



YEAR 10 TASTER DAY

2023 BROCHURE

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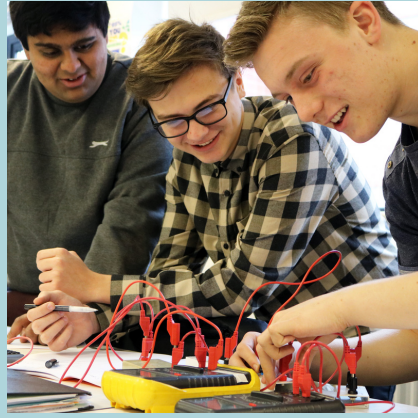
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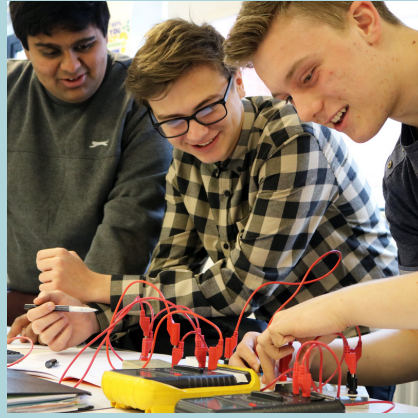
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WELCOME TO ASHTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

You are at an important stage in your education as you consider your options for when you leave school at the end of Year 11.

The aim of our taster day is to introduce you to life as a student at Ashton Sixth Form College. You will have the opportunity to try out a range of subjects, meet new people and gain a better understanding of your next steps.

We offer over 50 courses, on A Level, T Level, Mixed Study and Vocational programmes. This time is about thinking carefully about your future, finding the subjects you will enjoy studying and having fun too!

I am very proud to be Centre Principal at this successful, inclusive and vibrant college and I am delighted that you are joining us for our taster day this year.

Our approach here is simple – we put our students at the heart of everything we do, treating you as an individual, nurturing your talents and igniting your passions. We have high expectations of each and every one of our students coupled with an understanding that you can only achieve your potential in an environment where you feel a sense of belonging and where you feel happy and safe. These things are very important to us. Our staff are passionate, highly skilled and caring, and they will go the extra mile to ensure that you feel valued, supported and appropriately challenged.

We are very proud of our students' achievements which are consistently outstanding and place the college as one of the highest performing colleges in the country. Crucially, our students' achievements enable them to progress onto their chosen next steps, whether this is taking up a place at a top university or securing a highly competitive employment or apprenticeship opportunity. We strongly encourage our students to engage fully with our extensive enrichment programme, which includes additional courses, an array of visiting speakers and a wide range of trips and visits.

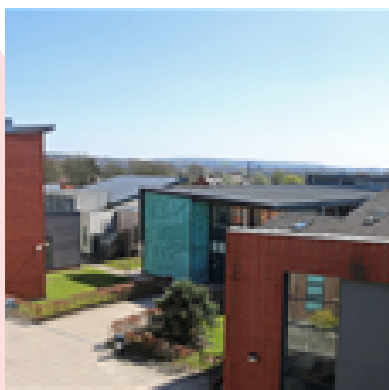
We want you to move on from Ashton Sixth Form College with skills confidence, excellent qualifications and importantly, choices.

We hope you have an enjoyable and insightful day.



LISA RICHARDS

Centre Principal



Rated
"Outstanding"
by Ofsted in
January 2020



70% of our
students
achieve A*– B
Grades



Best performing
college in the area

YEAR 10 TASTER DAY 2023



1 READ THIS BROCHURE

- Read the Taster Day Brochure.
- Consider which subjects you would like to try
- Order your preferences, 1 to 6 (1 being your first choice)

2 COMPLETE THE FORM

- Complete the online form with your details and choices.
- Make sure you do it by the deadline set by your school.



3 BE PREPARED

- Bring along a pen and a notebook.
- If you are taking part in a practical session, dress appropriately.
- Have questions you want to ask.
- Be ready to participate.

4 TASTER SESSIONS

- You'll attend 4 subject taster sessions at Ashton Sixth Form College with our academics.



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

SUBMIT YOUR CHOICES

<https://bit.ly/ASFCY10Tasters23>

You may need to copy and paste this link if you are unable to click it. Alternatively you could type it into your search bar.

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CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS ...

ART & DESIGN

BUSINESS

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & MULTIMEDIA

EDUCATION & HEALTH

ENGLISH & LANGUAGES

HUMANITIES

PERFORMING ARTS

SCIENCE & MATHS

SOCIAL SCIENCES

SPORT & PUBLIC SERVICES

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE ON OFFER?

There are **52 subjects on offer from 10 departments** covering an enormous range of disciplines, approaches and topics – all are detailed inside this brochure, so read on! Whether it's trying out some brand new subjects to see what they are all about or if you are trying out subjects you know you are considering for post-16 study.

ART & DESIGN

- 3D Design & Technology (A Level)
- Fine Art (A Level)
- Graphic Design (A Level)
- Photography (A Level)
- Textiles (A Level)

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & MULTIMEDIA

- Digital Games Production (Vocational A Level)
- Film Studies (A Level)
- IT (Vocational A Level)
- ICT (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)
- Media, Broadcast & Production (T Level)
- Media Studies (A Level)

ENGLISH & LANGUAGES

- English Language (A Level)
- English Language & Literature (A Level)
- English Literature (A Level)
- Spanish (A Level)

PERFORMING ARTS

- Dance (Vocational A Level)
- Drama & Theatre Studies (A Level)
- Music Performance (Vocational A Level)
- Music Technology (Vocational A Level)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Criminology (Vocational A Level)
- Psychology (A Level)
- Sociology (A Level)

BUSINESS

- Accounting (A Level)
- Business (A Level)
- Business (Vocational A Level)
- Business (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)
- Economics (A Level)

EDUCATION & HEALTH

- Education – Early Years (T Level)
- Health – Adult Nursing (T Level)
- Health & Social Care (Vocational A Level)
- Health & Social Care (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)

HUMANITIES

- Geography (A Level)
- History (A Level)
- Law (A Level)
- Law (Vocational A Level)
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (A Level)
- Politics (A Level)

SCIENCE & MATHS

- Applied Science (Vocational A Level)
- Biology (A Level)
- Chemistry (A Level)
- Computer Science (A Level)
- Forensic Science (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)
- Further Mathematics (A Level)
- Geology (A Level)
- Mathematics (A Level)
- Physics (A Level)

SPORT & PUBLIC SERVICES

- Football Coaching (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)
- PE – Sports Science (Vocational A Level)
- PE – Sports Studies (Vocational A Level)
- Public Services (Vocational A Level)
- Public Services (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)
- Sports Coaching (Level 3 Ext. Diploma)

ART & DESIGN



3D DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

A Level

Apply your creative imagination to design processes, modification and prototypes, including Product and Car Design, Architecture, Interiors, Costumes, Sets and Props. We will help you gain hands-on experience and understanding of design from both an industry and a theoretical perspective.

Throughout the course, you will have access to our dedicated Art and Design studios. The 3D Design and Technology studio is fully equipped with machinery and equipment to allow you to develop your skills and experiment artistically in a safe and creative environment.

You will explore a broad range of practical 3D/2D skills whilst embedding the fundamentals of design. You will then apply the skills you have learned in briefs using research, development of ideas and refinement to finished pieces. All work is carried out in sketchbooks, prototypes and model making. You will cover a range of techniques including use of tools and workshop machinery.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ARCHITECTURE
- ★ ILLUSTRATION
- ★ ARTIST
- ★ PRODUCT DESIGN
- ★ ENGINEERING
- ★ GAMES DESIGN
- ★ COSTUME & PROP DESIGN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During your taster, you will be looking into Architectural design through drawing based in our dedicated 3D Design workspace. You will have the opportunity to look at current students work as well, in the form of our Art Exhibition.

FINE ART

A Level

Our Fine Art course develops you as an artist through exploration of painting, printmaking, drawing, textiles, mixed media, digital media, installation and sculpting. With first-rate studios and visiting artists workshops this is one of our most popular and creatively diverse courses. At the end of your first year you can choose to specialise in Fine Art or Craft and Design

Throughout your studies, you will have access to our dedicated Art and Design studios. The Fine Art studio is fully equipped to allow you to develop your skills and experiment artistically. Visiting artists provide you with the opportunities to learn from working professionals to develop and expand your skill set.

The Fine Art course is a practical course aimed at developing you as an artist. You will produce sketchbook and development work, including a final piece. Previous students have progressed on to a wide range of careers across the creative industries.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ANIMATION
- ★ ILLUSTRATION
- ★ ARTIST
- ★ GAMES DESIGN
- ★ COSTUME & PROP DESIGN
- ★ ARTS THERAPY
- ★ MUSEUM/GALLERY CURATOR
- ★ INTERIOR DESIGNER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During your taster, you will be invited to participate in an unusual, creative and collaborative fine art experience, in which you take inspiration from our Art Exhibition to create your own pieces of work using materials and tools found in our Fine Art Studio.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

A Level

Graphic Design is a hands-on, ideas-driven studio-based course where you will learn a variety of approaches to visual communication. Use words and images to reflect the world around you. Honing your skills from typography to branding to print design to storyboarding to web design.

The Graphic Design studio is based in the brand new Art and Design building, fully equipped with computer suites with industry recognised design and editing software to allow you to experiment creatively. You will also have access to a range of practical equipment including screen printing, allowing you to develop a wide range of skills.

Using words, images and ideas to reflect the world around you, graphic design will help you develop your thoughts into real projects that promote and inspire others. Graphic design combines design & illustration to build skills and ideas.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ANIMATION
- ★ ILLUSTRATION
- ★ ARTIST
- ★ GAMES DESIGN
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ ADVERTISING
- ★ WEB DESIGN
- ★ CONTENT CREATION

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be discovering the world of graphics and its impact. Having explored our Art Exhibition, you will be using this as a starting point to create your own work using a combination of drawing, collage and digital work in the Graphic Design Studio.

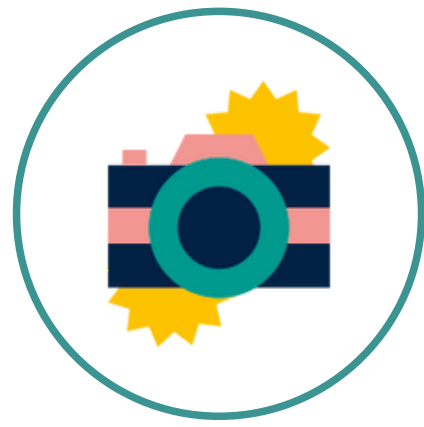
PHOTOGRAPHY

A Level

Discover the way you see the world through a lens. On this A-Level course we will teach you the creative, analytical and theoretical skills needed to become an accomplished photographer. You will challenge your skills through people, places, still-life, documentary, experimental, fashion, moving image and installation.

Throughout your studies, you will have access to our brand new Art and Design building complete with photography studio and dark room. You will have the chance to develop specialist skills that will help you stand out to employers and universities. The photography work rooms are a purpose-built and dedicated work space, fully equipped with computers and the latest design and editing software to allow you to develop your skills and experiment artistically.

As well as looking at the photographers and artists who have inspired others, you will learn composition, how to use equipment, and how to combine photography with other media. This course explores the foundations to help you hone your skills and challenge your artistic eye. It will provide you with the space to experiment in order to find your unique style.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ PHOTOGRAPHY
- ★ FILM STUDIES
- ★ SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING
- ★ GAMES DESIGN
- ★ FASHION
- ★ ADVERTISING
- ★ WEB DESIGN
- ★ INTERIOR DESIGN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During this hands on taster, you will be exploring the college campus through a lens. You will be using professional cameras to take photographs, which you will bring back to the Photography Lab to edit and manipulate.

TEXTILES

A Level

This exciting course is designed to encourage you to pursue your own personal exploration in diverse genres of fashion, textiles and craft. As a Textiles student, you will have the chance to develop your artistic skills and experiment with a breadth of materials and techniques in our purpose built studio space.

You will take part in skills workshops looking at textiles materials and areas such as print, dye, embroidery, embellishment, surface and digital design, that will help you discover the type of textile practitioner you are. You will then apply the skills you have learned in briefs using research, development of ideas and refinement to finished pieces. All work is carried out in sketchbooks, with additional sampling and making.

You will cover a range of techniques including use of tools and machinery. Your practical work follows a pathway of analytical research of artists' work, development and idea refinement to final practical pieces within the exploration of a given theme. More advanced techniques and skills are taught and developed including CAD processes including Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **TEXTILE DESIGNER**
- ★ **TECHNOLOGIST**
- ★ **TREND FORECASTING**
- ★ **ART THERAPY**
- ★ **FASHION BUYING**
- ★ **COMMUNITY EDUCATION**
- ★ **ILLUSTRATION**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be introduced to the wonderful world of textiles by creating colourful surface design for different materials using collage and layering techniques. You will also get the opportunity to look at current student's work and explore our textiles Studio.

BUSINESS



ACCOUNTING

A Level

This course covers both financial and management accountancy strands, with an emphasis on building key skills required for either further study or entrance into the world of work. Topics range from key bookkeeping skills to the completion and analysis of complex financial statements.

Over the 2 year course students will study a wide range of accounting topics, including both financial and management accounting techniques. Students will study:

- The role of the accountant in business
- The accounts of a sole trader
- Partnership accounts
- Limited company accounts
- Auditing / verification
- Costing (marginal, absorption and activity based)
- Accounting concepts and international accounting standards
- Ratio analysis
- Completion of accounts from incomplete records
- Interpretation, analysis and communication of accounting information
- The impact of ethical considerations



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ACCOUNTANCY
- ★ BANKING & FINANCE
- ★ AUDITOR
- ★ FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT
- ★ STOCK BROKER
- ★ CONVEYANCER
- ★ ECONOMIST
- ★ DATA ANALYST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be introduced to the world of accounting and why it is so important. You will look at the impact accounting has on small and large scale companies and you will take part in activities involving calculation of marginal cost, break even and decision making techniques used in accounting.

BUSINESS

A Level

By investigating and analysing how and why businesses are successful and suggesting how they can improve, this course provides you with the skills and knowledge to learn about organisations from how they motivate staff to managing budgets and major projects.

This course is structured into four themes and consists of three externally examined papers. You will be introduced to business and build knowledge of core business concepts. Applying this knowledge to business contexts will develop a broad understanding of how businesses work. Breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding, with applications to a wider range of contexts and more complex business information, are also developed.

You will take a more strategic view of business opportunities and issues. Our team will encourage you to use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of business.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ARBITRATOR**
- ★ **BUSINESS ANALYST**
- ★ **INVESTMENT BANKER**
- ★ **FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT**
- ★ **STOCK BROKER**
- ★ **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **DATA ANALYST**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in activities around marketing performance in business. You will be looking at marketing and operational techniques used in business and how developments in technology are affecting marketing decision making and activities (e.g. use of social media).

BUSINESS

Vocational A Level

If you are interested in studying business but would like to be assessed by a mixture of coursework and exams, then this course may be for you.

Similar to the Business A Level in structure, the certificate is split into four themes but is made up of externally examined papers along with coursework assessment.

You will be introduced to business and build knowledge of core business concepts. Applying this knowledge to business contexts will develop a broad understanding of how businesses work. Breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding, with applications to a wider range of contexts and more complex business information, are also developed.

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WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **EVENT MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **BUSINESS ANALYST**
- ★ **INVESTMENT BANKER**
- ★ **FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT**
- ★ **STOCK BROKER**
- ★ **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **DATA ANALYST**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During your session, you will be looking into how a marketing campaign is developed, exploring the different stages of the process that a business goes through when developing its campaign. In particular, you will be looking Branding & Marketing theories and techniques.

BUSINESS

Level 3 Extended Diploma

You will learn how to succeed in business at all levels from the environment to resources to marketing and communication. This course is both theory and practical including work placement opportunities.

This course is for you if you have a clear career path in the business sector. Students on this course progress directly on to employment, higher apprenticeships or higher education. It is broadly equivalent to three A Levels.

During your course you will also take part in a work placement. Our dedicated work placement team secure incredible placements across the borough and Manchester to allow you to gain invaluable experience in a business sector.

You will study 18 units over 2 years ranging across the 4 functions of Business:

- HR
- Accounting
- Operations Management
- Marketing.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **EVENT MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
- ★ **ACCOUNTANT**
- ★ **MARKETING**
- ★ **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- ★ **HUMAN RESOURCES**
- ★ **RETAIL MANAGER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

Do you have an idea for a product? If you've answered yes, then this session is for you. As well as introducing you to what our full time Business Course is all about, we will be looking at how companies design and develop a brand for new products on the market.

ECONOMICS

A Level

You will explore markets, demand and supply, growth, profits, cost, and how every aspect of economics influences our lives from the price of a product to employment to the policies we live by every day.

Throughout the course you will gain a broad understanding of the economics sector. Modules take on four themes and include:

- Introduction to markets and market failure: nature of economics, how markets work, market failure and government intervention
- The UK economy – performance and policies: economic performance, demand, supply, national income, economic growth and macroeconomic objectives and policies
- Business Behaviour and the Labour Market: business growth, objectives, revenues, costs and profits, market structures
- Economics in a global market: international economics, poverty and inequality, emerging and developing economies, the financial sector, role of the state of the economy and government intervention



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ACCOUNTING
- ★ BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- ★ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- ★ ECONOMICS
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- ★ HUMAN RESOURCES
- ★ RETAIL MANAGER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

Microeconomics and macroeconomics are two branches of economics. During this session you will be learning about the theories of Micro and Macro Economics and how they impact the business world and their influence on supply and demand.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY & MULTIMEDIA



DIGITAL GAMES PRODUCTION

Vocational A Level

In this course you will develop knowledge and understanding of Gameplay design and apply this to the planning and creation of assets and levels for Games. You develop skills in research, sketching, Photoshop, Autodesk Maya and Unreal.

There are 4 internal Units that cover:

- 3D Development
- 2D Development
- Game Engine Visual Scripting

In each internal unit you will undertake a piece of research for a set topic; you then present planning documentation including sketches, level plans, workflows and audience research. You will then use this work to inform a practical asset or level that showcases your designs. Tutorials for the introduction of Maya and Unreal underpin your course to develop your skills and support your development of Game Assets and working levels.

In this course there is also 1 mandatory external exam in which you create a Game to a set examiner brief. This activity is scheduled in exam conditions in which you have to research, prep and make a functioning level for a Game in Unreal Engine in 20 hours.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER
- ★ CONCEPT ARTIST
- ★ GAME ARTIST
- ★ MULTIMEDIA PROGRAMMER
- ★ ANIMATOR
- ★ WEB DESIGNER
- ★ GRAPHIC DESIGNER
- ★ VFX ARTIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be exploring the 4 components of video gaming which keep the player engaged. There will also be an opportunity to have a go at playing the games which our current students have created and developed.

FILM STUDIES

A Level

The Film Industry is constantly changing and capturing the world's imagination. You will have the opportunity to analyse some of the most influential films and art pieces from past decades, exploring the world of cinema by analysing ground breaking films from past to present, such as Pulp Fiction and Trainspotting.

You will have a passion for Film as the course deals with textual, theoretical, historical and critical approaches. You will look at how Film is constructed and utilise many of the same analytical skills required by English Literature. This course also explores the role of the spectator and the psychology behind audience response. You will look at a diverse range of films from classic Hollywood cinema such as Vertigo, to new Hollywood, with challenging films from directors such as Danny Boyle and Quentin Tarantino.

This course can lead to varying pathways such as academic and practical Media & Film degrees or related apprenticeships.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ BROADCAST PRESENTER
- ★ FILM DIRECTOR
- ★ PROGRAMME RESEARCHER
- ★ ADVERTISING
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ JOURNALISM
- ★ PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ★ EVENT MANAGEMENT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During this taster session, you will be introduced to the Film Studies course and what you would be studying if you chose it as part of your study programme. You will then participate in a scriptwriting activity as well as working together to analyse classic film clips.

Vocational A Level

We are in a digital age where IT is everywhere! You will develop your knowledge of systems, management and website development which will further you in the IT sector.

A qualification in IT is an excellent way to improve your employability and this course allows you to develop key skills in information systems, communication and the varying pathways for future employment. The department is home to a fully-equipped networking room allowing you to gain firsthand experience using, storing and operating servers.

Modules on this course allow you to demonstrate how to use IT systems to be an efficient communicator, how to project plan and how to use social media in a business context. You will also look at data modelling and how to develop websites for a range of purposes.

This course is a well-rounded qualification that sits nicely with other subjects, appealing to employers and universities.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER
- ★ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- ★ GAME DESIGN
- ★ SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
- ★ CYBER SECURITY
- ★ DATA ANALYST
- ★ IT SUPPORT
- ★ SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During this taster session, you will be focusing on the use of social media and social media campaigns, including what it takes to plan and run them successfully.

IT

Level 3 Extended Diploma

A clear knowledge and understanding of IT is crucial in our changing society. The digital world has transformed in recent years and it continues to do so with no signs of slowing down. We now access information in digital formats and for most, apps have become part of our everyday lives. This full time IT course provides a well rounded look at the different topics of the IT world, including Networking and Support, Systems and Information Management, as well as Creative Platforms and Design.

In today's technology filled world, this course will provide you with a solid knowledge of Information and Communication Technology.

This course will allow you to progress on to a diverse range of career pathways within the digital sector. You will gain an understanding of how IT systems work and are managed, an overview of cyber security and digital incident management, along with how mobile apps and digital storage such as the cloud.



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- ★ DATA ANALYST
- ★ IT SUPPORT
- ★ SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be looking at several aspects of the course to give you an insight into what you will be learning, from discussing social media sites and campaigns, hardware components and the technical support needed. You will also look at how businesses use databases and the creation of them.

MEDIA, BROADCAST & PRODUCTION

T Level

During the 2-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge and skills that are needed for entry to a range of media, broadcast and production occupations. The T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production will be available from September 2024.

Students will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- the creative economy
- the individual in the creative industries
- cultural context and vocabulary
- audience and consumer needs
- legal and regulatory requirements
- professional standards and conduct in the workplace
- equality, diversity and inclusion requirements
- research skills
- project methodology and administration
- continued professional development



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ STUDIO SOUND ENGINEER
- ★ TV / FILM DIRECTOR
- ★ PROGRAMME RESEARCHER
- ★ STAGEHAND
- ★ TV / FILM CAMERA OPERATOR
- ★ RADIO BROADCAST ASSISTANT
- ★ VIDEO EDITOR
- ★ AUDIO VISUAL TECHNICIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a practical session which gives you an insight into the T Level Media course. You will get the opportunity to use our state-of-the-art facilities including our TV Studio

MEDIA STUDIES

A Level

"The media" is now one of the most prevalent aspects of our society.

On this course you will gain an understanding of its importance and relevance, as well as a greater understanding of its many forms and depth.

Throughout the course you will explore the way media is represented and received by audiences through its various forms, including marketing, music, advertising, video games, film or in print. You will also explore the varying media forms and products across television, mainstream media and online.

The department is home to dedicated editing suites, industry standard editing software, state of the art TV studio and professional recording, film and photography equipment.

You will have access to these areas to improve your practical skills and get involved during enrichment.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ BROADCAST PRESENTER
- ★ FILM DIRECTOR
- ★ PROGRAMME RESEARCHER
- ★ ADVERTISING
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ JOURNALISM
- ★ PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ★ EVENT MANAGEMENT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This session will be centered around the Introduction of Genre and the Language of Media. You will do this by looking at different forms of media – film, editorial, advertising, social media and how we need to tailor to different audiences.

EDUCATION & HEALTH



EDUCATION - EARLY YEARS

T Level

This course is equivalent to 3 A Levels, blending industry placements with college-based learning. The unique approach to T Level courses ensures you gain access to quality teaching and an incredible amount of real life experience.

On this T Level course you will develop an understanding of:

- The education and childcare sector from ages 0 to 19
- Child development
- How to support children and young people's education
- Safeguarding, health and safety and well being
- Understanding and managing behaviour
- Observing and assessing children and young people
- Equality and diversity
- Special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language
- Working with parents, carers and wider families
- Working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers
- Reflective practice and other forms of professional development



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **TEACHER**
- ★ **FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**
- ★ **PLAY THERAPIST**
- ★ **SOCIAL WORKER**
- ★ **TEACHING ASSISTANT**
- ★ **HEALTH PLAY SPECIALIST**
- ★ **CHILD PSYCHOTHERAPIST**
- ★ **COUNSELLOR**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This taster session will cover practical and theory, exploring Primary teaching, social work, play therapy & early years roles. You will get a chance to create challenging activities in our brand new primary classroom and also consider how theory links to real life experience. This is an practical workshop that give you some knowledge & skills needed for working with children.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Vocational A Level

This Health and Social Course is for learners who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector as part of a mixed study programme.

This course is for those students who are interested in working in or further training in the health, social care and early year's sectors. Students are given the chance to build awareness and understanding of contemporary issues in health and social care and the fact that this specification complements other A level studies allows students to develop learning skills essential for higher education and the world of work.

It is assessed through diverse activities and the course will increase your knowledge and understanding investigation of a range of services. In addition, it will develop your awareness of the influences on an individual's health and well-being, and recognise the importance of the stages of development of an individual and their relationships. This course is ideal if you wish to work in the health and child care industries, welfare or social work.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ADULT NURSING
- ★ PSYCHOLOGIST
- ★ MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
- ★ SOCIAL WORKER
- ★ TEACHING ASSISTANT
- ★ CHILD NURSING
- ★ MIDWIFERY
- ★ COUNSELLOR

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

Taking part in this session will give you the opportunity to discover how this course can complement your study programme, and be used as a springboard into lots of career pathways while working in groups to participate in activities on infection control and prevention.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

T Level

Health and Social Care, as part of a mixed study programme, includes 75 hrs of work placement across the 2 years.

This course will provide you with the theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in key areas of health and social care such as sociological and psychological perspectives and human growth and development.

You will have the opportunity to undertake work placements to prepare you for working in this expanding industry. Being able to apply your knowledge to a real working environment will help to develop your employability skills and confidence.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ADULT NURSING
- ★ PSYCHOLOGIST
- ★ MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
- ★ SOCIAL WORKER
- ★ TEACHING ASSISTANT
- ★ CHILD NURSING
- ★ MIDWIFERY
- ★ COUNSELLOR

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

We will introduce you to what the T Level involves. You will get a chance to take part in an exercise involving physiological measurements incorporating homeostatic responses while in our "hospital ward". This is a practical workshop that gives you insight into the knowledge needed for a caring profession, looking after people.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 3 Extended Diploma

Throughout this course you gain the knowledge to be successful in a career in the care sector. You will learn about the various care settings, as well as getting a chance to apply all you've learnt into a practical setting on work placements.

The level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care is the perfect course for anyone wishing to work in the health and social care sector, whether that be through progression to University or gaining employment. With the majority of our learners achieving high grades there are numerous options available to you upon completing your course.

This full time course develops your subject knowledge through completion of your coursework whilst developing your practical skills in placement working in a range of settings within the care sector.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ADULT NURSING
- ★ PSYCHOLOGIST
- ★ MENTAL HEALTH NURSING
- ★ SOCIAL WORKER
- ★ TEACHING ASSISTANT
- ★ CHILD NURSING
- ★ MIDWIFERY
- ★ COUNSELLOR

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be introduced to anatomy and physiology through a range of activities similar to the type of work you will be asked to complete as part of the course. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about working in the health and social care sector.

ENGLISH & LANGUAGES



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A Level

A-level English Language is designed to enable you to become a highly-skilled reader and writer. You will develop expertise in analysing and reproducing a whole range of texts in any genre for any audience. There are opportunities to explore written and spoken language critically, improve your language terminology and knowledge of linguistic conventions, and polish your own writing's effectiveness and coherence.

You will analyse spoken language and key topics of Language and Power, Child Language Acquisition, Language and Situation, Standard and Non-Standard English. We explore Language Change through Time, where you will examine how English has changed since 1500. You will only have a chance to develop your own writing and examine the choices writers make in order to connect with their readers.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ DIGITAL COPYWRITER
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ LEXICOGRAPHER
- ★ JOURNALIST
- ★ PROOFREADER
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ RESEARCHER
- ★ LIBRARIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In this taster session, you will focus on language issues such as accent and dialect, how children learn how to speak, how English has changed through time, the differences between spoken and written language, along with opportunities for creative writing.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A Level

A combination of English Language and Literature gives you a broad understanding of how a text is written and how to analyse and respond to it. Modules include Voices in Speech and Writing, and varieties in Language and Literature.

Modules include voices in 'Speech and Writing' and 'Varieties in Language and Literature'.

Voices in Speech and Writing: This component has an explicit focus on the concept of 'voice'. You will study how spoken voices are formed and how written voices created in non-literary and digital texts. You will study how texts are formed for specific audiences, purposes and genres and learn how to craft their written work for a range of contexts.

Varieties in Language and Literature: This component focuses on the ways in which different writers convey their thoughts or ideas towards a theme in literary texts. Teaching and wider reading will develop your understanding of how writers use language techniques and literary devices to craft their pieces and communicate ideas or issues.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **DIGITAL COPYWRITER**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **LEXICOGRAPHER**
- ★ **JOURNALIST**
- ★ **WRITER**
- ★ **MARKETING**
- ★ **RESEARCHER**
- ★ **LIBRARIAN**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In the session, you will be discussing fiction and non-fiction texts. You will start with studying transcripts of real spontaneous speeches and discussing strategies used to demonstrate power in conversation. You will also be looking at genderlect - meaning stereotypes of male and female speech.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level

This A-Level enables you to articulate creative and informed responses to literary texts. You will analyse how the structure, form and language of a text shapes its meaning. Engaging critically with a wide range of literary works, you will closely analyse and interpret drama, prose and poetry, exploring connections across texts and their significance.

You will study a range of contemporary poems where you will spend a short session on each of a selection of poems, exploring key themes and concepts across the collection.

You will be focusing on the use of literary and dramatic devices and the shaping of meanings in your chosen play, as well as studying the social and historical context in which it was produced.

You will be expected to independently read two novels exploring connections between the texts and questioning how representation of the conflict between the scientific and supernatural worldviews changes over time.



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- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ LEXICOGRAPHER
- ★ JOURNALIST
- ★ WRITER
- ★ MARKETING
- ★ RESEARCHER
- ★ LIBRARIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During this session, we will be looking at a poem, an extract of selected prose and a drama text. This reflects the poetry, prose and drama focus of English Literature as an A Level.

SPANISH

A Level

Spanish is the world's fourth most commonly spoken language. During this course you will enhance your linguistic skills allowing you to interact effectively with users of language in speech and in writing. You will engage critically and understand the matters central to the society and culture, past and present. A second language is highly desirable to employers and universities.

Throughout the course you will explore themes which include Social and Work issues and trends, as well as Political, intellectual and artistic culture. There is also a prescribed works element to the course in which you will analyse a literary text and film.

Topics you will cover include:

- Social issues and trends
- Understanding the Spanish-speaking world
- Diversity and difference
- The 'two' Spains



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ACADEMIC RESEARCHER**
- ★ **INTERPRETER**
- ★ **POLITICAL RISK ANALYST**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **TRANSLATOR**
- ★ **JOURNALIST**
- ★ **CIVIL SERVICE**
- ★ **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This session is aimed at students who are already taking GCSE Spanish or are native speakers.

You will be taking part in a quiz on Spanish culture and you will be tested on your Spanish knowledge via interactive games/activities.

HUMANITIES



GEOGRAPHY

A Level

Geography is so much more than knowing where the different countries are located on the globe.

By taking an A Level in geography you will understand the nature of the world and how this impacts on its human inhabitants. The complex interactions between physical processes and human activities will give you an unparalleled insight into how the world works. Covering topics varying from geo-physics to sociology taking in politics and economics on the way there are few other subjects that even attempt to understand such a broad range of elements.

You will be studying Physical and Human Geography and Geographical Skills. In areas such as: Plate Tectonics, Coastal Processes, Water Cycle , Changing Places (Regenerating Places) and Human Health and Intervention. as well as developing the use and application of a variety of geographical skills.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **CARTOGRAPHER**
- ★ **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**
- ★ **TEACHING / LECTURER**
- ★ **SOCIAL RESEARCHER**
- ★ **TOWN PLANNER**
- ★ **CONSERVATION OFFICER**
- ★ **SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT**
- ★ **TRANSPORT PLANNER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In this session you will look at global superpowers and the influence they have on the modern world. You will consider what makes a superpower and look at who are the dominant players in the world today.

HISTORY

A Level

A good foundation for any future is the understanding of what happened in our past. This course takes you through over 250 years' worth of humanity, with that depth of knowledge you are sure to put your distinct mark on history.

We study one of the most turbulent eras of Britain's past, looking at the execution of Charles I and the rule of Oliver Cromwell as England became a republic; religious upheaval and social change that would mark Britain's History forever. You will also explore the Russian revolution and discover how the largest country in the world was transformed through three revolutions.

Civil Rights and Race Relations in the USA is discussed in the second year from the onset of the Civil War to the inauguration of Barack Obama, This course will help you understand the journey of race relations between black and white Americans, we will be looking at not just civil rights but other social changes



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- ★ **TRANSLATOR**
- ★ **JOURNALIST**
- ★ **CIVIL SERVICE**
- ★ **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In this session you will look at interpretations of history. Examining the Holocaust, you will assess why the holocaust occurred and why the Nazis were able to commit the crimes that they did. This session will look at how people behaved in the Third Reich and the devastating consequences that it had.

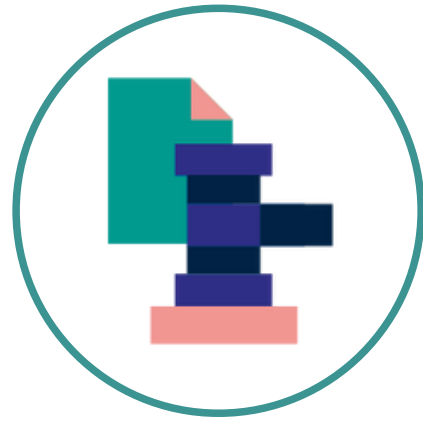
LAW

A Level

This A-Level Law course provides you with a general overview of the English legal system. Students who take this course are passionate about learning about the way our country is operated from a legal perspective. You will gain an understanding about the structure and procedures of the courts and its personnel.

You will consider contemporary issues, exploring a wide range of interesting cases and Acts of Parliament to improve your knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of a whole range of issues affecting the legal system today.

You will cover a number of core legal areas including Criminal, Contract, Tort and Family Law. You will explore a range of offences and possible defences that may raise at trial. You will gain an excellent understanding of rights and remedies and develop your communication and debate skills through class discussions on live issues.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ARBITRATOR**
- ★ **BARRISTER**
- ★ **CONVEYANCER**
- ★ **PARALEGAL**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **SOLICITOR**
- ★ **BORDER FORCE OFFICER**
- ★ **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in an interesting and interactive session allowing you to be "the judge" and sentence a range of offenders, taking into account mitigating and aggravating factors and the whole range of sentencing options.

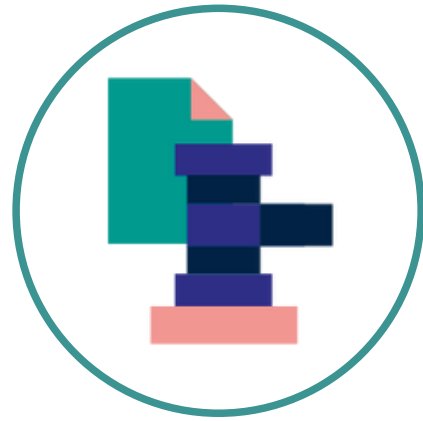
LAW

Vocational A Level

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Throughout this course, you will gain an understanding of rights and remedies while also developing your communication and debate skills through class discussions on live issues.

As well as the academic side to the course, the Law department regularly provide students with the opportunity to go on enrichment. These have previously included visiting the Magistrates and Crown courts, an annual trip to Parliament in London and the opportunity to travel abroad. Recent trips have taken students to Rome, Athens and Barcelona.



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- ★ **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This session will give you a chance to find out the difference between the BTEC Certificate and the A Level.

By taking part in an interactive session you will be looking at mitigating and aggravating factors and the whole range of sentencing options.

PHILOSOPHY

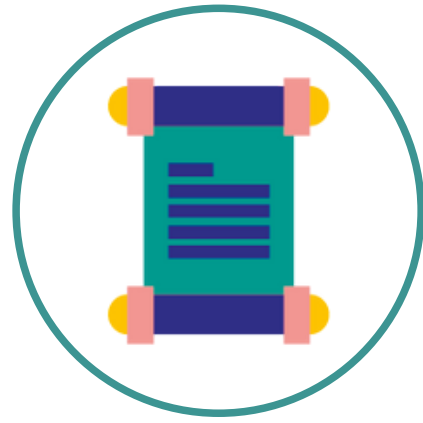
A Level

Increasing in popularity amongst students Philosophy, Ethics and Religion is a brilliant foundation for structuring arguments, problem-solving and independent thinking.

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion takes students on a journey through the big philosophical, ethical and spiritual questions that humans have asked since the dawn of time. Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Why does evil exist? Are we free beings?

We will explore arguments for and against the existence of God. Were the universe and humankind created by an all-powerful being, one who continues to influence human affairs today or is everything the accidental result of a 'Big Bang'? We look at morality and moral decision making, including the use of happiness, love, and religion in making decisions on issues.

We also explore the religion of Islam, its key teachings, practices and history, including examination of charity, the afterlife and Islamic Law, and its implementation in Muslim countries.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ CHAPLIN
- ★ HUMAN RESOURCES
- ★ JOURNALIST
- ★ PSYCHOTHERAPIST
- ★ SOCIAL RESEARCHER
- ★ SOLICITOR
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be looking at the concept of morality. You will consider what makes an action right or wrong. Working in small groups you'll look at a range of moral dilemmas and the best way to deal with each moral dilemma. This will be a discussion based session where you'll have the opportunity to consider controversial issues and be able to express their opinions.

POLITICS

A Level

The political world is ever-changing and making headlines. Developing an understanding of political structures, you will critically analyse and interpret the country's largest democratic processes and systems.

Politics is so much more than the House of Commons or a General Election every five years. Politics is how we act, how we think and what we do. Having an in depth understanding of this unique subject is sure to set you on the right path for success in any walk of life.

The Politics course will cover the British and American political systems, as well as introducing you to both traditional and modern political ideologies.

Topics covered include:

- Government and Politics of the UK
- Ideologies
- USA Politics



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ POLITICIAN
- ★ CIVIL SERVANT
- ★ JOURNALIST
- ★ POLITICAL RISK ANALYST
- ★ PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANT
- ★ POLICY OFFICER
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In this session, you will look at the ideas around democracy and how it works. There will be an opportunity to debate issues around votes for 16 year olds and also whether prisoners should be able to vote

PERFORMING ARTS



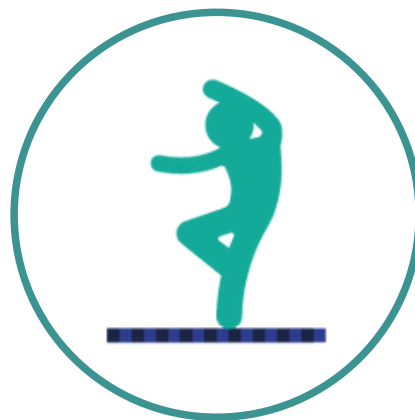
DANCE

Vocational A Level

Studying Dance allows you to develop your performance skills, as well as your technical understanding. Whether progressing on to the Performing Arts or other creative industries, you will gain invaluable skills in communication, adaptability, resilience and confidence. The Performing Arts department at Ashton have a long history of producing a wealth of performers, dancers, actors, singers and musicians over many years. When you join this Dance course, you join a department of passionate creatives, surrounded by students who share similar passions and interests.

While studying Dance, you will have many opportunities to attend theatre trips and workshops with visiting professionals. You may also meet many of our alumni that return to share their experience and run creative and technical sessions.

The college is also home to Torque Youth Dance and students are encouraged to attend the Open Jazz class on a Wednesday evening, or even audition for the company.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ DANCER
- ★ CHOREOGRAPHER
- ★ PERSONAL TRAINER
- ★ DANCE THERAPIST
- ★ ARTS ADMINISTRATOR
- ★ COMMUNITY ARTS COORDINATOR
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ DANCE WRITER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

The session is practical so you must be in dance wear. You need to be prepared to work bare foot. Hair tied back, no jewellery.

The dance course covers many styles that include jazz, contemporary and street. In the taster session, you will be working on basic techniques to build on the foundations as a dancer.

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

A Level

Drama & Theatre is a practical and challenging course, which covers each aspect of theatre production. You'll analyse everything from acting and costume, through to lighting, effects, setting, characterisation and interpretation.

You will be able to let the creative juices flow and enter a world of imagination, as you devise an original piece of theatre, developed from a stimulus. Along with developing an Actors Journal, to document the process that you have gone through to achieve your own performance.

With plenty of opportunities to perform and giving you a taste of performing in front of a live audience, you will perform extracts from two plays, be part of a group performance and tackle either a monologue or duologue.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ACTOR
- ★ COMMUNITY ARTS COORDINATOR
- ★ DRAMA THERAPIST
- ★ THEATRE DIRECTOR
- ★ THEATRE STAGE MANAGER
- ★ ARTS ADMINISTRATOR
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ MEDIA RESEARCHER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

Based in our 180 seater Performance Theatre, during your taster session, you will be looking at how to build a complete character using different practitioner methodologies.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Vocational A Level

Music Performance will give you the chance to improve your skills as a musician. You will have lots of opportunities to play a variety of styles of music and gain experience as a performer. There will be events in college and within the wider community for you to perform at and develop as a professional musician.

You will look at music theory and harmony and learn how to apply these skills to solo and group performances. You will also study the music industry, looking at potential career options and how the industry works. Most importantly you will develop your skills to rehearse and perform as part of an ensemble, working as part of a team and also leading rehearsals.

The two-year course is equivalent to one A-Level and will broaden your musical knowledge and the practical application of your performance skills across a diverse range of projects. From this course you can progress to study Music Performance and other courses at Higher Education Level or enter the world of employment.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ MUSICIAN
- ★ MUSIC THERAPIST
- ★ SONG WRITER
- ★ SOUND DESIGNER
- ★ RADIO PRODUCER
- ★ ARTS ADMINISTRATOR
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ SOUND TECHNICIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be looking at the 4 different components of the course: Music Theory, Music Industry, Ensemble Performance and Composition, while putting your musical knowledge to the test. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions about having a successful career in the Music Industry.

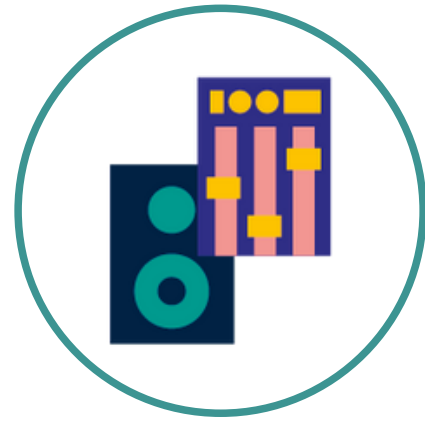
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Vocational A Level

Music Technology is a look behind the scenes at how music is recorded, created and prepared for release in many forms. Covering the use of industry standard software and hardware, technical and creative knowledge, and how the ever-changing industry works, it will prepare you fully for further specialist study in the fields of music production, music performance and other music industry roles.

Whether you are a performer looking to expand your knowledge of recording and production, a DJ looking to create and produce your own tracks and remixes, or if you are interested in the technical side of sound engineering, live sound and acoustics,

Music Technology will provide you with the broad knowledge and experience needed to kickstart your career in an exciting growth industry.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ MUSICIAN
- ★ MUSIC THERAPIST
- ★ SONG WRITER
- ★ SOUND DESIGNER
- ★ RADIO PRODUCER
- ★ MUSIC PRODUCER
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ SOUND TECHNICIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a practical session, which gives you an insight into the Music Technology course. You will get the opportunity to use our state-of-the-art facilities including recording studios and Mac suite

SCIENCE & MATHS



APPLIED SCIENCE

Vocational A Level

This course gives you the foundation of knowledge to progress in a forensic career. Placements within the field prepare you with skills in laboratory techniques, evidence, collection and analysis, and investigative skills. This vocational qualification is equivalent to one A-Level.

Studying in the Science department will give you access to state of the art scientific laboratories, specialist equipment and an experienced technical team, to help you to achieve and explore the scientific world.

Topics include:

- Fundamentals of science
- Working in the science industry
- Scientific Practical Techniques
- Forensic Evidence and collection
- Perceptions
- Physiology of the Human Body
- Human Regulations and Reproduction
- Diseases and Infections



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ LAB ANALYSIS
- ★ DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY
- ★ FORENSIC ASSISTANT
- ★ NURSING
- ★ PSYCHOLOGIST
- ★ SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a workshop involving blood spatter analysis linked to the work you will do as part of the forensic evidence & collection modules. You will be using techniques used by forensic scientists to investigate blood spatter from a crime scene.

BIOLOGY

A level

Biological life is every part of us. You will explore the world at a molecular level, through cells, organism, genetics, and their relationships with the environment.

Studying in the Science department will give you access to state-of-the-art scientific laboratories, specialist equipment and an experienced technical team, to help you to achieve and explore the scientific world.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in field trips as part of the practical endorsement qualification.

Previous students have travelled to Scarborough and Southport to test various sites and improve their teamwork, research and analytical skills.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ACADEMIC RESEARCHER**
- ★ **BIOTECHNOLOGIST**
- ★ **MARINE BIOLOGIST**
- ★ **NURSING**
- ★ **DENTISTRY**
- ★ **PHARMACOLOGIST**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **ZOOLOGIST**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a practical investigation introducing you to the principles of digestion and enzyme immobilisation. You will be making lactose free milk that is suitable for consumption for cats.

CHEMISTRY

A Level

Chemistry is an intricate, fascinating and broad A-Level which links well to any other science subject. You will be trained in detailed practical procedures, to develop your problem solving skills and to enhance your mathematical abilities.

By exploring the study of matter from organic and physical chemistry to the periodic table and energy, you will understand how science works developing both practical and theoretical skills.

Studying in the Science department will give you access to state-of-the-art scientific laboratories, specialist equipment and an experienced technical team, to help you to achieve and explore the scientific world.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ACADEMIC RESEARCHER**
- ★ **BIOTECHNOLOGIST**
- ★ **CRIME SCIENCE INVESTIGATOR**
- ★ **NURSING**
- ★ **MEDICINAL CHEMIST**
- ★ **PHARMACOLOGIST**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **TOXICOLOGIST**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

There is a lot of emphasis in A-level Chemistry on practical work which includes designing methods for procedures and developing techniques associated to qualitative analysis. In our Chemistry session, you will focus on these skills and apply them to identifying 5 unknown solutions.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

A Level

The modern world is changing and this course gives you the knowledge to adapt, focussing on computer programming, problem solving, mathematical skills and algorithms. In our current age of rapidly advancing technology, the importance of understanding the fundamentals of computer systems cannot be understated. This qualification aims to develop your understanding of how computers work at different levels of operation – from the tiny transistors that make up circuits, to the global network that is the internet. Throughout the course, you will explore the structure and function of computer systems and gain insight into the processes and protocols that allow them to function.

This qualification aims to develop your computational thinking – a problem solving approach that utilises abstraction, decomposition, pattern recognition and logical thinking to develop algorithms that allow solutions to be carried out effectively by man or machine.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER
- ★ CYBER SECURITY ANALYST
- ★ GAME DESIGNER
- ★ SOFTWARE ENGINEER
- ★ WEB DEVELOPER
- ★ IT PROFESSIONAL
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ NANOTECHNOLOGIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a practical activity linked to the main 3 components of the course. You will also get the opportunity to participate in a programming and coding exercise.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Level 3 Extended Diploma

This course gives you the foundation of knowledge to progress in a forensic career. Placements within the field prepare you with skills in laboratory techniques, evidence, collection and analysis, and investigative skills.

Studying in the Science department will give you access to state-of-the-art scientific laboratories, specialist equipment and an experienced technical team, to help you to achieve and explore the scientific world.

Forensic Science is an Extended Diploma teaching both practical skills and scientific knowledge across Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

You will apply your knowledge of science in crime, investigation and analytics.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ANALYTICAL CHEMIST
- ★ BIOMEDICAL SCIENTIST
- ★ FORENSIC SCIENTIST
- ★ DETECTIVE
- ★ CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR
- ★ SCIENCE LAB TECHNICIAN
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ TOXICOLOGIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This session will explore some of the analytical techniques which are used in Forensic Investigation. Activities will be practical in nature and will allow you to get hands on in Forensic Data Collection.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

A Level

Taking Mathematics to the next level, Further Mathematics builds on your knowledge with Pure, Mechanics, Statistics and Decision.

Further Maths is a demanding and challenging course to develop your analytical and problem solving skills in Maths at a fast pace. When you choose to study Further Maths, you will study an A-Level in Mathematics and an A-Level in Further Mathematics, equating to two A-Levels when combined. You will not be able to study Further Mathematics without the Mathematics A-Level.

Modules include:

- Core, Mechanics and Statistics,
- Pure, and Decision covering algebra
- Geometry
- Trigonometry
- logarithms
- Vectors
- Forces
- Probability
- Momentum
- Variable and Programming.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ACTUARIAL ANALYST**
- ★ **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT**
- ★ **DATA SCIENTIST**
- ★ **INVESTMENT ANALYST**
- ★ **RESEARCH SCIENTIST**
- ★ **SOFTWARE ENGINEER**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **STATISTICIAN**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This course and session is aimed at students working towards a grade 8+ at GCSE Maths.

You will be looking at the Algebra and Trigonometry from your GCSE in more depth as well as looking at lots of new and exciting areas of maths. During the session you will also be exploring the Maths behind a SATNAV.

GEOLOGY

A Level

Geology is the science of the earth – the physics of plate tectonics, the chemistry of precious metals and the biology of ancient creatures such as dinosaurs. Anyone can be inspired to study geology if they appreciate the natural world.

Geology involves the study of the processes that have formed Planet Earth over millions of years. It is important to know how our planet works in order to manage its resources effectively and to cope with the hazards and changes that are happening to the Earth around us.

There has never been a more interesting time to be involved in the science that studies the Earth.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST**
- ★ **GEOCHEMIST**
- ★ **GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER**
- ★ **HYDROGEOLOGIST**
- ★ **MUDLOGGER**
- ★ **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will have the opportunity to identify and describe the most common fossils studied by earth scientists. You will also learn about the morphological features of ancient creatures and how these linked to modes of life. You will get to see real examples of fossils and will have a go at drawing the prominent features.

MATHEMATICS

A Level

This course will push your Mathematical ability and give you the confidence to work in areas of Core, Mechanics and Statistics.

If you enjoy Maths and feel confident with the work you have met so far at GCSE, then you should consider A-level Mathematics. It is a demanding and challenging subject but it can be an extremely rewarding one if you are prepared to put in time and effort.

Topics covered include:

- Core – Builds upon the techniques in Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry developed at GCSE as well as introducing new topics such as calculus, sequences and series, discriminants and logarithms.
- Mechanics – Includes topics such as vectors, kinematics, forces, newton laws and moments.
- Statistics – Includes topics such as sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability, statistical distributions and hypothesis testing.



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- ★ INVESTMENT ANALYST
- ★ RESEARCH SCIENTIST
- ★ SOFTWARE ENGINEER
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ STATISTICIAN

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This course and session is aimed at students working towards a grade 7+ at GCSE Maths.

In the session you will look at how is Maths used across STEM A levels. You will take part in activities linked to the modules on the A Level Maths course that are transferable to lots of other courses.

PHYSICS

A Level

Both in theory and in practice, Physics explores the scientific world around us through areas of forces and motion, electrons and waves, medical and astrophysics.

Studying in the Science and Maths department will give you access to state of the art scientific laboratories, specialist equipment and an experienced technical team, to help you to achieve and explore the scientific world.

As a physics student, you will develop skills in numeracy, analysis and problem solving – all highly sought after by employers and universities. As one of the most respected A-Levels, physics students are found working in an unparalleled variety of careers and can command salaries far higher than the national average.

During the course, you will study how physics plays a role in areas as diverse as diagnostic techniques in hospitals, electrical and sound engineering, metrology and architecture to name a few.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **ASTRONOMER**
- ★ **GEOPHYSICIST**
- ★ **METEROLOGIST**
- ★ **NUCLEAR ENGINEER**
- ★ **RESEARCH SCIENTIST**
- ★ **SOFTWARE ENGINEER**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **PROSTHETIST / ORTHOTIST**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be taking part in a practical session which gives you an insight into the Physics course. You will get the opportunity to use our state-of-the-art facilities and ask any questions you may have.

SOCIAL SCIENCES



CRIMINOLOGY

Vocational A Level

This course combines the social sciences with a criminal focus.

You will explore the process of investigations from the crime scene to the courtroom, research theories or crime and apply these to actual criminal cases.

This is a course aimed at developing your knowledge and understanding of a wide range of crimes and work done in the criminal justice system.

The course incorporates elements of psychology, law and sociology, covering a wide variety of crime-related topics including psychological, biological and sociological theories of criminality, processes used for law making and media representations of crime, amongst others.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ CIVIL SERVICE
- ★ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER
- ★ DETECTIVE
- ★ POLICE OFFICER
- ★ PROBATION OFFICER
- ★ PARALEGAL
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ SOCIAL RESEARCHER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will take part in an introduction to what is Criminology with a breakdown of the topics you will study and assessments you will sit. This session will focus on explanations of criminality, exploring Lombroso's theory of crime, with the opportunity to design your own sketch of 'Lombroso's criminal'.

PSYCHOLOGY

A Level

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour.

Another way of defining Psychology is the science of people and, as people are so varied and complex, this is a broad subject with links to a range of other subjects and a wide choice of future career pathways too. If you're fascinated by why people think and behave the way they do then Psychology is most definitely for you.

Throughout the course you will look at the explanations of conformity, obedience and resisting social influence, minority influence and the role of social influence in social change. As well as types of memory, stages of attachment and the various studies that look in to the subject in depth.

You will also look at the origins of Psychology, the nervous system, abnormality, and the behaviour approach to phobias as well as mental health and analysing data.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST**
- ★ **COUNSELLING**
- ★ **FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST**
- ★ **MARKET RESEARCHER**
- ★ **PLAY THERAPIST**
- ★ **MEDIATOR**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **SOCIAL RESEARCHER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This session will focus on Social Influence; the study of how human behaviour is influenced by those around us. You will explore the differences between conformity and obedience and study examples of situations to try and explain why the individual has behaved in a particular way.

SOCIOLOGY

A Level

Sociology is the study of human social activity, relationships, and social structures. It prepares you for a lifetime of change by developing one's appreciation of diversity, love of learning, writing and study skills, and knowledge base about human behaviour, social organisation, culture, and social change.

Sociology helps us look more objectively at our society and other societies. It directs attention to how the parts of society fit together and change, and the consequences of that social change. We are faced with ever increasingly complex and rapidly changing social conditions in modern industrial societies.

Though everyday life may seem chaotic and random, behind the buzz of activity it is possible to make out shapes and patterns of behaviour. Sociology is the study of people in society and taking on this course will provide you with an awareness of the society you exist within today.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER
- ★ CIVIL SERVICE
- ★ CHARITY OFFICER
- ★ HOUSING MANAGER
- ★ MARKETING EXECUTIVE
- ★ POLICE OFFICER
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ YOUTH WORKER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

In this session you will look at crime and punishment. You will consider what crime is as well as whether punishment is fair and just. You will also think about why people commit crimes and the role society plays in this

SPORT & PUBLIC SERVICES



FOOTBALL COACHING

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

In partnership with City in the Community, the Sports Coaching and Development (Football Coaching) course is a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport. Alongside your passion and dedication for the sport, you will gain a foundation of knowledge focusing on the football industry to enhance your skills and understanding of the sport to a high level.

This course particularly suits those wanting to enter employment in the sport and active leisure sector as sports coaches, instructors and leaders who have a real passion for football. It is also ideal for those wishing to progress to higher education to study a sport related degree such as coaching, sports development and sports science. Alongside the academic aspect of the course, you will have access to quality coaching to enhance your football skills and playing ability.

As a student on the Football Coaching course, you will play in the City in the Community BTEC leagues alongside playing in national cup competitions.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ **SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR**
- ★ **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES MANAGER**
- ★ **PERSONAL TRAINER**
- ★ **SPORTS COACH**
- ★ **SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**
- ★ **FITNESS CENTRE MANAGER**
- ★ **TEACHER / LECTURER**
- ★ **YOUTH WORKER**

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

Please dress appropriately for a practical football session

You will start in a classroom with a brief overview of what the course content includes (specifically the teaching element), then move into a practical where you will experience a football coaching session and participate within it.

PE SPORTS SCIENCE

Vocational A Level

How does the body work during exercise? Why is sport becoming a social phenomenon? How does the body adapt to training? These are all questions and more you will explore on this Physical Education courses.

Physical Education is a course taught in two separate strands and you will choose one to study. You can specialise in 'Sport Science' or 'Sport Studies', preparing you with a broad base of knowledge within the sporting industries across the sector.

The sports science students will be expected to analyse performance and create psychological training programmes.

There is also the opportunity for you to complete a work placement and we can help you source these.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ NUTRITIONIST
- ★ OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES MANAGER
- ★ PERSONAL TRAINER
- ★ SPORTS COACH
- ★ SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER
- ★ FITNESS CENTRE
MANAGER
- ★ TEACHER /
LECTURER
- ★ YOUTH WORKER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

This will be a real lesson that you will do as a 1st year student. Based around anatomy and the need to use the correct anatomical language, for example why we use the words medial and lateral. You will also look at the topics within Sport Science and careers in the sports industry.

PE SPORTS STUDIES

Vocational A Level

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Students who pick the sports studies strand will be expected to deliver some coaching and personal training sessions

There is also the opportunity for you to complete a work placement and we can help you source these.



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WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will look at the key topics on the course, e.g. Anatomy, Careers, Practical Sport & Fitness. The lesson will be structured just the same as a 1st Year class. Specifically, you will look at practical performance and how you would analyse performance, which then drives an action plan.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Vocational A Level

This two year course offers you the opportunity to develop your knowledge of the public services and prepare you for your career in the uniformed public services.

We will explain different careers in the uniformed services and then explore a chosen uniformed service. You will also identify your own goals and targets to achieve entry to a uniformed service.

You will develop an understanding of health and well being that contribute to physical fitness. You will identify your own level of physical fitness, then plan and participate in a training programme to develop aspects of your physical fitness to meet entry standards of a uniformed service.

You will also investigate different styles of leadership whilst identifying your own.



WHAT CAREERS CAN IT LEAD TO?

- ★ ARMED FORCES
- ★ FIREFIGHTER
- ★ POLICE OFFICER
- ★ SURVEILLANCE OFFICER
- ★ PROBATION OFFICER
- ★ SOCIAL WORK
- ★ TEACHER / LECTURER
- ★ YOUTH WORKER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will be looking at leadership skills in the Public Services and how they are transferable to other careers. You will take part in a leadership task as well as participating in a theory based activity too.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Level 3 Extended Diploma

This two year course offers you the opportunity to develop your knowledge of the public services and prepare you for your career in the uniformed public services.

You will gain a solid understanding of the skills and demands required for a career in the public services, learning about a range of subjects such as leadership, health and lifestyle, citizenship, politics and law.

You will have the opportunity to take part in activities which will enhance your understanding of a career in the industry; for example, opportunities to go on residential visits to develop team work and leadership skills, or listening to a range of guest speakers from the Army, Navy and the Police during your studies.

Topics include:

- Careers
- Fitness
- Emergency Planning
- Land-Based Activities
- Crime Scene Investigation



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- ★ YOUTH WORKER

WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

You will participate in crime scenarios to help you to understand how the practical element may look. You will also be involved in activities exploring how national and international conflict can impact on the different services.

SPORTS COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

Level 3 Extended Diploma

This course focuses on all aspects of sport from science related topics such as exercise physiology right through to nutrition and coaching.

This two year course is designed to give you an all-round experience of the sport sector. Work placements are a compulsory part of this course and we try to offer placements in a variety of different sectors. Students have been placed in schools, coaching at FC United and as personal trainers. The practical experience you will gain, alongside your teaching will prepare you for the next steps of your career.

This course is backed by some major employers and professional bodies, such as: Rugby Football League, Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMPSA), League Football Education, Skills Active and Sports Coach UK.

This qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements for many relevant specialist courses.



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WHAT WILL I BE DOING IN MY TASTER SESSION?

During this session, you will gain an understanding of fitness testing and the importance of health screening and health monitoring tests. You will be looking at the relationship between fitness and health affecting performance in our everyday lives whether it be sport or work related.

KEY DATES 2023

**APPLICATIONS OPEN:
BEGINNING OF
SEPTEMBER 2023**

**OPEN EVENING:
TUESDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER 2023
5PM - 8PM**

**OPEN DAY:
SATURDAY
14TH OCTOBER 2023
10AM - 1PM**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY
15TH DECEMBER 2023**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We know you may have questions and that's OK! Questions are good!

Below we have tried to answer the most popular questions we receive but if you have a question that isn't answered here, please speak to your teacher/careers adviser in the first instance.

HOW MANY TASTER SESSIONS WILL I BE DOING?

You will be taking part in 4 sessions, which will last one hour each.

WHY DO I HAVE TO CHOOSE 6 SESSIONS IF I'M ONLY DOING 4?

We ask you to choose 6 sessions to help us ensure that everyone gets to take part in something they want to do. Some sessions can not run if there aren't enough students choosing it, equally some subjects are oversubscribed so by giving us 6 choices in preferential order, it ensures we can accommodate everyone.

I WANT TO STUDY ONE OF THE FULL TIME COURSES, WHY DO I HAVE TO TRY 4 SUBJECTS?

It's great that you know exactly what you want to do! If this is the case, use the other sessions to try something new and that you will enjoy. You never know, it might give you food for thought and inspire you to look at alternative courses.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO CHOOSE, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

You won't be alone! There is a lot to choose from.

Think about the subjects you enjoy and don't enjoy to help you narrow down your choices. You may want to do some research, if you have a specific career pathway in mind to see what subjects would be helpful. You can also speak to your teachers and careers advisers.

WHAT CAN I WEAR TO MY TASTER DAY?

This is up to your school – Some schools allow their students to wear their own clothes, however we ask you to dress appropriately.

Some sessions require you to wear specific clothing – this will be mentioned on their information page.

CAN I GO OFFSITE AT BREAK / LUNCHTIME?

Unfortunately, no one will be allowed off the college site during the taster days. This is to ensure your safety.

CAN I PURCHASE FOOD DURING THE DAY?

Our Food Market will be open during the day to offer hot and cold meals. We also have a Costa Coffee Shop on site which you will be able to purchase snacks, hot and cold drinks and confectionery. You are able to use cash and/or card on site.

WILL IT JUST BE MY SCHOOL ATTENDING ON THE DAY?

As our taster days are extremely popular, we have lots of schools taking part this year so it is not possible to offer each school their own day. However we see this as a great opportunity for you to meet new people, who might become your class mates in the future.

I HAVE SUBMITTED MY CHOICES BUT I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND?

Don't worry! Just speak to your teacher/careers adviser and they will get in touch with us. If your school's deadline has not passed, we will amend your choices, ready for timetabling.

If the deadline has passed, we will wait until the timetabling has been completed before we allow any changes. We will then make changes if there are places available in your newly chosen sessions.



BE OPEN-MINDED



GET INVOLVED



**MAKE THE MOST OF
EVERY OPPORTUNITY!**





PLEASE NOTE:

THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR CHANGE THE CONTENT OF ANY OF THE SUBJECT SESSIONS AND NOT ALL SUBJECTS WILL NECESSARILY BE AVAILABLE ON THE DATE YOUR SCHOOL ARE ATTENDING.

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