

Class of
2021 pass
100% rate
with 68%
high grades.

Prospectus
2022/23

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Clarendon
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Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to Clarendon Sixth Form College, a college that places the learner at the centre of their learning experience. The high expectations set by the college ensure we are one of the top performing colleges in Greater Manchester for school leavers. (Performing in the top 5% nationally). Our students have outstanding success, with a 100% pass rate and with many courses performing in the top 1% for value added nationally.

As a student, fulfilling your career aspirations and achieving your potential are high priorities for the college. Your college experience is integral to your success so as a college we ensure you receive the best teaching, learning activities, support, enrichment and work experience. The college prides itself on providing bespoke study skills development for every subject area and grade improvement to ensure the highest grades are achieved.

Our Ofsted inspectors recognised the high quality of teaching and the excellent high grades our students achieve across our A Level, Vocational and Mixed programmes. Our teachers are committed to raising the aspirations of all learners, motivating them to achieve their goals and supporting them to have the most enjoyable and enriching learning experience.

It is our role to prepare you for the best and most competitive courses at top universities and the most in demand apprenticeships with key employers. We embed these aspirations throughout the two-years of your study programme to ensure that you are prepared to compete with the most gifted and talented young people on a national level. Throughout your time with us, you will have the opportunity to undertake work experience in your desired specialist pathway, have guest lecturers from industry specialists and undertake enrichment that will enhance your studies whilst developing your skillset and academic knowledge. The college has high expectations of every learner



and every member of staff.

We work in collaboration with you and your parents or carers to challenge you to achieve beyond your potential, ensuring you progress at the highest level. The ultimate goal is to support you in achieving and creating the future you aspire to.

As we emerge post covid, back to normality, we recognise your education has been disrupted and we have strategies in place to ensure you are able to catch up and achieve the highest grades possible.

The college's exceptional academic and support package has been designed to help students achieve. It is personalised to your needs; financially, academically and pastorally, and you will have access to a range of first class support services at each stage of your learning journey. The support we provide will assist you in achieving your goals at college and beyond. You will study in a safe learning environment, in a state of the art building with outstanding resources, accessible only to our sixth form students undertaking A Level, Creative and Performing Arts courses. The resources used on our courses are continuously updated and the investment in high-specification and specialist technology is exceptional.

The college has a long history of achieving outstanding results across our programmes whilst developing confident learners that progress into careers and higher education as well-rounded, happy, well qualified and successful individuals.

As a successful college with a long standing tradition of A Level delivery, Clarendon Sixth Form College was established in Hyde in 1957 as Hyde Grammar School. It became a Sixth Form College in 1979, relocating to Ashton Town Centre in 2015 as Clarendon Sixth Form College.



Why choose Clarendon Sixth Form College?



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Clarendon Sixth Form College is a 'Good' college

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"Achievement rates for students are high."

"Learners make good progress."

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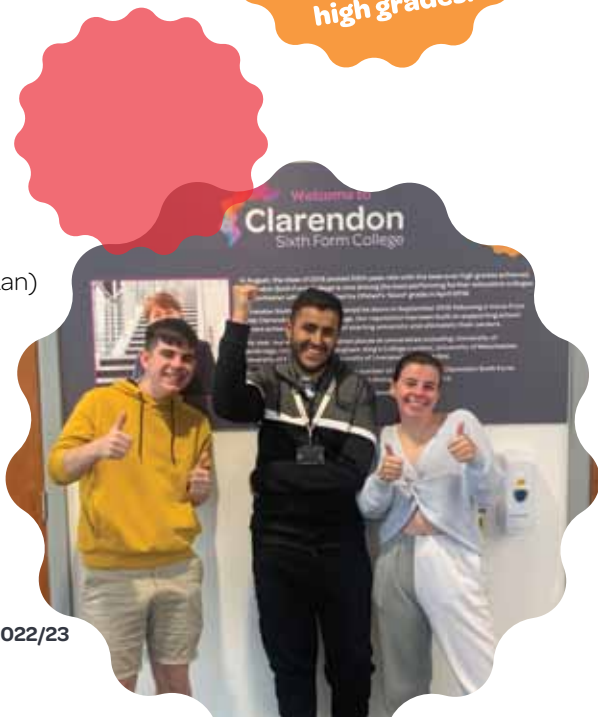
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Results day success

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

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- The University of Manchester
- University of Warwick
- Durham University
- The University of Sheffield
- University of Leeds
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)
- University of Chester
- University for the Creative Arts
- Arts Ed Drama School
- Newcastle University
- The University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow

An orange, star-shaped badge with a scalloped edge. It contains the text "Class of 2021" in white, "100% pass rate" in large white font, and "with 68% high grades." in smaller white font.



Our top A level performers of 2021 are:

Hannah Tyler

(Denton Community College)

A* - History

A* - English Literature

A* - Religious Studies

A - EPQ

Emily Nixon

(Fairfield High School for Girls)

A* - English Literature

A* - English Language

A* - Classical Civilisation

Benjamin Hobbs

(Alder Community High School)

A* - Business Studies

A* - Government and Politics

A* - Sociology

Lauryn Goddard

(Wright Robinson College)

A* - Mathematics

A* - Chemistry

A* - Biology

Kian Miller

(Oasis Academy Oldham)

A* - Physics

A* - Mathematics

A* - Chemistry

Sharoz Iqbal Raja

(All Saints Catholic College)

A* - Biology

A* - Chemistry

A* - Business Studies

Our top Creative performers of 2021 are:

Animation:

Max Beaty
Kieran Foulkes
Miroslav Gabco
Charlotte Hall
Iqra Khalid
Moosa Malik
Jack Oldham
Christina So
Joshua-Liam Spilsbury
Jakub Stanczyk
Elizabeth Teague

Art and Design:

Megan Caldwell
Molly-Anne Crosby
Olivia Drain
Cleveland Grant Morrison
Jasmine Gray

Graphic Design:

Chloe Adam
Aaron Armitage
Jack Armitage
Millie Crabtree
Luke Harris
Haajrah Hussain
Olivia Wakefield

Photography:

Shaun Bridgehouse
Daniel Chandler
Eve Crossthwaite

Fashion:

Sophie Foster
Megan Jones
Erin Nield
Jess Reid

Media:

Samea Begum
Shannon-Paige Binnie
Laila Britner
Libby Cotton
Luke Davies
Summer Dawson
Sahiba Ishaq
Keely Podmore

Performing Arts:

Olivia Bambroffe
Owen Buxton
Katherine Crompton
Kevin Donkor
Sophie Frampton-Day
Max Hanvey
Maddison Potter

Our top Applied Science performers of 2021 are:

Gabrielle Wray

D* D* D*

Mia Fletcher

D* D* D

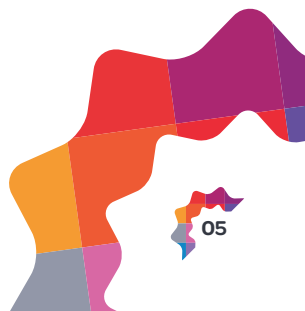
Nur Khan

D* D* D

Mohammed Zeeshan

D* D* D

**These students
all achieved the
highest grades
possible.**



What courses are on offer?

A A Level programmes

Art and Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation
Computer Science
English Language
English Literature

Extended Project
Qualification (EPQ)
Film Studies
Further Mathematics
Geography
Government and Politics
History
Law

Mathematics
Media Studies
Religious Studies
Physics
Psychology
Sociology

V Vocational and Blended A Level Programmes

Animation
Applied Law
Applied Psychology
Applied Science
Criminology

Engineering
Fashion and Clothing
Graphics
Health and Social Care
Performing Arts

Photography
Sport
Uniformed Services

L3 Level 3 programmes 3 A Level equivalent

Acting
Animation and Game Design
Applied Science
Art and Design

Creative Media
Dance
Fashion and Textiles
Graphic Design

Musical Theatre
Photography

L2 Level 2 programmes

Art and Design
Applied Science

Creative Media

Performing and
Production Arts

L1 Level 1 programmes

Art, Design and Media

Choosing your level and entry requirements

To support you in making the best choice for your individual needs, we offer various levels of qualification at Clarendon Sixth Form College, meaning there is a level for everyone.

To ensure that our students are successful in their studies, we require them to meet our entry requirements.

Some courses may also have additional entry requirements, which will be outlined at interview.



A Levels

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

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English at grade 4 or above

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



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

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths or English at grade 4 or above



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 two years and are equivalent to three A Levels

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths or English at grade 3 or above



Level 2 qualifications

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

3 GCSEs at grade 3 or above



Level 1 qualifications

- Level 1 qualifications provide a starting point for progression to higher level vocational routes
- Courses run for one year and allow progression onto level 2 qualifications

3 GCSEs at grade 1 or above



(Mathematics and English)

- GCSEs are well known qualifications, which at college are taken over one year
- Mathematics and English GCSEs can be taken alongside any of our courses
- Students who gain grade 3 or below in maths and English are expected to resit as part of their study programme, which is a requirement for university as well as many jobs and apprenticeships

How to apply

Apply to the college via our online application form:



Application dates

September 2021

You can apply to Clarendon Sixth Form College for the academic year 22/23

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 2022

You should aim to have your completed application form 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 text from the college

3

You will be invited into college for an informal interview or be interviewed via telephone

4

Attend your allocated interview date and time, either in college or over the phone

5

You will be offered a conditional place at the college

6

You will be informed of college news and events throughout the year

7

Applicants who have been offered a place will be invited in to enrol in August 2022

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.

Jack Armitage

**Level 3
Graphic Design**

Alder Community High School



"When I found out what units are carried out on the course, I knew it was perfect for me."



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.

Macy Lomas

**Blended A levels:
Film, Graphic Design and Animation**

Fairfield High School for Girls



"I have worked with a personal mentor that has worked in the animation industry to improve my self-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.

Rakhel Djinnaka

**Blended A levels:
Graphic Design, Business and Animation**

Oasis Academy Oldham



"I carried out virtual work experience within the graphics industry. It really helped me understand roles within the sector."

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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

TUTORIALS

MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

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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.

Kian Miller

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**A levels:
Mathematics,
Chemistry
and Physics**

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Oasis Academy Oldham

"I took part in the Nuffield Research Project as part of extra activity at college."



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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.

Molly Ings

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**Level 3 Art
and Design**

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**Fairfield
High School
for Girls**

"My progress tutor and my teachers have provided so much support in helping me decide my options for the future."



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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.

Sharoz Iqbal Raja

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**A levels:
Biology,
Chemistry
and Business**

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**All Saints Catholic
College**

"I completed my English Language GCSE again at College to improve my grade."



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 and level 3 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) alongside your A Levels. The EPQ is valued by universities and will attract UCAS points, as it demonstrates your extended academic writing skills and can lead to a reduction in what your university requires you to achieve (UCAS points)

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

Along with a £750 bursary, the Futures Programme supports students with experiences including:

- Bespoke tutorial programme with extended one-to-one support
- Mentoring from college senior leadership team and governors
- Oxbridge coaching and mentoring from Oxbridge graduates
- Nuffield mentoring/placements
- "The Brilliant Club" projects and graduation

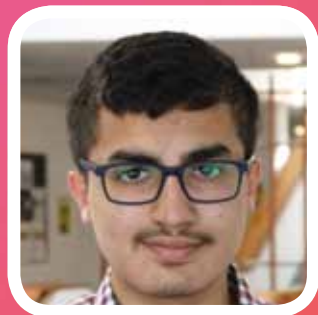
- Medical, dentistry and veterinary workshops, guest speakers and coaching
- Opportunities for work experience
- Additional careers and UCAS support
- Test mentoring and mock interviews
- Access to Russell Group and Oxbridge summer schools

Entry requirements

Profile of grade 8's and 9's at GCSE.



Futures Scholars 2021



Dawoud Ahmed Zaman

West Hill School

A Levels:

Mathematics, Computer Science and Digital Games Production

"My career plan for the future is to become a software developer or data analyst for one of the world's leading companies."



Zahra Rashid

Hyde High School

A Levels:

Sociology, English Literature and Law

"I am going to university after college to study an undergraduate degree, after that I aim to progress onto a PGCE."

Futures Scholars 2021



Louis Taylor

St Phillip Howard Academy

A Levels:

Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science

"After college I will progress to university with the hope I can get a job in computer science with a speciality in research or hardware."



Isobel Layton

Fairfield High School for Girls

A Levels:

Chemistry, Biology and History

"I want to study Medicine and the futures programme will help me to progress in this area with the extra support I will get from being a scholar."





Futures Scholars 2021



McKenzie Jones

Denton Community College

A Levels:

Physics, Mathematics
and Film Studies

"I would like to go to Oxford University to do a degree in physics. I am hoping that the support from the scholarship will help me secure a place at this prestigious university."

FUTURES

NURTURING
EXCEPTIONAL
TALENT

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 Interchange has numerous bus services that run every 15 minutes.



By train:

Trains run frequently between Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester, with the journey taking around 10 minutes.



By tram:

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



Cycling:

The college has a number of cycle stores for students to use. There are also cycle hubs located in Ashton town centre.



Student Hub.



Learning Support

Learning Support

Our Learning Support team provide extra help you might need to succeed on your course and develop your skills for the future. We offer a range of support to meet your needs if you have a difficulty, disability or medical condition.

If you have specific disabilities/difficulties like: Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Asperger's Syndrome, hearing/visual/physical difficulties, ADHD or medical conditions our team will support you to make sure you are successful on your course and in every aspect of college life.



Wellbeing

Wellbeing

Our team are here to support you with any personal issues which might affect your time at college. Whether they are big or small sometimes we all face problems.

If you have problems at home or in college, or are feeling stressed or under pressure, our team are always here to listen and help you manage these situations. They will also help you with any situation where you don't feel safe.

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, Industry Placements and Enrichment.

Start building your career as early as now with work experience, industry placements and enrichment activities to help you build the skills you need for a successful career. From taking part in a work placement or industry placement to volunteering and actively contributing to your local community or being a member of a college sports team, there are lots of ways to widen your college experience.

Next Steps

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

They will support you with your choice of course, looking for an Apprenticeship, CV writing, job applications or applying to University (UCAS).



Next Steps.



Dates for your diary



**You will be
contacted
throughout the
year with dates
for your diary.**



**Keep up to date with
key dates via our
social media
channels and website:**



www.clarendon.ac.uk

University Courses at Tameside College

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
- Construction (to be confirmed)
- Creative Media (to be confirmed)
- Early Years and Teaching Assistants
- Engineering (Mechanical and Electrical/Electronic)
- Sport and Exercise Science (Coaching Pathway)
- Teacher Education

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

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/Social Sciences, Science and Humanities, which prepare people for study at university.

Professional study courses such as: AAT and CIPD are also delivered.



Creative Industries

Creative industries in Greater Manchester generate £1.4 billion of economic growth annually, with more than 8,500 creative businesses. Whilst Greater Manchester boasts one of the country's leading creative clusters outside of London, it is no surprise that the city's five universities have almost 2,500 creative, digital and technology students. The creative industry in Greater Manchester also offers a wide variety of industry led apprenticeships and training programmes, providing businesses with access to a wealth of specialist skills.

Your unique experience

- Trips to Berlin film festival, New York and London film studies
- Take part in competitions to enhance your skills
- You will use the latest industry standard digital equipment to produce your work
- Get involved in the college's creative collective where you will work on projects in collaboration with learners from different subject areas
- Our Virtual Reality equipment will support a beyond outstanding experience for you
- Excursions to Museums and art galleries in Manchester and the North West
- Professional designers and artists' support
- Links with local employers to create live briefs to give you a genuine working experience
- Working for real clients
- Collaborations with IKEA, Hits Radio, BBC, Five Live, ITV and Manchester Digital

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: fine art, illustration with animation, graphic design, fashion and textiles or product design
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in the creative industry
- Career progression could include becoming an: artist, photographer, film maker, editor, journalist, graphic designer, web designer, fashion designer, stylist, TV producer or videographer
- Top universities for creative studies are: Manchester Metropolitan University, Newcastle University, University of Leeds, Loughborough University and Arts University Bournemouth

Creative Industries Student Success



Name:

Sam Wei Hua

Previous school:

Fairfield High School for Girls

Studied:

**Graphic Design, Mathematics and
Physics**

Destination:

**Graphic Design at Kingston University
London**

Grades achieved:

A A* A



Clarendon was very
welcoming and
engaging with others
around key topics
was fun.

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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 university to continue studies in this area. Following graduation, students enter a range of employment opportunities such as: multiple design fields, photography, artist, printmaking, 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, where you can expand your theoretical and technical skills. Future careers include: filmmaking, directing, producing, editing, broadcasting, journalism, teaching and education.

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, including more tailored degrees such as broadcasting studies or screenwriting for film and tv. Future career options include marketing, education or journalism. You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in this field.



Vocational A Level Animation

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 2D game characters. 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. Career options include multimedia specialist, game artist, VFX artist or concept artist.

Vocational A Level Fashion and Clothing

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. Degrees include fashion buying and merchandising, jewellery design and fashion design. There are also options to enter a range of employment opportunities such as garment design and manufacture, costume design, fashion retailing and styling.

Vocational A Level Graphics

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Graphics 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, including graphic design, social media, web design, drafting or multimedia creation.

Vocational A Level Photography

Duration 2 Years

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.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, you can progress onto employment within the creative industry, gain further qualifications via an apprenticeship or continue to study at university.

Level 3 **Animation and 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 continue their studies in animation and computer game design in higher education facilities. Some choose other routes, progressing into employment, choosing higher level apprenticeships or become self-employed.

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

Creative Media

(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

Fashion and Textiles

(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 with a range of 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 creative courses at university. Course choices include graphic design, photography, architecture, animation and illustration. You can also progress into employment or do an apprenticeship.

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 Media

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 of 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.



Level 1 **Art and Design**

Duration 1 Year

About the course

Do you have an interest in art, design and media, and wish to explore and extend this interest via a full-time, immersive learning experience? You will develop and test your creativity within a structure that will provide a sound base of skills and knowledge, while enhancing self-confidence and revealing the potential career demands and opportunities within art, design and media.

Delivered by a range of creative professionals, whom are experienced at delivering specialist creative subjects, your time on the course will be varied, engaging and motivate you towards a very successful future. You will develop a portfolio of work that could support your progression.

Progression to:

On completion of the level 1 course, you can progress to a variety of level 2 qualifications with the aim of employment or university progression.

Level 1 **Digital Media**

Duration 1 Year

About the course

During the digital media course you will study a range of units that cover a wide variety of activities such as; creating a storyboard, designing a digital product, creating moving images and recording sound. All tasks learned on the course will give you the skills and knowledge to broaden your future career in the creative industry. During the course you will also enhance your communication and written skills.

Progression to:

On completion of the level 1 course, you can progress to a variety of level 2 qualifications with the aim of employment or university progression.

Creative Industries Student Success



Name:

Molly-Anne Crosby

Previous school:

Longdendale High School

Studied:

Art and Design

Destination:

Interior Design at De Montfort University

Grades achieved:

Distinction



I can't wait to start at university. I am going to do a bachelors degree before progressing on to do a masters.

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Business

Greater Manchester has more than 105,000 businesses and enterprise start-ups in a variety of sectors. There are ten metropolitan boroughs of Greater Manchester which represent the largest city region economy outside London. Greater Manchester has an outstanding reputation as a competitive place to do business with leading brands such as Google, Amazon, Kellogg's and Jaguar Land Rover making Manchester their home.

Your unique experience

- Take the opportunity to be on our entrepreneur futures programme
- Visit the city of London's financial district
- See how business studies relates to works within the Houses of Parliament
- The opportunity to visit the world brand museum
- Take part in a working lunch with finance and marketing directors
- Work with local charities to organise and plan events

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: business and human resource management, business with marketing, business management or event management
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship within a variety of roles within businesses
- Career progression could include becoming an: entrepreneur, human resources manager or marketing manager
- Top universities for business studies are: Lancaster University, University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Liverpool and University of Central Lancashire

Business Student Success



Name:

Benjamin Hobbs

Previous school:

Alder Community High School

Studied:

**Business Studies, Government and
Politics and Sociology**

Destination:

**Management at The University of
Manchester**

Grades achieved:

A* A* A*



My teacher assisted me with my personal statement and helped me through the process of applying to University.

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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, finance and HR.





Computing

Greater Manchester has a fast-growing £5billion digital ecosystem, officially making us the UK's top digital tech city, with ambitions to become a top five European digital city and global influencer. There are more than 10,000 digital and tech businesses, from start-ups and SMEs to global brands including Google and Microsoft in Greater Manchester. Greater Manchester has also recently invested £23.8m in a local full fibre networks programme which provides 2,700km of new fibre optic broadband infrastructure across the region, connecting more than 1,500 public sites.

Your unique experience

- Collaboration with Manchester Digital to set up placements, guest speakers and event days
- Take part in industry related activities
- There will be various masterclasses to support your development
- Use industry standard development tools such as: the unreal development engine, visual studio, adobe creative suite, unity game engine and office 365

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: computer science, computer systems engineering, development studies and data analysis or information technology management
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship with leading computer specialists
- Career progression could include becoming an: junior software developer, data scientist or cyber security professional
- Top universities for computing are: University of Manchester, Lancaster University, University of Liverpool, University of Salford and Liverpool John Moores University

Computing Student Success



Name:

Mathew Reedy

Previous school:

St Thomas More RC College

Studied:

**Computer Science, Physics and
Mathematics**

Destination:

**Computer Science at Manchester
Metropolitan University**

Grades achieved:

A A B



I enjoy coding, so have been doing that in my spare time. I hope to do software development in the future.

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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. Junior software developer, data scientist, cyber security professional, or network engineer are just a few of many examples of careers you could do.



English and Languages

Many Greater Manchester businesses have the need for English and languages graduates, with many advertising roles that require the skill in English. English and languages is an additional employability skill that many employers request, due to the analytical and communication skills learned. English qualifications are in demand for management roles as well as roles within the public sector. Greater Manchester is home to over 15 newspapers with careers in journalism and copywriting, both roles earn, on average £25,000.

Your unique experience

- Take part in English language seminars
- Meet editors and journalists from local newspapers and magazines
- Visits to theatres to get an understanding of writing for productions
- Be involved in subject workshops and excursions
- Take part in the debating society

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: English, English combined with classics or English and languages combined
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship relevant to these subjects
- Career progression could include becoming a: teacher, copywriter, creative writer or journalist
- Top universities for English and Languages are: University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, Durham University, University of Manchester and University of York

English and Languages Student Success



Name:

Tyler Scanlon

Previous school:

Oasis Academy Oldham

Studied:

**English Literature, History and
Classical Civilisation**

Destination:

**Joint honours in English and History at
The University of Manchester**

Grades achieved:

A* A* A



When I start
university I would like
to find a placement
in journalism.

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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 teaching, journalism, creative writing, law, broadcasting, marketing branding or copywriting. You may also choose to do an apprenticeship, gaining more skills whilst learning on the job.

There are over 100 UK universities offering English language and literature based courses, many combined with other subjects such as drama, creative writing and history.

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 teaching, journalism, law, broadcasting, publishing, editing or digital copywriting. You may also choose to do an apprenticeship, gaining more skills whilst learning on the job.

English and Languages Student Success



Name:

Emily Nixon

Previous school:

Fairfield High School for Girls

Studied:

**English Literature, English Language
and Classical Civilisation**

Destination:

**English Literature at University of
Leeds**

Grades achieved:

A* A* A*



I want to be an English teacher as I have found a passion for the subject whilst studying it at college.

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Humanities

Careers in Humanities within Greater Manchester varies from learning about the world around us, the politics surrounding key sectors, religion and the history. Studying Greater Manchester's heritage will bring a wealth of knowledge for future careers in museums, heritage work or teaching. Looking into the history of Greater Manchester you will find out that the industrial revolution began in Greater Manchester, with the very first passenger railway and the first bus service in Britain. We have some of the biggest museums and points of interest in Greater Manchester so there is no shortfall in career opportunities.

Your unique experience

- Trips to Pompeii and Rome, to explore the ancient and archaic wonder that was Pompeii. Wander through Rome to the Coliseum, Palatine Hill and the Forum to really appreciate how great this civilisation was
- Guest speakers and lecturers
- Study days and extra-curricular activities
- Visit local museums and points of historical interest

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: geography and environmental science, history, economics, philosophy, ancient history or classical studies
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in a variety of areas which relate to your future career
- Career progression could include becoming an: environmental scientist, archivist, heritage manager, historic buildings inspector, museum education officer or museum/gallery curator
- Top universities for studies in humanities are: University of Manchester, Lancaster University, Liverpool Hope University, Manchester Metropolitan University or Edge Hill University

Humanities Student Success



Name:

Hannah Tyler

Previous school:

Denton Community College

Studied:

History, English Literature, Religious Studies and EPQ

Destination:

History at University of Leeds

Grades achieved:

A* A* A* A



I am really happy with my A level results, it's thanks to the support I got from my teachers during my studies.

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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 may arise in, law, journalism, archiving, marketing, teaching, public relations or work on heritage sites.

25 universities include over 200 Classics courses, some combining other subjects such as history and archaeology.

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 go to university. Further geography and environmental science are just a few of many subjects you will learn in higher education.

This course also provides you with useful and transferable skills, which can be appropriate to many other areas of study, work experience and 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 judgements 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. Subjects include history and law, art history and more. Others choose to continue their studies and complete a master's degree.

You may also wish to progress into employment or an apprenticeship.



A Level **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.

Humanities Student Success



Name:

Oli Chadderton

Previous school:

Alder Community High School

Studied:

**Psychology, Law and Classical
Civilisation**

Destination:

Psychology at Lancaster University

Grades achieved:

A* A* A



The college was a very
supportive environment.
The teachers were
encouraging and helped
me to reach my goals.

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Science, Mathematics and Engineering

There are plans to make Greater Manchester a world leading city for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) excellence. This will help address the city's shortfall in skilled STEM workers. Studying a course relating to STEM will support employability in Greater Manchester, as it is home to world-leading research and development assets and continues to be at the forefront of innovation across STEM industries.

Your unique experience

- Attend seminars provided by universities
- Explore science outside of college
- Study in our onsite science labs
- Use the latest industrial machinery, equipment and industry standard software to support your development and skills
- Be part of our futures programme and gain extra support with applications into medicine, veterinary medicine and pharmaceutical studies

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: veterinary medicine, chemistry, biology, aerospace engineering or computer science with mathematics
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in science, mathematics or engineering with some of the well-known STEM employers
- Career progression could include becoming a: veterinary nurse, pharmacist, scientist or an engineer
- Top universities for degrees in STEM are: University of Glasgow, University of Oxford, University of Manchester, University of Bristol and University of Liverpool

Science, Mathematics and Engineering Student Success



Name:

Mia Fletcher

Previous school:

Werneth School

Studied:

Applied Science

Destination:

**Applied Medical Sciences and
Swansea University**

Grades achieved:

Distinction* Distinction* Distinction



My teachers made
my time at college a
wonderful experience.
I am looking forward to
progressing to university.

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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 whilst 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:

This A Level will support you in progression into careers such as pharmacy, medicine and veterinary science. There are over 700 UK based biology degrees to choose from including, biomolecular science, biomedicine and immunology. Alternatively, upon completion of your A Level, you may choose to study a higher 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, forensic science and chemical engineering. 69 UK universities offer chemistry courses, including medicinal chemistry, analytical chemistry and forensic sciences.

Alternatively, you may choose to study a higher 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 wanting to study maths or physics at university. For those wishing to study at the best ranked universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, it is essential.

Alternatively, you may choose to study a higher 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 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 any other related subject. Career options include jobs in applied animal science, green technology and applied bioscience.

The course provides you with useful and transferable skills, which can be appropriate to employment or 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 and 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. Another option is to gain direct entry to university. There are various course options including, general engineering, civil engineering, aerospace and mechanical engineering. Some engineering degrees are longer than a standard three-year course, with some offering a placement or foundation year.

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 any other related subject.

The course also provides you with useful and transferable skills which can be appropriate to many other areas of study or employment.

After graduation, there are many options to work in fields such as, technical services, scientific copy writing, lab work, medical writing and more.

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.

Science, Mathematics and Engineering Student Success



Name:

Kian Miller

Previous school:

Oasis Academy Oldham

Studied:

Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

Destination:

Physics at the University of Manchester

Grades achieved:

A* A* A*



I think it would be really cool to be a scientific engineer so that is my career aim.

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Social Sciences

Although most well-known employers of social sciences graduates have their headquarters in London, the majority also have offices in Greater Manchester, so you would get the benefits of working for a large employer but within a smaller office environment. Greater Manchester is an excellent place for young, newly qualified lawyers, with a community of over 3,000. There is also an ever growing need for psychologists, social workers and counsellors in Greater Manchester.

Your unique experience

- Links with local law firms
- Trips to courts and parliament
- Visit Bethlem Museum of the Mind
- Be part of our futures programme and gain extra support with applications into specialist universities for social science subjects, such as law

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: criminology and law, psychology with biology or sociology
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in various roles relating to your career path
- Career progression could include becoming a: social worker, forensic psychologist, mental health counsellor or lawyer
- Top universities for social science subjects are: Lancaster University, University of Manchester, University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University and Manchester Metropolitan University

Social Sciences Student Success



Name:

Holly Walker

Previous school:

Copley Academy

Studied:

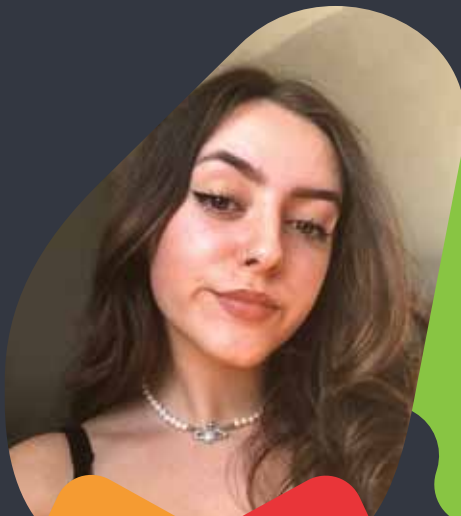
Criminology, Sociology and Art & Design

Destination:

Criminology at The University of Manchester

Grades achieved:

A A A*



I was supported in every aspect throughout my whole time at college, including higher education plans and my career path.

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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 go to university.

Degree options include, law, business studies, politics or criminology; and over 100 UK universities offer law based degrees.

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 a 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 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 commit further crime? Psychology attempts to examine questions such as this. It is a fascinating science, with cutting edge research and real-world applications. Understanding human behaviour can help address the problems and issues in society today, such as: crime, reliability of eye witness testimony, treatment of psychological disorders, and brain recovery after trauma. Psychology complements most subjects. Students who study psychology often also study: biology, sociology, business, English and maths. In comparison, the vocational equivalent of A Level Psychology allows students to complete internally assessed coursework that will contribute to their overall grade.

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.

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; where you will gain a variety of skills that could lead to careers in policing, teaching, journalism or law enforcement and more.

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, civil service, social work or teaching following this course.

125 UK universities offer criminology courses, some combined with law, forensic psychology and sociology.



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 care work, nursing and midwifery or a science related subject.

Alternatively, you may wish to progress onto an apprenticeship in healthcare, where you can gain on the job experience.



Performing Arts

The performing arts sector in Great Manchester is set to improve as they receive £23m of funding which will be awarded to arts organisations around Greater Manchester as part of a new scheme. There are a large number of theatres in Greater Manchester, as well as MediaCityUK, which houses various Manchester based TV shows and performances, from actors and performers. There are plenty of career opportunities for this industry in the Greater Manchester area.

Your unique experience

- Perform in our very own 200 seat theatre
- Take part in masterclasses with actors and performers
- Get support with auditions for top drama schools
- Links with theatres and perform at the Lowry Theatre
- Visit performing arts schools for an insight into higher education
- Live productions for local schools and the public

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: drama, music, dance and theatre performance
- You could also progress onto an apprenticeship in performing arts based sectors
- Career progression could include becoming an: actor, dancer, teacher or performer
- Top universities and performing arts schools are: Arts Ed, University of Manchester, Academy of Live Recorded Arts and drama schools

Performing Arts Student Success



Name:

Kevin Donkor

Previous school:

Wright Robinson College

Studied:

Acting

Destination:

Arts Ed

Grades achieved:

Distinction



My teachers have really helped me progress as an actor. I am looking forward to my time at Arts Ed.

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Vocational A Level Performing Arts

Duration 2 Years

About the course

Throughout the course you will develop a range of skills and knowledge through a variety of teaching methods which will aim to meet the needs of each individual. You will study four units including: investigating practitioners work, skills and techniques for live performance, group performance workshop and one optional unit which suits your interest. You will be assessed through a variety of methods including discussions, presentations, written work and performances. You will have the opportunity to be involved in a rich and diverse enrichment programme, which includes: stage combat, dance club and song club.

Progression to:

On successful completion of this qualification, you can progress into higher education at drama/dance school or university where you will continue to train to become a professional performer, or train as a teacher or professional coach.

Many young people move immediately into the industry and can often be seen on stage and television.

Level 3 Performing Arts (Acting)

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 1 Year

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.







Level 3

Performing Arts (Dance)

(3 A Level equivalent)

Duration 1 Year

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 1 Year

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.

There are 106 courses including musical theatre at degree level to choose from, across 39 UK universities. Modules include subjects such as musical grammar, musical theatre history, and vocal and dance development.

Many young people move immediately into the industry and can often be seen on stage and television.

Level 2

Performing and Production 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, 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 Uniformed Services

Greater Manchester has been given £10m of National Lottery funding by Sport England to help explore new ways to engage key age groups in becoming more active. This means that more jobs will be created to ensure the demand for a healthier city. Big names in the sports industry are based in Greater Manchester and a career with a well-known employer is possible in Greater Manchester. There are also many roles that can be undertaken in the uniformed services and Greater Manchester has many of them available.

Your unique experience

- Links with Stalybridge Celtic FC
- Visit other sporting clubs and facilities
- Free membership for the college gym and fitness suite
- New technology to help progress your studies
- Join various sporting teams for the college

Progression

- Progression onto university to study degrees such as: sports coaching, physical education, football science or uniformed and public services
- You could also progress onto a sporting apprenticeship or in the public sector
- Career progression could include becoming a: sports coach, PE teacher, fire fighter, police officer or join the army
- Top universities for sports and uniformed services progression are: Liverpool John Moores University, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Chester, Edge Hill University or University for Salford



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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. Other options include going into employment or further training. Others will progress to university, where they can do a range of subjects from sports science, to sports psychology.

Vocational A Level **Uniformed 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 various areas of the public service sector.

Job opportunities include civil service, police, armed forces and more. Postgraduates could also apply for graduate schemes such as the National Graduate Development Programme (ngdp), to work with their local government.

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