



**Maghull High School
Sixth Form Academy
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Introduction

Maghull High School Sixth Form is the perfect choice for Post-16 education. Sixth Form will be a new and challenging time but the main aim is for students to reach their potential. The Sixth Form team will offer the support and guidance needed to thrive both personally and academically. Maghull High School Sixth Form has a proven track record of success and adding value to its students. For more information please contact the Sixth Form directly, attend one of our open evenings or come and visit us at work. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sixth Form

Academic Organisation Sixth Form Courses

Level 3 - Advanced Level

We offer a wide range of Level 3 courses through two pathways. This ensures that students with a wide range of abilities can successfully achieve good grades and progress to higher education or employment.

Offers of places at Maghull High Sixth Form are received after successful application. You can find our application form on the school website or collect one from the Sixth Form building.

The courses available to a student are dependent upon GCSE results. We use average GCSE points score to make our judgments. The points allocated to each grade are listed below: -

Grade	Points	Grade	Points	Grade	Points
9	9	6	6	3	3
8	8	5	5	2	2
7	7	4	4	1	1

**There are two Advanced Level pathways;
Blue and Green.**

Blue Pathway

- Entry requirements should be at least five grade 6 or above, or equivalent at GCSE from 5 separate subjects and an average GCSE points score of 5.5, including at least grade 4 in English and mathematics.
- A level 6 in the subject, or a closely related one, is also desirable.
- Students choose three subjects from the blue pathway.
- Students can also select subjects from the green pathway if desired.

Blue Pathway Subjects

Biology	Geography	Mathematics
Chemistry	Government and Politics	Physics
Computing	History	Religious Studies (Philosophy, Ethics and Religion)
English Language & Literature	Music	Spanish



Green Pathway

- Entry requirements; at least five 9-4 grades, or equivalent at GCSE from 5 separate subjects and an average GCSE points score of more than 4.0
- Students choose 3 subjects from the Green Pathway.

Green Pathway Subjects

Applied Science BTEC	Dance	Health & Social Care BTEC (Double Award)
Art	Engineering BTEC	ICT BTEC
Business Studies BTEC	Film Studies	Music BTEC
Drama & Theatre	Health & Social Care BTEC (Single Award)	Sport BTEC

Level 2 (GCSE) – English and Mathematics

Any student who has not yet achieved a level 4 in English and mathematics are required to attend timetabled Level 2 lessons. These run alongside Level 3 courses and will prepare students for re-sit exams. Any student who fails to gain a level 4 in English and/or mathematics after a re-sit exam will continue to attend Level 2 lessons until the required grade has been achieved.

Collaboration

To ensure the maximum choice of subjects is available to all our students we work in collaboration with Deyes High School and Maricourt Catholic High School. A growing number of advanced level subjects are offered jointly in Year 12 & 13. In Year 13 it may be necessary to amalgamate groups if numbers become very small.

Level 2 pathway

For students who have not achieved the required grades to access Level 3 courses we offer a Level 2 pathway that includes a qualification in Customer Service and/or Retail as well as resits in GCSE English and Mathematics. Successful completion of this pathway could lead to students taking Level 3 courses in the future.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund

This fund is allocated to schools by the Government for students whose access to, and participation in education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers. Students following government funded full time or part time courses, who are over 16 years old, are eligible to apply. The money is intended to support students who are at risk of not taking up or continuing in education because of financial problems.

Full details of how we administer the Bursary and application forms can be obtained from the Sixth Form team or downloaded from the school website.





BLUE PATHWAY SUBJECTS

BIOLOGY

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in science or specifically biology. Generally, students will take other sciences or mathematics as well.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 6; including a level 6 in combined science or a 6 in GCSE biology. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

There are numerous topics in A-Level biology, which are assessed in 3 x 2 hour exams at the end of the second year. There is no coursework in this course, instead there are 12 assessed practicals that must be completed, and these are then assessed as part of the exams. There is also the opportunity to complete a separate practical skills assessment which is a pass or fail qualification and overlaps with the other A-level science qualifications.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many careers and university courses available to biologists. Medical, engineering, agricultural, food science, zoology, ecology, veterinary, marine biology and research careers or courses are popular choices.

What else do I need to know?

biology A-level is an academically and intellectually challenging course. It is rewarding & informative and opens up many possibilities.

What will I be studying?

There are many areas of biology covered including biochemistry, cells, biodiversity, physiology, metabolism, microbiology, homeostasis, genetics, evolution and the environment.

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CHEMISTRY

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in science or particularly chemistry. Generally, students will take other sciences or mathematics as well.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 6, including a grade 6 in combined science or a grade 6 in GCSE chemistry. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

There are numerous topics in A-Level chemistry, which are accessed in 3 x 2 hour exams at the end of the second year. There is no coursework in this course. Instead, there are 12 assessed practicals that must be completed, and these are then assessed as part of the exams. There is also the opportunity to complete a separate practical skills assessment, which is a pass, or fail qualification and overlaps with the other A-level science qualifications.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many careers and university courses available to chemists. Medical, engineering, agricultural, food science and research careers are all popular choices.

What else do I need to know?

chemistry is involved with so much of everyday life. The course is rewarding and challenging.

What will I be studying?

There are three main areas; physical chemistry (structures, rates of reaction, energy); organic chemistry (carbon based); inorganic chemistry (non-carbon based).

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

This course is for people interested in computers and the idea of computational thinking and its use by both humans and machines. Thinking computationally involves questions that have the potential to change how we view the world and is an important skill within the computer science industry.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 6 or equivalent and at least a level 6 in mathematics. If you have studied GCSE computer science or ICT, you must have at least a level 6 in these subjects. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

The course is made up of two examined units and a programming project assessed by your teacher.

What can I do when I finish?

From this A-level you could progress to a wide range of careers in the industry, or to degree level computer science / computing.

What else do I need to know?

The course will include a lot of programming as well as giving you an understanding of the theory and hardware of computer systems and networks.

What will I be studying?

The course aims to give you the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically. You will gain an understanding of the organisation of computer systems, including software, hardware, data, communications and people. You will also learn to apply skills, knowledge and understanding of computing, including programming, in a range of contexts to solve problems.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Any students with an interest in language and literature.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 or equivalent from five separate subjects including a 6 in English with an average points score of 5.5 or more.

How is the course assessed?

The course is made up of five units. The majority of the course is assessed by examination but you will also write a 2500-word piece of coursework.

What can I do when I finish?

An English A-level complements every other subject on offer; the best universities in the country value this subject for virtually every course they offer. Careers can then follow in journalism, management, law, politics, teaching and many, many more.

What else do I need to know?

Students have the chance to study some of the best contemporary poetry, prose and drama written in the English language.

What will I be studying?

Within the five units you will study novels, poetry and plays and analyse the linguistic techniques work. Coursework is completed independently – you decide the area of focus.

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GEOGRAPHY

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

"You can travel the sea, poles and deserts and see nothing. To really understand the world, you need to learn about geography (sic)". Michael Palin.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 including a 6 in geography. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

Two 2.5 hour written examinations account for 80% of the mark. As well as an individual fieldwork write up (3000-4000 words), that is worth 20% of the final mark.

What can I do when I finish?

Geography is a well-respected A-level and prepares students for arts and science degrees as well as employment. Geographers are found in many careers including meteorology, town planning, overseas development, management, accounting, teaching, transport, engineering and travel.

What else do I need to know?

Geography complements the majority of arts and science subjects.

What will I be studying?

You will study a broad variety of both traditional and theme based physical and human geography topics, as well as the completion of a related geographic fieldwork investigation.

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GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in current affairs, the news, business, economics and the world around them.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points (or more) from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

Each unit is assessed by way of an examination, all of which are sat in the summer of year 13.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many careers and university courses available to government and politics students. There are pathways available to take you into law, the media, the public sector, local & national government and into the private sector.

What else do I need to know?

Government and politics is highly regarded by the best universities and can be combined with most subjects, especially English, geography, history and law. It is also a very useful qualification for many careers including journalism, business and law.

What will I be studying?

You will study three components-

Component 1: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas

Component 2: UK Government and Optional Political Ideas

Component 3: Comparative Politics (global or American politics)

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HISTORY

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in history, research and the world around them.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 6 from five separate subjects and a GCSE average of 5.5 points or more.

How is the course assessed?

Each study option is worth 40% of your overall mark and you will sit an exam for each study option at the end of year 13. The other 20% of your course is assessed through coursework, which begins in Year 12 but is mostly written in Year 13.

What can I do when I finish?

An A Level in history provides students with a wide range of transferable skills that are important in many career fields and university courses. There are pathways available to take you into teaching, research, journalism, politics, law, social work and public services for example.

What else do I need to know?

History is highly regarded by the best universities and can be combined with most subjects, especially English, government and politics, geography and law.

What will I be studying?

The two examined units are Victorian and Edwardian Britain, c1851-1914 and Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1945. We advise students to investigate an aspect of British History pre-1764 for coursework but your exact focus is chosen by you.

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MATHEMATICS

Core Mathematics

A-level

How long is the course?

Mathematics is a two-year linear course.

Who is the course for?

Students with an interest in analysis, numbers, critical thinking and logic.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 from five separate subjects including a 6 in mathematics and another related subject. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points or more from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

There are three modules over the two years and all are assessed by examination at the end of the course in year 13. The three modules are Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics.

What can I do when I finish?

Mathematics is one of the most highly regarded A-levels by universities and employers. Students are able to follow the widest range of degree or career paths when studied in conjunction with other subjects.

What else do I need to know?

Mathematics particularly complements any of the core sciences as well as economics, business, geography and psychology.

What will I be studying?

Pure Mathematics topics include algebra, differentiation, integration and circle geometry. The mechanics module topics include forces, acceleration, power, momentum and vectors. The statistics module topics include analysis and presentation of data along with study in greater depth of probability.

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MUSIC

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Students who have a good understanding and appreciation of music as a listener and a performer; if you want to develop your understanding of how music works, alongside your theory and performance work, then this course is for you.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 from five separate subjects, including a 6 in GCSE music. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points or more from their GCSEs. Students should ideally be working towards graded examinations in their chosen instrument.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed in three ways:

Performance (30%) – a solo or ensemble recital on your chosen instrument (or voice) lasting at least 8 minutes.

Composition (30%) – two compositions, at least one of which must be written to a brief sent by the exam board.

The combined time of both compositions must be at least 6 minutes.

Listening Exam (40%) – The terminal exam consists of a listening exam based on set works from the areas of study, and an extended answer section where students will be asked to compare and contrast a familiar and unfamiliar piece.

What can I do when I finish?

This course is an excellent foundation for study at degree level, both at university and specialist music colleges.

What else do I need to know?

Music can complement many subjects such as dance, drama, theatre studies, mathematics, physics, ICT and languages.

What will I be studying?

In A Level music, you will continue to develop three core aspects of music. In performance, you will have access to one-to-one lessons with our team of peripatetic music staff, as well as taking part in workshops and recitals. In

composition you will further your understanding of theory and harmony, which will in turn aid your studies of set works for the listening exam. The set works are drawn from six areas of study: Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Music for Film, Popular Music and Jazz, Fusions, New Directions. Further information on this course is available from the Edexcel website.

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PHYSICS

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Students who wish to investigate how physical models answer the big questions of how the universe works.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 6 from five separate subjects including a 6 in combined science or a 6 in physics and one other science and a 6 in mathematics. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points or more from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

There are five units in the first year and four units in the second year. All units are assessed as a series of exams including, short, long answer and multiple choice questions at the end of the second year. There are three 2 hour exams. There is no coursework in this course, instead there are twelve practical assessments that must be completed, and these are then assessed as part of the exams. There is also the opportunity to complete a separate practical skills assessment which is a pass or fail qualification and overlaps with the other A-level science qualifications.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many careers and university courses available to those who study physics and pathways available to take you into medicine, dentistry, engineering, cosmology, ophthalmic, law, teaching and robotics.

What else do I need to know?

Physics complements many other subjects particularly mathematics, biology, chemistry, and engineering.

What will I be studying?

The modules studied in the first year are; measurements and their errors, particles and radiation, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity. The topics studied in the second year are; further mechanics and thermal, fields and their consequences, nuclear physics and astrophysics.

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS & RELIGION)

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Students who want to seek to develop insightful evaluations of ultimate questions about the purposes and commitments of human life. Ultimately, students who have an interest in issues arising from philosophy and religion and religion and ethics.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 or equivalent from five separate subjects with an average points score of 5.5 or more.

How is the course assessed?

Students will study three modules; Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Developments in Religious Thought.

Philosophy of religion enables students to reflect on philosophical issues and questions raised by religion and belief including the existence or non-existence of God, the nature and influence of religious experience and the problems of evil and suffering.

Religion and ethics includes the study of ethical theories and applying to issues of importance; namely euthanasia, business ethics, and sexual ethics.

Developments in religious thought provides an opportunity for the systematic study of one religious tradition (Christianity). This will include the exploration of religious beliefs, values, teachings and practices that shape religious identity.

The three examinations will be as follows:

Philosophy of religion	120 marks	2 hour written paper
Religion and ethics	120 marks	2 hour written paper
Developments in religious thought	120 marks	2 hour written paper

What else do I need to know?

Students will engage with arguments and debates on religious and non-religious views of life, which focus on some key areas of controversy that shape modern views of the world. Students will extend their understanding through engagement in debates on issues such as the value of evidence based on accounts of religious experience. They will analyse and evaluate particular viewpoints of thinkers who have contributed to these debates.

What will I be studying?

Philosophy of religion reflects on philosophical issues and questions. Enquiring into the nature and influence of religious experience, problems of evil and suffering and philosophical language

Religion and ethics focuses on issues and debates in religion and ethics by a study of three ethical theories. An application of ethical theories to issues of importance including ethical language, deontology, virtue ethics and medical ethics. Students will reflect on the beginning and end of life issues. A Study of religion will investigate religious beliefs, values, teachings, sources of wisdom and authority. This will include analysing the practices that shape and express religious identity, social and historical developments along with religion and society. All three areas of study will refer to the works of scholars.

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SPANISH

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Students who enjoy languages and have an interest in learning about foreign cultures. Students will have the opportunity to develop their language skills alongside their understanding of the culture and society of the countries where Spanish is spoken.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 6 from five separate subjects. Students will also need to have an average of 5.5 points or more from their GCSEs including grades 4 in English and mathematics and a level 6 in GCSE Spanish.

How is the course assessed?

There are six units in both years. You will also study a play and a film. Assessment includes listening, reading, writing and speaking. The exams are in the final year.

What can I do when I finish?

Being able to communicate fluently with people in their own language is a wonderful skill. Language A-levels complement the majority of other subjects and allow study abroad whilst at university. Employers always look favourably on those with language qualifications.

What else do I need to know?

As part of their course, students have additional weekly lessons with our Spanish foreign language assistant. They are offered the opportunity to take part in educational study trips to Spain in order to enhance their learning experience.

What will I be studying?

In the first year the topics covered include Modern and traditional values, new technologies, equal rights, modern day idols, Spanish regional identity and cultural heritage. Students will also study a film. In the second year we look at multiculturalism in Hispanic society and aspects of political life in the Hispanic world in addition to the topics covered.

In the second year. Students will also study a play as well as undertaking an individual research project as part of their speaking assessment.

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GREEN PATHWAY SUBJECTS

ART AND DESIGN

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in art and design practice and theory. Students who have not studied Art at GCSE can study this subject providing their drawing skills are adequately developed. These students can hand in a portfolio to be looked at by the department.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent from five separate subjects with an average points score of 4.0 or more.

How is the course assessed?

In year one students will complete one coursework module. This module will be carefully selected by the student and department to take in to account artistic strengths and interests. In year two students will complete this coursework project worth 60% of the overall mark and an exam unit accounting for 40% The exam unit theme is released 3 months before the exam, and students will have a choice of several themes to select from, like at GCSE.

What can I do when I finish?

The course prepares students for higher levels of study in all areas of art and design. Past students have gone on to study animation, fine art, textiles, photography and fashion buying. Due to the versatile nature of the skills taught students also go on to study other subjects as higher education.

What else do I need to know?

Art is an enjoyable and interesting subject, which allows your creative side to flourish whilst providing you with a highly regarded A-level qualification. Coursework is an integral part of the course therefore a large amount of time is needed in producing a good quality portfolio of work.

What will I be studying?

The course encompasses a whole range of mediums in both 2D and 3D, including drawing, painting, textiles, print-making, photography, ceramics and sculpture. The learning is supported by visits to museums and art galleries.

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APPLIED SCIENCE

BTEC Level 3

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in science. Generally, students will take other sciences, health Studies or mathematics as well.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 including any science. Students will also need to have an average of 4.0 points from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

Coursework and practical skills are assessed over two years using a combination of externally moderated coursework and external examinations.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many employment pathways and university courses available after completion of this course. Medical, agricultural, food science, child/adult care and research careers or courses are popular choices.

What else do I need to know?

This applied science course complements other science courses, as well as health and social care, ICT and business studies.

What will I be studying?

The course is made up of aspects of Level 3 physics, chemistry and biology elements.

What will I be studying?

In year one, students will study a variety of topics including 'The human lifespan', 'Working in health and social care', 'Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs' and 'Physiological Disorders'.

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BUSINESS STUDIES

BTEC business studies Level 3 NQF (PEARSON)

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Any eligible student can study this course, even if they did not take business studies at GCSE.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent or above, from five separate subjects. Successful students tend to have a level 6 or above in GCSE English. Students who studied business studies in year 11 are required to achieve a minimum of a merit.

How is the course assessed?

Year 12: - 2 units, both units are assignment based with one to be internally assessed and one externally assessed. The units consist of an introduction to exploring business and developing a marketing campaign.

Year 13: - 2 units, one assessed by examination and one by means of assignment work. The units consist of personal and business finance and an optional unit to be selected by staff.

- Management at all levels
- Human Resources
- Public Services
- Teaching
- Social Work

What can I do when I finish?

Business degree courses are among the most popular and varied courses offered by British Universities. They range from general management degrees to specialist degrees in areas such as marketing, human resource management and accountancy. Business degree courses can be combined with foreign languages among other subjects. The current Year 13 students have applied for a range of degree courses including international fashion, marketing and law. Business studies qualifications lead to careers in areas as diverse as marketing, accountancy, law, human resource management, purchasing and journalism.

What else do I need to know?

Q: I did not opt for GCSE/BTEC business studies; does that mean that I am not eligible for BTEC business studies.

A: No. Some of our most successful students at present did not study business studies prior to Year 12

Q: Do I have to follow the course for two years?

A: No, students will achieve a certificate in business studies if they complete both units 1 and 2 in year 12 to the required standard. The rest of the students will go on to achieve an extended certificate, which is the equivalent to an A-Level.

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DANCE

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

A level dance is a dynamic qualification, which encourages students to develop their intellectual and creative capacity, alongside transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. All are sought after skills by higher education and employers, whatever the students' career choice or pathway. It is desirable to have previous experience in the subject and a sound knowledge and understanding of the technical demands of contemporary dance.

What are the entry requirements?

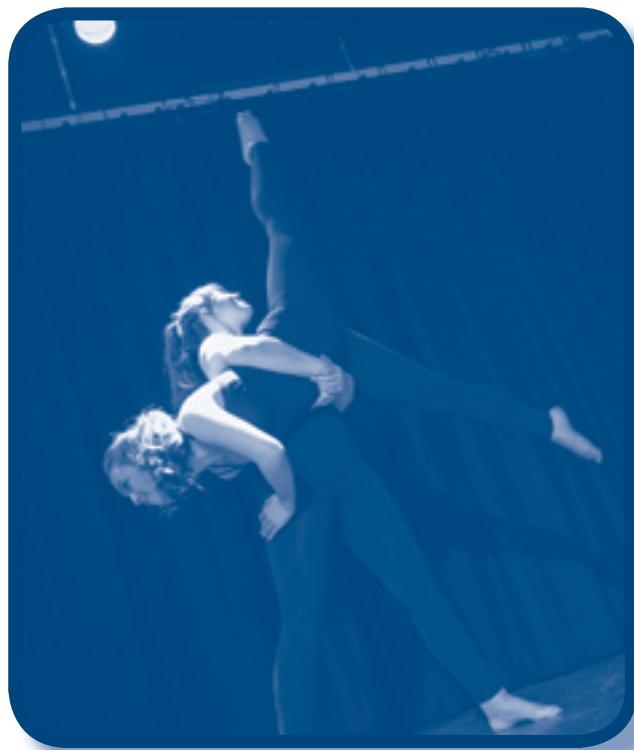
A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent from five separate subjects with an average points score of 4.0 or more. It is desirable to have at least a level 4 in GCSE dance.

How is the course assessed?

Students complete two components over two years. Component 1 assesses choreography and performance skills practically and is worth 50% of the entire A Level. Component 2 examines knowledge, understanding and critical appreciation of two set works and corresponding areas of study. This is assessed in the form of a 2 hour 30-minute written paper and is worth 50% of the entire A Level.

What can I do when I finish?

The course is an excellent foundation for study at degree level or at a specialist dance school. This may lead to a career on stage or, with further training, as a teacher.



What else do I need to know?

Previous experience of dance will be considered when applying for this course.

What will I be studying?

The first year focuses on developing a student's technical ability to perform in a quartet. Students also gain an understanding of how the body works, performance skills, interpretive skills and the relationship of dance to music in order to choreograph a group performance. Theoretically students will study a compulsory set work and a corresponding area of study. In the second year, students will study another set work and area of study as well as choreographing a solo linked to a specific practitioner within their written work.

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DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

A-level drama and theatre studies is for students who enjoy reading and watching plays, and taking part in them, whether performing, directing or designing sets and costumes. It offers students the freedom to choose both the content and the form of their practical presentations. The qualification allows students to study drama and theatre in an academic setting, interrogating this art form and applying their knowledge and understanding to the process of creating and developing drama and theatre and to their own performance work.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent at GCSE from five separate subjects, with an average points score of 4.0 or more.

How is the course assessed?

A Level in Drama and Theatre consists of three components that are externally assessed and one component that is assessed by the centre and externally moderated by AQA.

What can I do when I finish?

The A Level specifications provide a suitable foundation for the study of drama and theatre or performing arts related courses in further and higher education. They also offer worthwhile courses of study for students who do not wish to progress further in the subject.

What else do I need to know?

Drama and theatre studies is a mixture of drama, English, history, psychology and sociology. It is considered to be a relatively academic subject.

What will I be studying?

At A Level, students will study an additional practitioner and students will study two complete texts and three extracts from different texts. Students will review the work of others through watching live theatre.

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ENGINEERING

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in engineering (NQF).

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long. It is worth the equivalent of one A-level.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in practical engineering and design / manufacturing. Learners need not necessarily have studied engineering previously. It is for learners who are interested in the sector alongside other fields of study with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, but not necessarily in engineering.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSEs at level 4 from five separate subjects including a 4 in mathematics, along with an average points score of 4.0 (or more). A distinction in BTEC engineering or a level 4 in a design and technology subject is also desirable. Due to the increased science and mathematics element, it is also recommended that you have a level 4 or above in science.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through practical and written assignments and observation records by tutors. Unit 1 and Unit 2 are externally assessed (50%).

What can I do when I finish?

Engineering degree courses or employment in an expanding and rewarding industry, are the norm for students who complete this BTEC. Between 2018 and 2020, it is estimated that there will be 2.74 million job openings, including more than 400,000 technician roles as the predominately-ageing workforce in this area is expected to retire.

What else do I need to know?

This course particularly complements mathematics, physics and product design as well as many other subjects.

What will I be studying?

There are four units:

- Unit 1: Engineering Principles - externally assessed. A 2-hour written exam.
- Unit 2: Delivery of Engineering Processes Safely as a Team - internally assessed.
- Unit 3: Engineering Product Design and Manufacture - externally assessed. An 8-hour product design task.
- Unit 10: is Computer-aided Design in Engineering - internally assessed.

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FILM STUDIES

A-level

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Students with a passion for film; students who like to look for subtext and deeper meaning; students who 'gorge on box-sets'; and it's also suitable for students who like to read, the visual arts and expressing their opinions!

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent from five separate subjects. A Grade 4 in English or English Literature would be beneficial.

How is the course assessed?

Students analyse a comprehensive range of British, American, European and 'World' films and sit two examinations at the end of their second year. There is also a coursework component, which allows students to write or produce their own film, and to analyse their own creations.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many courses available to film studies students at universities and at other specialist establishments. Film studies is an academic course, which could also help you with your studies in other, like-minded subjects.

What else do I need to know?

Film Studies is a mixture of film history, visual language appreciation and practical filmmaking skills.

What will I be studying?

Students will examine the history and theory of a comprehensive range of popular and 'art' films. You will learn how to create and write about films, and you also learn the study skills required for a smooth and easy transition to a possible university-based education.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC Level 3 (Extended Certificate and Diploma)

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

The Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A-level and the Diploma is equivalent to two A-levels.

Who is the course for?

Students who want a recognised pathway towards health, social care and people orientated careers.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent at GCSE from five separate subjects including science and English. Students will also need to have an average of 4.0 points (or more) from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

All assessment is by externally moderated coursework and examinations.

What can I do when I finish?

There are many careers and university courses available to health studies students, for example nursing & midwifery, occupational therapy, social work, paramedic, health care assistant and nursery worker.

What else do I need to know?

All students will be required to produce assignments and conduct research independently. Diploma students will also be required to undertake a two-week placement in a health and social care setting.

What will I be studying?

In year one, students will study a variety of topics including The Human Lifespan; Working in health and social care; Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs and Physiological Disorders.

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ICT

BTEC National - Information Technology

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in an IT & computing qualification. The qualification will complement other subjects, such as art, performing arts (application development, website design creating portfolios to showcase work) business studies – application development creating an app, how it can help promote, market a product.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent, (one of these must be GCSE English) from five separate subjects with an average points score of 4.0 or more. Also a level 4 or above in ICT or computing at GCSE if you studied the subject at GCSE level.

How is the course assessed?

ICT is assessed by a mixture of external exams and coursework that is externally moderated.

Unit 1 - Information Technology Systems

- Externally assessed

Unit 2 - Creating systems to Manage Information

- Externally assessed

Unit 3 - Using Social Media in Business

- Coursework

Unit 6 - Website Development

- Coursework

What can I do when I finish?

ICT courses are highly valued by all universities and employers. Careers to follow can include computing, computer graphics, animation, project management, business management and game or program design.

What else do I need to know?

ICT develops key skills for future life, in employment, recreation and the home. ICT complements any other subject studied at A-level.

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MUSIC (BTEC)

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music (NQF).

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long. It is worth the equivalent of one A-level.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who is interested in music from a performance or music Industry perspective.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4, or equivalent from five separate subjects.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through practical and written assignments and observation records by tutors.

What can I do when I finish?

The music course provides a good foundation for students wishing to pursue further study in music, music production or music promotion at degree level or those interested in other roles in the performing arts industry.

What else do I need to know?

Music can complement many subjects such as dance, drama, theatre studies, mathematics, physics, ICT and languages.

What will I be studying?

There are three compulsory units:

Unit 1: Ensemble Music Performance Techniques

Unit 2: Practical Music Theory and Harmony

Unit 3: Professional Practice in the Music Industry

Students will take an additional optional unit. The optional units include Composing Music, Music Promotion, Music Performance Session Styles, Solo Performance and Music Software Skills.

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SPORT

BTEC Level 3

How long is the course?

This course is 2 years long.
The Extended Certificate is equivalent to one A-level.

Who is the course for?

Any students who are interested in a career in sports science, coaching or professional sports.

What are the entry requirements?

A minimum of five GCSE's at level 4 or equivalent at GCSE from five separate subjects. Students will also need to have an average of 4.0 points (or more) from their GCSEs.

How is the course assessed?

The course is both internally and externally assessed.
The internal assessment consists of students completing assignments for units and receiving an overall grade for that unit.

The external assessment is in two parts.

(1) A 90-minute written examination.

(2) An externally set task to be completed under supervised conditions.

How will I be graded?

Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified.

What can I do when I finish?

Many students who complete this course go on to higher education or employment in areas such as personal trainer, coaching, teaching and other sport and leisure related activities.

What else do I need to know?

This course allows students to take part in a range of sporting activities whilst carrying out the theory related to the science behind them.

What will I be studying?

Units studied include Fitness Training and Programming, Coaching, Sports psychology, Sports Industry, Fitness Testing, Practical Team & Individual Sports and Principles of Anatomy and Physiology.

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Other subjects are available through the Maghull collaborative at Deyes High School and Maricourt Catholic High School. Further information is available upon enrolment.

A selection of these courses are:

- Physical Education A Level*
- Psychology A Level*
- Sociology A Level*



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