



Year 10

# OBA6 Subject Taster Day guide



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# Welcome

Introduction from the Sixth Form Team

## Dear Year 10 Students,

As you approach a pivotal point in your education, now is the ideal time to begin considering the pathway you'll take beyond Year 11. Before the intensity of your GCSE preparation sets in, we would like you to attend the **OBA6 Subject Taster Day**.

At Ormiston Bushfield Academy, we are proud to offer a Sixth Form experience that is personalised, ambitious and rooted in our core values of Opportunity, Belief and Aspiration. Through the OBA6 Subject Taster Day, you will have the opportunity to experience **four Sixth Form subjects of your choice**, giving you insight into the structure, challenge and style of post-16 study.

In addition to subject tasters, the day will include a careers element designed to support students in thinking strategically about the future. Students will begin to explore how subject choices link to potential career pathways, further study, and personal aspirations. This aspect of the day is intended to spark ambition and provide a clearer sense of direction as students begin shaping their post-16 journey with purpose and confidence.

As you read through this booklet, we encourage you to carefully consider which subjects resonate most with your interests and ambitions whilst also taking note of the entry requirements for the subjects of interest. Students will be asked to select their **four subjects**, on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. The choices you make today may shape your future, so select your subjects carefully — they may well lay the foundation of your next chapter.



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# What do I do?

Now that you have received this booklet, you can now start to consider what subjects you might want to select for your four main subject choices along with four reserves. The next steps will guide you through submitting your preferences, preparing for the Taster Day, and making the most of the experience. This is a valuable opportunity to explore your future options and begin shaping your Post-16 journey with purpose and confidence.



**Read through  
this booklet**



**Pick 4 subject  
options, 1 from  
each block**



**Pick 4 back up  
subject options, 1  
from each block**



**Submit  
your choices from  
11th May during  
tutor time**



**Get prepared for  
the day**

Read up on your chosen subjects and prepare a few questions to make the most of each session.

**16<sup>th</sup>  
June**

**Attend the OBA6  
Subject Taster Day**

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Biology	History
Psychology	Media
English	Photography
French	Physics
Further Maths	IT

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Applied Science	History
Chemistry	Law
Film Studies	Photography
Mathematics	Psychology
Health and Social Care	Performing Arts

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3

Business	Health and Social Care
Art	IT
Chemistry	Law
Sport Studies	Media
English	Sociology
Geography	

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Applied Science	Mathematics
Art	Performing Arts
Biology	Physics
Sport Studies	Business
Film	Sociology
Geography	

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28	AAQ Computing Application Development

# A Level Art

**Entry** Grade 4 in GCSE Art  
**Duration** 2 years

60%

40%

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**


## Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for students who are creative, independent and full of ideas. If you enjoy expressing yourself through visual art and want to explore a wide range of techniques and themes—from abstract pieces to political statements—this is for you. A good level of art skill and the motivation to develop your ideas are essential.

## What is covered?

A Level Art is all about exploring your creativity and thinking like a real artist. You'll get hands-on with cool techniques like screen printing, painting, sculpture, photography and Photoshop. You'll also experiment with mixed media and found objects to bring your big ideas to life. It's your chance to be bold, original and make art that truly represents you.

## What can this course lead to?

A Level Art can lead to a wide range of creative careers and further study. Many students go on to foundation or degree courses in Fine Art; photography; architecture; graphic design; illustration; animation; film and media.

## FAQs

- Q** Is the course only about drawing and painting?
- Q** Do you work with just traditional materials?
- Q** Is there opportunity to explore digital art techniques?

**N**  
**N**  
**Y**

**Exam Board**
**AQA**

# A Level Biology

0%

100%

**Entry** Grade 6 in GCSE Biology or 66 in Combined Science

**Duration** 2 years

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**



## Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for curious, motivated students who want to understand how living things work and how science can solve real-world problems. Whether you're interested in health, the environment, animals, or cutting-edge research, Biology is a great choice. It's also ideal for anyone looking to build strong skills in analysis, research, teamwork and communication.

## What is covered?

You'll explore how living organisms function and interact with the world—from cells and DNA to ecosystems and global health. Topics include disease prevention, conservation, public health, environmental issues like pollution and how biology connects to everything from medicine to climate change. Along the way, you'll build essential scientific and practical skills.

## What can this course lead to?

Biology opens the door to a huge range of exciting careers in science and beyond. It's especially useful for roles in healthcare, medicine, animal and plant sciences and environmental work. Future paths include nursing, dentistry, forensic science, psychology, physiotherapy, botany, zoology, oceanography, energy, genetics, pharmaceuticals, conservation, teaching and research.

## FAQs

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Q Do you have practical experiments? | Y |
| Q Is group work included?            | Y |
| Q Do you do independent research?    | Y |

## Exam Board

**OCR**  
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

# A Level Business Studies

0%

100%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE Business Studies plus Grade 5 or above in English and GCSE Mathematics

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you dream of running your own business, working for a top company, or creating the next big product, this course is for you! Whether you want a global empire or a small, successful startup, A Level Business Studies will equip you with the skills to start your exciting journey into the world of business.

## What is covered?

You'll explore everything from marketing, finance and management to decision-making and strategy. Learn how to meet customer needs, manage money wisely and grow a business. With real-world case studies and practical skills, you'll be prepared to tackle any business challenge and start your own company one day!

## What can this course lead to?

Business Studies can open doors to university courses, apprenticeships and exciting careers in marketing, management, finance or entrepreneurship. Whether you want to work for a global brand, launch your own startup, or simply understand how businesses succeed, this course sets you up for an incredible future in the business world.

## FAQs

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|---|---|
| Q Can this course help me start my own business?    | Y |
| Q Will I learn about marketing and managing people? | Y |
| Q Is this course just for future business students? | N |

## Exam Board

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# A Level Chemistry

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100%

**Entry** Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or 66 in Combined Science  
**Duration** 2 years

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**



## Who is this course for?

If you're curious about how everyday products are made or how the world works, Chemistry is for you! Whether you're interested in medicine, the environment or space exploration, this course will open your eyes to the science behind everything. It's perfect for those who love problem-solving and discovering how things fit together.

## What is covered?

You'll study everything from the chemicals in a soft drink can to the physics behind neon lights. Chemistry connects biology, physics and engineering, helping you develop research, problem-solving and communication skills. You'll also work on experiments that allow you to see theory in action and sharpen your analytical abilities.

## What can this course lead to?

Chemistry is key to careers in medicine, engineering, environmental science and much more. It prepares you for university courses or exciting STEM careers. It also pairs well with other subjects like languages, history, or maths, giving you endless options for the future. You'll be ready for research, development and tech jobs.

## FAQs

- Q Does the course involve have practical experiments?
- Q Is chemistry important for careers in medicine?
- Q Does Chemistry compliment other science subjects?

Y  
Y  
Y

**Exam Board**

**OCR**

Oxford Cambridge and RSA

# A Level English Literature and Language

20%

80%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 and 6 in both GCSE English Literature and Language

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you love stories, language, and exploring how writers bring their worlds to life, this course is for you! Whether you're passionate about classic novels, drama, or creative writing, English Language and Literature will sharpen your skills and open your imagination. It's perfect if you also enjoy subjects like history, sociology, or film studies.

## What is covered?

In Year 12, you'll dive into *Dracula* and *Wide Sargasso Sea*, exploring how language shapes meaning. In Year 13, you'll study *A Streetcar Named Desire* and create your own original writing. You'll master everything from phonetics to narrative voices, learning how to analyse, critique, and craft powerful pieces across fiction and non-fiction.

## What can this course lead to?

This course can take you far! Many students go on to top universities to study English, journalism, education, fine art, film, or history. Whether you dream of writing novels, making films, teaching, or analysing literature, English Language and Literature gives you a brilliant foundation to build an exciting future.

## FAQs

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| Q Will I study modern and classic texts? | Y |
| Q Can I create my own original writing?  | Y |
| Q Is this course just about reading?     | N |

## Exam Board

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# A Level Film Studies

20%

80%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature and Language

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you love films and want to understand how they're made and why they matter, this course is for you! Whether you're fascinated by film history, eager to create your own movies, or interested in social issues, Film Studies will fuel your passion and equip you with the skills to dive deeper into cinema.

## What is covered?

You'll explore iconic films like *Vertigo*, *Blade Runner*, *Inception*, and *Trainspotting*, learning how directors shape meaning. In Year 13, you'll study critical film movements, documentaries, and global cinema. You'll also create your own film sequence, applying everything you've learned about film language and production techniques.

## What can this course lead to?

Film Studies opens doors to university courses in film, media, animation, and more. You'll also be ready for creative careers in the film industry or apprenticeships. With a mix of theory and practical work, this course gives you the skills to excel in both academic debates and creative professions.

## FAQs

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|---|---|
| Q Will I learn how to create my own film?       | Y |
| Q Does this course only focus on British films? | N |
| Q Is this course only for future filmmakers?    | N |

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# A Level French

0%

100%

**Entry** Grade 6 in GCSE French

**Duration** 2 years

COURSEWORK VS EXAM



## Who is this course for?

If you love languages, enjoy exploring different cultures, and want to become a confident communicator, A Level French is for you. This course is perfect for curious students who want to sharpen their language skills and gain a deeper understanding of how people live, think, and communicate across the French-speaking world.

## What is covered?

In Year 12, you'll explore exciting topics like media, popular culture, healthy lifestyles, and relationships—all while developing your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. In Year 13, you'll dive even deeper, building fluency and cultural awareness. It's a challenging but rewarding course that really brings the language to life.

## What can this course lead to?

A Level French opens doors to a wide range of future opportunities. You could go on to study languages at university or combine French with other subjects like business, law, or medicine. Language skills are in high demand—employers in the UK and worldwide value confident, multilingual graduates!

## FAQs

- Q Is the course only for future translators or teachers?
- Q Can this course lead to studying languages at university?
- Q Do I need to be fluent before starting the course?

N  
Y  
N

### Exam Board

AQA 

# A Level Further Mathematics

0%

100%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're aiming for a degree in engineering, science, economics, or mathematics, Further Mathematics is for you! It's perfect for students who want to explore deeper mathematical concepts and develop advanced problem-solving skills. If you're passionate about maths and want to stand out to top universities, this course will give you a competitive edge.

## What is covered?

In Further Mathematics, you'll tackle topics like matrices and complex numbers, essential for STEM degrees. You'll learn advanced techniques that make a smooth transition to university-level studies in fields like engineering and computing. This course challenges you to think logically, solve problems, and apply maths in real-world scenarios.

## What can this course lead to?

Further Mathematics opens doors to prestigious university courses and high-demand careers. From becoming a mathematician or software engineer to pursuing roles in finance or research, the skills you develop will be highly valued by employers. This qualification shows commitment to your studies and prepares you for success in mathematically rich fields.

## FAQs

- Q Will the course help with engineering degrees?
- Q Is the course only useful for teaching careers?
- Q Can the course improve my chances at top universities?

Y  
N  
Y

### Exam Board

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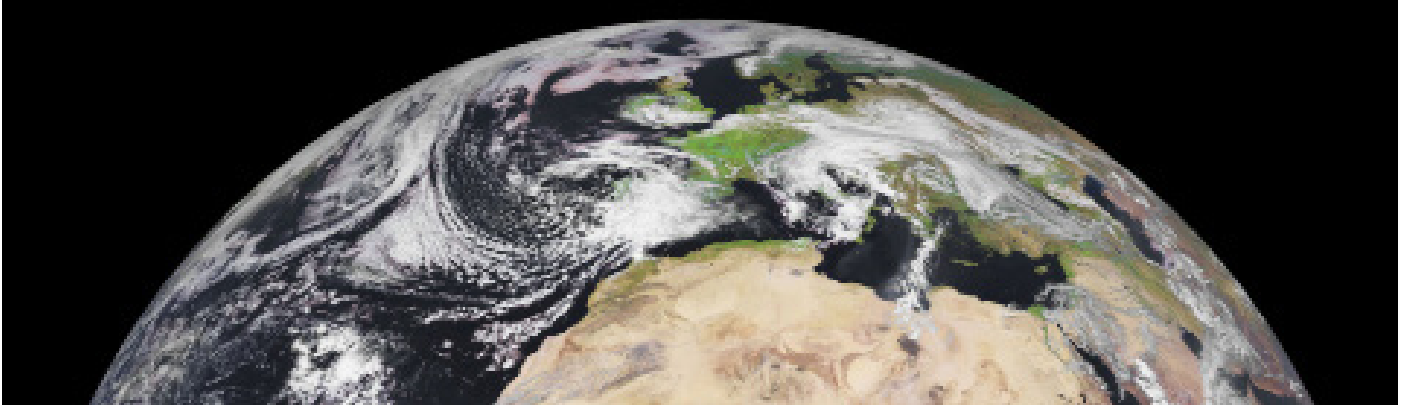
# A Level Geography

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE Geography

**Duration** 2 years

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80%

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**


## Who is this course for?

If you're fascinated by the world around you and curious about both physical and human geography, this course is for you! Whether you're interested in ecosystems, global governance, or tackling environmental issues, Geography A Level offers a deep dive into how our planet works and the challenges we face in the modern world.

## What is covered?

You'll explore physical geography topics like the water and carbon cycles, coastal landscapes, and natural hazards. In human geography, you'll study topics like population growth, resource security, and human rights. The course also focuses on essential skills like data analysis, cartography, and using tools like GIS and remote sensing to interpret real-world data.

## What can this course lead to?

Geography opens doors to university courses in environmental science, urban planning, politics, and more. It leads to careers in research, government, sustainability, and global development. The fieldwork and independent investigation prepare you for hands-on roles, and the skills you gain will be valuable in a wide range of industries.

## FAQs

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| Q Will the course cover both physical and human geography? | Y |
| Q Is fieldwork a part of the geography curriculum?         | Y |
| Q Will I learn how to use GIS and remote sensing tools?    | Y |

**Exam Board**
**AQA**

# A Level History

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE History and GCSE English

**Duration** 2 years

20%

80%

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**


## Who is this course for?

If you're passionate about history and love exploring political, social, and cultural changes, this course is for you! Whether you're interested in Germany's rise and fall, Tudor England, or the Cold War, this course offers fascinating insights. It's perfect for students who enjoy deep analysis, critical thinking, and understanding how the past shapes the present.

## What is covered?

In Year 12, you'll explore Germany's evolution from 1918 to 1989, including the rise of fascism in Italy. Year 13 takes you to Tudor England, where you'll examine religion, economics, and foreign policy. You'll also research the Cold War for your coursework, developing strong historical analysis and research skills along the way.

## What can this course lead to?

History leads to a wide range of university courses and careers. It's perfect for students interested in law, politics, journalism, or any research based on study or careers. The course develops critical analysis and writing skills that are valued in many fields, including education, media, and international relations.

## FAQs

**Q** Does this course cover both German and Italian history?

Y

**Q** Will I study Tudor England and the Cold War?

Y

**Q** Is there coursework?

Y

**Exam Board**

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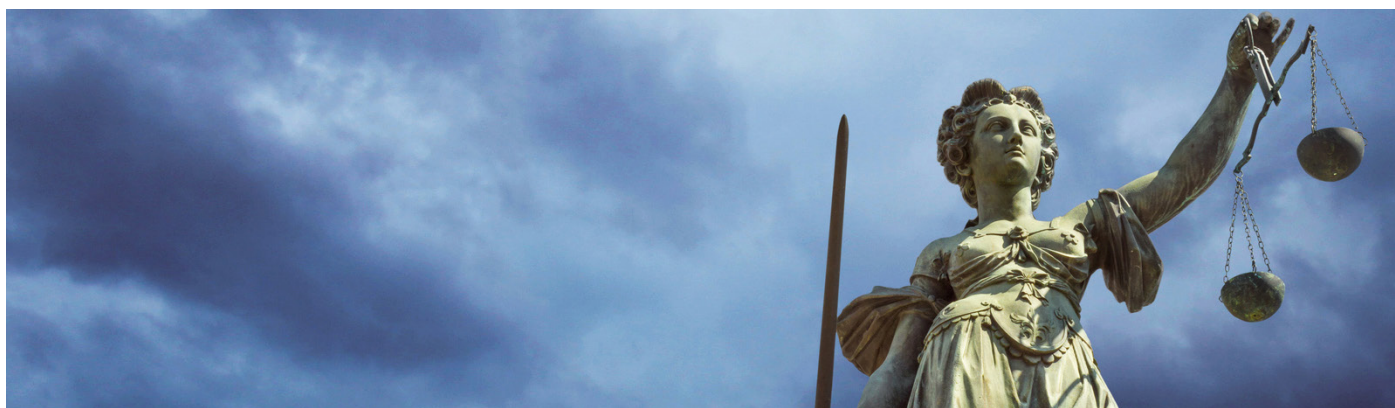
# A Level Law

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COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 in any humanities subject and GCSE English  
**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

Are you curious about how society works, enjoy debating, or love solving problems? A Level Law is perfect for students who want to explore real issues, think critically, and understand the rules that shape the world. If you're up for a challenge and love asking "why?"—this is your course.

## What is covered?

You'll dive into the English legal system, learning how laws are made and applied. Explore criminal law, tort law, and choose between contract law or human rights. You'll work with real-life examples and develop the skills to argue your case like a lawyer—all assessed through exams, no coursework.

## What can this course lead to?

A Level Law is a great foundation for university degrees in law, criminology, or politics—and it's also valued in careers like policing, journalism, business, and more. It develops analytical skills that employers love, whether you want to work in courtrooms or corporate offices.

## FAQs

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|---|---|
| Q Will I learn real-life legal cases and scenarios?       | Y |
| Q Can I choose to study Contract Law or Human Rights Law? | Y |
| Q Is the course only useful if I want to become a lawyer? | N |

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# A Level Mathematics

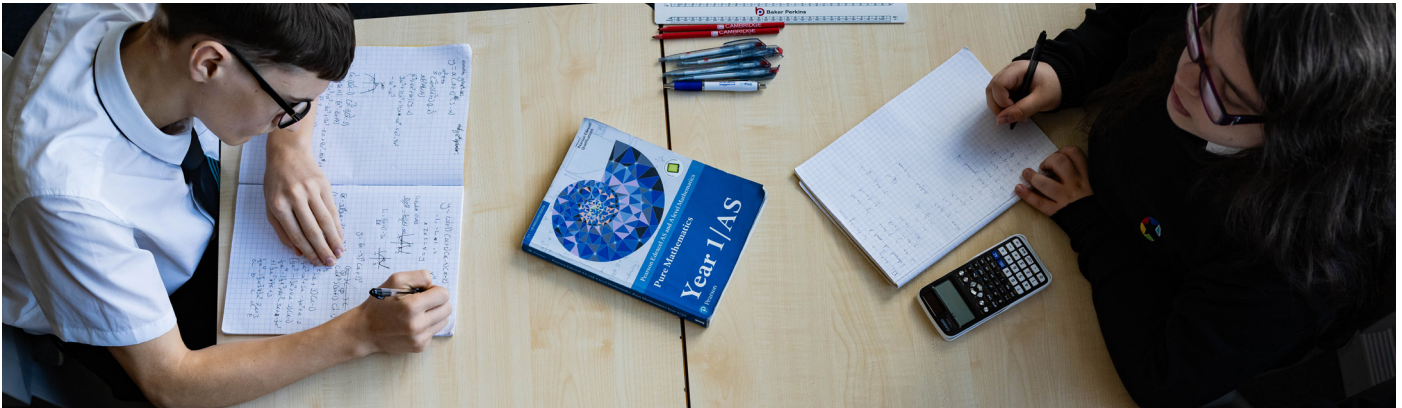
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**Entry** Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics

**Duration** 2 years

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**



## Who is this course for?

If you enjoy problem-solving and want to challenge yourself, this course is for you! A Level Mathematics is perfect for students who love maths and want to expand their knowledge. Whether you're interested in physics, engineering, business, or data analysis, this course will equip you with essential skills for a variety of fields.

## What is covered?

In A Level Mathematics, you'll explore statistics, mechanics, and decision maths. Statistics helps you analyse data, while mechanics applies maths to forces and motion, perfect for physics students. Decision maths uses algorithms to solve real-life problems, making it ideal for business, logistics, and computer science enthusiasts.

## What can this course lead to?

A Level Maths opens doors to university courses in engineering, physics, economics, and computer science. It also boosts your skills in other subjects like chemistry, business, and psychology. The logical thinking and numeracy skills you develop will be invaluable in many careers, from finance to research and technology.

## FAQs

- Q Does the course cover statistics and mechanics?
- Q Can the course lead to careers in data analysis and finance?
- Q Will I study real-world algorithms?

Y  
Y  
Y

## Exam Board

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# A Level Photography

60%

40%

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**
**Entry** Grade 4 in GCSE Art or any creative subject

**Duration** 2 years


## Who is this course for?

If you're passionate about expressing yourself through images and want to explore your creativity, this course is perfect for you! Whether you're interested in fine art, design, or filmmaking, A Level Photography gives you the tools and skills to bring your ideas to life. It's ideal for self-motivated students with a love for digital creativity.

## What is covered?

You'll work on a range of photography techniques, from creative research to practical skills. The course involves 60% coursework and 40% practical exams, where you'll use professional equipment and editing software. You'll have access to top-tier cameras, studio lighting, and editing tools, enabling you to develop your own unique photographic style.

## What can this course lead to?

A Level Photography can lead to exciting career paths in fine art, film, design, and media. Many students continue their studies in degree courses, foundation courses, or start their own photography businesses. The course also pairs well with subjects like art, media, and film, setting you up for success in creative industries.

## FAQs

- Q Do I need to have prior experience?
- Q Will I need my own camera?
- Q Is there opportunity for location photoshoots?

**N**  
**N**  
**Y**

## Exam Board

**AQA**

# A Level Physics

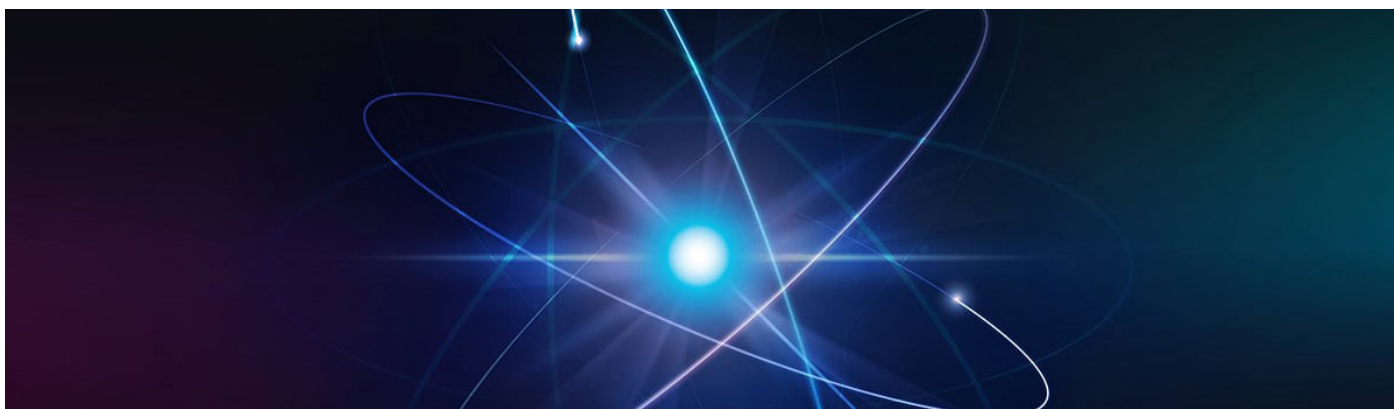
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**Entry** Grade 6 in GCSE Physics or 66 in Combined Science and GCSE Maths

**Duration** 2 years

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**



## Who is this course for?

If you're curious about how the universe works—from the tiniest particles to massive galaxies—A Level Physics is for you. It's perfect for students who enjoy solving problems, asking big questions and exploring how science and maths shape the world around us.

## What is covered?

You'll dive into fascinating areas like forces, energy, particles, and the universe. You'll explore everything from nuclear physics to space, and even how physics links with biology, chemistry and geography. Expect hands-on investigations, theory-based learning and the chance to challenge existing ideas.

## What can this course lead to?

Physics is a STEM careers. It supports paths in engineering, medicine, space science, research, computing and even roles in the armed forces or government. With strong links to maths and problem-solving, it opens doors to exciting and high-demand industries.

## FAQs

- Q** Can A Level Physics help me get into a STEM career?
- Q** Will I get to test theories and carry out experiments?
- Q** Is A Level Physics mainly just memorising facts?

**Y**  
**Y**  
**N**

**Exam Board**

**OCR**

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# A Level Psychology

0%

100%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE English, GCSE Science and GCSE Mathematics

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're curious about human behavior, mental health, and how our minds work, this course is for you! An A Level in Psychology is perfect for students who enjoy experimenting, analysing data, and exploring fascinating topics like memory, relationships, and criminal behavior. It's great for those interested in science, social sciences, or even business and human resources.

## What is covered?

In Year 12, you'll dive into research methods, child psychology, and social influence. You'll explore memory, eyewitness testimony, and mental health. Year 13 takes you through sleep and eating disorders, the unconscious mind, schizophrenia, and forensic psychology. You'll also study criminal behavior, criminal profiling, and custodial sentencing—exciting, real-world topics!

## What can this course lead to?

Psychology opens up a wide range of career options in psychology, social sciences, business, and healthcare. It complements subjects like biology and sociology, and it prepares you for further study at university. Many students go on to study psychology, human resources, law, or even criminal justice. Psychology skills are also valued by employers in various sectors.

## FAQs

- Q Will the course cover topics like memory and mental health?
- Q Do you study criminal behaviour and forensic psychology?
- Q Do you need prior learning experience?

Y  
Y  
N

Exam Board

AQA

# A Level Sociology

0%

100%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature and Language

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

Sociology is perfect for students who are curious about society and human behavior. If you're interested in exploring social issues like family dynamics, crime, education, and media influence, this course is for you. It's ideal for those who enjoy critical thinking and analyzing how the world works.

## What is covered?

You'll start by studying family structures, childhood, and social trends like divorce and mortality rates. You'll explore education, inequality, and conduct your own sociological research. In Year 13, you'll examine crime, deviance, socialization, media influence, and develop a deep understanding of sociological theories and research methods.

## What can this course lead to?

Sociology leads to a wide range of exciting careers and university courses, such as criminology, journalism, social work, and business. The research, analytical, and communication skills you develop will be valuable to employers in many sectors, including law, media, education, and public services.

## FAQs

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|--|---|
| Q Does the course focus on only one aspect of society? | N |
| Q Will I get to conduct my own research?               | Y |
| Q Will this course prepare me for university studies?  | Y |

Exam Board



# AQQ Applied Science

**Entry** Grade 44 in GCSE Science

**Duration** 2 years

42%

58%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM



## Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for students passionate about science and looking to explore practical, real-world applications. If you're interested in subjects like human physiology, astronomy, or chemistry, and enjoy hands-on work and research, this course is for you. It's ideal for students planning to pursue higher education or a career in science-related fields.

## What is covered?

You'll dive into core topics like Principles of Science, Practical Scientific Procedures, and Science Investigation Skills. You'll also get the chance to explore specialized areas, such as human body systems or space science. With a mix of practical work and theory, you'll develop skills in research, analysis, and techniques like titration and chromatographic analysis.

## What can this course lead to?

This course opens doors to a wide range of career paths and higher education opportunities. You can pursue a science degree at university or enter the workforce, with BTEC qualifications recognized by top employers. Many students move on to careers in research, healthcare, or engineering, making this course a solid step towards your future.

## FAQs

- Q Is practical work a significant part of this course? **Y**
- Q Does this course include external exams? **Y**
- Q Can I specialise in a single area of science? **N**

**Exam Board**

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Oxford Cambridge and RSA

# BTEC Creative Digital Media Production

67%

33%

**COURSEWORK VS EXAM**

**Entry** Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language & Literature

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're a creative thinker, love storytelling, or enjoy working with technology, this course is for you. Ideal for students curious about film, TV, games, or digital media, it's designed for independent, motivated learners ready to take on real-world challenges and explore how media influences the world around us.

## What is covered?

You'll dive into the exciting world of media production—developing ideas, filming, editing, and presenting like a pro. Learn to plan and create content for real audiences, work in a TV studio, and even film a live Academy show. Along the way, you'll master teamwork, leadership, and high-end creative software.

## What can this course lead to?

This course opens doors! Whether it's university, film apprenticeships, or jumping straight into the creative industries, you'll gain skills that employers love—from branding and marketing to problem-solving and presentation. It's a launchpad for careers in media, advertising, communications, and beyond.

## FAQs

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|---|---|
| Q Will I get to use professional filming and editing equipment? | Y |
| Q Will I have to work outside of lesson time?                   | Y |
| Q Will I work on group projects as well as individual ones?     | Y |

## Exam Board



# AQQ Health and Social Care

50%

50%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Literature and Language plus P2 in Health and Social Care if studied at KS4  
**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're passionate about helping others and interested in careers like nursing, social work, or therapy, this course is for you. It's perfect for students who want to make a real difference in people's lives and enjoy practical, hands-on learning in a supportive and meaningful environment.

## What is covered?

You'll explore human development, learn how to provide care and support, and understand how health and social care systems work. You'll take part in real-world activities like research, presentations, and visits to care settings—all designed to give you experience and confidence in your chosen area.

## What can this course lead to?

With over 300 career paths in health and social care, the possibilities are huge. This course can lead to university degrees in areas like nursing or midwifery, or straight into jobs in hospitals, care homes, and more. It's your first step into one of the UK's biggest and most rewarding sectors.

## FAQs

- Q Is this course equivalent to one A Level?
- Q Is the course assessed only by written exams?
- Q Can this course lead to a career in nursing?

Y  
N  
Y

Exam Board



# BTEC Performing Arts

42%

58%

COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 4 or above in GCSE English and a Performing Arts subject

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for students who love performing, enjoy working as part of a creative team, and want to explore acting, dance, or live performance in depth. If you're passionate about the arts and ready to build real performance skills, this course is designed for you.

## What is covered?

You'll dive into exciting practical units like live performance and group workshops, while also analysing professional practitioners' work. Through a mix of written projects and hands-on training, you'll develop technical, creative, and interpretative skills in a supportive and performance-focused environment.

## What can this course lead to?

This course is a strong foundation for anyone aiming to study at university, drama school, or a conservatoire. It prepares you for a wide range of careers in the performing arts by developing your confidence, creativity, and critical thinking—essential for any future in the industry.

## FAQs

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| Q Will I take part in live performances?                       | Y |
| Q Is there a written project included in the course?           | Y |
| Q Can this course help me get into drama school or university? | Y |

## Exam Board



# Cambridge Technical in Sport & Physical Activity

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COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics and English, plus P2 in Sport if studied at KS4

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're passionate about sport, fitness, or leading others in physical activity, this course is for you. It's ideal for students who enjoy both practical and theoretical work and want to build a future in sport, whether that's through coaching, development, or continuing to study at university.

## What is covered?

You'll explore how the body works during exercise, develop coaching and leadership skills, and study how sport is organised and promoted. With a mix of exams and coursework, including biomechanics and practical sports performance, the course gives you a strong and varied foundation in the sports industry.

## What can this course lead to?

This qualification can take you to university or straight into the world of sport. Whether it's sport science, coaching, physical education, or leisure management, you'll have the skills and knowledge to pursue your passion and turn it into a rewarding career.

## FAQs

- Q Is this course equivalent to one A Level?
- Q Will I have to sit written exams during the course?
- Q Does this course only focus on playing sports?

Y  
Y  
N

**Exam Board**

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# AQQ Computing Application Development

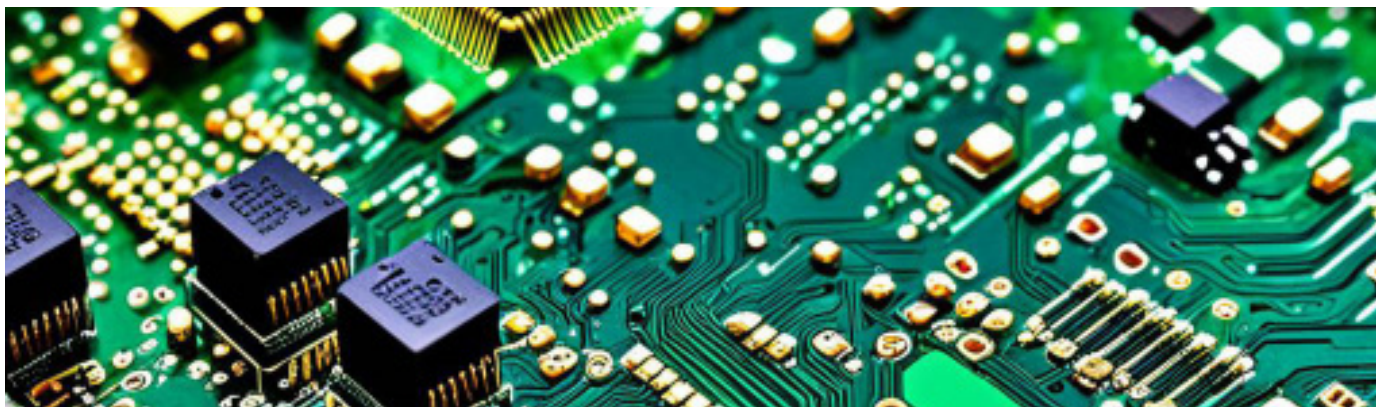
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COURSEWORK VS EXAM

**Entry** Grade 4 in GCSE Computer Science or P2 in Creative iMedia

**Duration** 2 years



## Who is this course for?

If you're passionate about IT and want to dive deeper into the technical side of computing, this course is for you. Ideal for students who've excelled in GCSE Computer Science or Creative iMedia, it's perfect for those eager to expand their knowledge and skills in IT and computing.

## What is covered?

You'll study key topics like computer science principles and computer systems fundamentals which will be assessed through exams, alongside hands-on coursework in IT systems security, encryption, and website development. This mix of theory and practical skills prepares you for real-world challenges in the tech industry.

## What can this course lead to?

This qualification opens up a world of opportunities in computing and IT. Whether you pursue further study or jump into the tech industry, the skills you gain will equip you for careers in IT security, website development, and many other tech-related fields.

## FAQs

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|---|---|
| Q Will I learn about website development?                 | Y |
| Q Can this course lead to careers in IT and computing?    | Y |
| Q Do I need to have advanced programming skills to start? | N |

## Exam Board




# Top Tips

## Dos' and don'ts for choosing A Levels


### Dos'


**Do choose subjects which you like and are excited about** 


**Do consider your future goals and potential career paths** 

**Research specific university requirements** 


**Do find out the course syllabus/content in advance** 

**Do think about subject combinations that might complement each other** 


**Do talk to people who know you** 


**Do listen to any advice your subject teachers give you** 


### Don'ts

 **Don't assume a subject is similar to its GCSE version**

 **Don't assume you can just "drop it later"**

 **Don't pick a subject that "looks easy"**

 **Don't pick a subject without knowing what it actually involves**

 **Don't just follow your friends, consider you own likes and dislikes**

 **Don't be afraid to try something new**

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# FAQs

**Q Do I need to know my career plans before choosing A Levels?**

No - but it helps to have a rough idea

**Q Can I choose subjects that I didn't study at GCSE?**

Yes

**Q Can I change A Level subjects after term starts?**

Yes - but only within the first few weeks. There must be valid reasoning and we must be able to facilitate this in school (e.g. is there enough space in the subject you want to swap to?)

**Q Can I choose a subject that I don't meet the entry requirements for?**

Yes - however, when you pick your options for real next year, you will need to meet the requirements

**Q Do I have to pick a subject and a back-up subject from each block?**

Yes

**Q Do all A Levels end in final exams?**

Mostly yes, though some are only assessed through coursework or practical assessments

**Q What do I wear during the OBA6 Taster Day?**

You must wear your usual uniform

**Q What do I bring to the Taster Day?**

Paper/note pad, pen and refreshments

**Q Can I still get into university if I mix A Levels and BTECs?**

Yes! Many universities accept combinations, dependant on the course

**Q Do A Level choices affect what apprenticeships I can apply for?**

Yes, especially in technical or specialist fields.

**Q Can I take fewer than 3 A Levels?**

No - not typically - 3 is the standard minimum for university entry

**Q Do universities require specific A Levels for certain courses?**

Yes

# What happens next?

**11<sup>th</sup>**  
**May**

**1.**

## Choose your Options

This is the stage where you select the subjects you want to study in Sixth Form, based on your interests, strengths, and future career or university plans.

## OBA6 Taster Day

A Taster Day gives you a chance to experience what Post-16 lessons are like. You will attend classes, meet teachers, and get a feel for the subjects you're considering.

**2.**

**16<sup>th</sup>**  
**June**

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Nov**

**3.**

## OBA6 Open Evening

This is your chance to visit the school, meet staff and students, and learn more about courses and facilities.

## Application window opens for OBA6

You can now formally apply for your chosen courses.

**4.**

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Nov**











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