

**YOUR CAREER IN
A LEVELS AND
SIXTH FORM**



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* Equivalent to two A Levels

** Equivalent to one A Level

*** Further Maths can only be studied alongside Maths

**** Subject to confirmation

A Levels are considered to be the traditional route following GCSEs and are the most common qualification for admission to university. A Levels are two-year qualifications which give you a chance to study an existing GCSE subject in greater depth, or perhaps try a completely new subject like law, politics or environmental science. You can expect an increase in difficulty compared to GCSEs, and will see differences in the way you are taught and what is expected.

Choosing your A Levels is a significant decision which can impact the options available to you if you enter Higher Education. Most higher education courses require specific A Levels or combinations of A Levels, so it is important you choose subjects in order to meet entry requirements. If you're not sure what career or job you want to do, studying a selection of A Levels can be a good way of keeping your options open.

Our Sixth Form students achieve great things. We have a 98% pass rate, with students achieving grade A*- C increasing by 6%.

A Level success is testament to the capabilities of our students and the quality of our teaching and support staff who enable them to fulfil their ambitions.

Our Sixth Form offers a range of subjects in the arts, humanities and languages, professional studies, social sciences, mathematics and the sciences. Alongside the three A Levels on your study programme, there is an accompanying subject clinic which enables you to access your teacher outside of the delivered classes.

We also have a Sixth Form Extra programme which develops the skills you require to be successful in your future. As part of this programme you complete the Duke of York iDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award) which aims to equip you with digital, enterprise and enterprise skills, and can help you stand out from the crowd.

Our Sixth Form offer provides the perfect combination of academic and extra-curricular activities. It can help you achieve excellent results and prepare you for your next steps, whether that be onto Higher Education, an Apprenticeship or employment.



SUBJECT CHOICES

Humanities and Languages	Professional Studies and Social Sciences	Science and Maths
Art	Accounting	Applied Science
English Language	Business	Biology
English Literature	Economics	Chemistry
Film Studies	Financial Studies	Computer Science
French	Law	Environmental Science
Geography	Politics	Further Mathematics
History	Psychology	Mathematics
Media Studies	Religious Studies	PE
Photography	Sociology	Physics
Spanish		

TO HELP YOU TO MAKE YOUR FINAL CHOICES, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Do your chosen subjects work well together? Is there a good balance?
- Are you good at these subjects? What are your predicted results? Where do you, your family, and your teachers think that your strengths lie?
- What are the specific entry requirements for each subject?
- Will these subjects help you on the path to your chosen career or university course?
- Are you interested in, and will you enjoy, these subjects?



WHEN WILL I NEED TO PICK MY SUBJECTS?

Once we've received your application, you'll receive an invitation to attend one of our applicant days. You can confirm your subject choices at this event. You will then have an opportunity to try your subjects and confirm your choices at one of our taster days.

HOW MANY A LEVELS DO I NEED TO PICK?

If you're aged 16-18, you must choose three A Level subjects to make up your full-time course. If you're aged 19+, you may be able to study fewer than three A Levels, subject to availability.

You don't need to decide what you want to study until you apply. For now, you just need to consider which subjects you may be interested in. If you'd like to discuss your subject combination or find out more about your A Level options, come to an Open Day or visit our website.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1

RESEARCH

- Get a better idea of what courses we have on offer:
- Look on our website
- Come to our open days
- Read our course booklets

2

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Initially, we can only log up to two courses, with A Levels being one of them, you will submit subject choices at stage 4. Please apply using just one of the following methods:

- Online
- Paper
- Your current schools application system



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We'll send you an acknowledgement postcard to let you know that we've processed your application and what you can expect next. You should receive this 5-10 working days after application.

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ATTEND AN APPLICANT EVENT

We'll invite you to a Sixth Form event, where you will be able to discuss and finalise up to five A Level subject choices, to trial at pre-programme. Parents or guardians are welcome to come to this event too! You need to attend one of these events in order to get an offer to study with us.



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RECEIVE AN OFFER

Once you've been to your applicant event, you'll receive a conditional offer. Conditions will be based on meeting the Sixth Form, and your chosen A Level subjects', entry requirements. We'll also send you an 'accept my place' certificate, so make sure to let us know whether you'd like to accept your offer within 30 days, in order to secure your conditional place.



ONCE YOU'VE ACCEPTED YOUR OFFER...

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PRE-PROGRAMME EXPERIENCE

Spend a day at college at the start of the summer holidays. Here, you will take part in activities relating to your chosen A Level subjects and experience what it's like to be a student at Loughborough College

Attending this event is a necessary step in securing your place at college.

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FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Over the summer, we'll send you information about our Bursary Fund. Everyone who has applied will automatically be sent an application form. All you need to do is complete and return the form to us with the appropriate evidence. Aged 19 or over? We'll send you a fees and funding pack, including information about funding options and Advanced Learning Loans.

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REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

Once you've received your GCSE results, you'll be invited to come in to see us to sign up for your course. Specific details will be sent to you in your induction pack.

As course places are limited, if you are unable to make an event when invited, please contact:

eventreply@loucoll.ac.uk
01509 618375

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INDUCTION INFORMATION

We'll send you an information pack with everything you'll need to get you ready for the start of your course in September. This will include your enrolment allocation, course costs, and kit and uniform ordering information (if appropriate).

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START YOUR COURSE!

-  Sent by e-mail
-  Sent by post
-  On website

ACCOUNTING

THIS A LEVEL HELPS STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACCOUNTANT AND THE IMPACTS OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BUSINESS AND THE WIDER ENVIRONMENT.

Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

Course content includes topics such as Analysis and Evaluation of Financial Information, Budgeting, Accounting for Limited Companies, Capital Investment Appraisal, and Preparation of Financial Statements.

This A Level is a useful qualification, whether used professionally or personally, and an excellent complementary subject to Business, Economics or Maths.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language & Maths at Grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 3-hour exams (50%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion of A Level Accounting, you will be prepared for further study at university or to explore options to study an AAT professional qualification.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

APPLIED SCIENCE

THIS IS A VOCATIONAL SCIENCE COURSE WORTH THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO A LEVELS IN WHICH STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP THEIR PRACTICAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS THROUGH A VARIETY OF REAL WORLD BASED ASSIGNMENTS.

You will gain an understanding of the different types of scientific industries and settings, as well as how laboratory design can vary across organisations and sectors. Students will apply their skills, knowledge and understanding to activities relevant to the human sciences pathway.

The course will cover a selection of topics, including Science Fundamentals, Laboratory Techniques, Scientific Analysis and Reporting, Human Physiology, Genetics, Control of Hazards in the Laboratory, Human Nutrition, Cell Biology, Testing Consumer Products, Drug Development, and Microbiology.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English, Maths and two sciences.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

40% exam, 60% coursework

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students usually progress to higher apprenticeships, work or university. Future study or career paths may include: nursing, forensics, biochemistry, food science, zoology, nutrition, veterinary nursing, toxicology and more.

AWARDING BODY

OCR

IMPROVE YOUR VISUAL EXPRESSION AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS WHILE BUILDING A PORTFOLIO OF WORK FOR UNIVERSITY INTERVIEWS.

As well as developing your skills in visual recording through practical work including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media, you will also build your critical thinking and research abilities with contextual study of artists and their relationship to the world around them.

Your work will also involve an element of self-reflection, writing annotations to discuss your own work and its relation to briefs and artists studied, helping you to critique your own work and feed this into your future work.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths, and Art or Design.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

15-hour non-exam assessment (40%) and personal investigation (60%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Art prepares you for degree-level study in Art and Design, and careers in everything from Graphic Design, Illustration and Typography to Sculpture, Fashion and Photography.

AWARDING BODY

OCR

BIOLOGY

BIOLOGY IS A DIVERSE AND POPULAR SUBJECT. COVERING TOPICAL ISSUES, SUCH AS MEDICAL SCIENCE, GENETIC ENGINEERING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

If you enjoy learning about life and living organisms and want to delve deeper into concepts that you have been introduced to at GCSE, from biochemistry and cell biology through to behaviour and ecology, then A Level Biology will offer you an exciting, challenging and stimulating area of study.

In your first year of study you will begin by gaining an understanding of the biological molecules which make up living things. This will enable you to understand how these molecules build up into cells, the fundamental unit of life.

In your second year of study you will build upon the concepts introduced in the first year to develop an understanding of the complex biochemistry of photosynthesis and respiration, and the detailed mechanisms of the nervous and endocrine systems.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English at grade C/4, and Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each). A number of practical skills must also be demonstrated throughout the course in 12 compulsory activities. This is reported separately and all students must pass this component.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Biology opens up a wide range of opportunities for university-level study, including but not limited to: Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Veterinary Science, Zoology, Radiography, Agriculture and Horticulture, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Dietetics, Nutrition, Applied Biology, Botany, Forensic Science and many other possibilities.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

BUSINESS

BUSINESS IS AN EXCITING, DYNAMIC SUBJECT, AND NO TWO BUSINESSES ARE THE SAME. STUDYING A LEVEL BUSINESS WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO CURRENT BUSINESS PRACTICE, GIVING YOU THE KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENTS. YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT ALL KINDS OF BUSINESSES, FROM SMALL TO LARGE, AND UK-BASED TO GLOBAL.

You'll gain an understanding of how the functional areas in a business work, such as finance and operations. Money is what keeps a business going, like the fuel in a car, and operations is the engine, allowing a business to produce goods efficiently, and to the quality demanded by customers.

You'll also look at the people, such as how a business recruits and maintains its staff, and marketing, in which you will explore how a business communicates what they do to their customers, reaching their target markets to improve sales.

You will study units including: Managers, Leadership and Decision Making, decision making to improve financial performance and managing strategic change.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language at grade 4 and Maths at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Completion of this course will prepare you for further study at university in a range of subjects. You can also progress onto higher level apprenticeships or enter the world of work. Knowledge of the principles of business is beneficial in any industry and may give you the edge over other candidates.

AWARDING BODY

AQA



UK YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRIPLE AWARD SUCCESS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE STUDENT COMPANY

An innovative company created by Loughborough College Sixth Form students has scooped three awards from UK Young Enterprise.

Alicia Griffiths, Emmanuella Taiwo, Fathi Hassan, Promise Soley, and Roshni Mistry were announced as winners not only of the Business Sustainability Award and the Team Work Award but they were also presented with the Ron Miles Memorial Award for having the most amount of fun in business at the 2019 Company Programme regional finals.

“The students came up with the idea for cleaning a car which would not require water, for the car to be driven anywhere or for the engine to be left running – not only saving water but also avoiding carbon emissions,” said Marcia Cameron, sixth form academic tutor at Loughborough College.

“They were then supported by the College throughout the academic year as they assigned each other roles in the business, researched the market, developed relationships with suppliers, opened a bank account, created a logo, website and social media channels and even officially registered the company. Their business advisor Malcolm Graham also attended their company meetings to observe and offer feedback”.

“The students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of setting up their own business. For the students studying business it was really helpful for them to put their book knowledge into practice – and all of them benefited from boosting the time management and people skills which are so vital in the workplace and in life”.

CHEMISTRY

THIS COURSE PROVIDES A CHALLENGING AND INTERESTING INTRODUCTION TO THE DISCIPLINE OF CHEMISTRY AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL.

Studying Chemistry at A Level not only gives you a deep understanding of what substances are made up of and how they react, but also develops your analytical and critical thinking skills.

The course starts by looking at the structure of the atom and using our current understanding to explain how and why reactions happen. You will then use this to explain the arrangement of the elements in the periodic table and discover why this allows us to predict properties and reactivities of elements. Organic Chemistry is where you will learn about the molecules and interactions that are important for all life processes.

The second year topics build on the solid grounding you will have gained from the first year, covering areas such as how batteries work and why the structure of DNA means it can contain all the information to maintain and reproduce life.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English at grade C/4, and Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each). A number of practical skills must also be demonstrated throughout the course in 12 compulsory activities. This is reported separately and all students must pass this component.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completing this course you will be equipped to progress on to university, a Higher Apprenticeship or work. Possible degree options include Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy or Maths. Relevant career paths include Research Chemist, Forensic Scientist, Teacher, Analytical Chemist, Chemical Engineer, Biochemist, Pharmacologist, Doctor, Toxicologist or Environmental Manager.

AWARDING BODY

AQA



CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE

The Royal Society of Chemistry has recognised Loughborough College students Joanna Harrold, Ebony Harrison and Vikram Muman in its prestigious national Olympiad 2019 – with Joanna receiving a bronze award for her achievement.

The College Sixth Form trio joined students from across the UK to face a challenging written test in the leading annual chemistry competition.

“When I heard I had been awarded bronze I thought, really, do you have the right person? I was convinced the test had gone really badly so it was a shock – but a very nice shock. A relief. I have worked hard and it felt like a reward for that,” said 17 year old Joanna, who is studying A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Physics at Loughborough College.

After doing work experience at King’s College in London, Joanna is clear on the direction she wants to take post A Levels. **“I was involved with genetics research at the University and found it so interesting, I definitely want to do more in that area.”** But for now the focus is on exams.

“The A Level work is hard but my teachers at Loughborough College have been so supportive and with only weeks to go now, the pressure is building so it makes a real difference to feel they are behind you as you study, study, study.”

COMPUTER SCIENCE

WITH COMPUTERS USED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF MODERN LIFE THIS COURSE IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THOSE WHO SEE THEIR EVENTUAL CAREERS IN COMPUTING.

This A Level programme will provide learners with an understanding of, and the ability to apply, the fundamental principle and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms, data representation and seeing relationships between different aspects of computer science.

Computer science will increase the learners ability to analyse problems in computational terms, through practical experience of solving such problems, and writing programs to do so. This will involve thinking creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and a grade 5 in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2.5 hour exams (40% each)
Programming project (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students often progress to University to study computing. However, with such widespread use of computers the course can be valuable alongside other subjects and careers, particularly, though not exclusively, in science and engineering.

AWARDING BODY

OCR

DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL STUDIES

THE DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL STUDIES HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE CORE DISCIPLINES OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY. THIS LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION IS EQUIVALENT TO AN A LEVEL IN TERMS OF UCAS POINTS AND LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY.

Learners are encouraged to become responsible borrowers, sensible savers, and to have an appreciation of the need for financial planning throughout their life. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for further study through the development of the core skills of critical analysis and evaluation, synthesis, verbal communication (through classroom discussion) and written communication.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

100% exam consisting of two parts:
Part A: multiple choice questions.
Part B: written paper.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students may progress on to higher level Financial Studies qualifications, as well as on to university courses.

AWARDING BODY

London Institute of Banking and Finance.

ECONOMICS

ECONOMICS IS A HIGHLY VALUABLE, ACADEMIC SUBJECT, FOR THOSE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM. THIS COURSE INTENDS TO BLEND THEORY WITH REAL-LIFE APPLICATION, IN THE SEARCH FOR BETTER WAYS TO MANAGE OUR ECONOMY, RESULTING IN A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY.

Our approach to Economics is to apply economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues.

Economics is widely accepted as a challenging and rewarding A Level, with many students progressing to study economics and other related subjects in Higher Education. The course prepares students for a wide range of careers in areas such as Economics, Accounting, Business, Politics, and much more.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Maths, and English Language at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion of this course, you will be prepared for further study at university or be ready for the world of work. Students who have gone on to study Economics at degree level have typically found employment in sectors including high street and city banking, charitable and not-for-profit organisations, consultancies, insurance and accountancy firms, government departments, and think tanks.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

Studying Economics alongside A Level Business is a popular combination



WILLIAM COLEBROOK

William Colebrook battled illness and adversity to achieve two A*s and a B in his A Levels, earning him a place at the prestigious London School of Economics to study Law.

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I became very ill with chest pain and blackouts and I was sent to heart specialists for tests. Alongside all this, I was having issues with my family.

“I started at Loughborough College and they were amazingly supportive. As I continued with my A Levels in Economics, Law and Business, I was in and out of

hospital but they helped me to catch up with work and encouraged me to stick with my courses.

“I became determined not to give in. I was getting better results than I ever had. I worked really hard, doing past paper after past paper—I think my tutor must have marked more than a hundred!

“When I thought there was no chance for me, when even my family did not have faith in me, Loughborough College motivated and supported me—and now I am heading for London and the LSE.”

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OUR A LEVEL QUALIFICATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKS AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO ENGAGE CREATIVELY WITHIN AREAS OF TOPICAL DEBATE.

Learners will explore language use in various contexts and will carry out an independent investigation in an area of particular interest to them.

Upon completion of the course, our students will have gained a solid understanding of how the English Language works in a variety of contexts.

The course takes a theory-based approach to analysing language, challenging students to observe language use around us in context. It is therefore advised that students should have an interest and find enjoyment in analysing the linguistic features of both written and spoken texts.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Maths at grade C/4 and English Language at grade 6.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2hr30 exams (40% each) and one non-examined coursework assessment (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Any university course that requires analytical skills will benefit from the skills acquired on this course.

The majority of our learners decide to pursue careers in the following areas: Journalism, Creative Writing, Teaching, Academia, Web Design, Marketing and Advertising, Public Relations, and Law.

AWARDING BODY

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DID YOU KNOW?

English Language takes a scientific approach, analysing shorter texts and measuring your creative writing skills

ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIS COURSE IS INTENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO ENJOY READING AND DEBATING POSSIBLE MEANINGS IN TEXTS. YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A RANGE OF WORK, INCLUDING CONTEMPORARY AND CLASSICAL PLAYS, POETRY, AND NOVELS.

The course takes a historicist approach to literature, working with the view that each text is influenced by the times in which it was written, and that it may be interpreted differently according to the social contexts or beliefs of the reader.

English Literature provides excellent preparation for the workplace and for university. The analytical and communication skills you learn provide a good basis for higher-level study in a wide range of subjects.

It also helps you hone your own skills in effective use of English Language, as we study some of the greatest ever exponents of writing.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4, including Maths at grade C/4, and English Literature and English Language at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

One 3-hour exam (40%), one 2hr30 exam (40%) and one 2,500-word extended essay (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Any university course that requires analytical skills will benefit from the skills acquired on this course. English Literature graduates may go on to careers in Teaching, Academia, Journalism, Creative Writing, Public Relations, and Law.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

English Literature requires reading and analysing longer texts from a range of time periods, including pre-1900

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COURSE ENABLES STUDENTS TO GAIN A WELL-INFORMED INSIGHT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESSES THAT CONTROL AND AFFECT IT.

This course allows you to develop an understanding of how different events and cycles within the environment interrelate, human impacts on these events and cycles, and strategies that can be used to minimise the problems caused.

First year of study includes the living and physical environments and research methods, while second year of study topics include energy resources, pollution, biological resources, sustainability, and further investigation of research methods.

The skills developed on this course enable students to gain a thorough understanding of the world in which we live and the risks and threats that our planet faces.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English, Maths and two sciences.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 3-hour exams (50% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Successful completion of this course may lead to further study in a scientific or geographic field, or entry into a related industry. Relevant career options include Environmental Education Officer, Nature Conservation Officer, Recycling Officer, Sustainability Consultant, Water Quality Scientist, Environmental Health Practitioner, Landscape Architect, Transportation Planner or Toxicologist.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

FILM STUDIES

FILM STUDIES ENABLES LEARNERS TO DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF A DIVERSE RANGE OF FILM INCLUDING DOCUMENTARY, SILENT CINEMA, EXPERIMENTAL FILM, GLOBAL FILM AND SHORT FILMS. THIS IS A THEORY BASED COURSE THAT DEVELOPS YOUR ANALYTICAL AND ESSAY WRITING SKILLS.

In A Level Film Studies you will explore the significance of film in national, global and historical contexts helping you to understand its social, cultural, political, historical and technological contexts. This, coupled with exploration into the different ways in which spectators respond to film, will help you understand how films generate meaning and responses. You will learn how to analyse film using a range of different approaches and ideological frameworks.

In the first year you will study 6 British and American films that focus on developing your understanding of the core elements of film form (cinematography, sound, mise en scene, editing), representation, ideology, narrative, auteur, spectatorship and contexts. In the second year, you will develop your analytical skills further through the close study of 5 additional films from a wider range of film producers including Spanish and Iranian. The

second year will also introduce further theory and critical frameworks. In the second year you will also complete an NEA unit which will require you to study short films and write your own screenplay.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and English Literature at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2hr30 exams (35% each) and one screenplay & evaluation assessment (30%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Film Studies develops a solid foundation for progression on to a range of Higher Education courses, as well as enabling direct progression into employment. It provides a coherent, engaging and culturally valuable course of study, and the skills developed on the course will help to inform further study in English Literature and other analytically centred subjects.

AWARDING BODY

EDUQAS

DID YOU KNOW?

A lot of the core skills that we learn and develop in Film Studies are the same as in English Literature. If you love English Literature, why not consider studying Film alongside it?

FRENCH

IN A LEVEL FRENCH YOU WILL DEVELOP YOUR LINGUISTIC SKILLS ALONGSIDE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF COUNTRIES WHERE FRENCH IS SPOKEN. YOU WILL STUDY HIGHLIGHTS OF FRENCH-SPEAKING ARTISTIC CULTURE, INCLUDING FRANCOPHONE MUSIC AND CINEMA, AND LEARN ABOUT POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT AND WHO WIELDS POLITICAL POWER IN THE FRENCH-SPEAKING WORLD. YOU WILL ALSO EXPLORE THE INFLUENCE OF THE PAST ON PRESENT-DAY FRENCH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES.

The A Level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society.

The approach is a focus on how French-speaking society has been shaped, socially and culturally, and how it continues to change.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including French at Grade 5, Maths and English Language grade C/4.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing – 2 hours 30 minutes (50%)

Paper 2: Writing – 2 hours (20%)

Paper 3: Speaking – Oral exam 21-23 minutes (30%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion on this course you will have the necessary skill sets to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

You must have studied GCSE French to study Spanish at A Level



CHLOE PATTERSON

Chloe Patterson's ambition had been to study make-up design but an increasing enthusiasm for academic study at Loughborough College led to an extremely last-minute turnaround.

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I woke up one morning and just knew I had to try to study English Literature at University, I loved it so much.

“I only had one day to re-write my personal statement to make the deadline. My tutor Victoria wrote me an amazing reference and off it all went. Queen Mary's in London was my first choice but I knew

how incredibly hard it was to get in—and my application was so late.

“I was on holiday when the offer came through—for Queen Mary's. I couldn't believe it but they needed ABB and I just wasn't sure.

“It was so tense waiting for my A Level results. I only had this chance—because of my late application I didn't get a reserve.”

After discovering that she had achieved an A* and two As in her Psychology, English Literature and English Language A Levels, Chloe admitted that she couldn't quite believe it.

GEOGRAPHY

THIS A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY COURSE WILL COVER BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS AND THE COMPLEX INTERACTION OF PROCESSES THAT SHAPE OUR WORLD.

It will also show the applied side of the subject, investigating how human processes affect the environment and how people adapt and mitigate these effects. This is a complex and dynamic issue, varying from place to place depending on people's technology, culture and available resources.

Further study in Geography will continue to develop your ability to integrate ideas effectively and problem solve, developing a high level of computer literacy and wider experience through fieldwork.

There are many reasons you might decide to study geography:

- You enjoy learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment
- You are keen to learn and develop a wide range of skills
- You are seeking a broad based academic degree, offering good and varied employment prospects

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English, Maths, Geography and a science.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2hr30 exams (40% each) and one 3,000–4,000-word field work investigation (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

This A Level may lead to a career in a relevant field or further study in Geography. According to the Higher Education Statistics Agency's 'Destination of Leavers from Higher Education' survey, Geography graduates are less likely to be unemployed after their degree course than those studying almost any other subject.

Degree courses at university include Earth Sciences, Human and Physical Geography.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

HISTORY

THROUGHOUT THIS COURSE, YOU'LL STUDY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN HISTORY AND HOW THESE EVENTS HAVE SHAPED THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN TODAY. HISTORY IS ALL ABOUT CHANGE AND HOW WARS, LAWS, POLICIES, CATASTROPHES, AND INVENTIONS HAVE CHANGED THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE LIVE.

History is a fascinating subject, which makes you question societies from all over the world. You'll be able to identify their mistakes, and how modern societies are different, or similar, to those of the past.

A Level History includes two trips over the two years: one to Bolsover Castle for the 17th Century module and one to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Nottinghamshire.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including GCSE English Language, Literature or History at grade B/5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2hr30 exams (40% each) and one 3,000–3,500-word coursework piece (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

History gives you knowledge and skills which will prepare you for Higher Education and employment. Students who specialise in History may go on to become historical researchers, work in heritage organisations or become teachers. History also supports other career paths such as Journalism, Politics, Law, Social Work and Public Services.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

The phrase 'Turncoat' comes from the 1640's. This is where the soldiers of one particular army would 'Turn their coat' inside out with the emblem of the opposing army stitched in the inside of their coat! The modern phrase for a turncoat that means coward comes from this action as soldiers would change sides mid-battle in the Civil War. We cover this period here at Loughborough College during our A Level History lessons.

LAW IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT THAT GOVERNS OUR BEHAVIOUR, CAN REFLECT OUR MORAL BELIEFS, AND IS INTEGRAL TO OUR SOCIETY. IT'S A SERIES OF RULES THAT AFFECT US ALL EVERY DAY, AND OFTEN WITHOUT US EVEN REALISING IT. THIS IS A VERY CHALLENGING SUBJECT, WITH LOTS OF DETAIL, CASES, AND ACTS OF PARLIAMENT TO REMEMBER AND APPLY, AND WILL SUIT ANYONE THAT HAS A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

Even if you aren't aiming for a career in the legal profession, a grounding in Law is not only valuable to have on your CV, but will arm you with general knowledge of the laws that rule our land, and valuable transferable skills.

Alternatively, if you do see yourself as a Barrister, Solicitor, Legal Executive, or any career within a legal setting, then this course could be very rewarding. A Level Law will assist you should you wish to progress to a Law degree at university, or enhance your academic profile for further study or a career in another area.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 6.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

You may wish to continue your education at degree level or enter into employment within a relevant sector. Opportunities exist within the legal system, including Police Officer, Solicitor, Barrister, Para-Legal or Legal Executive. You may choose to pursue a career with the council or the legal department within company.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Law to study this A Level



MATHEMATICS

A LEVEL MATHEMATICS IS THE KEY TO A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY. IF YOU WANT TO STUDY ENGINEERING, PHYSICS, ECONOMICS, OR NATURAL SCIENCES AT UNIVERSITY, IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL. IT WILL ALSO BE USEFUL FOR BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND COMPUTER-BASED COURSES.

A Level Mathematics is not an easy subject and it's important that you're confident with both algebra and graphs, and certainly prepared to work hard from the start!

This course offers a wide range of progression routes into Higher Education, in all areas of Science, Business, and Engineering. On top of that, recent research shows that completing A Level Mathematics can increase your earning potential!

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English at C/4 and Maths at grade 7.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

1hr15 exam (37.5%)

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Maths opens up a range of possibilities for Higher Education in all areas of Maths, Science and Business. It is essential for studying Engineering, Physics, Economics or Natural History and is also useful for Biology, Psychology, and computer-based courses.

AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE MATHEMATICIAN JENNIFER ACHIEVES UK TOP 100 SPOT

The high scores of a Loughborough College student in a UK-wide challenge have placed her amongst the country's top 100 mathematicians.

It takes a lot to reach round one of the British Mathematical Olympiad (BMO), with only 1000 achieving the best results selected to take part. Of those only around 100 will be invited to go on to round two - and 17 year old Jennifer Hu was amongst them.

The Loughborough College A Level student has gone on to be awarded certificates of merit and distinction not only for her achievement in the 2019 national BMO tests but also for distinction in this year's British Mathematical Olympiad for Girls.

"This was the first time I'd ever sat BMO 1 and 2, so I never expected to achieve this score - I was really pleased," said Jennifer, who admitted the tests were challenging but enabled her to really boost her skills.

"Being good at maths and being fast at maths are by no means the same thing and for many of our keenest students, the added element of time-pressured competitions adds a certain spice to problem solving. Where both speed and accuracy are key, Jennifer thrives on bringing everything together to reach a correct solution in record time," said Anthony Clohesy, Mathematics lecturer at Loughborough College.

"In addition to the high-level national competitions, we also encourage year 12 and year 13 students to get involved in the ever-popular Ritangle competition, a collaborative team effort taking place every autumn term and designed to encourage innovative solution methods, use of technology and independent research."

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

THE A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS COURSE CONSISTS OF A LEVEL MATHS IN ONE YEAR, FOLLOWED BY A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS IN THE SECOND YEAR. IT IS INTENDED FOR ABLE AND COMMITTED MATHEMATICIANS WHO REALLY ENJOY THE SUBJECT.

This increasingly popular subject extends the pure Maths, Statistics, and Mechanics covered in A Level Mathematics. It also introduces many new concepts, including imaginary numbers and decision Maths.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English at C/4 Maths at grade 8.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Four 1hr30 exams (25% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

This course provides a gateway to many competitive degree courses, including Maths, Physics, Engineering, Economics, or any other university course with a high Mathematical content.

AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

DID YOU KNOW?

Further Maths can only be studied if you take A Level Maths. You will study A Level Maths in Year 12 and A Level Further Maths in Year 13.

MEDIA STUDIES

THE MEDIA PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE, SOCIETY AND POLITICS. THEY SHAPE OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIONS, IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW THEY OFFER. THE MEDIA HAVE REAL RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE IN OUR LIVES TODAY, PROVIDING US WITH WAYS TO COMMUNICATE, WITH FORMS OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN KEY ASPECTS OF SOCIETY.

You will study a wide range of rich and stimulating media and be able to develop detailed analysis of how the media communicate meanings in a variety of forms. You will consider established media forms alongside more contemporary forms, developing an awareness of emerging and evolving media. You will also extend your experience of the media through the study of products which are less mainstream to gain a really well rounded exploration of the media as a whole. In addition to this you will have the opportunity to create your own media texts.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language at 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Exam 1 (35%) 2 hr 15

Exam 2 (35%) 2 hr 30

Non-Exam Assessment (30%)

Cross Media Production

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Gaining A Level Media Studies can open doors to job opportunities and further study of hands on jobs in Media such a TV and Film pproduction, Journalism and Marketing.

AWARDING BODY

EDUQAS

DID YOU KNOW?

Many of the core skills that you develop in Media Studies are the same as in English Language. The two subjects complement each other well.

PHOTOGRAPHY

YOU WILL EXPLORE RELEVANT IMAGES, ARTEFACTS AND RESOURCES RELATING TO A RANGE OF ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN, BOTH FROM THE PAST AND FROM RECENT TIMES, INCLUDING EUROPEAN AND NON-EUROPEAN EXAMPLES.

Your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions will be demonstrated through practical and critical activities. You must show knowledge of relevant materials, processes, technologies and resources, as well as how ideas and feelings can be conveyed and interpreted through photography.

You will be required to work in one or more areas of photography, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, photojournalism, fashion, experimental imagery, multimedia or photographic installation. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations or choose to specialise in one particular area.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths, and Art or Design.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Unit 1: 100% coursework

Unit 2: 10-week exam, with final 10 hours unaided

Unit 3: Coursework with 3,000-word illustrated essay

Unit 4: 10-week exam, with final 15 hours unaided

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Higher Education routes include Photography and Graphic Design, while potential employment opportunities include Freelance or Agency Photographer, Picture Editor, Photo Journalist or Graphic Designer.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

PHYSICS

THE COURSE BUILDS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED AT GCSE, AND COVERS A RANGE OF TOPICS WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS UNDERLYING THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

In this course you'll start by exploring ideas about the smallest constituents of matter, looking inside the atom.

The journey passes through areas including mechanics, waves, electricity, fields, gases and nuclear physics, looking both at the underlying physics concepts and at the real-world implications.

Later in year 2 we look at the biggest ideas of all: the exploration of the universe.

If you are curious about the world around you, and enjoy Maths, Physics could be for you.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English at grade C/4, and Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (approximately 33% each). A number of practical skills must also be demonstrated throughout the course in 12 compulsory activities. This is reported separately. All students are expected to pass this component.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

This A Level offers a pathway to Higher Education in all branches of Physics, many other sciences, and most Engineering courses. Physics is highly regarded by universities and employers since it requires students to solve a wide range of problems. A Physics qualification is valuable in any profession requiring problem-solving skills, and a variety of employment routes are available, including Engineering, Finance, Banking and Teaching.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

It isn't vital to do Maths alongside Physics, but the two subjects go very well together. If you want to study at a higher level or move into Engineering, it's advisable, and is sometimes a requirement, to do both.

Alongside the mainstream Physics A Level we also offer the Physics Olympiad as an optional stretching activity for most able and driven students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A LEVEL PE WILL GIVE YOU A FANTASTIC INSIGHT INTO THE AMAZING WORLD OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE. SPORT IS A HIGH-PROFILE, FAST EXPANDING INDUSTRY WHICH IS CURRENTLY RANKED WITHIN THE TOP 15 SECTORS IN THE UK.

The A Level PE qualification will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the scientific, socio-cultural and practical aspects of physical education. This will enable you to improve your own and others' performance or coaching through the application of theory.

You will study Applied Anatomy and Physiology, Exercise Physiology, Biomechanical Movement, Skill Acquisition, Sports Psychology, Sport and Society and the Role of Technology in Physical Activity and Sport. Your practical skills as either a performer or coach are examined via the NEA (non-exam assessment) component on performance.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths at grade C/4, and GCSE PE and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

One 2-hour exam (30%), two 1-hour exams (20% each) and a non-exam assessment (30%).

PROGRESSION ROUTES

This course will provide a foundation for the further study of PE or Sports Science courses at University, as well as other related subject areas such as Psychology, Sociology and Biology. It will also develop the transferable skills that are in demand by Further Education, Higher Education and employers in all sectors of industry.

AWARDING BODY

OCR

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in 2016 the value of the Sports economy in the UK was estimated to be £37.3bn

POLITICS

IN THIS COURSE, YOU'LL STUDY THE WAY THE COUNTRY IS GOVERNED, AND HOW YOUR VOTES MAKE A GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE IS BASED ON TWO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, AND THEIR SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES.

The first year focuses on the UK political system, and the roles that key people play, such as the Prime Minister and judges. It also looks at Britain as a political nation: how people vote, whether or not we have a constitution, and why this might be.

The second year is focussed on the USA as a political model. Key issues here are the role of the president, the supreme courts, and the judicial process. Furthermore, you'll look at the role of the entrenched rights that Americans have over those of other countries, as well as evaluating the role of the Bill of Rights and the US Constitution.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Maths at C/4 and English Language at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Politics helps to prepare you for Higher Education, developing skills that are useful in any career. Students who specialise in Politics may become politicians, work in law or any civil service role.

AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Politics to study this A Level

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THE MIND AND BEHAVIOUR, PROVIDING THEORIES, SUGGESTIONS AND PRACTICAL WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING THE REASONS BEHIND OUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HUMAN BEHAVIOUR, AND WHY WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT, BUT ALSO SHARE SIMILARITIES, THEN A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY IS FOR YOU.

Over the course of the two years you will study topics including Approaches in Psychology (different ways of explaining behaviour), depression, OCD, phobias, memory, attachment (how babies form relationships with their carers), social influence (for example, why people obey), research methods (including statistics), schizophrenia, gender development, offending behaviour, biopsychology (looking at how biological factors can explain behaviour) and issues and debates in Psychology (for example, the nature/nurture debate).

You will need to be able to apply theoretical concepts and analyse research. You should be prepared to contribute to discussions and listen to the opinions of others. There is a 10% Maths content to the course, including topics from GCSE Maths and also statistics.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Maths grade C/4, and English Language and one science at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Psychology students often go on to study degrees in Psychology, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, Social Policy, Sociology, Media, Law, or other humanities-related courses. Psychology is particularly relevant for people-based careers, such as human resources, advertising, business, social work or politics.

If you want to become a Psychologist, this will involve studying an undergraduate degree and then postgraduate qualifications in the field of your choice, for example Clinical Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Educational Psychology.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Psychology to study this A Level

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RELIGIOUS STUDIES IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT THAT COVERS SOME OF HUMANITY'S OLDEST QUESTIONS. WITHIN THIS A LEVEL WE EXPLORE ISSUES CONCERNING MORALITY, PHILOSOPHY, AND THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS THROUGH HISTORY, AND THE IMPACT OF RELIGIOUS ISSUES ON CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

We will begin our studies by examining differing ethical approaches to modern issues such as embryo research, capital punishment and the use of animals in scientific research.

We will examine philosophical responses to the arguments for the existence of God, and to the problem of suffering, analysing how the arguments work and critiquing the evidence they draw upon. We will consider the philosophical debate concerning whether or not freewill exists, or whether our behaviour is causally determined.

We will explore the development of Christian beliefs in the afterlife, and the influence of progress in scientific understanding on Christian beliefs. We will explore how Christian views around gender and sexuality have developed and how the religion is responding to social changes.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two, 3 hour exams

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students who wish to take the subject further can apply for degree courses in Theology, Philosophy or Religious Studies or further study in Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Politics, English Literature or PPE, leading to successful careers in many fields, including law, education, business, social work, medicine, administration and the media.

AWARDING BODY

EDEXCEL

SOCIOLOGY

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY ALLOWS STUDENTS TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN AND HOW VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES IMPACT UPON DIFFERENT GROUPS' EXPERIENCE OF SOCIAL LIFE.

In the first year, you'll examine the education system and the family unit, considering how and why these cornerstones of society have changed over time. You'll also study the development of social and educational policy.

In the second year, you'll build upon your existing knowledge, applying it to the criminal justice system and theories pertaining to criminal and deviant activity, as well as considering the impact of the mass media in contemporary society.

You'll need to be able to apply theoretical concepts and construct arguments. You should also have an interest in, or an awareness of, national and international current affairs, as they often inform class discussions.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language at grade 5.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Sociology students have gone on to degree-level study of Sociology, Social Sciences, Psychology, Criminology, Literature, Economics, Law and Geography. Any course requiring an understanding of the inequalities in society and the processes undertaken by social institutions would benefit from studying this syllabus. Employment opportunities include Teaching, Human Resources, Health and Social Care, the Probation Service and the Police Force.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Sociology to study this A Level

SPANISH

IN A LEVEL SPANISH YOU WILL EXPLORE TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE, LOOKING AT THE MULTICULTURAL NATURE OF HISPANIC SOCIETY. YOU WILL STUDY HIGHLIGHTS OF HISPANIC ARTISTIC CULTURE, INCLUDING A FOCUS ON SPANISH REGIONAL IDENTITY AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF PAST CIVILISATIONS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT ASPECTS OF THE DIVERSE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF THE HISPANIC WORLD.

The A Level specification builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE. It constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, which are valuable to the individual and society. The approach is a focus on how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change.

In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries.

In the second year further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism.

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Spanish at Grade 5, Maths and English Language grade C/4.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Paper 1: Listening, Reading & Writing – 2 hours 30 minutes (50%)

Paper 2: Writing – 2 hours (20%)

Paper 3: Speaking – Oral exam 21-23 minutes (30%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion on this course you will have the necessary skill sets to progress to employment or to further study, including a modern languages degree.

AWARDING BODY

AQA

DID YOU KNOW?

You must have studied GCSE Spanish to study Spanish at A Level.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

A LEVELS



**YOU MUST ACHIEVE 5 GCSEs GRADES A*–C / 9–4
INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHS AT GRADE C / 4**

A level subjects have their own subject specific entry criteria



APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship offers hands-on experience and allows you to learn practical skills in your chosen field whilst also earning a wage. Our course list shows the available apprenticeship levels within our subjects.

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ADVANCED

The apprenticeship Standard will provide you with a nationally recognised apprenticeship certificate. You will also study Functional Skills (as appropriate). An advanced apprenticeship is **equivalent to two A Levels**.

4-5

HIGHER

You'll work towards work-based learning qualifications such as a Level 4 competence qualification, and perhaps a learning-based qualification, Functional Skills, and (in some cases) a knowledge-based qualification such as a Foundation Degree. The higher apprenticeships that we offer can be found on our website.

6&7

DEGREE

You can even achieve a degree-level qualification through an apprenticeship. Degree apprenticeships are helping to build the high-level technical skills needed for the jobs of the future.

The government is committed to expanding the number, range and quality of apprenticeships that offer training to degree level. Not all apprenticeships are available at Higher and Degree level, so make sure to check the full details when choosing your apprenticeship.

DID YOU KNOW?

Under-19s made up 26% of apprenticeship starts in 2015/16

HIGHER EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

TO REWARD HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, WE OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE A LEVEL, APPRENTICESHIP OR LEVEL 3 STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PROGRESS ON TO STUDY A DEGREE AT LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE.

You could receive
a payment of up
to £1000*

WHY STUDY A DEGREE WITH US?

- >> Degrees awarded by top UK Universities including Loughborough University, Nottingham Trent University and University of Derby
- >> Become a member Loughborough Students' Union
- >> Supportive environment with help to develop key employability skills
- >> Have the opportunity to take part in Young Enterprise

To find out more, please email studentfinance@loucoll.ac.uk

*Terms and conditions apply



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS)



Loughborough
COLLEGE

DRIVES SUCCESS IN

STEM

LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE actively works to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and learning experiences for all learners and supports progression into careers in these industries.

Working closely with schools, universities and employers, our aim is to produce work ready STEM employees for the future.

The following courses within the Sixth Form fall under of our STEM subjects across college.

A Level Biology

A Level Chemistry

A Level Computer Science

A Level Environmental Science

A Level Further Mathematics

A Level Mathematics

A Level in Media Studies

A Level Physics

L3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Applied Science

In addition to the STEM programmes, we provide an additional enrichment curriculum which enables our learners to gain hands on experience within the sector.

This includes

- ★ **STEM club** where learners complete the Crest Awards (an industry recognised award), a scheme that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers.
- ★ Taking part in the **UK maths trust exams** which to advance the education of young people in mathematics. We also compete each year in the UK maths trust regional competition, where we have achieved success.
- ★ **Chemistry Olympiad**
- ★ Students completing the **‘Duke of York’ award**. A recognised digital literacy qualification where students develop digital, enterprise and employability skills.
- ★ Students who are completing A level Maths also study the **Advanced Extension award in maths**.
- ★ Students having the opportunity to study the **Core maths qualification**.
- ★ Taking part in **environmental projects** with employers at home and abroad.

We continue to develop our opportunities for students to develop their skills for the STEM industries and actively take part in competitions, enrichment and wider learning events to support this.



Teachers delivering these programmes within the Sixth Form have recent and relevant industry experience within the STEM sector, with qualification portfolio ranging from degree to PhD level. This has led to excellent exam results in our STEM subject, which are above national averages.

Our students who have been involved with STEM activity commented positively about their experience and have consistently achieved success in the many competitions we enter.

LOUGHBOROUGH ACADEMY OF SPORT



**LOUGHBOROUGH
ACADEMY OF SPORT**

Loughborough College Sport offers the following sporting academies for A Level learners to participate in:

- ★ Basketball (Men's)
- ★ Football (Men's & Women's)
- ★ Futsal (Men's)
- ★ Netball
- ★ Rugby Union (Men's & Women's)
- ★ Volleyball

In order to fit these sporting commitments around your academic studies your subjects will need to fall into blocks A, B, C and F. These blocks mean that you can attend all aspects of the Academy of Sport programme without any disruption to your A Level lessons.

All of the Loughborough College Sport academies have performance and development squads meaning that all levels of abilities will be catered for whilst studying at Loughborough College.

Performance squads train two/three times per week. There are also strength and conditioning sessions, video analysis sessions and competitive matches.

Development squads train up to twice per week and compete in ad hoc friendlies. There may be the opportunity to move up to performance squads during the season.

We welcome individual athletes and athletes from other sports. Loughborough College Sport will provide support via workshops around nutrition, psychology and athlete lifestyles, along with tutor support to manage expectations and workloads.



There will be opportunities in the Sports below to represent Loughborough College Sport if successful at the AoC regionals:

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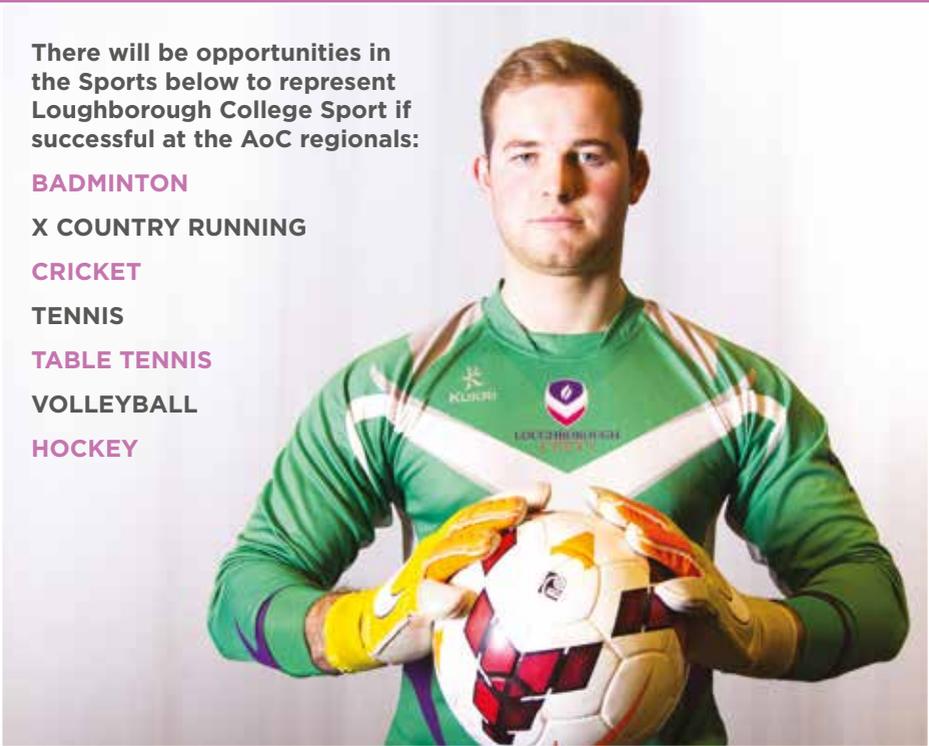
CRICKET

TENNIS

TABLE TENNIS

VOLLEYBALL

HOCKEY



Loughborough College learners are also able to access Loughborough Sport Athletic Union (AU) clubs through Loughborough Students Union. Learners are able to join the sport AU clubs (if successful at trials) but cannot compete for the Loughborough Sport AU clubs in BUCS.

For more information please visit <https://au.lsu.co.uk/au-information>

There is a monetary contribution to join the Loughborough College Sport academies. The cost covers training, coaching, equipment, facilities, transportation, affiliation, insurance and playing kit.

To join Loughborough College Sport academies, please visit the following website www.loucoll.ac.uk/academy-sport



FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T GET THE GRADES I WAS EXPECTING?

If you don't get your predicted results, don't panic! Our Student Recruitment team is on hand to help, and we'll make sure that we find another course that is suitable for you.

I NEED EXTRA SUPPORT WITH MY STUDIES. WHAT HELP CAN I GET AT LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE?

There are staff on hand to help you with your academic progress. Our specialist advisors can also help with additional requirements, and we have a fantastic team of learning support assistants who can provide in-class assistance.

WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION FEES?

There are no tuition fees for full-time students under 19 who are enrolled on a Further Education course. If you're over 18, see page 53 for guidance.

DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER FINANCIAL HELP? We offer a bursary fund to help with additional costs associated with your course, such as transport, kit or uniform, and childcare costs. Eligibility is based on household income. You don't need to request a bursary application form, as they are sent to everyone who has applied to study with us (usually in July/August). Further information is available here: www.loucoll.ac.uk/student-services

CAN I WORK A PART-TIME JOB WHILST STUDYING?

We recommend no more than 8-9 working hours per week. Research has shown that 10+ hours can negatively affect academic achievement, so make sure you're prioritising correctly.

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION?

As a college we do not set a deadline; you can apply for our courses throughout the year. However, we would advise you to apply as early as you can, as this will allow you to get the most out of what we can offer you, helping you to make the important decisions about the courses you're interested in and offering advice.

CAN I CHOOSE TO DO ANOTHER COURSE IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

Yes. You can change your course before enrolment by contacting the student recruitment team on **01509 618375**. If you've already started your course and find that it isn't right for you, don't worry; there will be opportunities for you to discuss suitable alternatives.

CAN I SPEAK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT THE COURSES YOU OFFER?

Yes, we have a dedicated student recruitment advisory team who will be happy to provide you with the information on our courses and answer any questions you may have. Give us a call on

01509 618375 or email us at **studentrecruitment@loucoll.ac.uk**

WILL THERE BE EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES?

Yes, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including Loughborough sports teams, overseas trips, university visits, UCAS fairs and National Citizen Service. There are also a range of enrichment clubs and activities, including Young Enterprise. Some activities may require financial contributions and eligibility criteria.

SIXTH FORM FAQs

DO YOU OFFER THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)?

Yes, but only to Year 13 students who have demonstrated in Year 12 that they have the academic ability to cope with this extra research project.

HOW MANY A LEVEL SUBJECTS DO I NEED TO TAKE?

You will need to choose three subjects minimum with a maximum of 4. See page 5 for more details on subject choices.

DO I HAVE TO STUDY THE SUBJECT I WANT TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY AS AN A LEVEL?

Not always; it depends on your chosen university course. Subjects like Medicine and Architecture have very specific entry requirements, whereas you can study Psychology or Law at university without having studied them at A Level. Check university entry requirements to see if they are asking for specific subjects.

I'M INTERESTED IN A LEVELS BUT I'M NOT SURE WHICH ONES

That's okay! We know that deciding on A Levels can be a long process and that you can change your mind—a lot. When you initially apply, we'll ask you for your options, but you're not tied down to these subjects. We'll confirm your final choices at a later date.

ARE A LEVELS THE ONLY ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY?

No. The college also offers Level 3 BTEC Extended Diplomas, which are the equivalent to three A Levels and many universities accept them as an alternative.

CAN I STUDY THREE A LEVELS AND BE A PART OF THE ACADEMY OF SPORT PROGRAMME?

Yes, for more information about the Academy of Sport, contact academysport@loucoll.ac.uk

CAN I STUDY A DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND ONE A LEVEL?

Yes, but it is only recommended for high-performing students due to the demands that both courses will place on timetable and ability. We will need to ensure that your combination is suitable for future progression and doesn't clash on the timetable.

FEES AND FUNDING

If you are in receipt of JSA, ESA or WRAG **OR** you are unemployed (or on low income*) and on other benefits and looking to study a course to improve your employability, please refer to the pink columns to assess your options. **Must be earning less than 16 times the National Minimum Wage a week (or less than £330 per month)*

AGE AND STUDENT CIRCUMSTANCE									
COURSE LEVEL	16-18	19-23 AND RECEIVING BENEFITS/LOW INCOME		19-23		24+ AND RECEIVING BENEFITS/LOW INCOME		24+	
		First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 3	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

★ Free! ☆ Course fees payable ★ Advanced learning loan available

PLEASE NOTE: The table provides generic funding guidance. To ensure that you are entitled to funding, we will fully assess your eligibility prior to enrolling you. Please ensure that you provide all prior qualifications held when asked to do so, as the college will retrospectively charge tuition fees should differing circumstances come to light.

PLEASE NOTE: This information applies to students who have resided in the UK/EEA for the past 3 years and are eligible for home funding. If you are classed as an international student, other fees may apply. Please contact the student recruitment team.

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