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Welcome



We are delighted to welcome you to Strode's, our dynamic sixth form college. At Strode's, student success is our priority and our students are at the heart of everything that we do.

How to Apply

Your Step-by-step Guide to Studying at Strode's

Step 1: Choose Your Course

We offer a wide range of courses at all levels – if you're still not sure, give us a call on **01753 793288** or email **admissions@windsor-forest.ac.uk** for independent advice.

Step 2: Apply

Apply online at **www.strodes.ac.uk/study/** You will receive an email to confirm we have received your application.

Step 3: Attend Your Interview

You will be invited to book an interview, where you will discuss your course choice and plans for the future. This will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have too.

Step 4: Offer

Following a successful interview, you will be made a conditional offer via email.

Please note: This can take up to 14 days. To accept your conditional offer, please log back into your Student Portal. You need to accept your offer to receive your invitation to enrolment.

Step 5: Enrol

You will be sent steps on how to enrol onto your chosen course the summer before you start with us and you will need your exam results to be able to enrol in August. If your results are better than expected or you didn't do as well as you hoped, please do not worry, we can find a suitable alternative for you.

Step 6: Start College

We look forward to welcoming you in September!

At Strode's, student success is our priority and our students are at the heart of everything that we do. Their journey with us starts with the excellent advice and guidance that they will receive at open evenings, interviews, taster sessions and welcome days helping them to choose the right programme of study for them. Our wide range of academic and vocational courses allows students to select and study the courses that will support their progression and career aspirations whilst ensuring an enjoyable and successful learning experience.

We are proud of our strong community ethos and of the support and guidance we offer to all of our students. We see every student as an individual and our specialist teaching and support staff are committed to ensuring that they achieve their potential and fulfil their ambitions.

The sixth form experience at Strode's is much more, however, than just academic success and extends beyond the classroom to the wide range of opportunities and experiences on offer to our students. We are an exciting and inclusive college at which to study whatever your interests and ambitions.

I look forward to welcoming you to Strode's and hope that you are able to experience one of our open events where you will be able to talk to staff and students about your own particular needs and aspirations.



**Amanda
Down**
Principal

Welcome to Strode's College, the college where everyone can find their place.

Thank you for your interest in our College. At Strode's, we believe that every student has incredible potential, and it's our mission to help you unlock that potential. Whether you choose to pursue A Levels, BTECs or a T Level, we are committed to providing the best opportunities to support all learning styles, allowing you to mix and match qualifications that suit your aspirations and strengths.

Life at Strode's is dynamic, exciting, and full of opportunities. Our teachers are dedicated to helping you develop the skills needed to excel at College, both personally and academically. We also focus on preparing you for life beyond College, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, or employment.

We offer a diverse and rich student experience, including work placements, international trips, and numerous opportunities to engage in College and community life, such as volunteering, Student Council, sports, performing arts, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

But don't just take our word for it—come and experience it yourself. Talk to our students, explore our campus, and get a true sense of what it means to be part of the Strode's community. We are all about support, inspiration, and helping you achieve excellence. We look forward to meeting you!

Gillian May
Group Principal
and CEO

Student Destinations & Success Stories

Each year, our students pursue a variety of vocational and academic pathways, securing rewarding employment opportunities or advancing their skills through apprenticeships and higher education. Many of our students also gain admission to prestigious institutions, including Oxbridge and the Russell Group.

Megan Stewart

A* A* A

Going to University College London to study Law



Andrew Hampson

Apart from winning the Moving Image Awards 2023, he's now studying art at the University of Creative Arts, has worked for Resource Productions and is also working with Atlantic Records.



Daisy Phillips

A* A A A

Going to Warwick University to study English Language and Linguistics



Finn Mason

A* A* A*

Going to University of Leeds to study Law



Jessica Schofield

Before I started Media studies, I wasn't sure if it would be for me and whether it would be useful in helping me start the next phase of my life after Strobe's. Since then, I have found a love for the subject and began exploring jobs and internships in the media. A small company called "Hey Gabbi Services" reached out to me looking for someone to intern with them as the social media marketing manager, obviously I said yes! As part of my role, I create the social media posts for the company as well as look at different angles to take when launching a campaign.

After a few months of experience with the company they wanted to make my position slightly more permanent to go along side with my further education at the university of Victoria in Canada where I will be studying Business with digital marketing.

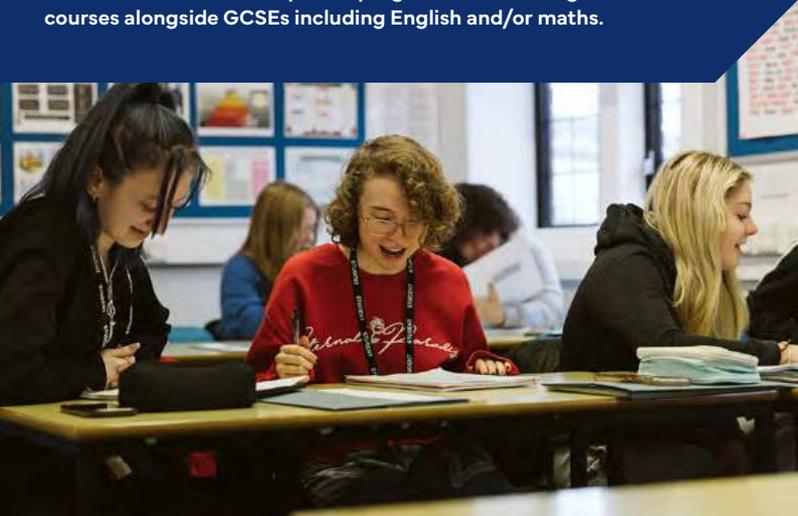


Study Programme

If you're aged 16–19, you will follow a study programme to help you develop academically, practically and personally.

Study programmes are designed to meet students' individual learning needs and includes all the elements that make up their individual timetable at the College. We want you to be confident and ready to meet the demands of learning, work and life.

Our students typically study three A Levels, a full or mixed vocational programme equivalent to three A Levels or a T-Level. Level 2 students will complete a programme consisting of vocational courses alongside GCSEs including English and/or maths.



Choose the Right Course & Level for You

A Minimum of Five GCSEs Grade 4 & Above

Including English and maths. You must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Your Options at Strode's: A Level Programme:

Two year study programme of three A Levels.

Mixed Programme:

Two year study programme of A Levels and Level 3 vocational or Industry ready study programme.

T Level:

Two year study programme with an industry placement.

Your Progression After College:

Degree or higher apprenticeships, employment or university.

A Minimum of Four GCSEs Grade 4 & Above

Including English and maths. You must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Your Options at Strode's:

Level 3 Programme in any combination for two years.

Your Progression After College:

Degree or higher apprenticeships, employment or university.

Less than Four GCSEs

Minimum of three grade 3s and one grade 2 including English or maths at grade 3.

**Your Options at Strode's:
Level 2 Programme** including English and/or maths for one year.

Your Progression

A Level Programme: Two year study programme of three A Levels.

Mixed Programme: Two year study programme of A Levels and Level 3 Programme or Industry ready study programme.

T Level:

Two year study programme with an industry placement.

Your Progression After College:

Degree or higher apprenticeships, employment or university.

Level 2 Programme

At our sixth form sites, we have a broad and exciting range of Level 2 courses. A Level 2 programme is a great starting point to progress onto a Level 3 programme and help you build the confidence and expertise you need to take your next step. Whatever your interests, whatever your strengths, you're likely to be able to study it at Strode's College. Designed for those who have a solid foundation, these courses offer targeted instruction, practical experience, and personalised support to help you advance. Whether you're looking to cement your skills or prepare for the next step, our Level 2 programmes provide the perfect opportunity to refine your abilities and set yourself up for future success.

Our Level 2 Programmes:

- GCSE Sociology
- UAL Art and Design
- BTEC Preparation for Public Services
- UAL Creative Media Technology and Production
- BTEC Esports
- GCSE Combined Science
- BTEC Business
- BTEC Health & Social Care



Industry Placement



Gain hands-on experience and deep insights into your chosen industry or sector with work placements. This invaluable exposure not only enriches your understanding but also significantly enhances your UCAS and job applications, helping you stand out among your peers. Make your profile shine with practical knowledge and real-world skills!

Enhance your applications

Work experience is a great way to get ahead and gain the edge with employers and admissions tutors in your college interview. It shows that you have taken the time to gain experience in your chosen career area and it's a good way to check that your dream job in your chosen industry is really what you think it is.

Strode's and Windsor Colleges has a dedicated careers and placements team to support students with finding a suitable work placement. All of our students are encouraged to participate in a week of Industry Placement as part of their study programme.

This year our students experienced a range of successful placements with local businesses such as:

- The Crown estate
- National Physical laboratory
- 7IM
- P Tiernan 7 Co Solicitors
- Isleworth Town Primary School
- Perfect Smile



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels are qualifications for students aged 16 to 19 in England who have finished their GCSEs.

T Levels have been designed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so that you will learn everything you need to prepare for the workplace.

They offer you more practical work experience and industry placement hours as part of your education than any other qualification currently available, except for apprenticeships.

Each T Level is equivalent to 3 A levels and helps you to develop the knowledge, attitude and practical skills to thrive in either the workplace or progress to further study.

T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the essential skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action. The industry placement will be 3 months in total, a minimum of 45 days (315 hours over the duration of the course). The industry placement should be with a maximum of 2 employers. You will get valuable experience in the workplace and employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

Within each course, students develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, as well as topics specific to the course and an occupational specialism.

What are the key differences between T Levels, A Levels and Apprenticeships?

- **T Levels** are designed to offer a path for learners wishing to enter skilled professions or progress to further study. These are typically 80% in the classroom and 20% on an industry placement.
- **Apprenticeships** are for those who wish to learn a specific occupation. These are typically 80% in-the-job and 20% in the classroom. Apprenticeships are more suited to those who know what occupation they want to pursue, are at the working age of 16, and want to earn a wage while learning at the same time.
- **A Levels** are for learners who wish to continue academic education.



Are T Levels included in the UCAS tariff?

UCAS tariff points are allocated to T Levels in the same way they are with A Levels.

UCAS points are only allocated to the **overall T Level grade**. Students must achieve at least an overall pass grade to receive UCAS points.

UCAS tariff points	T Level overall grade	A Level equivalent
168	Distinction*	A* A* A*
144	Distinction	AAA
120	Merit	BBB
96	Pass (C or above on core component)	CCC
72	Pass (D or E on core component)	DDD

Vocational Qualifications

Vocational courses are specialist work-related qualifications available in a range of sectors.

Alongside AAQ's (Alternative Academic Qualifications), including BTEC Nationals are the most widely-recognised qualification for admission to higher education. They are level 3 vocational qualifications that provide specialist, work-related learning across a range of sectors. AAQ qualifications are designed to equip students with the specialist knowledge, practical skills and understanding they need to progress along their chosen learning and career paths.

AAQ programmes are career-based qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to move on to higher education or go straight into employment.

More employers and higher education institutions than ever before are choosing AAQ-qualified candidates for their academic and practical knowledge and skills.

Entry Requirements

AAQ programmes are career-based qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to move on to higher education or go straight into employment.

Strode's also offers AAQ courses at Level 2: AAQ courses at Level 2 are intended as a pathway to a Level 3 qualification.



Find out more

**CAREER
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INDUSTRY
READY**



Beyond the Classroom



Duke of Edinburgh

Build confidence, resilience skills, team working and demonstrate your resourceful side. Add value to your UCAS application and CV.



Elite Athletes

We are a Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) accredited College providing support to help our talented students balance the demand of high level training alongside College study.



The Gold Arts Award

This Level 3 qualification is worth 16 UCAS points and will benefit those students aiming for art/drama school or university by showcasing a specialism outside of College.

Coming to Strode's will give you the chance to develop your skills through a range of extra-curricular activities. These activities will allow you to make new friends, have fun and develop transferable skills to enhance your CV or UCAS personal statement.

We want to enrich your studies and further deepen your learning and understanding but we also want to give you every opportunity to enjoy new experiences and broaden your horizons. Our goal is that when you progress from Strode's, you do so as self assured and confident young adults.

Qualification (EPQ)

Increase your UCAS points by studying the EPQ (worth half an A Level) – choose a subject you are interested in and demonstrate your independent research skills.

National Competitions

Our students have achieved success in a number of challenges including the Chemistry Olympiad, the UK Senior Maths Challenge, the NSEC (National Schools Employability Challenge) and the Interior Design competitions for the British Display Society.

Sport

There's an exciting sports programme and extensive facilities at Strode's. There are sports pitches, hall, courts and a well-equipped fitness suite. Regular competitions and additional personal fitness qualifications are also available.

Student Union Executive

Our active Student Union (SU) leads our student voice on a number of issues close to the hearts of young people. By being part of the SU, you will enjoy a range of opportunities and activities to enrich your time at College.

Trips & Visits

Our trips and visits are undoubtedly a highlight, both complementing the curriculum and giving students national and international experiences beyond the classroom.

Guest Speakers & Master Classes

Guest speakers will be a key part of your College experience. These will deepen your understanding with talks from keynote speakers and experts in their fields.





Study Plus+

Study+ is part of every student's programme of study. It enriches learning and facilitates and promotes independent study.. It provides students with additional tasks and activities beyond regular classroom lessons, allowing them to further develop their knowledge and skills in their chosen subjects. The Study Plus+ programme aims to enhance the overall learning experience, develops core skills such as independence and proactivity and facilitates academic excellence.



Aspire

The Aspire programme at Strode's College is a specialised support programme designed to assist students in their applications to prestigious institutions, such as the Russell Group and high-tariff courses. It aims to provide comprehensive high-quality information, advice, and guidance (IAG) to students throughout their journey, from application to final progression into university, further study, apprenticeships, or employment.

The programme has achieved a 100% success rate for students receiving offers from Cambridge and Oxford. It utilises the Unifrog platform to empower students in building UCAS statements and accessing valuable information about careers and apprenticeships. The Aspire programme plays a vital role in supporting students' successful progression and ensuring they are well-equipped for their future endeavours.

Supporting You

The physical and mental wellbeing of all our students is extremely important to us, so we provide a number of support services to help.



Safeguarding

It is important to us that everyone feels safe while at College. Our Safeguarding team help students make good decisions and offer a range of advice from digital safety, radicalisation, neglect, to homelessness, mental health and personal safety.

Counselling

The College provides a fully qualified counsellor that can be accessed during the College day.

Health & Wellbeing

We provide help and information about staying healthy with a range of services and advice for your wellbeing and safety.

Careers & Employability

Our accredited team is always on hand to offer impartial and confidential advice and guidance on courses, careers and training.

Personal Support Services

You are a name, not a number at Strode's College and we are dedicated to helping you achieve your potential.

Personal Tutors

You will have a tutor who will play a central role in supporting your progress at sixth form. Group tutorials and one-to-one meetings will help keep you on track with your studies as well as helping you plan for life after College.

Learning Support

The Learning Support team are there to help with literacy and numeracy skills, provide you with expert support with dyslexia and dyspraxia, support time management, revision skills, essay writing, assistive technology and access arrangements.

Exam Arrangements

We know that some students will require special arrangements when taking exams and support can be provided, post assessment, in accordance with awarding bodies' guidelines. Dependent upon assessment results, scribes and readers may be supplied and assistive equipment may be borrowed.

Financial Support

For those from low household income families, the College offer financial support for the compulsory costs associated with your course.

Please email us for information about support at the College.
studentservices.sixthform@windsor-forest.ac.uk

Art, Design & Media

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A Level Art & Design (3D Design)

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in Art & Design at grade 5 or a Level 2 Art BTEC at merit or a demonstrable interest in and experience of the subject, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Art & Design (Fine Art)

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in Art & Design at grade 5 or a Level 2 Art BTEC at merit or a demonstrable interest in and experience of the subject, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Art & Design (Graphic Communication)

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in Art & Design at grade 5 or a Level 2 Art BTEC at merit or a demonstrable interest in and experience of the subject, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Art & Design (Photography)

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in Art & Design at grade 5 or a Level 2 Art BTEC at merit or a demonstrable interest in and experience of the subject, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level in Film Studies

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level in Media Studies

This **2 year course** requires either a GCSE in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.



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UAL Art & Design (Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice)

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, at least one of which should be in a creative arts subject (or the equivalent Level 2 qualification in an appropriate subject) plus GCSE English at grade 4 or above.

UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (Film & Video Production)

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and may include a BTEC (Merit).

A Merit at Level 2 BTEC in Creative Media if taken.

UAL Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (Games Design)

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and may include a BTEC (Merit).

A Merit at Level 2 BTEC in Creative Media if taken.

UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design

This **1 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including English or maths at grade 3.

Alternatively, three GCSEs, including English or maths at grade 3, plus one Level 2 BTEC.

Students must be able to show a demonstrable interest in or experience of a creative subject.

UAL Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Technology & Production

This **1 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including English or maths at grade 3.

Alternatively, three GCSEs, including English or maths at grade 3, plus one Level 2 BTEC.

Students must be able to show a demonstrable interest in or experience of a creative subject.

Level 2 Programme in Esports

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including English or maths at grade 3.

Alternatively, three GCSEs, including English or maths at grade 3, plus one Level 2 BTEC.

Students must be able to show a demonstrable interest in or experience of a creative subject.

T Level Media Broadcast & Production

This **2 year course** requires five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including Maths and English) and a five in English Language.



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A Level in Business Studies

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language at grade 4 and maths at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Computer Science

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English at grade 4, maths and science (including computer science) at grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level in Economics

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language at grade 5 and maths at grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Level 3 Programme in Vocational Business

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths and may include a BTEC.



Taylor's Experience

"I really enjoyed the trip to Twickenham Rugby Stadium, group activities and presentations – the correlation to real life examples are great."

Find out
more about
Business, IT & Travel



Level 3 Programme in Information Technology

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths, and may include a BTEC at a merit or above.

Level 3 Programme in Travel & Tourism

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths and may include a BTEC at a merit or above.

Level 2 Programme in Business

This **1 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at Grade 3 and one at Grade 2, which must include GCSE English or maths at Grade 3

T Level in Management and Administration

This **2 year course** requires five GCSEs grade 4 and above including English and Maths.

T Level in Marketing

This **2 year course** requires five GCSEs grade 4 and above including English and maths.



Find out more about the qualifications on offer



Find out more about Travel & Tourism

Humanities

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Financial Services · Politics · Publishing · Accountancy



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A Level Geography

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language or English literature at grade 5, maths at grade 4 and geography at grade 5 if taken, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level History (Early Modern)

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language at grade 5 and history at grade 5 if taken, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Law

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Modern History

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language at grade 5 and history at grade 5 if taken, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.



Jack's Experience

"I love law because of the vast number of interesting topics we cover. It is an ever changing subject with new developments in law affecting what you learn."

Find out
more about
Humanities



A Level Politics

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Psychology

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in science at grade 6, English language and maths at grade 4, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Sociology

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Level 3 Programme in Applied Psychology

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths at grade 4 and science at grade 5 and may include a BTEC at a merit or above.

Level 3 Programme in Applied Law

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language or English literature at grade 5.

Level 3 Programme in Criminology

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language or English literature and sociology at grade 5 and may include a BTEC at a merit or above.

Level 3 Programme in Applied Law

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language or English literature.



Alessandrei's Experience

"I like that we are able to freely discuss societal issues that are happening in modern society and at the same time apply it to how society functions today."

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Content Creator · Diplomatic Service · Author



A Level Classical Civilisation

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language or English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level English Language

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level English Language & Literature

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language and English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level English Literature

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English language and English literature at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Sofia's Experience

"Having the opportunity to attend college for lessons only, coupled with the teachers granting me freedom during these sessions, has made my learning experience really enjoyable"

Find out more
about Languages,
Literature & Culture





A Level French

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in French at grade 6 and English language at grade 4, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Philosophy

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English and maths at grade 5, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Spanish

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in Spanish at grade 6 and English language at grade 4, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

AS Level French

This **1 year course** requires GCSEs in French at grade 6 and English language at grade 4, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Jack's Experience

"English literature is a wonderful subject. The syllabus is just brilliant, and the teachers have really helped me acclimatise to the world of A Levels."



Mathematical Sciences

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A Level Mathematics

This **2 year course** requires a GCSE in maths at grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Further Mathematics

This **2 year course** requires a GCSE in maths at grade 7, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Statistics

This **2 year course** requires Grade 5 or above, and at least one grade 6 or above, in GCSE English Language plus one other written subject, such as History, Geography, Humanities, English Literature, Business, Media Studies, Religious Studies, Drama and Film Studies and two further GCSEs at grade 4 or above.



Sarina's Experience

"I love the algebra topics of maths. It's useful in everyday life and it's exciting especially when you understand the topic."

Find out
more about
Mathematical Sciences



Sports & Performing Arts

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Actor · Arts Journalism · Broadcasting · Composer
Choreographer · Dancer · Stage Management
Personal Trainer · PE Teacher · Sports Coach ·
Nutritionist · Sports Psychologist · Sports Therapist



David's Experience

"I've had an interest in music and computers from a young age and it made sense to combine my favourite two subjects to gain higher levels of knowledge in those areas."



A Level Dance

This **2 year course** requires the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Students must have achieved GCSE English language or English literature at grade 4, plus show a demonstrable interest in Dance, or a Level 2 BTEC in Performing Arts at merit or GCSE Dance at grade 4.

A Level Drama & Theatre Studies

This **2 year course** requires the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Students must show a demonstrable interest in drama or grade 5 in English language or literature.



A Level Music Technology

This **2 year course** requires a GCSE in maths at grade 4, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme.

Students must show a demonstrable interest in recording, computer sequencing and composition.

A Level Physical Education

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in English, Maths and Science at grade 4, plus PE at grade 5 if taken, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. Students must be actively involved in a sports team or club as evidence is required for the practical component.

Level 3 Programme in Sport

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or GCSE English and a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Sport or a Grade 4 in GCSE PE if taken.



Level 3 Programme in Performance (Acting) (NQF)

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, drama, performing arts and may include a BTEC.

Alternatively a Level 2 BTEC in performing arts at merit or proven experience.

Level 3 Programme in Sport & Exercise Science

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths and science or a Level 2 BTEC in science at merit, Level 2 BTEC in sport at merit or GCSE PE at grade 4 if taken.

Level 3 Programme in Sports Coaching and Development

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or GCSE English and a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Sport or a Grade 4 in GCSE PE if taken.

Level 2 Programme in Preparation for Public Services

This **1 year course** Requires four GCSEs, three at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including English or maths at grade 3.

Alternatively, three GCSEs, including English or maths at grade 3, plus one Level 2 BTEC.

Level 3 Programme in Sport and Exercise Science

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC (Merit) and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or GCSE English and a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Sport or a Grade 4 in GCSE PE if taken and a grade 4 in Science.

Level 3 Programme in Uniformed Protective Services

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC (Merit) and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and GCSE English.

Level 3 in Performing Arts

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC (Merit) and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE Maths or GCSE English and a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts or a demonstrable interest in Performing Arts is required.

Level 3 Programme in Music

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above or a Level 2 BTEC/UAL Diploma in performing arts at merit.



Leo's Experience

"I chose to do A Level PE because I did well at GCSEs and I really enjoy it – especially learning about the history of sport."



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A Level Biology

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in maths at grade 6 and combined science or biology at double grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Chemistry

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in maths at grade 6 and combined science or chemistry at double grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

A Level Environmental Science

These **2 year courses** require five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English, Maths and Science at grade 5.

A Level Physics

This **2 year course** requires GCSEs in maths at grade 6 and combined science or physics at double grade 6, plus the standard entry requirements of an A Level or mixed programme. See page 11.

Students are advised to take A Level maths if taking A Level physics.



Archie's Experience

"I've always had an interest in the sciences but by choosing biology, chemistry and maths it gave me a broad range of avenues to take if I wasn't sure on my future career."



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Level 3 Programme in Applied Science

This **2 year course** requires either four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and combined science at grade 5 in science or a Level 2 BTEC in science at merit.

Level 3 Programme in Health & Social Care

This **2 year course** requires a minimum of 4 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) which may include 1 BTEC and either GCSE English or GCSE Maths at grade 4 as appropriate for chosen courses.

Specific entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English plus a grade 4 in GCSE Science or a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Science and a Merit in BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care BTEC if taken.

Level 2 Programme in Health & Social Care

This **1 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including English or maths and science at grade 3.

Level 3 Programme in Medical Science

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and 5 in Double Science (Combined Science or two individual Sciences).

Level 3 Programme in Engineering

This **2 year course** requires four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, and Science and at least one grade 5 in Maths.

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Abi's Experience

"The TASS programme gives me reassurance that the college supports me in my sport and that they are aware of my high commitment outside of college. I can speak to teachers if I am struggling and they help me balance college and sport."



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GCSE Sociology

This **1 year course** requires four GCSEs, three at Grade 3 and one at Grade 2 which must include GCSE English and a GCSE Humanities subject at Grade 3.

Level 2 GCSE in Combined Science

This **1 year course** requires three GCSEs at grade 3 and one at grade 2, including science at grade 3 and either English or maths at grade 3.

Students must have an enthusiasm and aptitude for science related subjects.

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