

Sixth Form Courses

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Introduction

I am excited to share our Sixth Form course choices with you; whether you're a Lower School pupil continuing your education at Milton Abbey or joining us in the Sixth Form.



We are proud to offer one of the widest range of courses available in the independent sector. We will work tirelessly to find the right combination of subjects and course types to suit every student – whatever your interests, strengths and plans for the future. We review the courses available every year based on trends and student interests.

The choices you make now will determine the options that are available to you when you finish school. It is vitally important that you make your choices in an informed and sensible way, so that you can secure the future that you want.

Ultimately, the various routes that are open to you lead to a common destination – the world of work. But how you get there, and which parts of it are open to you, depends on the choices you make now.

As well as our excellent academic offer, you will also find the Milton Abbey Sixth Form provides the space and responsibility for you to grow and thrive as a person.

You'll be able to play a huge range of team and individual sports, take part in varied co-curricular and social activities, and be trusted as a Sixth Former to take more responsibility for your time and to act as a role model in the school.

I look forward to working with you to make your time in Sixth Form successful, satisfying and enjoyable.

Dr Josh Bradbury | Deputy Head (Academic) & Head of Sixth Form

What we offer

Course types

- **A-Level** | Academically-focused learning with in-depth subject focus
- **BTEC Extended Certificate** | Practical subjects with a workload equivalent to one full A-Level
- **BTEC Diploma** | Career-focussed subjects with a workload equivalent to two full A-Levels
- **BTEC Extended Diploma** | Highly-specific practical learning, equivalent to three full A-Levels

Course combinations

Subject Pods: To help your course selection

The biggest reason for students not getting onto university courses of their choice or a preferred career is inappropriate Sixth Form choices.

In order to help with good choice-making, it is strongly recommended that students pick subjects from within 'Subjects Pods' - designed to ensure good combinations to facilitate opportunities in different fields after Sixth Form.

The many courses offered at Sixth Form have been grouped into broad areas, to ensure that subject choices support one another and that they provide access to relevant higher education options and career paths.

Please note that not all combinations within each pod may be possible, as your choices must also be made in conjunction with the 'Subject Columns' to ensure availability.

These combinations are recommended:

- 3 A-Levels
- 2 A-Levels + 1 BTEC Extended Certificate
- 1 A-Level + 1 BTEC Diploma
- 1 BTEC Diploma + 1 BTEC Extended Certificate
- 1 BTEC Extended Diploma
- 4 A-Levels or 2 BTEC Diplomas are possible in special cases
- The EPQ is available to expand your studies

We will work with current and joining students to help them pick the best combination of subjects.

Pod I | Land-Based Studies

Sixth Form Courses

- Countryside Management Diploma
- Equine Management Extended Certificate
- Enterprise Extended Certificate
- Applied Science
- Geography
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths

Higher Education

- Agriculture
- Estate Management
- Real Estate
- Conservation & Ecology
- Equine Studies

Careers

- Farm/Estate Management
- Agriculture
- Equine Management
- Real Estate
- Property Development
- Conservation
- Gamekeeping

Pod 2 | Hospitality

Sixth Form Courses

- Hospitality Diploma
- Enterprise Extended Certificate
- Fine Art
- Film and TV Production
- Photography
- Maths

Higher Education

- Event Management
- Tourism Management
- Hospitality & Hotel Management
- Culinary Arts

Careers

- Catering: Chefing or Front of House
- Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Tourism
- Event Management
- Promotions

Pod 3 | Humanities

Sixth Form Courses

- English Literature
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Criminology
- Geography
- Critical and Contextual Studies

Higher Education

- Politics
- International Relations
- History or Archaeology
- Modern Foreign Languages
- English Literature
- Philosophy & Ethics

Careers

- Teaching
- Media & Communications
- Politics
- Civil Service
- Business & Management

Pod 4 | Creative

Sixth Form Courses

- Fine Art
- Art & Design: 3D Design Diploma
- Art & Design: Fashion Diploma
- English Literature
- Music Performance or Technology
- Maths
- Physics
- Photography
- Performing Arts Extended Certificate
- Critical and Contextual Studies
- Film & TV Production Diploma

Higher Education

- Performing Arts
- Music or Music Production
- Communications, Marketing & Advertising
- Product Design
- Art & Photography
- Animation

Careers

- Brand Management or Advertising
- Music Performance and Production
- Acting or Technical Theatre
- Film-making and Animation

Pod 5 | Science & Sport

Sixth Form Courses

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Applied Science
- Maths
- Geography
- Enterprise Extended Certificate
- Sport Extended Certificate
- Sport Diploma

Higher Education

- Neuroscience
- Psychology
- Sport Coaching & Management
- Engineering
- Natural Sciences
- Mathematics

Careers

- Neuroscience
- Psychology
- Engineering
- The Sports Industry
- Scientific Research

Pod 6 | Business & Entrepreneurship

Sixth Form Courses

- Economics
- Maths
- Geography
- French
- Spanish
- History
- Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Extended Certificate

Higher Education

- Business & Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing
- International Business

Careers





- Business & Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Real Estate
- Property Management
- Finance & Accountancy

Subject Columns: Selecting your courses

To help you study the right mix and number of courses, we split them into Subject Columns. A normal Sixth Form programme consists of the equivalent of three A-Levels, which can be created with a combination of A-Levels and BTECs from three different columns.

A	B	C	D	E
Biology	English Literature	Maths	History	Economics
Art	French	AS Maths	Chemistry	Critical and Contextual Studies
Photography	Geography	Spanish		Criminology
Enterprise	Physics	Enterprise	Applied Science	Equine Management
Performing Arts	Sport Single	Sport Double	Music Performance	Music Technology
	Countryside Management Double	Countryside Management Single	3D Design*	3D Design*
	Fashion*	Fashion*	Hospitality*	Hospitality*
	Film and TV*	Film and TV*		

Subject colour codes

	A-Level subjects: Taught over both years, with end-of-course examinations. AS-Levels are worth 40% of a full A-Level.
	BTEC Extended Certificates (equivalent to one A-Level): Can be chosen with other A-Level or BTEC subjects.
	WJEC Diploma: Equivalent to 1 A Level, with A Level style grading but a BTEC-style structure.
	BTEC Diplomas (equivalent to two A-Levels) for students who want to specialise in a single field (those marked with * must be studied as doubles).

How to use the columns

- Aim to choose complementary courses, based on the recommended Course Combinations (Page 4) and Subject Pods (Pages 5 to 10).
- Subjects in the same column cannot be chosen together due to timetabling constraints, but please contact us should this cause any difficulties.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification is an extra qualification that can be added alongside a normal three-column selection to expand your studies and, in particular, develop independent research and time management skills. Studying an EPQ should be discussed with the Head of Sixth Form, either when you move from the Lower School for existing pupils or when new students come for an Admissions visit.



Full list of subjects

Our wide range of Sixth Form courses can be combined in different ways to best suit the interests and needs of each student. Please note we reserve the right to alter or cancel course specifications if required.

A-Levels

- Art
 - **Fine Art** | Page 15 | AQA
 - **Photography** | Page 15 | AQA
- **Critical and Contextual Studies** | Page 16 | WJEC
- **Economics** | Page 17 | AQA
- **English Literature** | Page 18 | AQA
- **Geography** | Page 19 | AQA
- **History** | Page 20 | AQA
- **Mathematics** | Page 21 | EdExcel
 - AS-Level **Maths** | Page 22 | AQA
- Modern Foreign Languages
 - **French** | Page 23 | AQA
 - **Spanish** | Page 24 | AQA
- Sciences
 - **Biology** | Page 25 | AQA
 - **Chemistry** | Page 26 | AQA
 - **Physics** | Page 27 | AQA
- **Extended Project Qualification** | Page 28 | AQA

BTECs

- **Applied Science** | Page 29 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- **Countryside Management** | Page 30 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate or Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma
- **Hospitality** | Page 31 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma,
- **Sport** | Page 32 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate or Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma
- **Art & Design: 3D Design** | Page 33 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma
- **Art & Design: Fashion** | Page 34 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma
- **Film & TV Production** | Page 35 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma
- **Performing Arts** | Page 36 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- **Criminology** | Page 37 | WJEC Applied Diploma
- **Enterprise & Entrepreneurship** | Page 38 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- **Equine Management** | Page 39 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate or Diploma
- **Music Performance** | Page 40 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- **Music Technology** | Page 41 | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

Art: Fine Art or Photography

Students can choose from 'Fine Art' and 'Photography'. The course encourages students to develop their creative practice through the development of practical skills, alongside investigative and analytical work. The different aspects of the course encourage engagement with and understand of the role and function of art and design in contemporary life and culture.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes and practices of art and design
- Development of research and critical skills
- Development of strong technical skills
- Aesthetic and cultural awareness
- Creativity and idea development

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.

- Personal Investigation = 60% of the A-Level
- Externally-set assignment: Preparatory period + 15hr supervised exam = 40% of the A-Level

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of art and design
- Film & Photography
- Graphic Design & Illustration
- Game Design
- 3D Animation or Modelling
- Fashion & Textiles

Critical and Contextual Studies

Art and Culture are integral parts of the world we live in, allowing us to reflect on and interact with our world in new and interesting ways. This course asks students to explore artistic movements and contexts and investigate how different artistic modes have developed against their social, historical and political backdrops, culminating in personal creative and curatorial outcomes.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes and practices of art and design
- Development of research and critical skills
- Exploration of the relationship between art, culture and society
- Aesthetic and cultural awareness
- Creativity and idea development

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.

- Personal Creative Enquiry = 40% of the A-Level
- Personal Investigation = 36% of the A-Level
- Externally-set assignment: Preparatory period + 15hr supervised exam = 24% of the A-Level

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of art and design
- Museum and Gallery Curation
- Auctioneering and valuation
- Film & Photography
- Graphic Design & Illustration
- Game Design
- 3D Animation or Modelling
- Fashion & Textiles

Economics

Economics is rooted in the study of how people behave and interact with one another. Students study the dynamics between consumers, businesses, governments and financial markets. They learn to understand how these factors influence employment, prices, international trade and the wealth/poverty divide. The subject draws on high levels of literacy and numeracy and teaches students to synthesise a wide range of types of information.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes that influence markets
- Development of analytical and research skills
- Development of strong technical knowledge
- Ability to interrogate technical data
- Information synthesis

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.

- 3 x 2hr written papers: A mixture of data response and analysis, multiple choice and essay response questions

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of economics and politics
- Finance & Banking
- Civil Service
- Law
- Business
- Marketing
- International Relations

English Literature

English Literature is fundamentally concerned with how we think, feel and respond to the world around us. Through the study of a range of texts that span the history of literary production, students learn to see the world in new ways, encounter new ideas, and develop the ability to express themselves in an informed and fluent way. The course encourages wider reading and challenges students to question their preconceptions and cultural assumptions.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of literary texts, genres and ideas
- Development of research and textual analysis skills
- Development of strong technical knowledge
- Aesthetic and creative awareness
- Advanced writing and reading skills

Assessment

- Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.
- 1 x 3hr and 1 x 2hr30min written exams: Both exploring poetry, drama and prose
 - A 2500 word coursework essay worth 20% of the A-Level

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of literature, creative writing and the humanities
- Journalism & Media
- Civil Service & Politics
- The creative industries
- Business
- Marketing

Geography

Encompasses topics from both the human and the physical environment. The course gives students specialist knowledge and helps them to develop evaluative skills, alongside statistical analysis and technical knowledge. Students will learn about a range of contemporary issues on a global and a local scale, and see how they impact on our physical environment and how we live our lives.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes that shape human and natural environments
- Development of research, referencing, and statistical analysis skills as well as report writing
- Development of synoptic thinking
- Awareness of key global issues

Assessment

- Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.
- 2 x 2hr30mins exams: Comprising 40% each of the A-Level
 - 3000-4000 word coursework: 20% of the A-Level

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of geography and environmental studies
- Agriculture and Land Management
- Sustainability
- Planning
- Property
- Real estate
- Conservation
- Finance
- Engineering

History

Offers students the opportunity to study the people, events and decisions that have shaped Britain, Europe, and the world. Through interrogation of primary sources and critical materials about different periods in history, students develop an appreciation of the forces that have shaped our world, and the attitudes and beliefs that inform decision making. The course fosters analytical and research skills, as well the ability to write clearly and concisely.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of key periods in British and European history
- Development of research skills and critical thinking
- Development of subject-specific technical knowledge
- Critical and analytical writing skills

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.

- 2 x 2hr30min written exams
- 3000-3500 word historical investigation: Worth 20% of the A-Level

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of history and politics
- Historical Research & Heritage
- Civil Service & Politics
- Business
- Marketing
- Banking & Finance

Mathematics

Mathematics is a language all of its own, which can be used to communicate with people all over the world – it is perhaps the only truly universal language. It helps explain almost every aspect of the world around us and underpins some aspect of nearly all other subjects. It poses questions of its own about the nature of reason and logic, and asks us to consider the true nature of the world around us. It also provides answers to problems and drives the modern world.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of mathematical processes
- Development of logic and process skills
- Development of subject-specific technical knowledge
- Data manipulation skills
- Problem solving

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.

- 3 x 2hr exams on Pure Mathematics, Statistics, and Mechanics

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of mathematics and logic
- Engineering
- Construction
- Computer Science or Programming
- 3D Animation or Modelling
- Music Technology or Production
- Finance & Banking
- Architecture
- Accountancy

AS-Level Maths

A qualification to support students who want to continue their mathematics education or who need ongoing mathematical learning to support their other studies, but who do not wish to pursue a full A-Level. The course focuses on developing knowledge of mathematical language, problem-solving, and modelling, blending pure mathematics with mechanics and statistics. It is designed to support science, vocational or technical subjects that require the direct application of mathematical skills.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of mathematical processes
- Development of logic and process skills
- Development of applied mathematical skills
- Data manipulation skills
- Finance and statistics skills

Assessment

AS-Level equivalent course delivered over two years with a final exam assessment.

- 1 x 2hr exam on Pure Mathematics
- 1 x 1hr15 exam on Mechanics and Statistics

University & Careers

- Construction
- 3D Animation or Modelling
- Music Technology or Production
- Finance & Banking
- Architectural Technology
- Accountancy
- Psychology and the Sciences
- Geography and the Social Sciences
- Business and Management

French

A popular choice for linguists who want to continue with a language – France is our nearest neighbour and French is spoken in many parts of the world, including Africa and Canada. The course develops spoken and written language skills alongside a new appreciation of the cultural context within which the language exists; including film, literature and contemporary social issues. Foreign languages are an increasingly valuable commodity in today's world.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of cultural topics and themes
- Development of written and spoken language skills
- Development of technical and grammatical knowledge
- Access new ways of seeing and understanding the world

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level and AS-Level are available.

- 1 x 2hr30 Listening, reading, writing and translation paper
- 1 x 2hr Writing paper on a literary text and a film
- 1 x Speaking exam

University & Careers

- Degrees in French language and culture
- International Relations
- Business and Enterprise
- Civil Service
- Foreign Office
- European Industry & Politics
- Travel & Tourism
- International Journalism
- The Sports Industry

Spanish

There has never been a better time to study Spanish. Second only to Mandarin Chinese, almost half a billion people speak Spanish. A-Level Spanish helps students develop confidence in the language, as well as building knowledge and awareness of some of the vibrant Spanish speaking cultures around the world. The course addresses technical language issues as well as cultural material such as film, literature and contemporary social issues.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of cultural topics and themes
- Development of written and spoken language skills
- Development of technical and grammatical knowledge
- Access to new ways of seeing and understanding the world

Assessment

Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level and AS-Level are available.

- 1 x 2hr30 Listening, reading, writing and translation paper
- 1 x 2hr Writing paper on a literary text and a film
- 1 x Speaking exam

University & Careers

- Degrees in Spanish language and culture
- International Relations
- Business and Enterprise
- Civil Service
- Foreign Office
- European Industry & Politics
- Travel & Tourism
- International Journalism
- The Sports Industry

Biology

Why does disease spread across the world and how do we stop it? How did humans evolve from monkeys? Why did I inherit my father's ears but not his nose? If you have ever pondered these questions then you are already thinking like a biologist. Biology is the study of living things and with issues such as GM technology and climate change becoming increasingly prominent, there has never been a better time to study it.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of biological processes and systems
- Knowledge and use of key apparatus and practical techniques
- Development of analytical and evaluative skills
- Subject specific technical knowledge
- Mathematical analysis skills

Assessment

- Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.
- 3 x 2hr written exams looking at biological molecules, cell structure and organisation, and genetics
 - 12 practical investigations

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of biology, biochemistry and biomedical studies
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Sports & Physiotherapy
- Environmental & Forensic Science
- Agriculture & Equine Industries

Chemistry

Chemistry lies at the heart of the modern world; from the way that we produce and process our food, to the development of new materials, to the manufacture of the drugs that prolong our lives. It is chemistry that will help us to solve the problems facing all of our lives; from global warming to material shortages. The study of this subject at A-Level provides students not only with a glimpse into the underpinnings of the modern work, but also gives them valuable laboratory and analytical skills.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of organic, inorganic and physical Chemistry.
- Knowledge and use of key apparatus and practical techniques
- Development of analytical and evaluative skills
- Subject specific technical knowledge
- Mathematical analysis skills

Assessment

- Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.
- 3 x 2 hour written exams looking at organic, inorganic and physical chemistry, and practical experiment knowledge

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of chemistry, biomedicine and pharmacology
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Material & Energy technology
- Food Science & Production
- Pharmacy
- Medicine

Physics

Physics is a subject of enormous breadth; from the macroscopic forces that underpin the lifecycles of stars and galaxies, to the microscopic ones which inform atoms and quantum particles. Physics underpins all other sciences and provides explanations for why the world and the universe work the way they do. Students get to explore these astonishing phenomena, as well as how our understanding of physics can be used in the everyday world.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of wave, particle and field mechanics, along with astrophysics and thermo-nuclear physics
- Knowledge and use of key apparatus and practical techniques
- Development of analytical and evaluative skills
- Subject-specific technical knowledge
- Mathematical analysis skills

Assessment

- Traditional A-Level with final assessment. Full A-Level only.
- 3 x 2hr written exams looking at wave-particle mechanics, thermal and nuclear physics, and practical applications. The exams will also test practical knowledge and data analysis.

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of physics, theoretical physics and engineering
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Material & Energy technology
- Computing
- Electronics
- Architecture
- Game Design
- Banking and Stock-brokering

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ is a research project that can be tailored to suit individual interests and expertise. Equivalent to half an A-Level, it allows students to develop their passions and learn a range of transferable research and project management skills. The project must be driven by the student and, rather than being actively taught, it is supported two hours a week by research seminars. Work can be extended writing or creative projects, or scientific explorations.

Skills & Knowledge

- Advanced research skills
- Evaluative and interpretative skills
- Problem solving and idea development
- Extended specialist knowledge of project topic
- Project management skills
- High degree of independent learning

Assessment

Holistic assessment of final project portfolio to include:

- Evidence of planning and carrying out research
- Evidence of project development
- Completed final project
- Presentation of project to a non-specialist audience

University & Careers

- Relevant to all academic degree courses
- Provides excellent experience of University-style learning and additional credit for University applications
- Project management skills, which complement vocational pathways
- Demonstrates independence and intellectual curiosity

Applied Science

The ideal subject for those students who want to continue with their scientific education and who want to maintain some breadth in their study. The course covers all 3 sciences as well as key skills related to the scientific method, providing students with a transferable scientific skill set that can be used in support of a wide range of other subjects. A good choice for those with curious minds and those who need some science to back up their other studies.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of key concepts in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Development of key practical skills in the exploration and implementation of scientific procedures and techniques
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills
- Exploration of contemporary issues in science

Assessment

Mixture of examination and pre-released coursework assessment

- 50% External Assessment
- 3 x 1hr exams, one for each of the science disciplines
- 2 x internal units based on BTEC-set assignment briefs

University & Careers

- Degrees in a wide range of science related disciplines
- Careers in various science fields dependant on specialism and course combinations
- Access to science-based work places such as laboratories, health care and industrial research and development

Countryside Management

The ideal subject for study in a rural environment, such as that found in Dorset. The course takes an informed and practical approach to learning; giving students the opportunity to gain practical skills alongside theoretical knowledge of the issues facing the rural economy. From habitat management, to practical estate skills, to plant and soil science, to wildlife ecology, this is a course which is plugged directly into the countryside around us.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform the land-based industries
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, with research and technical understanding, and work experience
 - 2 x external units and 1 x externally assessed exam - 33% of qualification
 - 225hrs land-based work experience to be completed in school holidays

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of countryside management and agriculture
- Agriculture & Land Management
- Conservation & Ecology
- Estate Management
- Rural Property Management
- Ranger and Wildlife Officer
- Forestry and Arboriculture

Hospitality

Hospitality is the 4th largest employer in the UK and one of the major growth industries both in the UK and internationally. This course equips students with the skills they will need to be successful in all areas of this complex and exciting industry. From business awareness, to cooking skills, to event management skills; students will be expected to hone their skills through practical assignments and theoretical understanding. Students also get the opportunity to work on major school events.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform the hospitality and events industry
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce a final portfolio for submission.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, with research and technical understanding

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of hospitality, tourism and event management
- Event Management & Planning
- Cheffing and other Culinary Arts
- Hotel Management
- Tourism

Sport [Extended Certificate or National Diploma available]

This course puts the theory behind what happens on the pitch, allowing students to understand the requirements of training and development, and to put them into practice. The course looks at coaching and development, as well as sporting tactics and leadership. It also gives students valuable skills to train as coaches and fitness professionals. Alongside this, the course helps students to understand the issues facing sport, as well as how to manage risk.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform sport and the sports industry
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce a final portfolio for submission.
- Combination of practical assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 66% external assessment, including a written exam

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of sports coaching and management
- Coaching & Fitness Training
- Sports Business & Management
- Sports Therapy
- Professional Sport
- Outdoor & Sports Education

Art & Design: 3D Design

Design is essential! It shapes almost every aspect of the world we live in. Studying Design and Technology allows students to develop their creative and aesthetic awareness, alongside allowing them to gain skills and knowledge about manufacturing processes and materials. The course combines practical workshop time with research and theoretical understanding.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes and practices of design and manufacturing
- Development of research skills and market awareness
- Development of strong technical skills
- Aesthetic and creative awareness
- Problem solving

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 3 x externally assessed units - 49% external assessment

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of design and product development
- Engineering
- Construction
- Graphic Design
- Marketing
- 3D Animation or Modelling
- Mechanisation
- Interior Design
- Product Design

Art & Design: Fashion

Fashion finds its way into almost every aspect of our lives and becomes a key part of our identity. From the pure expression of haute couture to the functionality of high street brands, it offers the opportunity for creativity and innovation. Studying Fashion Design allows students to develop their creative and aesthetic awareness and to gain the skills needed to create fashion products. The course combines practical workshop time with research and theoretical understanding.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes and practices of design and fashion production
- Development of research skills and market awareness
- Development of strong technical skills
- Aesthetic and creative awareness
- Problem solving

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce a final portfolio for submission.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 33% external assessment

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of fashion design and marketing
- Brand Management
- Graphic Design
- Costume Design
- Fashion Production

Film & TV Production

Film & TV Production offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of film editing, practical film-making and media production. The digital arts and creative industries are one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK and beyond. This course prepares students with the skills and knowledge to enter this thriving and dynamic industry. Students will get the opportunity to design and create various film and media products, as well as developing industry knowhow.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform the digital industries
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce.
- Combination of practical assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 33% external assessment

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of media production and digital design
- Media
- Advertising & Marketing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Computer Game Design
- Multimedia
- TV & Film Industry

Performing Arts

This is a course for actors, directors and designers. The course offers students the opportunity to investigate and take part in a wide range of performance areas; including musical theatre, theatre for children, and film and TV acting. Students are also equipped with the knowledge they need to be successful in the industry, from how to be successful at audition, to marketing and promotion.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform the performing arts
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills
- Exploration of current and relevant theatre practitioners

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study.
- Combination of practical assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 50% external assessment
 - Combination of mandatory and optional units

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of acting and performance
- Professional Acting
- Performance & Technical Support
- Directing & Production
- Film, Theatre & TV business

Criminology

This course gives students the opportunity to explore the criminal justice system, the social and probation services, and sociology and psychology: seeing how they intertwine to shape much of the world around us. Students will look at the intersections between law, psychology and sociology, developing interpretative and analytical skills, as well as theoretical knowledge. They will explore how laws are made and enforced, how society responds to those laws, and the causes and structures of criminality.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of key issues in society and the law and their link to criminality
- Analysis and evaluation of data and statistics around crime
- Knowledge of different theories on criminality
- Knowledge of evidence gathering and interpretation procedures

Assessment

- Combination of internal and external units over the full two years of study
- 2 x internal controlled coursework assessments
 - 2 x 90 minute exam units with short and extended response

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of Criminology, Law, Psychology and Sociology
- Police and criminal justice system
- Legal profession
- Political and Business risk analysis
- Social and Political research
- Central and local government

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

Britain has an enviable record in producing world-beating entrepreneurs. To be successful in business you need creativity, tenacity, business acumen, and the ability to plan and implement well thought-out strategies. This course provides students with these skills, as well as offering them the opportunity to plan their own business and run enterprise activities. In an increasingly competitive world this course will equip students with the skills they need to be successful in business.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform business, marketing, and financial planning
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce a final portfolio for submission.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 58% external assessment, including a 2hr written exam

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of business management and enterprise
- Business
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship or Self-Employment
- Brand Creation & Development
- Business & Management Strategy

Equine Management

This course gives students the opportunity to develop the practical and theoretical knowledge needed to start a career in the equine industry. The course exposes students to issues surrounding equine health and care, physiology and behaviour, the racing industry and equine business. Alongside the industry and physiological material, the course also looks at elements of yard management and includes a mandatory work experience component.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform the equine industry and animal training and welfare
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, with research and technical understanding
 - 1x externally assessed exam
 - 75hrs industry work experience to be completed in school holidays

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of equine management and care
- Animal Care & Nutrition
- The Racing Industry
- Stud & Stable Management
- Competition & Animal Training

Music Performance

This course offers students the opportunity to learn about the music industry, as well as honing their skills as a performer. Students will be expected to develop their performance skills through regular recitals and concerts, as well as gaining an awareness of the skills and knowledge required by professional musicians. The course includes practical work on composition and improvisation, as well as the development of musical theory and notation skills, and builds knowledge of promotion and the broader industry.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the issues and knowledge that inform professional music practice
- Development of key practical skills
- Development of strong subject-based knowledge
- Development of time management skills

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments including solo and ensemble based performance carried out over the full two years of study.
- Combination of practical assessment, technical skills development, and theoretical work
 - 58% external assessment

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of music performance, production and management
- Professional Musicianship
- Music Management
- Music Production
- Wider Music & Entertainment Industry

Music Technology

Music technology gives students the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in the music industry. Students develop their practical and aural discrimination skills, as well as learning a range of technical skills necessary for recording and creating music. Students learn to use mixing and production software, as well as sequencers and virtual synthesizers. There is also the opportunity to learn about different styles of music and to understand how they work.

Skills & Knowledge

- Exploration of the processes and practices of music recording and production
- Knowledge of music styles and genres
- Development of subject-specific technical skills
- Aesthetic and creative awareness

Assessment

- Ongoing practical and unit based assessments carried out over the full two years of study to produce a final portfolio for submission.
- Combination of practical, work-based assessment, with research and technical understanding
 - 33% external assessment

University & Careers

- Degrees in various areas of music technology and production
- Sound Engineering
- Music & Performance Venue Technical Support
- Sound for Film & Television & Games





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