

Courses

AS/A2 Economics

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade C Maths and English

About the course

AS Level

You will study 2 modules :

- * Markets in Action
- * The National and International Economy

A2 Level

You will study 2 modules

- * Economics of work and leisure
- * The Global Economy

Assessment

4 units – examinations

The Next Step

Many students go on to study Economics at University. Many also study Economics along with other subjects at University such as Philosophy, Politics, Finance or Management.

Economists are highly sought after in the job market because of their decision-making skills and, on average, earn far more than other graduates. Expect to work in Banking, Civil Service, Local Government, International Development, Management in large or small companies and teaching.

AS/A2 Mathematics

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade B or above

About the course

AS Level

- * Core Mathematics 1
- * Core Mathematics 2
- * Probability and Statistics 1

A2 Level

- * Core Mathematics 3
- * Core Mathematics 4
- * Either : Mechanics 1 or : Decision Mathematics 1

Assessment

6 Units Written Exams; No Coursework Unit

If you have an A or an A* at GCSE Mathematics you should consider doing AS/A2 Further Maths alongside your AS/A2 Maths course.

Courses

AS/A2 Further Mathematics

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade A or A*

About the course

For AS Level qualification a total of six units are studied in the first year, three units for AS Mathematics and an extra three units for AS Further Mathematics

For A Level qualification a total of twelve units are studied over two years, six units for A Level Mathematics and an extra six units for A Level Further Mathematics.

AS Level

- * Decision Mathematics 1
- * Mechanics 1
- * Further Pure Mathematics 1

A2 Level

- * Decision Mathematics 2
- * Mechanics 2
- * Further Pure Mathematics 2

Assessment

6 Units Written Exams; No Coursework Unit

The Next Step

Advanced Mathematics is an excellent qualification for almost all Higher Education Courses and can also lead to a wide choice of careers. The skills acquired can be used in many subject areas and the techniques involved are useful in analysing many real-life situations.

Employment opportunities exist in local and central government, in manufacturing industries, in commercial firms and financial institutions. Mathematics work as engineers and scientists, both in industry and in governmental departments.

AS/A2 English Language

Entry Requirements

GCSE Grade C in English Literature and Language

About the course

You will study a wide range of printed and recorded passages to assess how the language works and how writers target audiences. You will also complete an assignment of original writing. At A2 level the focus is on analysing and evaluating language modes and contexts.

Assessment

AS Level

One examination and one coursework module.

A2 Level

One examination and one coursework module.

6 Units Written Exams; No Coursework Unit

The Next Step

English language will allow you to progress to a wide range of job and university courses. It is useful for careers in journalism, law, teaching and other media related vocations.

Courses

AS/A2 Applied Science

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and Science.

About the Course

This is a two year course and AS and A Level qualifications are available. This Applied Science course has been designed to form qualifications that provide knowledge and understanding of this vocational area.

Units

Investigating Science at work
Energy transfer systems
Finding out about substances
Planning and carrying out a scientific investigation
Plus 2 option topics
(2 topics are externally assessed)

Assessment

The Advanced Level assessment is in two parts:

> AS Level : This is worth 50% of the total Advanced Level.

> A second stage, called A2 is also worth 50% of the total award.

The Advanced Level single award will comprise three AS units and a further three A2 units. The A2 units, set at a higher level than AS, are designed to assess knowledge, understanding and skills expected of candidates who have completed the second half of a full Advanced Level qualification.

The Next Step

They are ideal qualifications for those students who want a broad background in Science, which will allow them to progress to further or higher education, training or employment.

BTEC National Certificate (Forensics)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and Science (or equivalent).

About the Course

The 12-unit BTEC National Certificate provides a specialist programme of study that covers the key knowledge and practical skills required in the field of forensics. It is broadly equivalent to two GCEs.

The qualification offers a programme for 16-19 year olds who are clear about the area of employment that they wish to enter.

Assessment

All assessment for BTEC Nationals is criterion-referenced, based on the achievement of specified outcomes. All units contributing to a programme carry either internal or external assessment. All units will be individually graded as 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction'. To achieve a pass grade for the unit, learners must meet the assessment criteria set out in the specifications.

There are 5 core units and 7 specialist units.

The Next Step

It provides a progression route to higher education vocational qualifications such as BTEC Higher National Certificates in Applied Sciences or a part-time degree in Forensic Science and/or an NVQ Level 4 qualification.

Courses

AS/A2 Product Design (Resistant Materials)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

The course has been designed to encourage candidates to take a broad view of technology and design, to develop their capacity to design and make products and to appreciate the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing.

Product Design is intended to reflect the wide-ranging activities of professional designers and covers a wide range of materials which can include ceramics and textiles and other areas such as electronics and mechanisms.

Candidates at both AS and A Levels are encouraged to;

- a) develop and sustain their own innovation, creativity and design to produce high quality products;
- b) develop a critical understanding of the influences of the processes of design,
- c) understanding and skills of design production and develop an understanding of industrial practices;
- d) use information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance their design;
- e) recognise the social, moral, spiritual and cultural values inherent in design.

Assessment

At AS Level you will be assessed through examination and coursework which comprises of a practical work and a design portfolio to support your 3D outcome.

At A2 Level in the 2nd year you will be assessed through examinations and coursework which comprises of a practical work and a design portfolio to support your 3D outcome.

The Next Step

Possible courses that you could progress on to at University.- Architectural Engineering, Design Management, Industrial Design, Product Design, Aeronautical and Automotive Engineering, Graphic Communication and 3D Design (Furniture, Ceramics, Metalwork, Jewellery and Silversmithing) BA (Hons)

AS/A2 Product Design (Graphic Products)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

Graphics are an integral part of any Design and Technology work. In any Design and Technology course it is important that candidates can communicate their thinking clearly and represent their ideas graphically. However, you will be expected to produce three dimensional outcomes.

AS/A Level Product Design offers candidates an opportunity to experience problem solving, encourage independent learning, creativity and innovation.

The course follows the same structure as the AS/A Level Product Design but focuses on Graphics Products and the associated industrial practises and demands.

Assessment

At AS Level you will be assessed through examination and coursework which comprises of a practical work and a design portfolio to support your 3D outcome.

At A2 Level in the 2nd year you will be assessed through examinations and coursework which comprises of a practical work and a design portfolio to support your 3D outcome.

The Next Step

A University Degree or Diploma in Foundation Studies in Graphic Design.

Courses

Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment (Level 3)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

Principal Learning in Construction and the Built Environment aims to enable learners to develop a range of analytical and investigative skills in relation to:

- > the social, economic and cultural contribution of the built environment to individuals and the community
- > the factors and principles influencing the design, creation, maintenance and management of the built environment
- > the contribution to sustainability of activities within the built environment
- > specialist areas of learning

The Level 3 units are the following;

Unit 1 : Design the Built Environment: The Design Factors

Unit 2 : Design the Built Environment: Stages in the Design and Planning Processes

Unit 3 : Design the Built Environment: Physical and Environmental Influences

Unit 4 : Create the Built Environment: Health, Safety and Environmental Influences

Unit 5 : Create the Built Environment: Management Processes

Unit 6 : Value and Use of the Built Environment: Adding Value to the Wider Community

Unit 7 : Value and Use of the Built Environment: Protecting and Maintaining

Assessment

Three of the units are assessed through an examination and the remaining are coursework based.

The Next Step

There is progression directly into the industry where employment will be supported by further training sponsored by your employer or you can pursue a professional qualification for instance, architecture to a degree level at university.

The Advanced Diploma broadly equates to three and a half GCE 'A' Levels

Diploma in Engineering (Level 3)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

Principal Learning in Engineering will give young people an insight into the world of work and equip them with the thinking and learning skills for employment and future self-development. The intention is to captivate their imagination and help them to recognize the potential of a career in engineering. It will challenge preconceptions about engineering and also encourage curiosity, innovative thinking and build confidence for them to become independent and effective people inspired to shape their own futures.

The Level 3 units are the following;

Unit 1 : Investigating Engineering Business and the Environment

Unit 2 : Applications of Computer Aided Designing

Unit 3 : Selection and Application of Engineering Materials

Unit 4 : Instrumentation and Control Engineering

Unit 5 : Maintaining Engineering Plant, Equipment and Systems

Unit 6 : Investigating Modern Manufacturing Techniques used in Engineering

Unit 7 : Innovative Design and Enterprise

Unit 8 : Mathematical Techniques and Applications for Engineers

Unit 9 : Principles and Application of Engineering Science

Assessment

2 units will be assessed through an examination and the remaining 7 will be through coursework.

The Next Step

There is progression directly into the industry where employment will be supported by further training sponsored by your employer or you can pursue a professional qualification in a chosen aspect of engineering to a degree level at university. The Advanced Diploma broadly equates to three and a half GCE 'A' Levels

Courses

Diploma in Product Design and Manufacturing (Level 3)

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

Over the 2 year period you will cover the following units:

1. Business principles in manufacturing.
2. Customer needs and market requirements in manufacturing.
3. Supply chain management in manufacturing.
4. Management of resources and working practices in manufacturing.
5. Research, development and the introduction of new products in manufacturing.
6. Principles and applications of material science in manufacturing.
7. Production and processing systems in manufacturing.
8. Management of production and processing operations.

Assessment

Units 1 and 2 are assessed through an external examination and the remaining units are internally assessed.

The Next Step

Diplomas are valued by employers and by Higher Education (universities and colleges). If you decide to go to university or college, you could take a degree or a Higher National Certificate in subjects such as:

Product Design

Industrial Design

3 Dimensional Design

Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering

BTEC National in Construction

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and a relevant D & T qualification. In addition, an interview will be conducted.

About the Course

The course is practical based and concentrates on developing the skills you need for them. The construction industry constantly requires skilled and trained people who are competent in all Higher National Certificates.

These higher level qualifications are ideal if you want a career in architecture, quantity surveying, construction management, property management or civil engineering.

The course aims to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills for future employment in the professional sector of the construction industry.

Students will study the following:

Construction technology, Architectural drawing, Building defects, Building contract procedures, Construction management techniques, Health, safety and welfare on construction sites

Assessment

Assessment is continuous throughout the course.

The Next Step

This qualification is acceptable to universities and higher education colleges for entry to HND and degree courses. Advice on applying to university will be provided during the course. In addition, the BTEC National Diploma can be used to gain entry into a wide variety of professional jobs in the construction industry, such as architecture, building surveying, quantity surveying or construction management.

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BTEC National in Engineering

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grade A-C including a related subject.

About the Course

This course will allow you to explore current and future engineering practices.

It is designed to cover a broad range of engineering topics, centred around the key areas of electronics, computer aided design and mechanical engineering.

Core Units:

Business Systems for Technicians

Communications for Technicians

Science for Technicians

Mathematics for Technicians

Project – Manufacturing

Manufacturing Systems and Technology

Specialist Units include:

Primary forming Processes

Electronic Circuit Manufacture

Engineering Materials

Computer Aided Design

Computer Aided Manufacture

Introduction to Robot Technology

Assessment

Assessment by coursework and project activity.

The Next Step

Learners will continue to further study or to employment in the Engineering Industry in a variety of disciplines and job roles.

OCR i-pro at Level 2 and Level 3

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grade A-C and previous study of a related subject.

About the course

The qualification has been designed to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in the full range involved in the planning and control, hardware, software and systems installation, software solutions and the production of customer support materials. Systems support including service delivery, planning and control, installation of networks and operating systems and the testing of systems.

The course is made up of 8 units:

Customer Support Provision

Service Delivery, Planning and Control

Hardware/Equipment and Systems Installation

Maintaining Equipment and Systems

Network Fundamentals

Router and Routing Basics

Switching

Wide Area Network Technologies

Assessment

A practical hands-on course.

Course is assessed by assignments and electronic tests.

The Next Step

Learners can progress to iPro Level 4, a Foundation Degree in a related subject or employment in a supervisory role.

Courses

OCR National in ICT

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grade A-C including related qualification at Level 2.

About the Course

The OCR Level 3 Nationals in ICT have been developed to recognise candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding of ICT functions, environments and operations. They have been designed to accredit candidates' achievements in a modern and practical way that is relevant to the workplace. They do not certificate competence on the job but are work-related qualifications which will support progression to an NVQ once a candidate is in the workplace.

These qualifications specifically aim to:

- Develop candidates' knowledge and understanding of the ICT sector and the chosen specialist pathway if selected
- Develop candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding in contexts that are directly relevant to employment situations, thereby enhancing their employability within the ICT sector
- Develop candidates' ability to work autonomously and effectively in a ICT context
- Enable candidates to develop knowledge and understanding in specialist areas of ICT, and demonstrate the skills needed to participate in the operation and development of real ICT organisations
- Encourage progression by assisting in the development of skills, knowledge and understanding that candidates will need to access further or higher education programmes or occupational training on a full-time or part-time basis
- Encourage progression by assisting in the development of skills, knowledge and understanding that candidates will need to enter employment or enhance their current employment status
- Promote interaction between employers, centres and candidates by relating teaching and assessment to real organisations.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework unit assignments

The Next Step

A wide range of careers in the IT and business sectors as well as opportunity for further study.

AS/A2 Religious Education

Entry Requirements

Normally students will require a Grade A or B in GCSE Religious Studies, plus at least a Grade C in GCSE English Language.

The course is open to anyone, regardless of religious belief and it allows students to develop the skills of critical thinking, argument and analysis, whilst reflecting on their own values and beliefs.

About the course

AS Level

You will study 2 Units:

- * World Religions : Buddhism
- * The New Testament
- * Assessment will be via two 75 minute exam papers

A2 Level

You will study 2 Units:

- * World Religions : Christianity
- * Old and New Testaments
- * Assessment will be via two ninety minute exam papers

Courses

AS/A2 History

Entry Requirements

A Grade C in English Language is essential and also at least a Grade C in History if taken at GCSE Level.

About the Course

AS Level

You will study three options;

- > England 1780 – 1846
- > Nazi Germany 1933 – 1945
- > Europe 1789 – 1849

A2 Level

You will study three options;

- > An Historical Investigation
- > A Thematic Study
- > A Coursework Study

Assessment

You will be assessed over the two years by a combination of exams and one piece of coursework.

The Next Step

You can progress to Higher Education to study subjects like Law, English, Economics, Politics, Sociology and of course History.

If you are seeking employment after A-Levels, History is useful in careers including Journalism, Law, Business and Retail.

AS/A2 Geography

Entry Requirements

Normal college entry requirements apply. A Grade C or above in GCSE Geography is essential.

About the Course

AS Level

The course consists of three units which are studied in year 1. These include;

- > Physical Environments
- > Human Environments
- > Personal Enquiry

A2 Level

A further three units are studied in year 2. These include;

- > Physical Systems, Processes and Patterns
- > Human Systems, Processes and Patterns
- > Synoptic

Assessment

You will be assessed over the two years by a combination of exams and one piece of coursework which accounts for 20% of the total qualification.

The Next Step

You can progress to higher education to study subjects such as Environmental Studies, Countryside Management, Sociology and of course Geography. Geography is also of use for gaining employment in sectors such as Town Planning, Nature Conservation and Tourism.

Courses

AS/A2 Government and Politics

Entry Requirements

A Grade C in English Language is essential

About the Course

AS Level

You will study three units:

- > Elections, Electoral Systems and Voting Behaviour in the UK
- > Politics of the UK
- > Government of the UK

A2 Level

You will study three units:

- > US Government and Politics
- > Government and Politics (Synoptic Unit)
- > Government and politics research essay

Assessment

You will be assessed over the two years by a combination of exams and one piece of coursework.

The Next Step

You can progress to Higher Education to study subjects such as Law, English, Economics, History, Sociology and of course Politics.

If you are looking for employment, Government and Politics is very useful for a number of careers including journalism, Law, Business and Retail.

AS/A2 Sociology

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grade A-C including grade C in English Language.

About the Course

This course studies society as a whole looking at changes in our values and expectations.

Modules will include:

The Family

Education

Research methods in Sociology

World Sociology

Crime and Deviance

A Coursework Study

Assessment

A combination of examinations and assessed coursework.

The Next Step

Learners may go on to study a variety of subjects at university or go into a job which uses sociology such as Social Work, Nursing, Civil Service, Human Resources or Marketing.

Courses

AS/A2 Psychology

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSE grades A-C including equivalent in English Language and Science.

About the Course

This course aims to give learners an introduction to the world of psychology by conducting research through a practical approach as well as learning about some of the prime and classic research studies. The course will also give learners an awareness of the issues and debates in psychology.

Natural interest will be captured by studies on human behaviour and activity.

By the end of the course, candidates will have a wide knowledge of psychology, and will have developed a sound understanding of issues, debates and different perspectives in the subject. They will have a good awareness of how to apply psychology to their everyday life and the world around them.

Assessment

Assessment is by end of year examinations plus a project study which is written up in the second year.

The Next Step

Psychology is a pathway to many courses of further study including those in the arts and sciences at university. Psychology is also a good pathway for anyone seeking a career that involves dealing with other people such as Teaching, Civil Service or Business.

BTEC National Countryside Management

Entry Requirements

You will need at least 4 C Grades at GCSE, one of which should be Science. Prior study of Geography or Countryside and Environment is desirable but not essential.

About the Course

The course consists of six units which are studied each year. Depending upon the precise qualification chosen up to four units are compulsory. They are;

- > Investigative Project in the Countryside Management Sector
- > Principals of Ecology
- > Land-based Estate Construction, Repair and Maintenance Skills
- > Work Related Experience in the Countryside Management Sector

Assessment

A grade of pass, merit and distinction can be achieved and is the equivalent of 2 A-Levels. All units are assessed by coursework or work-related assignments.

If only 6 units are taken it is possible to leave after one year with BTEC National Award which is equivalent to one A-Level.

The Next Step

The BTEC National allows you to progress to university to take either a degree or HND in an environmentally related field. Alternatively you may seek employment in a wide range of fields such as Countryside Management, Habitat Conservation and the Leisure Industry.

Courses

BTEC National Travel and Tourism

Entry Requirements

You will need at least 4 C Grades at GCSE and prior study of Travel and Tourism is desirable but not essential.

About the Course

The course consists of six units that are studied in each year;

- > Investigating Travel and Tourism
- > The Business of Travel and Tourism
- > The UK as a destination
- > Customer Service in Travel and Tourism

Assessment

A grade of pass, merit and distinction can be achieved and is the equivalent of 2 A-Levels. All units are assessed by coursework which will vary in format.

If only 6 units are taken it is possible to leave after one year with BTEC National Award which is equivalent to one A-Level.

The Next Step

The BTEC National allows you to progress to university to take either a degree or HND in a Travel and Tourism related field. Alternatively you may seek employment in a wide range of fields such as Travel Agencies, Tour Operators, Airport Operations and Accommodation Providers.

BTEC National Business

Entry Requirements

4 GCSE grades at C or above or have successfully passed BTEC First Diploma in Business

About the Course

A wide ranging study of business skills, issues and developments.

You will study 6 units in Year 1 and another 6 in Year 2.

Compulsory units are

Introduction to Business

Business and Management

Creative Product Promotion

Presenting Business Information

Business Online

Assessment

This course is the equivalent of 2 A-Levels.

Out of the 12 course units, 10 are assessed through coursework and 2 are assessed through examinations.

The Next Step

This BTEC National qualification will allow for further study of a Business related subject at university at either HND or degree level. It is also a pathway to employment in an extensive range of careers such as Management, Planning, Finance and Politics.

Courses

AS/A2 French

Entry Requirements

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades A-C including at least a grade B in French and a grade C in English Language at GCSE.

About the Course

AS Level

Building on your success at GCSE, you will study language skills that will be practiced and developed using the most authentic materials available. The course will be based on the study of the French speaking world using various topics and issues including sport, education, leisure, youth culture and relationships.

A2 Level

Emphasis will be placed upon the development of the written language. Topics will include environmental issues, immigration, media and current affairs.

Assessment

This will be done through written testing and oral assessment.

The Next Step

A qualification in French can lead to study at university. Many learners go on to study Modern Languages and this is of great use in the world of Business and Commerce.

NVQ International Business Communication in Spanish

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs at grade A-C. Previous study of Modern Foreign Language.

About the Course

This course gives you to develop your language skills in Spanish in a business context.

Assessment

Portfolio based assessment – no examinations.

The Next Step

A stepping stone to further education or employment in business, finance and commerce.

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BTEC National in Media, TV & Film

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs Grade C or above

Course Aims

The course is structured to maximise your access to the whole Media industry and you will learn skills that will be useful in TV and Film, Radio, Print and Marketing.

You will be expected to work as part of a production crew as well as working on your own range of media products.

What Will I Study?

A selection of the following:-

- * Critical Approaches to Media Products
- * Writing for TV and Video
- * Producing Print Based Media
- * Advertising Production for TV
- * Music Video Production
- * Multi Camera Techniques
- * Web Authoring
- * DVD Menu Design
- * Production Management Project

Assessment

Ongoing assessment through coursework.

BTEC National in Photography

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs Grade C or above

Course Aims

To give students a comprehensive understanding of most aspects of photography. Students will learn how to use a black and white darkroom to develop and print their own work, as well as how to use sophisticated image manipulation techniques on Apple Mac computers using industry standard software.

What Will I Study?

- * Studio Photography
- * Location Photography
- * Experimental Image Making
- * Drawing/Painting
- * 3D Work
- * History of Photography

Assessment

Some units are assessed internally and others externally.

Courses

BTEC National in Music Technology

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above

Course Aims

Students will gain the knowledge, skills and experience needed to become a professional in the music and entertainment industry. The course mainly consists of practical and theory workshops as well as live technical work. Students will be encouraged to gain Rock school and or associated board grades.

What Will I Study?

- * Live sound recording and mixing for live performance
- * Sound engineering and production
- * Creating jingles and backing tracks for TV/Radio
- * How to manage a budget
- * Health and Safety issues
- * Structure of the Music industry
- * Changes in the industry

How is the Course Assessed?

Practical and written assignments and an externally assessed final project

BTEC National in Art and Design

Entry Requirements

Normal college requirements GCSE grade C in any Art and Design subject or Design Technology. School reference and successful interview with portfolio are also required.

About the Course

- > Full-time 2 year course.
- > 18 units (5 core units and 13 specialist units)

Examples of the Units;

Visual recording in Art and Design; Materials, Techniques and Processes in Art and Design, Ideas in Art and Design; Experimental Imagery in Photography; Fabric Manipulation; Painting in Fine Art, etc.

Assessment

Continuous assessment of completed units and a final portfolio of work. The Final Major Project is externally assessed.

The Next Step

- > Foundation Studies in Art and Design
- > Under graduate Degree
- > Employment

Courses

AS/A2 Art, Craft and Design

Entry Requirements

Normal college requirements. GCSE Grade C in any Art and Design subject or Design Technology. School reference and successful interview with port-folio are also required.

About the course

2 year course, 5 hours in college per week with additional work in your own time.

4 units (2 in AS/2 in A2);

- > Portfolio
- > Examination
- > Personal Investigation (including an essay of between 1000-3000 words)
- > Examination

Assessment

Assessment is by a combination of practical and written work, internally assessed and externally moderated.

The Next Step

- > Foundation Studies in Art and Design
- > Under graduate Degree
- > Employment

AS/A2 Photography

Entry Requirements

Normal college requirements. GCSE Grade C in any Art and Design subject or Design Technology. School reference and successful interview with portfolio are also required.

About the Course

2 year course, 5 hours in college per week with additional work in your own time.

4 units (2 in AS/2 in A2);

- > Portfolio
- > Examination
- > Personal Investigation (including an essay of between 1000-3000 words)
- > Examination

Assessment

Assessment is by a combination of practical and written work, internally assessed and externally moderated.

The Next Step

- > Foundation Studies in Art and Design
- > Under graduate Degree
- > Employment

Courses

AS/A2 Theatre Studies

Entry Requirements

You will need an A-C grade in English Language, English Literature and Drama.

About the Course

You will study 2 units in year 1 and 2 units in year 2.

- > Unit 1 : Exploration of Drama and Theatre
- > Unit 2 : Theatre Text in performance
- > Unit 3 : Exploration of Dramatic Performance
- > Unit 4 : Theatre Text in Context

The course demands practical, creative and communication skills in almost equal measure. You will extend your ability to create drama and theatre, either in a performing or production role. You will also be required to write about drama and to develop your powers of analysis to become an informed critic. The course will involve taking part in school productions, as well as studying plays and playwrights.

Assessment

The course will be assessed by both examination and internal assessment. This will be based on both coursework and practical work.

The Next Step

The AS and Advanced GCE can lead to further study in Drama, Theatre Studies and Performing Arts in Higher Education at degree or HND Level. It can be used as part of your course to broaden your studies and could lead on to a career in the performing arts industry.

BTEC National in Music

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above including English & Mathematics

Course Aims

Students will gain a solid grounding in the knowledge and skills needed for a career in the Music industry. The course is modular containing both practical and academic study. Students will also be encouraged to gain Rock School and/or AB Exams.

What Will I Study?

- * Performance Process
- * Performance Techniques
- * Composing
- * Arranging
- * Keyboard Skills
- * Midi Sequencing
- * Aural Skills
- * Listening Skills
- * Music Theory
- * Music in Context
- * The Music Industry
- * Performance Project
- * History of Pop

How is the Course Assessed?

Practical tasks, assignments which are externally assessed.

Courses

BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements

Minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades A-C or you will have previously studied a related subject at Level 2

About the Course

This is a two year advanced level course. It gives learners the opportunity to gain a period of work experience which acts as a focal point for learning and provides direct experience of the sector.

It also gives learners the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

You will study 18 units including: Developing Effective Communication, Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care, Development Through The Life Stages, Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology, Personal and Professional Development, Sociological Perspectives for Health and Social Care, Psychological Perspectives for Health and Social Care, Caring for Children and Young People, Working in the Social Care Sector, Health Education, Introduction to Counselling Skills for Health and Social Care, Caring for Older People Health Psychology.

Assessment

The course is assessed through coursework units

The Next Step

Learners will go on to careers in nursing, social work, employment in the health service, caring professions and working with children. It also provides the learner with the opportunity for further study at university.

BTEC National in Dance

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grade A-C preferably including a related subject at GCSE or BTEC Level 2.

Audition at interview.

About the Course

This course offers an opportunity for aspiring young performers to develop and refine their performance skills in dance. The course aims to prepare learners for work in the industry or on to higher education courses.

Units will cover:

Contemporary Dance

Ballet

Choreography

Physical Theatre

Jazz Dance

Movement Skills

World Dance

Urban Dance

Assessment

Assessed by course teacher over the 2 years duration. Assessment is through practical work and there are no written examinations.

The Next Step

Learners can move on to Dance/Performing Arts courses at dance colleges or university.

Courses

BTEC National in Performing Arts

Entry Requirements

A-C grade in English Language and Grade C or above in Drama (or equivalent) if taken for GCSE.

About the Course

You will study 6 units in year 1 and 6 units in year 2 which will include;

- > Performance Workshop
- > Performing Arts Business
- > Performing to an Audience
- > Devising Plays
- > Theatre in Education
- > Acting Auditions
- > Principles of Acting
- > Drama Improvisation

Assessment

A grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction can be achieved and is the equivalent of 2 A-Levels. All units are assessed by ongoing coursework and practical work. If only 6 units have been taken successfully it is possible to leave with BTEC National Award, which is equivalent to one A-Level.

The Next Step

The BTEC National Award and Certificate allow you to progress to university to study a degree in the Performing Arts. Alternatively, you may seek employment within the Theatre Industry.

AS/A2 Music Technology

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs Grade C or above

Course Aims

You will be encouraged to explore your musicality and to create original material using Technology. Emphasis on a wide range of practical work.

What Will I Study?

- * Sequencing
- * Recording using live instruments
- * CD Production
- * Composing using Music technology

Assessment

All parts of the course are assessed externally.

Courses

Enrichment

A wide and varied programme of enrichment will be available to all our students to develop their interests and broaden their horizons. Activities will include:

- Sports clubs and teams
- Performing Arts
- Business and Enterprise
- Language Clubs
- Mountain Biking
- Walking Clubs
- International Societies - Exchanges to South Africa and China
- Film Club
- Politics
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Outward Bound
- Classroom Support in Primary schools
- Skiing / Snowboarding
- Conservation
- Distance Running
- Financial Capability
- Furniture Design
- Creative Catering
- Gastronome Club
- Gardening
- Young Engineers
- Arkwright scholarships in Engineering
- Golf
- Sports Coaching Schemes
- Work placements

Courses

BTEC National in Sport

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 4 GCSEs A-C including Maths and English or previous study of a related subject.

About the course

This course is equivalent to 3A-Levels and will cover a number of units. You will complete 6 units in the first year and 6 in the second.

Units include

Health and Safety

Training for sport

Sports Coaching

Team Sports

Exercise Health Lifestyle

Leadership

Instructing Physical Activity

Sports Nutrition

Working with Children

Assessment

All coursework with 4 units being externally assessed

The Next Step

Employment in a number of roles including Sports Management, Therapy or Coaching.

Careers in Sports Leadership and Leisure Management.

Also you may continue to study at degree level in a range of subjects.

AS/A2 Physical Education

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 4 GCSEs grades A-C.

Study of PE at GCSE level would be preferable.

About the Course

The course takes a multi-disciplinary approach, encouraging the development of different methods of enquiry drawn from a wide range of sports activity. The focal point is the performer and the performance based on the interaction between the theory and the practice of Physical Education.

AS Level

Application of Anatomical and Physiological Knowledge to Improve Performance

Acquiring and Performing Movement Skills Contemporary Studies in Physical Education.

A2 Level

Historical Studies in PE

Comparative Studies in PE

Psychology of Sport Performance

Assessment

This course is assessed through a combination of coursework projects and examinations.

The Next Step

Learners may go on to careers in a wide variety of related fields such as Sports Science, Sports Rehabilitation, Sports Management or Therapy. Learners may also choose to study further at university leading to careers in the teaching of Physical Education or Sports related subjects.

Courses

Level 3 courses

General Studies

Mathematics

AS / A Level Mathematics
AS / A Level Economics
AS / A Level Further Mathematics

Science

AS / A Level Applied Science
BTEC National Science (forensics)
BTEC National Health and Social Care

English

AS / A Level English Language
AS / A Film Studies

Technology

AS / A Level Product Design (Resistant Materials)
AS / A Level Product Design (Graphic Products)
Level 3 Diploma in Construction
Level 3 Diploma in Engineering
Level 3 Diploma in Product Design and Manufacturing
BTEC National in Engineering
BTEC National in Construction

Information Technology

OCR i-pro (Level 3)
OCR National in ICT

Sport

BTEC National Sport
AS / A Physical Education

Humanities

AS / A Level Religious Education
AS / A Level in History
AS / A Level Geography
AS / A Level Politics
AS / A Level Sociology
AS / A Level Psychology
BTEC National Countryside and Environment
BTEC National Travel and Tourism
BTEC National Business

Languages

AS / A Level French
NVQ International Business Communication (IBC) in Spanish

Expressive Arts

BTEC National in Media, TV and Film
BTEC National in Photography
BTEC National Performing Arts
BTEC National Media
BTEC National Music/Music Technology
BTEC National Art and Design
BTEC National Dance
AS / A Level Art
AS / A Level Photography
AS / A Level Theatre Studies
AS / A Level Music Technology

Other courses

Level 2

OCR National ICT Award
OCR i-pro (Level 2)
Adult Literacy and Numeracy Award (ALAN)
Functional Skills in ICT, English and Mathematics
BTEC First Diploma in Media
BTEC First Diploma in Music
Pre-apprentice course
Engineering operations course
GCSE English Language
GCSE Mathematics

Courses

AS/A2 Film Studies

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grades A-C including grade C in English Language.

About the Course

Modules will include:

AS Level

The Making and Meaning of Film

Producers and Audience

Messages and Values

A2 Level

Film Making

Studies in World Cinema

Critical Film Studies

Assessment

A combination of 2 examinations and coursework piece in each year of study.

The Next Step

Provides learners with a pathway to study Arts or Humanities in Higher Education, particularly Media and Film related courses. A variety of careers are available in the Film, Communications and Media Industries.

AS/A2 General Studies

Entry Requirements

A range of GCSEs at grades A-C

About the Course

Modules are:

AS Level

Conflict

Space

A2 Level

Power

Change

All modules have a number of themes that occur such as Science, Society, arts and Media Industry and Belief.

Assessment

Examinations for each module in differing styles including numerical work, short answer questions and those requiring an essay style response.

The Next Step

General Studies demonstrates that learners can integrate knowledge from a range of subjects and disciplines. It leads to a range of possible careers and higher education opportunities.

Courses

AS/A2 Business Studies

Entry Requirements

Minimum 4 GCSEs grades A-C

About the Course

This is a course that explores a wide range of business matters and issues in the modern world.

Units include

Investigating Business

People in Business

Financial Planning

Meeting Customer Needs

Business Communication and Information Systems

Developing Products

Career Planning

Promotional activities

The Marketing Environment

Managing People

Managing Change

Managing Resources.

Assessment

Internal and External Testing, Assignments and Examinations

The Next Step

Employment in a range of businesses, finance or commerce.

Further study at university.