

Prospectus 2020/21

Class of
2019:
100% pass
rate

with best ever
high grades
achieved.

**Best
performing
College
in Greater
Manchester for
16 – 18 year olds**

(FEC, DfE March 2019)


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Clarendon
Sixth Form College

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Welcome from the Principal



Welcome to Clarendon Sixth Form College. As the top performing college in Greater Manchester for school leavers and the ninth best college in the entire United Kingdom, we aim very high for our students. Our students have the best success rates in Greater Manchester. (DfE statistics 2019)

As a student, your career aspirations and your experience are very important to us. We will ensure you have a fulfilling and purposeful time with us by providing first rate learning, work experience, support and enrichment opportunities. Our Ofsted inspectors recognised the very strong teaching and the excellent high grades our students achieve. It is our role to prepare you for the best and most competitive degree courses at the best universities and the most sought after apprenticeships with key employers; ultimately to position you for your future career; to achieve the highest possible grades to ensure you can progress at the highest levels and to enable you to be the best future citizen you can be.

We have very high expectations of every member of staff and of every student. We will work with you and your parents and carers to push, stretch and challenge you to achieve, beyond your potential.

The academic and pastoral support package to help students achieve is exceptional. It is individualised and comprehensive and you will have access to a wide range of professional and academic support services at every stage of your learning journey.

This enables all students to operate successfully in the future stages of your career- whether that be at university or in an apprenticeship.

As part of the 'Vision Tameside' strategy in partnership with Tameside Council, we have the best sixth form buildings in the north west. You will study in a very safe learning environment in a state of the art building accessible only to our sixth form students for A Level and creative courses. But our accommodation plans are not finished; we have firm plans in place to ensure our sixth form college is constantly updated and reflects the very best on offer to school leavers. Our aim is to provide the best environment for learning in state of the art facilities using high spec industry standard kit.

We are a national extended work experience college and run a maths centre of excellence; providing our students with the best possible start for their future career.

Our mission is to transform lives through education and training, come and be a part of it!

As a successful sixth form college with a long standing tradition of A level delivery, Clarendon Sixth Form College started life in Hyde in 1957 as Hyde Grammar School. It became a Sixth Form College in 1979 and relocated to Ashton town centre in 2015 as Clarendon Sixth Form College.



Why choose Clarendon Sixth Form College?



It's Official

Clarendon Sixth Form College is a 'Good' college

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment are good, particularly at **Clarendon**."

"Teachers have developed creative activities that motivate and encourage students to acquire knowledge and skills."

"Achievement rates for students are high."

"Learners make good progress."

"Senior leaders and managers have created a culture of high expectations."

"Students respect people from different cultures and backgrounds and this contributes to a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in the college."

"**Clarendon Sixth Form College** has an ambitious vision to be an outstanding college, providing first-class education and training for the people of **Tameside**."

Ofsted Inspection report: 24-27 April 2018

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Results day success

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Our top performing students have been offered places at prestigious universities including:

- University of Oxford
- University of Bristol
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Sheffield
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Keele University
- University of Salford
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Liverpool
- University of Lincoln
- University of Buckinghamshire
- University of Southampton
- SOAS university of London
- University of Manchester

Our top A Level performers of 2019 are:

Robert Banks

A - Government and Politics
A - English Language
B - Law

Jolie Ball

A - Sociology
A - Classical Civilisation
B - Psychology

Grace Harrop

A - History
A - English Literature
B - Classical Civilisation

Olivia Wallis

Distinction* -
Photography
Distinction - Fashion
and Clothing
B - Art and Design

Our top Applied Science performers of 2019 are:

Wiktorja Rybak

Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*

Arron Nichol

Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction

Louise Sutton

Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction

Leah Sutton

Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction

Wiktorja Rybak said:

"I really wasn't expecting these results, they are amazing. I am glad I put the hard work in, it has really paid off. I am looking forward to starting at university."

Our top Creative performers of 2019 are:

Animation - Wilfred Bangham

Art - Megan McCarthy

Performing Arts - Rebekah Whalley-Griffiths

Graphic Design - Alexander Scanlon

Photography - Soudomon Hashmi



What courses are on offer?

A A Level programmes

Art and Design	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Law
Biology	Film Studies	Mathematics
Business Studies	Further Mathematics	Media Studies
Chemistry	Geography	Philosophy and Religious Studies
Classical Civilisation	Government and Politics	Physics
Computer Science	Graphic Design	Psychology
English Language	History	Sociology
English Literature		

V Vocational A Level programmes

Animation and Game Design	Dance	Media Production
Applied Law	Drama	Photography
Applied Science	Engineering	Public Services
Core Maths	Fashion and Textiles	Sport
Criminology	Health and Social Care	

L3 Level 3 programmes 3 A Level equivalent

Acting	Art and Design	Media Production
Animation and Computer Game Design	Dance	Musical Theatre
Applied Science	Fashion and Clothing	Photography
	Graphic Design	

L2 Level 2 programmes

Art and Design	Creative Digital Media Production	Performing Arts
Applied Science		

Choosing your level and entry requirements

To support you in making the best choice for your individual needs we provide various levels of qualification at Clarendon Sixth Form College, which means there is a level for everyone. To ensure that our students are successful in their studies, we require them to meet our entry requirements, however, some courses may also have additional entry requirements, which will be outlined at interview.

A A Levels

- Traditional academic qualifications which give in depth knowledge of individual subjects
- A Level assessments are by formal examination and in some cases an element of coursework
- Choose a combination of 3 A Levels

5 GCSEs Grade 4 or above, plus maths and English

Dependent on your GCSE grades, you may be advised to study a blended programme of A Levels and Vocational A Levels.

V Vocational A Levels

- A Level equivalent qualifications which give in depth knowledge of individual subjects
- Assessed by coursework and examinations
- Vocational A Levels can be blended with A Levels and vocational courses

5 GCSEs Grade 4 or above, plus maths or English

L3 Level 3 qualifications

- Level 3 qualifications provide routes for students wanting to progress onto higher education or employment
- Level 3 courses are usually taken over 2 years and are equivalent to 3 A Levels
- Level 3 qualifications can be combined with A Levels

4 GCSEs Grade 4 or above, plus maths and / or English at Grade 3 or above

L2 Level 2 qualifications

- Level 2 qualifications provide a good foundation for students wishing to follow a particular vocational route
- Courses run for 1 year and allow progression onto level 3 qualifications
- Students are assessed by assignment and practical skills

3 GCSEs Grade 3 or above

GCSE (resits)

GCSEs are well known qualifications, which at college are taken over 1 year. GCSEs can be taken alongside any of our courses.

Students who gain a grade 3 in maths and English are expected to resit as part of their study programme, which is a requirement for university.

How to apply

You can apply to the college in one of two ways:

1

Online:
www.clarendonsixth.com

2

Paper based application:
A copy of the application form can be found at the back of this prospectus.

Application dates

September 2019

You can apply to Clarendon Sixth Form College for the academic year 20/21

The earlier you complete an application form, the more likely it is you will secure an interview and place for your chosen course(s).

February 2020

You should aim to have your completed application forms returned to the College.

Ask your school careers adviser for support in completing the form, if you require it.

Application process

1

Submit completed application form

2

You will receive an acknowledgement letter/text from the college

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You will be invited into college for an informal interview or be interviewed in school

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Attend your allocated interview date and time

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You will be offered a conditional place at the college

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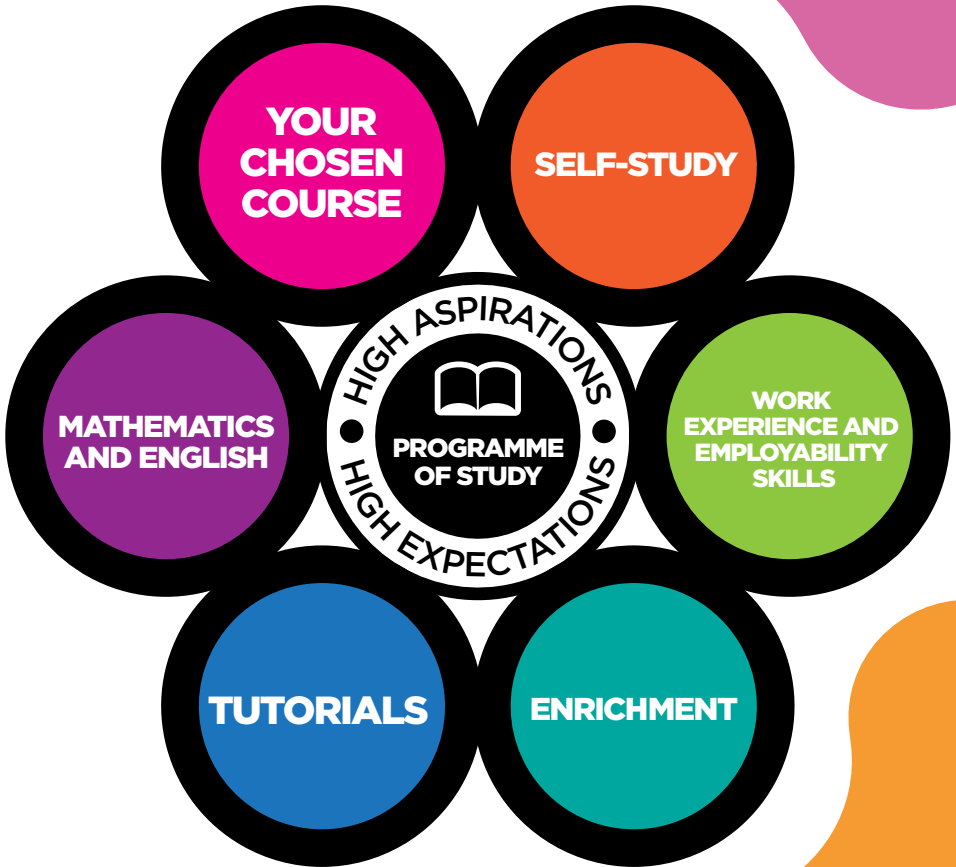
You will be invited to college events

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Applicants who have been offered a place will be invited in to enrol in August 2020

Once you have applied to Clarendon Sixth Form College we will keep in regular contact with you, via newsletters and other communications.

Study Programme





Study Programme

When you come to college we will create a study programme specifically designed towards supporting you and your individual learning needs.



Choosing courses can be overwhelming after studying so many different subjects at GCSE. We'll give you the help and support you need to find out what you enjoy, what existing skills you have and what career ideas you have so you pick the right course for you.

**Codi Mitchell -
Level 3 Media;
Former
Droylsden
Academy
pupil**



"My course has really helped me progress with my passion. I am looking forward to going to the University of Salford."



Self-study plays an important role in your college life as you are expected to manage your work load outside of the classroom in order to develop your own learning techniques and independence.

**Evie Craik -
Media
Studies;
Former
Great
Academy
Ashton pupil**



"We are encouraged by our teachers and our study programme to complete independent study."



Gaining work experience whilst on your course is essential to learning employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving and decision making that will help you progress from college into the working world.

**Alex Scanlon -
Graphic
Design;
Former
Audenshaw
High School
pupil**



"I completed work experience for Ashton Medical Group. We had to design their new logo. It was an amazing experience."

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From helping you choose the right course to getting the right support through your mathematics and English classes, Clarendon Sixth Form College is here to help you through your college journey.



ENRICHMENT

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There's more to college life than studying. Make the most of your time by learning new skills and making new friends through our wide range of enrichment activities such as sports, fitness and volunteering.

**Mariam Ali -
Creative
Media;
Former
Fairfield
High School
for Girls pupil**



"I completed voluntary activity at CBBC TV studios. It was really fun working with newsround and Ninelives Media."

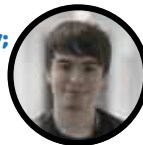


TUTORIALS

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As part of your study programme you will be assigned a progress tutor who will make sure you stay on track whilst studying and help you settle into college. Your progress will be reviewed to make sure you are achieving your full potential and to assist with choosing your next move.

**Soulomon
Hashmi -
Photography;
Former
Wright
Robinson
College pupil**



"My tutorials have really supported my progress at college. They have been very fun and helpful."



**MATHEMATICS
AND ENGLISH**

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A basic knowledge of both mathematics and English are essential for success in any career and especially progression to university. All full-time students are required to take English and maths in their study programme if they haven't achieved at least a grade 4 at GCSE or functional skills level 2.

**Alex Fernley -
Maths and
English
alongside
Media;
Former Hyde
Community College pupil**



"Completing functional skills maths and GCSE English alongside my course will help me to progress in my future career."

Study skills and independent learning programme

Clarendon Sixth Form College has designed a variety of study skills and independent learning programmes that all students undertake to ensure academic success in each and every subject area they are studying.

These courses are in addition to the existing timetable and are delivered to all our A Level students by a subject specialist to ensure all students have specific study skills that include:

- Time management during term time and before exams
- Effective note taking and mind-mapping
- Using ICT to maximise your studies in each subject
- Responding to feedback on mock papers and assignments
- Deconstructing key terms in exam papers for specialist subject areas
- Bloom's higher level thinking and challenging every learner
- Understanding mark schemes
- 1:1 support
- Approaching exam questions in specialist subjects

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

We offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to study alongside your A-Levels. The EPQ attracts UCAS points and is highly valued by universities as it demonstrates extended academic writing skills.

Your EPQ can be focused on one of your interests. Maybe you have always wanted to find out more about a subject such as quantum physics, global warming or child psychology for instance; the choice is yours.

Candidates can produce a range of outcomes for their project 'product'. These are:

- a research report (e.g. a written report of length appropriate to the level of project – including scientific based reports)
- a production (e.g. charity event, fashion show, sports events etc)
- an artefact (e.g. a piece of art, a computer game, a realised design).

Futures Programme

Our Futures programme offers additional support and opportunities to students who achieve high grades at GCSE and aspire to attend prestigious universities to study competitive degree courses.

Along with a £750 bursary the Futures programme supports students with other experiences including:

- bespoke tutorial programme with extended one-to-one support
- mentoring from college senior leadership team and governors
- Oxbridge residential
- Oxbridge coaching and mentoring from Oxbridge graduates
- Nuffield mentoring/placements
- "The Brilliant Club" projects and graduation
- medical, dentistry and veterinary workshops, guest speakers and coaching

- opportunities for work experience across all Futures pathways
- additional careers and UCAS support
- admissions test mentoring and mock interviews
- access to Russell Group and Oxbridge summer schools
- creative and digital workshops with professionals such as; Syndicate, Danny Brocklehurst (BAFTA winner), BBC, Manchester Digital and Digital Advantage
- enrichment such as STEM support, grade improvement sessions and college newspaper





Student Hub.



Learning Support

Learning support

We offer a range of support to meet your needs if you have a difficulty, disability or medical condition. If you have a specific disability or difficulty our professional team will support you to make sure you are successful on your course and at college.



Wellbeing

Wellbeing

Whether they are big or small, sometimes, we all face difficulties. If you have problems, or are feeling stressed our professional team is here to help you manage.

Financial support

We are a great starting point if you need some help or support but aren't sure who to ask. We can help you find the information you need and the financial support you require.



Financial Support





Progress Tutors.

Progress tutors

Our progress tutors provide you with support and guidance on a range of subjects through our tutorial programme. They will review your progress and keep you on track with your course. They will also help you reach your potential and support you with your choices for the future.



Work Experience

Work experience

Work experience and enrichment activities help you build the skills you need for a successful career. From taking part in work placements or being a member of a college sports team, there are lots of ways to widen your experience.



Next Steps.

Next steps

Our professional team is on hand throughout the year to provide you with the right careers advice for your future; whether that's continuing in education or looking for employment.



Dates for your diary



**Wednesday 25th
September 2019
6pm - 8pm**

**Saturday 19th
October 2019
10am - 2pm**

**Monday 18th
November 2019
6pm - 8pm**

**Monday 27th
April 2020
6pm - 8pm**



**Monday 11th
November 2019**

**Monday 9th
December 2019**

**Monday 27th
January 2020**

**Monday 2nd
March 2020**

**Monday 30th
March 2020**

**Monday 11th
May 2020**



**New Students' Day
Friday 26th
June 2020**

**GCSE Results Day
and Enrolment
Thursday 20th
August 2020**



**You will be invited to our events
via your school, post or email.
Keep a look out for your invitation.**

Travel and transport

Clarendon Sixth Form College is at the heart of Ashton town centre, so it's easy to get to by all forms of public transport. Only seconds from Ashton's transport hub, Clarendon Sixth Form College is accessible from various locations across Manchester.



By bus: Free bus travel for 16-18s with "Our Pass"

Ashton bus station has 36 services which run frequently and are operated by Stagecoach and First Manchester. Many routes have buses running on average, every 15 minutes to and from the transport hub.

216 – to and from Manchester, passing through Audenshaw and Droylsden

330 – to and from Stockport, passing through Dukinfield and Hyde

409 – to and from Rochdale, passing through Royton and Oldham



By train:

Trains run every 30 minutes between Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester Victoria station. This service, operated by Northern Railway, takes around 10 minutes and is a direct line.



By tram:

Trams run every 12 minutes from Manchester to Ashton. The direct line from MediaCity, passing through Piccadilly, takes around 40 minutes.



Cycling:

Ashton town centre has a two cycle hubs which can accommodate over 80 bicycles. The hubs are operated by secure automatic doors and CCTV. Use of the cycle hub costs £10 per year.



Next Steps.

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Many students progress to university after sixth form college. Do you want to stay local and still study a degree or higher education qualification?

Tameside College offers Higher Education in:

- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Early Years
- Engineering
- PGCE / PrGCE
- Sport
- Teacher Education

You can apply to university or Tameside College via www.ucas.co.uk/apply (fees apply)

If you need support in completing an application for Tameside College's HE courses, visit either Tameside College or Clarendon Sixth Form College careers advisers.

The college advisers or your progress tutor will also be able to help you apply for universities via UCAS.

You can also progress into employment in the relevant fields, see course details for progression routes for particular courses.

We also offer a range of Access to Higher Education courses, such as Nursing/Midwifery and Social Work, which prepare people for study at university.



A year in the life of ...



Performing Arts and Business students feature on ITV



Students network with local employers to gain careers advice



Classics and History students visit Rome and Pompeii



Macy Hall and Thomas Newmann have been accepted onto the Pembroke programme at the University of Oxford



Follow us on social media to keep up to date with college activities and events

A year in the life of ...

Alisthair from 'The Vet' gave students an insight into his career as a senior veterinary surgeon



Photography students capture Manchester Museum through their images



Biology students visit world class University of Leeds



Fashion students visit Manchester Art Gallery



A year in the life of ...



Futures students graduate with first class honors from the 'Brilliant Club Scholars Programme'



Media students visit channel 4's Countdown at MediaCity



BAFTA and Grammy winning screenwriter, Danny Brocklehurst visited film and media students



Performing Arts students perform as part of the 'Season' of productions



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Creative Industries



Greater Manchester is the UK's second largest creative and digital hub, with strengths in broadcast, media production, animation and gaming. Producing the finest animated content for over 40 years, it is evident that Greater Manchester's economy is growing. Home to over 5,000 creative and digital companies, including some of the big names in the industry including: BBC and ITV which are based at the biggest creative and digital hub in Manchester, MediaCityUK.

Your unique experience

- An insight into the industry with visits from industry professionals
- Experience days at some of the top creative companies
- Exhibit your work at Manchester Museum
- Have your work displayed at fashion shows or art festivals throughout the year
- Links with local companies for live project briefs, including; NHS and Tameside Council
- Show off your skills in our purpose built dark room and studios
- Use our high specification equipment and software

CASE STUDY

Name: **Laisa Akhbar**

Previous school:
Great Academy Ashton

Studied:
Level 3 Graphic Design

Destination:
**University Campus Oldham
(UCO) UCLAN Degree in
Graphic Design**

I have really enjoyed my time at Clarendon Sixth Form College. The course and my teachers have taught me so much. I also enjoyed my time as a student ambassador, meeting school students that were in my position and providing them with advice about starting the next steps in education. I am really looking forward to my future studies at UCO.



A Level Art and Design

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This A Level encourages creativity, sustained investigation and analysis, experimentation and design and making as a means of developing technical and expressive skills.

Art and Design is traditionally known for painting and drawing. You will be given the opportunity to discover ways of working in these areas but this A Level also includes printmaking, 3D and 2D methods, digital media, mixed media and installation art. From suggested starting points and workshop delivery you will be encouraged to develop as a high level thinker and creative interpreter. Underpinning your work will be the development of vital drawing skills and the appreciation of a broad range of other artists work.

Progression to:

After completing A Level Art and Design students go on to higher education in this area, as well as a range of other subjects. Following on from this students enter a range of employment opportunities such as; multiple design fields, photography, artist, printmaker or set designer or an apprenticeship.

A Level Film Studies

Duration 2 Years

About the course

A Level Film Studies will not only change the way you watch film, but more importantly it will challenge you to think in new ways and question or change your perspective on a whole host of issues, for example, representation of race or gender.

Studying film will allow you to understand important issues and developments within history, society and culture, using this medium to gain a greater insight and appreciation into film. You will be able to put what you learn into practice by making short films and writing screenplays.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto; higher education, film-making, directing, producing, editing, film criticism, journalism, teaching and education or an apprenticeship.

A Level Graphic Design

Duration 2 Years

About the course

A Level Graphic Design is an exciting and creatively challenging course which gives you the opportunity to learn with a range of creative concepts, techniques and ideas. You will develop various skills and outcomes including online and social media content, logos, branding, illustrations and animations, magazine designs, posters, web and app designs. The course is designed to introduce you to a wide variety of media and techniques, whilst using software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. You will also develop skills using traditional art materials and techniques as you draw, paint, craft and create a broad range of outcomes.

Progression to:

You can progress onto a range of creative degree courses at university, including graphic design, photography, architecture, animation and illustration. You may also gain an apprenticeship within the creative industries or employment within the creative industry, including graphic design, social media, web design and content creation or creative arts.

A Level Media Studies

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Covering nine different disciplines within A Level Media, you don't just learn to analyse texts, you also get to make them. Starting from magazines straight through to TV dramas and video games, you will learn about the industries of each and how this then shapes the products and the audiences they reach. Taught in a fully equipped Mac suite and film/TV studio your sessions vary from theoretical sessions focusing on analysing historical and contemporary examples to recreating them on industry standard software. Along the way there are trips and guest speakers to colour the course and offer you opportunities to experience the industry first hand.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, you can progress onto; university to study the subject at a higher level or other humanities or arts based degrees, careers in marketing, education or journalism. You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in this field.

Vocational A Level **Animation and Game Design**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this vocational A Level you will explore cutting edge techniques for animation and games. This will include reality capture for virtual reality, traditional animation styles using modern animation methods and set design for animation and games. You will also learn about concept art and character design and will design, build and animate a 2D game character. Learning about game design will involve how to code for games, as well as combining all of your previously learned skills to create a gaming experience for mobile devices.

Progression to:

The aim of this programme is for students to progress to university or an apprenticeship and to develop careers in the animation and games industry.

Vocational A Level **Fashion and Textiles**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will cover specialist skills in fashion, such as design, pattern cutting, garment construction and manufacture as well as textiles skills, such as printed and embroidered textiles, fabric manipulation, decorative surfaces and wearable design. All of this will follow contemporary and historical research, analysis and ideas generation, allowing you to build on your creativity whilst also developing your critical analysis and thinking skills. You will develop a range of design skills through the completion of various design and production projects which will include the construction of different garments such as skirts, trousers, tops and dresses.

Progression to:

Higher Education or an apprenticeship within fashion or enter a range of employment opportunities such as garment design and manufacture, costume design, fashion retailing and styling.

Vocational A Level Media Production

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Duration 2 Years

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About the course

This course in Media will give you the skills and knowledge that you need to get into the media industry. If you're set on a career as camera operator, sound recordist, vision mixer, editor, director or anything to do with television production, corporate video production, film, music video, marketing, page layout or photography then this is the perfect course for you. This course will build your confidence and motivation to sell your ideas to the most influential media companies and your skills will be to a professional standard. From planning and research to bringing your ideas to life in a variety of creative work this course offers a unique experience. Throughout the course, you will learn how to plan and storyboard, shoot and edit video and photos to industry standard.

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Progression to:

Study of media related subjects at university in the form of HNC/D or degree level. You could undertake a higher level media apprenticeship or work within the media industry.

Vocational A Level Photography

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Duration 2 Years

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About the course

This course provides an opportunity for you to explore traditional and contemporary photographic materials, techniques and processes. Investment in digital technologies has meant that you will have access to vital state of the art digital equipment and training. You will be encouraged to develop your own unique style with emphasis placed on the development of your appreciation of photography as a method of visual communication and expression. The photography department consists of a professional standard traditional darkroom, studios and digital darkroom facilities.

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Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto employment within the creative industry or an apprenticeship or university study.

Level 3

Animation and Computer Game Design

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Learn, develop and use a broad range of industry standard skills and techniques to explore areas of visual recording, ideas and concepts, communication and contextual influences, 3D modelling, 2D and 3D game design, 2D and 3D animation, concept art, virtual reality and story development for computer games. Our new virtual reality equipment will support your experience and bring your own designs to life using cutting edge technology such as Oculus headsets and drones. You will develop your skills through undertaking a broad range of projects which will include game art and character animation. You will be working with high specification resources and will have access to industry standard equipment in our fully equipped Apple Mac suite.

Progression to:

After completing this course students go on to higher education within animation and computer game design. Some students choose different routes and progress into employment, higher level apprenticeships or become self-employed within this specific field.

Level 3

Art and Design

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This two year course is designed for those who are highly creative and enjoy producing art and design work. The course explores a range of new, traditional and creative ways of using materials, techniques and processes, some of which you may have never experienced before. Over the course of two years you will work in painting, drawing, life drawing, print, design development, sculpture, digital processes as well as contextual studies. There is also the opportunity to explore design disciplines. You will be introduced to a variety of media and techniques that will broaden and strengthen your knowledge and understanding within this creative sector. You will develop your own practice as an artist and be encouraged to investigate new ideas and processes.

Progression to:

This course provides a supportive transition from further to higher education within art and design. Following on from this, students enter a range of employment opportunities for example; multiple design fields, photography, artist, printmaker or set designer. Some also progress to higher level apprenticeships too.

Level 3

Fashion and Clothing

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This two year course aims to provide you with the vital skills and techniques required for a career in fashion and clothing. Throughout the course you will cover specialist skills and aspects such as; contemporary and historical research, analysis, ideas generation, exploration of materials, design, pattern cutting, garment manufacture, marketing and communication. You will also develop a range of design skills through the completion of various design and production projects which will include the construction of different garments including; skirts, trousers, tops and dresses. You will be working within a professional design studio atmosphere with access to industrial and domestic equipment, tools and machinery.

Progression to:

After completing this course students go on to higher education or an apprenticeship within fashion and textiles related subjects. Students also enter a range of employment opportunities such as multiple design fields, costume design, fashion retailing and manufacturing.

Level 3

Graphic Design

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Are you a creative person in love with design? Do you want to do and learn more? On this course you will work on a huge range of design projects such as illustration, logo design and branding, promotional campaigns, album artwork, website and app design, magazine spreads, animations, packaging, fashion and photography. The graphic design two year course is an in depth and creatively challenging course which gives you the opportunity to explore all aspects of design, learning the tricks of the trade as you experience and practice with a range of creative techniques, processes and ideas. You will learn how to use software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Animate and more. All this will allow you to generate a huge body of work and create a portfolio tailored to your progression goals.

Progression to:

Following this course you can progress onto a range of degree level creative courses at university, including; graphic design, photography, architecture, animation and illustration. You may also wish to progress into employment or an apprenticeship.

Level 3

Media Production

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This two year course in Media will give you the skills and knowledge that you need to get into the media industry. If you're set on a career as camera operator, sound recordist, vision mixer, editor, director or anything to do with television production, corporate video production, film, music video, marketing, page layout or photography then this is the perfect course for you. During the course you will use the latest industry standard digital equipment to produce your work. Throughout the course, you will learn how to plan and storyboard, shoot and edit video and photos to industry standard. Our facilities boast a TV studio, radio facilities and a large collection of digital equipment, including a range of high end DSLR cameras. Lessons are delivered in Mac Suites equipped with editing and digital manipulation software and double monitors.

Progression to:

Some of our students go straight into the media industry. Others go onto an apprenticeship or higher education courses such as media production, radio production, graphic design or film production.

Level 3

Photography

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This two year course provides the opportunity for you to explore traditional and contemporary photographic materials, techniques and processes. You will be encouraged to develop your own unique style with emphasis placed on the development of your appreciation of photography as a method of visual communication and expression.

Housed in a purpose built space; the photography department consists of a professional standard traditional darkroom, studios and digital darkroom facilities. The course will culminate in an end of year exhibition; this will give you the opportunity to celebrate what you have achieved but also exhibit your work to a professional standard.

Progression to:

Our students have made excellent journeys following on from the successful completion of this course. Most students choose to go onto further study at university, others choose to go into employment or a higher level apprenticeship.

Level 2

Art and Design

Duration 1 Year

About the course

This course is ideal for those who don't have a great deal of art and design experience and wish to develop their practical skills and knowledge further or for those who require a portfolio of work in order to progress onto one of our Level 3 courses. You will have the opportunity to explore your creative responses through paint, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography or digital media through a series of art and design activities. You will be introduced to a range of specialist areas such as graphics, fine art, textiles, fashion, photography, print-making and 3D work.

Progression to:

After completing this course, you may go on to one of our Level 3 courses in creative studies. Others may progress into other subject areas, higher level apprenticeships or employment.

Level 2

Creative Digital Media Production

Duration 1 Year

About the course

This one year course is designed to introduce you to the world of theoretical and practical media work. You will complete the units through a number of hands on projects including music video, documentary and advertising. You will learn to script, shoot and edit video and create page layout using the latest digital media technology. This course gives students an overview of the different areas of the media industry. Each unit will require research skills, planning and practical hands on media production. You'll develop writing skills alongside your creative technical skills, like camera work and computer based editing. The course encourages creative ideas which you will develop into real video or print design pieces.

Progression to:

After successful completion this course, students go on to a variety of Level 3 courses in creative studies. Some may progress into other subject areas within the college, higher level apprenticeships or employment.

Business

Greater Manchester has a proven track record for attracting, supporting and sustaining businesses. It is home to some of the big companies such as, Etihad Airways, Worldpay, Barclays, RBS and HSBC, all of which are major employers. The business sector employs 266,900 employees which is set to grow by 1.2% per year until 2020, as more big companies are relocating to Manchester from London.

Your unique experience

- The opportunity to take part in the 'Futures Programme' to become an entrepreneur
- Pitch some of your business ideas to big brands
- Take a trip to New York to see how brands such as Macy's operate
- Visits from professionals who will give you an insight into the industry, including former Apprentice star, Adam Corbally
- Work with charities and the local community whilst understanding event planning

CASE STUDY

Name: **Lewis Kelsall**

Previous school:


Co-op Academy Failsworth

Studied:

**Business Studies, Physics,
Mathematics, Further
Mathematics**

Destination:

**University of Cambridge,
Civil Structure**



I am really excited to be starting with the University of Cambridge. Being part of the Futures programme at Clarendon Sixth Form College has really helped me achieve my dreams of going to a top university.



A Level **Business Studies**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Business is the study of organisational management within an economic context. The course covers a wide range of topics including the major functional areas of businesses and organisations, with a theme of analysis and strategic decision-making, running throughout. You will learn the basic principles of how the UK economy works and how organisations succeed.

This includes tactical approaches towards leadership and management, business marketing, operations and finance, as well as Human Resources (the management of people). You will deepen your understanding of business management through exploring strategies. This course will help develop your analytical skills, financial and numerical acumen, as well as building the knowledge you'll need to succeed in the working world.

Progression to:

This qualification will allow you to further your study through an apprenticeship or degree level study in related fields including; accountancy, business management, international trade, commercial law, marketing, banking and finance, amongst others.



Computing

Businesses that operate in Greater Manchester rely on technology and computers for their everyday working, and with the growth of Manchester it is no surprise that it currently employs 34,000 people. It is averaged that there will be an additional 6,000 vacant jobs between now and 2023 with an average salary for a computer scientist being £52,500. Self employment opportunities are also popular in this sector as people learn the growth of the IT and digital economy.

Your unique experience

- Learn from industry experienced teachers
- Use the latest technology and software to support your studies
- Meet and work with former student, Tom Cassell, also known as 'The Syndicate Project'
- Links with Google Expeditions
- Have the opportunity to compete in the Tameside Youth Hack
- Visit Tameside College's purpose built Advanced Technologies Centre
- Take part in the Greater Manchester College Group skills competitions

CASE STUDY

Name: **Benjamin Whitmore**

Previous school:
Wright Robinson College

Studied:
**Computer Science,
Mathematics, Further
Mathematics**

Destination:
**The University of Manchester,
Cyber Security**



It is a really exciting time for me, as it is a step closer to my goals. I have a real passion for computers so this is the natural step for me in my career. Thank you to my teachers at Clarendon Sixth Form College for the support they provided.



A Level **Computer Science**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual and accommodate different learning styles for example, case studies, assessments, group work, practical work, projects, extended writing and interactive activities. The focus of your studies will be on two major components; computer systems and algorithms and programming. Further to this, you will study app development in Xcode to prepare you for developing an iOS app as part of your final year project. You will become familiar with programme language during your studies as well as expand your knowledge of programming progresses, you will then move onto reverse engineering techniques and malware analysis.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto: a university course at undergraduate level, an apprenticeship or employment within the computing industry, for example, a junior software developer, data scientist, cyber security professional, or network engineer.



English and Languages

Everyone needs English skills to progress in their life, but at A Level you will learn more than just the basics. As Manchester is the leading destination for businesses with 105,000 employers, there is no shortfall in the opportunities available to you. Most people with this qualification progress into teaching, where there are over 5,000 educational establishments, which provide English studies to over 500,000 students.

Your unique experience

- The opportunity to meet editors and journalists, including those from Tameside Reporter and About Tameside
- Take part in masterclasses
- Regular trips to top universities
- Be involved in the debating society
- Use college resources to improve your writing and research skills
- Take part in career events to understand more about the industry


CASE STUDY

Name: **Georgia Jones**

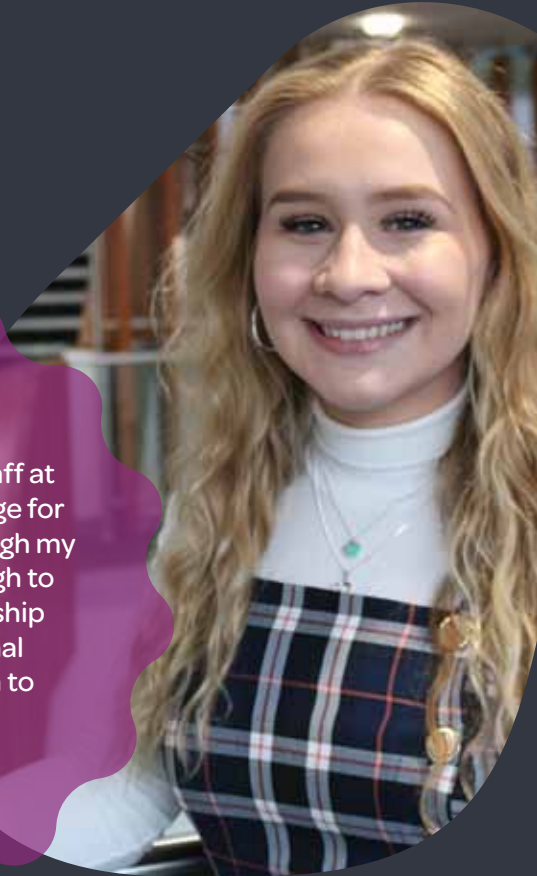
Previous school:
Werneth School

Studied:
**English Literature, English
Language, Classical Civilisation**

Destination:
**Durham University,
English Literature combined
with Classics**



I am really grateful to the staff at Clarendon Sixth Form College for really supporting me through my education. I was lucky enough to receive the Futures scholarship which gave me that additional support with my application to university.



A Level English Language

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This A Level encourages you to present informed, personal and creative responses to language texts by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. You will create texts and reflect critically on your own processes of production, while analysing the texts produced by others. You will explore the study of English language both as a medium of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability to pursue lines of enquiry, debate different views, and work independently to research aspects of language in use.

Progression to:

Future study and career pathways include; university study, teaching, journalism, creative writing, law, broadcasting, marketing, branding or copywriting. You may also choose to go onto an apprenticeship.

A Level English Literature

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This course will encourage you to present informed, personal and creative responses to literary text by considering the ways in which writers use and adapt language, form and structure in texts; the interpretation of texts by different readers from different historical periods; how texts relate to one another and to literary traditions, movements and genres; the cultural and contextual influences on readers and writers. You will also read and study a variety of literary texts including, novels, drama, prose extracts and poetry whilst getting the opportunity to investigate one pre and one post 2000 prose text of your own choice where you will investigate connections between different writing, genres and authors.

Progression to:

Future study and career pathways include; university study, teaching, journalism, creative writing, law, broadcasting, marketing, branding or copywriting. You may also choose to go onto an apprenticeship.



Humanities

Humanities is one of Manchester's growth sectors. The subjects will allow you to build on your skills which can be applied to a variety of careers. The change in the economy will help you understand the culture and how globalisation shapes the world. Analyse the world around you with research which will support applications to university and employment.

Your unique experience

- Visit historical points of interest
- Trips to museums to understand ancient history
- Geography students visit Scotland
- Students visit New York




CASE STUDY

Name: **Macy Hall**

Previous school:
Harrytown Catholic High School

Studied:
**Classics, English Literature,
Philosophy and Religious
Studies**

Destination:
University to study Philosophy



I was lucky enough to be chosen to complete the Pembroke programme at the University of Oxford. I really enjoy my lessons at Clarendon Sixth Form College.



A Level **Classical Civilisation**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

You will develop a number of skills which will be applied to the classical world. This will include written and literary stimulus supported by archaeological evidence. Throughout the course you will study the following topics: The world of the hero, where you will explore what it meant to be a hero in the ancient Greek and Roman world; Greek theatre including theories to why it's so important for the Greek people; and the Greek philosophy and religion as to why Socrates was punished for his religious sacrilege really.

Progression to:

This course can lead to an apprenticeship or university degrees in classics or ancient history. Following this a whole host of employment opportunities may arise in; law, journalism, policing, marketing, teaching, public relations or politics.

A Level **Geography**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this A Level you will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual and accommodate different learning styles for example, case studies, assessments, group work, practical work, projects, extended writing and interactive activities. Throughout the course you will study 4 components in total. These will include the topics: changing landscapes, changing places, global governance, global systems and other optional themes. The topics covered are relevant and link to many topical news issues. The nature of the subject is dynamic and requires an up-to-date interest in the world around us.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto an apprenticeship or degree level study in geography, environmental science, or another related subject. It also provides you with useful and transferable skills which can be appropriate to many other areas of study or employment.

A Level **Government and Politics**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this A Level you will have the opportunity to develop knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the United Kingdom (UK) and globally, as well as the influences and interests which have an impact on decisions in government and politics. You will also develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes as well as develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups. Finally you will develop the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgments whilst engaging with contemporary politics.

Progression to:

An A Level in government and politics can naturally lead to further studies at university, including degrees in politics, history, economics, philosophy and law. Those who have studied this course have often progressed onto careers in law, advertising, the civil service, police, armed forces or education.

A Level **History**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This course explores Germany's political history, the Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VIII, where we will go back to the fifteenth century to examine the relationship between crown and commons during England's most significant civil war. You will also learn to explore a period of history that interests you and develop your extended essay writing skills. Finally we will look at the Viking age as we go right back to the eighth and ninth centuries as we examine the Viking invasions of Britain and consider the legacy they left.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto: higher education degree level study in subjects such as history and law or you may wish to progress into employment or an apprenticeship.



A Level **Philosophy and Religious Studies**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this A Level you will learn the philosophy of religion, religious ethics and development in Christian thought. You will have the opportunity to build on the knowledge, understanding and skills established at GCSE level as well as being introduced to a more advanced approach to religious studies. You will also develop a deeper understanding of the beliefs, teaching and philosophy whilst developing your interest in religion and belief and how it relates to the wider world. You will learn to appreciate religion though its contribution to individuals, communities and societies. During the course you will adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach and reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes.

Progression to:

This A Level can naturally lead to further studies at university or progression onto an apprenticeship or into employment in the following fields; philosophy, ethics, theology, anthropology, history, classics, law, psychology, social work and education.



Science, Mathematics and Engineering

Manchester is a city of firsts for science and mathematics innovations, introducing test tube babies, hip replacements and bionic eye implants. Manchester has 13,405 graduates in science, you could be one of those if you study with us. Manchester is home to many science facilities such as; Manchester Molecular Pathology Centre, Stoller Biomarker Discovery Centre and the Centre for Genomics Medicine Research which you could be working at in the future.

Your unique experience

- Be our next future doctor or vet with our tailored Futures programme
- See science in action in our purpose built science labs
- Extra support in applications into medicine, veterinary medicine or pharmacy
- Take part in science experiments
- See for yourself the interesting elements of our world


CASE STUDY

Name: **Heather Ward**

Previous school:
Great Academy Ashton

Studied:
**Biology, Chemistry,
English Literature**

Destination:
Veterinary Medicine



I am looking forward to studying veterinary medicine at university. Clarendon Sixth Form College is a great college. During my studies I was given all the advice and support I needed, and the support to help me apply and progress to university.



A Level Biology

Duration 2 Years

About the course

The study of biology enables the development of many transferable skills. This makes the study of biology an asset sought by both university and employers. The course will teach you all the main concepts while also allowing some scope to delve into the more social, medical and environmental aspects of modern biology. A Level biology builds on the concepts and skills developed at GCSE. This course goes beyond studying biological topics, it will also give you skills that you will use your whole academic and work life. You will work on traditional along with modern biological topics in an exciting and challenging environment.

Progression to:

The A Level will support you in progression into careers such as pharmacy, medicine and veterinary science. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

A Level Chemistry

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this A Level in chemistry you will learn all about elements and compounds which are made of atoms, molecules and ions. You will study their composition, structure, properties, behaviour and the changes they undergo during a reaction with other substances. You will learn about chemistry, foundations in chemistry, atomic structure, formulae, equations, amount of substance, moles, acid base reactions, oxidation and redox reactions and bonding; the periodic table and energy; the core inorganic chemistry including, reactions of alkanes, haloalkanes, alcohols and organic synthesis. You will also learn about analytical techniques such as infrared and mass spectrometry for identification of compounds; physical chemistry and transition elements; and organic chemistry and analysis.

Progression to:

On completion of this qualification you can progress onto careers such as; medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or chemistry, careers in research, healthcare, biochemistry, forensic science and chemical engineering. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

A Level Further Mathematics

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This A Level will look at more advanced mathematics that will prepare you for higher study in maths, physics, engineering or specified computer science. The course is extremely fast paced and demanding and will offer an exciting challenge to those who achieved top grades at GCSE. You must be very confident with algebraic manipulation and prepared to work on problems outside of lesson.

Once enough core maths has been covered we will move on to advanced mechanics. You will learn about energy and equations of motions whilst applying it to various physical set ups including successive oblique collisions and simple harmonic motion.

Progression to:

The course is incredibly beneficial for those wishing to study maths or physics at university. For those wishing to study at the best ranked universities, it is essential. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

A Level Mathematics

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Building from GCSE level mathematics you will develop your skills in number, algebra, graphs and trigonometry. The course is split into pure and applied maths with two thirds of the course being pure maths. In the first year you will be introduced to the binomial expansion, calculus and exponentials / logarithms. In your second year you will study radians, parametric equations and 3D vectors. One lesson a week will be dedicated to applied maths which is the study of mechanics and statistics. Mechanics primarily looks at forces and motion, which is of particular value to physics students. Maths lessons give you the opportunity to develop your logic and problem solving skills.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto university to study most scientific and engineering degree courses. Other common choices include accountancy, banking, and computer science. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

A Level **Physics**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will study motion and forces, electricity, quantum mechanics, simple harmonic motion, field theory and radiation. If you are interested in making the fundamental forces that shape our universe, the underpinnings not only of science but of reality itself, then physics A Level is the only course that will satisfy. This somewhat theoretical course will take you through all the major ideas that underpin our understanding of the world around us, from Newtonian mechanics through Einsteinian relativity all the way to the modern discoveries of the large hadron collider. Throughout the course there is ample opportunity for both scientific demonstrations, as well as in-depth, multi stage investigations both led by and analysed by student groups.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto a degree in physics, engineering, astrophysics, architecture or geology. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

Vocational A Level **Applied Science**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout this course you will study 4 units in total of which will include: Core science and application of science, investigation skills and practical laboratory techniques. You will sit 2 examinations over the two-year course that have their basis in chemistry, biology and physics. You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual and accommodate different learning styles.

Progression to:

Degree level study of biomedical science, environmental science, biochemistry or another related subject. The course also provides you with useful and transferable skills which can be appropriate to employment or a higher level apprenticeship.

Vocational A Level Core Maths

Duration 2 Years

About the course

The course will build on GCSE maths skills with a focus on real world utility. You will look at topics on personal finances and estimation and analysing common data in an intuitive and friendly way. There are options to follow a more statistical pathway, looking at probability distributions and regression lines, if you decide the skills will complement your other subjects. This option would suit students interested in the sciences or working with large amounts of data. Alternatively there are routes focussing on risk and cost-benefit analysis which applies itself very well to business and social sciences. The course is tailored to suit individual needs and aspirations of students and will draw on subject material from other courses to firmly contextualise maths and ensure it is always relevant and accessible to the student.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto degree level study, further study or employment in data science or reporting, mathematics or statistics. Alternatively you may choose to study a higher level apprenticeship.

Vocational A Level Engineering

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout this 2 year course you will study 6 units in total which will include a core unit of health and safety and a mix of mechanical/electrical units to give an overview of a range of engineering disciplines. Units include: maths for engineering technicians, mechanical principles, electrical principles, engineering materials, computer aided design and digital and analogue devices. Assessments are assignment based and are ongoing throughout the duration of the course. You will use the latest industrial machinery, equipment and industry standard software to support your development and skills.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto a higher level apprenticeship programme within the engineering sector or gain direct entry to university. You may also wish to progress into employment.

Level 3

Applied Science

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this level 3 course you will study chemistry, biology and physics. You will learn through a variety of teaching methods in core science, investigation skills, laboratory techniques, physiology, infection and disease, medical physics, organic and inorganic chemistry and biochemistry and contemporary issues. The topics covered are relevant and link to many areas of employment or study with a medical professional and science career focus.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto degree level study of biomedical science, environmental science, biochemistry or another related subject. It also provides you with useful and transferable skills which can be appropriate to many other areas of study or employment.

Level 2

Applied Science

Duration 1 Year

About the course

This course builds on the concepts and skills you have learnt at school with a more practical angle, coursework focus. The work on this course is equivalent to GCSE level. You will learn about basic scientific theories and practical techniques, methods used in scientific investigation, how science is represented in the media, working in the science industry and laboratory based calculations. This course will be tailored around the most relevant science topics in today's society. You will explore chemistry, physics and biology whilst working with excellent teachers and some of science's best equipment in our hi-tech laboratories.

Progression to:

From this level 2 qualification you will progress onto the level 3 in applied science that is studying more advanced scientific concepts, principles and experiments. This is the pathway taken by people who want to work in a scientific field or study a science related subject at university.



Social Sciences

Social Science is a very interesting area covering theories behind law, sociology, criminology and psychology. Greater Manchester is the second largest legal hub, after London. Social Science is a growth area in Greater Manchester due to the working culture and ambitious lawyers, social workers and clinical psychologists. There is a larger number of social science graduates due to the increased need in the industry.

Your unique experience

- Links with Bromleys Solicitors and Eversheds Solicitors
- Take trips to magistrates court, crown court and parliament
- Visits from industry professionals
- Opportunity to join the Futures lawyer programme
- Join in with mock trials and get involved in the debating society


CASE STUDY

Name: **Thomas Neumann**

Previous school:
Newman RC College

Studied:
**Psychology, Biology,
Religious Studies**

Destination:
University or an Apprenticeship



My study programme has allowed me to complete my A Levels whilst still having time to complete self-study and get involved in other activities such as the Pembroke programme at Oxford University.

A Level Law

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During A Level Law you will learn the legal system and criminal law, law making and the law of tort and further law. The content focuses on the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales. You will develop your understanding of legal method and reasoning through the study of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent. You will be introduced to the concept of legal liability through the study of criminal law and the law of tort. This will enable you to develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to legal problems, based on legal rules and principles and develop the ability to construct and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto many things such as further studies, an apprenticeship or at university, studying law, business studies, politics or criminology.

A Level Psychology

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Have you ever wondered why some people develop mental disorders, whilst others don't? Why those convicted of crime and sent to prison return to society reformed, whilst others go on to commit further crime? Psychology attempts to examine questions such as these. Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. Understanding human behaviour can help address many of the problems and issues in society today, such as crime, reliability of eye-witness testimony, treatment of psychological disorders, and brain recovery after trauma. During year one you will explore the topics of research methods, memory, social influence, approaches, psychopathology, biopsychology and attachment. In year two you will develop a deeper understanding of research design and data analysis, as well as additional topics of biopsychology, issues and debates, schizophrenia, relationships and forensic psychology.

Progression to:

This course will allow you to further your education through degree courses in related fields such as; medicine, clinical, occupational, educational, health and sport.

A Level **Sociology**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will study the following topics; families and households, education, theory and methods, crime and deviance and beliefs in society. You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts, and critical thinking. Sociology offers an engaging and effective introduction into British society. If you enjoy debating key issues within society, including the causes of criminality and educational failure then this is the course for you. Sociology offers a diverse range of learning opportunities including lessons that allow for a large amount of discussion and opportunities to debate relevant issues within society today. Being aware of up to date issues within society will enable you to develop thorough understanding into aspects of society which impact social groups, including gender differences, social class, ethnic diversity and age.

Progression to:

Possible progression options include higher education, taking sociology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options including: social work, law, journalism, policing, marketing or teaching.



Vocational A Level **Applied Law**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this vocational A Level in applied law you will cover units in; the English courts system, legal personnel (lawyers, judges, magistrates and juries), the sources of law (common law and statute law), slander and libel, criminal law (theft, robbery and murder), law of torts (medical negligence), family law, legal aid and funding and the European union law. This course will take you through a variety of legal topics that will amaze and surprise you through some interesting case studies. You will visit the magistrates courts and see the legal system at work with the aim of giving you some 'real life' understanding of how the justice system works.

Progression to:

You can progress directly to employment with law firms or start an apprenticeship and earn while you learn. You could also progress to university.

Vocational A Level **Criminology**

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This course covers the theories of criminality changing awareness of crime as well as crime scene to courtroom crime and punishment. Criminology is the focussed study of the phenomenon of crime. The discipline is rooted in the field of sociology but also incorporates relevant aspects of psychology and law. You will study all aspects of criminality from explanations and theories of offending through to the criminal justice system and the role of various agencies of social control. You will take this course alongside other A Level subjects, it is assessed by both coursework and examinations.

Progression to:

You can choose to go onto higher education, an apprenticeship or employment in fields relating to crime and deviance including; youth work, police and community work, civil service, social work or teaching following this course.

Vocational A Level Health and Social Care

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This course is for students who would like to work with individuals who may be vulnerable and/or require some additional support with tasks of daily living. You will cover a range of health and social care topics and prepare for a health-related career. You will have the opportunity to develop your academic and writing skills. Some of the topics covered during the course are: safeguarding adults, anatomy and physiology for health and social care and communication in health and social care. This provides a stimulating learning environment and promotes positive learning. The course will also help develop those all important employability skills that will help you decide on your career path.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto employment in the health and social care sector, an advanced apprenticeship or university study in areas such as paramedics, nursing or a science related subject.



Performing Arts

With eight big theatres in Greater Manchester, it is no surprise that the city holds some of the best shows in the business. Greater Manchester Arts is set to receive more than £3million of funding from the Performing Arts Network and Development Agency (PANDA), which will create more jobs in the industry with 4% of the population currently employed in arts, entertainment and recreation. The city is also home to TV shows such as Coronation Street, which on average employs over 60 main actors.

Your unique experience

- Audition for many of the top national drama schools on site
- Access to our 200 seat Brooke Vincent theatre
- Masterclasses with top actors and performers
- Links with the Royal Exchange Theatre
- Trips to top performance schools
- Perform at the Lowry Theatre
- Industry experienced staff
- Take part in college productions throughout the year



Oklahoma production 2019



Vocational A Level

Dance

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will develop a range of skills and knowledge. You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual but the majority of the sessions will be practical. Throughout the course you will study 6 units that may include: jazz dance, developing classical ballet technique, developing contemporary dance technique, tap dance, urban dance, international dance, choreographing dances and the healthy performer.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, many young people progress into higher education at drama/dance school or university, where they continue to train to become professional performers, or train as teachers or professional coaches. Alternatively you may wish to progress onto an apprenticeship.

Vocational A Level

Drama

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will develop a range of skills and knowledge preparing you for progression into university/acting school and employment within performing arts. You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual but the majority of the sessions will be practical.

Throughout the course you will study 6 units that may include: film and TV acting, principles of acting, improvisation, audition technique, voice, physical theatre, contemporary and classical theatre.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, many young people progress into higher education at drama/dance school or university, where they continue to train to become professional performers, or train as teachers or professional coaches. Alternatively you may wish to progress onto an apprenticeship.

Level 3

Performing Arts (Acting)

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

During this level 3 in acting course you will cover a variety of units, including: film and TV acting, principles of acting, improvisation, audition technique, voice, physical theatre and contemporary and classical theatre. We will challenge you and open your eyes to the potential for an exciting and varied future in the performing arts industry. You will learn from staff with many years of professional performance experience in TV, film and theatre. Staff will bring with them and instil the culture of professional rehearsal etiquette. The student experience will feel much more like director and performer and less like student and teacher.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, many young people progress onto higher education at drama school or university, where they continue to train to become professional performers, or train as teachers or professional coaches. Many young people move immediately into the industry and can often be seen on stage and television. Alternatively you may wish to progress onto an apprenticeship.





Level 3

Performing Arts (Dance)

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual but the majority of the sessions will be practical. Throughout the course you will study; jazz dance, developing classical ballet technique, developing contemporary dance technique, tap dance, urban dance, international dance, choreographing dances, the healthy performer, and many more. You will learn from staff with many years of professional performance experience in TV, film and theatre.

Progression to:

Previous students have secured places at top UK drama schools including: ALRA, Arden School of Theatre, Arts Ed, Guildford School of Acting (GSA), Laine Theatre Arts, Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, Urdang Academy and Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Level 3

Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 2 Years

About the course

You will learn through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual but the majority of the sessions will be practical. Throughout the course you will study musical theatre performance, singing skills for actors and dancers, dance performance, jazz dance, performing to an audience, developing movement skills, and many more.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, many young people progress into higher education at drama school or university, where they continue to train to become professional performers, or train as teachers or professional coaches. Many young people move immediately into the industry and can often be seen on stage and television.

Level 2

Performing Arts

Duration 1 Year

About the course

Throughout the course you will develop a range of skills and knowledge preparing you for progression onto the Level 3 courses at Clarendon Sixth Form College, including: dance, musical theatre or acting. You will study a variety of units including: improvisation, individual showcase, acting skills, dance skills, musical theatre skills and more.

The approach of this course is in a very practical way. Although there is not a lot of written work, you will be required to write a log book, keep a diary and write essays. The majority of your assessments will be through your performances, many of which will be to public audiences. Recent performance venues have included the main stage at the Royal Exchange Theatre, the main stage at the Trafford Centre and of course, in our own beautiful 200 seat theatre with new professional sound and lighting equipment.

Progression to:

Following this level 2 course, you may progress to level 3 in acting, dancing or musical theatre.

Sports Studies and Public Services

There are 1,065 employers of sport in Greater Manchester with 17,000 employees, and this figure is constantly increasing due to the government's health kick. In Greater Manchester, figures show that 54% of sports workers are female whilst only 46% are male. On average fitness instructors earn £12,000 per year. Some of the top sporting brands headquarters are based in Greater Manchester including; Adidas and Umbro.

Your unique experience

- Links with Stalybridge Celtic FC
- Gain coaching qualifications
- Take part in trips to Manchester City and other sporting clubs and facilities
- Get involved in sporting enrichment programmes
- Free membership for the college's gym
- Show your competitive side and join our sporting teams in football and basketball



Vocational A Level Public Services

Duration 2 Years

About the course

You will gain an understanding of the following units; uniformed public services sector, career opportunities in the uniformed services, understand the personal commitment and fitness requirements needed to be employed in a uniformed service role, an understanding of how uniformed services organisations respond in emergency situations, and the opportunity to understand and develop the skills and qualities needed to work in a range of uniformed services. This course will be taught in a largely practical environment with an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, self-awareness, communication, planning, teamwork, confidence and decision making.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification you can progress onto higher education degree courses or employment within different areas of the public service sector.

Vocational A Level Sport

Duration 2 Years

About the course

This vocational A Level deals with the scientific themes and concepts of sport and exercise science and aims to provide studies in sport which are directly related to the changing needs of employers in specific areas of the sport science industry. Modules studied include: principles of anatomy and physiology in sport, the physiology of fitness, assessing risk in sport fitness and testing for sport and exercise.

Progression to:

On completion of this qualification candidates may progress on to the HND in sports exercise and health or go into employment in personal training. Others will also progress to university.





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A vertical graphic designed to look like a medal. The top half is dark grey with a yellow ribbon at the top. In the center is a large yellow circle containing the white number "1". The bottom half is white with a pattern of small grey dots. Below the dots, the text "Number 1 further education college in Greater Manchester" is written in a black sans-serif font. At the bottom of the white section is a circular icon of a gold trophy inside a gear. Below the gear, the text "*source DfE 2019" is written in a small font. The entire graphic is set against a dark grey background.

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