



Stoke Newington School
& Sixth Form

Sixth Form Prospectus

& Course Directory 2025-26

Thank you for considering taking up a place with us at Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form.

We are proud to have a sixth form where our students achieve highly, enjoy learning and develop collectively, and as individuals.

We have a great track record of achievement and progression – and this record is improving year on year. Last summer, we had record-breaking A level results with 36% at A*/A grades. We are pleased our comprehensive and inclusive intake have achieved an overall 99% A*- E pass rate. Our students perform well because we care deeply and deliver rigorously. We are committed to ensuring that all our students get the best possible teaching, the highest quality of support and that they achieve well together: both with their peer group and with our dedicated staff team.

We offer a high quality education for all students who meet the criteria to start our courses. We accept a range of students onto our courses, from those with multiple A*/9/8/7 grades to those with C/5/4 grades. What we do expect from every one of our students is a hard working approach, a determination to succeed and a wish to work with others. We have a strong focus on creativity. We believe everyone has creative capacities and know that creativity is the skill of the future. We have strong partnerships with the world of work and higher education establishments which allow for exciting opportunities to enrich and extend learning. Our students have successfully achieved places at Russell Group universities including Oxbridge and leading Art schools and high quality apprenticeships.

We look forward to welcoming you to our sixth form.

Best wishes



Zehra Jaffer

Headteacher



Zehra Jaffer Headteacher



Welcome from the Director of Sixth Form



Shane Bell-Nevin Director of Sixth Form

Welcome to Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form. Thank you for taking the time to read through our prospectus and course directory. We have a large, hardworking and welcoming sixth form that is often oversubscribed. Stoke Newington Sixth Form offers a positive, creative and purposeful environment with high aspirations for all our students.

Whether you are new to the school, the area or have come to us from our own Year 11, we look forward to working with you during these crucial two years enabling you to realise your ambitions.

At Stoke Newington Sixth Form we aim to ensure that every student leaves us with the skills and motivation required to be successful in whatever they choose to do. Although we pride ourselves on our excellent outcomes, our unwavering support for every individual to progress and meet their full potential is at the core of everything we do. We aim to do this by empowering and enabling every individual to continue on to the best that higher education, training, or the world of work has to offer.

This is achieved through:

- Excellent teaching and learning.
- A comprehensive pastoral support network.
- Outstanding progress made by all students who attend.
- Personalised support and guidance for the duration of their journey with us at Stoke Newington Sixth Form



Shane Bell-Nevin
Director of Sixth Form



Excellent teaching and learning

“ENTHUSIASTIC AND COMMITTED TEACHERS MAKE LESSONS INTERESTING FOR PUPILS. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH FORM IS INCREASING BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE ATTRACTED BY THE INCLUSIVE ETHOS AND THE WIDE RANGE OF COURSES ON OFFER.” OFSTED 2022

Academic excellence is key to our students' success. Our curriculum offer includes a wide range of A levels and our highly rated BTEC courses. The courses we run reflect our academic and creative school ethos: ranging from English, the Sciences and Maths through to subjects such as Photography, Drama, Music and Art, as well as new subjects such as Psychology, Sociology and Economics.

Our sixth form teachers are passionate about their subjects and use innovative and engaging lessons that challenge our students intellectually, develop lifelong independent learners and make the most of the school's excellent facilities. Students are set ambitious targets and then given the support and constructive feedback they need to achieve them. Our teachers are committed to all students

achieving these targets and our school systems are geared to support this. We ensure that our staff are extremely well trained in teaching and assessing the courses they deliver.

We review our offer annually to ensure that it is up-to-date, appropriate and relevant.

Key to excellent teaching and learning is an excellent learning environment with high quality resources. We have a custom built Sixth Form block providing students with a purposeful environment in which to relax and study. It houses a large study area, 60 desktop computers, a dedicated café and the offices of the sixth form team.

The school has a large network of computers and a range of high-specification electronic resources. By utilising

professional/industry standard equipment and software we are able to help equip students for the transition to higher education or work.

Students are able to use whole school facilities including:



12 FULLY-EQUIPPED SCIENCE LABS



2 MEDIA SUITES WITH MAC DESKTOPS AND ACCOMPANYING SLR DIGITAL CAMERAS



2 MUSIC TECHNOLOGY SUITES



MUSIC STUDIO, FULLY EQUIPPED FOR RECORDING AND MIXING LIVE MUSIC



FIVE-BAY PHOTOGRAPHIC DARKROOM



TELEVISION STUDIO WITH POST PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT



MODERN THEATRE SEATING 220



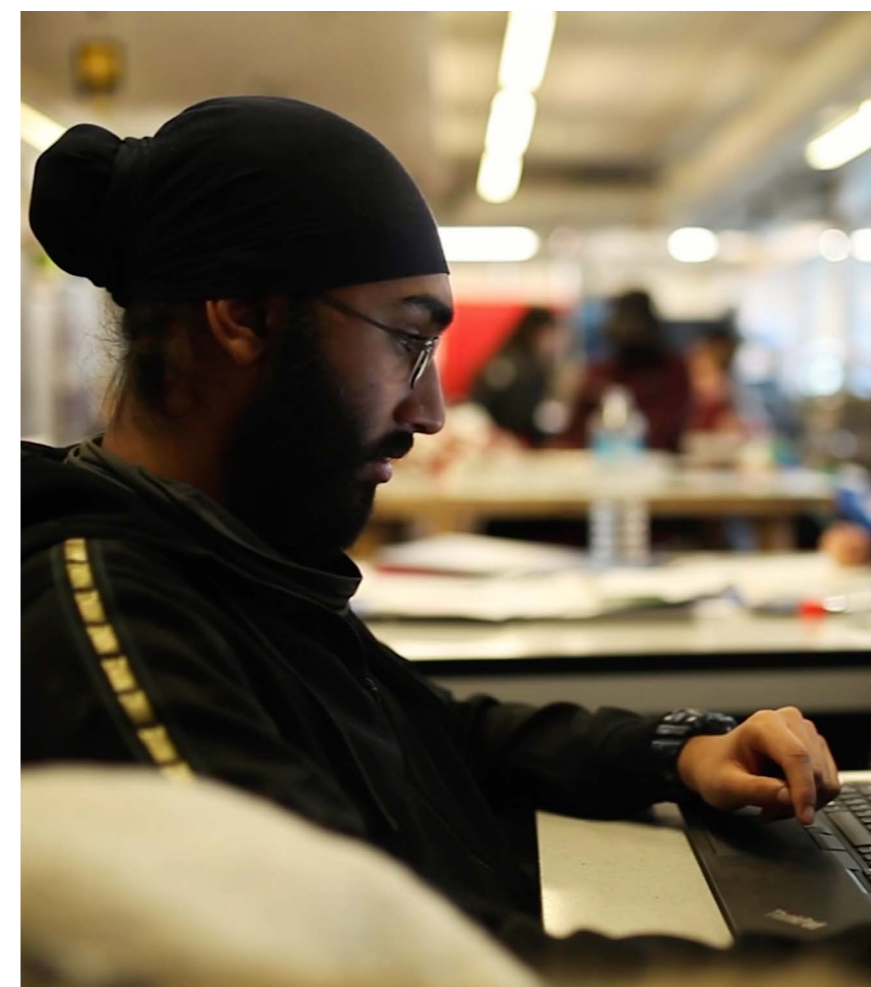
DANCE STUDIO



SIXTH FORM ART STUDIO



GYMS AND SPORTS HALL



Outstanding academic outcomes



THE SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM IS A STRENGTH OF THE SCHOOL AND IS CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO CAN CHOOSE FROM A VERY WIDE RANGE OF QUALIFICATIONS. THIS INCLUDES BOTH ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL COURSES.” OFSTED 2022

Students make outstanding progress at Stoke Newington School. Art, Photography, Biology, Chemistry, Graphics, English, Economics, Geography, Film Studies, French, History, IT, Maths, Further Maths, Media, Music, Physics, Sociology, and Spanish have been rated as being in the top 25% or higher nationally in the last 4 years.

“It’s incredibly rewarding to see the progress our pupils make and the enjoyment they have getting there.” Teacher

As a result of this our students are able to progress on to a wide range of courses at some of the UK’s most prestigious universities. Our students have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge, Harvard and other Russell Group universities, as well as top Art colleges across the country. Students have also moved on to apprenticeships after SNS Sixth Form: these have ranged from software engineering to working in the city with international firms such as KPMG.



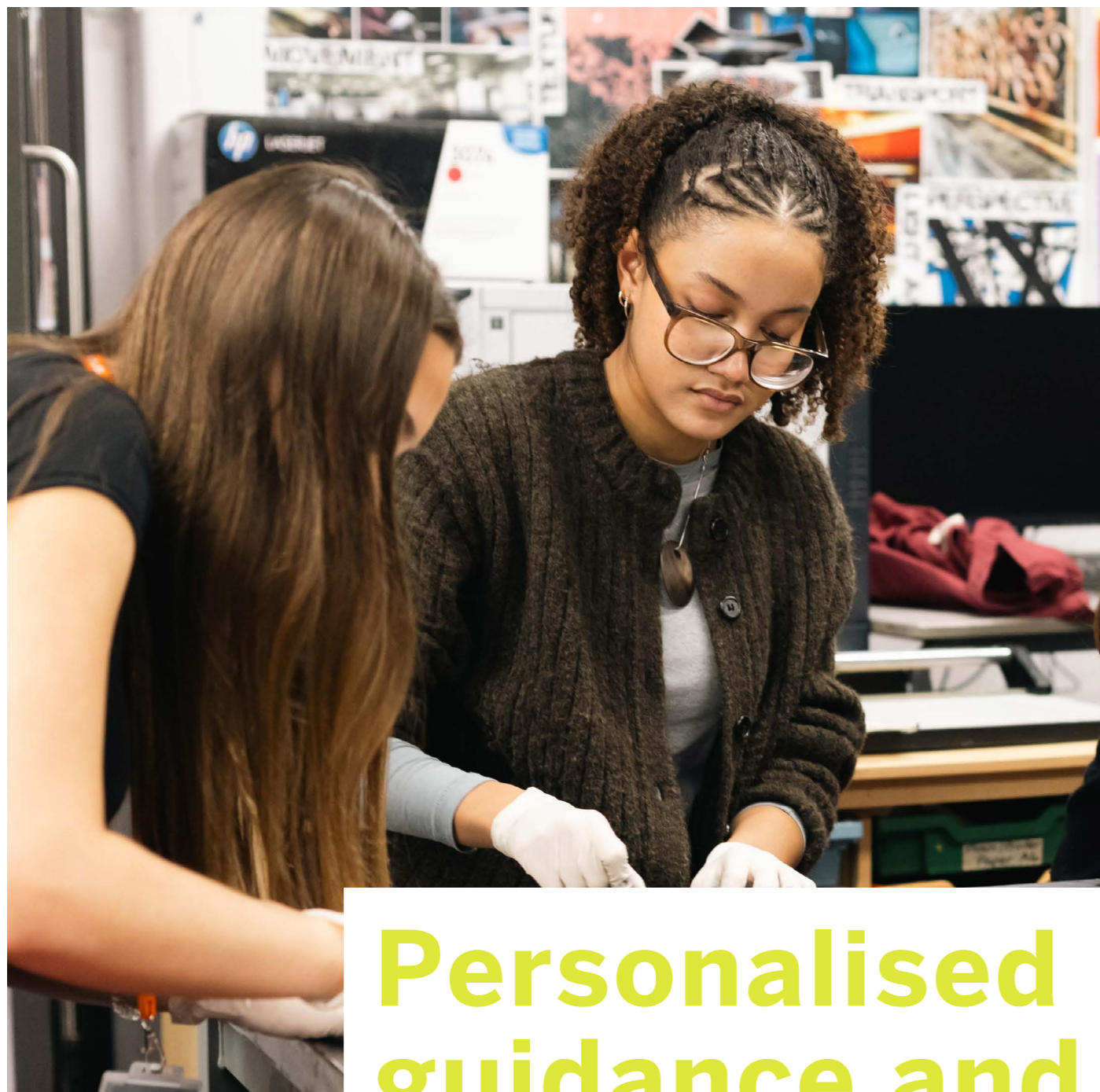
TOP 25%
OF SIXTH FORMS FOR VALUE ADDED

APPRENTICESHIPS AND WORK

TOP UNIVERSITIES AND ART SCHOOLS

OUTSTANDING RESULTS ALPS SCORE 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022

“LEADERS HAVE AN ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRENGTHS AND AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE SCHOOL. THEY ENGAGE WITH PARENTS AND CARERS THROUGH A REGULAR PARENTS FORUM.” OFSTED 2022



Personalised guidance and support

We have a very strong sixth form team at SNS. The student experience is centred on an effective pastoral and tutor system. Every student is assigned to a form teacher who will provide personalised one-to-one tuition throughout the two years. The student-tutor relationship is crucial to a successful Sixth Form experience and we seek to form strong bonds of trust and cooperation.

We arrange for representatives from Higher Education providers, Apprenticeship Schemes and other external agencies to come in and provide support and guidance to our students. We have strong links with Clare College Cambridge and Wadham College, and London Metropolitan University

At SNS Sixth Form we recognise that young people thrive best when they feel nurtured and supported as well as academically challenged. The two years of Sixth Form can be a demanding time for students and we are always on-hand to provide support. Our school counsellors, are available to help students to manage stress and other emotional problems.

The first week of the school is an important time for all students – including external applicants, who make up approximately 40% of our intake. We have a strong induction programme which includes team building, setting of expectations and understanding the journey ahead.

The programme includes an outdoor activity trip and talks from ex-students and university admissions tutors. We set a reading and summer task list for students to complete in advance of their start with us so they arrive at school prepared for the start of their studies.



INDUCTION TRIP



SCHOOL COUNSELLORS



FORM TUTORS



High quality enrichment for all

Enrichment is an important part of the sixth form experience. These activities are vital for students' personal development and progression to university and employment. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities, both linked to lessons and beyond the curriculum. These take the form of timetabled classes of lectures delivered by teachers and experts from outside school, sporting activities and teams (using the excellent sporting facilities), language classes, drama performances, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and debating clubs; as well as the two-yearly art and photography trips to New York and the science trip to CERN .



Professional boxer and former SNS student, Lawrence Okolie, speaking to students.

Leadership and community work

Students in Year 12 must complete a course of volunteering, community work, or charity work by the end of the year. This could take the form of mentoring younger students, working with departments, being a form representative, working on the school council, acting as an ambassador for an academic subject, working towards fundraising for their chosen charity, working in an area outside of school closely linked to the student's career ambition or volunteering outside of school. This is monitored and signed off by the tutor and head of year.

Pastoral, social, health and religious education

Students in Year 12 and 13 will have a fortnightly PSHRE lesson with their tutors. These sessions are designed to help students by providing advice, information and discussion on topics that are relevant to young people studying A levels.

These include; healthy relationships, substance misuse, applying to university/apprenticeships/work, PREVENT, internet use, mental health etc.

Work experience

In Year 12, students undertake a one week period of work experience during the last two weeks of the school year. Students can also use their 20 hours of volunteering to visit places of work and learn more about their career options.

Both these and the end of year placements should reflect the career interests of the students. This is a compulsory part of the Year 12 curriculum as it is a significant experience which can form a vital part of the UCAS application or route into employment after sixth form.

Early entry

Students wishing to apply for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry, or Veterinary Science have a bi-weekly programme of meetings to support their applications. This includes support from Wadham College, Oxford and Clare College, Cambridge.

Post-18 progression week

During July we have a week dedicated to investigating options after leaving SNS sixth form. Each student will have a one-to-one meeting with either a careers advisor, a member of the senior leadership team, or a member of the sixth form team to discuss their plans for either University, work or apprenticeships.

There are a range of talks from outside agencies, as well as ex-students, about the experiences of university life, how to apply through UCAS, student finance, interview technique, medical applications and Oxbridge applications. We run trips to local universities and to the UCAS fair. It is advisable for students who want to go into higher education to attend open days.



LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS (A LEVEL AND BTECS)

ART	01
BIOLOGY	01
BTEC DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS	02
CHEMISTRY	03
COMPUTER SCIENCE	03
BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE DIGITAL FILM & VIDEO PRODUCTION	03
DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES	04
ECONOMICS	04
ENGLISH LITERATURE	05
FILM STUDIES	05
FRENCH	06
GEOGRAPHY	06
GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION	07
HISTORY	07
MATHEMATICS	08
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	08
CORE MATHEMATICS	08
MUSIC	09
PHOTOGRAPHY	10
PHYSICS	10
POLITICS	11
PSYCHOLOGY	11
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Course Directory



Entry requirements

Throughout this booklet you will see the entry requirements for each of the subjects. Our entry requirements should be taken as a guide. It is possible we may raise or lower them slightly when the results come out in August or as we get more information. The final decision on entry requirements will be made by the senior leadership team and head of department. English grades at 4.5 or 5.5 mean that out of the two English exams (Literature and Language) students should achieve an average of this e.g. a student getting a 5 in English literature and a 6 in English Language would be getting an average of 5.5.

Students will be required to choose a pathway for which most of the external exams will take place at the end of the second year. Alongside their pathway, students can choose to sit either core maths or EPQ. We offer four different pathways for sixth form students, shown in the table below. At SNS all students should sit the equivalent of 3 A levels or equivalent over the two years.

Please note, our course directory is subject to change and the school reserves the right to withdraw a subject or remove a class without prior notice before the start of the new academic year. Please follow our website for any updates.

Pathway	Courses	Requirements
Applied	BTEC pathway	4 GCSEs grades 9-4 - or BTECs grade pass to distinction. GCSE grades must include a 4 in both English and Maths.
Core 1	3 A levels	GCSE average of 5 or above. 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 including English (4) and Maths (4)
Core 2	4 A levels. All 4 subjects should be completed in Year 13	GCSE average of 6.7 5 GCSEs grades 9-4 inc English and Maths (4)

Subject	Minimum entry requirements
Art	4 in Art and 4 English
Biology	6 in Biology and a 6 in one of the other two Sciences (or at least a 6-6 in Combined Sciences), 5 in Maths and 5 English
BTEC Diploma in Business	4 in Maths and 4 average in English is required.
Chemistry	6 in Chemistry and a 6 in one of the other two Sciences (or at least a 6-6 in Combined Sciences), 6 in Maths and 4.5 English
Computer Science	6 in Computer Science and 5 in Maths
Drama & Theatre Studies	5 in Drama and 5 in English
Economics	6 in Maths and 5 in English Literature and English Language
English Literature	A minimum of 5-6 in English Literature and English Language
Film Studies	5 in English Literature
BTEC Extended Certificate Level 3 Digital Film and Video Production	4 in English Language or a 4 in GCSE Film Studies or – for external students – a 4 (or equivalent) in any Media related course (e.g. GCSE Media Studies)
French	5 (preferably 6) in French
Geography	6 in Geography and 4.5 in English
Graphic Communication	5 in Art, Photography, Graphics, Resistant Materials or Textiles
History	6 in History
Mathematics	7 in Maths or 6 with additional support.
Further Maths	7 in Maths (must be studied with A level Maths)
Core Maths	5 in Maths
Music	6 in Music and a highly competent performer on an instrument or singing
Photography	4 in Art, Photography, Graphics or Textiles – 4 in English
Physics	6 in Physics and at least a 6 in one of the other two or 6-6 in Combined Sciences, 6 in Maths and 4.5 average in English
Politics	5 in English Language and a 5 in History, Geography or another humanities subject.
Psychology	5 in Maths, Science and 5 in English Language
Sociology	5 in English Language and preferably a 5 in a Humanities subject
Spanish	5 in Spanish
BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport	4 in PE or L2 Merit in Sport, and 4 in English
BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport	4 in PE or BTEC Sport level 2 pass, and 4 in English
Textiles	5 in Art, Graphics, Resistant Materials or Textiles, and 4.5 in English.
Three-dimensional design	5 in Design and Technology or an Art subject.
EPQ	5 GCSEs 9-4

Level 3 courses

Art

[Please click here to watch the Art subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

For A level Art you will need at least a grade 4 at GCSE in Art and a 4 average in English. To succeed you will need to be able to plan and develop ideas in a creative way and be able to finish your work for display at the end of the course.

Overview

Over the two year linear course you will complete a range of workshops and projects in the first year and a half, which will come together to form your coursework which is Component 1. You will then produce a further unit, Component 2, in response to the exam theme in the spring term of the final year.

Component 1: Practical work, Supporting Studies and Personal Study (60%)

The course allows you the opportunities to generate and develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes, and refine your ideas towards producing personal resolved outcome(s). Supporting Studies and Practical Work will comprise of a portfolio of development work and outcomes based on themes and ideas developed from both given and personal starting points. We deliver structured workshops at the start of the course to build skills and confidence in the formal elements of drawing, painting, print making, digital media and sculpture. The strength of our course is linking to professional practice and the wide range of independence and creative skills

that students demonstrate. We also expect students to attend exhibitions in their own time and offer the opportunity of an international trip during the two year course. The Personal Study will be evidenced through critical written communication showing contextual research and understanding of between 1000 and 3000 words of continuous prose. The Personal Study comprises 18% of the total qualification.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment (40%) This Component represents the culmination of the A level course. There are two major elements: Preparatory studies and the 15-hour period of sustained focus. This assignment will be externally set and consists of one broad-based theme and suggested starting points, released on 1st February of the second year. Students have from the 1st February until the commencement of the final 15-hour period of sustained focus to develop preparatory studies into a finished outcome or series of outcomes using the skills and knowledge they have gained through Component 1.

The future

Many of our students go on to Art Foundation courses at the major art schools and we can assist students with advice on portfolio preparation to support this progression. Following this they take up places on degree courses. There are many careers in art, craft and design including advertising, marketing, design, architecture, publishing, media, conservation, restoration, illustration, web design, sculpture, painting and print making and other professions looking for creative

people. The Art Department has very high expectations and believes that everyone can be an artist and that every student has the potential to produce work of the highest standard.

Biology

[Please click here to watch the Biology subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You will need a 6 in Biology and 6 in one of the other 2 sciences (or a 6-6 in Combined Sciences), 5 in Maths and a 5 average in English.

Overview

You will be studying biology in a very successful department; we have consistently achieved excellent results and have been recognised as a leading school in the borough. Biology A level is not easy, but through outstanding teaching, support and intervention, we ensure no student is left behind. We do not simply teach students to pass exams, we inspire them to develop a lifelong interest in biology.

The course is very wide-ranging, covering topics such as heart disease, forensic science, brain function and genetic engineering. There are several core practicals including field work techniques for which we travel to a local eco-park. Much of the course relates to 'real world' science and we frequently draw on current news stories to engage and inspire students.

Biology is a very popular A level and many of our students go on to study related courses at university. In the last few years our students have gained places on medicine, dentistry



and veterinary science courses. Beyond the traditional routes, we ensure students are aware of other opportunities in science such as research or alternative clinical careers. We have many links with London universities and organise regular visits and speakers.

BTEC Diploma in Business

[Please click here to visit our BTEC Diploma in Business subject page.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

A 4 in Maths and 4 average in English is required. Please note, A level Economics and BTEC Business are not permitted to be chosen in conjunction with each other. This is due to the overlap of content which may limit

your choices when applying for Higher Education qualifications e.g., university degrees.

Overview

This qualification gives learners experience of the breadth and depth of the sector that will prepare them for further study or training. This includes the opportunity for learners to choose several topics from a selection of options reflecting the progression pathways in business.

The learning programme covers the following content areas:

- business environments
- finance
- marketing
- international business
- management
- human resources
- accounting
- financial services

- marketing
- law
- retail.

Students will also learn and develop employability skills such as cognitive and problem-solving skills, intrapersonal skills and interpersonal skills.

The future

When studied with other qualifications within the study programme, students can progress into higher education on combined courses, for example:

- BA (Hons) in Business with French (or other languages), if taken with A Level French
- BSc in Business and Computer Science, if taken with Computing/IT BTEC Extended Certificate or A Level
- BSc in Business and Economics, if taken with A

- Level Economics or Maths
- BSc in Business and International Politics, if taken with Government and Politics A Level

Chemistry

[Please click here to watch the Chemistry subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

6 in Chemistry and at least a 6 in one of the other 2 sciences (or at least a 6-6 in Combined Sciences), 6 in Maths and 4.5 average in English.

Overview

Our Chemistry department has a track record of excellence with Hackney leading results. Our average value added over the last 3 years is the 4th best in the South East of England and we are listed in the Alps A Level Directory of Curricular Excellence. Chemistry looks to explain how and why we exist. By the end of your A-level in chemistry you will have made a battery, synthesised aspirin from tree sap and begin to truly understand reactions of everyday life.

The future

Each year we send our chemists to a large variety of university courses. We have a strong support programme for those wishing to study medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and our students have secured places in each of those subjects in recent years.

Chemistry is essential for entry to medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, chemical engineering, pure and applied chemistry, and in many other areas, such as biotechnology, genetics, biochemistry, biological sciences, environmental sciences and geology. It is also essential for entry to degree courses in chemistry combined with other subjects, such as law, business management, languages, materials, food science or forensic science.

Computer Science

[Please click here to watch the Computer Science subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

6 in Computer Science and 5 in Maths

Overview

Over two years, you will learn the object-oriented properties of Python or any other high-level language (You must self-teach yourself) alongside theoretical investigation into internal workings of the central processing unit (CPU), the exchange of data, software development, data types and legal and ethical issues. You will also know the details of computer network, database, web technologies. You will learn a bit on SQL data manipulation.

The course is divided into three components:

Component 01: Content of computer systems.

- The characteristics of processor, memory and storage
- Software and software development
- Exchanging data
- Data types and data structure
- Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues

Component 02: Content of algorithms and programming.

- Elements of computational thinking: abstraction, decomposition, pattern recognition and algorithm
- Problem solving, programming techniques
- Searching and sorting algorithms

Component 03: Non-exam assessment Programming project. The practical project will be your chance to produce a program which solves a real-life problem. Some examples of the types of problem to solve or investigate are:

- A simulation for a business
- Content management system/Online Database management system
- A solution to a data

processing problem for an organisation

- The solution of an optimisation problem, such as production of a rota
- Computer games with a background database
- An app for a mobile phone or tablet

Assessment is by:

One exam on computer systems worth 40%
2nd exam on computational thinking and programming techniques worth 40%
One non-exam assessment (computing practical project) worth 20%

The future

This course will give you a deeper understanding of programming and support your mathematic foundation to write software to an intermediate professional standard. An A level in computer science will help you go on to higher level qualification such as an honours degree, or alternatively, can take you straight into work or into an internship. A level computer science can prepare you for a range of jobs such as a database administrator, games developer, information systems manager, IT consultant, systems analyst, multimedia programmer, network engineer, software developer, tester and many more.

BTEC Extended Certificate Level 3 Digital Film and Video Production

Minimum entry requirements

Students need at least 4 in English Language (not Lit) or a Level 2 Pass in Creative iMedia. A 4 in GCSE Film Studies would also be accepted, or – for external students – a 4 (or equivalent) in any Media related course (e.g. GCSE Media Studies)

Overview

Film and Television Production is a BTEC Level 3 Extended

Certificate. It is a two-year course worth the same number of university points as one A level. The course is 67% coursework (4 units) and 33% Controlled Assessment. There are no exams.

It is different from Film Studies (where students analyse and write essays about films), in that it is production-based. Most units involve researching, planning and making Film and TV productions. Students will study a variety of topics, including

- Filming with a Single Camera (e.g. DSLR)
- Video Editing
- Producing a short Fiction Film
- Making a Stop Motion Animation

Production topics that might be studied include, but are not limited to:

- Music Video;
- Genre films (e.g. sci-fi, horror, etc)
- Dystopian Britain

This course would suit any creative who is looking to begin a career track in film or TV production, or anyone who is looking to complement other creative post-16 choices.

The future

Studying Film and Television Production prepares you for a variety of post-18 options, including University courses in these areas:

- BA (Hons) Film Production
- BSc (Hons) Film & Television Production
- BA (Hons) Film, Cinematics & Photography
- BA (Hons) Creative Media Production: Film

The course also prepares you for vocational study in the form of a Degree Apprenticeship, or for entry level posts in the creative industries.

Drama and Theatre Studies

[Please click here to watch the Drama and Theatre subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements
5 in Drama and 5 in English..

Overview

This is a challenging and engaging course that allows students to work collaboratively creating new devised work as well as encouraging individual research skills. It is a chance to explore the history of theatre and develop an understanding of how theatre makers communicate to an audience. The course will allow students to perform, create, design and evaluate whilst exploring the work of established practitioners such as Brecht, Stanislavski, Artaud, Complicite and many more. Students will also have an opportunity to apply the skills and understanding they have learnt to creating their own original work.

Component 1: Devising (40% of overall A level): Students will work in collaboration to create an original performance and can either explore performative or design elements working from given stimulus in light of a chosen practitioner (for example Artaud or Brecht). This component is assessed internally based on practical performance and a log of the devising process.

Component 2: Text in performance (20%): You will explore a scripted text and in it you will perform one key extract from a given text as well as performing a monologue/ duologue from a different text. These two performances are marked by an external examiner.

Component 3: Theatre makers in practice (2hr 30 min written exam - 40%): It is a written exam but the content is delivered practically. The exam will explore the roles of

directors and designers as well as considering different approaches to interpretation of a set text. This unit explores different approaches to drama and theatre and explores theatrical movements through history and the approaches of a variety of different theatre practitioners.

The exam is made up of three sections:
A is an evaluation of a live production that the students have seen; B is an extended response to a performance text they have studied considering it from the perspective of a performer and designer and; C is an extended response to a performance text from a director's perspective in light of a chosen theatre practitioner.

The future

A level drama is recognised for entry into many degree courses. It is useful for those pursuing any career in the arts, from creative to administrative positions, and, importantly, for many other careers. The highly effective communication skills you will develop are extremely useful in management positions and in areas such as journalism, the media, events management, publishing, teaching, public relations and business in general.

Economics

[Please click here to watch the Economics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

6 in Maths and 5s in English Literature and English Language. Please note, A level Economics and BTEC Business are not permitted to be chosen in conjunction with each other. This is due to the overlap of content which may limit your choices when applying for Higher Education qualifications e.g., university degrees.

Overview

Economics explores how markets work; it looks at how supply and demand interact

to allocate resources in local, national and international markets. This will involve looking at decision making using traditional theories but also looking at a new field in economics: behavioural economics. Students will develop an understanding of why markets fail and consider the strengths and weaknesses of possible government intervention to remedy these market failures.

During their course of study, students will develop an understanding of recent UK economic performance as well as trends in the global economy over the past 25 years. This includes looking at the causes and consequences of the 2008 global recession and comparing the events to the Great Depression. Students will be required to assess the impact and effectiveness of current government policies to deal with these problems, as well as considering alternative policies and approaches. To develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in economics, students will need to be competent in relevant quantitative skills.

What's assessed?

Paper 1: Markets and business behaviour

- 2 hour written exam
- 100 marks
- 35% of A-level

Paper 2: The national and Global economy

- 2 hour written exam
- 100 marks
- 35% of A-level

Paper 3: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

- 2 hour written exam
- 100 marks
- 30% of A-level

English Literature

[Please click here to watch the English Literature subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

A minimum of 5-6 in English Literature and English Language.

Overview

English Literature explores how literature develops over time and how writers across the centuries are influenced by the time periods in which they lived. An A-level literature course provides students the opportunity to develop their perceptions of novels, plays and poetry and to shape their critical analysis by employing a range of secondary non-fiction resources. Students will compare how texts and writers develop their ideas over time and place and how we are still shaped by these ideas in the 21st century.

A level

Across the two years, students will study eight set texts across two exam modules: Shakespeare and poetry pre-1900 and comparative contextual study and one coursework module. The coursework module will be focused on three texts: a play, a novel, and a collection of poetry, all published after 1900 and will account for 20% of the overall grade. Both exams are closed text and account for 40% of the final grade for each. For the comparative contextual study, students will study two texts linked by the theme of The Gothic. At present these texts are The Bloody Chamber & Other Stories by Angela Carter and Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. For the Shakespeare and Poetry pre-1900 module, students will study Shakespeare's Hamlet as well as The Duchess of Malfi by John Webster and Paradise Lost: Books IX and X by John Milton. Wider reading is a key feature of the English literature A level and as such, you will need to be able to independently read a variety of non-fiction and critical theory in addition to the studied texts.

The future

English Literature A level is a well-respected qualification leading to many degree courses and valuable for careers in journalism, education, law,

business or any other profession that values the knowledge, understanding and insight appropriate to literary study, and accurate and coherent writing.

Film Studies

[Please click here to watch the Film Studies subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements
5 in English Literature.

Overview

Assessment is through coursework (30%) and written exam (70%).

Component 1:

You will study film as a form of art, making critical commentaries and constructing your own practical explorations of film art. You will develop knowledge of how to read and interpret film, from the silent era through to classic Hollywood, film noir and realism. You will learn specialist terminology to explore narrative structure, genre and style. The exams consider different periods and movements in film history, including British and American film. You will be taught how to write and edit a professional film script for your coursework in Y12; you will film it in Y13.

Component 2

You will look in more depth at specialist innovations in cinema and study a specific text set by the exam board. You will explore artistic movements, stylistic and formalistic structures, moral and philosophical concepts, and the different way in which documentary film addresses audiences.

For your practical coursework you will make your own short film based on the script you wrote in Y12. Your advanced portfolio will include your research, presentation and production, providing an excellent showcase of your skills to present at university and job interviews.

The future

This is a highly academic course that combines theoretical analysis with practical production. It can lead to a variety of degree, or vocational courses, including film, media studies, or film production.

French

[Please click here to watch the French subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You will need at least a 5 in French at GCSE.

Overview

The A level course is designed to provide you with an extensive knowledge of French society and culture as well as enhancing your ability in the French language. It will enable you to understand and communicate in a variety of contexts and to a range of audiences and will allow students to develop an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of language and culture. The A level qualification will also help to prepare students for higher education.

Paper 1 (40%): This paper involves listening, reading and translation into English. It draws on vocabulary and structures across all themes studied. Students will be required to respond appropriately to texts and listening passages from a variety of sources and contexts.

Paper 2 (30%): This paper involves another translation element, and two essays on either two literary texts, or one literary text and one film. The literary texts range from classic and contemporary novels to short stories and plays. The films studied are feature length.

Paper 3 (30%): This paper is the spoken element of the A level qualification. Students will be asked to complete two tasks; a discussion on a theme from the specification, and a presentation and discussion of

independent research. Students will be assessed on their ability to interact and communicate effectively, and on their ability to summarise and analyse sources relating to their research subject.

The future

You can continue to use and further develop your language skills by taking a language degree course, or a degree course with a language element, such as a BA in European Studies, a BSc in Computing Science with French or a BA in Media Studies with French.

Geography

[Please click here to watch the Geography subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

6 in Geography and 4.5 average in English.

Overview

The Geography A level course is linear, meaning that students who start the course in year 12 will not be sitting the AS exams at the end of the first year of the course and are expected to continue to sit the exams at the end of year 13. The course is designed to make students more aware of their position as global citizens and to give all students a wide knowledge of current global environmental, geopolitical, social and demographic issues.

In order to be successful students will need to be interested in current geographical issues and will need to build their own portfolios of knowledge about current events around the world. Students will also be required to be independent in their learning; most importantly when it comes to completing their 4000 word independent coursework investigation for which they will have to create their own investigation title, devise their own investigation methodology and then analyse and interpret their findings in order to draw conclusions independently.

Geography students will also be required to be able to use a range of statistical, graphical and interpretive skills so an enjoyment of maths is beneficial for students.

Paper 1 (30%):

Section A: Tectonic processes and hazards
Section B: Landscape systems, processes and change (glaciers OR coasts)
Section C: The water cycle and water insecurity
Section D: The carbon cycle and energy security

Paper 2 (30%):

Section A: Globalisation
Section B: Regenerating places and diverse places
Section C: Superpowers
Section D: Health, human rights and intervention; migration, Identity and sovereignty

Paper 3 (20%): Synoptic examination on geographical issues based on a pre-release document.

Paper 4 (20%): Teacher assessed independent investigation – 4000 words

The future

Because Geography develops so many skills, geographers are very attractive to employers. Geography's use of facts, figures, maps, ideas, views and values makes it ideal for decision making at work. Geographers go into education, professional and social services, such as environmental management, environmental health, information services, business and finance, market research, banking, management, civil service, sports management, travel.

Aside from potential future careers geography aims to make students more aware of their role as global citizens and aims to make students more empathetic towards the plight of disadvantaged people in countries at all different stages of development.

Graphic Communication

[Please click here to watch the Graphic Communication subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

Grade 5 or above at GCSE level in Art, Media Studies or a Design and Technology subject.

Overview

In the first term, we introduce students to a range of mark making skills, graphic communication techniques and CAD skills. These will start to build up a design portfolio of practical outcomes.

The second half of year 12 will expand on skills and practices developed and students begin Component 1: Personal investigation: this is a coursework unit where students will develop a personal investigation, produce a design portfolio and final piece based on an idea, issue, concept or era, supported by 1,000-3,000 word essay or written report. This counts for 60% of A level marks and we will work on this till January in year 13.

Component 2: we begin this in February of year 13. An externally set practical coursework assignment (exam) with 15 hours' supervised time, plus preparation. This makes up 40% of A level marks.

Students are required to work in one or more area(s) of graphic communication, such as those listed below. They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

- advertising
- packaging design
- design for print
- illustration
- communication graphics
- interactive media
- branding
- multimedia
- architecture & the built environment
- design for film and television

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of graphic communication media, processes and techniques. You will learn about both traditional and new media and will explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media on a variety of scales. You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design, from the past and from recent times, which will be integral to the investigating and making processes. Responses to these examples must be shown through practical and critical activities that demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

The future

Graphics offers pathways into many areas of the creative and media industries: advertising, television production, magazine design, web and multimedia design, architecture, product design. It also leads into higher education, through being an excellent basis for entering a foundation course, which in turn leads to degree courses.

History

[Please click here to watch the History subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You need a 6 or above in History at GCSE.

Overview

Year 12
You will study two units, each assessed by an exam in Year 13: Unit 1: Russia 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin, Unit 2: Mao's China 1949-76.

The main skill tested in the exams for this course is extended writing. Each paper requires some form of essay. Unit 1 is a breadth study looking at historical interpretations. Unit 2 is a depth study. Students should have a good understanding of how to analyse historical events and should

be able to express themselves well in developed historical arguments. Students should also be confident using source material.

Year 13

This course is composed of one new examination unit and one coursework unit: Unit 3: Ireland and the Union and Unit 4: Coursework: Causes of the Russian revolution.

The coursework represents 20% of the final grade. The purpose of this coursework is to enable students to develop skills in the analysis and evaluation of interpretations of history in a chosen question, problem or issue as part of an independently researched assignment. The coursework is an essay of approximately 3000 words.

The A level course requires more developed answers, essay writing skills, the evaluation of interpretations, and the independent use of sources to construct the coursework assignment. At the end of Year 13 you will take three exams covering the work from Year 12 and Year 13.

The future

History A level prepares students for a multitude of careers and it is a highly respected academic A level. Journalism, law, education, finance and management are all popular areas for students to further their study as undergraduates or to develop as a career.

Mathematics

[Please click here to watch the Mathematics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You need a grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics. You can study mathematics with a grade 6 on the condition that you engage with the additional support provided.

Overview

For the A level you will study two pure mathematics modules, in which GCSE topics such as algebra, trigonometry and coordinate geometry are explored at a higher level. New topics such as calculus will also be introduced. Many of the topics in pure mathematics are interesting in their own right but they are also an important foundation for other branches of mathematics.

You will also study one 'applied' module which involves the study of both mechanics and statistics. Mechanics applies mathematics to physical problems and examines topics such as the motion of objects and how they respond to the action of forces. You will learn the technique of mathematical modelling which turns a complicated physical problem into a simpler one that can be analysed and solved using mathematical methods. Statistics is about the collection, presentation, analysis and interpretation of data. You will also look at probability that can be used, for example, to demonstrate why most gambling games are a very poor bet. You will also formulate, test and evaluate hypotheses.

The Mathematics A level will be assessed on three 2 hour (two pure and one applied including statistics and mechanics) exams all of which will be weighted as

33.3% in the calculation of the final grade awarded.

The future

If you wish to go on to study a degree in engineering, physics or economics, most universities will expect you to have studied A level mathematics. If you wish to study one of these subjects at a top university or do a mathematics degree, studying A level further mathematics will increase your chances (see below).

Further Mathematics

[Please click here to watch the Further Mathematics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You will need to have achieved at least a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics to study A level Further Mathematics. You must also study A level Mathematics in order to choose this subject.

Overview

A level Further Mathematics is a second full A level so you will spend double the amount of time studying mathematics at sixth form. Students who choose Further Mathematics will be allowed to take this as a fourth A level. You will need to complete four examinations to complete your Further Maths A level. You are required to do two 'core pure' maths modules plus two additional modules. In further pure maths you will encounter new and more recent mathematical developments such as complex numbers, polar coordinates and matrices. You will also explore some of the more philosophical aspects of maths. The statistics and mechanics units will further develop the work from statistics and mechanics you have studied for the A level. Decision maths is about solving real-world problems in an efficient manner. You will learn to optimise

resources to maximise profit, plan delivery routes to conserve fuel and organise projects to make the best use of your time.

The Further Mathematics A level is assessed entirely on the four 90 minute examinations at the end of the course. Each of the four topics will be given an equal weighting of 25% in the calculation of the final grade awarded.

The future

Most good universities will expect you to have done Further Maths if you wish to enrol on a Mathematics degree course, but this A level will also improve your chances of getting onto degree courses subjects such as engineering, physics and economics.

Core Mathematics

[Please click here to watch the Core Mathematics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics.

Overview

Core maths is a one-year course and is an alternative to EPQ. It is a level 3 maths qualification that can be taken alongside other A-levels or qualifications. Core maths offers the opportunity to apply mathematics to real-life contexts. The course involves learning new mathematical skills as well as expanding on existing ones from GCSE to work collaboratively to solve problems. You should consider choosing Core Maths if you are planning on studying A-Level subjects such as Sciences, Business, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Sports Science/PE and Geography. Core maths will support you with the mathematical skills needed in these subjects. It is also relevant to various university pathways you might pursue beyond sixth form and college (e.g. Economics, Psychology, Business

Studies, health sciences etc). Universities also encourage you to have Core maths on your applications. Core Maths is very useful in everyday life as it helps you understand and analyse mathematical information and make more informed decisions, (for example in personal finance - understanding student loans, tax, mortgages and inflation). Consider taking Core Maths if you enjoy or would like to keep up your valuable maths skills but are not planning on taking AS or A level Mathematics. Students can take Core maths if they have achieved a Grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics but are not doing A level Maths. It carries the same UCAS points as an AS level and is graded A-E. Core Maths is taken alongside three A Levels, in place of the EPQ or a fourth A Level. Students are assessed on 2 papers: Paper 1 which draws on mostly GCSE maths knowledge applied to everyday situations and Paper 2 which focuses more on statistical analysis. Calculators are allowed for both papers and you are allowed a formulae sheet in the exam. Content includes personal finance, using estimations to calculate real-life problems (such as climate change, poverty, wages, budgeting) and using statistical analysis to make meaningful interpretations of data.

The future

Core Maths is a highly respected qualification by universities. Universities prefer for students to do a maths-related subject post-16 for many courses and if you choose to not do A Level maths then the alternative is Core Maths. This is because it provides students with important mathematical skills that are required for many degree courses including sciences, social sciences and humanities as well as it provides an opportunity to work with numbers based on relevant and interesting real-life situations.

Music

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Minimum entry requirements

6 or above at GCSE Music. You must also be a highly competent performer on an instrument (or as a singer) and have an interest in creating and composing your own music. You must also have an understanding of music theory and you must be able to read music. This is not just a 'classical' music course - musicians from any genre are welcome.

Overview

Appraising music (40%)
The areas of study provide an appropriate focus for students to appraise, develop and demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of musical elements, musical contexts and musical language.

Area of study 1: Western classical tradition 1650–1910 (compulsory) For the purpose of this specification western classical tradition is defined as art music of (or growing out of) the European tradition, normally notated, and normally intended for public performance. There are two strands of music represented which cover two key genres:

- Baroque: the solo concerto
- Classical: the operas of Mozart.

Area of study 2: Pop music. For the purpose of this specification, pop music is defined as popular mainstream music derived from and including a number of musical genres including rock, funk and R&B from 1960 to the present.

Performance (35%). Students must be able to perform music using one or both of the following ways:

- Instrumental/vocal: as a soloist, and/or as part of an ensemble
- Production via technology.
- Students must perform for a minimum of ten minutes.

Students must be able to interpret relevant musical elements specified in subject content, using resources (eg microphones) and techniques (eg pizzicato) as appropriate, to communicate musical ideas with technical and expressive control. Through their performance students must also demonstrate understanding of context, including the chosen style or genre of the music being performed and the composer's purpose and intention.

Composition (25%). Students must learn how to develop musical ideas, including extending and manipulating musical ideas, and compose music that is musically convincing through two compositions. One must be in response to an externally set brief (composition 1) and the other a free composition (composition 2). The combined duration of the compositions must be a minimum of four and a half minutes. Compositions must demonstrate technical control in the use of appropriate musical elements and how they are combined to make sense as a whole.

Students must be able to compose music in one or both of the following formats:

- Instrumental/vocal: produce notated score, written accounts and/or lead sheet by traditional means or by using music software as appropriate
- Production: generated entirely digitally, by using music software, without notated score but with accompanying annotation. Students must be able to make creative use of the musical elements appropriate to their chosen style or genre of music.

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Photography

[Please click here to watch the Photography subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

For A level Photography you will need at least a grade 4 at GCSE in Art, Photography or Graphics and a 4 average in English. It is also possible to gain admission with a portfolio of work that shows a good understanding of photography. Students will also need to demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to the subject and complete a summer assignment.

Overview

Over the two-year linear course you will develop a working knowledge and an understanding of both analogue and digital photography. You will investigate and learn about:

- the use of light as the most important element in photography.
- viewpoints, composition and depth of field.
- darkroom techniques including the recognition of appropriate paper types, developing and printing, emulsions, exposure, tone and contrast.
- manipulation of the image through electronic and mechanical means, using Adobe Photoshop CC.
- the importance and influence of a range of different photographers and artists.
- how to be critical and analytical of both your own work and the work of practicing photographers and artists.

Component 1: Personal investigation (60%) - The course begins with practical workshops and investigations based around the themes of The City & Urban Environment, Portraiture and Ways of Seeing. During the project, you will learn the key skills and techniques necessary to complete the course and will investigate the methods used by practicing photographers when developing their own concepts. You will

learn how to develop and explain your ideas, both visually and in written form. You will then move on to develop your own in-depth personal investigations based on an idea, concept or Theme of your own choice, leading to a final outcome. This will demonstrate your ability to sustain work from an initial starting point through to a considered conclusion. This is a practical component supported by written material of between 1000 and 3000 words of continuous prose.

Component 2: Externally set assignment (40%) – In this component the awarding body (AQA) will provide you with a number of possible Themes to be used as starting points. You will select one theme and, using the skills and knowledge you have gained through the Personal Investigation component, you will produce a body of work exploring your chosen focus. At the end of the preparation period you will complete 15 hours of supervised time under exam conditions and you will present a clearly defined selection of work leading to a finished outcome or series of outcomes.

The future

There are many careers in photography within the creative industries framework of art and design, fine art, graphics and illustration where A Level Photography is useful including journalism, advertising, marketing, design, architecture and publishing or any profession looking for creative people! Some students choose to go on to a one-year foundation course before specialising and some go straight into to a Photography degree. We can assist students with advice on portfolio presentation to support this progression. Our sixth form has a 100% success rate in placing students who want to go on to study photography and art in art colleges. In addition to a career directly in Photography, many academic courses at University like students to have an A Level

such as photography alongside their main subject as it shows breadth of experience and brings many transferrable skills to the table.

Click here or scan the QR code to head to the our photography department website.



Physics

[Please click here to watch the Physics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You will need at least a 6 in Physics if you do separate sciences. For Combined Science you will need at least a 6-6. You will also need at least 6 in Maths and 4.5 average in English.

Overview

The oldest and most fundamental of the sciences, A level Physics explores the limits of our Universe. From the smallest possible lengths and times within the quantum realm to the vast expanse of space-time that continuously stretches out before us. Topics such as particle physics, classical mechanics and field theory probe the very nature of reality itself, what are dimensions? Is time travel possible? What is energy? We deliver the astrophysics option and provide a suite of extra-curricular activities with trips to University College London (UCL) lectures, Greenwich observatory and an annual visit to the World's largest machine: the particle accelerator at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland for a chance to experience the cutting edge of experimental and theoretical physics. We also offer work experience placements within the UCL Department of Physics and Astronomy.

The future

In a world of increasing complexity, the problem solving skills acquired during Physics A-Level are crucial for a variety of university degrees

and careers. Whatever you want to do in the future having advanced mathematical and problem-solving skills, the ability to apply knowledge to unfamiliar situations and express ideas logically and clearly is invaluable.

Politics

[Please click here to watch the Politics subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

4.5 average in English, and a 5 in History, Geography or another humanities subject.

Overview

The aims and objectives of this qualification are to enable students to develop knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the United Kingdom and globally. Students will develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes. Students will acquire knowledge and an informed understanding of the influences and interests which have an impact on decisions in government and politics. They will develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups. Overall students will develop the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgements.

Component 1: UK Politics and core political ideas: This looks at the arrangements for ensuring representative democracy and participation in the UK and students will study liberalism, conservatism and socialism. Component 2: UK Government and non-core political ideas: This encourages students to

develop a critical understanding of the institutions in the UK's governing system and students will study feminism. Component 3: Global politics gives students an opportunity to develop an understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity. It also gives them the opportunity to explore the political issues that affect all of us. Students will gain understanding of abstract political concepts through grounding them in contemporary real world examples and case studies that will develop an international awareness and knowledge of multiple perspectives. The course is examined through 3 two hour written examinations which include a range of source based and essay style questions.

The future

Politics is well suited to a wide range of careers and university courses. It develops students' analytical skills and critical awareness and is highly valued by higher education institutions. Its study is a useful preparation for degrees in law, philosophy, politics and economics, international relations, social sciences and business studies.

Psychology

[Please click here to watch the Psychology subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

5 in Maths, 5 in science, 5 in English.

Overview

Students will be expected to demonstrate in A level:

- Psychological knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specific content
- Be able to apply psychological knowledge and understanding of

specific content in a range of contexts in society

- Interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the specific content
- Evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness
- Demonstrate biological knowledge as some areas of the course is heavily scientific
- Statistics are used in research and so numeracy is a necessary requirement also, 10% of the Psychology examination will be maths centred
- Reading various books and articles and writing essays, therefore literacy skills are crucial

Course structure:

The A2 will be examined with three exam papers, lasting two hours each. All papers will comprise of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Paper 1 will consist of: Social psychology, memory, attachment and psychopathology. Paper 2 will consist of: Approaches, biopsychology and research methods. Paper 3 will consist of: Issues and debates, schizophrenia, aggression and relationships.

The future

Many students go on to study psychology at degree level and you will find that psychology complements the sciences as well as the humanities. Psychologists find themselves working in all areas of life: forensic psychology, health care such as clinical psychology, occupational psychology, education and many other jobs where an understanding of human behaviour is relevant.

Sociology

[Please click here to watch the Sociology subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

4.5 average in English, and a 5 in History, Geography or another humanities subject.

Overview

The course will focus on contemporary society using appropriate comparative and historical materials. You will gain a deeper understanding of the nature of sociological thought, methods of sociological enquiry and substantive sociological topics. You will also learn to write about them in a detailed, coherent and sophisticated fashion.

Unit 1: Education with theory and methods

Unit 2: Families and household, and beliefs and society

Unit 3: Crime and deviance with theory and methods

Assessment

Each exam is worth 33% of the overall grade, and last 2 hours each. Paper 1 and 3 comprise of short mark questions and essay questions, whereas Paper 2 comprises entirely of essay questions.

The future

Sociology A level teaches students about society and encourages you to evaluate research methods. Students wanting to take the subject further at degree level can either study sociology as a single degree or combine it with many other areas of study, including politics, psychology or philosophy. It is useful for any career which involves working with people. Previous students have gone on to study subjects ranging from anthropology to criminology at university and have taken up a variety of careers from law to teaching.

Spanish

[Please click here to watch the Spanish subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You will need at least a 5 (preferably 6) in Spanish at GCSE.

Overview

The A level course is designed to provide you with an extensive knowledge of Spanish society and culture as well as enhancing your ability in the Spanish language. It will enable you to understand and communicate in a variety of contexts and to a range of audiences and will allow students to develop an advanced level of knowledge and understanding of language and culture. The A level qualification will also help to prepare students for higher education.

Paper 1 (40%): This paper involves listening, reading and translation into English. It draws on vocabulary and structures across all themes studied. Students will be required to respond appropriately to texts and listening passages from a variety of sources and contexts.

Paper 2 (30%): This paper involves another translation element, and two essays on either two literary texts, or one literary text and one film. The literary texts range from classic and contemporary novels to short stories and plays. The films studied are feature length.

Paper 3 (30%): This paper is the spoken element of the A level qualification. Students will be asked to complete two tasks; a discussion on a theme from the specification, and a presentation and discussion of independent research. Students will be assessed on their ability to interact and communicate effectively, and on their ability to summarise and analyse sources relating to their research subject.

The future

Having an AS or A level in Spanish will greatly increase your employability and enhance your social interaction. You can continue to use and further develop your language skills by taking a language degree course, or a degree course with a language element, such as a BA in European Studies, a BSc in Computing Science with Spanish or a BA in Media Studies with Spanish.

BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport

Minimum entry requirements

4 in PE or L2 Merit in Sport, and 4 in English

Overview

Please note, this course is the equivalent of one A level.

The course consists of 4 units. 3 of these are mandatory, Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry & 1 optional unit.

These units will help further your understanding of participation and performance in physical activity as part of a balanced, active and healthy lifestyle. You will develop knowledge, understanding, practical skills and appreciation of the context in which sports activity takes place.

The future

The BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport will allow you to go on and study the subject at degree level. It is essential for those students wishing to study a sport science, sport education, sport studies, or sport and exercise science degree. It is also very useful to those seeking to study at degree level to pursue a career in a particular niche within the sports industry, such as coaching, sports psychology,

sports rehabilitation, physiotherapy, sports journalism and PE teaching.

BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

[Please click here to watch the BTEC Diploma in Sport subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

You must have a 4 in PE or BTEC Sport level 2 pass, and 4 in English.

Overview

This course is the equivalent of two A levels.

The course consists of 9 units. 6 of these are mandatory, Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry, Skill Acquisition in Sport, Sports Leadership, Investigating Business in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry & 3 optional units.

These units will help further your understanding of participation and performance in physical activity as part of a balanced, active and healthy lifestyle. You will develop knowledge, understanding, practical skills and appreciation of the context in which sports activity takes place.

We recognise the importance of additional coaching and instructing qualifications alongside this course and will endeavour to provide additional opportunities to take part in other short courses alongside this qualification during the course.

The future

This course is suitable for students wanting to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the sports sector.

The qualification carries UCAS

points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting, or contributing to, admission requirements for many relevant courses.

Learners can progress to higher education on full degree single or combined courses, for example:

- BA (Hons) in Sports Development and Management
- BSc (Hons) Sport and Leisure Management
- BSc (Hons) Sports Science (Outdoor Activities)
- BSc (Hons) in Exercise, Health and Fitness
- BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise Psychology

Textiles - Art & Design

[Please click here to watch the Textiles - Art & Design subject video.](#)

Minimum entry requirements

5 or above at GCSE level in Design and Technology, Textiles or Art, and a 4.5 average in English.

Overview

Year 12: In the first term we introduce students to a range of textile skills and techniques and build up a design portfolio and practical made fashion or textile outcomes. The second half of Year 12 will expand on skills and practices developed.

Component 1: Personal investigation: this is a coursework unit where students will develop a personal investigation, produce a design portfolio and final piece based on an idea, issue, concept or era, supported by 1,000-3,000 word essay or written report. This counts for 60% of A level marks and we will work on this till January in year 13.

Component 2: we begin this in February of year 13. An externally set practical coursework assignment (exam) with 15 hours' supervised time,

plus preparation. This makes up 40% of A level marks.

Students are required to work in one or more area(s) of textile design, such as those listed below. They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

- fashion design
- fashion textiles
- costume design
- digital textiles
- printed and/or dyed fabric and materials
- domestic textiles and wallpaper
- interior design
- constructed textiles
- art textiles
- installed textiles

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of textile media, techniques and processes. You will learn about both traditional and new technologies in textile and fashion design. This will include investigation of a range of resources relating fashion and textiles from the past and from recent times. Your creative responses to your research will be shown through practical and critical activities which demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions in fashion and textile design.

The future

The fashion and textiles industry is a growing industry with many career opportunities in design, styling, marketing and management. A level Textiles Design will support applications to higher education, university and art college foundation/degree courses, including fashion design, textile design, costume design, interior design, fine art, fashion business, fashion marketing and fashion management, and apprenticeships. Graduates from these courses enjoy careers in the textiles industry as designers, stylists, pattern cutters, product developers, buyers, merchandisers/marketers, journalists, retail managers and consultants.

Three-dimensional Design

Minimum entry requirements

Grade 5 or above at GCSE in Design and technology or an Art subject.

Overview

Three-dimensional design is about looking, learning, thinking and communicating ideas. It inspires creative thinkers, problem solvers and people who enjoy making. Three-dimensional design is the ideal opportunity to explore ideas and develop skills and is a great first step for those who wish to follow a course in art and design at university.

However, its balance of practical, academic and analytical skills are widely transferable and students intending to study courses unrelated to art and design find that it complements their other subject choices.

A course in three-dimensional design will enable you to select appropriate materials and learn how they fit together, develop an understanding of scale and experiment with texture and surface finish.

Project one: Year 12

- Used for introducing basic skills, the formal elements and introducing the specification requirements including presentation of work and making connections with the work of others.

Project two: Component 1-personal project year 12 and 13

- Component 1 is a sustained and focused investigation in response to an issue, theme or idea identified and chosen by the student. It is a practical body of work, which is supported by written material of between 1000 and 3000 words. (60% Of overall grade)

Project three: Component -

Externally set assignment 2 year 13

- The externally set assignment (ESA) provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to develop and explore ideas relevant to an externally set starting point. (40% of the overall grade)

The future

Further study and career opportunities Possible degree options

- Architecture
- Model making
- Ceramics
- Product design
- Film and TV set design
- Set design
- Interior design
- Sculpture
- Jewellery design
- Theatre set design
- Landscape architecture

Other courses

Extended Project Qualification

Please click here to visit our [Extended Project Qualification subject page](#).

Entry requirements

This qualification is equivalent to half an A-Level.

Overview

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent piece of project work, graded on an A*-E scale. It is the chance to become an expert in a topic or project of your choosing and will give you the research skills needed for university. Projects can be in one of the following forms:

- dissertation: an extended essay around 6,000 words in which you plan, research, analyse information and then evaluate and review the project. Example dissertations have ranged from "How have women been portrayed within advertising during the past

50 years?" "Should smokers be treated on the NHS?" to "What extent would legalisation of euthanasia affect the medical profession?"

- Artefact: an extended creative project in which you create something with an accompanying 3,000 words. You plan, research, analyse, develop and evaluate the production of the artefact. Example artefacts have ranged from: Designing a skyscraper (Architectural portfolio) to The influence of the 60's on fashion today (Documentary) and The use of make-up in film (Portfolio)

Completing the EPQ will allow you to strengthen your independence, self-motivation, organisation and problem solving skills.

The future

The extended project is highly regarded by top universities and is a chance to explore a topic in real depth, as well as develop research and project management skills, all of which are of great use in higher education and beyond.

GCSE resits

It is now a legal requirement that all students achieving a 3 or below in English Language and Maths GCSE must resit. Currently a 4 is a 'standard' pass, this may not be enough to get you on to specific university courses so we also offer the chance for students with a 4 to resit to try and achieve a 5.

Unfortunately, if you have a 3 or below in both of these subjects we will only be able to provide resits in either English or Maths.

Application information

On this page you will find all the information you need to apply for entry into our sixth form, including key dates and deadlines, information on interviews, how offers are made and when induction days will take place.

We offer four different pathways for sixth form students At SNS all students should sit the equivalent of 3 A levels or equivalent over the two years.

Oversubscription

We aim to allocate 67% of our places to our own internal applicants and reserve the remaining 33% for external applicants. In case of oversubscription to the sixth form please refer to the oversubscription criteria available on our website: www.stokenewingtonschool.co.uk

Application process

You must submit your application online by the deadline outlined in our key dates section on page 15 of this booklet. Your application will then be reviewed by our sixth form team. Conditional offers are made at this stage but subject choices are not final. All offers made are subject to students achieving the entry requirements for the school and each course. In the case of oversubscription please see the '[Oversubscription Policy](#)' on the website.

Enrolment


After receiving your GCSE results you will be required to submit an online enrolment form with an electronic copy of your results. These will then be reviewed and a final decision made on your place at Stoke Newington Sixth Form. Please note, a conditional offer does not guarantee you a place in the Sixth Form. This is subject to you meeting the grade requirements and a space being available based on our oversubscription policy.


Option blocks

Option blocks will be available on the school website. The school reserves the right to withdraw a subject or remove a class without prior notice before the start of the new academic year.

Contact us

If you require any additional information regarding our course offer or the application process, please contact our sixth form administrator:

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The application form and further information can be found on our website:

 www.stokenewingtonschool.co.uk



Top university destinations

Over the last two years, amongst others, students have gone on to:

Bristol: Maths, Chemistry, Engineering, Physics, Psychology

Birmingham: English

Cambridge: Architecture, History, Modern Languages

Canterbury Christ Church: Sports Coaching Science

Durham: Archaeology

Goldsmiths: English, History, Criminology

Glasgow: Psychology, English, Classics

Imperial: Maths, Chemistry

King's College London: Pharmacy

Kingston: Art Foundation

Leeds: Philosophy and Politics, Biology, English, International History and Politics, Economics, Natural Sciences

Manchester: Medicine, English, Biology, Social Anthropology, Mechanical Engineering, Astrophysics

Newcastle: Computer Science, Maths

Oxford: Medicine, Chemistry, History and Politics

Queen Mary's: Dentistry, Medicine, Biology, Biomedical Sciences

Ravensbourne: Art

Sheffield: Zoology, Biology, Journalism, Criminology, Politics

SOAS: Law

Sussex: Anthropology, Law, English and Film

LCF: Fashion Textiles

Edinburgh: Geography

UEA: American & English Literature, Natural Sciences, Pharmaceutical Science

LCC: Graphic Design, Photography, Sound Arts & Design, Games Design

Warwick: Psychology

Westminster: Architecture, Photography



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