

Central
Saint Michael's
Sixth Form

A UNIVERSITY-STYLE SIXTH FORM

SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM & A LEVEL CENTRE 2020-21

SIXTH FORM GUIDE

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SIXTH FORM
& A LEVEL
CENTRE**

2020-21

WELCOME

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Welcome to Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College where aspiration meets inspiration. Central Saint Michael's is the iconic sixth form centre in the centre of West Bromwich. Central Saint Michael's offers high quality and inspirational education to the students of the region.

Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form combines an adult ethos with a safe and supportive environment. We help students every step of the way to make the transition from school to university and employment. The students who join us are ambitious to do well and we work with them to ensure that they meet their full potential.

A Levels and diplomas are challenging and stretching qualifications and they require hard work and dedication. With the help of our team of specialist lecturers we work with young people and their parents to bring out the best from our students. All the staff are experienced and dedicated lecturers with a track record of getting excellent results.

We are rightly proud of our results. This year we had a 100% pass rate in 24 different subjects and 99% of our students successfully passed their A Levels, with many achieving top grades. The number of our students successfully progressing to university was way above the national average at 91%.

Choose Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form as your next step on the ladder to success.

Dr. Matt Lamb

Principal, Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College



CENTRAL
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OPEN
DAYS



Come down to one of our
OPEN DAYS

and get the answers
to all of your questions
about A Levels:

THURSDAYS

7 NOVEMBER 2019

4PM-7PM

14 NOVEMBER 2019

4PM-7PM

16 JANUARY 2020

4PM-7PM

5 MARCH 2020

4PM-7PM

18 JUNE 2020

4PM-7PM

SATURDAYS

16 NOVEMBER 2019

11AM-3PM

18 JANUARY 2020

11AM-3PM

7 MARCH 2020

11AM-3PM

20 JUNE 2020

11AM-3PM

*Please note dates are subject to change. We'll keep you informed of any updates.



91% of our students
get into University



99% pass
rate overall



100% pass rate in
24 A Level subjects



Free bus or
Metro pass

REASONS



Choose from
over 30 A Levels
& diplomas



Central Saint Michael's is a
separate, dedicated sixth
form centre



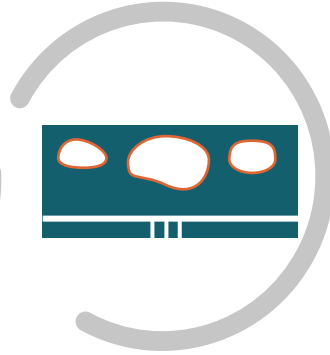
We will give you
impartial advice on the
right A Levels for you



You will be taught by
a team of dedicated
A Level lecturers



Choose from a wide range of academic subjects all on one site



A unique & stunning modernist building



You'll be studying with like minded people who want to work hard



You will be supported every step of the way by a personal tutor

TO STUDY AT CENTRAL SAINT MICHAEL'S



Apply online 24/7



Financial support if you need it



Central Saint Michael's has an extensive advice and guidance team



Delicious food options in the Arts Cafe

OUR STUDY PLUS PACKAGE

Get more out of Sixth Form with a free travel pass, free meals and financial support*, and ALL of this:

* See website for details



BENEFITS



PROGRESSION



ACTIVITIES



SUPPORT

Study Programme – You will be part of a study programme which will contain your chosen qualification, work experience and an enrichment programme

Travel Pass – Free bus or Metro pass while at college

Free Meals – Complete a Learner Support Fund application and you may get free meals and financial support*

NUS TOTUM Card – Get discounts in shops and online

Work Experience – Every student will have 30 hours' work experience in their chosen career

Careers Advice – Careers advice to make sure you are on the right path for you

Going to University – Help and guidance in gaining a place at University

Awards & Celebration – Various events throughout the year to reward your achievements

Free and subsidised trips, activities and events – As part of your course or for the whole college

Duke of Edinburgh – Opportunity to gain your bronze, silver or gold award

Freshers' Fair – Get to know the sixth form and other students

Students' Union – Run by students for students

Sports Teams – Eleven different sports for you to participate in

Get fit, stay fit – Use of the college gym

Fundraising – Take part in fundraising events

Student Council – Be part of the Student Council and make decisions about how the sixth form could run

Quiet & Contemplation Rooms – Provided for quiet reflection and contemplation, plus Multifaith Chaplaincy

Welfare Team – Personal, practical and impartial advice

Mentor Team – Mentors to help you with any problems you may have

Study Support – Help with literacy, English & Maths, numeracy skills, dyslexia, and any additional needs

Personal Tutor – Every student will have a tutor to provide advice, guidance and encouragement

ALL ABOUT A LEVELS



A Levels are academic qualifications that are recognised by employers and universities in the UK and throughout the world. Whether you want to go to university or you hope to go straight into a career such as Accountancy, A Levels are for you.



How are they organised?

A Levels are two-year qualifications. In the first year, students take AS Levels, usually studying three subjects. Students on our High Flyers Programme can take four subjects.

In the second year students take either three or four A Levels. Our highest achieving students will be given the opportunity to increase their chances of getting into top universities by completing the Extended Project which is worth 70 UCAS points.

What grades do I need to get in?

To study A Levels, students should have a minimum of five GCSEs (9-5/ A*-C) in academic subjects (of which two must be 6/B grades) including GCSE English Language at grade 5/C. Most subjects have specific additional entry requirements. If you do not get these grades, the sixth form still has lots of options for you.



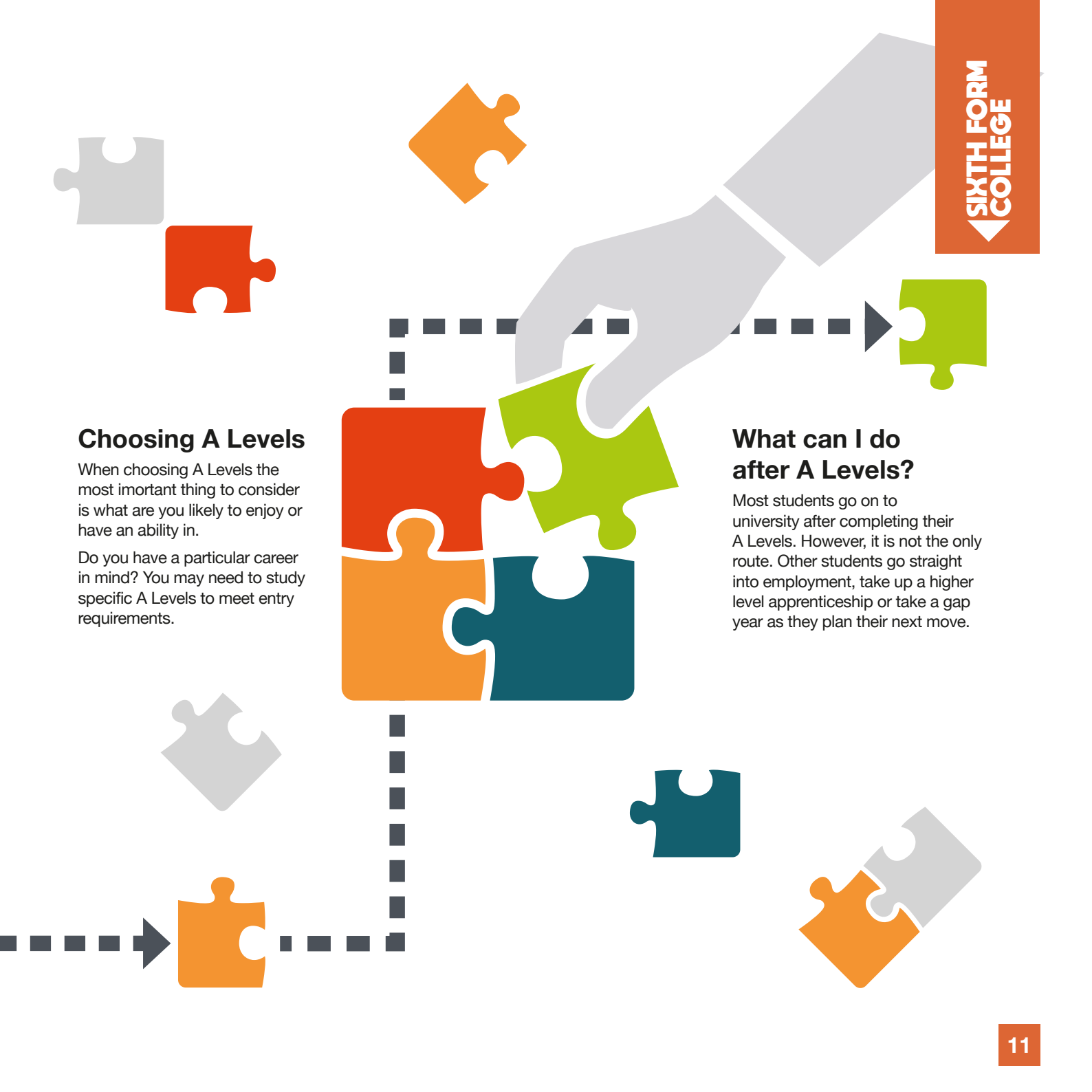
Choosing A Levels

When choosing A Levels the most important thing to consider is what are you likely to enjoy or have an ability in.

Do you have a particular career in mind? You may need to study specific A Levels to meet entry requirements.

What can I do after A Levels?

Most students go on to university after completing their A Levels. However, it is not the only route. Other students go straight into employment, take up a higher level apprenticeship or take a gap year as they plan their next move.



ALL THE HELP YOU'LL NEED TO SUCCEED

You will be taught by a team of experienced and professional lecturers who are passionate about their subjects and equally passionate about using exciting and innovative ways of communicating the subject to their students. Many of them are examiners for A Level awarding bodies.

You will also have a personal tutor who is there to provide you with advice, guidance and encouragement and to help you stay on track with your studies. As part of a comprehensive induction, all students are set target grades according to their GCSE profile, but are also encouraged to set their own 'aspirational' targets, stating what they want to achieve. If we ever feel that you need extra help, this will be provided.



College, Parents and Students in Partnership

Students do well when there is a close and supportive relationship between the students, tutors and the parents.

Our staff have high expectations for our students. They will:

- set targets for students that will stretch them
- ensure that students develop high aspirations
- rigorously monitor the progress of every student
- provide strong tutorial and pastoral support

We are also very keen to involve parents and guardians in the education of their children.

We positively welcome parents who take an active interest in their sons' and daughters' progress. To make sure that students have every chance to succeed, we have parents' evenings, reports and mock exams to help track student progress and keep parents informed.

Gaining Entry to University

Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College will arrange visits to local universities as well as providing detailed advice as to degree choices, universities, the UCAS (University and College Admissions Service) application process and how to get into the institution of your choice.

We offer additional support and guidance for all students seeking entry to university, including advice on personal statements, help on entrance exams for subjects such as Law and Medicine, and coaching on interview techniques. This is backed up by the opportunities for work experience that we provide and a peer mentoring scheme.

GET A PLACE



Take a look at our website

See which course you like the look of. With more than 30 courses to choose from we know you'll find something you'll love!

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Come and visit us at one of our Open Days

You can take a look round our campus, speak to our expert lecturers to find out more information about the courses you fancy; and if you're not sure our careers advisors will be on hand to offer useful advice and guidance.





Apply! You can apply online for any of our courses 24/7

Or if you'd prefer you can call in and we can support you with your application. If you need any help you can speak to our friendly admissions staff by calling **0800 622 006**.



After submitting your application you'll be invited to come for an interview

This is your opportunity to ask us any questions that you'd like to know about college life, and to make sure that you've picked the best courses for you. If you're successful we'll make you an offer!



HIGH-FLYERS PROGRAMME



Do you aim to go to one of the UK's top universities? We can and will help. The Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College High-Flyers Programme is for students who achieve an average of a grade 6/B or above at GCSE.

We offer our 'high-flyers':

- The opportunity to study 4 subjects
- The opportunity to study an Extended Project in Year 2
- Access to additional Masterclasses at Aston and Birmingham Universities
- Trips to Oxford and Birmingham Universities
- Access to the Prince's Trust Scheme, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and National Citizen Service activities
- A one-to-one placement interview with a Work Experience Co-ordinator, with the opportunity to access career-relevant internships at leading employers
- Access to programmes run by the Social Mobility Foundation – a national organisation that is dedicated to helping students from disadvantaged areas into top universities and careers in top companies.

**DO YOU AIM
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ONE OF THE
UK'S TOP
UNIVERSITIES?**



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Lauren's Cambridge Offer



Oxford University Trip

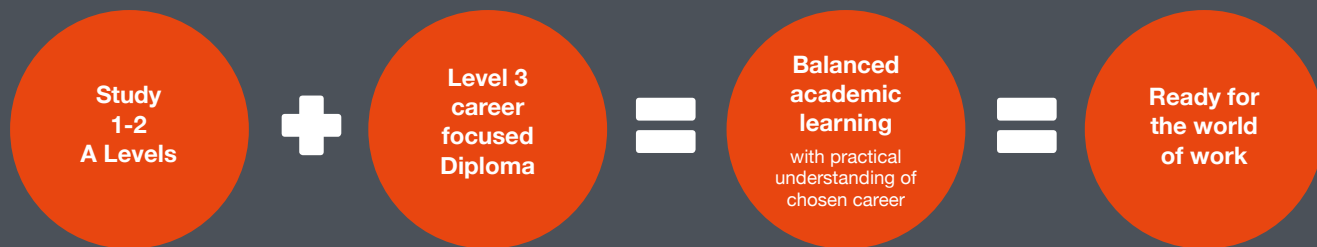




YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ACADEMY

An exciting, new approach, ideal for school leavers who have a clear idea about their future career.

- Study in a way that suits you
- Get equipped for the world of work
- Focus on the career you know you want



The Young Professionals Academy is focused on equipping you for the world of work. Students on the programme would be offered a one-to-one placement interview with a Work Experience Co-ordinator, with the opportunity to access career-relevant internships at leading employers. Interview preparation would be given to students competing for the most sought-after internships. The Sixth Form will also provide one-to-one assistance with any university applications you write.

As a Young Professionals Academy student, you will be in a sixth form tutor group and based at Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form College.

If you have particularly strong GCSE results, your Young Professionals Academy programme could include two A Level options – come and talk to us about these options.

CAREER-FOCUSED PROGRAMMES

Because it is career-focused, we believe that the Young Professionals Programme will make a real difference to future student employability. Undoubtedly, it is also an alternative route to university degree courses which are focused on preparing students for business, professional and industrial careers.

It's important that the A Level you study supports or complements the Diploma that you choose, so we offer eight structured Diploma 'pathways' that make sure the two elements match each other but still give you a broad choice of subjects. Pick one of the Diploma 'pathways' and then select one subject from the accompanying list of A Levels. NB: You must have the entry requirements of that subject.



Choose from:

- AAT Diploma in Accounting*
- Certificate in Applied Criminology
- Certificate in Applied Law
- Certificate in Applied Psychology
- Diploma in Applied Health and Social Care
- Diploma in Business
- Diploma in Business with Law
- Diploma in Applied Science
- Diploma in Applied Science (Forensic and Medical)

* (Subject to approval)

STUDENT LIFE

For when you're not studying we offer a whole range of enrichment activities which are not only good fun but help you make friends, develop new skills and add to your CV and university applications. There are trips and visits to bring your studies to life, and you can get involved in sport, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, debating and many other activities.

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Falface
Dinner

Armyland
Paris

Manchester
Trip

Team Building

Mountain
Biking

Cricket Squad

Rickshaw
Challenge

Dubai

Copa Santa
Spain

Kayaking

Goa Beach

Desert Saf

STUDENT GOVERNORS AND SURVEYS

As a student at Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form, you have an opportunity every year to tell us what you think about your course and the College, so that we can keep improving. You could stand for election to the Board of Governors, and represent our students, right at the top of the organisation.



Fariha Anjum

- ✓ AAA Psychology, RE, Sociology
- ✓ Psychology at the University of Manchester



Ben Flaherty

- ✓ Trainee Litigation Executive at ERT Law in Birmingham
- ✓ One of only 2 selected

#INSPIRA

Kaven Judge

- ✓ AAA Accounting, Business, Economics
- ✓ Higher apprenticeship with KPMG



Hema Tiwana

- ✓ ABB Sociology, Business, Economics
- ✓ Business at the University of Nottingham





Rachel Baldini

- ✓ AAA History, Psychology, Sociology
- ✓ Politics at the University of Manchester



Dennis Gjonbalaj

- ✓ BCC History, Biology, Chemistry
- ✓ Pharmacy at Aston University

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Edward Woodvine

- ✓ A*BC Politics, History, Law
- ✓ History at the University of Bristol



Emma Kieran

- ✓ ABB Media Studies, English Language, Film Studies
- ✓ Media at Aberystwyth University





SUBJECT GUIDE



A LEVEL SUBJECT GRID, 2020-21

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
English, Film, Media, Drama, Art & Modern Languages	English Language	Film Studies French	Art English Language & Literature	Media Studies	English Literature	Drama & Theatre English Language & Literature
Sciences	Chemistry	Biology		Physics	Chemistry	Biology
History, Politics, Geography & Religious Studies	History Religious Studies		History	Politics	Geography	
Psychology & Sociology	Psychology	Sociology	Psychology Applied Psychology	Sociology	Psychology	Sociology
Business Studies, Law, Accounting & Economics	Business	Law	Economics	Accounting Applied Criminology	Business Applied Law	Law AAT (Accounts)
Mathematics & Computer Science		Computer Science	Maths			Maths

**You would usually study three AS Levels in your first year.
Choose one subject from up to three columns.**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Diploma in Applied Science	Applied Science			Applied Science		
Diploma in Forensic & Medical Science			Forensic & Medical Science			Forensic & Medical Science
Extended Diploma in Science	Ext Dip in Science			Ext Dip in Science		Ext Dip in Science
Diploma in Business		Business			Business	
Diploma in Business & Law	Business & Law		Business & Law			
Extended Diploma in Business		Ext Dip in Business		Ext Dip in Business	Ext Dip in Business	Ext Dip in Business
Diploma in Health & Social Care	Health & Social Care (Double Diploma)	Health & Social Care (A Level)		Health & Social Care (Single Diploma)		

NOTE: The Level 3 Diplomas are the equivalent of two A Levels so students would do all the slots plus ONE other A Level. You can also gain an extended diploma in Science or Business which is worth three A Levels. For Business you do all four columns and for Science you do three columns. For Health and Social Care you can study a single A Level Diploma or a double - to do the double you would do the SINGLE and the DOUBLE (Column 4 and 1).

ACCOUNTING

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- Accounting is for people who are interested in a career in financial or business management. It's the way organisations measure, record and present information about their financial affairs.
- **AS LEVEL:** You'll learn double entry bookkeeping and build on those foundations to cover aspects essential to good accounting practice. The first year is split into two units 'Introduction to Financial Accounting' and 'Financial and Management Accounting'.
- **A LEVEL:** We'll cover the two main areas of accounting - financial accounting and management accounting - but to a greater depth. Financial accounting focuses on how to calculate whether the business has made a profit or a loss. Management accounting looks more at what is likely to happen to the finances of the business in the future.

Teaching Staff

HARWINDER JAGPAL

- Economics degree from Birmingham City University
- CIMA qualified
- Industry experience as assistant accountant and financial analyst

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Accounting you will need GCSE Maths at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

Where can I go next?

Students who have studied Accounting often follow the subject at degree level or study for a related subject such as Business, Law and Mathematics. Many students opt to go straight into further accounting training via one of the professional accounting bodies, CIMA or ACCA.

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SUCCESS STORY

KAVEN JUDGE

- ✓ AAA Accounting, Business, Economics
- ✓ Higher apprenticeship with KPMG



ART & DESIGN

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- Art and Design is for people who enjoy creating works of art and have a talent for doing so. The syllabus is very broad, which enables students to focus on virtually any aspect of art.
- **AS LEVEL:** The teacher chooses the theme of the first component in September and work begins. The second is set by the examining body and starts in early February, when you produce practical project work, followed by a 10-hour practical exam in which a final piece, or pieces, are produced.
- **A LEVEL:** The first component includes a 1,500-3,000 word illustrated essay about an artist or art movement of your choice, where you are encouraged to develop your imagination, artistic and investigative skills as well as your ability to critique your own work. The second component is an Externally Set Assignment and involves a practical project of work and development, concluding with a 15-hour exam (in which the final piece is produced).

Teaching Staff

LISA BECKLEY

- BA (Hons) Craft/Applied Art from Manchester Metropolitan University
- Over 14 years' experience lecturing Art & Design and Textiles
- Students have progressed to Goldsmiths, London and other prestigious universities

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be B grades (grade 6). Specifically for Art you will need to have GCSE Art at grade 5 (grade C) or above OR Level 2 BTEC Art and Design at Merit or above. If you do not have a GCSE or BTEC in Art, you will need to show evidence of your artistic commitment through a portfolio of work.

Where can I go next?

Students who wish to pursue art as part of a career path will usually continue to a one-year Foundation course in Art followed by a degree in a particular field such as: Fine Art (painting, print, sculpture, video), Photography, Fashion and/ or Textiles, Graphic and Media Design, Product Design or Ceramics. Art can be useful to a whole series of different careers including product design, graphic design, design, illustration, TV advertising and website design.

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SUCCESS STORY **KEENIA DYER-WILLIAMS**

- A in Art & Design A Level
- A in English Language & Literature A Level
- A in Media Studies A Level
- Studying English with Creative Writing at the University of Birmingham



BIOLOGY

(OCR)

What does the course involve?

- **Biology is a vital subject for anyone who is thinking of working in health care, pharmaceuticals, the food industry, environmental science and a wide range of other careers.**
- **Biology A Level is split into six modules:**
 1. **Development of practical skills in biology**
 2. **Foundations in biology**
 3. **Exchange and transport**
 4. **Biodiversity, evolution and disease**
 5. **Communications, homeostasis and energy**
 6. **Genetics, evolution and ecosystems**
- **AS LEVEL: Modules 1 to 4**
- **A LEVEL: Modules 1 to 6, combined with the Practical Endorsement.**

Teaching Staff

HEATHER BISHOP

- **BSc Biology from the University of Manchester**
- **Pharmaceutical industry experience**
- **Research into diabetic retinopathy for the Wellcome Trust**

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grades 6 (grade B). Specifically for Biology, you will need GCSE Double Science at grade 6 (grade BB) or above, OR GCSE Biology and GCSE Chemistry at 6 (grade B) or above AND GCSE Maths at 6 (grade B) or above AND a total GCSE point score of 30 or more for your best five subjects.

Where can I go next?

The study of Biology is useful in a wide range of careers such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, nursing, biomedical science, biological sciences, marine biology, nutrition, chiropractic, physiotherapy and many more.

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SUCCESS STORY PAVANJIT KAUR

- ✓ A* in Biology A Level
- ✓ A grades in Maths and Chemistry
- ✓ Studying Medicine at the University of Birmingham



BUSINESS

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- **In Business A Level, we investigate how organisations provide the goods and services that customers will use.**
- **First year: an introduction to key business areas such as marketing, operations, finance and human resource management.**
- **Topics include:**
 - What is business?
 - Managers, leadership and decision making
 - Decision making to improve marketing performance
 - Decision making to improve operational performance
 - Decision making to improve financial performance
 - Decision making to improve human resource performance.
- **Second year: an investigation of the strategic decisions that all businesses have to make.**
- **Topics include:**
 - Analysing the strategic position of a business
 - Choosing the strategic direction
 - Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
 - Managing strategic change.

Teaching Staff

SONIA JASSAL

- **BA (Hons) Business & Finance from Birmingham City University**
- **Graduate Training Programme (GTP) in Education from the University of Birmingham**
- **Examiner for Edexcel for over 12 years**

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Business you will need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (grade C) or above.

Where can I go next?

Business Studies is a good preparation for careers in Accountancy, Management, Journalism, Marketing, Politics, Teaching/Lecturing, Retailing, Local Government, and any other career that requires a non-specific degree.

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SUCCESS STORY **ZAKARI HUSSAIN**

- ☑ A grade in Business A Level
- ☑ A grade in Economics
- ☑ B grade in Law
- ☑ Studying Business & Economics Degree at Reading University



CHEMISTRY

(OCR)

What does the course involve?

- Chemistry is a critical A Level if you're considering medicine, veterinary work or dentistry at university. Our excellent laboratory facilities are ideal for formal lectures, practical sessions and group work. This is what we'll cover over the two years:
- **YEAR 1:**
 - Module 1 - Development of practical skills in chemistry
 - Module 2 - Foundations in chemistry including atomic structure and bonding
 - Module 3 - Periodic table and energy including elements of group 2 and group 7
 - Module 4 - Core organic chemistry.
- **YEAR 2:**
 - Module 1 - Development of practical skills in chemistry
 - Module 2 - Foundations in chemistry including atomic structure and bonding
 - Module 3 - Periodic table and energy including elements of group 2 and group 7
 - Module 4 - Core organic chemistry
 - Module 5 - Physical chemistry and transition elements including rates of reaction and equilibrium
 - Module 6 - Organic chemistry and analysis including spectroscopy.

Teaching Staff

PAUL FERGUSON

- BSc Chemistry from the University of Hull
- Over 30 years' experience as lecturer and examiner
- Also taught Environmental Science and laboratory operations in science-based industries

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Chemistry, you will need GCSE Double Science at grade 6 (grade BB) or above, OR GCSE Chemistry at grade 6 (grade B) or above AND GCSE Maths at grade 6 (grade B) or above AND a total GCSE point score of 30 or more for your best five subjects.

Where can I go next?

Most A Level students who have studied Chemistry go on to university to study a wide range of courses such as veterinary science, biomedical sciences, physics, analytical chemistry and marine anthropology. The skills you acquire as a chemist are useful in a wide range of careers. Apart from working in laboratory research and development, chemists are frequently employed in the financial sector, manufacturing industry, teaching and the law.

SUCCESS STORY AMNINDER SINGH

- ✓ A* in Chemistry A Level
- ✓ A* in Maths & Physics
- ✓ Studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham



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COMPUTER SCIENCE

(OCR)

What does the course involve?

- If you are interested in the technologies that shape the modern world and drive the pace of change, then **Computer Science is the subject for you. Computer Science is an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and is a gateway to the industries of the future.**
- **The aims of this qualification are to enable learners to develop:**
 - an understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation
 - the ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so
 - the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
 - the capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science
 - mathematical skills

Teaching Staff

PARVINDER KAUR

- **Masters in ICT and Education Studies**
- **Over 12 years' experience in FE and secondary sectors**
- **Over 20 years' experience in music education**

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Computer Science, you will need GCSE Computer Science at grade 6 (grade B) or above, and GCSE Maths at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

Where can I go

next?

Students taking Computer Science often go on to study it at university, or they take another science or mathematical subject and use their knowledge of computing to enhance and develop their studies. Computer Science is also essential to a wide variety of careers, from app developer to algorithm programmer.

SUCCESS STORY ARJUN BINNING

- ✓ B grade in Computer Science A Level
- ✓ A & B grades in Maths & Chemistry
- ✓ Studying Computer Science at the University of Leicester



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DRAMA & THEATRE

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- You will be shown the wonderful diversity in theatre and will learn to analyse, interpret and create imaginative, stylish and effective theatre. You will also take part in drama productions and visit the theatre.
- **AS LEVEL:** As part of a group, you will explore and perform an extract from a performance text in the style of a recognised theatre practitioner. You will also work more independently and perform either a monologue or a duologue to an examiner. A written portfolio accompanies this unit, documenting and evaluating the rehearsal process. We also study a modern text through a series of practical workshops.
- **A LEVEL:** You will draw on all of your experience, research and ideas to develop an original piece of theatre. This is assessed by an examiner and includes a written portfolio. You will also study a second play (a more classical text) and re-imagine it for a contemporary audience in the style of a recognised theatre practitioner.

Teaching Staff

VIVIENNE COTTRELL

- BA (Hons) Drama and Diploma in Directing
- Theatre Director in Edinburgh, London & Birmingham
- Examiner for Edexcel for more than 10 years

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Having studied GCSE Drama, Dance or Expressive Arts would be an obvious advantage, but is not essential. All applicants must successfully pass an audition.

Where can I go next?

The majority of A Level students go on to university. Some students study a combined degree in English and Drama. Other students choose specialist degrees in Performing Arts/Creative Arts, or go on to accredited Drama schools for intensive practical training. There is an increased awareness in universities and in the general workplace of the many positive attributes and transferable skills offered by a Drama qualification.

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SUCCESS STORY

KATY FORRESTER

- ☑ A grade in A Level Drama & Theatre
- ☑ A* in English Language and Literature
- ☑ A in Sociology
- ☑ Studying Theatre & English Literature at Lancaster University



ECONOMICS

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- **Economics is the study of how economies work and why they sometimes fail to work effectively. The course is taught over two years:**
- **AS LEVEL - FIRST YEAR THEMES: Introduction to markets and market failure: how markets operate and how governments deal with market failures such as unemployment and pollution. The UK economy – performance and policies: how well balanced the British economy is. Do we rely too much on banking and services? Why do we import more manufactured goods than we export?**
- **A LEVEL - SECOND YEAR THEMES: Business behaviour and the labour market: how do businesses operate? How is income distributed in the British economy and is it fair? Why do women earn less money than men, and is an unequal distribution of income a natural and healthy consequence of a capitalist economy? A global perspective and the financial sector: you will examine public finance, macroeconomic policies and the role of the financial sector in a global context.**

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Economics, you will need GCSE Maths at grade 6 (grade B) and GCSE English Language at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

There are no additional qualifications required to study Economics and you do not need to have any prior knowledge of the subject. Indeed, many students who did not choose Economics as their first subject at college subsequently went on to study it at university.

Where can I go next?

Students might go on to careers in: Accountancy, Banking, Business, Civil Service, Insurance, Journalism, Management, Marketing, Media, Fund Management, Retailing, and the Financial Services. Graduates with degrees in Economics are among the very highest paid.

SUCCESS STORY MOHAMMED MOBEEN

- ✓ A grade in Economics A Level
- ✓ A in Psychology & B in Politics
- ✓ Studying International Relations at the University of Birmingham



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- If you enjoy analysing different types of written and spoken language, then this course is for you! The study of English Language and Literature involves thinking about travel, relationships, power, and justice.
- **AS LEVEL:** You'll learn to analyse how techniques produce meanings in texts. You'll study an anthology of non-fiction writing, a collection of post-1900 poems, and a post-1900 novel; you'll be examined on all of these.
- **A LEVEL:** You'll revisit all of your AS texts and will additionally study one play and another novel, both post-1900. You'll study one further novel and will work independently on a non-fiction text of your own choosing (agreed with your teacher); you'll write a 2500-word comparative analysis of these texts in their respective contexts.

Teaching Staff

HELEN BARKER

- BA (Hons) English/Politics from the University of Liverpool
- Taught at the University of Wolverhampton and De Montfort University
- Examiner, moderator and subject adviser

Entry Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for English Language and Literature, you will need a grade 5 (grade C) or above in GCSE English Language AND a grade 5 (grade C) or above in GCSE English Literature.

Where can I go next?

Many A Level English students go on to take the subject at degree level; some choose to follow degrees in Journalism, Creative Writing and Media related courses. A Level English Language and Literature is a very versatile subject to study and if you are considering going into employment after College, this qualification will demonstrate your ability to communicate at a high level of competency. The study of English is useful for a wide range of careers including the legal profession, teaching, the media, the forces and marketing.

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COLLEGE

SUCCESS STORY

KATY FORRESTER

- A* grade in English Language & Literature A Level
- A in Sociology & Drama
- Studying Theatre & English Literature at Lancaster University



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(WJEC)

What does the course involve?

- **A Level English Language** focuses on the power of words and the versatility of the speakers and writers who use them for different effects. You will develop your knowledge and increase your understanding of a language used the world over, as well as increasing your own skills as a writer.
- **AS LEVEL:** You'll develop your understanding of the key constituents of language and their contribution to meaning in spoken and written English. You'll study how language is used through a range of texts from different periods. You'll be expected to produce your own creative, original writing in a fictional, literary mode and write a commentary analysing how you have produced it.
- **A LEVEL:** You'll continue to build on the skills acquired at AS with further study of phonetics and phonology, lexis, morphology, grammar and discourse. There is another opportunity for production of your own writing with the focus on extended functional writing and analysis.

Entry Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for English Language, you will need GCSE English Language at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

Where can I go next?

Many English Language A Level students go on to study the subject at university; some choose to follow degrees in Journalism, Creative Writing and Media related courses. A Level English is a very versatile subject to study and if you are considering going into employment after College, this qualification will demonstrate your ability to communicate at a high level of competency. The study of English is useful for a wide range of careers including the legal profession, teaching, the media, the forces and marketing.

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SUCCESS STORY REBECCA REED

- ✓ A* grade in English A Level
- ✓ B in Biology & Physics
- ✓ Studied English degree at the University of Birmingham



ENGLISH LITERATURE

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- If you love reading and have a genuine interest in different types of literature, then this course is for you! You will study nine texts in total from the three main genres of prose, poetry and drama, and from Shakespeare to twenty-first century writers, with the two main themes being Love Through The Ages and Modern Times.
- **AS LEVEL:** You'll learn to analyse how techniques produce meanings in texts. You will study one Shakespeare play, an anthology of poems, and two novels; you will be examined on all of these, and also on a previously-unseen prose extract.
- **A LEVEL:** You'll revisit three of your AS texts and will additionally study one play, one novel and one poetry collection. You will also be examined on a previously-unseen prose extract and on two previously-unseen poems. For coursework, you will study one further novel and will work independently on a text of your own choosing (agreed with your teacher); you will write a 2500-word comparative analysis of these texts in their respective contexts.

Teaching Staff

CLAIRE MCINTYRE

- BA (Hons) English & Theology
- PGCE from the University of Birmingham
- Examiner since 2014

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for English Literature, you will need GCSE English Language at grade 5 (grade C) or above AND GCSE English Literature at grade 5 (grade C) or above.

Where can I go next?

Many A Level English students go on to take the subject at degree level; some choose to follow degrees in Journalism, Creative Writing and Media related courses.

A Level English Literature is a very versatile subject to study and if you are considering going into employment after College, this qualification will demonstrate your ability to communicate at a high level of competency. The study of English is useful for a wide range of careers including the legal profession, teaching, the media, the forces and marketing.

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SUCCESS STORY

CHARLOTTE JONES

- ✓ A grade in English Literature A Level
- ✓ A in Media Studies & B in English Language
- ✓ Winner of the Sandwell College University Bursary
- ✓ Studied English at the University of Birmingham



EXTENDED PROJECT GCE AS LEVEL

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- The Extended Project is a separate qualification that A Level students do as part of their second year and is designed to demonstrate the ability to plan and write an extended piece of writing.
- It is the equivalent of one AS Level (although unlike other AS Levels an A* grade is possible) and is viewed very positively by employers and universities as it provides evidence of independent learning and project management skills.
- You have a free choice of project topic, so you can choose to explore a further aspect of a subject you're studying, or another subject, or choose a topic in which you have a personal interest. You'll meet with a member of staff (supervisor) weekly to discuss your progress.

You will:

- Choose a topic to study
- Complete a production log to document the project process
- Plan, research and carry out your project
- Prepare and deliver a presentation on the outcome.

Examples of the extremely wide range of projects students can research include:

- Global Warming – Is the threat real?
- All in the mind? – An exploration of the perceptions of mental health and learning disability disorders

Entry

Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements other than being an A Level student. However, it would be expected that students would be motivated learners who enjoy research and working on their own.

Where can I go next?

The AS Level Extended Project is excellent preparation for university or employment as it provides evidence of being able to organise and research a substantial topic as an independent learner.

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FILM STUDIES

(WJEC)

What does the course involve?

- **Film Studies** explores our role as the spectator and the psychology behind audience response. We study an exciting range of films from diverse national and cultural backgrounds. We study films from classic Hollywood cinema starring screen icons such as Joan Crawford and Marilyn Monroe, to new Hollywood, with challenging films from directors such as Spike Lee, Christopher Nolan and Danny Boyle. We also study Independent Cinema, Global Cinema and case studies on British Cinema, Silent Cinema and Documentary Film.
- **AS LEVEL: We'll look at:**
 - The language of Film and how it influences the audience
 - The different components of Film; what we see, hear and the way Film represents the real world
 - How these components work upon us as spectators and how our responses differ according to: who we are, where we are and what we seek from a film
 - The British, Hollywood and World Cinema industries, mainstream and independent cinema, historical and modern cinema
 - Who produces films, how they are funded, how they are created, how we get to see them and how we are convinced that we want to see them at all through marketing.
- **A LEVEL: We'll turn to look at the wider context of world cinema, documentary, and different, theoretical approaches to cinema.**

Entry Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B).

Where can I go next?

Students who have studied Film can expect to follow the subject on to degree level, or study a related subject from English Literature to Sociology, or a creative subject such as Film Production, Photography, or even Music. The study of Film is far reaching with skills that complement many careers such as television, journalism, arts administration, marketing, teaching and private sector or charities.

Teaching Staff

SAM CLARE

- **BA (Hons) Film Studies** from the University of Wolverhampton
- **10 years' experience** lecturing Film and Media Studies
- **Favourite director is** Wong Kar-Wai

SUCCESS STORY

EMMA KIERAN

- ✓ B grade in Film Studies A Level
- ✓ A & B grades in Media & English Language
- ✓ Studying Media at Aberystwyth University



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FRENCH

(EDUQAS)

What does the course involve?

- Studying French is not only about understanding the grammar and structure of the language, it is also about how people live and use the language on a day-to-day basis.
- **AS LEVEL (YEAR 1)**
Theme A - Being a young person in French-speaking society: Families and citizenship; Youth trends and personal identity; Education and employment opportunities
Theme B - Understanding the French-speaking world: Regional culture and heritage in France, French-speaking countries and communities; Media, art, film and music in the French-speaking world. Studying a film.
- **A LEVEL (YEAR 2)**
Theme A - Diversity and difference; Migration and integration; Cultural identity and marginalisation; Cultural enrichment and celebrating difference; Discrimination and diversity
Theme B - France 1940-1950: The Occupation and post-war years; June 1940-May 1945; The cultural dimension in occupied France; 1945-1950
- Studying literature and film through the study of a book and a film.
- A personal cultural research project to be presented and discussed during the speaking examination.

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for French, there is a minimum entry requirement of a grade 6 (grade B) in French at GCSE. If you have spent a significant amount of time in a French-speaking country, it may be possible to join the course, after discussion with your tutors.

Where can I go next?

Apart from being beneficial at a personal level, your A Level in French can help with quite a few career paths. For those who want to specialise in language, there are teaching, translation or interpreting. There are also travel and tourism, journalism and the diplomatic service. You can combine a lot of subjects at university with French, for example: Art and French, Business and French, History and French, Law and French, Mathematics and French. But even as an engineer or designer, being proficient in a language will give you broader career options.

Teaching Staff

MICHAËL LACOULT

- Graduated from Université de Technologie de Compiègne in France
- PGCE in Modern Foreign Languages from the University of Birmingham
- Also Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Newcastle College Sixth Form

SUCCESS STORY TOM PARKER

- ✓ B grade in French A Level
- ✓ A & B grades in Media & English Language
- ✓ Studying Broadcast Journalism at the University of Salford



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GEOGRAPHY

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- During this course you will investigate and evaluate a wide range of topics using real life situations, from the effects of globalisation in the West Midlands and London to heavy flooding in Bangladesh, flood management in China, as well as volcanic eruptions in Chile and Italy. These issues affect all of us throughout the world, drawing together a diverse range of countries, nationalities and cultures in the quest to solve some of the problems that face the planet today – population increase, greenhouse gas emissions, famine and poverty on the one hand, compared with over-production and opulence on the other. During your studies, you will use as many different resources as possible to discover more about the physical and human impact of various geographical events, including current issues such as global warming, climate change, international conflicts and sustainability.
- **AS LEVEL:** Consists of two physical and two human modules: Coastal Systems and Landscapes, Hazards and Changing Places. In addition, there is a Geographical Fieldwork Investigation which is assessed in an exam skills-based paper. There are two one-and-a-half-hour exams at AS Level and no coursework.
- **A LEVEL:** Comprises study of two human and one physical module: Global Systems and Governance, Population and the Environment, and Carbon Cycles. There is also a 20% coursework module based on a fieldwork investigation, and two exams lasting two and a half hours.

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Geography, you will need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (grade C) or above. It is not necessary to have Geography GCSE to study this subject at A Level.

Where can I go next?

Students whose A Levels include Geography may continue to study this subject at university, or study a related subject such as Geology, Social Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Planning or Archaeology. An AS or A Level in Geography is a widely recognised and well-respected qualification, welcomed by employers and universities who appreciate that those with an A Level in Geography must have good communication and analytical skills, as well as a degree of practical application. It can lead to a wide range of careers including journalism, teaching, media and work with environmental agencies worldwide.

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Teaching Staff

GEORGI IVANOV

- Masters in Geography – Regional development and tourism
- Over 13 years' experience lecturing in the UK and Bulgaria
- International background and passion for travel and tourism

SUCCESS STORY

EMILY CLARK

- ☑ A grade in Geography A Level
- ☑ A in Business and B in Accounting
- ☑ Now studying Geography at the University of Birmingham



HISTORY

(OCR)

What does the course involve?

- By helping us to understand the past, History sheds light on the issues of the contemporary world. Many of the problems we face today have their roots in the recent past. The Central Saint Michael's History course aims to provide students with a wide-ranging investigation of modern history across Britain, Europe and America. The course covers a range of historical fields focusing on the concepts of power, ideology, terror, democracy and dictatorship.
- **AS LEVEL:** You'll study England 1485 to 1558, The Early Tudors Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany, 1919 to 1963.
- **A LEVEL:** You'll study Civil Rights in the USA, 1865 to 1992 or The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792 to 1945.
Coursework 3,500 - 4,000 words: a student choice relating to one of the three previous units.
The course will develop your skills of historical research, analysis and interpretation. It also includes a visit to the Cold War Museum in Telford, guest speakers, and access to rare documents.

Teaching Staff

DR. DAVID CRAIK

- PhD in American Political History
- Experienced examiner
- BBC broadcaster on politics and current affairs

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B).

Where can I go

next?

Students who study History often follow the subject at degree level or study for a related subject such as Law, Politics or Sociology. The study of History is useful in a wide range of careers such as the legal profession, the civil service, teaching, local government, politics, and in pressure groups and charities. History skills are especially useful in research based occupations such as journalism, the police and the law.

TOM CALLEN

- MA in Political Science from the University of Birmingham
- Experienced examiner
- Keen interest in philosophy, security studies and the history of warfare

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SUCCESS STORY

RACHEL BALDINI

- ✓ A grade in History A Level
- ✓ A grades in Psychology & Sociology
- ✓ Studying Politics at the University of Manchester



LAW

(EDUQAS)

What does the course involve?

- Law is a captivating and thought-provoking A Level that provides a fantastic insight into what it would be like to study Law at University. This course is ideal if you are interested in pursuing further study or a career in the legal sector. It is also a fascinating course if you are interested in current affairs and want to develop your understanding of them and why the law deals with things in certain ways.
- Law can be studied in either your first or second year as an AS qualification, or over two years as a full A Level.
- You will study the following topics:
 - The nature of Law and the English legal system
 - Criminal Law including fatal and non-fatal offences
 - Law of tort including negligence and nuisance
 - Human rights
- You can study Law with A Levels and/or BTEC Certificates. It goes particularly well with subjects such as English and History. The course content also links well with Politics, Psychology and Sociology.

Teaching Staff

STEPHEN HONE

- LLB Law degree and ran his own successful employment law firm
- Examiner for AQA and OCR
- Appeared on GMTV, Tonight with Trevor McDonald and the BBC Money Programme

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects. Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Law, you must have GCSE English Language at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

Where can I go

next?

A Level Law is excellent preparation for a Law degree or other humanities-related degrees. Further professional training can lead to qualification as a barrister or solicitor. Students may also progress to apprenticeships in the legal sector.

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SUCCESS STORY

SIMRAN KAUR

- A* grade in Law A Level
- B grades in Maths & Business
- Studying Law at the University of Birmingham



MATHEMATICS

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- **Studying Mathematics is stimulating, challenging and can be the most elegant and succinct way to describe the world around us. It will provide you with rational and logical processing skills, the necessary tools for a problem solver. The mathematician's skillset is highly transferable and very desirable to employers; in fact, on average, those with a Mathematics A Level earn 10% more than those without.**

The three key areas of study are:

- **Pure Mathematics: extends your knowledge of topics such as algebra and trigonometry as well as introducing new ideas such as calculus. If you enjoyed the challenge of problem solving at GCSE then you should find this course very appealing.**
- **Statistics: covers the analysis of numerical data in order to arrive at conclusions about it. Many of the ideas met have applications in a wide range of other fields: from assessing what car insurance costs to how likely the Earth is going to be hit by a comet.**
- **Mechanics: describes the motion of objects and how they respond to forces acting upon them, from cars in the street to satellites orbiting a planet. You will learn techniques of mathematical modelling by turning a complicated problem into a simpler one that can be analysed and solved using mathematics. Many of the ideas you will meet form an essential introduction to modern fields of study such as cybernetics, robotics, biomechanics and sports science, as well as the more traditional areas of engineering and physics.**

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Mathematics, you will need GCSE Maths at grade 7 (grade A) or above.

Where can I go

next?

Most A Level students go on to study at university. Some have used Mathematics to go directly into the professions. The study of Mathematics opens the door to many varied professions. Obvious choices would be in the area of Science, Engineering and Finance. To see the many varied careers that a student of Mathematics and Statistics may follow, from games programmer to weather forecasting, go to www.mathscareers.org.uk

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SUCCESS STORY ARJUN BINNING

- A grade in Maths A Level
- B grades in Chemistry & Computer Science
- Studying Computer Science at the University of Leicester



Teaching Staff

SANDEEP MAHAY

- BSc (Hons) Mathematical Sciences from the University of Birmingham
- Over 12 years' experience teaching Mathematics from Key Stages 3 to 5
- Examiner for Edexcel

MEDIA STUDIES

(EDUQAS)

What does the course involve?

- In the wake of scandals from 'Phone Hacking' to 'Fake News', the role and ownership of the media has come under examination more than ever before. Media Studies looks at the mass media as a commercial industry, who runs it, how it is funded, how it targets specific audiences and the techniques or languages that it uses to appeal to them. If you like to understand the modern world and the way it is changing, Media Studies may be for you. At both AS and A Level we study a range of media products across the media platforms from music videos, film and print journalism, through to video games and websites. Across both years theoretical frameworks underpin every aspect of what we do, from representations of race, gender or sexuality to issues around institution:
- The 'language' of media products; what we see, hear, and how it is presented across the various media platforms
- How these components are mediated to create a specific effect or response from audiences
- Who makes media products? What are their biases? What do they want from us?
- Critical perspectives from a range of academic theorists in: Media Language, Audience, Representation and Institutional factors, and how they influence the mass media.

Entry Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects. Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Media Studies, you will need GCSE English Language at grade 6 (grade B) or above.

Where can I go next?

Most A Level students go on to study at university. Students who have studied Media can expect to follow the subject on to degree level, or study a related subject from English Literature to Sociology, or even a creative subject such as Film Production, Photography or Music. The study of Media is far reaching with skills that complement many careers such as television, journalism, arts administration, marketing, teaching and private sector or charities.

Teaching Staff

SAM CLARE

- BA (Hons) Film Studies from the University of Wolverhampton
- 10 years' experience lecturing Film and Media Studies
- Favourite director is Wong Kar-Wai

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SUCCESS STORY

EMMA KIERAN

- ✓ A grade in Media Studies A Level
- ✓ B grades in Film Studies & English Language
- ✓ Studying Media at Aberystwyth University



PHYSICS

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- Physics explores all the way from the inside of atoms out to the whole Universe (or should that be Multiverse?). And in between, it covers such things as sound, music, light, telecommunications, engineering, electricity, energy sources. If you are interested in the fundamental forces of nature and you have a good grasp of Maths, Physics is for you. Physics is also fundamental to a multitude of good career opportunities; it shows that you can think and solve problems, which is a highly valued skill for many employers. The course has been structured to give an understanding of many of the specialisms in the world of Physics.
- **AS LEVEL:** Covers the areas of forces and motion, materials, waves, electricity, quantum phenomena and particle physics. The experimental and mathematical skills required to become a successful physicist are also covered.
- **A LEVEL:** Expands on the first year and also covers rotational mechanics, oscillations, electric, gravitational and magnetic fields, thermal physics, kinetic theory, radioactivity and nuclear physics. In addition, you can study either astrophysics, 'modern physics' (including relativity), engineering physics, medical physics or electronics options.

Teaching Staff

DR. AVTAR SINGH

- BSc in Physics from Imperial College, PhD in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Postdoctoral research scientist at the National University of Singapore
- A Level & GCSE examiner for various boards

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Physics, you will need GCSE Double Science at grade 6 (grade BB) or above OR GCSE Physics at grade 6 (grade B) or above, AND GCSE Maths at grade 6 (grade B) or above AND a total GCSE point score of 30 in your best five subjects. While it is not strictly necessary to select Mathematics as one of your A Levels, it is strongly recommended that you do, especially if you wish to study Physics or a related subject at university.

Where can I go next?

There are many areas of Physics in which you can specialise at degree level (see course content) but Physics at A Level is also required for a range of other subjects at university level such as Architecture, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Engineering, Geography, Geology, or for careers such as in the RAF or the Construction industry. It is also studied alongside the other sciences for those who are thinking of going on to study Chemistry or Maths at university.

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SUCCESS STORY

AMNINDER SINGH

- ☑ A* grade in Physics A Level
- ☑ A* grades in Chemistry & Maths
- ☑ Studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham



POLITICS

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- Politics is the study of conflict and power. It's an exciting and dynamic subject which draws on real examples from the world around us.
- **AS LEVEL:** We'll look at democracy, elections and voting behaviour, the different political parties and their ideas, the role of pressure groups, the role of Parliament, what the Prime Minister does, how well our rights are protected by the courts and how membership of the European Union has affected the British political system.
- **A LEVEL:** We'll look at the ways in which the Americans make political decisions, focusing on political parties in the United States, the politics of race, what pressure groups do, how the Congress works, what the President does, and how the American Supreme Court protects liberties. You will also make comparisons between how politics works in the USA and the UK, and you'll look at ideologies such as Nationalism, Liberalism, Conservatism and Socialism.

Teaching Staff

DR. MATT LAMB

- PhD in Political Science
- Senior examiner for Edexcel
- Political experience as councillor, cabinet member and parliamentary candidate

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B).

Where can I go next?

You can study Politics or a related subject such as History, Law and Sociology at degree level. Politics is useful in a wide range of careers such as the legal profession, the civil service, teaching, local government, politics, and pressure groups and charities.

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SUCCESS STORY **EDWARD WOODVINE**

- A* grade in Politics A Level
- B & C grades in History & Law
- Studying History at the University of Bristol



PSYCHOLOGY

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- Ever wondered why you are the way you are, or other people behave the way they do? Psychology A Level will help you to understand yourself and other people much better. It is a subject that tries to get to the bottom of what you are like and why you behave in certain ways. It is more precisely the “scientific study of the human mind and human behaviour”.

■ AS LEVEL (YEAR 1):

Social and cognitive psychology
Biological psychology and learning theories

■ A LEVEL (YEAR 2):

Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology. Topics include Social psychology, Cognitive psychology, Biological psychology, Learning theories and Issues and debates.

Paper 2: Applications of Psychology. Topics include Clinical psychology, Child psychology

Paper 3: Psychological skills. Topics covered are: Methods, Synoptic review of studies and Issues and debates. This is a synoptic section in which students will be asked to draw on all topics to develop a general knowledge of key issues and debates.

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Psychology, you must have GCSE Double Science/Psychology at grade 5 (grade C) or above OR two GCSEs in Science, including Biology, at grade 5 (grade C) or above, AND GCSE Maths at grade 5 (grade C) or above.

Where can I go next?

Students who have studied Psychology A Level often go on to study it at university or choose a related degree such as criminology, sociology or teaching. Psychology is very useful for any career that involves working with people e.g. nursing, teaching, health, business. There are few areas of life where knowledge of psychology is not valuable.

Teaching Staff

NAVJOT KAUR

- BA (Hons) Sociology and Masters from the University of Wolverhampton
- Examiner for Psychology and Sociology
- Lead Reviewer for the Quality Department

KALBINDER BERRICK

- BA (Hons) Psychology from the University of Reading
- 19 years' experience lecturing Psychology and Health & Social Care
- Associate Examiner for Edexcel for over 10 years



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SUCCESS STORY

FARIHA ANJUM

- ✓ A grade in Psychology A Level
- ✓ A grades in RE & Sociology
- ✓ Studying Psychology at the University of Manchester



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- The study of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics raises the big questions of life, about God, and how we ought to live as human beings. You will have an opportunity to explore these issues in some depth with other interested students. In addition to the personal value of studying such a subject, you will also acquire valuable skills of critical thinking and philosophical analysis. In the Philosophy of Religion, you will be introduced to Ancient Greek influences on religious philosophy, such as the ideas of Plato and Aristotle, and will also consider traditional Judaeo-Christian ideas of God, such as God's goodness and role as Creator. You will then consider the traditional arguments for the existence of God and the challenge posed to belief in God by the existence of evil and suffering in the world. In Ethics, you will consider a range of approaches to a philosophical and religious understanding of issues regarding euthanasia, abortion and genetic engineering.
- A Level: you'll study two modules, one covering further Philosophy of Religion topics and another covering further Ethics topics. Philosophy topics include miracles, religious language, the nature of God and life after death; Ethics topics include a study of free-will, conscience and practical ethics topics such as the environment, business ethics and sexual ethics.
- You should be aware that the course consists of 50% Philosophy and 50% Religious Studies.

Entry

Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects. Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Religious Studies, you will need GCSE English Language at grade 6 (grade B) or above. You do not need to have studied GCSE Religious Studies, or to have any particular religious faith, but critical thinking skills and a keen interest in Philosophy are necessary given the nature of the subject.

Where can I go next?

An AS or A Level qualification in Religious Studies is most directly related to degrees in Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies. It is, however, relevant to many other fields of study, such as History, Psychology, Sociology, Literature and Politics. Given the large component of ethics within the course, it is also highly useful for many people-centred careers, such as teaching, medicine, the police, and community and social work.

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Teaching Staff

DESMOND RAKHALY

- BA (Hons) Sociology & Philosophy from the University of Wolverhampton
- Experienced AQA Sociology examiner
- Member of the British Philosophical Association

SUCCESS STORY FARIHA ANJUM

- ✓ A grade in Religious Studies A Level
- ✓ A grades in Psychology & Sociology
- ✓ Studying Psychology at the University of Manchester



SOCIOLOGY

(AQA)

What does the course involve?

- **Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions. Sociology's subject matter is diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies. Sociology is an exciting and illuminating field of study that analyses and explains important matters in our personal lives, our communities, and the world.**
- **You'll start off studying and exploring different sociological perspectives and linking these to the following module:**
 1. **Culture and Identity. How do different cultures change society? How influential is our culture in shaping our identity?**
- **From January onwards, you'll be studying Education Theory and Research Methods (including topics such as: are girls really doing better than boys? How can teachers label students? How does your ethnicity or class affect your experience at school?). You'll use data throughout this module to support your answers. This will prepare you for your AS exam. If you meet the minimum grade of a D to continue to A2, you will explore topics such as Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (Why do people commit suicide? Why is crime increasing? What makes people kill, rob or beat? Domestic Violence), again using supporting data to reinforce your arguments and opinion.**
- **You will then study the following option:**
 1. **The Media. How does the media influence and manipulate society?**

Entry Requirements

All students studying A Levels should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C). Two of these should be grade 6 (grade B). Specifically for Sociology, you should have GCSE Maths at grade 5 (grade C).

Where can I go next?

Sociology is a subject that is accepted at all universities on most courses. Many students who take A Level Sociology go on to university to study it as their major choice. Many students who undertake a career in social services, social policy, teaching, business, the civil service, the police, etc, find the study of Sociology invaluable to their understanding.

Teaching Staff

MATTHEW BANNER

- **Studied at Australian and UK universities**
- **Sociology examiner for AQA**
- **Lead in School Partnerships - Curriculum**

STEVEN PRITCHARD

- **Sociology degree from the University of Worcester**
- **7 years' frontline experience, including social work and Youth Offending Services**
- **Keen to help young people explore topics such as 'Identity' and 'New Media'**

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SUCCESS STORY **HEMA TIWANA**

- A grade in Sociology A Level
- B grades in Business & Economics
- Studying Business at the University of Nottingham



AAT DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING

(AAT) (SUBJECT TO APPROVAL)

What does the course involve?

- This AAT qualification is an ideal starting point for anyone wishing to pursue a career in accountancy or finance. The Level 2 Foundation Diploma will prepare you for junior and entry level accounting roles. It delivers a solid foundation in finance administration - covering areas such as double entry bookkeeping to basic costing principles and using accounting software. The Level 3 Advanced Diploma will provide you with the specialist knowledge and skills required for progressing either to employment in an accounting or finance role, or to enable progression to further study in accountancy and finance. It is possible for students to complete Level 2 in the first year and Level 3 in the second year.
- You'll develop accountancy skills in double-entry bookkeeping and basic costing, as well as an understanding of purchase, sales and general ledgers. You will also learn to use accounting software and to develop the professional skills and behaviours needed to contribute effectively in the workplace. In the Level 3 Advanced qualification you will master more complex accounting disciplines including financial processes, advanced bookkeeping, final accounts and ethical practices for accountants. You will also understand business issues regarding VAT and management accounting costing techniques. This qualification further delivers software skills through spreadsheet training for accounting.

Teaching Staff

HARWINDER JAGPAL

- Economics degree from Birmingham City University
- CIMA qualified
- Industry experience as assistant accountant and financial analyst

Entry

Requirements

Students would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English and Maths.

Where can I go next?

An AAT qualification is a route to some of the most in-demand skills in the world, and provides students with a professional status to be proud of. If you successfully complete the Level 3 qualification, you can apply for AAT associate bookkeeping membership and achieve professional AATQB status. If you are considering going on to study at university, this qualification will also attract UCAS points.



CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED CRIMINOLOGY

(BTEC)

What does the course involve?

- Do you want to be a lawyer, criminologist or police officer? If so, then this is the course for you. Criminology is a practical subject where you can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. The purpose of this qualification is to provide you with an introduction to criminal justice and to give you a context for humanities learning. Combined with a relevant A Level in Law, Psychology or Sociology, it develops your understanding in preparation for university.
- In your first year, you will study the Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology. As part of this, you will study the following mandatory modules: 1) Changing Awareness of Crime 2) Criminological Theories.
- In your second year, you will be working towards the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology. As part of this, you will build on your first year and study: 3) Crime Scene to Courtroom 4) Crime and Punishment.

Entry Requirements

All students studying Young Professionals Academy A Level/Diploma combinations should have at least five GCSEs at grade 9 - 5 (A* - C) in academic subjects, including English Language at grade 5 (grade C).

Where can I go next?

Students taking Criminology usually progress to university or higher education. The most popular degrees are Criminology with Law/Criminal Justice/ Psychology/Sociology. Due to the nature of this practical subject, you can also go straight into employment and showcase your knowledge.



CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED LAW

(BTEC)

What does the course involve?

- This is a unique qualification in the legal sector, providing an excellent introduction to Law and giving you an edge when progressing to employment and higher education.
- The aim of the course is to explore the underlying framework of the law and learn and apply key areas. You will study four units including Dispute Solving in Civil Law, Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System, Applying the Law and Aspects of Family Law. Upon completion of the course you will have an understanding of the law, know the different non-fatal offences, advise about a murder case and describe how laws are made and applied.

Teaching Staff

STEPHEN HONE

- LLB Law degree and ran his own successful employment law firm
- Examiner for AQA and OCR
- Appeared on GMTV, Tonight with Trevor McDonald and the BBC Money Programme

Entry Requirements

Students would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English Language.

Where can I go next?

The Applied Law qualification carries UCAS points and, if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two-year programme of learning, then it is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses. You could also go into employment directly or via an apprenticeship.

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CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

(BTEC)

What does the course involve?

- If you thrive in an engaging and hands-on style of learning, the Applied Psychology BTEC National is an ideal stepping stone to further study or entry level employment in Psychology and Psychology-related fields. A practical focus on the application of Psychology gives you an insight into areas such as treating mental health issues, improving sporting performance, understanding how children develop and offender treatment.
- You'll cover the key approaches to Psychology - cognitive, social, learning and biological. You'll also explore key psychological studies and theories and put them into practice using real-life examples and case studies.
- Mandatory units include Psychological Approaches and Applications, Conducting Psychological Research, and Health Psychology. Optional units include Criminal and Forensic Psychology, Promoting Children's Psychological Development, Introduction to Psychopathology, and Applied Sport Psychology.

Teaching Staff

KALBINDER BERRICK

- BA (Hons) Psychology from the University of Reading
- 19 years' experience lecturing Psychology and Health & Social Care
- Associate Examiner for Edexcel for over 10 years

Entry

Requirements

Students would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English Language, and Maths at grade 4 (grade C) or above.

Where can I go next?

You could progress to higher education, employment or an apprenticeship. Example career options include clinical, counselling, educational, forensic, sport and exercise psychologist as well as mental health worker, human resources officer, and many more.



DIPLOMA IN APPLIED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

(PLUS 1 A LEVEL – SINGLE AWARD)
(PLUS 2 A LEVELS – DOUBLE AWARD)
(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- If you want to study Health and Social Care, Adult Social Care, Social Policy, Social Work, Nursing, Working with Children, Young People and Families, Psychology and Sociology at university, then this is for you! The diploma is designed to be studied alongside one or two A Levels such as Psychology, Sociology or Biology. Health and Social Care may also be studied as a BTEC Certificate (equivalent to AS Level) or BTEC Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels). You can discuss your preferred options with the teacher before starting the course.
- You study two units for the single award and four units for the double award (full Diploma). The units are: Core Values and Services; Employment within the Sectors; Disease, Illness and Disability. Optional units will be either:
- Human Behaviour - to allow you to explore the factors that influence an individual's development, including the application of psychological theories and strategies within a range of care settings. Or:
- The Ageing Demographic - based on demographic changes to include life expectancy, the impact on the provision of health and social care services and the impact of the management of long-term conditions. This unit will also include the physical and cognitive effects of ageing in addition to the rights and responsibilities of older individuals.

Teaching Staff

ZOE LEWIS

- BSc (Hons) Psychology & Sociology
- Masters in Education Management
- Examiner and coursework moderator for Edexcel Health & Social Care

Entry

Requirements

Students must have grade 5 (grade C) or above in Double Science at GCSE, OR Level 2 Applied Science at Merit or above.

Where can I go next?

Successful completion of the course will allow you to apply for university courses, including Nursing, Social Work and Psychology and many more.



DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

(PLUS 1 A LEVEL) - equivalent to 2 A Levels

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- If you are focused on a career in business and you want to study a business-related degree at university, this could be the course for you. You take the Diploma in Business and choose an A Level to study alongside it from Law, Sociology, Psychology, Politics.
- The Diploma includes the following mandatory units: The Business Environment, Business Resources, Introduction to Marketing and Business Communication.
- Optional units include: Business Accounting, Creative Product Promotion, Recruitment and Selection, Development Planning for a Career in Business, Developing Teams in Business, Aspects of Contract and Business Law, Understanding Health and Safety in the Business Workplace, Starting a Small Business.
- For the Extended Diploma you will study nine units in total: three additional units per year on top of the six taken for the two A Level equivalent diploma. You will focus on a mixture of topics, including: Market Research in Business, Understanding Business Ethics and The Economic Environment.

Teaching Staff

MANJINDER SIDHU

- BA (Hons) Business Studies
- PGCE from Newman University
- Engages and pushes each student to reach their full potential

Entry

Requirements

Students would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English and Maths.

Where can I go next?

There is a massive range of university degree courses that this pathway could lead you into, including Business Management.



DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS WITH LAW

(PLUS 1 A LEVEL)

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- This Level 3 Diploma in Business with Law is a practical, work-related course. It is suitable for students who are aiming at a wide variety of legal and business careers. You will develop employability skills that will help you succeed in your desired career. You can choose an A Level to study alongside the Diploma from:
 - Law
 - Sociology
 - Psychology
 - Politics.
- For the Diploma you will study topics which are suitable for any business career like finance, marketing, communication and resources, but alongside these you will also study specialist law units. Topics might include Contract and Business Law, Criminal Law, the Legal System, Civil Liability, Employment Law and others.

Teaching Staff

BRENDALYN HEAVEN

- BA (Hons) Business & Management/ Masters in Education & Professional Development
- Former office manager responsible for staff
- Ran her own business training consultancy

Entry

Requirements

Students would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English and Maths.

Where can I go next?

Successful completion of the course will allow you to apply for university courses such as Law, Business & Management, Business & Law and many others.



DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE

(PLUS 1 A LEVEL) - equivalent to 2 A Levels

EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- If you want to apply for a practical-based science degree at university, this is the pathway for you! Applied Science qualifications are designed to provide specialist, work-related programmes of study that cover the key knowledge and practical skills required in the science sector. They are an excellent route to employment in the science and health sectors or within organisations that make use of science. You can study Applied Science alongside other A Level subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Psychology.
- In the first year of the Applied Science Diploma, you'll study: Fundamentals of Science, Working in the Science Industry, Scientific Practical Techniques, Perceptions of Science, Using Mathematical Tools in Science, Using Statistics in Science, Chemical Laboratory Techniques.
- In the second year, you'll study: Scientific Investigations, Using Science in the Workplace, Biochemistry and Biochemical Techniques, Genetics and Genetic Engineering, Practical Chemical Analysis, Medical Physics Techniques.
- Extended Diploma students will study nine units in total: Physiology of Human Regulation and Reproduction, Microbiological Techniques and Genetics, in addition to the six taken by Diploma students.

Teaching Staff

DR AVTAR SINGH

- BSc in Physics from Imperial College, PhD in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Postdoctoral research scientist in the National University of Singapore
- A Level & GCSE examiner for various boards

Entry

Requirements

You would need five GCSEs at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English, Maths and Science.

Where can I go next?

You should be aiming to progress to one of the many different types of degrees dealing with the applications of science and medicine.



DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE

(FORENSIC AND MEDICAL)

(PLUS 1 A LEVEL) - equivalent to 2 A Levels
(Edexcel)

What does the course involve?

- Applied Science is an exciting, practical-based course that equips you with a range of scientific skills and introduces you to forensic and medical procedures. If you have an interest in the applications of Science in the medical and forensic fields, and you are good at problem solving and carrying out practical work, this course will suit you. You can study this diploma alongside an A Level in subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Law or Psychology. If you find that you do better in coursework than exams, then you'll enjoy Applied Science (Forensics and Medical).
- You'll study a range of units over the two years of the course.
In the first year you'll study the compulsory units:
 - Fundamentals of Science
 - Working in the Science Industry
 - Scientific Practical Techniques
- In year 2, you would study more specialist units and gain an insight into the working worlds of medical science and forensic science.

Teaching Staff

DR ADE ODULOJU

- PhD in Veterinary Medicine
- Keen interest in the STEM agenda in the UK
- Involved in the study and development of veterinary pharmaceuticals in the UK

Entry

Requirements

You would need five GCSEs, at grade 5 (grade C) or above, including English, Maths and Science.

Where can I go next?

You should be aiming to progress to one of the many different types of degrees dealing with the applications of science and medicine.



HOW TO GET HERE

We're right next to West Bromwich bus station and Metro station, and clearly visible from the M5. Birmingham city centre, Dudley, Harborne and Great Barr are all only four miles away.

Direct bus routes to Central Sixth:

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46, 47, 47A, 48, 48A, 49, 74, 79,
80, 80A, 89, 121, 289.

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BY METRO

West Bromwich Central tram station is very close to Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form, making Birmingham City Centre or Wolverhampton easily accessible by Metro. Trams stop frequently throughout the day.

For more information visit www.westmidlandsmetro.com

BY BUS

Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form is just a two minute walk from West Bromwich bus station, served by buses from across the West Midlands.

For more information visit www.nxbus.co.uk

BY TRAIN

Sandwell & Dudley Station in Bromford Lane, West Bromwich, is just five minutes away from Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form by bus or taxi. Connecting buses to West Bromwich bus station regularly pass the station entrance.

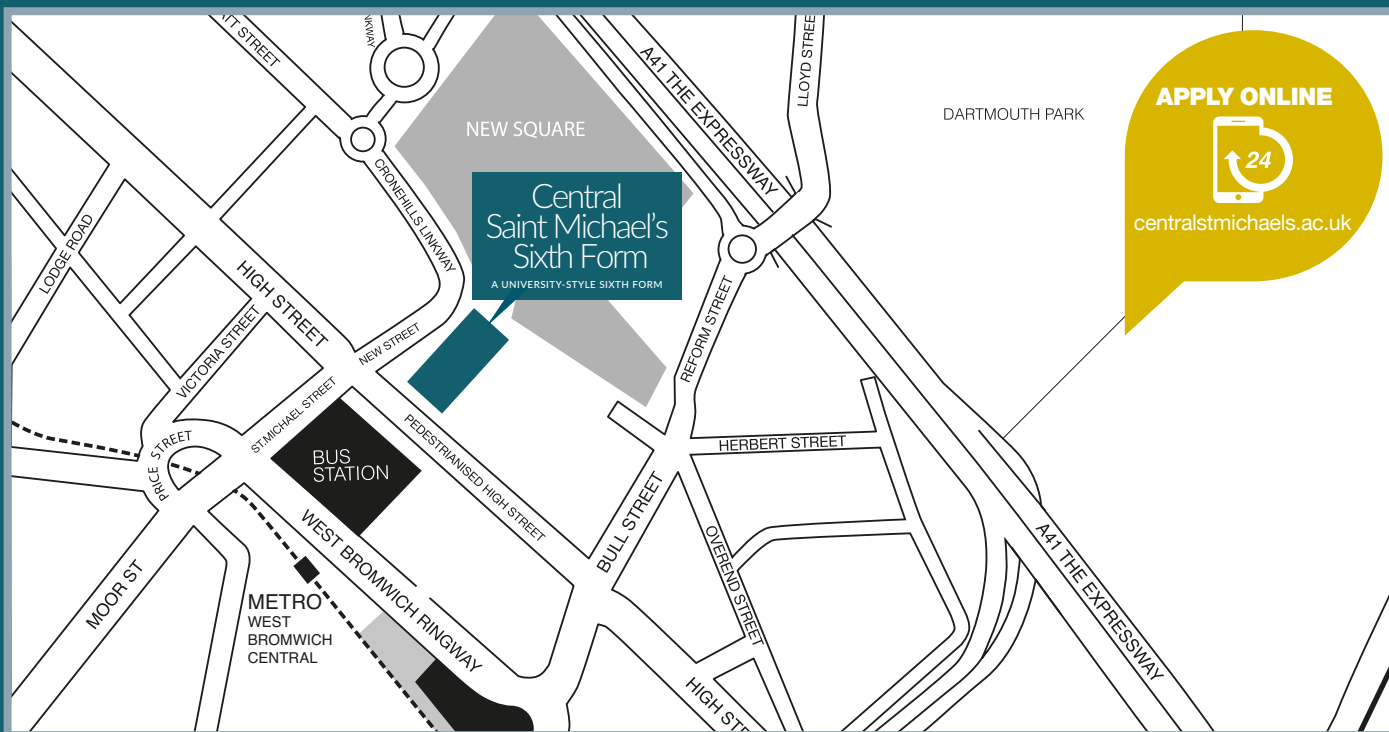
BY CAR

From North and South: Leave at M5 (J1).

From East: M6 (J8) to M5. Leave at M5 (J1).

From Junction 1 take The Expressway and follow the signs to New Square. Pay and Display car parks are located near Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form in New Square (Tesco Short Stay and Primark Long Stay).

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