



CROWNWOODS COLLEGE

Arden Post 16 Education

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Welcome from the College Principal

I am delighted to welcome you to Arden, a Post Sixteen School on the Crown Woods College Campus. The College was opened in April 2011 and is an integral part of a £50 million 'state of the art' College. Crown Woods College is built on the principles of human scale education which emphasises the singular importance of providing a personalised programme of study for every student.

As a student in Arden you will benefit from a personalised relevant curriculum delivered effectively through outstanding teaching in an environment that encourages active learning and student participation.

I look forward to working with you over the next couple of years as you complete your education and progress into the world of higher education or work.

Yours sincerely

M J Murphy
Principal



Introduction

Dear Student,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the Arden Post 16 at Crown Woods College. This is an exciting time to join us, in our state of the art Post 16 learning environment.

Arden offers a rich mix of traditional and vocational A levels across a wide range of subjects. Through expert tuition, and with your dedication and hard work, we are confident that you will achieve and exceed your goals. We are truly aspirational for all our students and we place great importance on their well being during their time in Arden. This has been recognised by Ofsted.

Within the prospectus you will find information about the courses Arden has to offer. Our aim, with your help, is to be the premier provider of Post 16 education in the area with the best teaching, excellent facilities and a nurturing and supportive environment where everybody feels valued.

Should you have any further queries prior to applying please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to receiving your application and seeing you at interview.

With best wishes for your future.

Mr M Hartnett
Head Teacher Arden Post 16
Crown Woods College



“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

Application Process

- ✓ Applications accepted from **20th October 2011 – 27th January 2012**.
- ✓ Complete the application form in the pocket at the back of the Prospectus.
- ✓ Please return your application as soon as possible after **20th October 2011** to have the widest possible choice of courses. Courses fill up fast and allocation on a first come first served basis.
- ✓ Your interview date will be sent to you within 30 days of us receiving your application. Once you have completed your interview, offers will be made subject to availability of places on course and references.



AS/A2 courses	At least 7 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English <u>and</u> Maths. Additional subject requirements include:	PAGE
Accounting	GCSE Maths B (Higher Tier) GCSE Business Studies B or BTEC First Merit (if taken)	5
Art	GCSE Art and Design C	5
Biology	GCSE Additional Science or Biology B	6
Business Studies	GCSE English Language C and Maths C GCSE Business Studies B or BTEC First Merit (if taken)	6-7
Chemistry	GCSE Additional Science or Chemistry B (from triple science)	8
Drama	GCSE Drama B and English Language C	8
Economics	GCSE English Language C GCSE Maths B	9
English Literature	GCSE English Literature B	9
French	GCSE French C	10
Geography	GCSE Geography B GCSE English Language C	11
Government and Politics	GCSE English Language B GCSE Citizenship C (if studied)	11
History	GCSE History C or Humanities related subject	13
ICT	GCSE English Language, Maths and ICT C Or ICT BTEC Merit	14
ICT with Games Programming	GCSE English Language, Maths and ICT C Or ICT BTEC Merit. Media studies considered	14
Law	GCSE English C	15
Maths AS/Further	GCSE Maths B	15
Maths/English re-sit	GCSE Re-sits	16
Media Studies	GCSE Media Studies B (if studied) GCSE English C (if not studied GCSE Media)	16
Music Technology	GCSE Music C or play piano to Grade 3	17
Philosophy	GCSE English Language C	17
Photography	GCSE Art desirable but not essential	18
Physical Education	GCSE English Science C	18
Physics	GCSE Additional Science or Physics B	19
Product Design	GCSE Design and Technology C (desirable)	20
Psychology	GCSE English Language, Maths and ICT C	20
Sociology	GCSE English Language B GCSE Sociology B (desirable)	22
Spanish	GCSE Spanish C	23

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas	5 GCSE grades A*-C including English <u>OR</u> Maths. Additional subject requirements include:	PAGE
(equivalent to 3 A levels. 18 units are covered)		
Health and Social Care Extended Diploma level 3 (equivalent to 3 A levels)	Health and Social care BTEC Level 2 Merit (if studied) English and preferably Science GCSE grade C	12
Public Services Level 3 Extended Diploma	BTEC Level 2 Merit (if studied) GCSE English grade C	21
BTEC Level 3 Diplomas	5 GCSE grades A*-C including English <u>OR</u> Maths. Additional subject requirements include:	
(equivalent to 2 A levels. 12 units are covered)		
Business Studies Level 3 Diploma	GCSE Business Studies C or BTEC Level 2 Merit (if studied)	7
Health and Social Care Level 3 Diploma	Health and Social Care BTEC Level 2 Merit (if studied) English and preferably Science GCSE grade C	12
Public Services Level 3 Diploma	BTEC Level 2 Merit (if studied) GCSE English grade C	21
Sport Level 3 Diploma	GCSE PE grade C or BTEC Level 2 Merit	19
BTEC Level 2 Diplomas	5 GCSE grades A*-G. Resit English and/or Maths GCSE. Successful completion of these courses at Merit standard as well as having achieved English and/or Maths will allow you to move to Level 3 in the following academic year. Additional subject requirements include:	
(equivalent to 4 GCSEs) One year course		
Business Studies Level 2 Diploma	No additional subject requirements	7
Health and Social Care Level 2 Diploma	5 GCSE grades A*-G including English	13
Public Services Level 2 Diploma	Level 1 BTEC Merit (if studied)	22
Extended Project	Level 1 BTEC Merit (if studied)	10

ACCOUNTING

A Level Accounting AQA

'A budget tells us what we can't afford, but it doesn't keep us from buying it.'

William Feather

YOU ARE

Wanting to learn why accounting and finance forms the foundation of every single business in the country. Did you know that nearly half of all UK companies' top bosses have a background in Accounting and Finance? You are probably interested in the role that money plays in driving our economy and in learning about how it is managed.

YOU WILL NEED

Minimum Grade B in GCSE Business and Maths (on the Higher Tier Paper) or Merit at BTEC First Business (if studied).

WE OFFER

A great opportunity to gain the key skills to run your own business, get a step ahead in finding finance based career opportunities and access onto the most popular UK university courses. This year one-third of our students achieved an 'A' grade at A2. This AQA course covers

management and financial accounting and is assessed through four written exams.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Maths, Business Studies, Economics, Law, Geography and ICT. (Students should be careful about combining three subjects from Business Studies, Economics, Law and Accounting as some universities view them as being too similar.)

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A business leader and follow a career in Finance, Banking or Insurance. Surveys also repeatedly show that financiers and accountants command the highest pay rates in the country. 'A' level Accounting will also provide you with excellent opportunities to access Business, Finance and Accountancy degrees at top UK universities.

ART

A Level Art and Design Edexcel

'Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.'

Oscar Wilde

YOU ARE

A creative, imaginative, independent thinker who is able to express ideas through practical responses. You will be inventive, willing to take risks and be able to 'think outside the box'.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum of grade C in Art but ideally a grade B or above at GCSE.

WE OFFER

A highly established and successful course that is dynamic, demanding and very popular. A course in which you will be encouraged to develop your skills across painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking and installation to realise your intentions through highly finished and exciting work.

The course is 60% coursework, 40% exam. It is made up of 4 units of work spread over 2 years including a response to a given stimulus, a personal study and your own response to an artist and style.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Music, Drama, Photography, Media Studies and DT.

LATER YOU MIGHT GO ON TO BECOME

An architect, fashion designer, artist, special effects technician, teacher. You might work in advertising, making props or make-up for theatres and performances.



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BIOLOGY

A Level Biology OCR

'An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfilment.'

David Attenborough

YOU ARE

The sort of student who wishes to discover more about the natural world whilst developing key scientific techniques.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade B in Additional Science or Biology GCSE.

WE OFFER

An established and successful course that is dynamic, demanding and very popular. You will develop analytical, practical and research skills that will equip you for future study in not only the sciences, but other subjects as well. You will learn about cells, exchange and transport, molecules, biodiversity and health. The course

is made up of 20% coursework and 80% examination.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geography, Psychology, English Literature, Sociology, Economics, History, Photography and Graphics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Doctor, Dentist, Biomedical Scientist, Science Teacher, Science Journalist, Forensic Scientist, Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Research Scientist, Physiotherapist, Personal Trainer, PE Teacher.

BUSINESS STUDIES

A Level Business Studies AQA

'If you do things well, do them better. Be daring, be first, be different, be just.'

Anita Roddick (Founder of the Body Shop)

YOU ARE

Interested in learning how entrepreneurs run successful businesses and how to grab your own share of this success!

YOU WILL NEED

Grade C in English Language and Mathematics and Grade B in Business Studies or a Merit in BTEC First (if taken).

WE OFFER

The chance to discover what makes our best known companies so successful. You will learn in a variety of different ways including visiting businesses, applying your research to 'real-life' businesses, presenting information, and discussing how companies have utilised the business theory you will learn. In Year 12 you will look at how to start and grow a business. In Year 13 you'll look at how the external environment affects companies and how they achieve their aims and objectives. Assessment is 100% examination. Last year, nearly half of

Business A2 students achieved A*, A or B in their Business Studies A Level.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Maths, Accounting, Economics, Law, Media Studies and Psychology. (Students should be careful about combining three subjects from Business Studies, Economics, Law and Accounting as some universities view them as being too similar.)

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A self made businessman or woman! Business Studies links to the widest possible range of future careers but will specifically relate to jobs in Accountancy, Advertising, Banking, Consulting, Human Resources, Management, Marketing, PR or Stock Broking. Last year a vast majority of our Y13 students went on to study business subjects at good universities.



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BUSINESS STUDIES (BTEC)

Business Studies Level 3 Diploma (BTEC) Edexcel

'Nobody talks of entrepreneurship as survival, but that's exactly what it is and what nurtures creative thinking.'

Anita Roddick

YOU ARE

A practical person who is hardworking, good at meeting deadlines and interested in the world around you. There are no exams so it is important that you have good attendance and keep up to date with all coursework tasks.

YOU WILL NEED

Minimum Grade C in Business Studies GCSE or a Merit in BTEC Level 2 (if taken)

WE OFFER

The Edexcel BTEC National course which is equivalent to 2 A Levels. It is made up of 12 coursework assignments (6 in Year 12 and 6 in Year 13). Unit topics may include retail, business resources, finance, business organisation, marketing and events management. There

is the option to study just the first year of the course which gives you the BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to 1 A Level.)

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

ICT, Maths, Law, Economics, Media, Psychology, Geography and Sociology.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

An Entrepreneur, Marketing Executive, Events Manager, PR Manager, Banker, Human Resources Manager, Teacher, Management Consultant, Accountant, Commercial Solicitor, Market Researcher, Office Manager, Buyer, Stock Broker or a Retail Manager.

BUSINESS STUDIES (BTEC)

Business Studies Level 2 (BTEC) Edexcel

'It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste.'

Henry Ford

YOU ARE

A practical person who is hardworking, good at meeting deadlines and interested in the world around you. There are no exams so it is important that you have good attendance and keep up to date with all coursework tasks.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum of 5 A* - G grades at GCSE.

WE OFFER

The Edexcel BTEC Level 2 course is equivalent to 4 GCSEs. It is made up of 6 coursework assignments to be completed in one year. Unit topics may include understanding the purpose of business and ownership of business, business

organisations, financial forecasting for business and the marketing plan.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

GCSE English and or Maths re-sit.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

An Entrepreneur, Marketing Executive, Events Manager, PR Manager, Banker, Human Resources Manager, Teacher, Management Consultant, Accountant, Market Researcher, Office Manager, Buyer, Stock Broker or a Retail Manager.



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CHEMISTRY

A Level Chemistry OCR

'Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.'

Marie Curie

YOU ARE

The sort of student who wishes to develop your practical, critical and analytical skills. You'll have a natural curiosity about the nature of the world we live in and what it is made from. Many universities see Chemistry as very desirable, particularly if you have a good range of A level subjects.

YOU WILL NEED

Grade B in Additional GCSE Science or a B grade in GCSE Chemistry (from triple science.)

WE OFFER

An established and successful course that is dynamic, demanding and popular. You will develop analytical, practical and research skills that will equip you for future study not only in the chemical sciences, but other subjects as well.

Topics studied include:

AS: Atoms and Reactions; Electrons, Bonding and Structure; the Periodic Table; Hydrocarbons;

Alcohols, Halogenoalkanes ; Energy Resources. Coursework is 20% of AS.

A2: Chromatography, Amino Acids, Synthetic Routes, Transition Elements, Azo Dyes, Acid-base Equilibria, Rate Equations, Entropy and Free Energy, Electrode Potentials.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Biology, Maths, Physics, Geography and Psychology. Chemistry can broaden your subject range and can compliment other science and/or mathematics A levels.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Research Chemist or employed in the chemical industry. You also could become a Food Scientist, Doctor, Dentist, Pharmacist, Pharmacologist, Nurse, Medical Technician, Chemical Engineer, Teacher, Forensic Scientist, Medical Sales Rep or Vet, to name but a few.

DRAMA

A Level Drama Edexcel

'I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms.'

Oscar Wilde

YOU ARE

A confident, experimental and inquisitive performer who is passionate about the subject and looking to develop your knowledge and understanding of the world of theatre and drama. You are able to work both as part of a team and individually. You have strong written and communication skills to meet all coursework and essay deadlines as well as excellent attendance and punctuality.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum Grade B at Drama GCSE and a Grade C in English Language GCSE.

WE OFFER

A practical, demanding and popular course which develops skills in evaluating and creating different styles of drama. You will work with theatre companies and create both scripted and self- devised productions that will be performed to examiners and audiences. Organised theatre visits are compulsory and texts must

be purchased. Topics studied included: **Unit 1:** Practical assessments exploring Brecht and Stanislavski including 3000 word Exploration Notes and 1000 word Theatre Review under controlled conditions; **Unit 2:** Performing a Monologue and in an ensemble; **Unit 3:** Group devised performance and 3500 word written supporting evidence under controlled conditions; **Unit 4:** Exploring Doctor Faustus/ Lysistrata/ Woyzeck creating your own directors interpretation - assessed by exam.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

English Literature, Media Studies, History, Sociology, Art, Photography.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Actor, Script Writer, Director, Stage Designer, Light and Sound Engineer, Drama Therapist, Applied Theatre Practitioner, Teacher, Arts Administrator.



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ECONOMICS

A Level Economics Edexcel

'Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.'

Warren Buffett (US Investor)

YOU ARE

Interested in how the world of finance and business works, how wealth is created and shared and in issues of social justice and fairness. You read a newspaper regularly, will be academically high-achieving and looking to go to university.

YOU WILL NEED

English Grade C as the exam has essay answers, and Maths grade B as you work with graphs, indices etc.

WE OFFER

A course that is highly respected by universities and employers, taught by teachers who are current A Level examiners in the subject. One of last year's students described it as "a very practical subject ... an interesting, fun approach to simple things ... I can now read

the business pages of the Evening Standard". We study the Edexcel course which consists of two exams in Year 12 and two exams in Year 13 covering micro and macroeconomics.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Business Studies, Maths, History, English, Media Studies and Psychology. (Students should be careful about combining three subjects from Business Studies, Economics, Law and Accounting as some universities view these as being too similar).

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Journalist, Economist, Politician, Civil Servant, Consultant, Entrepreneur, Manager, Banker, Stockbroker or Teacher.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level English Literature AQA

'Read in order to live.'

Flaubert (1821–1880) Novelist

YOU ARE

A creative student interested in the power of language to excite, depict, dramatise and entertain.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade B in English Language GCSE.

WE OFFER

Excellent teaching, a superb track record in exam results, exciting plays, novels and poetry which will inspire and challenge you to think again about the world, its people and the way we live. During your two years you will study contemporary novels, radical plays and poetry and, of course, a brilliant Shakespeare

play! Your course is made up of coursework (40%) and exams (60%).

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

History, Sociology, Art and Design, Music, Photography, Philosophy, Media Studies, Psychology, Geography.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Journalist, Teacher, Advertising Executive, Publisher, Writer, Editor, Politician, Civil Servant, Linguist, Language Therapist, Creative Media, Film Critic, Dramatist, Actor.



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EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

'Whilst most are dreaming of success, winners wake-up and work hard to achieve it.'

We also support our students in completing the Extended Project Qualification.

WHAT IS THE EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a free standing qualification offered by AQA. It involves choosing a topic and carrying out in depth research into that particular area, then creating EITHER a 5,000 word report OR a 'product' + a 1,000 word report. After that, you must deliver a small presentation to a group of specialists about your topic, lasting from 10 - 15 minutes.

WHY SHOULD I DO IT?

1. For your own sake. It allows you to develop your personal interests on a topic you feel genuinely passionate about.
2. It helps when applying for university (especially competitive ones, such as Oxbridge), as you are set apart from all the other A grade candidates. It demonstrates your commitment to a subject, and allows you to develop the independent research

skills needed for undergraduate study. If you are lucky enough to receive an interview from your desired university, it gives you something to talk about and really get your teeth into so you don't run out of things to say.

DOES THE TOPIC HAVE TO BE RELATED TO MY A-LEVELS?

Not necessarily. It can be on ANYTHING you want, within reason. You cannot do a project on WW2 for example - that's far too broad. You must eventually boil it down to an individual research question. It would be wise to choose your topic based on what you intend on studying after college, which would most probably also link to your current studies .

HOW IS IT GRADED?

EPQ is equivalent to half an A Level qualification and is graded from A*-E. You must achieve at least an E will be not be awarded with the qualification.

FRENCH

A Level French AQA

'75% of the world do not speak ANY English at all. All I can advise, is that you keep working at your languages. Foreign languages are exciting and interesting - keep up the hard work, it will be worth it in the end.'

Sir Alex Ferguson CBE

YOU ARE

A student that wants to develop your love of languages and culture. You have an interest in broadening your horizons and a desire to communicate with others and to travel to French speaking countries.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade C in French GCSE.

WE OFFER

A successful course in which we study French through a series of topics and authentic French texts. We also use an interactive website on which you can find all the vocabulary you need, lots of exercises based on the skills you need to develop, as well as assessment tasks you

can undertake to test your knowledge. The exam is made up of 2 different exams: an oral presentation and a conversation(30%) and the Listening, Reading and Writing exam (70%).

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Business, History, Geography, Media, Sociology and Philosophy.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

An Interpreter, Steward, Writer, Translator, Journalist, International Business, Hotel Manager, Fashion Writer, Singer, Teacher, Chef or work in marketing, HR or Politics.



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GEOGRAPHY

A Level Geography Edexcel

'Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future.'

Michael Palin

YOU ARE

You are interested in the world around you, how we shape our environment and how the environment affects us. From tsunamis to global warming or the rise of the economic superpowers, you want to broaden your horizons and develop a knowledge and understanding of current issues from the local to the global scale.

YOU WILL NEED

Geography GCSE grade B, English Language grade C and an interest in current affairs and topical issues.

WE OFFER

An exciting course that questions the processes that shape our human and physical environment. We offer a current and engaging curriculum which is 100% exam based including:

Unit 1 (60% AS) The World at Risk: Hazards, Climate change, Globalisation, migration.

Unit 2 (40%AS) Geographical Techniques: Investigating Rebranding Places and Crowded Coasts which is based on a residential field study.

Unit 3 (60% A2) Contested Planet:

Management of the world's resources and bridging the development gap.

Unit 4 (40% A2) Geographical Research: Writing an extended report writing on Tectonic hazards.

All field trips are compulsory.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Geography compliments both the arts and sciences and is a good option to broaden your academic subjects such as Biology, Maths, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, History, Philosophy, English, Business, Economics, and P.E.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Geography prepares you well for the world of work, geographers, with their skills of analysis are highly employable leaving you with a variety of options post 18. You may become a Conservationist, Environmental consultant, Marketing Manager, Project Manager, GIS Specialist, Chartered Surveyor, Disaster Analyst, Publisher, Journalist, Business Analyst, Charity Coordinator, Retailer, Weather Expert...and many more.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

A Level Government and Politics AQA

'A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a moulder of consensus.'

Martin Luther King, Jr.

YOU ARE

A future British or world leader! Knowledge is power. This A Level gives you the knowledge to understand how government works, particularly in the UK, but also in other countries. You are a student who is interested in current affairs, who is good at writing essays, and enjoys arguing their point.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade B in GCSE Citizenship (if you studied it) and a grade B in GCSE English Language.

WE OFFER

You will study themes such as 'People, Politics and Participation' which introduces issues such as 'how is voting behaviour changing in elections?' or 'do pressure groups strengthen or weaken democracy?' You will also study 'Governing Modern Britain' which explores the nature of our unwritten constitution, and

attempt to answer questions like "to what extent do judges create laws when they interpret them?" and "who has more power – the British Parliament or Europe?" Assessment is 100% exam based with no coursework.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Philosophy, Sociology, History and Economics cover many similar themes and this combination prepares you for popular university courses such as PPE, History, Politics and Law.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Many students go on to study Politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister! But there are other job options too including a career in Journalism or the Media, Teaching or working in the Legal Profession.



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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC L3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (2 A' Levels) Edexcel

'If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.'

Mother Teresa

YOU ARE

An independent learner who benefits from experiential learning, fitting theory to real life work situations or practical activities and coursework-based assessment. This is a specialist two-year work-related qualification that extends your awareness of the philosophy of health and social care. You will complete 12 units over the course.

YOU WILL NEED

H&S Care BTEC L2 diploma at Merit. 5 A*-C grades incl. English and preferably Science

WE OFFER

An interactive course including a range of visits and guest speakers, which will develop your skills of reflective practice, critical analysis, evaluation and research methodology. You will attend placement once a week and experience three different work placements within health

and social care related sectors. Mandatory units include: Effective Communication; Diversity and Rights; Health, Safety and Security; Development Through Life Stages; Anatomy and Physiology; Personal/Professional Development; Sociological and Psychological Perspectives. Optional units include: Caring for Children; Safeguarding Adults; Working in the Health Sector; Research

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Sociology, Psychology, Biology

LATER YOU MAY BECOME:

An Adult or Paediatric Nurse, Midwife, Counsellor, Social worker, Teacher, work in Psychiatry, Occupational Health, Child Development, Early Years sector or progress to Higher Education.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (3 A' Levels) Edexcel

'Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.'

Mother Teresa

YOU ARE

An independent learner who benefits from experiential learning and fitting theory to real life work situations and practical activities, and who prefers coursework-based assessment. You will need to complete 18 units over the two year course.

YOU WILL NEED

H&S Care BTEC L2 diploma at Merit. 5 A*-C grades incl. English and preferably Science.

WE OFFER

An interactive course including a range of visits and guest speakers, which will develop your skills of reflective practice, critical analysis, evaluation and research methodology. You will attend placement once a week and experience three different work placements within health

and social care related sectors. In addition to the units offered in Health and Social Care Diploma, other optional units include: Counselling Skills, Caring for Individuals with Additional Needs; Dealing with Challenging Behaviour; Caring for Older People

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Sociology, Psychology and Biology.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME:

An Adult or Paediatric Nurse, Midwife, Counsellor, Social worker, Teacher, work in Psychiatry, Occupational Health, Child Development, Early Years sector or progress to Higher Education.



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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC L2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (1 Year) Edexcel

'A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.'

Denis Waitley

YOU ARE

A young person seeking to develop your understanding, knowledge and skill in the health and social care sectors. You are someone that prefers learning in a combination of academic and practical ways. The H&S Care sector employs some of the most talented people the country has to offer. The Level 2 diploma provides a practical and relevant introduction to those interested in a career in the caring professions. Assessments are coursework based.

YOU WILL NEED

Level 1 Introductory Diploma at Merit or Distinction. 4 GCSEs at D-E grade including English.

WE OFFER

A well-established and interactive course where you will be supported to develop the skills of reflective practice, critical analysis,

and evaluation. You will be provided with the opportunity of taking part in a two-week work placement, and will benefit from visiting guest speakers and visits to various Health and Social Care organisations, museums and career fayres. Mandatory units include: Communication; Individual Rights; Individual Needs; Ensuring Safe Environments. Optional units include: Vocational Experience; Cultural Diversity; Human Lifespan Development; H&S Care Services.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

English and/or Maths GCSE re-sit.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

An Adult or Paediatric Nurse, Midwife, Counsellor, Social Worker, Care Assistant, Physiotherapist/Occupational Therapist.

HISTORY

A Level History Edexcel

'The very ink with which history is written is merely fluid prejudice.'

Mark Twain

YOU ARE

The sort of student who wants to examine today's world by investigating the past. You have an interest in current world issues and politics and how these have been shaped by past events and decisions.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade C in History.

WE OFFER

An interesting and demanding course that will develop lots of transferable skills such as communication, analytical, and interpersonal skills.

We study:

1. US foreign policy. Vietnam and Korea, Civil Rights in the USA

2. British Political History 1945-1990
A & AS: Two examined courses (50% each) on: Superpower Relations 1945-90; Germany: United and Divided 1900-2000

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Government and Politics, Philosophy, English Literature, Sociology, Economics, Geography, Art.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Anything! The following are all university History graduates: Gordon Brown (Prime Minister), Jeremy Bowen (Journalist BBC), Al Murray (Comedian), Sacha Baron-Cohen (Ali G/Borat), Jonathon Ross (highest paid TV presenter), Anita Roddick (Founder of The Body Shop).



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ICT

A Level ICT AQA

'Information technology and business are becoming inextricably interwoven. I don't think anybody can talk meaningfully about one without the talking about the other.'

Bill Gates

YOU ARE

A self motivated individual with the desire to find out how things work. You are keen to evaluate what you know and try to develop new solutions to the problems that ICT can help solve.

YOU WILL NEED

A grade C in GCSE English, Mathematics and ICT or OCR National or BTEC ICT at Merit.

WE OFFER

Practical and theoretical insights into the use of Information and Communication Technology in the world today. The AS course is 100% exam and the A2 course has a 40% coursework element.

- Unit 1 – Practical Problem Solving in the Digital World
- Unit 2 – Living in the Digital World

- Unit 3 – The Use of ICT in the Digital World
- Unit 4 – Coursework: Practical Issues Involved in the Use of ICT in the Digital World

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Mathematics, Media, Business, Economics, Music, Chemistry, Physics, Photography, Psychology, History, and Graphics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

If you are aspiring to study Management, Information Systems, Computer Science or Computer Studies at university, this is the course for you! The skills you acquire on this course will be a springboard into other qualifications and the working environment.

ICT

A Level ICT with Games Programming AQA

'Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.'

Bill Gates

YOU ARE

Passionate about new technologies: ICT with Games Development. You are keen to evaluate what you know and try to develop new solutions to the problems that ICT can help solve.

YOU WILL NEED

Grade C in GCSE English, Mathematics and ICT or OCR National or BTEC ICT at Merit.

WE OFFER

- Unit 1 – Practical Problem Solving in the Digital World (Coursework Element)
- Unit 2 – Living in the Digital World AS comprises of Unit1 and 2 and is 100% exam.
- Unit 3 – The Use of ICT in the Digital World (exam tested and worth 60%)
- Unit 4 – Coursework (worth 40%): Design

and build a computer game for a specific audience.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Mathematics, Media, Business, Economics, Music, Chemistry, Physics, Photography, Psychology, History, and Graphics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

If you are aspiring to study Computer Science, Computer Studies, Computer Games Design, Computer Games Modelling or Animation at university, this is the course for you! The skills you acquire on this course will be a springboard into other qualifications and the working environment.



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LAW

A Level Law

'If there were no bad people, there would be no good lawyers.'

Charles Dickens

YOU ARE

Your own experience and the media's fascination with law-related stories means that this subject is relevant, interesting and popular. Quite apart from the capacity to work hard, law students require good communication, logical reasoning, analytical, problem-solving and time-management skills.

YOU WILL NEED

Grade C in GCSE English.

WE OFFER

We are an established and thriving department which is well-resourced and uses the most up-to-date materials and ICT facilities. Trips are arranged with local law enforcement agencies, legal professionals and the criminal courts like the famous Old Bailey. Assessment is 100% examination. The AS qualification looks at sources of law, how the law works and is interpreted. We study judges, juries and the criminal justice system with a focus on issues such as assault and battery, contract law and civil claims. At A2, homicide, theft, robbery

and burglary together with theories of law are explored. The exams include a mixture of short questions which test knowledge and questions which are based on a problem scenario which requires students to apply their knowledge to give a legal opinion.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

English, Psychology, Business Studies, Sociology, Politics and History (Be mindful of combining three subjects from Business Studies, Economics, Law and Accounting as some universities view these as being too similar.)

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Level Law provides an excellent background for university and careers not only in Law, but also in Journalism, Local and Central Government, PR, Teaching, Management and Business. Some famous lawyers that you might have heard of include: Gandhi, Kafka, Barack Obama, Bill & Hillary Clinton, Tony & Cherie Blair and Lenin.

MATHS

AS Maths and Further Maths Edexcel

'Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater.'

Albert Einstein

YOU ARE

An analytical and highly motivated student who seeks to understand the world by discovering it's underlying language.

YOU WILL NEED

GCSE Maths Grade B for A level Maths. GCSE grade A Maths for Further Maths. You must study A level Maths if you want to take Further Maths.

WE OFFER

An exciting and demanding course which will allow you to study pure mathematics (Core), statistics and mechanics. These options are covered in more depth for Further Maths. You will learn to think analytically, to solve problems and to develop your mathematical mind. You

will have access to constant support, revision conferences and online resources. You will be well prepared to study any scientific degree subject at university. The course is assessed 100% by examination.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Physics, Further Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Art, Psychology, English, PE, Photography, Sociology.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Accountant, Actuary, Architect, Astronomer, Astronaut, Banker, Dentist, Doctor, Engineer, Investment Banker, Management Consultant, Pharmacist, Programmer (IT), Researcher, Scientist, Statistician, Teacher, Town Planner.



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MATHS OR ENGLISH GCSE RESIT

Edexcel English or AQA Maths GCSE Resit

'What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.'

YOU ARE

Someone who has failed to achieve a grade C or better in English and/or Maths at GCSE but would like to study on a BTEC Level 2 course at Post 16.

YOU WILL NEED

5 GCSEs A* - G not including English/Maths. You must be registered on a BTEC Level 2 course. These resit courses cannot be taken as standalone courses.

WE OFFER

Structured lessons, exam practice and guidance

to help you successfully achieve a grade C in English or Maths.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Any BTEC Level 2 courses.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

If you are successful in your re-sit course and also in your BTEC qualification gaining a Merit or Distinction you will then be able to move to Level 3 courses in the following academic year.

OCR MEDIA STUDIES

A Level Media Studies OCR

'Aside of all the fun the course has provided it has opened my eyes to the world and made become more critical and open minded to information I receive. Stay objective!'

Philip Eppey Yr 13

YOU ARE

Someone who enjoys critical thinking about the world in which we live. You are interested in how people form opinions and values as well as how they are influenced by the mass media. You also aspire to be creative and imaginative in the production of original media texts e.g. magazine, poster and film trailer creation.

YOU WILL NEED

GCSE Media Studies grade B (if taken). GCSE English B Grade if you have not studied Media.

WE OFFER

Analysis of historical and contemporary print and moving image texts, desk top publishing for print media production, planning, production and post production of film making, collaborative and inter-personal skill building. The course is made up of 50%

practical coursework combined with 50% timed examination.

"I think the course has an excellent balance between theory and practical skill building"
Faye Wickenden Year 13 Student

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Design & Technology, IT, Art, Drama, Photography, Psychology, Sociology, Business Studies, English and History.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Journalist, Reporter, TV/Radio Broadcaster, Film Producer/Director, Web and Games Designer, Advertiser, Sound Producer, Publicist, Animator, Events Organiser, Commentator, Presenter, Teacher.



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MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

A Level Music Technology Edexcel

'One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.'

Bob Marley

YOU ARE

An enthusiastic person with willingness to learn new things. You are interested in up-to-date and past techniques of technology and can play the piano up to grade 3.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade C in Music GCSE or be able to play piano up to grade 3.

WE OFFER

Coursework, which is worth 70% of the overall exam, is completed on Apple Mac computers and in the studio. Coursework includes:
Task 1a: Sequenced Realised Performance
Task 1b: Multi-track recording

Task 1c: Composing Using Technology
The Listening Examination, which is worth 30% of the overall exam, relates to music from 1940 to the present day and also how technology has been used in the process.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Drama, English, French, Maths, Geography, Photography, Art, Physics and ICT.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Studio Technician, Music Teacher, Musician, Music Journalist.

PHILOSOPHY

A Level Philosophy AQA

'Philosophy is the highest music. Philosophy begins in wonder.'

Plato

YOU ARE

A great thinker! If you are the sort of person who enjoys questioning the fundamental nature of things in life, feels they want to understand how human beings can claim to know anything, or how we ought to organise our state to best ensure progress as a species, then philosophy is the subject for you.

YOU WILL NEED

Grade B in GCSE English Language and an ability to analyse complicated arguments, verbally and in essay form.

WE OFFER

Philosophy helps students develop a number of new skills how to think for yourself, how to examine information in a critical way and most importantly how to take responsibility for your own learning. It's also a fantastically interesting course. You will explore questions about the nature of reality ("how do we know that anything we experience is actually there?") and about the most fundamental aspects of human nature ("is man by nature brutish and solitary,

or is he a progressive social being?") There is no coursework in Philosophy – your grade comes from two exams you will sit at the end of the course in both year 12 and Year 13.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Anything! Philosophy means love of wisdom – and you find philosophers in all walks of life. Psychology, History, Sociology, Science, Geography, Law, English language, English Literature, Maths, Photography, Art, Drama, Economics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

For the vast majority of students 'philosopher' is not the kind of job title you'll see down at the local job centre. What philosophy does do is fine-tune your reasoning so that your enhanced intellect can be applied to other careers. Law, Politics, the Civil Service, Journalism, Advertising, Education are some of the careers where your ability to turn abstract subjects into solid concepts will be highly regarded.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

A Level Photography Edexcel

'To me, photography is the simultaneous recognition, in a fraction of a second, of the significance of an event.'

Henri Cartier Bresson

YOU ARE

The sort of student who wishes to develop your critical and creative side. You are willing to take risks and experiment with ideas. Most importantly you enjoy taking photographs and pushing the boundaries of what is deemed as possible.

YOU WILL NEED

English GCSE grade C. It would also be beneficial to have Art GCSE but is not a requirement.

WE OFFER

An established and demanding, popular and successful course. You will develop skills on how to compose, identify and take effective photographs. You will visit galleries and exhibitions which showcase contemporary and traditional photography from around the globe. Students will learn traditional darkroom techniques as well as becoming confident in the use of editing software such as Photoshop and InDesign. Unit 1 (Coursework worth 40%

of AS) is to produce informed work based on an introduction into the beginnings of Photography, followed by learning processes and techniques. Unit 2 is an externally set theme based exam (60% of AS). Unit 3 (60% of A2) is a self-directed project which concludes with a personal response and essay. Unit 4 (40% of A2) is an externally set based exam. In total the course is 60% coursework and 40% Exam.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Biology, English Language/Literature, English Literature, Sociology, History, Chemistry, Drama, Physics, Art and Graphics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Professional Photographer, Graphic Designer, Architect, Fashion Designer, Advertising, Stage Designer, Visual Merchandiser do a Foundation Art Degree, Photography Degree or work in advertising.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A Level Physical Education OCR

'The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects the wind to change. A leader adjusts the sails.'

YOU ARE

The kind of student that likes to find out about issues that surround the world of sport and the Olympic Games. You want to know how an athlete's body and mind work during exercise and under pressure. You can demonstrate this knowledge in a practical setting or through coaching.

YOU WILL NEED

GCSE English grade C and GCSE Science Grade C. It is recommended that you play sport to a high standard.

WE OFFER

An established, active and successful course that promotes group cohesion and team unity. All students travel to Wales each year to study and participate in mountain walking and camping. You are encouraged to question the ethics surrounding sport around the world and to challenge the barriers that prevent some groups in society accessing sport. Through physical experiments we explore how the

human body adapts to exercise and how the mind responds to the mental demands of stress. The course is 70% exam and 30% coursework. Coursework consists of practical activities (two in AS and one at A2) as either as a performer, coach or officiator and 10% is an interview based on performance analysis of another player. The specification also covers physiological, psychological and socio-cultural aspects that have an impact on participation and performance.

OTHER STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Biology, Psychology, Sociology, Public Services and Geography.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

This is an excellent course to study if you want to progress to university to study PE or a Sports Science degree. It also leads naturally to careers in Sports, Coaching, Leisure Management or careers in the Fitness Industry.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BTEC Sport Level 3 Edexcel

'Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice.'

YOU ARE

The sort of student who is excellent at playing and leading sport as well as applying theory into real-world situations.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade C in PE GCSE or a Merit Grade in BTEC Sport (First) Diploma.

WE OFFER

An established and successful course that puts theory into practice. Students learn about a range of topics used in the sports industry, from anatomy and physiology to coaching and leadership. All work is submitted as coursework and learning is delivered in a vocational setting to prepare students for future careers. Students complete a total of 12 units of work in order to gain their National Certificate at Pass, Merit or Distinction level.

"At school I was never one for exams and because

BTEC is purely an assignment based subject I could really show what I was capable of. The course is a mixture of theory and practical sessions, it has given me the skills and experience to help me go on to study sport and university."
Year 13 BTEC Sport student

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Biology, Maths, Public Services.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Outdoors Instructor, Physiotherapist, Gym Instructor, Lifeguard, Sports Writer, PE Teacher, Personal Trainer, Events Manager, Sports Coach, Professional Athlete, Sports Equipment Designer, Sports Official, Sport Development Officer for Clubs or Schools, Youth Worker, Leisure Centre Manager.

PHYSICS

A Level Physics OCR B

'A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.'

Albert Einstein

YOU ARE

The sort of student who wishes to develop your critical and analytical side. The AS course offers a broad vision of Physics as it is today, providing an introduction to Physics and its uses. It prepares the way for further study and focuses on the wide range of future careers for which Physics is valuable.

YOU WILL NEED

Additional Science or Physics Separate Science at GCSE Grade B. Ideally you need to have good GCSE Maths.

WE OFFER

An established and successful course that is modern and demanding. You will develop skills in theoretical and practical work.

Topics include:

Testing Materials, Optics, Electrical, Motion, Wave and Quantum Behaviour.

There are two written exams in June and two pieces of coursework.

AS: 80% from two written exams and 20% coursework. See above for topics.

A2: 50% from AS and then 40% from two exams and 10% for coursework. Topics include: Electric and Magnetic Fields, Relativity and Nuclear Physics.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Maths, Biology, Chemistry, DT, ICT, Economics, History, French, Music, Textiles, Photography, Geography and Graphics. In many jobs (e.g. Doctor) you can use a Physics A level instead of a Maths A level.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Doctor, Air Traffic Controller, Climatologist, Cyberneticist, Dentist, Surgeon, Medical Physicist, Geophysicist, Space Scientist, Architect, Astronomer, Pilot, Engineer (all types) plus many more.



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PRODUCT DESIGN

Product Design (3D Design) AQA

'Design can have such a positive impact on the way people live and on their relationships and moods.'

Genevieve Gorder

YOU ARE

A hard working student who wishes to develop your critical and creative side. You will be part of a group learning from each other, reacting to the ideas and comments of your peers and motivated by getting the most out of the amazing CAD/CAM facilities we now have in William Morris School. Everyone has the chance to create truly amazing work.

YOU WILL NEED

Grade C in any DT subject (Graphics, Product Design, Resistant Materials, Food, Systems & Control or Textiles). Committed students may be considered without the relevant GCSE with additional support.

WE OFFER

A successful course that is dynamic, creative and at times demanding. Product Design will provide progression through AS and A Level and on to a related area of study at a higher level. You will develop skills in design, manufacture, drawing, CAD/CAM and computer software.

In addition you will study designers and their designs which may include visits to galleries and exhibitions: Areas studied include: Design and innovation, Product Analysis, Human Responsibility, Materials and Components, Industrial Practices. The qualification is split equally between Design and Making and the written exam.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

English Language/Literature, English Literature, Sociology, Economics, Maths, History, Photography and Media Studies, Art and Business Studies, Geography.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Work in advertising, Architect, Cartoonist, Textile Designer, Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Photographer, Product Designer, Marketing Manager, Fashion Designer, Stage Designer, Costume Designer and Window Dresser.

PSYCHOLOGY

A Level Psychology AQA

'Those who ask questions may be a fool for a moment. Those who don't ask questions stay fools forever.'

Chinese proverb

YOU ARE

Someone who has a combination of curiosity and scepticism. The course requires students to develop a critical understanding of challenging concepts, theories and research. Students therefore need an enquiring mind alongside the will to challenge, question, analyse and evaluate. Psychology is an exciting science requiring students to have a flair and enjoyment for research.

YOU WILL NEED

GCSE Grade C in English, Maths and Science. BTEC First, if taken, must be a Merit.

WE OFFER

The hugely popular and successful Psychology department offers a vibrant academic environment with challenging lessons that are carefully planned and skillfully delivered. The course is assessed through 100% examination. The units covered include:
AS: Memory, Stress, Social Influence,

Attachments, Individual Differences and Research Methods
A2: Aggression, Biological Rhythms & Sleep and Perception; Schizophrenia, Addiction and Scientific Process & Research Methods

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Sociology, Health and Social Care, Biology, Sports Studies, Geography, English, Business or Marketing.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A forensic, educational or occupational psychologist or a counsellor. There are also good employment prospects for psychology graduates in other fields for which their training will have provided them with relevant expertise, such as market research, social work, nursing, advertising, sales or personnel management to name but a few.



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PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Services Level 3 Diploma (2 A Levels) Edexcel and Extended Diploma (3 A Levels) Edexcel

'Helping others is like helping yourself.'

Henry Flagler

YOU ARE

A young person seeking to develop your understanding, knowledge and skill in the roles and responsibilities of the public services in the United Kingdom.

YOU WILL NEED

BTEC Level 2 in Public Services at Merit Grade. English GCSE grade C.

WE OFFER

A practical real world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background to give learners the knowledge and skills that they need to prepare for employment. We offer placements with uniformed organisations, including residential opportunities, trips and guest speakers. Assessment is through a portfolio combining written assignments, oral presentations and practical demonstrations. Support is provided through tutorials and mentoring. You need to complete 18 units

including: Government Policies; Leadership and Teamwork; Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions; Health and Lifestyle; Fitness Training; International Institutions and Human Rights; Impact of Terrorism. If you are interested in completing the extended diploma worth 3 A levels, you will need to cover more units to the value of 60 credits.

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

PE, Government and Politics, Law, Psychology, Sociology.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A member of one of the various uniformed organisations, such as the Police, Fire & Rescue Service, the Armed Forces and the Ambulance Service. You might also progress to Higher Education and training in Criminology or Public Administration.

PUBLIC SERVICES

BTEC L2 Diploma in Public Services (1 Year) Edexcel

'As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.'

Audrey Hepburn

YOU ARE

A young person seeking to develop your understanding, knowledge and skill in the roles and responsibilities of the public services in the United Kingdom.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum 4 GCSEs at grades D-E, or Merit or Distinction grade at Level 1 BTEC.

WE OFFER

A practical, real world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background to give learners the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare for employment. We also offer placements with uniformed organisations, including residential opportunities and visits, trips and guest speakers. The course has 3 compulsory core

units and 3 optional units, including: Public Service Skills; Employment; Career Planning; Improving Health and Fitness; Adventurous Activities and Teamwork; Sport and Recreation; Expedition Skills in Public Services

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Maths, Science and English GCSE.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A member of one of the various uniformed organisations, such as the Police, Fire & Rescue Service, The Armed Forces and the Ambulance Service. You might also progress to a Level 3 Course in Public Services or other vocational or advanced courses.



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SOCIOLOGY

A Level Sociology AQA

'If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close at home, it's sociology.'

James Reston

YOU ARE

The kind of person who is interested in the world around you in a truly global sense and different perspectives of society such as education, family, religion and crime. You will be in good company studying Sociology as James Blunt, the global musician, also studied Sociology A level. Sociology is the study of society and the interaction between different groups within it, offering theories as to why things are the way they are.

YOU WILL NEED

English language GCSE grade B. Sociology GCSE B grade desirable. Excellent reading and writing skills.

WE OFFER

A course that makes you question the way society is structured. The lessons emphasise the importance of explaining and developing arguments in a clear and coherent manner supported with contemporary examples. The

course is challenging and engaging, using a wide variety of activities from independent research to group debate and discussions. It is 100% exam based and covers the following topics: Family and Households, Beliefs in Society (World Religions) Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Psychology, History, Sociology, Science, Geography, Law, English Literature, Maths, Photography, Art, Drama, Economics.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

A Journalist, Editor, Health Worker, Lecturer, Police Constable, Social Worker, Probation Officer, Community worker, Civil Servant, Lawyer, Youth Worker, Recruitment Consultant, Project Manager, Marketing Assistant, Event Planner, Fundraiser, Housing Officer, ...anything involving people.

SPANISH

A Level Spanish Edexcel

'75% of the world do not speak ANY English at all. All I can advise, is that you keep working at your languages. Foreign languages are exciting and interesting - keep up the hard work, it will be worth it in the end.'

Sir Alex Ferguson CBE

YOU ARE

A student that wants to develop your love of languages and culture. You have an interest in broadening your horizons and a desire to communicate with others and to travel to Spanish speaking countries.

YOU WILL NEED

A minimum grade C in Spanish GCSE.

WE OFFER

A successful course in which we study Spanish through a series of topics and authentic Spanish texts. We also use an interactive website on which you can find all the vocabulary you need, lots of exercises based on the skills you need to develop as well as assessment tasks

you can undertake to test your knowledge. The exam comprises of 2 different exams: an oral presentation and a conversation(30%), a Listening, Reading and Writing exam (70%).

STUDENTS COMBINE THIS SUBJECT WITH

Business, History, Geography, Science, Media, Sociology and Philosophy.

LATER YOU MIGHT BECOME

Translator, International Business Person, International Business Trainer, Hotel Manager, Holiday Representative, Embassy Employee, TV Voice Over Artist.



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Destinations

On completion of your studies, you could follow in the footsteps of our alumni who went on to study...

University of Sussex

English and Art History

University of Bath

Physics

University of Exeter

Economics and Finance with Industrial Experience

King's College London (University of London)

Biomedical Science

University of Kent

Criminology and Sociology; Business Management

The University of Essex

Psychology

Bath Spa University

English Literature and Sociology

Canterbury Christ Church University

Sport and Exercise Science

Liverpool John Moore's University

English and Media & Cultural Studies

University of Westminster

Business Management

City University

Mathematical Science

Ravensbourne

Digital Film Production; Product Design; Music Production for Media

University of Bedfordshire

Law; Biomedical Science; Psychology and Criminology; Health and Social Care; Business Studies; 3D Computer Generated Imagery

University of East London

Sociology; Psychological Studies; Graphic Design

London Metropolitan University

Translation

University of Greenwich

History and Politics; Criminology; Education Studies; History; Civil Engineering; Sociology

Kingston University

Business Management with Industrial Placement

University of Portsmouth

Childhood and Youth Studies

Canterbury Christ Church University

Accounting and Finance; Event Management

University of Hertfordshire

International Business; Philosophy

Southampton Solent University

Health, Exercise and Fitness

Croydon College

Digital Film Production

University of Bolton

Business Management

University of Brighton

Sociology and Social Policy

University of Derby

Sports Coaching

Enrichment and Well-being Programme

We have an exciting and extensive enrichment programme that is designed to support and enhance learning through a range of activities designed to create independent learners, critical thinkers and reflective practitioners. It has been built into the timetable and is a mandatory entitlement for all learners. The programme consists of four key areas:

- One- to-one tutorials,
- Group tutorials,
- Services to the community,
- Electives including activities from mastering study skills to DJ and mixing or basic Italian/Mandarin,
- Themed weeks such as Mental Health, Drugs awareness, Black History, Holocaust Remembrance, alongside a range of other exciting interactive and experiential activities.

A variety of trips are also available for you to take part in through individual subject areas as well as across the 6th Form.



Student voice

“One of the best things about Arden is that I felt that we are listened to. Ideas that we suggested have been implemented such as students having email addresses so that we can now email teachers and get help whenever we need.”

Aden Broughton Yr 13 May 2011.

We expect our learners to be active participants and leaders in their own right. We have several opportunities for you to voice your opinions and to make a difference. There is an Arden Council which comprises of a council President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Events Secretary, Fundraising Secretary and Tutor Group representatives. There are also other leadership groups such as the Web Page and Marketing Committee or the Arden Ambassadors who work with Key stage 4 students on transition to Post 16 education. If you have an idea about a role you are interested in taking on or setting up, we would love to hear from you!

Care Guidance and Support

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE (ILC)

The ILC in Arden is an area where all learners of Post 16 can work on their assignments and revision as part of their independent learning. There is support, guidance and communication from a member of staff who oversees the ILC each day so that each learner can progress in their learning and organise their work effectively. You can also get support in writing CV's and guidance to help complete university application forms and finding work placements in various subject areas.

There are 22 computers available for

learners to access, a range of text books covering A' level subjects as well as BTEC vocational courses and daily newspapers to read. There is also a range of university prospectus' to refer to and guidance about making the right choices for your future. Every September there is an induction to the ILC.

The opening and closing times are from 8:30am-3:00pm with an hour lunch in which the ILC is closed. There are also computers and study areas on each floor available outside the ILC opening hours.



HIGHER OR FURTHER EDUCATION

We have a structured programme of support for helping you choose the right course, the right University and completing your UCAS application. We also organise University visits, Taster Days and talks from University Admissions Tutors to help you make an informed decision about your next step after graduating from Arden.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Due to the high demand and success of our BTEC course we have a dedicated placement officer to support students in finding suitable work placements to support their learning on the BTEC courses.

APPRENTICESHIPS

We are very successful in finding apprenticeships for our students who want to enter the world of work in everything from Land Management to Hair and Beauty.



EAL SUPPORT IN ARDEN COLLEGE

Students who speak English as a 'Second Language' may receive extra support from the EAL department. Students will be identified and asked to take some tests to assess their levels in English. We will look at their speaking, reading and writing skills in English and their Heritage Language. Students can request help with English and support with their college work.

Students are also encouraged to take Exams (GCSE and AS/A2) in their Heritage Language, including French, Spanish, Turkish, Dutch, German, Punjabi, Japanese, Chinese plus many more!

“Yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision. But today, well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope”



VISION IMPAIRMENT UNIT

The Vision Impairment Specialist Resource at Crown Woods provides Post 16 students with materials and in class support according to need, whether it be Braille or tactile, large or modified print. All the VISR staff are trained and experienced in working with a wide variety of different students' needs.

Our students study vocational and academic courses based on their Key Stage 4 results and interests. Ultimately, they go on to further education, university or employment. The Arden staff always provide excellent teaching and pastoral support demonstrating inclusion at its best.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Students with Special Educational Needs are actively supported with their studies within Arden and highly effective SEN department. They are also mentored by University Ambassadors to encourage them to continue with Further or Higher Education if they so desire.



*“The Future depends on
what we do in the present”*



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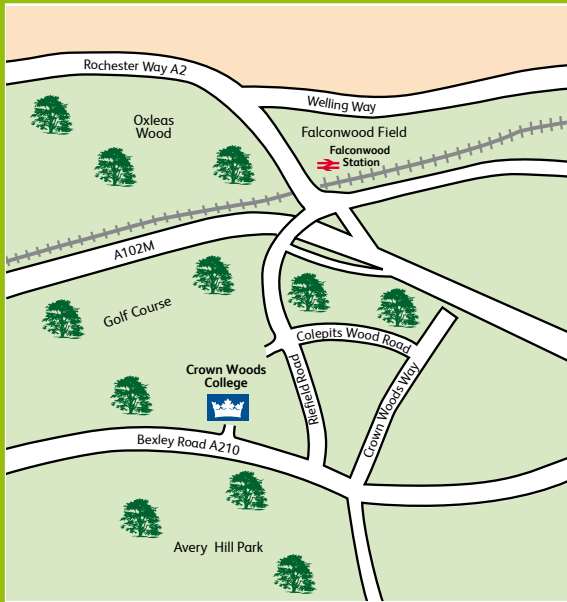


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