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PROSPECTUS



Notre Dame
CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

WELCOME

TO YOUR 'OUTSTANDING' SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

■ ■ We are committed to developing the 'whole person' and the 'good character' of each student, enabling them to progress, succeed and ultimately to be the 'best they can be'. ■ ■

This prospectus offers a snapshot of life at Notre Dame - our broad curriculum, exciting enrichment programme, and the many opportunities for volunteering, charity work, and personal development.

Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2024 - for the third time since 2008 - we are proud to be the first college in Yorkshire and Humberside, and only the third sixth form college nationally, recognised for making a strong contribution to addressing the country's skills needs. In 2023, we were also named a national 'School of Character in Education'. These honours highlight the supportive, high-achieving environment that enables our students to make exceptional progress.

We closely monitor every student's journey from GCSEs to final results using value-added data. This places Notre Dame among the top-performing sixth form colleges in the country. Our students fulfil their potential with us - progressing to prestigious universities, high-quality apprenticeships, and rewarding careers. We offer an outstanding education that inspires academic achievement, encourages new interests, and builds confidence. Students are supported to use their talents in service to the college and society.

We are a Catholic College for the community, providing students with numerous opportunities for involvement with campaigning and charitable work as well as considering their own spiritual journey. Whatever your faith or beliefs there is something very special here for everyone. I encourage you to see Notre Dame for yourself by attending our open days or virtual events - we look forward to meeting you.

Justine Barlow
Principal



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CAMPUS MAP

HOW TO FIND US



TRAIN

Leeds Train Station is the nearest main line station and the College is 7 minutes away by taxi, 15 minutes by bus to 'Leeds University (Stop F)' and 25 minutes by walk.



BUS

Leeds City Bus Station is the nearest bus station and the College is between 15-18 minutes away by bus and 30 minutes by walk.



SAT NAV

If you are using satellite navigation, our address details for the main entrance to our site are: Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College, St Mark's Avenue, Leeds, LS2 9BL



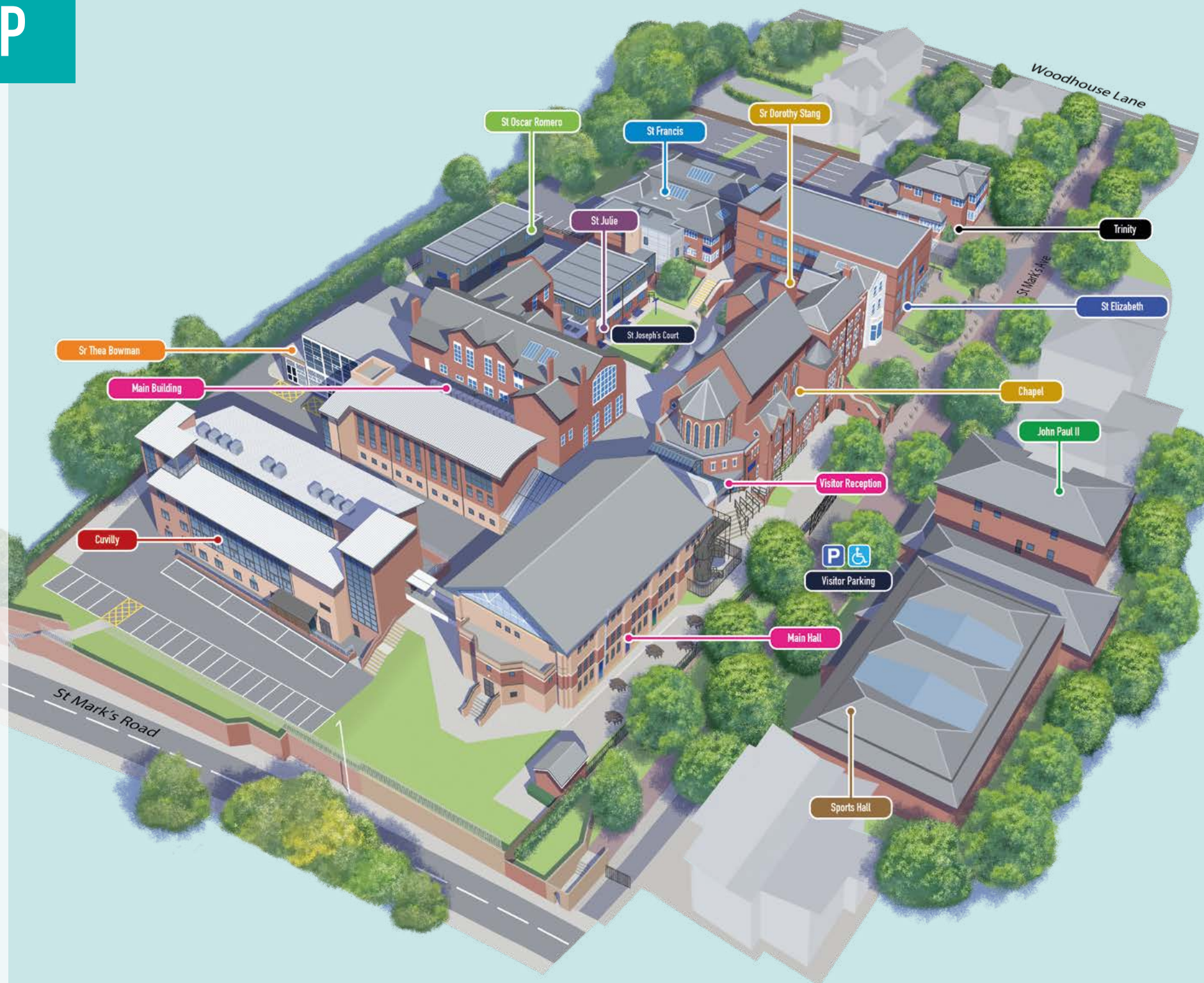
MOTORWAY

Leeds is linked to the M1 and M62 motorways. Visitor parking on campus is limited so we encourage visitors to use public transport, walk or cycle where possible. Please contact the college if you require a blue badge space.



ON ARRIVAL

Visitors are requested to report to the College Reception.



OUR MISSION AND ETHOS

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE

Our mission inspired by the Christian tradition is to be a community based on faith, hope and love; developing each individual intellectually, emotionally and spiritually to achieve their full potential.

To achieve this, we will:

- Provide a welcoming, supportive community where everyone is valued.
- Provide a high quality, meaningful education, which encourages the development of the whole person, inspired by the Notre Dame tradition.
- Promote a caring environment, rooted in the virtues of service, kindness, gratitude, and respect.

- Work together for the benefit of each person as well as the wider community.
- Recognise, celebrate and treasure, without exception, the unique gifts and dignity of each person, ensuring equality and fairness for all, as found in the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR VIRTUES

Catholic Social Teaching acts as our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. We embed these into the student experience at Notre Dame.

Dignity of the Human Person

Solidarity

The Common Good

Subsidiarity

At Notre Dame, **we are committed to developing positive character qualities in each of our students.** Commendations for living our good character are rewarded through our Stella Maris Leadership Award.

Respect

Kindness

Perseverance

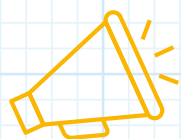
Solidarity

Gratitude

Service

Wisdom

Courage



1496

A-LEVEL HIGH GRADES
(A*-B) WERE ACHIEVED IN 2025

99%

A-LEVEL PASS RATE
(A*-E) WAS ACHIEVED
IN 2025



81%

OF A-LEVEL FURTHER
MATHEMATICS STUDENTS
ACHIEVED A HIGH GRADE
(A*-B) IN 2025

100%

OF STUDENTS IN BTEC AND CTEC
COURSES - INCLUDING APPLIED
SCIENCE, DIGITAL GAMES DESIGN,
ACTING, APPLIED LAW, SPORT,
BUSINESS, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE,
AND DESIGN - ACHIEVED A HIGH
GRADE (D*-M) IN 2025



1 IN 2

STUDENTS GAINED A HIGH
GRADE (A*-B) IN A-LEVEL
CHEMISTRY AND A-LEVEL
BIOLOGY IN 2025

544

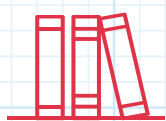
HIGH GRADES (D*- M) WERE
ACHIEVED IN BTEC AND CTEC
COURSES IN 2025



NOTRE DAME IN NUMBERS

AS ALWAYS, OUR NUMBERS

REALLY DO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.



82%

OF A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE
STUDENTS ACHIEVED A HIGH
GRADE (A*-B) IN 2025

78%

OF A-LEVEL SPANISH
STUDENTS ACHIEVED A HIGH
GRADE (A*-B) IN 2025

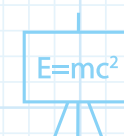


100%

OF T LEVEL HEALTH AND
T LEVEL EDUCATION & EARLY
YEARS STUDENTS ACHIEVED
A HIGH GRADE (D-M) IN 2025

81%

OF A-LEVEL FINE ART
STUDENTS ACHIEVED
A HIGH GRADE (A*-B)
IN 2025



699

A* AND A GRADES WERE
ACHIEVED IN 2025

2 IN 3

STUDENTS ACHIEVED A
HIGH GRADE (A*-B) AT
A-LEVEL IN 2025



'OUTSTANDING'

SINCE 2008

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider



We are proud to announce that Notre Dame was rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, following a full inspection in September 2024.



The first College in Yorkshire and Humberside, and the third sixth form college in the country, to be identified to make a 'strong' contribution to meeting skills needs.



Students develop the skills, habits and virtues that they need to thrive in life and work, becoming well-rounded individuals with a strong sense of citizenship.



Notre Dame Catholic Sixth Form College is the only provider in Leeds to be consistently graded 'Outstanding' since 2008.



We have achieved 'Outstanding' in all six key judgement areas and couldn't be prouder of our staff, students and the wider community.



Students thrive in a culture of high expectation and ambition. Staff create an ethos in which every student is supported to reach their academic and personal potential, regardless of their starting points.



CATHOLIC LIFE

AND PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY & ETHICS

CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT

Our Lay Chaplain is always on hand to support Notre Dame students spiritually and emotionally, regardless of their beliefs. The Lay Chaplain operates an open-door policy, so you are welcome anytime to drop in and have a chat.

The chaplaincy offers:

- The use of the beautiful Chapel for quiet prayer and reflection
- Morning prayers in the Chapel, and Mass twice a week
- Weekly prayer groups

- Support for different faith groups
- The opportunity to read, sing or perform in inspiring assemblies
- The chance to join student social justice and charity groups
- Involvement with a wide variety of charitable events

There's also an annual residential retreat and the chance to be part of the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, where students support vulnerable pilgrims.

PTE

Philosophy, Theology and Ethics (PTE) provides our students with a high-quality religious education that develops their knowledge and understanding of key issues involved in having a specific faith or world view, or none at all.

The programme aims to explore the relationship between faith, reason and society. Students will explore, evaluate, understand and reflect on their own and other world views. PTE teaches students how to reflect on their own and other people's assumptions, as well as providing them with the skills to analyse, evaluate and reflect on different world views.



Leeds Universities
Catholic Chaplaincy

PTE is part of our mission as a Catholic college; It helps our students to be knowledgeable, thoughtful and self-aware, and develop them into the person they are meant to be.

Students explore a stimulating range of social, political and cultural issues through the well-planned Philosophy, Theology and Ethics curriculum.

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STELLA MARIS

LEADERSHIP AWARD



The **Stella Maris Leadership Award** aims to help you shine and thrive to be a well-rounded individual and ready you for your next steps.

The Stella Maris Leadership Award, based on the Intellectual, Moral, Civic, and Performance Catholic virtues, is now a nationally recognised programme. We designed the award to cultivate the habits and virtues in students necessary to be well-rounded individuals who can meet the challenges of the 21st century, navigate life, and demonstrate stewardship. Ultimately, the aim is for each member of the College community

to practice the virtues to become 'my best self', to develop good sense or practical wisdom, and to reflect on how to be shining lights of good character.

There are three levels of the award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each award is recognised by a star shaped badge, and certificate. To earn your Stella Maris Leadership Awards, you need to achieve virtue commendations. These are awarded by your teachers.



You will also record your progress in your Stella Maris Leadership Award logbook to make sure you are on track to achieve an award.



DOING THINGS FOR OTHERS



HOMELESS SLEEPOUT FUNDRAISER



COLLEGE ECO-STEWARDS



CHARITY PAFRAS BAKESALE



All students participate in the innovative Stella Maris Leadership Award, which has been developed by college leaders. Students value the award, both for the development of their full potential as a member of society and for their future career prospects.

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YOUR CHOICES

We offer a range of A-levels, Level 3 BTEC and CTECs, and T Level qualifications. Students can choose to study all A-levels or all BTECs / CTECs, with many students studying a combination of both.

A-level	BTEC/CTEC	T Level
- Subject-based qualifications - Advanced GCSE Level - Mainly exam based	- Vocational courses - Equivalent to one A-level - Mainly assessed through coursework	- Technical qualification - Equivalent to three A-levels - Includes a 45-day industry placement

Programme Options

Three A-levels	A-level	A-level	A-level	
Mixed Programme	A-level	Double BTEC / CTEC		
Four A-levels	A-level	A-level	A-level	A-level
Three A-levels + EPQ	A-level	A-level	A-level	EPQ
T Level	80% Classroom		20% work placement	
BTEC / CTEC	Double		Single	

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At Notre Dame we are passionate about all students achieving the best outcomes possible. To support with this, we enrol students onto the courses on which they will best achieve. Therefore, as well as a grade criteria for each subject, we also consider applicants' average GCSE point score; which is calculated by adding up all numerical GCSE grades and dividing by how many were taken.

A-level	BTEC/CTEC	T Level	Notre Dame Pathway (level 2)
Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths	Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths	Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Maths	Four GCSEs at grade 3 including at least a 4 in English Language or Maths

GCSE Point Scores

Ordinarily a student with the GCSE point scores shown below, would be enrolled on the following programmes.

- Average GCSE score of 5.5 or below will be enrolled on a predominantly vocational programme.
- Average GCSE score of 5.5-6 will be enrolled onto a programme with at least some aspect of vocational learning.
- Average GCSE score of 6+ will be enrolled onto a programme of three A-levels.

What do I need to study four A-levels?

A student being enrolled onto four A-levels would ordinarily have an average GCSE score of 7+.

Find our full admissions policy here



Many of our courses have specific entry requirements: please see the subject pages in this prospectus and the website for the most up to date information.

T LEVELS

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



Business and Administration 29



Digital Software Development 36



Education and Early Years 39



Health 47



Legal Services 51



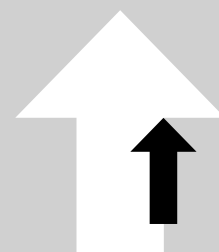
Media, Broadcast & Production 54

Notre Dame was selected as one of the first providers in the UK to offer a T Level qualification.

T Levels follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A-levels. They combine classroom theory, practical learning, and an extended industry placement to make sure students have a genuine experience of the workplace.

The two-year T Level courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that they meet the needs of industry and prepare students for work.

T Levels provide the skills, knowledge and experience you need to open the door to highly skilled employment, higher level study or an apprenticeship.



A T LEVEL IS
EQUIVALENT TO
THREE A-LEVELS

A T LEVEL IS A
FULL-TIME TWO
YEAR COURSE

T LEVELS OFFER
'ON-THE-JOB'
EXPERIENCE

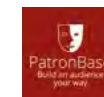
T LEVELS
HAVE BEEN
CREATED WITH
EMPLOYERS

WHAT OUR EMPLOYERS SAY...



"T Level placements are a fantastic opportunity for employers to get to explore young talents in the market. As much as the student can learn from employers, we have plenty to learn from the students as well. The placement can give a fresh perspective to existing business processes which we often underestimate."

Ramisa Ongira, Spire Minds



"T Levels are a really valuable qualification because they combine practice and theory, resulting in well rounded students who can put knowledge into practice. Notre Dame students are well prepared to undertake meaningful placements of real value, before going on to work, apprenticeship or further study."

Rob Walters, PatronBase



"We have been able to support some wonderful T Level students through their industry placements, seeing them flourish and go on to further develop their health career aspirations. Students from Notre Dame are a privilege to have. They're interested in the patients, roles and teams they work with, and challenge us to think more broadly about why we do what we do."

Jude McKaig, Leeds Community

What did our students do next?

Students have progressed to university or full-time employment, with some being offered roles at companies that they completed their industry placement at:



EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification provides a fantastic opportunity to deepen your knowledge of a subject, perhaps one that you want to study at university or didn't have space to take at A-level.

The EPQ can be based on your hobbies or extracurricular interests, providing time away from your academic subjects.

Achievement of the EPQ is highly regarded by universities and employers, with many students offered lower grade requirements for entry to a wide range of courses including some of the most competitive.



Equivalent to up to 28 UCAS points



Develop research skills ahead of university



Become an independent learner



Studying an EPQ gives you a great chance to build loads of useful skills. It's an enjoyable challenge and helps you to stand out from everyone else.

MADI MURRAY, GARFORTH ACADEMY



NOTRE DAME PATHWAY

The Notre Dame Pathway is designed to help students boost their GCSE profile after year 11 by studying level 2 BTEC / CTEC qualifications and retaking GCSE English Language or Maths if required.



Students on the Pathway are level 2 students for one year before progressing to a level 3 study programme at Notre Dame.

To take a BTEC / CTEC level 2 qualification, you should have at least four GCSEs at grade 3 or equivalent qualifications, including at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Maths. Students who haven't already achieved a minimum of grade 4 in either GCSE English Language or Maths will continue to work towards this.

Please note: The Notre Dame Pathway is only available to students who have received a conditional offer of a place for a level 3 programme, attend their enrolment appointment in August, and meet the entry requirements for the Pathway year. Offers will not be made at interview to enrol on the Pathway.

What level 2 courses are available?

BTEC / CTEC Level 2 courses include:

- Level 2 First in Applied Science
- Level 2 First Certificate in Business
- Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
- Level 2 Diploma in IT

Progression to level 3

These level 2 qualifications provide excellent preparation for entry to level 3 BTEC / CTEC courses. To progress onto a level 3 programme, you will need to achieve at least a merit in your level 2 BTEC / CTEC qualification, achieve at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths (please see individual subjects for specific entry requirements), and have demonstrated a commitment to study at Notre Dame through outstanding attendance, behaviour and attitude.



CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

Acting Level 3	24	Health and Social Care Level 3	46
Applied Science Level 3	25	Health T Level	47
Art	26	History	48
Biology	27	Law	49
Business	28	Law Level 3	50
Business and Administration T Level	29	Legal Services T Level	51
Business Level 3	30	Mathematics	52
Chemistry	31	Further Mathematics	53
Computer Science	32	Media, Broadcast and Production T Level	54
Criminology	33	Media Studies	55
Design (Interior and Architecture) Level 3	34	Musical Theatre Level 3	56
Digital Games Design Level 3	35	Photography	57
Digital Software Development T Level	36	Physical Education	58
Drama and Theatre	37	Physics	59
Economics	38	Politics	60
Education and Early Years T Level	39	Product Design	61
English Language	40	Psychology	62
English Language and Literature	41	Religious Studies	63
English Literature	42	Sociology	64
Environmental Science	43	Spanish	65
French	44	Sport Level 3	66
Geography	45		

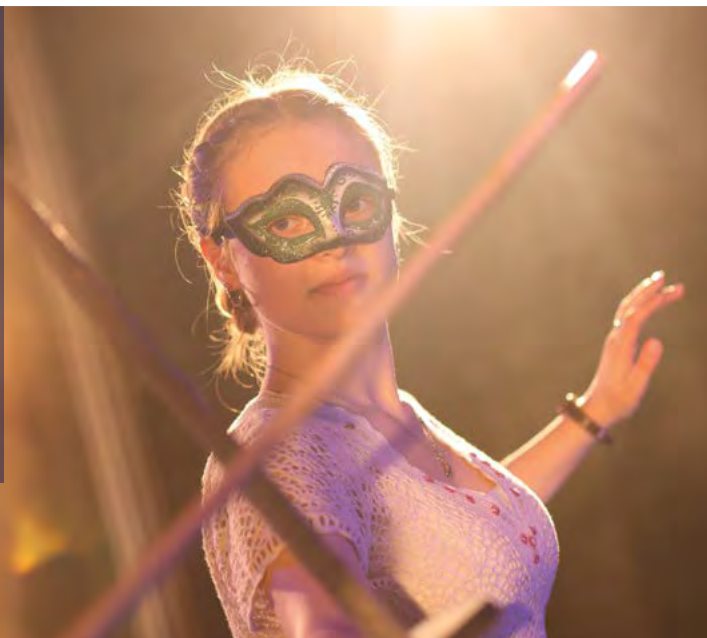
Some qualifications are subject to government review.
Please check our website for the latest course information.

ACTING LEVEL 3



Acting is such an exhilarating and exciting course! There are countless opportunities within the course to expand your internal and external knowledge and prepare you for life in a professional performing environment!

BESSIE GLASSUP,
RALPH THORESBY SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: BTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?

During medieval times, women were barred from performing on stage until 1660.



ASSESSMENT
100% Practical
and Coursework
(30% Externally Examined)

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Creativity

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Self-Management

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Maths, and successful completion of an audition to assess suitability. Information about the audition process will be provided at after your interview.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Acting is a very practical subject which focuses on the development of the actor's body, voice and imagination. The course will show you what life would be like as a professional actor and how you would approach rehearsals and performance in terms of your creative responsibilities.

You will have the opportunity to experience techniques in character development, physical theatre, play reading, and engaging with and communicating an intention to an audience using your physical and vocal skills.

WHAT NEXT?

This acting course will help you prepare for a career in performing, with a specialist focus on developing your skillset for further acting training at university or an accredited drama school. All assessments are designed to be vocational, which means your lessons reflect how you'd work professionally as an actor whilst producing written work about your skills development.



Equivalent to one A-level

APPLIED SCIENCE LEVEL 3



I really enjoy Applied Science because it gives hands on experience through the experiments we do in lessons. My teachers are interactive and supportive.

WAEEL MOHAMMED,
DIXONS TRINITY
CHAPELTOWN



QUALIFICATION: AAQ or BTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?

Doctors make up a quarter of UK healthcare staff. The rest include nurses, dentists, pharmacists, therapists, and paramedics.



ASSESSMENT
Extended Certificate:
50% Exam, 50% Coursework
ASSESSMENT
Extended Diploma:
40% Exam, 60% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Problem Solving

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Critical Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Self Discipline

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need two grade 4s in GCSE Science or two Merits in Level 2 Science.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Both qualifications cover a range of practical techniques commonly used in industry, medicine, and scientific research. The Extended Diploma provides comprehensive study in all three sciences, with an emphasis on biology and chemistry, and is accepted by many universities offering vocational degrees. The AAQ Extended Certificate supports applications to courses that include some science content but are not fully science based.

Both courses include coursework, helping you build independent research and study skills which are essential for success in higher education.

WHAT NEXT?

There are skills shortages in the science and technology sectors.

The BTEC Extended Diploma is the ideal pathway if you want to progress onto a vocational science degree like Radiography, Pharmacy, Paramedic, etc.

The AAQ Extended Certificate is a good supporting qualification for the diploma in Health and Social Care or the Diploma in Sports.



Available as an Extended Certificate (Equivalent to one A-level) or Extended Diploma (Equivalent to three A-levels)

ART



My favourite part of our Art department is the incredible staff, who unlock endless creative possibilities with exceptional resources and personalized, one-on-one guidance.

MADI MURRAY,
GARFORTH ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
In 2023 the UK creative industries was worth £124bn.



ASSESSMENT
40% Exam,
60% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Creativity

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Ideation

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Self Discipline

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE Art or Distinction on a two-year BTEC Art and Design Diploma. Students without these qualifications who wish to study A-level Art should contact the department.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will learn technical skills and study the work of other artists as a basis for your own artistic practice. Students work in one or more areas:

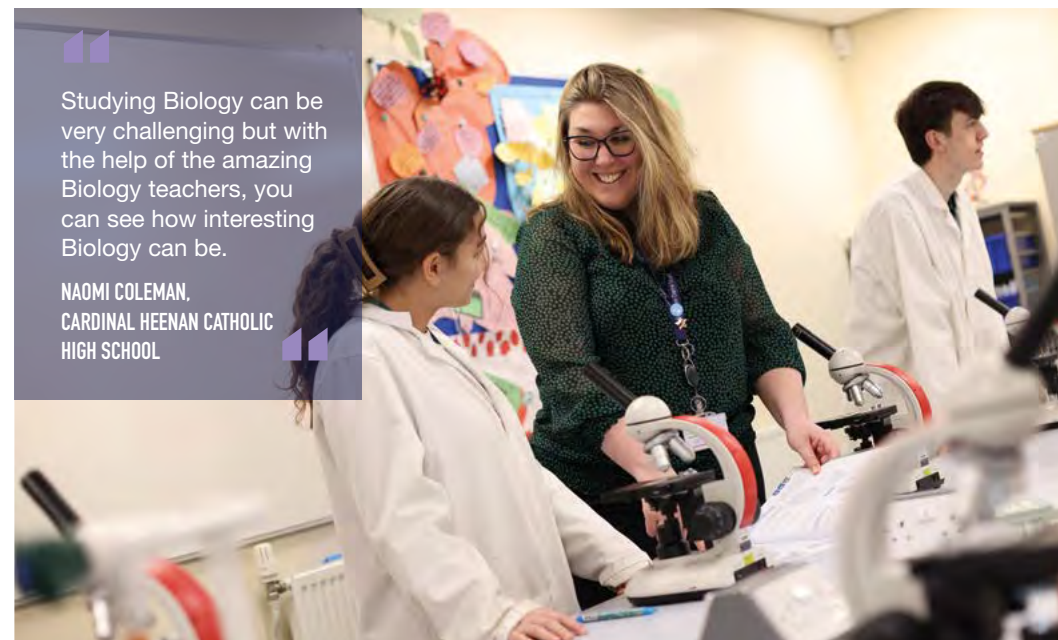
- Drawing and painting
- Mixed media including collage and assemblage
- Printmaking
- Installation
- Textiles
- Sculpture

WHAT NEXT?

Notre Dame students have gone on to study at some of the most prestigious institutions in the country, including the Royal College of Art, and Russell Group universities. Degrees include:

- Art foundation courses
- Art
- Architecture
- Fashion Marketing
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Textiles

BIOLOGY



Studying Biology can be very challenging but with the help of the amazing Biology teachers, you can see how interesting Biology can be.

NAOMI COLEMAN,
CARDINAL HEENAN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
A red blood cell only takes 20 seconds to circulate around the human body.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Reasoning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Analytical Thinking

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in two single science GCSEs (including Biology) or a grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. You also need a grade 5 in GCSE Maths

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A-level Biology aims to inspire students, nurture a passion for the subject, and lay the groundwork for further study. The topics you will study are: biological molecules, cells, organisms exchange substances with their environment, genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms, energy transfers in and between organisms, how organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments, genetics, populations,

evolution and ecosystems, and control of gene expression. Successful completion of 12 required practicals will earn you a Practical Endorsement.

WHAT NEXT?

Career opportunities exist in a variety of sectors including:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Environmental Biology
- Forensic Science
- Biotechnology
- Civil Service
- Research and Education

BUSINESS



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
Overall, the UK is starting 80 new businesses every hour.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Commercial Awareness

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Problem Solving

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Critical Thinking

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Business Studies if studied.

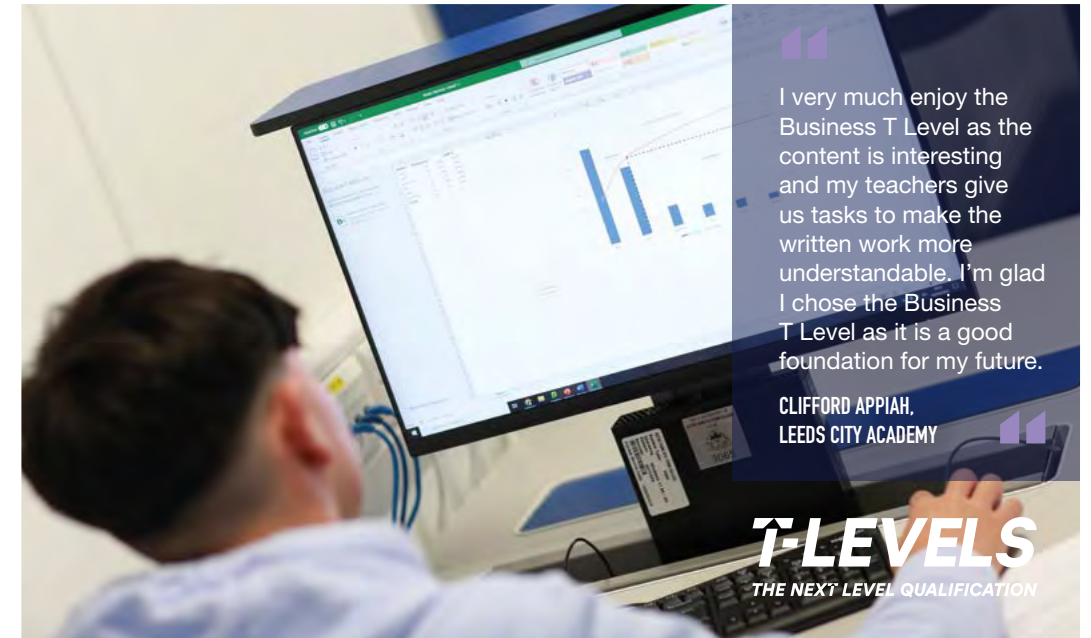
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study a range of areas including marketing, HR, finance, operational management, the external environment, business decisions and strategy, and global business. The A-level is assessed by three two-hour exams taken at the end of the second year.

WHAT NEXT?

Many of our students progress to study Business at university whilst others secure apprenticeships in Accountancy, Insurance, Retail Management and other careers. Many career options are accessible from this subject, such as Management, Accountancy, Advertising, Banking, Marketing and Human Resources. A wide variety of companies offer management positions and training schemes to business graduates.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION T LEVEL



QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: CITY & GUILDS



DID YOU KNOW?
At the start of 2024 there were estimated to be 5.5 million UK private sector businesses.



ASSESSMENT
30% Exam,
20% Employer Project,
50% Occupational Specialism

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Problem Solving

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Leadership

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Effective Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This T Level will allow you to develop your knowledge across topics such as finance, project and change management, business behaviours and issues relating to people in business. You will complete one occupational specialism relating to team leadership and management, which focuses on topics such as leading teams, building relationships with different stakeholders, and managing projects.

As part of this course, you will also complete an extended industry placement and an employer-set project, which requires you to demonstrate different skills, such as communication, teamwork, research and problem solving.

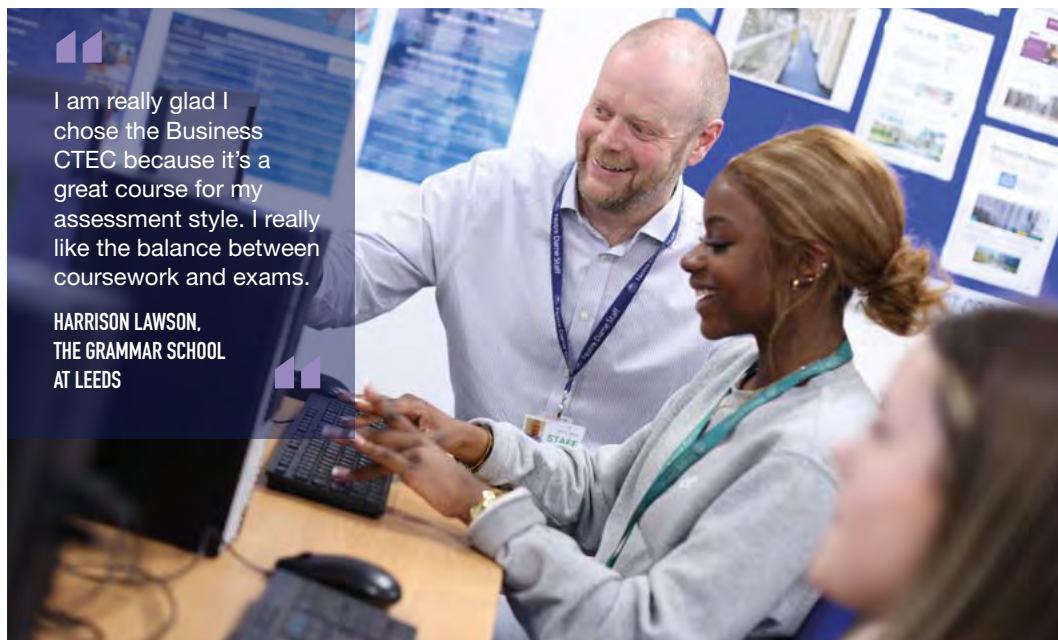
WHAT NEXT?

After gaining a T Level qualification you can progress to university or start your professional career.



Equivalent to three A-levels

BUSINESS LEVEL 3



I am really glad I chose the Business CTEC because it's a great course for my assessment style. I really like the balance between coursework and exams.

HARRISON LAWSON,
THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
AT LEEDS

QUALIFICATION: CTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2024 it was estimated there were over 40,000 accountancy businesses in the UK.



ASSESSMENT

Diploma:
42% Exam, 58% Coursework
Extended Certificate:
50% Exam, 50% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Time Management

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Teamwork

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Problem Solving

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language and Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Topics covered include accounting concepts, customers and communication, and project planning. If you choose to study the Diploma you will follow the accounting pathway, which involves studying various accounting topics in more depth. The course is assessed via examinations and assignments which include written reports, verbal presentations and role plays.

WHAT NEXT?

Studying this course allows for progression to university, apprenticeships or employment. Our students are readily accepted on their chosen university courses, provided they work hard to achieve the grades required.



Available as an Extended Certificate (Equivalent to one A-level) or Diploma (Equivalent to two A-levels)

CHEMISTRY



Chemistry has enabled me to challenge myself but also gain skills that will greatly benefit me in the future.

ERICK AGBONSE IZEKOR,
CO-OP ACADEMY LEEDS

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?

The national average salary for a chemical engineer is £42,040.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Analytical Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Resilience

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in two single science GCSEs (including Chemistry) or a grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. You also need a grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The specification is designed to build on the knowledge gained at GCSE. Examples of the topics you will study are: atomic structure, equilibrium, rates, acids and bases, halogenoalkanes, aromatic chemistry, transition metals, and period 3 elements. Chemistry is examined by three written papers. During the course, 12 required practicals will be assessed internally and lead to a separate practical qualification.

WHAT NEXT?

Chemistry is a 'high currency' A-level and is highly regarded by universities/employers and you may be surprised at just how many doors it will open for you.

Specific Chemistry degrees include:

- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering

Other courses include:

- Pharmacy
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE

“My coding ability has improved tremendously during my time at Notre Dame, with amazing support from the Computer Science staff and lots of students willing to help.”

THOMAS CARTER,
PUDSEY GRANGEFIELD MATHS
AND COMPUTING COLLEGE



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: AQA	 DID YOU KNOW? Leeds has the fastest Digital sector growth in the North of England.	 ASSESSMENT 100% Exam
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Technological Programming	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Problem Solving	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in GCSE Maths and GCSE Computing if studied.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will learn how to solve problems using a computer. You will also learn how to write reliable and efficient code using industry standard best practices. You will develop the ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including data representation, networking, databases, logic and algorithms. You will also undertake your own programming project, which counts for 20% of your final grade.

WHAT NEXT?

Computer Scientists are in demand and their salaries reflect this. A-level Computer Science, with its emphasis on problem solving, abstract thinking and mathematical reasoning, is a good foundation for a Computer Science degree. If studied alongside A-level Maths, it could lead to an Engineering or Science degree. Alternatively, the skills you will gain through studying this A-level could lead directly to employment within the Digital industry.

CRIMINOLOGY



“Criminology is so interesting; I love learning about what goes on inside criminal's minds and why they commit crimes.”

MADISON DICKINSON,
CARDINAL HEENAN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: AQA	 DID YOU KNOW? In England, it costs about £38,000 per year to house one prisoner.	 ASSESSMENT 50% Exam, 50% Controlled Assessment
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Critical Analysis	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Adaptability	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Emotional Intelligence

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Criminology covers all aspects of crime, from types of crime to the range of punishments people receive for committing crime. Topics include: how crime is portrayed in the media and how this affects people's view of crime; different theories and explanations about why people commit crime; how crime is investigated and prosecuted; how laws are made and how punishment works; and ways to control crime. There are 4 units to cover with a mixture of internal and external assessment.

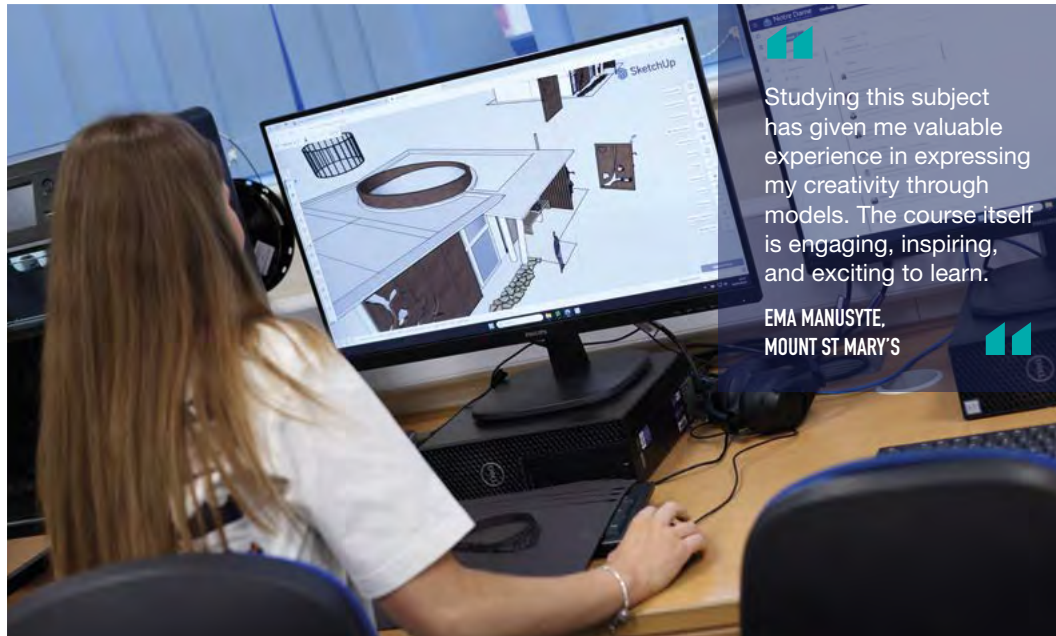
WHAT NEXT?

Criminology is relevant to many job roles within the Criminal Justice sector, Social and Probation Work, Sociology, and Psychology. Relevant degree courses include:

- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Law
- Sociology

 Equivalent to one A-level

DESIGN (INTERIOR AND ARCHITECTURE) LEVEL 3



Studying this subject has given me valuable experience in expressing my creativity through models. The course itself is engaging, inspiring, and exciting to learn.

EMA MANUSYTE,
MOUNT ST MARY'S

QUALIFICATION: CTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?
Leading Architects
Richard Rodgers and
Norman Foster are
dyslexic.



ASSESSMENT
100% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Creativity

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Leadership

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Commercial Awareness

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in GCSE Art or Design if studied. If you did not have the opportunity to study GCSE Art or Design, you must successfully complete a design task set by the department.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will create a range of ideas for different interior and architectural design briefs that will develop your communication skills through both hand and CAD-based drawing techniques. You will also be required to create 3D scale models to give a realistic impression of design proposals.

You will develop an understanding of the key trends and movements in architecture, investigating the work of others and making use of different styles and concepts to develop your own work.

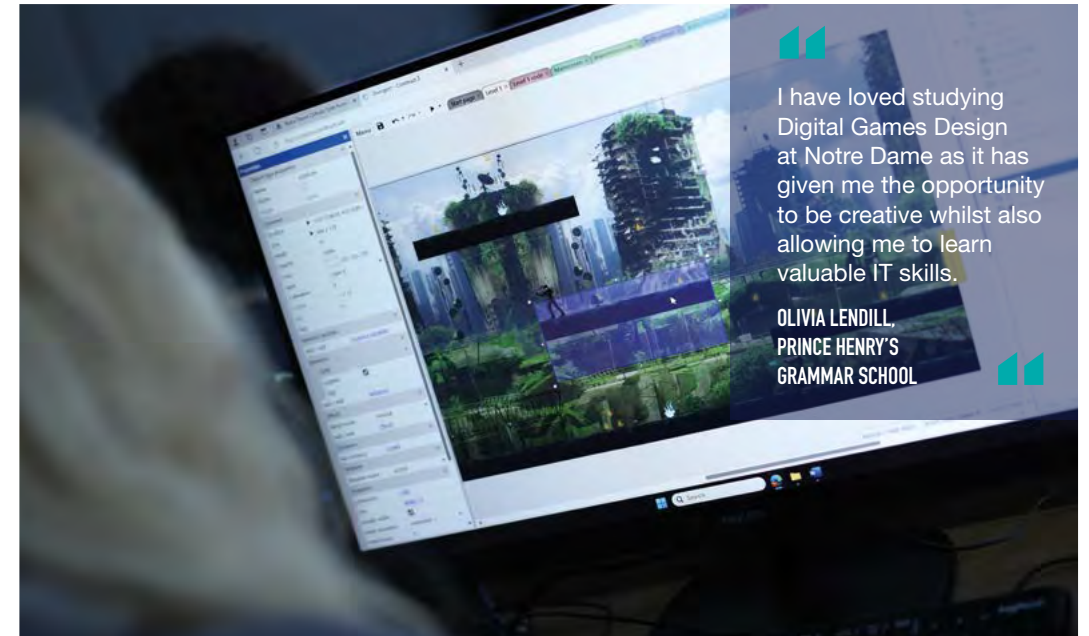
WHAT NEXT?

The course provides those who wish to pursue a career in Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Interior Design with the opportunity to progress onto a relevant university course.



Equivalent to one A-level

DIGITAL GAMES DESIGN LEVEL 3



I have loved studying Digital Games Design at Notre Dame as it has given me the opportunity to be creative whilst also allowing me to learn valuable IT skills.

OLIVIA LENDILL,
PRINCE HENRY'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: BTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
Rockstar Leeds,
Rebellion and Sumo
Digital are all based
in Leeds.



ASSESSMENT
33% Exam,
67% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Technological Design

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Creativity

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Students will create digital games (from initial concept to design), study development & programming, and therefore start to develop the technical skills required to work in the games industry. Students will learn about the various roles and responsibilities in the industry – from technical artists to game developers and programmers to games testers – and how these individuals work together to create games.

Students will also learn to write proposals and pitches for a commission and produce a games treatment outlining their ideas and concepts. Students will progress their technical skills in 3D animation and programming.

WHAT NEXT?

The computer games industry is a growing sector and sales are now higher in the UK than the video and music industries combined. Therefore, there are increasing opportunities for students to study a related course at university, such as Games Design, or onto a relevant apprenticeship.



Equivalent to one A-level

DIGITAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT T LEVEL



Choosing to do a T Level is one of the best decisions I've made. It provides a lot of independence while still providing excellent support. I believe it's really important to have creative freedom while working on projects using different programming languages. I definitely suggest it for anyone who enjoys hands-on learning!

OYINKANSOLA OLABODE,
THE RUTH GORSE ACADEMY

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL	 DID YOU KNOW? Yorkshire's Digital Industries will create an extra 42,000 digital jobs by 2026.	 ASSESSMENT 33% Exam, 17% Coursework, 50% Occupational Specialism
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Technological Use	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Commercial Awareness	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Adaptability

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 5 including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

First Year:

- Coding
- Problem solving
- Emerging technology
- Legislation
- Data
- Security
- Employer Set Project: planning, debugging, designing, and coding

Second Year:

- Systems analysis
- Design
- Coding (multiple languages)
- Evaluating systems
- Industry placement

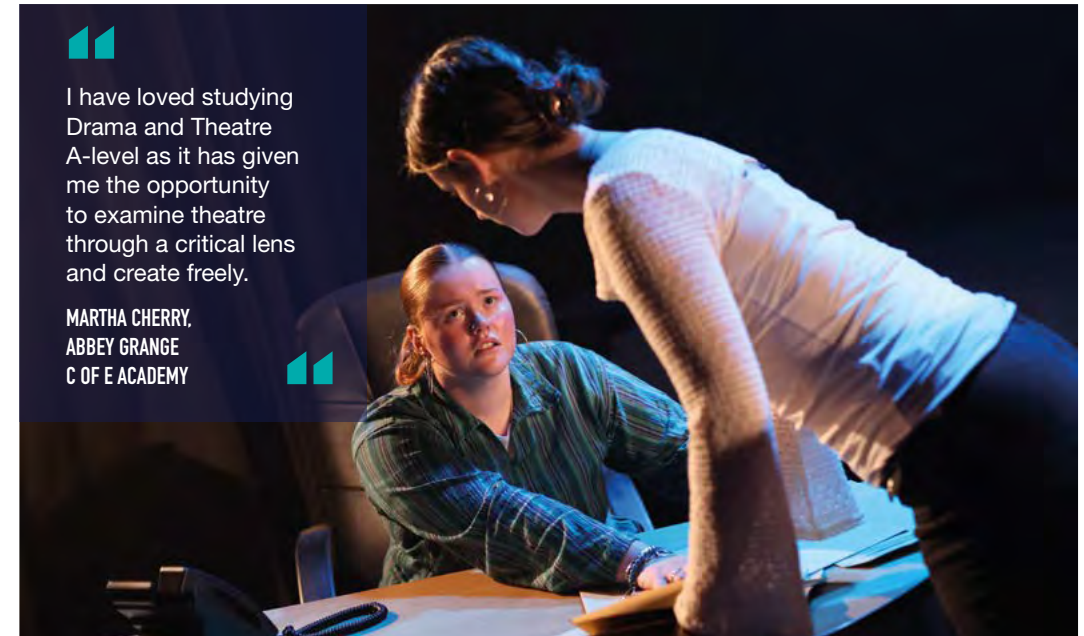
WHAT NEXT?

T Levels will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to skilled employment. Achieving this qualification will give you an advantage when applying for a job in Software Production and Design in the digital industry or when progressing to further study.



Equivalent to three A-levels

DRAMA AND THEATRE



I have loved studying Drama and Theatre A-level as it has given me the opportunity to examine theatre through a critical lens and create freely.

MARTHA CHERRY,
ABBEY GRANGE
C OF E ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: AQA	 DID YOU KNOW? Leeds Playhouse is built on an old church burial ground.	 ASSESSMENT 60% Practical Exam and Coursework, 40% Written Exam
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Creativity	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Teamwork	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Empathy

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE Drama or a Merit in BTEC Drama if studied. You may have gained suitable experience other ways (e.g. through private drama training or membership of a youth theatre). Speak to the department to discuss suitability if you are unsure.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

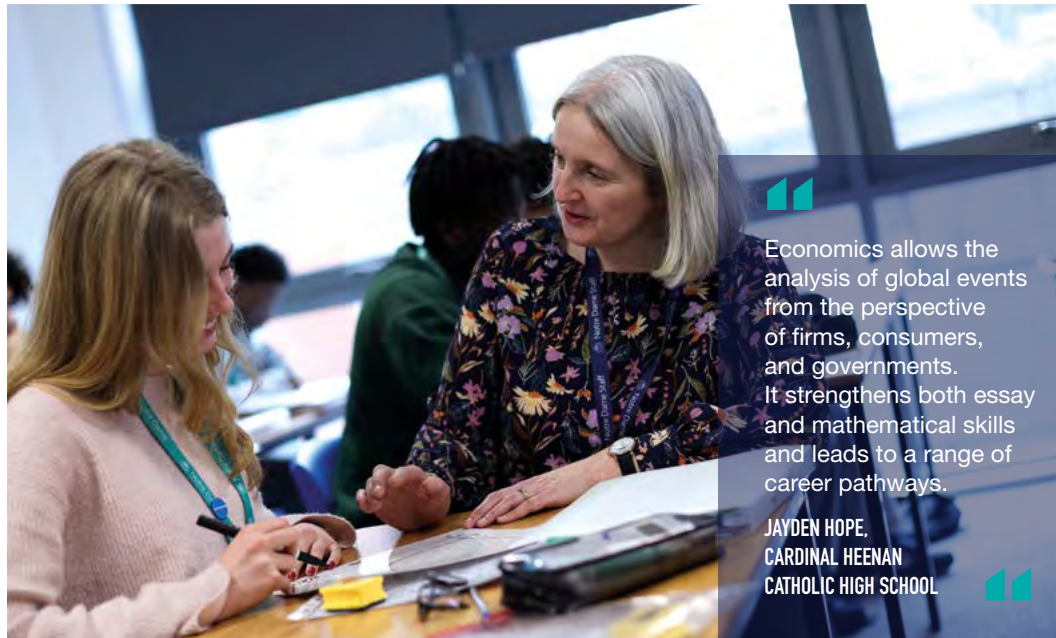
There are two major practical assessments which require you to work with scripted plays and devise your own theatre. You will specialise in either acting, set, lighting or sound design. You will sit a written exam which will test your creative skills in making theatre.

You will study two set texts and write about a live theatre visit, analysing the key components of theatre making.

WHAT NEXT?

This course will provide you with invaluable transferable skills. You can continue studying drama at an accredited drama school, or progress onto a degree in Drama, Directing, Acting, Theatre Design, and Arts Administration. This subject can open doors for any career direction. Some of our alumni have gone on to pursue careers in Law, Teaching and even Veterinary Science!

ECONOMICS



“Economics allows the analysis of global events from the perspective of firms, consumers, and governments. It strengthens both essay and mathematical skills and leads to a range of career pathways.”

JAYDEN HOPE,
CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
Economics graduates are amongst the highest earners in the UK.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Reasoning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Self Discipline

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Problem Solving

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

What is the potential impact on the UK economy of the cost of living crisis? What impact did Brexit have on the UK economy? Why are some economies wealthier? What caused the trade war between the U.S. and China? Economics is ideal for those with questioning minds.

You will debate issues such as inequality, immigration, and how we should pay for health care. You will interpret data to analyse economic problems, discuss courses of action, and keep up to date with economic trends.

You will develop analytical, quantitative, and evaluative skills. We encourage you to ‘think like an economist’ when considering issues such as scarcity and choice, how competitive markets work, and market failure. We also consider different economic policies that governments use to influence the economy.

WHAT NEXT?

You could become an Economist, advising governments and firms. This course can lead to a variety of careers in areas like Management, Accounting and Finance, due to the transferable skills you will develop.

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS T LEVEL



“I love the Education and Early Years course at Notre Dame because it’s a fantastic stepping stone to enter the Early Years sector. The nursery simulation suite is amazing and makes it feel real as it gives you a taste of the industry. My teachers are really supportive too.”

INAYA MAROOF,
BRADFORD ACADEMY

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: NCCE



DID YOU KNOW?
The brain develops most rapidly before birth and during the first two years of life.



ASSESSMENT
60% Occupational Specialism,
40% Exam and Employer Set Project

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Active Learning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Emotional Intelligence

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This T Level will allow you to develop your knowledge across topics such as child development, safeguarding and special educational needs, as well as learning about the role of families and support agencies. These topics allow you to delve into the specifics of social interaction, how language is acquired and understanding behaviour. You will complete one occupational specialism, either Early Years Educator or Assisting Teaching.

You will focus on relationship building and promoting play, development and early education, as well as becoming a collaborative and reflective practitioner.

WHAT NEXT?

If you choose the Early Years Educator specialism, this will enable you to enter the workplace as a qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator. Other progression options include studying degrees such as Early Childhood/ Education Studies, Educational Psychology, Children and Families Social Work, and Primary and Secondary Teaching.



Equivalent to three A-levels

ENGLISH LANGUAGE



English Language has a seamless transition from GCSE to A-level with great teacher support and interesting topics to learn. My personal favourite topic so far has been language and social groups.

MILLIE BROWN.
PUDSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.



ASSESSMENT
80% Exam,
20% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Ideation

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Self Discipline

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will analyse how writers and speakers use language in various contexts. You will also study how language varies across different groups of people, by age, gender, nationality and occupation. You will learn how English has changed over the last 400 years and how children acquire their first language. Finally, you will complete some creative writing and an investigative project.

WHAT NEXT?

A-level English Language can lead to a very wide variety of degree courses and careers, including:

- Teaching
- Writing
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Public Relations

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



I enjoy studying English Language and Literature because we study and a read range of different texts. I like that we study texts that are relevant to modern issues in society.

XANDER GILLARD.
BRUNTCLIFFE SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.



ASSESSMENT
80% Exam,
20% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Adaptability

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Critical Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Creativity

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature if studied.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will analyse how writers and speakers use language across a range of fiction, literary non-fiction and everyday spoken and written language. You will study poetry, plays and novels, as well as exploring literary non-fiction such as biography, autobiography, memoir and journalism. You will have the opportunity to study examples of more informal communication, such as spoken language and online communication.

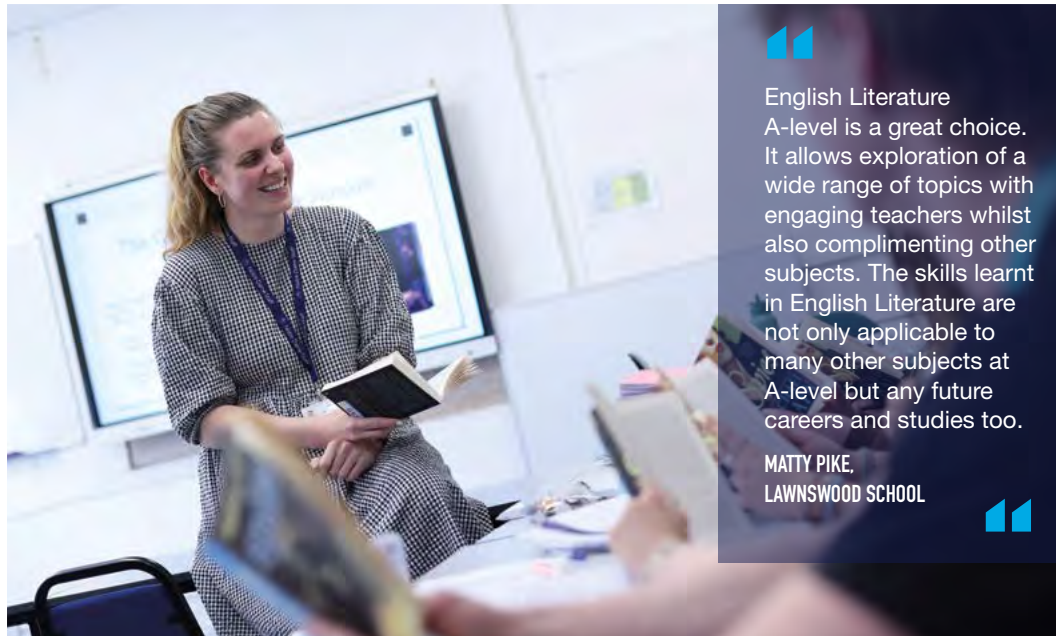
You will learn how language is used across a range of modes and genres, adopting a range of analytical methods, and producing your own creative writing. Finally, you will complete a project comparing how a theme or idea is explored across both fiction and non-fiction.

WHAT NEXT?

The English Language and Literature A-level can lead to a very wide variety of degree courses and careers, including:

- Teaching
- Writing
- Publishing
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Public Relations

ENGLISH LITERATURE



English Literature A-level is a great choice. It allows exploration of a wide range of topics with engaging teachers whilst also complimenting other subjects. The skills learnt in English Literature are not only applicable to many other subjects at A-level but any future careers and studies too.

MATTY PIKE,
LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
One of the world's oldest poems is 4000 years old and is called the Epic of Gilgamesh.



ASSESSMENT
80% Exam,
20% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Emotional Intelligence

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Resilience

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Effective Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature if studied.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

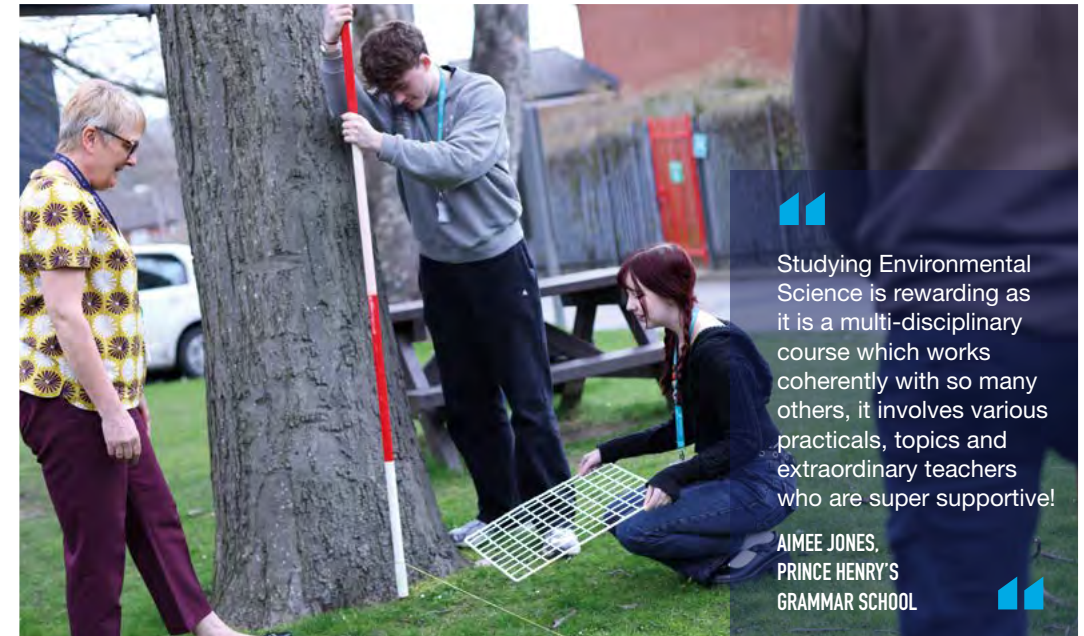
English Literature offers you the opportunity to explore a wide variety of poems, plays and novels, from modern pieces by new and innovative authors to writers such as Shakespeare. You will be encouraged to develop your own opinions and be shown how to search literature for evidence to support your ideas.

You will study Love Through the Ages for paper one and Texts in Shared Contexts for paper two, assessed through examination. You will also undertake the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA). This will take the form of an independent critical study of texts across time.

WHAT NEXT?

English is a valuable 'all purpose' subject, leading to many HE courses and future careers in a variety of areas including Law, Science and Medicine. If you wish to study for a degree in English Literature, this course is essential.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



Studying Environmental Science is rewarding as it is a multi-disciplinary course which works coherently with so many others, it involves various practicals, topics and extraordinary teachers who are super supportive!

AIMEE JONES,
PRINCE HENRY'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
Humans use only 1% of all available water.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Reasoning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Problem Solving

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE Maths and a grade 55 in GCSE Science.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

By taking the Environmental Science course, students can develop a comprehensive understanding of the environment and the scientific mechanisms that govern it. The course focuses on the interrelationships between various environmental events and cycles, the effects of human activities on these events and cycles, and the methods that can be employed to mitigate the resulting issues. This course will include both fieldwork and laboratory-based practical investigations.

Year 12:

- The living environment
- The physical environment
- Energy resources

Year 13:

- Pollution environment
- Biological resources
- Sustainability
- Research methods

WHAT NEXT?

This qualification can open up opportunities for further study in scientific or geographic fields. Additionally, there are career options directly related to this pathway that you may want to consider. These include:

- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Education Officer
- Environmental Manager
- Nature Conservation Officer
- Recycling Officer

FRENCH



Studying a language, in my opinion, improves the way people articulate their speech because in order to be understood in a new language, you have to be precise in your mother language in order to communicate better.

SOLANE PAUNI,
MOUNT ST MARY'S

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
Approximately 321 million people in the world speak French.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Active Learning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Critical Analysis

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in GCSE French.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

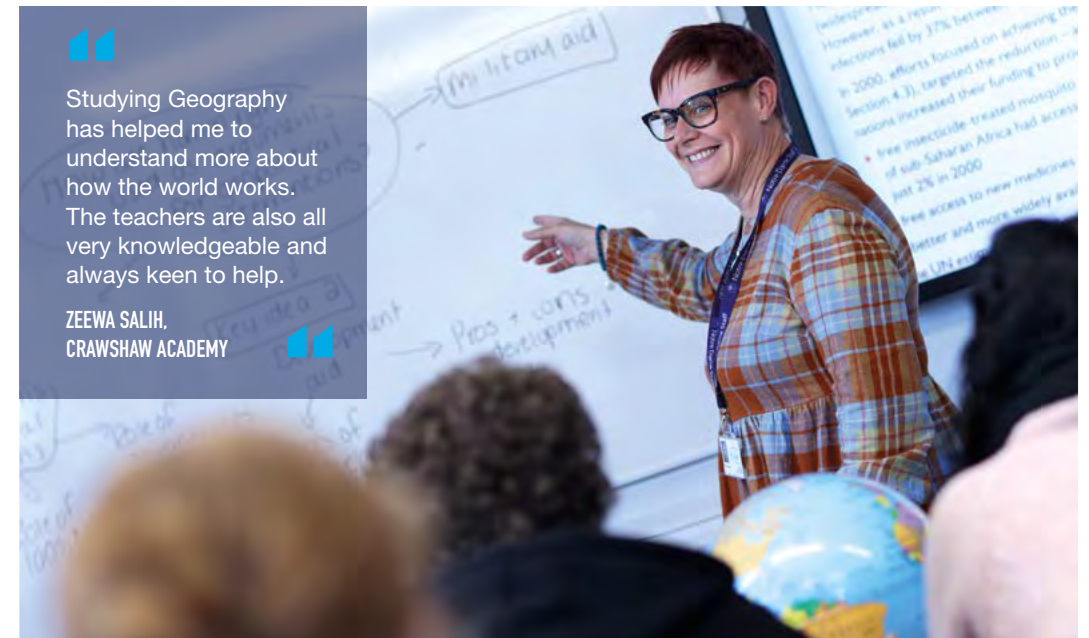
The course enables you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the French language and culture and acquire transferable language and study skills. The course covers political and social issues such as homelessness, immigration, multiculturalism, and the artistic culture of France and French speaking countries, for example, music, cinema and heritage. You will write essays on the literary text "No et Moi" and the film "Au Revoir les Enfants" and have weekly conversation lessons. You will develop your research skills in undertaking an independent project for your speaking exam.

We also offer language and cultural trips to France and a work experience programme, which combines a stay in a host family with a work placement in France.

WHAT NEXT?

At university, French can be combined with another language or with many other subjects such as Law, History, and even Physics. Many university courses feature a year working or studying in a French-speaking country. Knowledge of another language makes you more employable, being highly sought after by British businesses, and can lead to a wide range of careers.

GEOGRAPHY



Studying Geography has helped me to understand more about how the world works. The teachers are also all very knowledgeable and always keen to help.

ZEWEA SALIH,
CRAWSHAW ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
The Atacama Desert in Chile is the driest place in the world, and some areas haven't seen rainfall in more than 500 years.



ASSESSMENT
80% Exam,
20% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Teamwork

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Analytical Thinking

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in GCSE Geography if studied.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Many of the world's current issues link to geography. Challenges include global warming, energy and water security, and geopolitics in an increasingly connected world. The skills developed on this course include problem solving, critical thinking, numeracy and literacy. An independent investigation is a course requirement

Year 1:

- Physical – tectonic hazards & coastal landscapes
- Human – globalisation & diverse places

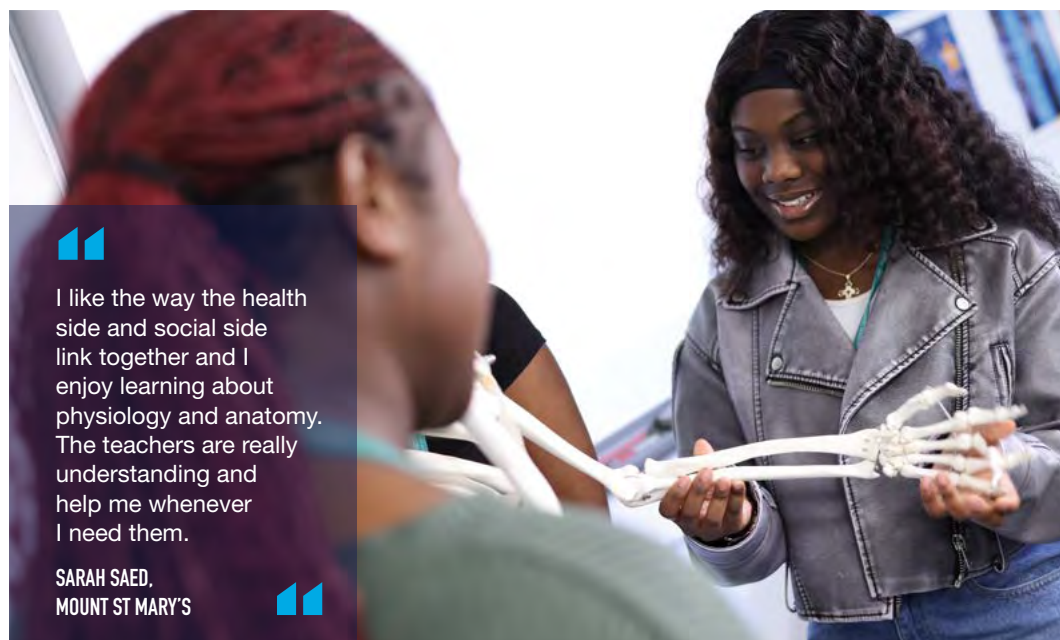
Year 2:

- Physical – water and energy insecurity
- Human – superpowers and health & human rights

WHAT NEXT?

Geography uses a wide range of transferable skills and its students are highly employable. Geography can be studied at degree level, or combined with a wide variety of subjects such as Business. As a flexible subject, it is also recognised by the Russell Group universities, as one of the key 'facilitating' subjects.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LEVEL 3



I like the way the health side and social side link together and I enjoy learning about physiology and anatomy. The teachers are really understanding and help me whenever I need them.

SARAH SAED,
MOUNT ST MARY'S

QUALIFICATION: AAQ or CTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?
Adult social care is one of the fastest growing segments of the economy.



ASSESSMENT
Diploma:
50% Exam, 50% Coursework
ASSESSMENT
Extended Certificate:
40% Exam, 60% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Reliability

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Problem Solving

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Emotional Intelligence

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths and two grade 4s in GCSE Science.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The CTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care course is an ideal foundation for entering the workplace or higher education, providing you with a theoretical background reinforced with practical skills.

You will cover a variety of topics including equality, diversity and rights; anatomy and physiology; safeguarding; public health; sexual health; and early years development.

WHAT NEXT?

Our students progress onto a range of Health and Social Care related courses at higher education level including; Nursing, Midwifery and Childcare. This course also provides an ideal foundation for entering the workplace.



Available as an Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-level) or Diploma (equivalent to two A-levels)

HEALTH T LEVEL



The Health T Level provided me with the unique opportunity: a placement in the community. This allowed me to work with nurses and matrons and develop a realistic insight into what nurses do.

EVIE BRADBROOK,
OULTON ACADEMY

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: NCCE



DID YOU KNOW?
NHS England is the UK's largest employer.



ASSESSMENT
47% Exams and Employer Set Project.
53% Occupational Specialism

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Commercial Awareness

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Self Discipline

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Effective Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths. You will also need a 55 in GCSE Science. You should have a strong interest in working in this sector and be prepared to discuss this further at an interview. You will also be required to complete a DBS check.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will learn core contemporary knowledge required to be successful in the health sector. This includes the structure of the health and science sector, working in the health and science sector, providing person centred care, safeguarding and promoting health and wellbeing.

You will also study scientific and clinical practices covering elements of physics, chemistry and biology, as well as the occupational specialism supporting the Adult Nursing Team. As part of this qualification, you will gain practical care skills. Within the course you will complete at least 45 days / 315 hours of work experience in St James Hospital, LGI, Community nursing or Day Centres.

WHAT NEXT?

On completion of this T Level, you will be able to choose between moving into a health-related skilled occupation, an apprenticeship, or degree.



Equivalent to three A-levels

HISTORY



Studying History has been both challenging and rewarding, setting me up perfectly for university. I also enjoy the wide range of methods used to really get the students involved.

BRIAN CIESLAK,
CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?

The tallest three US President in order are Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon B. Johnson and Donald Trump.



ASSESSMENT
80% Exam,
20% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Resilience

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE History if studied.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Tudors (First Year): Henry VII and Henry VIII, focussing on government and foreign policy, and disputes between Catholics and Protestants.

Tudors (Second Year): Edward VI, Mary I, persecution of Protestants under Mary, Elizabeth I, the Spanish Armada, the relationship between Elizabeth and her ministers.

Cold War (First Year): Emergence of the Cold War, division of Europe, the Korean War, nuclear arms race, Berlin Wall, Cuban Missile Crisis.

Cold War (Second Year): Vietnam War, détente, Reagan and Gorbachev, the collapse of communism and the end of the Cold War.

Coursework, US Civil rights: Key events in the Black American struggle including the role of key figures: Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Rosa Parks.

WHAT NEXT?

Many of our students move on to study a degree in History or related subjects such as International Studies, Ancient History, or Archaeology, at prestigious universities including the Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Manchester, Sheffield, and Edinburgh. History students often go into Journalism, Business, Law, the Civil Service, as well as Academia or Teaching.

LAW



Studying Law A-level opens my mind to the principles of justice and equips me with critical thinking skills to prepare for a future in a legal career and practical application of law.

ETTO CHONG,
LEEDS CITY ACADEMY



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately, 30,000 students apply to study Law at university each year.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Critical Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Active Learning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Social Influence

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

In Year One you will study law making and the legal system which includes people who work in the legal system, and the civil and criminal courts. You will also study criminal law, including offences against property, homicide and defences. In Year Two you will complete the law of torts including negligence, nuisance and the liability of occupiers to visitors and trespassers, nature of law which considers how law interlinks with justice, morality and society, and contract law.

WHAT NEXT?

Many students go on to study a qualifying law degree (LLB) which can lead to a career as a Solicitor or Barrister. Some students take up work as Paralegals or join legal apprenticeship schemes. Former students have also had careers outside the legal profession such as in Banking, Teaching, Human Resources Departments, Journalism, the Crown Prosecution Service and the Police Force.

LAW LEVEL 3



I really enjoy studying BTEC Law as it is a very interesting subject that allows me to understand the rules that shape our society and how they impact our lives.

RAFAEL DIAS CASIMIRO MATZINHE,
MOUNT ST MARY'S



QUALIFICATION: BTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
The highest amount of compensation awarded in the UK was £37 million.



ASSESSMENT
42% Exam,
58% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Self Discipline

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language and Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This is a two year course covering the main aspects of the English legal system, and civil and criminal law. This course equips students with the legal knowledge and skills required to work in any part of the legal sector. Students achieve the qualification by way of external and internal assessment.

There are three compulsory units: dispute solving in civil law, investigating aspects of criminal law and the legal system, and applying the law, this is focussed on criminal law. the qualification is completed with a further unit on aspects of family law.

WHAT NEXT?

The course provides access to a Law degree and other degree courses. However, due to the practical nature of the course, students often apply for legal apprenticeships.



Equivalent to one A-level

LEGAL SERVICES T LEVEL



This course is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience and learn the skills associated with working in the legal sector. It will allow you to practise skills in the classroom and demonstrate them in the workplace.

SARAH WICKHAM,
HEAD OF CRIMINOLOGY
AND LAW



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
This T Level has the backing of legal practices such as Shoosmiths and Clifford Chance.



ASSESSMENT
50% Exam,
50% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Active Learning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Critical Analysis

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Commercial Awareness

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course is split into two components:

Core: This covers the legal services industry and related topics such as regulation, fundamentals of law, professional services and the business environment.

Occupational Specialism: This focuses on crime, criminal justice and social welfare. As part of this component you will assist with the process that needs to be followed, criminal justice and social welfare context and carry out legal research and draft legal documents.

WHAT NEXT?

Students who follow the T Level path can use the qualification to do a Law related degree however due to the more practical nature of the course and the work experience students are well suited to apply for apprenticeships, Paralegal, Legal Secretary, Conveyancing Technician and Legal Executive roles.



Equivalent to three A-levels

MATHEMATICS



I enjoy Maths because it challenges my mind, encourages me to think logically and outside the box. Solving complex problems gives me a deep sense of satisfaction and achievement.

GEREMIA BOADI,
TEMPLE LEARNING
ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL	π DID YOU KNOW? Maths is the most popular A-level in the country, with over 100,000 entries in 2024.	○ ASSESSMENT 100% Exam
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Analytical Thinking	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Reasoning	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Problem Solving

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above and a graphical calculator which can be bought from the College.

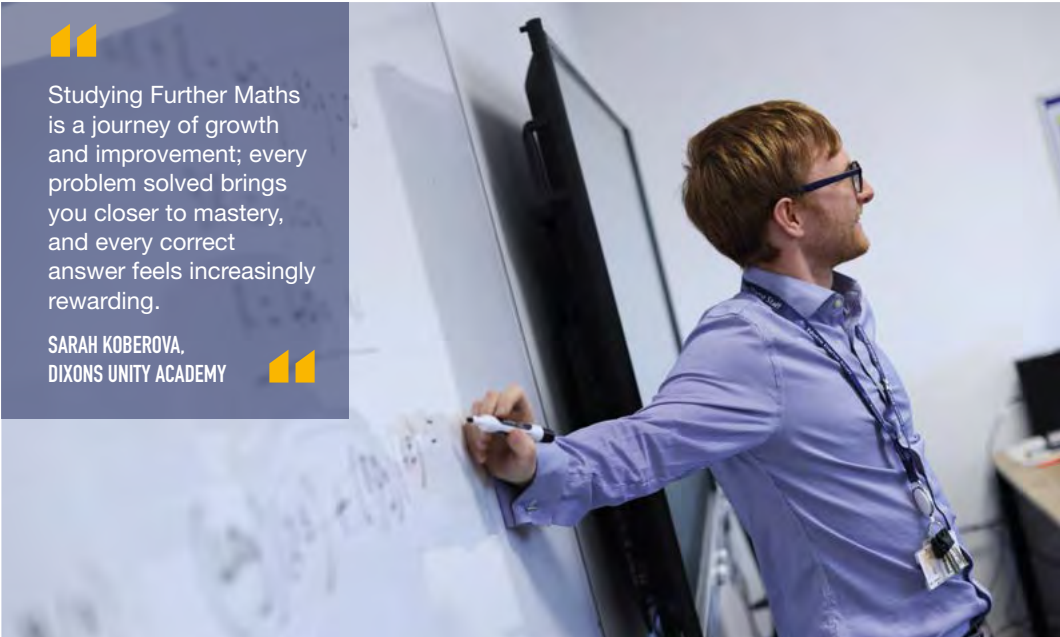
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The A-level Mathematics course builds on the skills, knowledge and techniques you have studied at GCSE. You will develop your understanding of mathematical processes in a way that promotes confidence and fosters enjoyment. You will use mathematical argument and reasoning together with mathematical language and proof. You will study topics from the fields of pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics. The increased importance of the use of technology means all students will need a graphical calculator for this course.

WHAT NEXT?

Students from Notre Dame progress to a range of universities including Russell Group institutions. As well as Mathematical degree courses, A-level Maths enables you to progress on to degree courses and careers in Physics, Engineering, Business, Computer Science, Medicine and many others.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS



Studying Further Maths is a journey of growth and improvement; every problem solved brings you closer to mastery, and every correct answer feels increasingly rewarding.

SARAH KOBEROVA,
DIXONS UNITY ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL DURATION: TWO YEARS EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL	🧮 DID YOU KNOW? Students who take Further Maths have higher average earnings at age 24 than any other A-level.	○ ASSESSMENT 100% Exam
KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1: Problem Solving	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2: Adaptability	KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3: Resilience

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above as part of a strong GCSE profile, and a graphical calculator which can be purchased from the College.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is ideal for those who are particularly interested in mathematics, are highly competent with algebraic manipulation and are considering Mathematics, Engineering, Physics or Actuarial Science degrees. You will study topics in further pure mathematics and the applied areas of mechanics and discrete mathematics.

WHAT NEXT?

A number of A-level Further Maths students go on to study a mathematical course at university such as Maths, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics and Physics. Some prestigious universities require students to have studied A-level Further Maths to be accepted on to the courses mentioned.

MEDIA, BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION T LEVEL

With a blend of workplace, practical and teacher led study, this course will allow you to attain the vital skills and knowledge that employers will be looking for.

ANDY LEE,
HEAD OF MEDIA

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION: T LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
ITV Yorkshire, Channel 4, McCann and Warners Group are all based in Leeds.



ASSESSMENT
18% Exam,
12% Practical Task,
70% Practical Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Commercial Awareness

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Creativity

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The T Level will help students develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- The creative economy
- The individual in the creative industries
- Cultural context and vocabulary
- Audience and consumer needs

In addition to the core units, each student will also complete an occupational specialist module, focusing on content creation and production, using industry standard software and equipment. As part of this course, you will also complete an extensive industry placement and an employer-set project.

WHAT NEXT?

After gaining a T Level qualification you can progress to university or start your professional career. The Media, Broadcast and Production T Level will give students a route into a variety of careers within the sector.



Equivalent to three A-levels

MEDIA STUDIES

Media Studies has given me a new perspective of how I view the media and given me the tools to question what I see. The lessons are captivating and well-structured.

NATHAN ZUKOWSKI,
CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: WJEC



DID YOU KNOW?
In Great Britain, a 2025 survey found that adults spend nearly 7.5 hours per day on screen-based activities.



ASSESSMENT
70% Exam,
30% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Critical Thinking and Analysis

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Year 1: You will learn about the key aspects of the theoretical framework of media language and representation through popular and alternative music videos (including Beyonce and Vance Joy), historical advertising, and national newspapers. You will also study the film (including Black Panther), video games (including Assassin's Creed) and radio industries. There will also be a variety of practical tasks, including film production, magazine design and web design.

Year 2: You will use industry standard software and equipment to plan and produce your practical media coursework, which could include a music video, a magazine, a website, a film marketing campaign and a podcast. This counts for 30% of the total A-level. You will examine television drama (including Peaky Blinders), mainstream and alternative magazines (including Vogue), and online media (including YouTubers).

WHAT NEXT?

Media Studies is a rapidly developing subject and a strong growth area for career opportunities. Top universities offer a variety of excellent media related courses with great work experience opportunities. There are also apprenticeships and other working opportunities on offer.

MUSICAL THEATRE LEVEL 3



I love to learn different techniques in Musical Theatre which can enhance my drama ability for the future.

MIMI LEE,
ST MARY'S MENSTON



QUALIFICATION: BTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?
Les Misérables is the longest running musical staged in the West End (40 years).



ASSESSMENT
100% Practical and Coursework
(30% Externally Examined)

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Teamwork

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Creative Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Emotional Intelligence

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in English Language and successful completion of an audition to assess suitability. Information about the audition process will be provided after your interview.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Musical Theatre continues to be one of the most popular of the theatre art forms. As a Musical Theatre student, you will focus on the 'triple threat' skillset; singing, acting and dancing and experience how these merge together to tell a story to the audience. You will study different genres of musical theatre and learn about the different styles that make up this exciting art form. You will also perform different roles in musical theatre forming part of an ensemble as well as different types of principal roles.

WHAT NEXT?

This course will help you prepare for a career in the musical theatre industry, with a foundation in the skills required to undertake professional training at university or an accredited drama school. All assessments are designed to be vocational, which means your lessons will reflect how you would work professionally as a performer.



Equivalent to one A-level

PHOTOGRAPHY



I'm glad I picked Photography because it gives me creative freedom and the ability to work independently.

BILLY BROADHURST,
CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
1.81 trillion photos are taken worldwide every year, which equals 57,000 per second.



ASSESSMENT
40% Exam,
60% Coursework

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Creativity

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Self Discipline

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Effective Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE Art or Photography if studied, students who have not previously studied Art of Photography will be asked to share a portfolio of 15-20 images to demonstrate their interest in the subject. It is advised students have their own DSLR camera for the course, a camera can be bought through college and a payment scheme is in place allowing the cost to be shared into monthly payments.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

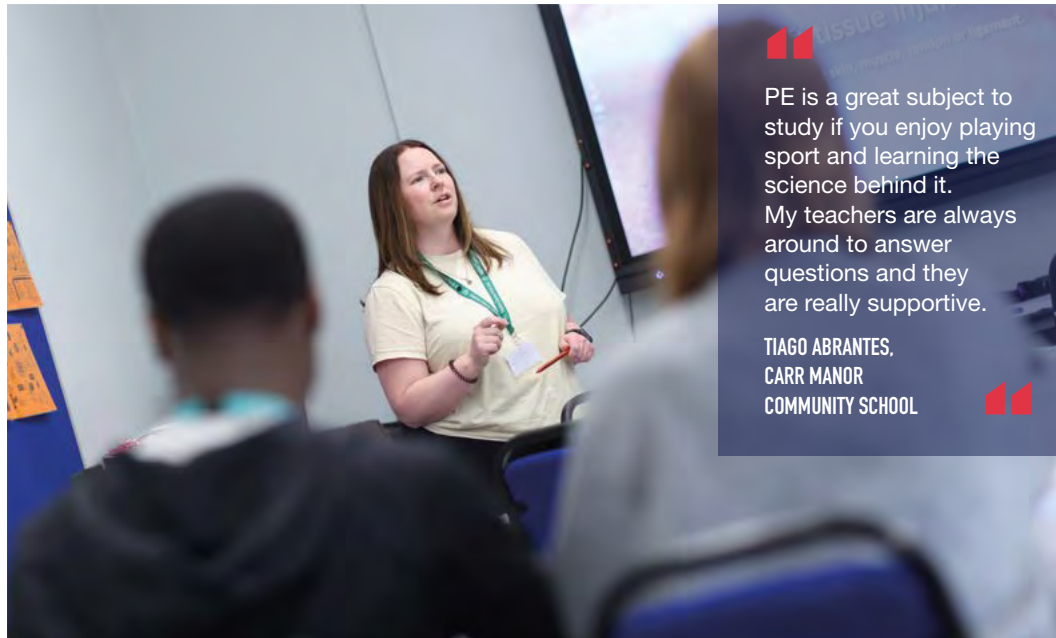
You will learn about various photographic techniques, and put them into practice. Students can work in one or more areas, including portraiture, landscape photography, still life photography, photojournalism, and fashion photography.

You will complete a personal investigation, creating a portfolio of work, and sit an externally set practical assignment, supported by written material. We will look at a wide range of historical and contemporary photographers, artists, designers and craftspeople.

WHAT NEXT?

The course will help students wishing to undertake further studies in photography or art. Students could also progress into other design-related subjects, including Graphic Design, Architecture, and Fashion.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



PE is a great subject to study if you enjoy playing sport and learning the science behind it. My teachers are always around to answer questions and they are really supportive.

TIAGO ABRANTES,
CARR MANOR
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?
There have been three Olympic Games held in countries that no longer exist.



ASSESSMENT
70% Exam,
30% Practical

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Teamwork

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Problem Solving

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE Combined Science or a distinction in Level 2 Applied Science, and a grade 5 in GCSE PE if studied. It is compulsory that you are performing in at least one sport at club standard and train regularly so that you can provide the video evidence for the practical assessment.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Physiological factors affecting performance: 90 marks, 2-hour paper, 30%.
- Psychological factors affecting performance: 60 marks, 1-hour paper, 20%.

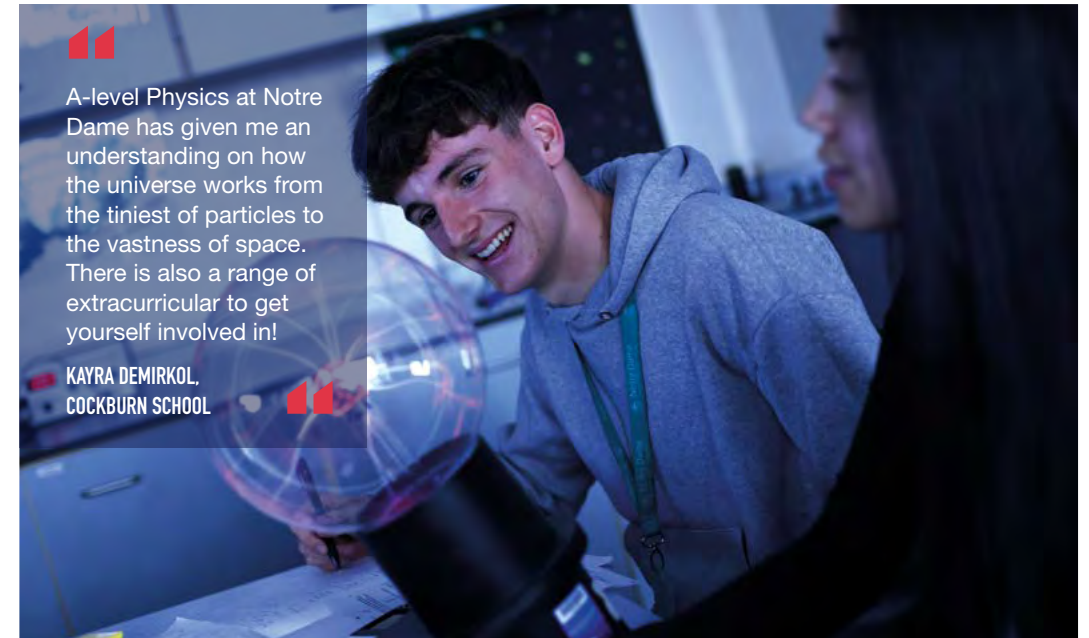
- Socio-cultural issues in physical activity: 60 marks, 1-hour paper, 20%.
- Performance in physical education: non-examined assessment, 30% (practical performance and verbal assessment).

WHAT NEXT?

PE is particularly useful for a career or degree in:

- Teaching PE
- Health and Exercise Science
- Sports Therapy
- Sports Management
- Physiotherapy
- Coaching
- Sports Technology
- Sports Development
- Sports Science

PHYSICS



A-level Physics at Notre Dame has given me an understanding on how the universe works from the tiniest of particles to the vastness of space. There is also a range of extracurricular to get yourself involved in!

KAYRA DEMIRKOL,
COCKBURN SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
The planet Saturn can float on water like ice.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Analytical Thinking

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Reasoning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Teamwork

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in two single science GCSEs (including Physics) or a grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. You also need a grade 6 in GCSE Maths. Ideally you will also study A-level Mathematics.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

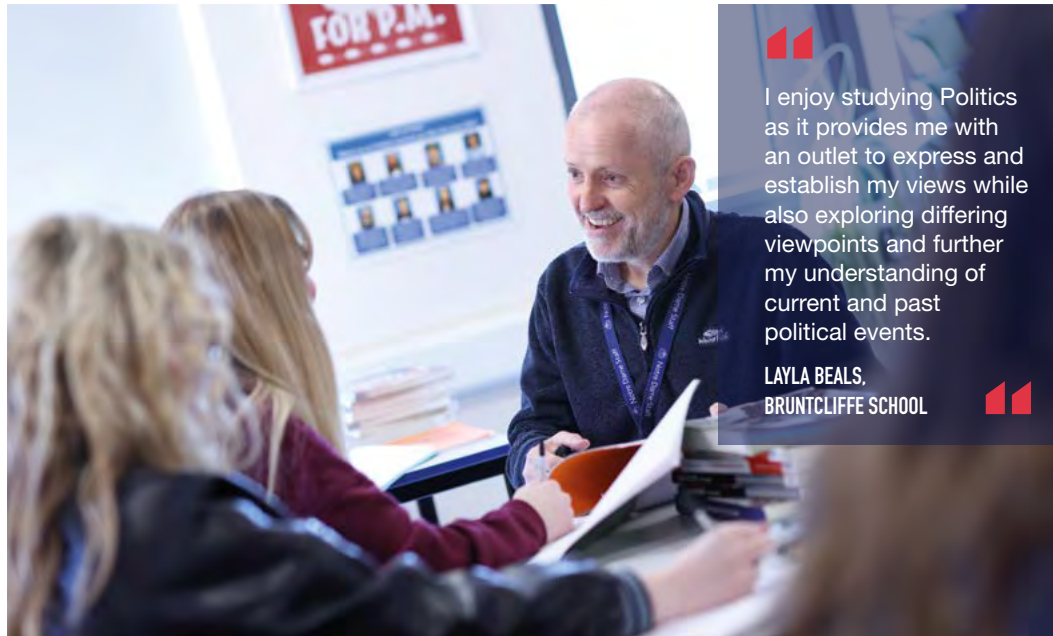
You will come to understand some of the main ideas and methods of physics and learn to apply your knowledge to solve problems. Topics studied in the first year include forces and motion, electricity, waves, and photons, and in the second year the Newtonian world, astrophysics, particles, and medical physics.

You will also study how to make measurements and evaluate errors, and your skills will be assessed leading to a separate certificate to endorse practical competency.

WHAT NEXT?

Knowledge of physics is an essential requirement for many higher education courses and could lead to careers in Engineering, Medical Physics, Industry, Meteorology, Computing, Material Science, Scientific Civil Service, Environmental Physics, Education, and Geophysics.

POLITICS



I enjoy studying Politics as it provides me with an outlet to express and establish my views while also exploring differing viewpoints and further my understanding of current and past political events.

LAYLA BEALS,
BRUNTCLIFFE SCHOOL

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL



DID YOU KNOW?

Two Leeds MPs are in the UK Cabinet: Rachel Reeves (Chancellor) and Hilary Benn (Northern Ireland Secretary).



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Social Influence

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Critical Analysis

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and an interest in, and some knowledge of, current affairs and politics.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A-level Politics will develop your knowledge and informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context. You will study politics in the United Kingdom as well as global politics and political ideology. You will gain a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes.

WHAT NEXT?

Many of our students move on to study a degree in Politics or International Studies at prestigious universities including the London School of Economics, Cambridge, Durham, Sheffield and York. Politics students often go into Journalism, Business, Law, the Civil Service and Teaching. They may also work for political parties, charities, and pressure groups.

PRODUCT DESIGN



Product Design is not only a fun but also a useful subject. I find the CAD and practical skills that you learn on the course very useful.

JAKUB FIGURA,
THE FARNLEY ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Jonathan Ive (Former CDO at Apple Inc.) studied A-Level Design and Technology.



ASSESSMENT
50% Coursework,
50% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Creativity

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Technological Use

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Effective Communication

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in GCSE Art or Design if studied. If you did not have the opportunity to study GCSE Art or Design, you must successfully complete a design task set by the department.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology. Developing computer and physical modelling skills, you will use your creativity and imagination to design and make prototypes that solve real and relevant problems, considering your own and others' needs, wants and values.

WHAT NEXT?

Studying Product Design will equip you with the practical skills, theoretical knowledge, and confidence to succeed in a number of careers, especially those in the creative industries. Past students have progressed onto a range of degree courses including:

- Product Design
- Industrial Design
- Automotive Design
- Engineering
- Architecture
- CAD Design

PSYCHOLOGY



From exploring areas of the brain to understanding how the environment shapes behaviour, studying Psychology at Notre Dame is certainly both a fascinating and rewarding subject to learn.

JESSICA GILPIN,
JOHN SMEATON ACADEMY

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?
There are over 86 billion neurons in the brain.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Critical Analysis

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Teamwork

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Social Influence

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths, and a grade 44 in GCSE Combined Science.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Research Methods: This component is intended to develop your knowledge and understanding of the process of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental techniques.

Psychological Themes Through Core Studies: The focus is on some of the central areas of investigation in Psychology. There are 15 studies to be covered. Applied Psychology; this covers issues in mental health, child psychology, and criminal psychology.

Methodological Issues and Debates: This will run throughout the course and includes nature / nurture, freewill / determinism, reductionism / holism, individual / situational and psychology as a science.

WHAT NEXT?

Psychology can lead to many careers including:

- Clinical Psychology
- Counselling
- Educational Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Occupational Psychology

RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Studying Religious Studies is both eye-opening and opinion-developing. The most exciting part is walking in with a certain view and walking out with your feelings completely changed.

AZARIA RYAN,
ST THOMAS A BECKET

QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR



DID YOU KNOW?
Socrates never wrote down his teachings. His ideas were preserved and spread through the works of his student, Plato.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Emotional Intelligence

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Critical Thinking

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course consists of three specific strands: philosophy of religion, ethics, and the development of Christian thought, all examined at the end of two years. A range of topics are covered including euthanasia, business ethics, the problem of evil, arguments for God's existence, liberation theology and many more.

This course suits those with a keen interest in discussing and answering the big questions about the world, reflecting on how and why people make different ethical decisions, and the changing role of having a faith.

WHAT NEXT?

This A-level leads to many undergraduate courses such as Social Work, Nursing, Teaching, Business and Law as well as other career routes. Our students value the skills developed such as handling the views of others, critically evaluating arguments and communicating ideas clearly.

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology has opened my eyes to the world around me, revealing unseen concepts in society. It's thought-provoking, insightful, and has given me knowledge I wouldn't have gained elsewhere - truly invaluable.

HAARIS ASHRAF,
CARR MANOR
COMMUNITY SCHOOL



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
Martin Luther King, Jr. earned his first degree in Sociology.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Emotional Intelligence

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Critical Analysis

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Reasoning

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Sociology is an exciting subject which helps you to answer questions like: Why do we have to go to school? Why do we live in families? What are the benefits of religion? Why do some people commit crime? Sociology will make you question things you may have taken for granted.

Sociology helps you develop analytical, critical ways of thinking, beneficial across many subjects. You will develop your essay writing and verbal communication skills. You need an open mind, be keen to see things from different viewpoints, and an interest in people, their actions and interactions.

WHAT NEXT?

Sociology provides excellent skills for most university degrees especially the social sciences, anthropology, and criminology. Students may follow careers in:

- Social Work
- Law
- Journalism
- Caring professions
- Policing
- The Civil Service
- Advertising
- Market Research
- Teaching
- Business

SPANISH

I like studying Spanish because the teachers are very supportive and the environment is calm and productive.

TIAGO CUSTODIO,
DIXONS UNITY ACADEMY



QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: AQA



DID YOU KNOW?
559 million people in the world speak Spanish.



ASSESSMENT
100% Exam

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Active Learning

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Effective Communication

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Technological use

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 6 in GCSE Spanish.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study topics similar to those at GCSE but from a more mature perspective. These include:

- Modern and traditional values
- Cyberspace
- Equal rights
- Modern day idols
- Spanish regional identity
- Cultural heritage
- A film called "Ocho apellidos vascos"
- Immigration
- Racism
- Integration
- Today's youth tomorrow's citizens
- An individual research project
- A play called "Las bicicletas son para el verano"
- Grammar
- Translation

Not only does this course offer endless opportunities to discover the true Hispanic culture, you will also be able to experience it yourself by taking part in a trip to Spain.

WHAT NEXT?

Studying Spanish will give you excellent career opportunities and life-long skills in today's international market. Knowledge of another language makes you more employable and stands out in job applications. Spanish is good proof of the "breadth" required by universities seeking to recruit, for example, medical students.

SPORT LEVEL 3

I have loved studying Sport with my two teachers who have helped me to understand different aspects of sport. They have also enabled me to participate in work experience which I need for this course.

FINLAY CHAPMAN,
THE MORLEY ACADEMY



DID YOU KNOW?

The last Olympic gold medal that was actually made from gold was awarded in 1912.



ASSESSMENT

40% Exam,
60% Coursework

QUALIFICATION: CTEC
DURATION: TWO YEARS
EXAM BOARD: OCR

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 1:
Leadership

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 2:
Self Discipline

KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL 3:
Teamwork

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

You will need a grade 4 in GCSE PE or a Merit in Level 2 Sport if studied. It is compulsory that you are performing in at least one sport so that you can provide the video evidence for the practical assessment.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Unit 1: Body Systems and the Effects of Physical Activity.
Unit 2: Sports Coaching and Activity Leadership.

Unit 3: Sports Organisation and Development.
Unit 5: Performance Analysis in Sport.
Unit 17: Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation.

WHAT NEXT?

Students could progress into degrees such as:

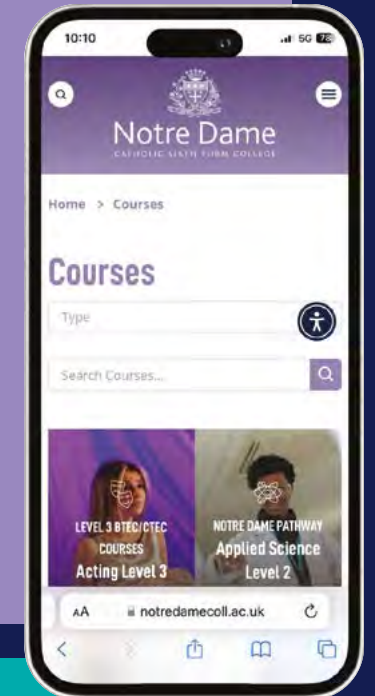
- Sport and Physical Education
- Sport Science
- Sport Coaching and Development
- Sport and Leisure Management



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STRUGGLING TO DECIDE?

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Pathways

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Industry-standard T Level facilities, including nursery, health simulation suites, and a mock courtroom.



7 study spaces and 1000+ computers available across the college



As Student Executive President, I strive to help build a community that encourages celebrating our individual and collective talents, elevating each other to maximise our growth, and working together to see through this demanding, yet thoroughly enjoyable, college period. As the Student Executive, we offer a platform for all students to voice their opinions, hopes, and desires, and see to it that the change they want can be made and that's why we want you, to join our college community, and to work with us to build a comfortable environment for us all to thrive in. We look forward to welcoming you in September.

JAYDEN HOPE, STUDENT EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT 2025/26

STUDENT EXECUTIVE

The Student Executive is a group of elected students who meet weekly to enhance college life for students. It's their responsibility to try and leave a positive legacy and enhance every students' time at Notre Dame.

Previous events organised by the Student Executive include Culture Week, 90s Day, and the Leavers Day celebrations. Each year it also works to raise money for multiple charities, such as CAFOD, Cancer Research, and Macmillan.

Scan to find out more



TIMETABLE

Your timetable is designed to support your learning, including lots of contact time with your teachers and dedicated time with your Achievement Tutor. ND240 refers to the 240 minutes expected to complete as independent learning time per subject per week, and your timetable provides enough time to be able to do this in college.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09:00 – 11:00 French	09:00 – 11:00 ND240	09:00 – 11:00 EPQ	09:00 – 11:00 ND240	09:00 – 11:00 History
Break: 11:00 – 11:15				
11:15 – 13:15 Maths	11:15 – 12:15 History	11:15 – 12:15 French	11:15 – 12:15 Maths	11:15 – 13:15 ND240
	12:15 – 13:15 ND240	12:15 – 13:15 ND240	12:15 – 13:15 ND240	
Lunch: 13:15 – 14:00				
14:00 – 16:00 ND240	14:00 – 16:00 Maths	14:00 – 16:00 History	14:00 – 16:00 French	14:00 – 16:00 Tutorial and PTE

Please note: this is an example timetable of a student studying a three A-level programme. Timetables may differ depending on course choices, sport involvement, and whether you study the EPQ.

DAY IN THE LIFE

CHLOE BURDON, THE RODILLIAN ACADEMY



10:00

Get to College

I don't start until after break today, but I've come into college a bit early to go to the on-site Starbucks to grab a drink and snack, giving myself time to prepare for the day.



12:15

Study time

While it's still fresh in my mind, I do some past paper questions in the library to test my understanding.



14:00

ND+

If I need it, I head to an ND+ session before my next lesson to get some help with any topics I might be struggling with.



16:00

Part-time job

After College, I head straight to my part-time job as a hospital housekeeper before going home to study and complete any homework.

11:15

First Lesson



My first lesson is Physics – my favourite subject. We're currently looking at magnetic fields.

13:15

Lunch



I like to sit in St George's Field and catch up with friends when it's sunny – make sure to look out for the rabbits!

15:00

Second lesson



My second and last lesson of the day is Chemistry.



IN THE HEART OF LEEDS



ENRICHMENT & TRIPS

Students successfully develop their confidence and resilience through a rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities.

OFSTED



Educational

- Art History
- Business Enterprise Hub
- Dental Society
- Engineering
- Law Club
- Philosophy
- True Crime Club

Current Affairs

- College Newspaper
- Debate Club
- Eco Stewards
- LGBTQ+ Action and Support Group
- Model UN
- PAFRAS
- Social Justice

Wellbeing

- Chess
- Film Club
- Knitting and Crochet Club
- Student Choir
- Write Away

Active

- Badminton
- Couch to 5k Running
- Dance
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball

Culture

- Alpha Group
- College Band
- Music Production
- Podcasting Club
- Theatre Enrichment
- TikTok Ambassadors

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BERLIN

CAMBODIA
CHINA

SPAIN

LOURDES

INDONESIA

LONDON

SPORTS



AMAZING FACILITIES

TEAM ND

Notre Dame's TEAM ND has a proud history of sporting achievements.

Alongside our very successful performance sports programme, we also have a range of sports teams that compete in the Association of Colleges Yorkshire and Humber League, as well as regional and national championships.

Being part of TEAM ND will enhance your experience at Notre Dame and provide you with outstanding opportunities both during and after your time at college.

The sporting season culminates with an extravagant sports awards ceremony to celebrate the successes of the year and say goodbye to our upper sixth students.



JAMES WILSON,
TEAM ND FOOTBALL

Performance Sports

You will have the opportunity to play competitively and receive professional coaching whilst completing your studies. Matches take place in the higher divisions of the Association of Colleges Yorkshire and Humber League. All performance sports teams are led by highly qualified coaches.

- Football
- Basketball
- Netball

Competitive Sports

Our competitive sports teams are ideal for students who wish to take part in friendly competition against other colleges in the region, develop their sporting ability, and gain team building skills. Fixtures will be played on Wednesday afternoons, which will be blocked out on your timetable.

- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Women's Football
- Table Tennis

Recreational Sports

For those who don't want to compete, but still want to stay active:

- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Running

CHECK OUT OUR RESULTS – BACK OF THE NET!



Badminton

2nd in League and
3rd in National Cup



Mixed Volleyball

3rd in league



Netball

3rd in league



Men's First and Second Football Team

3rd in league

CAREERS SUPPORT



Careers Support

Our Careers department will provide you with impartial advice and guidance at every step of your journey, enabling you to make and carry out effective career decisions. The team supports students with one-to-one guidance, group workshops, and online resources for:

- Career planning
- Higher education applications
- Interview skills
- Job searches
- Finding apprenticeships
- Volunteering opportunities
- Gap year planning
- CV writing

They organise key annual events including:

- Careers Fair
- Employability Day
- Higher Education Day
- Lower Sixth Progression
- Parent's Evening
- Parent's Evening

The team regularly invite motivational speakers into college from a wide range of industries and universities and arrange external visits. They have developed a careers tutorial for both year groups at Notre Dame, to support your career planning and progression.

Work Experience

Work Experience is not only valuable in its own right but also essential if students hope to apply for certain university courses (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Social Work, Teaching, Veterinary Science etc). All students have the opportunity to gain experience of the workplace during their time at college. There are certain vocational subjects where work placements are compulsory, and these will be highlighted to students at various points such as open events, enrolment, and induction.

Partner and Associate Universities and Employers



Highly skilled teachers and specialist careers staff provide very effective support for students to help them make decisions about their next steps into university, employment or apprenticeships.

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ENHANCING EXCELLENCE

Notre Dame's Enhancing Excellence programme supports and encourages students of high academic potential to apply to Oxford, Cambridge, and other world top 30 universities and / or Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science degrees.

Throughout lower sixth, these students attend subject area discussion and development groups, engaging in weekly activities to prepare them for the rigorous tests and interviews required by these universities. This year, our students attended a webinar and lecture series with undergraduates and doctors from the University of Leeds Medical School, exploring ethics, situational judgements, and other skills required for a career in Medicine. Our students have also been involved in a wide range of activities including Sutton Trust Summer Schools, Uniq mentoring from Oxford University, In2Science research projects, a broad range of in-college talks from visiting lecturers, and conferences delivered by Selwyn College, Cambridge. We host popular trips to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, which provide the opportunity to visit out link colleges and discuss the interview process and life at university.

11 STUDENTS ACHIEVED A PLACE AT AN OXBRIDGE UNIVERSITY IN 2025



Cambridge HE+ Programme

Run in partnership with the University of Cambridge, the prestigious HE+ Programme is designed to academically challenge the brightest young people in our inner cities, to raise aspirations, and encourage applications to very selective universities. As one of the University of Cambridge's HE+ institutions, we aim to engage students in a sustained programme, which includes academic extension classes, subject masterclasses, information and guidance sessions, and a residential to Selwyn College, Cambridge.



SUPPORTING YOU

AND YOUR WELLBEING

Achievement Tutors

At College, you'll have a personal tutor who acts as your mentor, supporting you in all aspects of your studies. They're your main point of contact and will monitor your progress, including attendance, punctuality, and grades. They deliver our tutorial programme and provide tailored support throughout your time with us. Your tutor will motivate, guide, and challenge you, helping you set and review learning targets so you can reach your full potential.

Cedar and Parent Portal

Cedar is our intranet system that allows parents access to their child's class and exam timetables, student attendance data, study programme details, and career aspiration notes.

ND+

ND+ sessions are designed to enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of your subjects through 3 strands - supporting your study, love of learning (speakers and trips specific) and enjoying the College.

Learning Support

Our specialist Learning Support department works with students to help them achieve their learning goals. The team works closely with staff to identify and support individual needs. We're committed to ensuring that students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties are treated fairly and not disadvantaged, making reasonable adjustments where needed. If you have any questions or need support, contact the team at learningsupport@ndonline.ac.uk – they're here to help throughout your time at College.

ND Wellbeing Hub

The ND Wellbeing Hub is designed to provide you with resources, tools, and information about how to support your physical and mental wellbeing.

Take a
look for
yourself



Financial Support

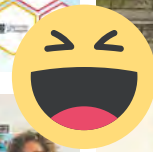
We believe that there should be no barriers to learning, particularly financial barriers, and we intend to eliminate these as far as possible within our College. Funds can be provided to help you with cost of travel, meals, books, equipment, and essential materials needed for your courses.

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OPEN DAYS

COME AND VISIT US - BOOK NOW

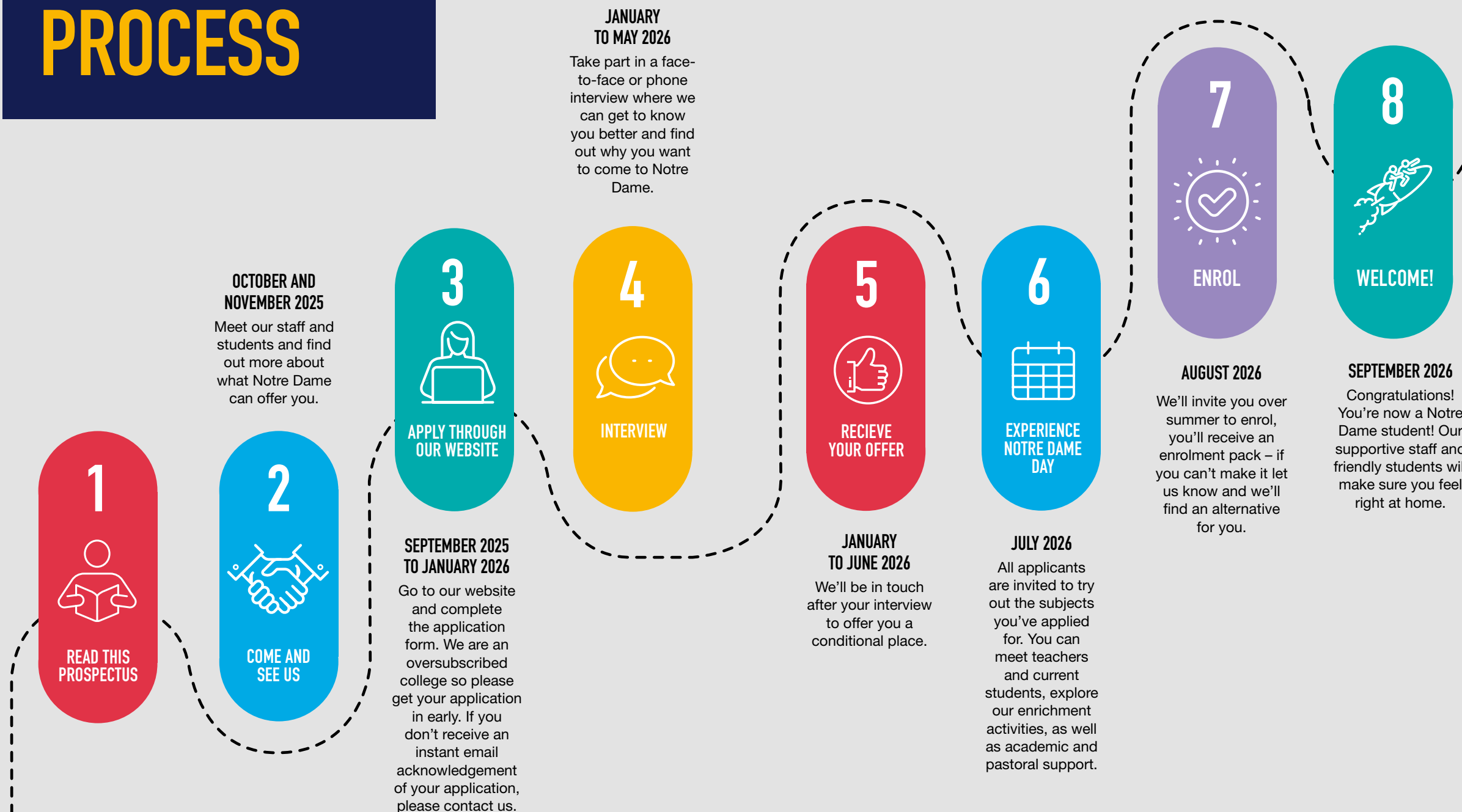


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- Explore our campus
- Find out more about the 45+ A-level, T Level, and BTEC / CTEC courses we offer
- Meet our enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff
- See for yourself why we are an outstanding College

APPLICATION PROCESS





SMALLER BOOK...SMALLER IMPACT

We have reduced our prospectus by over 25% since 2025 in our commitment to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.



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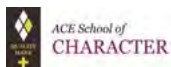
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