



# Sixth Form

## Curriculum Guide

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# Art & Design

Exam Board : Pearson Edexcel  
Qualification : A Level Art & Design  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Art & Design: 5/6

## Course work: 60% of total qualification

Four terms of building up a portfolio (Sketchbooks) of work based on their own ideas and concepts. This must contain, individual research and investigations, on their chosen themes.

Experimental work, to develop ideas towards their outcomes and an understanding of the context of their work and what it means and what it relates to. The student will also have to be able to demonstrate critical understanding of artists of the past and current contemporary practicing artists. All the students are taught these skills at GCSE and they are reinforced and enhanced at A level. All students would be expected to produce three to four major outcomes from this period of work.

## ESA (Externally Set Assignment) 40% of the Qualification

The students are given an exam paper from the exam that will set a theme for them to challenge and consider possibilities. The student will then have approximately 8 to 10 weeks to build up a portfolio of work (Sketchbooks) which demonstrates all the criteria required towards developing an idea for their final piece. The final piece is done in an 15 hour examination split over two to three days of continuous making.

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

The university and career options from Art and Photography are enormous, numerous and incredibly varied. students who have gone on to the creative industries have ended up practicing successfully as artists, sculptors and fashion designers. The course leads onto numerous different career pathways, such as graphic design, product design, Journalistic photography, web designers, App designers, Architects, Media designers, theater design, costume design, TV and film. The creative arts are the biggest employment area in the UK which contributes around £70 billion to the UK economy every year.

# Biology

Exam Board : OCR A  
Qualification : A-Level Biology  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Biology or Double Science: 7

## Modules

- Module 1: Development of practical skills in Biology
- Module 2: Foundations in Biology
- Module 3: Exchange and transport
- Module 4: Biodiversity, evolution and disease
- Module 5: Communication, homeostasis and energy
- Module 6: Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

## Assessment

There are 3 papers.

- Paper 1 is worth 37% of the course and is 2 hours 15 minutes long
- Paper 2 is worth 37% of the course and is 2 hours 15 minutes long
- Paper 3 is worth 26% of the course and is 1 hour 30 minutes long

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

An A Level in Biology will stand you in very good stead. Many courses and careers would welcome the prior study of Biology in the Sixth Form.

Examples include Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Nursing, Physiotherapy, and of course Teaching to name but a few!

# Business Studies

Exam Board	: AQA
Qualification	: A Level Business Studies
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Maths: 5/6

Paper 1 (AS):  
Business 1  
Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. 80 marks.  
50% of AS.

Students study a variety of contexts eg large v small, UK focused v global and service v manufacturing.

Paper 2 (AS):  
Business 2  
Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. 80 marks.  
50% of AS.

Students look at the importance of the context of business in relation to decision making, competitiveness, the markets, the influences of functional decision and plans including ethical and environmental issues, how technology is changing the way decisions are made, the impact of stakeholders and the use of non-quantitative and quantitative data in decision making.

Paper 1 (A-Level):  
Business 1  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
100 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

The A-Level topics lend themselves to engaging with the business world. Students follow business developments and think critically about contemporary business issues.

Paper 2 (A-Level):  
Business 2  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
100 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

Students look at the impact of technology on strategic decision making, the influence of Corporate Social Responsibility, ethical and environmental issues on strategic decisions, the difficulties in forecasting future trends, the importance of assessing feasibility and risk when making strategic decisions and the impact on stakeholders of strategic decisions and their response to such decisions.

Paper 3 (A-Level):  
Business 3  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
100 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

There is a wide range of vocational qualifications linked to studying business; namely accounting, business administration, enterprise and entrepreneurship, hospitality, travel and tourism and information technology.

# Chemistry

Exam Board : OCR A  
Qualification : A-Level Chemistry  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Chemistry or Double Science: 7

## Modules

- Module 1 – Development of practical skills in Chemistry
- Module 2 – Foundations in Chemistry
- Module 3 – Periodic table and energy
- Module 4 – Core organic Chemistry
- Module 5 – Physical Chemistry and transition elements
- Module 6 – Organic Chemistry and analysis

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## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

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# Computer Science

Exam Board	: Pearson Edexcel
Qualification	: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Computer Science: 6 and/or GCSE Maths: 6

## Size and Structure

Equivalent in size to three A Levels. 13 units of which 7 are mandatory and 4 are external.

Mandatory content (67%). External assessment (42%).

All optional units are internally assessed through two coursework assignments.

As optional units are grouped and learners can select one of the pathways.

Mandatory Units	Systems development (SD) options pathway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Principles of Computer Science</li><li>■ Fundamentals of Computer Systems</li><li>■ Planning and Management of Computing Projects</li><li>■ Software Design and Development Project</li><li>■ IT Systems Security and Encryption</li><li>■ Business Applications of Social Media</li><li>■ The Impact of Computing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Object-oriented Programming</li><li>■ Human-computer Interaction</li><li>■ Website Development</li><li>■ Relational Database Development</li><li>■ Computer Networking</li><li>■ Systems Analysis and Design</li></ul>
User eXperience (UX) options pathway	Computing technology (CT) options pathway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Human-computer Interaction</li><li>■ Computer Games Development</li><li>■ Website Development</li><li>■ Mobile Apps Development</li><li>■ Computer Networking</li><li>■ Systems Analysis and Design</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Computer Networking</li><li>■ Virtualisation</li><li>■ Object-oriented Programming</li><li>■ Digital Graphics and Animation</li><li>■ Digital Video</li><li>■ Mobile Apps Development</li></ul>

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

Undergraduate study in Computer Science, Creative Digital Media, Business Information Systems, Computer Systems and Networks

This qualification also supports progression towards a professional career in roles such as a software engineer, business analyst, systems analyst, network engineer, technical consultant, web developer, database experts and software tester.

# Drama

Exam Board	: Pearson
Qualification	: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Drama: 6

## Size and Structure

Equivalent in size to three A Levels. 13 units of which 7 are mandatory and 4 are external. Mandatory content (67%). External assessment (42%).

### Mandatory Units

- Investigating Practitioners' Work
- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Group Performance Workshop
- Performing Arts in the Community
- Individual Performance Commission
- Final Live Performance to an Audience
- Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts

### Optional Units

- Theatre Directing
- Writing for Performance
- Screen Acting
- Interpreting Classical Text for Performance
- Acting Styles
- Developing the Voice for Performance
- Improvisation
- Movement in Performance
- Children's Theatre Performance
- Site Specific Performance
- Physical Theatre Techniques
- Puppetry Technique
- Performing with Masks

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

In addition to the performing arts sector-specific content, this qualification provides learners with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

Other skills essential for further study include research, independent learning, extended writing, sourcing, evaluating information and drawing conclusions which are covered in the Investigating Practitioners' Work unit.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for degree courses.



# Economics

Exam Board	: AQA
Qualification	: A Level Economics
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Maths: 6

Paper 1 (AS):  
Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes  
70 marks  
50% of AS

Paper 1: The operation of markets and market failure  
This is primarily about studying microeconomics. Students will be required to acquire knowledge and understanding of a selection of microeconomic models and apply them to current issues.

Paper 2 (AS):  
Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes  
70 marks  
50% of AS

Paper 2: The national economy in a global context  
This is primarily about studying macroeconomics - the measurement of performance, how it works, economic performance and policy.

Paper 1 (A-Level):  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
80 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

Paper 1: Markets and market failure  
Paper 2: National and international economy  
Paper 3: Economic principles and issues

Paper 2 (A-Level):  
Business 2  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
80 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

This course is split into two main sections, microeconomic issues and macroeconomic sections. The main subject content areas are Individuals, firms, markets and market failure and the national and international economy.

Paper 3 (A-Level):  
Business 3  
Written Exam: 2 hours  
80 marks  
33.3% of A-Level

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

Studying Economics allows for a wide range of career options. Those directly linked to Economics include Actuarial analyst, Chartered accountant, data analyst, Economist, Investment Analyst, Political Risk analyst, Statistician and Stockbroker.

# English Language (resit)

Exam Board	: AQA
Qualification	: English GCSE Resit
Examination Dates	: November 2021 and/or June 2022

<b>Exam Paper 1</b> 50% of qualification 1 hour and 45 minutes	Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
<b>Exam Paper 2</b> 50% of qualification 1 hour and 45 minutes	Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
<b>Non-examination Assessment</b> 0% of qualification Assessed in school	Spoken Language

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

Achieving a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language will allow you to take study a wider range of courses in both Further and Higher Education. Furthermore, passing GCSE English Language may provide more opportunities in the world of work.

# English Literature

Exam Board : Pearson Edexcel  
Qualification : A-Level English Literature  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE English Language: 6 GCSE English Literature: 6

<b>Component 1: Drama</b>  30% of total qualification 2 hours and 15 minutes  Open book	HSW Option 1: Tragedy Shakespeare: Othello Other Drama: A Streetcar Named Desire  HSW Option 2: Comedy Shakespeare: Twelfth Night Other Drama: The Importance of Being Earnest
<b>Component 2: Prose</b>  20% of total qualification 1 hour and 15 minutes  Open book	HSW Option 1 Pre-1900: Frankenstein Post-1900: Never Let Me Go or The Handmaid's Tale  HSW Option 2 Pre-1900: Wuthering Heights Post-1900: A Thousand Splendid Suns
<b>Component 3: Poetry</b>  20% of total qualification 1 hour and 15 minutes  Open book	Post-2000 Specified Poetry: Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002–2011  Pre-1900 Anthology Poetry: The Romantic Period or the Victorian Period or Christina Rossetti  Post-1900 Anthology Poetry: The Modernism Period or The Movement
<b>Component 4: Non-examination assessment</b>  20% of total qualification 2500 - 3000 coursework	Teachers will either independently choose two texts for coursework or will make a choice in consultation with the students.

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

As the course involves a number of cross-curricular skills, including detailed analysis and written communication, studying A-Level English Literature opens the door to a wide array of future prospects. It is for this reason that A-Level English Literature is highly regarded in both Higher Education and the world of work.

# French

Exam Board	: Edexcel
Qualification	: A-Level French
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE French: 6 GCSE English Language: 5

## Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation

40% of total qualification  
2 hours

This paper draws on vocabulary and structures studied across the following four themes:

Theme 1: Les changements dans la société française

Theme 2: La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones

Theme 3: L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française

Theme 4: L'Occupation et la Résistance

Pupils will read a variety of texts, listen to conversations in different contexts and translate an unseen passage from French into English.

## Paper 2: Written response to works and translation

30% of total qualification  
2 hours 40 minutes

This paper draws on the study of a French literary text and a French film, chosen at the teacher's discretion. It will involve translating an unseen passage into French, and pupils will write an extended response in French about the film and literary text they have studied.

## Paper 3: Speaking (internally conducted and externally assessed)

30% of total qualification  
21-23 minutes, including  
5 minutes' preparation time

The speaking exam will involve two tasks.

Task 1 involves a discussion based on one of the themes studied during the course (see themes above).

Task 2 is a presentation and discussion based on independent research chosen and carried out by the pupil. The research may be based on one of the themes or on the pupil's own subject of interest related to the society and culture of the language studied.

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

As well as the study of French and related areas like translation or linguistics, languages complement many subjects at degree level.

Proficiency in languages is considered an asset by many employers and gives you a wide range of career options including in the sectors of travel and tourism, law, marketing, journalism and banking. Employers value the transferable skills which language study provides.



# Further Mathematics

Exam Board : Edexcel  
Qualification : A-Level Further Mathematics  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Maths: 8/9

## Paper 1: Core Pure Mathematics

Written examination:  
1 hour and 40 minutes  
50% of the qualification  
80 marks

### Content overview

- Proof
- Complex numbers
- Matrices
- Further algebra and functions
- Further calculus
- Further vectors

## Paper 2: Further Mathematics

Options Written examination:  
1 hour and 40 minutes  
50% of the qualification  
80 marks

### Content overview

Students take one of the following ten options:

- 2A: Further Pure Mathematics 1 and Further Pure Mathematics 2
- 2B: Further Pure Mathematics 1 and Further Statistics 1
- 2C: Further Pure Mathematics 1 and Further Mechanics 1
- 2D: Further Pure Mathematics 1 and Decision Mathematics 1
- 2E: Further Statistics 1 and Further Mechanics 1
- 2F: Further Statistics 1 and Decision Mathematics 1
- 2G: Further Statistics 1 and Further Statistics 2
- 2H: Further Mechanics 1 and Decision Mathematics 1
- 2J: Further Mechanics 1 and Further Mechanics 2
- 2K: Decision Mathematics 1 and Decision Mathematics 2

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

Please refer to Mathematics A Level but note that mathematicians are at the heart of space research, aircraft design and many engineering disciplines as well as at the forefront of information technology.

# Geography

Exam Board : AQA  
Qualification : A-Level Geography  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Geography: 5

## Component 1:

Written exam:  
2 hours 30 minutes

120 marks  
40% of A - Level

Physical Geography. Units consisting of;

- Water and carbon cycles, this section of our specification focuses on the major stores of water and carbon at or near the Earth's surface and the dynamic cyclical relationships associated with them.
- Glacial Systems and landscapes, This section of our specification focuses on glaciated landscapes. These are dynamic environments in which landscapes continue to develop through contemporary processes but which mainly reflect former climatic conditions associated with the Pleistocene era.
- Hazards, focuses on the lithosphere and the atmosphere, which intermittently but regularly present natural hazards to human populations, often in dramatic and sometimes catastrophic fashion.

## Component 2:

Written exam:  
2 hours 30 minutes

120 marks  
40% of A - Level

Human Geography. Units consisting of;

- Global systems and global governance. This section of our specification focuses on globalisation – the economic, political and social changes associated with technological and other driving forces which have been a key feature of global economy and society in recent decades.
- Changing places. This section of our specification focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.
- Resource security. This specification focuses on the large-scale exploitation of unevenly distributed natural resources, which is one of the defining features of the present era. Increasing demand for water, energy and minerals and their critical role in human affairs leads to massive local and regional transfers of water and massive global transfers of energy and minerals.

## Component 3:

3000 - 4000 words  
60 marks  
20% of A - Level

Geography Fieldwork Investigation. All students are required to undertake fieldwork in relation to processes in both physical and human geography. Students must undertake four days of fieldwork during their A-level course.

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

A range of fields, including those in the education, commerce, industry, transport, tourism and public sectors. You'll also have many transferable skills, attracting employers from the business, law and finance sectors.

# German

Exam Board	: Edexcel
Qualification	: A-Level German
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE German: 6 GCSE English Language: 5

## Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation

40% of total qualification  
2 hours

This paper draws on vocabulary and structures studied across the following four themes:

Theme 1: Gesellschaftliche Entwicklung in Deutschland

Theme 2: Politische und künstlerische Kultur im deutschen Sprachraum

Theme 3: Immigration und die deutsche multikulturelle Gesellschaft

Theme 4: Die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands

Pupils will read a variety of texts, listen to conversations in different contexts and translate an unseen passage from German into English.

## Paper 2: Written response to works and translation

30% of total qualification  
2 hours 40 minutes

This paper draws on the study of a German literary text and a German film, chosen at the teacher's discretion. It will involve translating an unseen passage into German, and pupils will write an extended response in German about the film and literary text they have studied.

## Paper 3: Speaking (internally conducted and externally assessed)

30% of total qualification  
21-23 minutes, including  
5 minutes' preparation time

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## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

As well as the study of German and related areas like translation or linguistics, languages complement many subjects at degree level.

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# History

Exam Board	: Cambridge
Qualification	: A-Level History
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE History: 6

<p><b>Component 1</b></p> <p>Document Question: 1 hour 15 minutes 40 marks Externally assessed: 20% of A-Level</p>	<p>Candidates answer one two-part document question on one of the options given. Candidates must answer both parts of the question they choose. Option choice at discretion of teacher, one from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Liberalism and Nationalism in Italy and Germany, 1815–1871</li> <li>■ The Origins of the Civil War, 1846–1861</li> <li>■ The Search for International Peace and Security, 1919–1945</li> </ul>
<p><b>Component 2</b></p> <p>Outline Study: 1 hour 45 minutes 60 marks Externally assessed: 30% of A-Level</p>	<p>Candidates answer two two-part questions from three on one of the options given. Candidates must answer both parts of the questions they choose. Option choice at discretion of teacher, one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Modern Europe, 1789–1917</li> <li>■ The History of the USA, 1840–1941</li> <li>■ International Relations, 1871–1945</li> </ul>
<p><b>Component / Module 3</b></p> <p>Interpretations Question: 1 hour 15 minutes 40 marks Externally Assessed: 20% of the A-Level</p>	<p>Candidates answer one interpretations question on one of the options given in the syllabus. Option choice at discretion of teacher, one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Causes and Impact of British Imperialism, c.1850–1939</li> <li>■ The Holocaust</li> <li>■ The Origins and Development of the Cold War, 1941–1950</li> </ul>
<p><b>Component 4</b></p> <p>Depth Study: 1 hour 45 minutes 60 marks Externally Assessed: 30% of A Level</p>	<p>Candidates answer two questions on their chosen depth study. Externally assessed 30% of the A Level. Option choice at discretion of teacher, one from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Europe of the Dictators, 1918–1941</li> <li>■ The History of the USA, 1945–1990 International History, 1945–1991</li> <li>■ African History, 1945–1991</li> <li>■ Southeast Asian History, 1945–1990s</li> </ul>

What can I go onto from studying this subject?

History, PPE, Economics, Law



# Mathematics

Exam Board : Edexcel  
Qualification : A-Level Mathematics  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Maths: 7

## Paper 1 and Paper 2: Pure Mathematics

Each paper is: 2-hour written  
examination  
33.33% of the qualification  
100 marks

### Content overview

Topic 1 – Proof  
Topic 2 – Algebra and functions  
Topic 3 – Coordinate geometry in the  $(x, y)$  plane  
Topic 4 – Sequences and series  
Topic 5 – Trigonometry  
Topic 6 – Exponentials and logarithms  
Topic 7 – Differentiation  
Topic 8 – Integration  
Topic 9 – Numerical methods  
Topic 10 – Vectors

## Paper 3 Applied Mathematics

2 hours  
33.33% of the qualification  
100 marks

### Content overview

#### Section A: Statistics

Topic 1 – Statistical sampling  
Topic 2 – Data presentation and interpretation  
Topic 3 – Probability  
Topic 4 – Statistical distributions  
Topic 5 – Statistical hypothesis testing

#### Section B: Mechanics

Topic 6 – Quantities and units in mechanics  
Topic 7 – Kinematics  
Topic 8 – Forces and Newton's laws  
Topic 9 – Moments

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

This is probably the most marketable A Level in terms of acceptability. Many courses and careers would welcome the prior study of mathematics in the Sixth Form.

Examples include Computing, Accountancy, Economics, Business, Banking, Air Traffic Control, Retail Management, Architecture, Surveying, Medicine and of course, Teaching to name but a few!

# Mathematics (resit)

Exam Board : AQA  
Qualification : Mathematics GCSE Resit  
Recommended entry requirements : November 2021 and/or June 2022

## Paper 1

### Written exam

- 1 hour 30 minutes
- 80 marks
- Non-calculator
- 33.33% of the GCSE Mathematics assessment

## Paper 2

### Written exam

- 1 hour 30 minutes
- 80 marks
- Calculator allowed
- 33.33% of the GCSE Mathematics assessment

## Paper 3

### Written exam

- 1 hour 30 minutes
- 80 marks
- Calculator allowed
- 33.33% of the GCSE Mathematics assessment

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

Achieving a Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics will allow you study a wider range of courses in both Further and Higher Education and may provide more opportunities in the world of work.

# Music

Exam Board	: Pearson
Qualification	: Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music or Music production
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Music: 6 and above

Learning and Teaching modules A or B and assessment units.

## A. Music Skills Development

Assessment Units:

- Performing as an ensemble
- Creating musical material
- Using musical styles

OR

## B. Music Production Skills Development

Assessment Units:

- Studio recording
- Creating musical material through production
- Music technology and live events

Learning and teaching modules and assessment units - both pathways:

## Both pathways:

Assessment Units:

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- Planning a career in the industry

D.

- Personal Music Profile
- Using development plans to refine skills
- Producing a personal project

E.

- Using material for self-promotion and networking  
Collaborative Music Project
- Undertaking a defined technical project role  
Using creative collaboration to develop a project
- Producing a collaborative project

Assessment units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified. All assessment units contribute proportionately to the overall qualification grade.

All assessments are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification.

## What can I go onto

- BMus (Hons) in Music (Performance)
- BA (Hons) in Music Technology and Production
- BA (Hons) in Creative Musicianship
- BA (Hons) in Digital Music and Sound Arts
- BMus (Hons) in Contemporary Music Performance
- BA (Hons) in Music Performance, Production and Composition

# Photography

Exam Board	: Pearson Edexcel
Qualification	: A-Level Photography
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Art & Design: 5/6

## Course work:

60% of total qualification

Four terms of building up a portfolio (Sketchbooks) of work based on their own ideas and concepts. This must contain, individual research and investigations, on their chosen themes. Experimental work, to develop ideas towards their outcomes and an understanding of the context of their work and what it means and what it relates to. The student will also have to be able to demonstrate critical understanding of Photographers of the past and current contemporary practicing photographers. All the students are taught these skills at GCSE and they are reinforced and enhanced at A level. All students would be expected to produce three to four major outcomes from this period of work.

## ESA (Externally Set Assignment)

40% of the Qualification

The students are given an exam paper from the exam board that will set a theme for them to challenge and consider possibilities. The student will then have approximately 8 to 10 weeks to build up a portfolio of work (Sketchbooks) which demonstrates all the criteria required towards developing an idea for their final piece. The final piece is done in an 15 hour examination split over two to three days of continuous making. For the photography this consists of editing final work through the use of photoshop work refining their concept to a conclusion.

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

The university and career options from Photography are enormous, numerous and incredibly varied. students who have gone on to the creative industries have ended up practicing successfully as photographers, film, Television and fashion. The course leads onto numerous different career pathways, such as graphic design, product design, Journalistic photography, web designers, App designers, Media designers, theatre design, costume design, TV and film. The creative arts are the biggest employment area in the UK which contributes around £70 billion to the UK economy every year.



# Physical Education

Exam Board	: Pearson
Qualification	: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Physical Education: 5

## Size and Structure

This is a two year, full-time course equivalent in size to three A Levels. 14 units of which 10 are mandatory and 4 are external. Mandatory content (78%). External assessment (42%).

### Mandatory Units

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|---|---|
| ■ Anatomy and Physiology  | ■ Coaching for Performance  |
| ■ Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being | ■ Research Methods in Sport                                       |
| ■ Professional Development in the Sports Industry                   | ■ Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity        |
| ■ Sports Leadership   | ■ Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry |
| ■ Practical Sports Performance                                      | ■ Skill Acquisition in Sport                                      |

### Optional Units

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| ■ Application of Fitness Testing | ■ Sports Performance Analysis                 |
| ■ Sports Psychology              | ■ Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport |
| ■ Sports Event Organisation      | ■ Technical and Tactical Demands of Sport     |
| ■ Research Project in Sport      |   |
| ■ Sports Injury Management       |   |

## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

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:

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

# Physics

Exam Board : OCR A  
Qualification : A-Level Physics  
Recommended entry requirements : GCSE Physics or Double Science: 7

## Modules

- Module 1: Development of practical skills in physics
- Module 2: Foundations in physics
- Module 3: Forces and motion
- Module 4: Electrons, waves and photons
- Module 5: Newtonian world and astrophysics
- Module 6: Particles and medical physics

## Assessment

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## What can I go onto from studying this subject?

An A Level in Physics will stand you in very good stead. Many courses and careers would welcome the prior study of Physics in the Sixth Form.

Examples include Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Astro Physics, Computer Science, Engineering, and of course Teaching to name but a few!

# Religious Studies

Exam Board	: Edexcel / Pearson
Qualification	: A-Level Religious Studies
Recommended entry requirements	: GCSE Religious Studies: 5

## Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion

Written examination: 2 hours  
33.33% of the qualification  
80 marks

### Content overview

Philosophical issues and questions; The nature and influence of religious experience; Problems of evil and suffering; Philosophical language; Works of scholars; Influences of developments in religious belief.

## Paper 2: Religion and Ethics

Written examination: 2 hours  
33.33% of the qualification  
80 marks

### Content overview

Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; A study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance; Ethical language; Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues.

## Paper 3: New Testament Studies or Study of Religion

Written examination: 2 hours  
33.33% of the qualification  
80 marks

### Content overview

Social, historical and religious context of the New Testament; Texts and interpretation of the Person of Jesus; Interpreting the text and issues of relationship, purpose and authorship; Ways of interpreting the scripture; Texts and interpretation: the Kingdom of God, conflict, the death and resurrection of Jesus; Scientific and historical-critical challenges, ethical living and the works of scholars.

Or

Options Students take one of the following six options. 4A: Buddhism 4B: Christianity 4C: Hinduism 4D: Islam 4E: Judaism 4F: Sikhism Content overview:

Religious beliefs, values and teachings; Sources of wisdom and authority; Practices that shape and express religious identity; Social and historical developments; Works of scholars; Religion and society; Primary texts.

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