



Farmor's School
AN ACADEMY

**SIXTH
FORM**



FARMOR'S SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Welcome to Farmor's Sixth Form

As Head of Farmor's Sixth Form, I'd like to offer you a warm welcome and give you a brief insight into why I believe it is such a fantastic place to study.

Students at Farmor's Sixth Form have a breadth of experience, which is designed to ensure they go on to their first choice, post-18 pathway, be this university, degree apprenticeship or apprenticeship.

We place each student's choice of A Levels at the centre of our programme, taught in small classes by subject experts. This is supplemented by our broad enrichment programme and extra-curricular opportunities, all of which is designed to support students' progress from GCSE study to independence.

We place a high value on student leadership, with all students being given the opportunity to take up positions that enrich the sixth form, as well as the wider school. Alongside this, our Aspire programme is a personalised support for those interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge, as well as medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses.

Our pastoral team take pride in the way they offer personalised support, to ensure that you are able to fulfil

your aspirations. Our whole sixth form teaching team pride ourselves on truly knowing our students and going the extra mile for them.

If you would like to find out more, please make contact, attend our open evening or book in for our taster events during the course of the year. We are looking forward to meeting you!



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Study programme

Your A Level choices form the centre of your curriculum in the sixth form, and will mean you can follow your interests and passions.

Your study programme will have three A levels at its core. We offer an extensive range of subjects and ask you to choose three of these as the basis of your curriculum. You may choose these based on career ambitions at university or the workplace. For example, if you want to study Medicine, Chemistry must be one of your choices. If you want to study Law, History or English will be important. If you don't have an ambition at the moment, that is fine. You should choose on the basis of what you enjoy, are good at, or are interested in. You will have many opportunities to discuss your choices and options with experienced sixth form staff during the application process.

Alongside your core, three A levels, you can then add a further academic course if you wish. These are:

- The Extended Project Qualification
- Core Maths
- An additional A level.
- AS Language

Trips and visits

A variety of trips are on offer every year. Recent destinations have included: London, Oxford, Model United Nations, South Africa, New York, Bristol, Iceland and of course, our famous Three Peaks Challenge walking weekends.

For example, if you choose to study Geography, Psychology, Chemistry, Economics or Business, Core Maths would be a really useful addition that would complement the maths requirements in those A levels. If you are studying Maths A level and have achieved a GCSE grade 8 or 9, you might like to add Further Maths, especially if you are thinking of studying Maths at university.

It is important to recognise that no university requires four A levels as a minimum. High achievement at GCSE would indicate suitability for four A levels; however, we believe a more balanced curriculum to be more beneficial for those intending to continue their studies at University level. Oxford and Cambridge universities explicitly prefer students to have three A levels and the EPQ, for example.

Speakers Programme

Once a fortnight, year 12 come together for our speakers' programme to listen to a range of interesting and informative guest speakers from the world beyond school. Recent topics have included:

- My life as a spy
- Driver and passenger safety
- Personal finance
- Degree level apprenticeships
- The Bank of England
- Gap years
- University

Private study

Our purpose built Learning Resource Centre is open from 8am to 5pm during the week and provides all our students with a calm, purposeful environment for study. Our Sixth form area includes a common room, social spaces, a café, outdoor seating and table tennis tables.

Enrichment

As well as your academic courses, you will get the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities that will give you the skills to stand out from the crowd.

Every Wednesday afternoon we offer the following options:

- Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- Modern United Nations
- Engineering
- Art/Textiles
- Introduction to Italian & Italian culture
- PE
- Maths
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Science

Shadow Senior Leadership Team

As the Student Shadow Leadership Team, we strive to ensure that the school is the best reflection of student voice, and that each individual is supported by a team of experienced, encouraging role models. We also hope to inspire students to become part of this community in the future and put their stamp on improving our school. This team includes the Heads of School, Heads of House, Student Presidents, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Eco-Ambassador, Charity Committee, STEM Committee, and Reading Ambassadors. The wide variety of roles within the Student Shadow Leadership Team encourages people to get involved with leadership roles and wider school activities.

Heads of School: Nathan Govier, Mariia Pantas, Maddie Hobbs



Application Process

New students join us every year and their differing perspectives add great value to our sixth form community.

Entry Criteria:

- A grade 4 in English and maths plus at least 3 more GCSEs at grade 4 or above. Short courses do not count.
- Grade 4 or above in the subjects you are wishing to study at A level although grade 5 would be desirable.
- Please note that some subjects have specific entry requirements, see individual subject pages for details.

Alumni Network

We have a portfolio of ex-Farmors students, who not only visit and share their experience of life post-school as part of the Speakers Programme but run a mentoring programme to support students on to their chosen career paths.

Deadlines & Events

- **October 2024**
Applications open
- **7th November 2024**
Sixth Form Open Evening
- **30th January 2024**
Sixth Form Taster Day
- **February-March 2025**
Formal Interviews
- **Friday 14th February 2025**
Application Deadline
- **July 2025**
Sixth Form Induction Day
- **Thursday 21st August 2025**
GCSE Results and Enrolment

Futures

Whilst many of our students go on to university, there is an increasingly exciting range of options for school leavers and we support our students to explore as many options as possible. Students interested in studying medicine or going to Oxford or Cambridge are invited to join our Aspire programme at the start of year 12 to support them in their aspirations, and from the summer of year 12, we walk students through the UCAS application process. Every week, our newsletter contains information and updates about courses, apprenticeships and job offers and Mrs Mitchell our careers advisor is always on hand to offer advice.

Farmor's is not just an academy, it is a family that inspires, supports, enables and provides not just learning but cultures and life skills that these children will take with them and use for the rest of their life.

Parent email

Getting to Sixth Form

There are lots of buses and many of our students drive in once they have passed their test. Some parents also set up lift-shares. If your household income is below £30,000 you can apply for financial support with bus fares.

Financial support

We have a bursary programme to support students who might have financial barriers to their learning. This includes payments to help with transport costs, with materials and resources, with books. You will all be given the application form and information but please ask if you need help.

There is a mutual respect between teachers and students.

Student 2022

Student Testimonials

"Farmor's Sixth Form has a diverse range of pupils yet never fails to encourage an inclusive and friendly community, which is one of the main factors that led to my decision to attend Farmor's.

There is a wide range of experienced teachers who are always supportive to a personal level with students, whether it be helping with academic studies, sporting commitments or personal challenges outside of school."

Oliver, Year 12



"I am coming to the end of my first year at Farmor's sixth form and have enjoyed it very much. In particular, I like the warm and friendly atmosphere that exists at Farmor's and there is a good community feel where everyone is supported. For a lot of my subjects the classes are small, meaning we are able to build up good relationships with the teachers. This makes lessons enjoyable and really contributes to our achievement.

As I begin to think about post-18 next steps, Mr Bew and the leadership team are being supportive in guiding us through this process. The Speakers' programme also helps us to think about the future and broaden our horizons. Overall, Farmor's sixth form is a great place to study and I would really recommend it to anyone planning to take A levels."

Grace, Year 12





Sixth form has been fantastic for my daughter. She has been encouraged to mature and be a far more independent learner and we can't believe the improvement she has made.

Parental Exit Survey

The small sixth form class sizes that you have been able to offer really do make a difference to the students' enthusiasm and outlook and we would recommend the school wholeheartedly. Thank you.

Parental Exit Survey

Art & Design: Fine Art

You will further your skills and techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, 3D alongside exploring, understanding and evaluating the work of Artists, Designers and Craftspeople.

Mrs Parker-Woolway

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 75%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in Graphics, Art or Photography.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 15-hour exam in Year 13 which makes up 40% of the final grade.
- Year 13 students follow their own personal artistic investigation, supported by their teachers. This includes a 3000-word essay alongside sketchbook development work leading to substantial final pieces. This makes up 60% of the final grade.

Art & Design: Digital Photography

You will learn how to take good quality, well composed photographs, looking beyond the lens to use the digital camera as a tool to capture moments in time. You will work on portraiture and landscape projects, completing sketchbooks and boards for a display at the end of Year 12. In Year 13, you will choose your own genre of photography to research & develop.

Mrs Sharann Giles

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 71%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum grade 4 at GCSE in a creative subject.

You will need your own Digital SLR camera and a basic knowledge of editing software.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- The course is assessed in Year 13 through a personal investigation including a 3000-word essay which makes up 60% of the grade and a final exam.
- 15-hour exam, the wide range of topics for which are released in March. Students are supported in preparing for this practical exam from March until May. This makes up 40% of the final grade.

Biology

This highly regarded A level covers a wide range of both traditional and modern theory. It prepares students for numerous university courses and apprenticeships. It is a multidisciplinary course: data handling, mathematics (including statistics) and practical skills are all combined with a large theory content. Topics include means of transport in plants and animals, diseases, immune system, biodiversity, classification and evolution, the biochemistry of respiration and photosynthesis and genetics.

Mr Andrew Rowan

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Results in 2024:

A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics. If lower than Grade 6 achieved in Mathematics, you should also take the Core Mathematics option.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to a separate endorsement qualification.

Cambridge Advanced Level in Human Biology

This course is an alternative to studying A level Biology, where students will explore a range of study areas that prepares them for post-18 study. A significant proportion of the course consists of non-examination assessed units, rather than public exams.

Mr Andrew Rowan

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Results in 2024:

New course

Entry Requirements:

Combined Science at 4-4 or above or separate sciences at 4, 4, 4 or above, in addition to sixth form entrance requirements.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- 2 mandatory units: fundamentals of human biology, health and diseases.
- 2 mandatory non-exam assessment units: genetics, biomedical techniques.
- 2 optional units from a choice of the following: nutrition and metabolism, human reproduction, the brain, drug development.

Business Studies

Business Studies will be of interest to anyone who wants a career in business, is thinking of starting their own business or is curious about how businesses are run. The course provides you with the opportunity to study how businesses in the real world operate and how they make decisions. By studying examples of real businesses, you will learn about a diverse range of areas such as marketing, human resources, international business, accounts and business strategy.

Mr Peter Imeson

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 54%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 4 in Business if studied.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13.

Chemistry

This course offers a solid foundation in all aspects of Chemistry. You will explore areas of study that include Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry. In addition, you will develop a variety of practical skills, including use of scientific equipment, report writing, communication, logical thinking and reasoning as well as researching and managing risk through a range of activities.

Dr Nicola Crook

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Results in 2024:

A-A* 55%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics. If lower than Grade 6 achieved in Mathematics, you should also take the Core Mathematics option.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.

Computer Science

In a rapidly developing world, it has never been more important to be technologically aware. This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of many Computing topics and solve complex problems in a variety of business, scientific and social contexts.

Computer Science is also a creative subject that involves the innovative thinking and development of ideas through software development.

Ms Helen Bristow

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 40%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus a keen interest in Computing. It is expected that students achieve at least a level 6 in both their Computer Science and Mathematics GCSEs to study the course.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- NEA (Non-Exam Assessment): 20% of the A level.
- Paper 1 – an on-screen exam: 40% of the A level.
- Paper 2 – a written exam: 40% of the A level.

Design & Technology Product Design

This Design and Technology course is a meaningful and thought-provoking creative course which enables students to specialise in different areas of technical processes and design skills through practical and theory tasks. Run with a fully equipped workshop students have the opportunity to specialise in different form of craftsmanship. You will investigate historical, cultural and economic influences of design as well as how technology has influenced products we use every day. You will also explore how industry approaches design and manufacture.

Ms Abi Banyard

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Results in 2024:

A*-C 50%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in a design related subject such as Resistant Materials, Graphic Design, Product Design, Fine Art, Textiles or Photography.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- 50% NEA Design and manufacture practical project.
- 50% Written exams.





Design & Technology Fashion and Textiles

This creative and thought-provoking A level gives you the practical skills and knowledge to succeed in the fashion and creative industries. This course is suited to you if you are interested in fashion and art textiles. You will experiment with a wide range of fabrics and techniques before refining your ideas for the final assessed pieces in the second year.

Miss Abigail Craig
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Results in 2024:
A*-B 42%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 4 in a design related subject such as Resistant Materials, Graphic Design, Product Design, Fine Art, Textiles, Photography, or Technical Award is ideal. However, if you are enthusiastic about the creative aspects of this course and have not studied Art or D&T subjects we would still be keen to hear from you.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- 40% externally set.
- 60% through a project with the brief chosen by students.

Drama and Theatre

This is a creative course on which you will watch, read and practically explore a range of plays, productions and practitioners in a variety of theatrical styles. This will help inform your own creativity as a theatre-maker in pieces that you devise, design and perform yourself.

Mr Thomas Newman
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Results in 2024:
A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus A minimum of a 4 grade in GCSE Drama if studied or grade 4 in English.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 40% written exam at the end of Year 13.
- 60% practical performance or design of text-based and devised work supported by a Working Notebook and Reflective Report.

Economics

The skills and knowledge developed when studying A-level Economics will be useful in a variety of careers and degree courses.

Students are taught to think critically about a variety of economic issues, to develop the ability to write analytically, to use economic data to support arguments and to communicate clearly.

Mr Peter Imeson
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Results in 2024:
A*-B 58%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English and Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

- There are 3 exams at the end of Year 13.

English Language and Literature

This course offers a fascinating insight into a diverse range of texts, both literary and non-literary. You will also have the opportunity to consider language in new ways and to write both creatively and analytically.

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Results in 2024:
A*-B 42%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English Literature and Language.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- The NEA – a language investigation of your own choosing - makes up 20% of the final grade. You will work independently on this with tutorial support from your teachers.
- 2 exams at the end of Year 13 making up 80% of the final grade.

English Literature

This course offers the perfect insight into the richness of English Literature, pushing well beyond the scope of GCSE. You will study texts from across the three genres: prose, poetry and drama, and will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in some of the finest literature written in English.

Ms Sue Simmonds
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Results in 2024:
A*-A 30%, A*-B 90%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English Literature and Language.

Exam board: Edexcel

- Exams:**
- A 3000-word coursework essay makes up 20% of the final grade. This is a comparative essay and you can choose any two texts of your choice. You will work independently on this with tutorial support from staff.
 - 3 exams at the end of Year 13 making up 80% of the final grade.

EPQ

This is an independent research project in an area of your own interest. You are taught skills including academic research and referencing, presentation, decision-making and project management. A supervisor supports you with individual tutorials to progress your project. You will produce an artefact and report or a research essay of approximately 5000 words. Your production log records each stage of your journey.

Ms Abi Banyard
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Results in 2024:
A*-A 56%, A*-B 72%, A*-C 90%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria.

Exam board: AQA

- Exams:**
- 100% assessed through production log and essay / report and artefact. There is no exam.

Food Science and Nutrition

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles. You will be taught advanced food preparation techniques as well as learning the theory of nutrition, food safety and food science concepts. This is a modular course, and you will study 3 units which cover meeting the nutritional needs of various groups, the science of food safety and hygiene, and experimenting to solve problems of food production. Practical sessions will support the gaining of theoretical knowledge and ensure learning is a tactile experience.

Mrs Angie Cadwallader
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Results in 2021:
100% Distinction

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria.

Exam board: WJEC

- Exams:**
- Year 12 - 50% external exam, 50% internal assessment including 3 hour practical exam.
 - Year 13 – 50% internal assessment, 50% external assessment.
 - Graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and recognised by UCAS as equivalent to an A level.

French

You will study current issues and trends in society as well as the cultural topics of religion, history, literature, art and film. You will also have half an hour per week of one-to-one speaking sessions to develop spoken French. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the language and culture of France and therefore gain a skill for life.

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Results in 2024:
A*-B 80%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 6 in French.

Exam board: AQA

- Exams:**
- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%.
 - Writing on film and literature 20%.
 - Speaking on current trends in society 30%.





Geography

Geography will inspire you to learn more about the world around you. The course is topical and will develop your perceptions and stimulate your investigative and analytical skills. Course content includes both Physical and Human Geography. Physical Geography covers water and carbon cycles as well as coastal landscapes. Human Geography covers global systems and governance as well as populations and the environment. Students will take part in a residential field trip to Wales to look at coastal landforms and urban regeneration in Cardiff as well as local field trips and the possibility of international trips.

Mr Tom Wood
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Results in 2023:
A*-B 35%, A*-C 85%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum grade 5 in GCSE Geography.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- Two exams at the end of Year 13 as well as a piece of coursework that makes up 20% of the final grade. This coursework is a 4000 word individual investigation.

Health and Social Care

This course gives you the opportunity to gain the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the care sector in the 21st century.

You will study a range of units, covering building positive relationships; equality, diversity and rights; health, safety and security; anatomy and physiology; nutrition for health; and sexual health, reproduction and early development stages.

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Results in 2024:
Merit 25%, Pass 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- A combination of external exams and internally assessed units take place at the end of Year 12 and Year 13.
- Graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and recognised by UCAS as equivalent to an A level.

History

In Year 12 you will study the Soviet Experiment and look at the controversies about why it collapsed. You will also study the division of Germany after WWII through to reunification from an East German perspective. In Year 13 you will study the British empire 1763-1914 including the American Revolution, early Australian history, the abolition of slavery, the Indian Rebellion and much more. You will also have the opportunity to do an historical enquiry which is a 4000 word essay on an historical controversy of your choice.

Mr Jim Speak
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Results in 2024:
A*-A 28%, A*-B 66%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 4 in History if taken. Minimum GCSE Grade 5 in English Language.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 Exams at the end of Year 13 which make up 80% of the final grade.
- The Historical Enquiry makes up 20% of the final grade.

Mathematics: Core Maths

Core Maths is a new course designed for post-16 students who want to continue studying maths. It will help you retain, deepen and extend your maths to be better prepared for higher education and employment. You will apply clear, mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial maths. Core Maths is very different to GCSE maths.

Mrs Alison Lines
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Results in 2024:
A*-C 58%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus grade 4 at GCSE Mathematics.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- There are 2 exam papers at the end of the 2 year course. This leads to a level 3 qualification, which carries the same UCAS points as an AS Level.

Mathematics

Pure maths makes up two thirds of this course: this involves algebra, calculus, exponentials and trigonometry. You will also study statistics and mechanics and learn how maths can be used to model the world around us in order to solve problems. Mechanics overlaps strongly with Physics A-level whereas Statistics deals with probability, sampling data and statistical hypotheses which overlap with Geography, Psychology and Biology.

Mrs Alison Lines
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Results in 2024:
A*-A 60%, A*-B 86%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

The final exams consist of 3 two hour papers:

- Paper 1 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 2 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 3 – Applied Maths including Mechanics and Statistics also marked out of 100.

Further Mathematics

You will need a real enthusiasm for Maths and a desire to understand it at a deeper level. You may be interested in a studying maths, engineering, computer science or economics at university. In pure maths, you will encounter new topics such as matrices and complex numbers. You will also study calculus in much more depth than at A level maths. Alongside the pure modules, we offer mechanics and decisions modules. In mechanics you will look at energy, collisions and elasticity. In decision, you study a range of algorithms to solve problems.

Mrs Alison Lines

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Results in 2024:

A*-A 40%, A*-B 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

The final exams consist of 4 one and half hour papers. The first two are compulsory while paper 3 and 4 allow for a number of options.

- Paper 1 – Pure Maths marked out of 75.
- Paper 2 – Pure Maths marked out of 75.
- Paper 3 & 4 – Mechanics and Decision marked out of 75.

Media

You will study media in all its forms including TV programmes, music videos, video games, advertising, marketing, film making, newspapers, radio, magazines, the film industry and online media including blogs. You will also study the theory of media that will allow you to both analyse these forms of media and develop the skills to produce your own pieces.

Mrs Emma Palmer

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 27%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus GCSE grade 5 in Media if taken GCSE grade 5 or above in English Language.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- There are two exams at the end of Year 13 as well as an NEA for which you produce two artefacts/productions. This is worth 30% of the final grade.

Music

The Eduqas Music A-Level offers you the chance to study a wide range of musical genres. It has a focus on listening, performing and composition with an emphasis on classical music and traditional notation.

The BTEC National Extended National Certificate in Music Performance offers a chance to focus on performance with one unit on the music industry and one on music theory.

We know that every student has different learning styles and musical tastes, which is why we run either the A-Level or BTEC each year based on the volume of applications we receive.

Mr Jon Driver

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Results in 2022:

A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

The ability to play an instrument or sing essential, ideally to Grade 5 standard. Students must be receiving regular private weekly tuition.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- 1: Appraising music 40%.
- 2: Performance 35% (Maximum of 12 minutes recorded performance).
- 3: Composition 25% (Maximum of 6 minutes).

Music Performance

The BTEC National Extended National Certificate in Music Performance offers a chance to focus on performance (50%) alongside one unit on the music industry (25%) and one on music theory (25%).

Mr Jon Driver

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Results in 2023:

New course

Exams (BTEC Pearson):

- 2 mandatory external assessments 50%.
- 1 mandatory internal assessment 25%.
- 1 additional internal assessment 25%.



Physical Education

Studying Physical Education takes a multi-disciplinary approach, including social, physiological, biomechanical and psychological insights into understanding human performances and as such requires a range of academic skills. A level PE is regarded as an A level Science subject when applying to courses in different fields of study. Students are fit and healthy, good communicators and team players with good social skills. They have the ability to analyse, evaluate and self-reflect. These are qualities sought after by future employers.

Mr Paul Hockey

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 25%, A*-C 66%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grade 4 at GCSE PE if studied. Participation in a sport at club level with regular training outside school. Grade 5 in a GCSE Science is preferred.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 2 exams in Year 13 plus a practical assessment making up 70% of the final grade. This involves film evidence of performing at a competitive level and a written analysis linking to theory topics. This requires a current and serious commitment to one sport.

BTEC Sport Level 3

BTEC Sport Tech Level 3 is an alternative to A-Level PE and would be suitable for those who prefer coursework style approach as opposed to terminal exams. BTEC Sport level 3 combines academic learning and practical sports training. It is ideal for those looking to work in coaching, sports organisation or leisure industry. It is equivalent to 1 A-Level but there may be scope to add additional units.

Mr Paul Wileman

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Results in 2023:

New course

Entry requirements:

GCSE PE grade 3+ or BTEC Level 1 or 2 are preferable but not essential.

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

Exams:

- Anatomy & Physiology Exam Jan Year 12 = 33% of course (Retake option Jun Year 12).
- Fitness & Training Unit = 33% of course (Case Study/Exam).
- Sports Performance Unit = 16.5% of course (Coursework).
- One additional module = 16.5% of course (Coursework).

Physics

You will study core content including: measurements and their errors, particles and radiation, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity, thermal physics, fields and their consequences, nuclear physics and medical physics.

Mr David Tatlow

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 42%, A*-C 85%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics. If lower than Grade 6 achieved in Mathematics, you should also take the Core Mathematics option. It is preferable to also study maths at AS or A level for this course.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.

Politics

The Politics course looks at the system and people that make the decisions that affect the everyday lives of people in the UK in Year 12 and the USA in Year 13. It also looks at the ways in which people engage with the politics, learning about voting, political parties, pressure groups and social movements. Political ideas such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism, anarchism and ecologism are also explored.

Politics will suit students who have an interest in the world around them and who enjoy debate, discussion and argument. It will give students the ability to analyse information, make valid judgements and become informed citizens.

Mr. Jim Speake

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Results in 2023:

New course

Entry requirements:

Sixth form entry requirements, a 5 in English and a keen interest in politics.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 papers at the end of Year 13.

Psychology

Psychology is a fascinating and incredibly popular area of study. It will help you understand human behaviour and mental processes and allow you to better understand how we think, act and feel. Why do people act the way they do? What shapes our personality? How do we learn and change throughout our life? Psychology develops valuable skills such as analysis of evidence, reasoning and evaluation.

Mrs Kit Taylor

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 40%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus taking Core Maths if GCSE Maths is below grade 6.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 3 exams all of 2 hour duration at the end of Year 13.

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

A-Level Religion, Philosophy & Ethics introduces students to the study of philosophy, and fundamental questions like what is knowledge, truth, and good. Students learn about moral philosophy, the metaphysics of God, and conduct an in-depth study of a selected religion. They also study the works of philosophers like Immanuel Kant, Aristotle, and Joseph Fletcher. Students develop critical reasoning, logical and analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills. They also learn how to interpret and assess arguments and counter-arguments.

Mrs Kit Taylor

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Results in 2024:

New course

Entry Requirements:

Grade 5 in English Language and Literature.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 papers at the end of Year 13.

Sociology

Why do middle class children do better at school than working class children? Why do some ethnic minority groups appear to commit more crime than others?

If you choose to study sociology you will investigate these types of questions and begin to understand more about your own motivations and behaviours. If you are fascinated by the behaviours of others and why we act the way we do, then sociology is for you. Sociology goes especially well with Psychology, Geography, English, Economics, Business Studies, Media and History.

Mr Kenny Robins

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Results in 2024:

A*-A 77%, A*-B 88%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus at least a grade 5 in English Language and/or Sociology. You do not need GCSE Sociology to take A-level.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

All taken at the end of Year 13:

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods.
- Paper 2: Health and Global Development.
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.

Spanish

You will study current issues and trends in society as well as the cultural topics of religion, history, literature, art and film. You also have half an hour per week of one-to-one speaking sessions to develop spoken Spanish. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the language and culture of Spain and therefore gain a skill for life.

Mr Simon Pike

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Results in 2024:

A*-B 66%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 6 in Spanish.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- At the end of Year 13.
- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%.
- Writing on film and literature 20%.
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%.

Student Profiles



Student Profile:
Reuben

Achieved:
A*A*AAA

Now studying:
Mathematics at the
University of Warwick



Student Profile:
Rebecca

Achieved:
A*A*A*A

Now studying:
Medicine at the
University of Leeds



Student Profile:
Bliss

Achieved:
A*A*AA

Now studying:
Politics and International
Relations at the University
of Bristol



Student Profile:
Max

Achieved:
A*A*AA

Now studying:
Physics at the University
of Manchester

Next steps

Our UCAS system is second to none: we support our students through every stage of the application process and help them find the higher education course that is right for them including Oxford, Cambridge and medical courses.

Other popular destinations include gap years, apprenticeships, drama schools, art colleges and employment. Whatever your ambition, there is individual support, advice and guidance to help you on your way.

In addition, you will be emailed a weekly careers bulletin with a round-up of all the new opportunities available locally, nationally and globally.

In addition to locations around the UK, we have also had students move on to destinations in California, Florida, Finland, Holland, Zurich, Spain, Thailand and even Australia.





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