC Units:

Extended Certificate

1 Anatomy & Physiology

2 Fitness Training

3 Professional Development

5 Fitness Testing

Entry Requirements:

Level 2 Pass+ Sport if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

4+ GCSE Maths

Diploma

4 Sports Leadership

7 Practical Sports Performance

22 Investigating Business in Sport

23 Skill Acquisition in Sport

25 Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport

How am I assessed:

Extended Certificate

Two external examinations and two coursework units

Diploma

Three external examinations and six coursework units

You can progress on to:

- PE Teacher
- Dietician
- Sports Journalist
- Physiotherapist
- Coach (in various sports)
- Sports Massage
- Nutritionist
- Gym Manager
- Sports Development Officer
- Personal Trainer
- Referee
- Sports Business Manager
- Sports Psychologist
- Sports Analyst

BTEC Art & Design

Head of Department: Mrs T Noble

What will I study?

Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A Level)

Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels)

For the BTEC Level 3 Diploma, there are six mandatory units, three of which are externally assessed, plus two optional units from a range of professional specialist areas including Fine Art, Graphic Design, Textiles and Photography.

BTEC Units:

For the Level 3 Extended Certificate, there are three mandatory units, two of which are externally assessed, plus one optional unit.

Mandatory Units:

- Unit 3: The Creative Process
- Unit 4: Materials, Techniques and Processes in Art and Design (Diploma only)
- Unit 5: Developing an Art and Design Portfolio (Diploma Only)

Choice of Optional Units:

Two for Diploma, one for Extended Certificate

- Unit 9 Photographic Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 10 Graphics Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 12 Fine Art Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 13 3D Design Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 14 Textiles Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 15 Fashion Materials, Techniques and Processes
- Unit 16 3D Design Craft Materials, Techniques and Processes

Entry Requirements:

4+ GCSE Art if taken

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language is recommended due to written elements of the course

3+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

Externally set units:

Unit 1: Visual Recording and Communication

Unit 2: Critical and Contextual Studies in Art and Design

Unit 7: Developing and Realising Creative Intentions

You can progress on to:

- The Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design builds and develops the necessary techniques and attitudes to begin a successful professional career, or move on to further study. It gives an understanding of the employment opportunities available in the Art and Design industry so that students can progress into a specific area of work or after completing an Art Foundation course or specialist degree.

Information Technology

Head of Department: Mrs M Hall

What will I study?

You will study a Cambridge Technical in Information Technology. This course will provide you with an insight into the IT sector, as you investigate the pace of technological change, IT infrastructure, and the flow of information on a global scale, as well as the important legal and security considerations. You will learn about the Internet of Everything and how it is used. You will use product development skills and work through the product development life cycle as you design and build a product. If you opt for the diploma, you will also learn to build, upgrade or develop computer systems and networks, taking into consideration the requirements of the stakeholders, designing and developing systems that are safe and secure. You will broaden your knowledge and understanding of the wider potential of mobile technologies and its consequences to people and businesses. You will develop an understanding of technical support tools and techniques. You will also learn how to diagnose faults and communicate advice and guidance to clients to help resolve problems.

Units:

Extended Certificate students will complete five units, which include:

- The Fundamentals of IT
- Cybersecurity
- Global Information
- The Internet of Everything
- Product Development.

Diploma students will complete an additional six units

- Hardware
- Software
- IT Technical Support
- Mobile Technology
- Networks.

Entry Requirements:

4+ GCSE IT if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

4+ in GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

Units 1, 2 and 3 are externally examined units

Units 9 and 17 are Centre-assessed and moderated by the Examination Board.

You can progress on to:

Career opportunities in network engineering, app design, augmented reality, systems analysis, cybersecurity.

BTEC Media Studies

Head of Department: Miss L Mower

What will I study?

BTEC Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production Diploma.

You will explore different moving image media texts, exploring the codes and conventions of them. You will analyse, in detail, different film genres and how they have been constructed to create meaning for the audience.

During the course, you will learn how to use industry standard software such as Photoshop and Premiere Pro.

Practical elements to the BTEC course mean that you will create your own ten minute short film, create an advert, and record a stop motion animation. Pre-production skills, such as storyboarding and scripting, will be explored in detail.

BTEC Units:

Unit 3: Digital Media Skills

Unit 7: Enterprise Skills

Unit 8: Responding to a Commission

Unit 10: Film Production (Fiction)

Unit 18: Storyboarding for Digital Media

Unit 19: Scriptwriting

Unit 20: Single Camera Production

Unit 21: Film Editing

Unit 23: Stop Motion

Unit 24: Sound Editing

Entry Requirements:

Level 2 Pass+ Media Studies if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

3+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

This course has two examination elements:

Unit 3: Digital Media Skills
Unit 8: Responding to a Commission

These units are briefs set by Pearson and marked by them.

You can progress on to:

- You will be prepared for careers within the media industry such as; marketing, design, editing, PR and social media.
- You may also go on to one of the many compatible Higher Education degree courses, such as: film production, journalism, photography, communication studies, TV and radio.

BTEC Health & Social Care

Head of Department: Miss H Turner

What will I study?

Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care (equivalent to one A Level)

You will learn about human lifespan and development, how to recognise and meet individual support needs as well as the skills required for a career in health and social care.

BTEC Units:

The Extended Certificate consists of four units;

- Human Lifespan Development (examination)
- Working in Health & Social care (examination)
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (coursework)
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs (coursework)

How am I assessed:

The BTEC National involves a combination of coursework and examination units, all of which are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction and all need to be completed in full.

The coursework requires you to take the information learnt in class, add your own research and apply it to a given scenario.

Examinations consist of short and long written answers, ranging from 2-24 marks, again relying on understanding, application and justification of ideas.

You can progress on to:

- Following the Level 3 BTEC, many students go on to study Health & Social Care at university or go on to do an NHS apprenticeship.
- This course will help to prepare students on their journey to becoming a Medical Practitioner, Social Worker, Youth Worker, Occupational Therapist, Care Worker, Counsellor and more.

Entry Requirements:

Level 2 Pass Health & Social Care if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

3+ GCSE Maths

BTEC Games Development

Head of Department: Mr N McGauley & Mrs M Hall

What will I study?

BTEC Nationals in Creative Digital Media Production (Games Development Pathway).

This is a two-year course that encourages you to develop skills across a range of different platforms, technologies and disciplines. You will explore industry standard software and gain insight into career opportunities available in the games and creative media industry.

BTEC Units:

Extended Certificate

Unit 1: Media Representations
Unit 4: Pre-Production Portfolio
Unit 8: Responding to a Commission
One other optional unit.

Diploma

Unit 3: Digital Media Skills
Unit 7: Media Enterprise
Unit 8: Responding to a Commission
Unit 13: Games Development
Unit 40: 3D Modelling
Unit 43: 3D Animation
Unit 33: 2D Animation
Project Planning and Development Game Design

Entry Requirements:

Level 2 Pass+ Games Development if taken or equivalent qualification

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

3+ GCSE Maths

How am I assessed:

This course has examination elements:

Unit 1: Media Representations
Unit 3: Digital Media Skills
Unit 8: Responding to a Commission

These units are briefs set by Pearson and marked by them.

You can progress on to:

- You will be prepared for careers within the computer games industry, computer-generated special effects industry, television and advertising industries.
- You may also go on to one of the many compatible Higher Education degree courses, such as: Digital Animation, Games Design or Media.

BTEC Business

Head of Department: Miss E Donlon

What will I study?

BTEC Nationals in Business are one of the largest BTEC progression routes to higher education, providing an excellent introduction to the business sector and giving learners an edge when progressing to higher education and employment.

Entry Requirements:

- 4+ GCSE Business if taken or equivalent qualification
- 4+ GCSE English Literature or Language
- 4+ GCSE Maths

BTEC Units:

Unit 1 – Exploring Business

Unit 2 – Developing a marketing Campaign

Unit 3 - Personal and Business Finance

Unit 4 - Managing an event

Unit 5 - International Business

Unit 6 – Principles of Management

Unit 8 – Recruitment and Selection

Unit 14 – Investigating customer service

How am I assessed:

Diploma

Three external examinations and five coursework units

Extended Certificate

Two external examinations and two coursework units

You can progress on to:

- Areas of study, an apprenticeship or employment could include: Business Studies; Business Management; Project or Event Management; Retail, Merchandising and Sales; Law; Marketing and Advertising; Finance and Accounting; Personnel Development; Administration; Human Resources

Level 2 Beauty Therapy

Head of Department: Mrs S Blackledge

What will I study?

In this course, you will build a portfolio for your City & Guilds qualification. In each unit, there will be a series of practical and theory assessments. For one day a week, you will perform practical treatments, taking responsibility for organising treatments on friends, family and members of the public.

You will need a uniform and a kit for this course.

Units

- 201 – Working in the beauty-related industries
- 202 – Follow Health and Safety practice in the salon
- 203 – Client care and communication in beauty-related industries
- 204 – Provide facial skincare
- 205 – Promote products and services to clients in the salon
- 206 – Remove hair using waxing techniques
- 207 - Provide manicure treatments
- 208 – Provide pedicure treatments
- 210 – Provide eyelash and brow treatments
- 212 – Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector
- 215 – Provide nail art
- 216 – Salon reception duties
- 223 – Apply tanning techniques

Entry Requirements:

3+ in GCSE English Literature or Language.

3+ in Maths GCSE

How am I assessed:

Formative practical assessments
Summative practical assessments
Online exams
Assignments
30 hours of salon-based work experience

Each unit is delivered unit by unit, students must build up a portfolio with all of the above. There is no final exam to this course.

Awarding body is City&Guilds

You can progress on to:

- Once you have completed your Level 2 qualification, you can progress to Level 3 Beauty Therapy to improve your skills and job prospects to become a fully qualified beauty therapist
- You can also look for employment opportunities to work in a salon to continue your professional development.

Level 3 Beauty Therapy

Head of Department: Mrs S Blackledge

What will I study?

In this City & Guilds course, you will build a portfolio. In each unit, there will be a series of practical and theory assessments. For one day a week, you will perform practical treatments, taking responsibility for organising treatments on friends, family and members of the public.

You will need a uniform and a kit for this course. This course can only be completed once the full Level 2 has been successfully achieved.

Units

302 – Monitor and maintain Health and Safety in the salon

304 – Promote and sell, products and services to clients

305 – Provide Body Massage

306 – Provide facial electrical treatments

307 – Provide body electrical treatments

321 – apply Micro Dermabrasion

Work experience skills are essential as part of this qualification. It allows you to develop the technical and professional skills required for the world of work. It is unique in the way it helps to develop, recognise and showcase the soft skills that aren't covered by the qualification alone. 30 hours of work experience must be completed to pass this course. Level 2 treatments can be performed at your work experience placement to keep up to date with continue professional development.

You can progress on to:

- Once you are qualified you will be a fully qualified beauty therapist. You can go straight into employment working in salons, spas or clinics.
- You can also look at continuing your qualifications by looking at level 4 qualifications at university.

Entry Requirements:

Level 2 Beauty Therapy

4+ GCSE English Literature or Language

How am I assessed:

Formative practical assessments
Summative practical assessments
Online exams
Assignments
90 hours of salon-based work experience

Each unit is delivered unit by unit, students must build up a portfolio with all of the above. There is no final exam to this course.

Awarding body is City&Guilds