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Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering studying your A Levels with us and becoming part of our community here at the Crewe Campus. In the summer, we once again celebrated exceptional A Level results. We are very proud of our learners, most of whom have now started on Degree courses at their first-choice universities, with many progressing onto prestigious Russell Group universities.

These outstanding achievements are the result of the hard work and commitment from all our learners and staff. Our staff work together with you and your parents/carers to ensure you have the support required to excel in your studies and are fully prepared for the next exciting stage of your life.

Studying at College is different to school and we will fully support you to make this transition. We have a fantastic team of teaching and support staff who will ensure that you settle in quickly and get used to more independent ways of studying and learning. You will have a dedicated Personal Development Tutor (PDT) who will support you to get the most out of your time and studies at College.

You can choose from over 30 different subjects and you will be taught by our outstanding subject-specialist A Level tutors in our university-standard facilities.

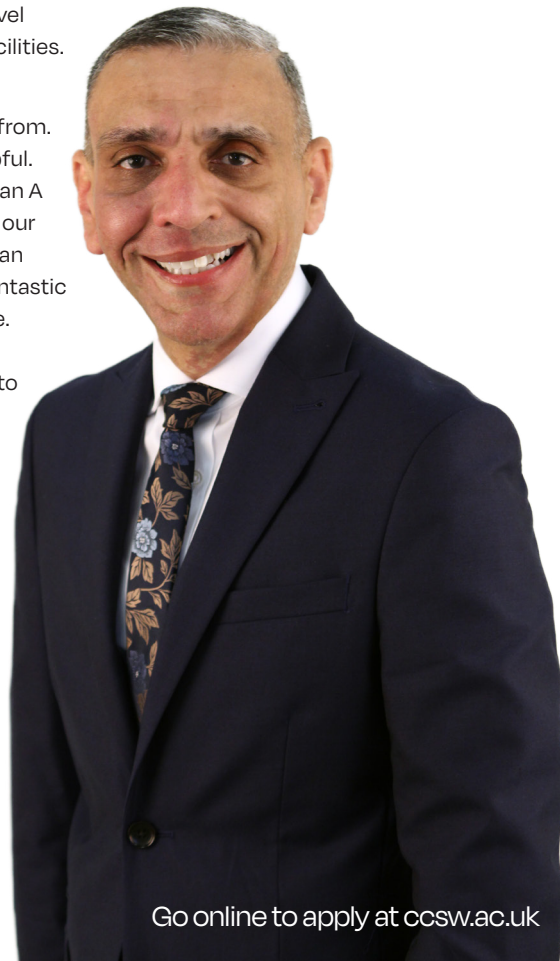
This guide gives you a flavour of the subjects offered for you to choose from. I hope you find the information helpful. To get an even better feel for life as an A Level learner at College, take part in our Open Events and Taster Days. You can also arrange to have a tour of our fantastic facilities – go online to find out more.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cheshire College.

Jasbir Dhesi



Principal and Chief Executive



Go online to apply at ccsw.ac.uk

Why Choose Cheshire College?

The Crewe Campus is one of the most popular places for A Level learners to study.

We are committed to academic excellence and last year we celebrated another year of outstanding results.

EXTENSIVE RANGE OF COURSES

SUBJECT-SPECIALIST TUTORS

UNIVERSITY-STANDARD FACILITIES

EXCELLENT SUPPORT

STRONG LINKS WITH UNIVERSITIES

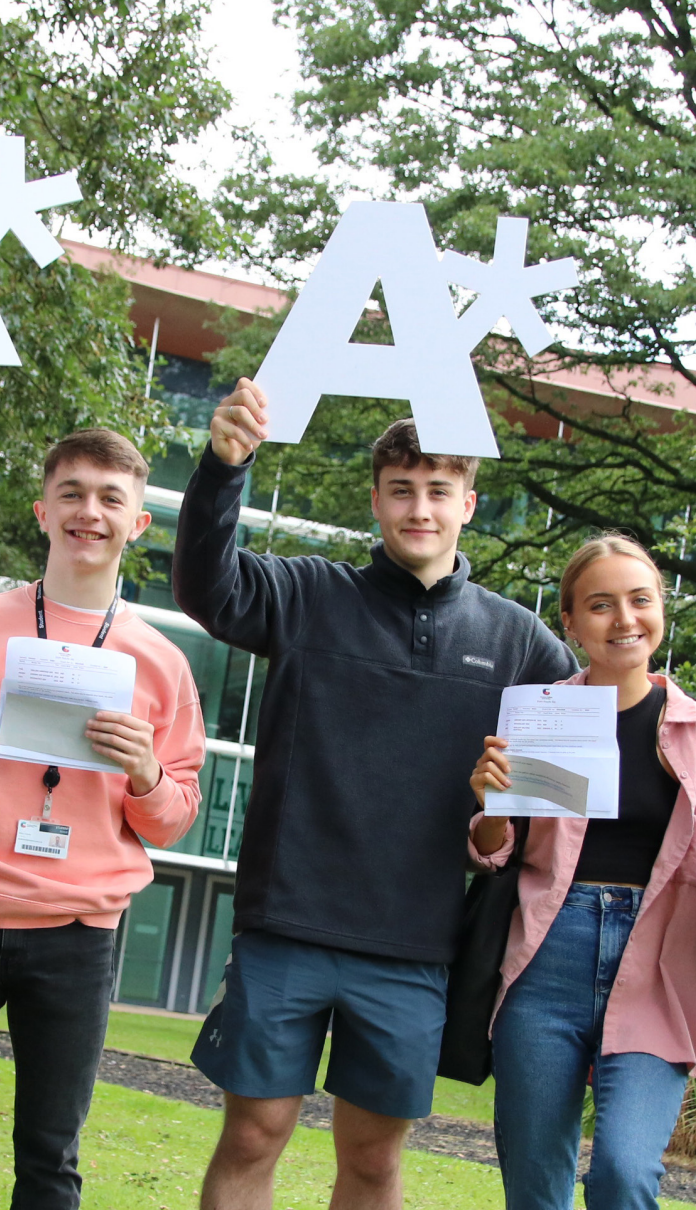
FUTURES PROGRAMME

VIBRANT COLLEGE LIFE

RESIDENTIALS AND VISITS

STUDENT VOICE





Outstanding Success

Over
62%
of A Level learners
received A*-B
grades

100%
pass rate across all
A Level subjects

33%
achieved A*, A or B
grades or higher

Every year our learners go on to secure places at the country's top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, Durham, Exeter, University College London, Manchester, Liverpool, Warwick, Bristol and York.

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Futures Programme

The Futures Programme at Cheshire College is a unique selection of pathways designed to support progression onto university. We work with learners to boost their skills and confidence through academic and professional programmes.

The Futures Programme comprises three pathways:

Scholars Programme

This programme is for learners who aspire to study at Oxbridge Universities and on competitive courses, including medicine, dentistry and veterinary sciences. You will be supported by experienced staff to acquire the knowledge and skills you need when applying to these universities and for these courses.

Learners also have the option to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This is an independent research task and involves you writing an essay info@ccsw.ac.uk

of around 5,000 words or creating a product with an accompanying shorter essay of 1,000 words. In addition, learners can apply for a place on one of the following four subject centres, in partnership with Corpus Christi College and Pembroke College, Oxford:

- The North West Science Network
- Pembroke North Enlightenment Programme (Humanities)
- The Stewart Sutherland Centre for Philosophy and World Religions
- The Manchester Centre for Languages and Culture (MCLC)

Honours Programme

This programme is ideal to support you in gaining a place at the competitive Russell Group universities. The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities that maintain the very best research, outstanding teaching and learning and have unrivalled links with businesses and the public sector.

The Honours Programme comprises the following four strands:



You will take part in activities throughout your first year, led by experienced staff and academics from leading universities, to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to make a successful application to these universities.

Uni Ready Programme

The Uni Ready Programme is open to all learners who are interested in discovering university. Offering subject-specific lectures delivered by academics from leading universities, you will boost your skills and confidence to help you make informed decisions about applying for a university course.

We have programmes suitable for A Level and full-time learners across a broad range of subjects, working alongside some of the UK's top university departments. Most universities require candidates to demonstrate wider learning and additional skills acquired through participating in these opportunities.



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Learner Limelights



Tiegan Eade

High School: Thomas Adams School

College Subjects: Biology (A*), Chemistry (A) and History (A)

Progressing to: BSc (Hons) Degree in Medicine at the University of Liverpool

"The variety of A Level subjects on offer is what attracted me to Cheshire College and I have really enjoyed learning about the different subjects in depth. I'm glad I chose to study at the College as I have made some great friends and have found the adult environment has helped to prepare me for my next steps to study Medicine at the University of Liverpool, with my ultimate goal being to become a qualified Doctor."



Sam Gallacher

High School: Sandbach School (Boys)

College Subjects: A Levels in English Language (A), English Literature (A*) and History (A)

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in English Literature at the University of Manchester

"A key highlight of my time at Cheshire College is studying the different A Level subjects. I thoroughly enjoyed studying Shakespeare in English Literature and am going on to study English Literature at University. I have really enjoyed my time at Cheshire College and I can't wait to start University in September!"



Robert McLaren

High School: Rastrick High School in West Yorkshire

College Subjects: A Levels in Chemistry (C), Maths (A) and Physics (A)

Progressing to: BSc (Hons) in Physics and Astrophysics at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

"The Open Evening really sold Cheshire College to me as I was able to see the great facilities the College has to support me with my studies, such as the chemistry and physics laboratories.

The College has been very supportive of me with my studies and I have very much felt part of the Cheshire College community which has helped me to achieve my great A Level results, but also in securing a place on the Physics and Astrophysics Degree at the University of Central Lancashire. I eventually hope to become an Astronomer or Lab Technician."



Natalie Turner

High School: St Thomas More Catholic High School

College Subjects: A Level Biology (A*), Chemistry (A*), Maths (A*), Extended Project Qualification (A)

Progressing to: BSc (Hons) in Earth Science at University of Oxford

"Following high school, I wanted to study in a College environment where I could develop my independence skills which would better prepare me for university. I was also interested in the extra programmes the College offered such as the 'Scholars Programme'. The support I received from tutors was great and I also received support to prepare me for the University's admissions interview which resulted in the offer of a place at the University of Oxford studying Earth Science, which I was over the moon about!"



Alan Prophet

High School: St Thomas More Catholic High School

College Subjects: A Levels in Computer Science (A*), Economics (B) and Maths (A)

Progressing to: BSc (Hons) Degree in Computer Science at the University of Manchester

"I have enjoyed my time at Cheshire College and found the first few weeks less daunting than originally expected as tutors were so friendly and welcoming which helped me to really settle in.

The tutors have been really organised and supportive throughout my studies and have inspired me to go to University to study Computer Science, with my ultimate goal of becoming a Software Engineer."



Oriana Paraschiv

High School: St Thomas More Catholic High School

College Subjects: A Levels in Maths (A*), Computer Science (A) and Physics (A)

Progressing to: Degree Apprenticeship in Software Engineering with Vodafone

"I've always known I wanted to do A Levels and I was thinking about going to university. After reading about university I started looking at Degree Apprenticeships instead and realised that they would be the best choice for me in Engineering.

College is fun and I've had a great experience. Gaining a Degree Apprenticeship with Vodafone means I get paid and am able to go to university which is great for me, and this will result in me achieving my career aim of being a Software Engineer."



Matilda Miller

High School: Christleton High School

College Subjects: A Levels in English Literature (A*), English Language (A) and Philosophy, Ethics & Religious Studies (A)

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in French with French Law at the University of Aberdeen

"Coming to College has been great for me. I initially attended sixth form, however I felt I wasn't achieving the results that I was capable of and what I needed to take the next step. I was unsure about retaking my A Levels however the staff were really positive that it was the right thing to do and have really supported me ever since. My grades have improved to around the level I need to gain entry on to a Degree in French with French Law at the University of Aberdeen. Following this, my aim is to qualify as a Barrister working abroad in Europe."



William Appleton

High School: St Thomas More Catholic High School

College Course: A Levels in Business Studies (A*), Economics (A*) and Psychology (A*)

Progressing to: BSc (Hons) Degree in Marketing & Management at Loughborough University

"I joined Cheshire College as it is my local college and I also attended both Primary and Secondary College, so always knew from a young age that I wanted to come and study here. The adult learning environment really suited me as it has equipped me with independence and confidence. My tutors were really approachable and personable which meant that any problems I had with my work I was able to speak to them and receive further support. My career goal is to be the CEO or Director of a company and studying Marketing & Management at Loughborough University will help support this."

A Level Subjects

Art - Fashion & Textiles

Do you have a passion for fashion and design and enjoy working with fabrics, threads and all kind of fibres? Do you take pleasure in experimenting with colour texture and pattern? Then this is the subject for you. You will gain knowledge, skills and enjoyment from learning the basic elements of art and design, and from improving your skills in sewing, fabric manipulation, fashion and textiles.

Art - Fine Art

Do you enjoy working with different media and materials or have you always wanted to? Do you want to experiment with colour, texture and drawing and painting techniques? Do you want to make work that surprises you? Then this is the subject for you.

Art - Photography

On this course, you will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. You will learn both traditional black and white and colour laboratory and digital processes.

Art & Design - Graphic Communication

This subject will encourage you to explore and enhance your design skills using a range of graphic design processes, media, techniques and workshops that explore graphic visual language. The design skills you develop will include visual communication, printmaking, illustration, typography, advertising, digital media and animation. In addition to specialist graphic design skills, the course will also give you a solid grounding in a number of essential skills and the exploration of the formal elements necessary for the successful realisation of your design ideas and outcomes.

Biology

Biology is a fascinating subject which involves the study of a wide range of exciting topics, from molecular biology to conservation. It is a rapidly-changing science at the forefront of many important developments in society such as advances in diagnosis and treatments for diseases, gene technology and forensics.

Business Studies

The Business Studies A Level is essential for anyone considering a career in marketing, finance, human resources or logistics. You will study how management decision-making affects performance within both start-up and large businesses. You will study contemporary issues such as the effects of BREXIT, as well as topics such as digital marketing with the use of the latest business and management theories.

Chemistry

On this subject, you will cover organic, inorganic and physical elements of chemistry. Theoretical and practical elements are both taught and assessed. Reference is frequently made to the 'real world' and how chemistry fits in. Chemistry looks at the use of chemicals and energy, creating new substances and employing the fundamentals of inorganic, organic and physical chemistry.

Classical Civilisation

This exciting course covers a diverse range of ancient sources and material including classical literature, material culture, and values which continue to shape Western Civilisation today! You will learn about the birth of Western Civilisation from 1500 BC to 500 AD by studying the society and culture of ancient Greece and Rome.

Computer Science

Computer programming is a necessary skill in a number of different disciplines including undergraduate learners reading Physics, Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, and all must learn how to program, giving them a vital head-start. Learners who study Computer Science leave with a broad technical knowledge and the ability to write their own programs and software.

Criminology (Diploma)

Criminology is the study of criminal behaviour and how it can be managed, controlled and prevented. This fascinating course will look at modules including Changing Awareness of Crime, Criminological Theories, Crime Scene to Courtroom and Crime and Punishment.

Dance (BTEC Certificate)

Dance is the ideal subject if you are looking to forge your career in the performing arts industry. It combines a perfect balance of performance and choreography analysis. You will develop skills in research, critical analysis, presentation, writing, practical dance techniques and performance.

Drama & Theatre

Drama and Theatre is an exciting and rewarding area of study. You will experience taking part in a performance in our 250-seat Centre Stage Theatre which has excellent sound and lighting equipment. You will work in an atmosphere that is both challenging and supportive.

A photograph of three students sitting in a lecture hall with rows of red seats. The student on the left is a young man with brown hair, wearing a white and red polo shirt. The student in the middle is a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt. The student on the right is a young man with brown hair, wearing a grey hoodie. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame. The background is dark with some stage lights visible.

Economics

Every problem we experience, either as an individual, community, country, or global citizen, can be tackled using economics. For example, we discuss problems such as what will be the economic consequences of the decision to leave the EU? How do we reduce childhood obesity - is a sugar tax a good idea? Why do footballers get paid more than nurses? If you are curious about how and why decisions are made, and how life could be improved, Economics is for you.

English Language

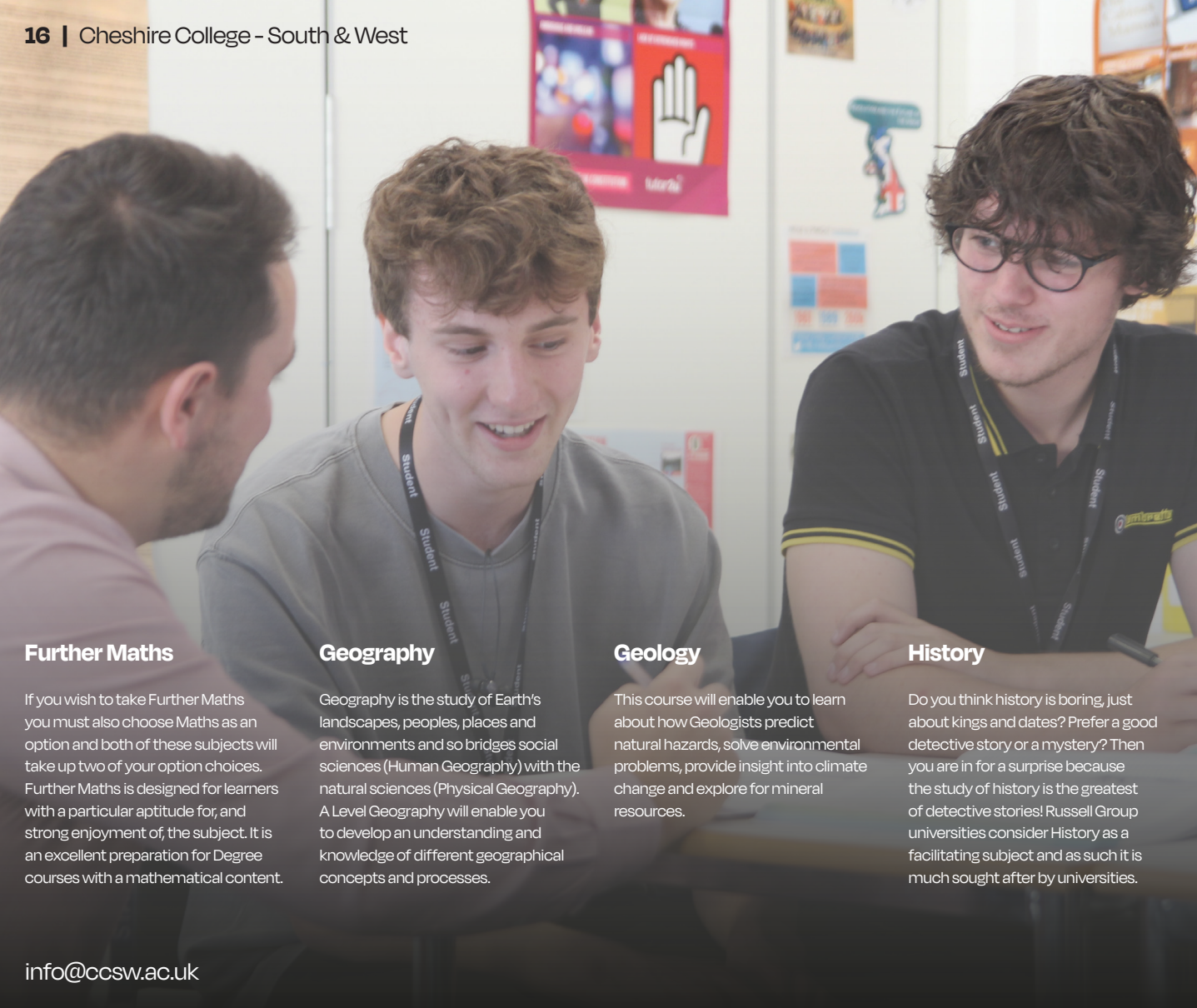
Have you ever wondered how a child learns to speak? Why people from various parts of the country sound so different to one another? Or whether men and women really do speak differently? These are just some of the debates that you will explore in English Language A Level.

English Literature

English Literature is for you if you enjoy reading a variety of books, being involved in exploring and analysing texts and if you are prepared to question and debate ideas about literature, society and culture. It is a subject which will sharpen your analytical skills and one which is highly valued by universities and employers for the transferable skills it encourages and develops.

French

A Level French aims to develop the language skills introduced at GCSE. A comprehensive review is made of all basic grammatical structures before setting out to study the more complex features of the syllabus.



Further Maths

If you wish to take Further Maths you must also choose Maths as an option and both of these subjects will take up two of your option choices. Further Maths is designed for learners with a particular aptitude for, and strong enjoyment of, the subject. It is an excellent preparation for Degree courses with a mathematical content.

Geography

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments and so bridges social sciences (Human Geography) with the natural sciences (Physical Geography). A Level Geography will enable you to develop an understanding and knowledge of different geographical concepts and processes.

Geology

This course will enable you to learn about how Geologists predict natural hazards, solve environmental problems, provide insight into climate change and explore for mineral resources.

History

Do you think history is boring, just about kings and dates? Prefer a good detective story or a mystery? Then you are in for a surprise because the study of history is the greatest of detective stories! Russell Group universities consider History as a facilitating subject and as such it is much sought after by universities.



Law

Ever wondered what really happens inside a court? Now is your chance to find out. You will have the opportunity to visit the Crown Courts and Magistrates, talk to members of the police and visit a crime conference.

Mathematics

Knowledge of Mathematics is fundamental to many areas of Higher Education and is a national shortage subject. Mathematics complements studies in many areas such as sciences, finance, economics and business, computer studies and engineering.

Media Studies

Media Studies is a fun but challenging subject that shows you how much you already know about the media. The course teaches you skills that will make you even more analytical and able to communicate more effectively alongside practical production work.

Music Performance BTEC National Foundation Diploma

This Level 3 Diploma will give you the skills required to work professionally in the music industry, in both performance and production, and it will encourage the theoretical understanding needed to underpin these activities.

Music Production BTEC National Foundation Diploma

This Level 3 Diploma will give you the skills required to work professionally in the music industry. As part of this you will have the opportunity to record and produce music.

Philosophy, Ethics & Religious Studies

This A Level will enable you to develop insights into areas of knowledge, belief and thoughts central to an understanding of the modern world. Through the study of philosophy, ethics and the world's major religions, you will be equipped with knowledge and a large range of skills to help you make sense of these contemporary events.

Physical Education

This is a course designed for learners who have a genuine interest in sporting activities. It aims to provide a knowledge of principles underlying sport and physical education through classroom study and practical work, including a range of sport enrichment activities.

Physics

The AQA Physics course covers all the key components of the subject. Starting with particle physics and basic quantum theory, you will move on to look at wave behaviour, classical mechanics and electrical circuits. The second year of the course delves further into mechanics before looking at the cornerstones of fields - gravitation, electric fields and magnetism. You will also study thermal physics, nuclear physics and energy, before rounding off with the chosen option of astronomy and astrophysics.



Politics

Studying Politics means studying the real world and developing skills to make sense of that world. Politics at the College is for you if you have an interest in current affairs and enjoy debates and discussions. The course combines really well with History, Sociology and Philosophy.

Psychology

If you like to know what makes people tick and why they behave in the way they do, then Psychology is for you. Psychologists try to use their understanding to help people with difficulties, and to bring about change for the better in fields such as health care and education.

Sociology

Sociology is great for those who wish to learn more about institutions like family, education, religion and crime and deviance. Sociology will enable you to develop a range of skills that universities value and employers need.

Spanish

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world and its popularity and appeal as an academic subject is increasing significantly.



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