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A Message From The Headteacher

I am delighted that you are considering the Prestatyn High School Sixth Form and I hope that the information you will receive as part of our recruitment process will not only give you essential practical advice, but will also provide you with a clear picture of life in the Sixth Form.

Your choice of where to study at Post 16, and which courses you want to take, is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life; it can help to determine your choice of university, your career and ultimately your future. We will help you, push you, guide you and nurture your talents so that you achieve your goals, reach your potential and have the highest aspirations possible.

We have experience of getting students into the best universities and the best courses over the last sixty years. This is a great 6th Form and we are rapidly improving all aspects of our provision further. We are exceptionally proud of the fact that our results improved again in 2018 and that the current Y13 have the potential to set the best A-level results the school has ever had, which is a testament to the hard work, skills and determination of the staff and students alike. Indeed, the result our Y13s achieved at AS put them in the top 25% of students in the whole of the UK. My focus is to continue to make Prestatyn the best educational provider in the country. We will work tirelessly to make this happen and we would like you to join us on this journey.

At Prestatyn, we have an exceptionally wide-ranging curriculum offer, providing courses that are suitable for all, no matter your interests. We have established a national reputation for our vocational qualifications and it is not surprising that they are extremely popular.

In all our departments, from Maths to Biology, Economics to Literature, we have teams of excellent teachers who combine years of experience with the highest qualifications. Our staff are ideally suited to help you achieve your goals, blending the right amount of support and challenge helping students push the boundaries of what is possible.

The Governors and teachers of the school are particularly proud of our deserved reputation as a caring community. We never forget that we are here for the benefit of the students. The quality of education is always about the quality of staff and, if you join us, you will have the benefit of two hugely experienced Post 16 Leaders, Mr Vernon and Ms Reed, supported by Mrs Jacobsen and an outstanding pastoral team. In addition, our form tutors have vast experience in helping

students with their UCAS applications. We treat every student as an individual and as someone to be valued.

We have high expectations and consequently expect full commitment from all our students. If you work as hard as you can then we have the experience and the ability to guide you to the best possible placement in Higher Education. It is our proud boast that everyone who works hard to go to university can be found a place. Students from recent years are currently studying for degree courses at universities such as Cambridge, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Leeds, Bristol and other Russell Group Universities. But we are not complacent and we are always trying to improve. We recognise that your success over the next two years will help to determine your future. Parents always give strong support in this area and this is matched by the enthusiasm of the students and the hard work and commitment of the tutors. Students from our current Year 13 are applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities for a variety of courses, while medicine and dentistry are popular choices for many of our most able students. In addition to the usual support, these particular students are receiving extra help as part of the SEREN network. The Seren network has been set up by the Welsh Government to support the most able students in a series of 'Hubs' around Wales.

Of course, while results are vitally important to us at the Prestatyn Sixth Form, we also provide our Post 16 students with a very wide range of additional opportunities and experiences. So, whether you are interested in theatre, sport, music, movies, media, debating, charity work or trips abroad there will be something on offer for you.

No written information can give the answer to all of your questions, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. If you choose us for your Post 16 education, rest assured that you will be well-supported as you join a thriving, vibrant and successful centre. We have a wealth of Post-16 experience at PHS and a long record of outstanding success to help you achieve your potential and we are confident that you will find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We look forward to welcoming you in the near future.



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Next Steps



careerswales.com



notgoingtouni.co.uk



ucas.ac.uk

You will soon be completing your compulsory education and be choosing what to do next.

YOUR CHOICES ARE:

- A job involving further training, such as an apprenticeship or day release to college
- A full-time course in the Sixth Form
- A job without training
- A full-time course at a college
- Combination of some of these elements

You will get lots of support and guidance from tutors in school and college, personal tutors and Careers Wales who are all there to help you make the right choices, but it is up to you to ask!

You can also find out a lot for yourself by checking school, college, university and other websites and publications such as prospectuses and course guides.

In September 2019 you will have the choice of Advanced, Advanced Supplementary, General and Vocational Level 3 and other courses available in the Prestatyn 6th form. In addition to these courses, your programmes of study may also include GCSE Maths & English and the Welsh Bacallaureate.

The choices outlined in this prospectus give a basic explanation of the course and qualifications available.

You should normally have achieved 5 GCSEs at grades A* - C or Level 2 equivalent qualifications before being accepted on AS / Level 3 courses, but do ask your tutor. Students wishing to study A levels need to have passed Maths and English GCSE and for some subjects have a 'B' or Merit grade if the subject is studied at level 2.

All cases can be discussed on an individual basis, so students must be prepared to meet with staff, especially on GCSE results day.

Please note that all courses are offered subject to there being a viable number of learners.



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Why choose Prestatyn High School?

Vision

Prestatyn High School is a significant provider of further education for 16-19 year olds in Prestatyn, Rhyl and the surrounding areas.

We are proud that we can offer the widest range of courses that equip students with the qualifications and skills for a successful future in higher education and employment. We provide the best opportunities for a wide range of students.

Values

Prestatyn High School has high expectations of students and staff so that opportunity, progression and success can be achieved. We challenge and support students in all aspects of their sixth form life to ensure they do their best and fulfil our expectations.

Commitment

- We commit to continuously improve the quality of learning by excellent teaching.
- We commit to bringing equality and fairness to all aspects of sixth form life.
- We commit to help you plan your programme of study and help you plan for your future.
- We commit to monitor your attendance and regularly review your progress in each subject area.
- We commit to liaise with your family, send them regular reports and invite them to student review evenings

Support

We have a wide choice of general and vocational subjects available so you can choose the combination that suits your personal situation.

We have highly qualified teachers and lecturers that specialise in their subject areas.

There are study areas for you to use outside the classroom with up to date technology, a library and other work areas with PCs and internet access. Well equipped laboratories, workshops and computer suites support learning. There are social areas for times between lessons. We offer excellent support and guidance to our students provided by specialist staff and we have excellent careers advice provided by Careers Wales.



Hi, my name is Jack Bailey and I am a former student of Prestatyn High 6th Form and I am currently in my first year of studying Law at the University of Cambridge.

The experiences I had at Prestatyn were amazing. There are as many opportunities open to you as you are willing to take. During my time at Prestatyn, I was fortunate enough to serve as: a member of the debating team, a subject ambassador, a form ambassador, a Head Boy, and as a member of the SEREN Network.

The SEREN Network is a Welsh Government initiative designed to push the highest achieving students to reach their full potential and access the best universities and the best apprenticeships. SEREN put on many events over the 2 years which will help you massively and provide you with extremely valuable information when it comes to considering your future plans. SEREN took me to open days at prestigious Russell Group universities, the annual Oxbridge conference and held many Oxbridge application workshops to ensure that our applications were competitive and informed. SEREN is something that, if you are a part of it, you really should take full advantage of as it will help you greatly. Being a part of the Prestatyn 6th Form will mean that you can do this with ease and support.

Every one of these opportunities helped me to develop academically and personally, making me a more well-rounded person and contributing to my future success in applying to universities. Many of these responsibilities are those that will set you apart from other people when it comes to applying for things in the future, whether it is apprenticeships, jobs, or higher education. Prestatyn High is an excellent provider and facilitator of these opportunities and responsibilities. All of the courses here are led and taught by quality teachers with thorough and specialist knowledge of their subjects. The teachers here are devoted to seeing that you attain results that will truly reflect your potential and are committed to providing the support and guidance in making that happen. The teaching quality here is unquestionably high. This only improves when it comes to applying to universities or apprenticeships, when your teachers will play a large role in helping you to make your application as competitive and convincing as it can be.

Overall, it is with absolute and full confidence that I can recommend choosing Prestatyn 6th Form. I can wholeheartedly say that I don't think I'd be where I am now, had I not chosen Prestatyn. Prestatyn took me on as a new student, invested time and effort into me and developed me into somebody that believes they can achieve. Prestatyn set me on a trajectory towards high achievement and the time I spent there is something I will always remember as a positive experience.



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towards high
achievement.”

Jack Bailey - Law Undergraduate

I would personally like to thank Mr. Vernon for everything he did for me. I really could not of asked for a better, more supportive or more understanding Head of Sixth Form.

Life in the Sixth Form



As well as being able to choose from a much wider range of subject choices in Prestatyn High School, you will also be able to involve yourself in the whole Sixth Form 'experience'.

There are a whole variety of activities, clubs and opportunities to do voluntary work in school and in the local community; this will help you to develop your wider skills and competencies to build your CV.

Curriculum Enrichment

There is more to learning in the Prestatyn 6th than just through the courses you study. The curriculum enrichment programme provides you with additional experiences to support your development and to help you on the next stage of your journey. You will have many opportunities to take part in aspects of the curriculum enrichment programme which might include some of the following, depending on circumstances at the time:

Enterprise Activities – gain practical experience of business and enterprise through a variety of challenges, including Young Enterprise.

Debating – the aim is to encourage young people from diverse backgrounds in debate with teachers, lecturers and other adults about key social, ethical and cultural issues. The programme also includes taking part in national competitions.

UCAS Conventions – each year, many of our students are given the opportunity to visit a Higher Education Convention at an university to talk to representatives from up to 130 universities, colleges and other relevant organisations. The visit is part of a programme which also includes speakers from universities visiting Prestatyn High School during the year to give you the best possible chance of success when you submit your application.

Raising money for Charities – each year Prestatyn High School will engage in charity fundraising events and in recent years a significant amount of money has been raised for the benefit of various charities.

Course-related trips and visits – various trips and visits are arranged by subject departments during the year, designed to highlight some real-world examples of the course content for you and encourage greater understanding.

Sports & Physical Activity – there are many opportunities for you to take part in physical activities informally or through the 5 X 60 programme.

Supporting you and your learning



A range of courses to suit almost everyone, delivered in well equipped and modern facilities by experienced staff. Combined with its friendly and supportive community spirit, the school is a popular choice with post-16 students in the Prestatyn and Rhyl area.

Although your status will be changing from being a pupil to that of a student, you will still get a lot of support to help you progress.

Personal Support and Guidance

This will come primarily from your Personal Tutor with whom you will probably have daily contact, but you will also have help from specialist staff with particular experience of things such as the EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance), UCAS (applying for University), interviews etc. You will also be able to access confidential specialist support if you have any more personal, health or housing issues. Your Personal Tutor can help you access this.

Volunteering

Your volunteering placement will give you an opportunity to improve your CV, present yourself in a favourable light, demonstrate that you are a good timekeeper and a whole range of other skills including working on your own and as a member of a team. A good work placement can also mean another good reference!

Career Advice and Guidance

You will be able to continue to get expert advice from your specialist Careers Wales adviser in school. Normally you will make arrangements for meetings and advice sessions through your Personal Tutor or Head of Sixth Form or dedicated Student Adviser. It is important to log all your meetings in your personal records on Careers Wales Online where you will build your CV or Unifrog.





Bagloriaeth Cymru Welsh Baccalaureate

The revised and more rigorous Welsh Baccalaureate is based on a Skills Challenge Certificate, which will be graded, and Supporting Qualifications. The primary aim is to enable learners to develop and demonstrate an understanding of and proficiency in essential and employability skills. The emphasis is on applied and purposeful learning and to provide opportunities for assessment in a range of real life contexts through three Challenge Briefs and an Individual Project. The qualification will help learners develop more complex skills, attributes and behaviours. It will provide experiences which will enable learners to be better prepared for their future destination, whether university, further training or employment.



Bagloriaeth Uwch Cymru

The Welsh Baccalaureate qualification is graded A* - E and attracts the equivalent UCAS points. It is included in offers from Universities across the UK, and is formal recognition that the experiences and skills gained are valuable when studying at degree level and beyond.

For more information on the Welsh Baccalaureate please visit www.welshbaccalaureate.org.uk and follow the link to the Qualifications Wales site.



Qualifications/Which Course?

The school offers GCSE, GCE (A or AS Levels), IVET (such as BTEC and City & Guilds). IVET courses offer a general introduction to vocational areas and can be studied in schools and colleges. All qualifications are now measured on a single scale so that they are equivalent. This method of measuring performance ensures that qualifications of all types, at the same level, are recognised as qualifications having the same status and value.

Level 2 Threshold

Qualifications equivalent in achievement to 5 GCSE grades A* – C.

Level 2 Threshold 'Plus' Threshold

Qualifications equivalent in achievement to 5 GCSE grades A* – C including English and Mathematics.

Level 3 Threshold

Qualifications equivalent in achievement to 2 A Levels.

Level 3 'Certificate' is equivalent in achievement to 1 AS Level.

Level 3 'Subsidiary Diploma' is equivalent in achievement to 1 A Level.

Level 3 'Diploma' is equivalent in achievement to 2 A Levels.

To progress onto Level 3 courses it is expected that you will have achieved 100% of the Level 2 threshold. Be aware also that some subjects may also require other specific levels of achievement in GCSE or IVET to progress to Level 3 study in them. CVET courses have different entry requirements.

If you have not achieved a grade C in Mathematics or English GCSE, you must retake the qualification to continue. Your school / college will advise you how you can do this. All qualifications at Level 3 or above have an agreed UCAS point tariff which is used for easy comparison between qualifications and grades achieved in them:

Qualification Grades and UCAS Tariff Points			UCAS Tariff Points
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	GCE A Level and AVCE	GCE AS Level and AS VCE	
Distinction*	A*		56
DistinctionA			48
	B		40
MeritC			32
	D		24
		A	20
Pass	EB		16
		C	12
		D	10
		E	6

The best advice, probably, would be:

- Choose subjects you will enjoy studying for the next 2 years.
- Choose subjects that you will need for your chosen job area or career.
- Choose subjects that you will need for higher level study at University.

Choosing subjects you will enjoy:

Find out as much as you can about all the subjects you are considering. There is information in this prospectus and a list of what is available. Speak to the subject teachers in school, go to the open day or evening events and attend taster sessions where they are offered. You can also find out a lot from the web about all subjects, and the specifications for AS, A2 and BTEC can be found on the web sites of the Awarding Bodies.

www.wjec.co.uk
www.edexcel.com/Pages/Home.aspx
www.ucas.com

Choosing a subject you need for your career pathway:

The Careers Wales website is a really good resource if you know what you want to do. You can carry out a career search and find out just about everything you need to know including pay, the number of vacancies and how to get into working in that area, even some of the subjects you need to have studied to apply.

www.careerswales.com

The Labour Market Intelligence (LMI) will tell you about employment prospects and where the jobs will be in the

future.

Choosing subjects to access higher study:

Again there is much on the Careers Wales site so check that out first of all. The UCAS site is also excellent:

www.ucas.ac.uk

Searching for courses will tell you what is available and where it can be accessed, as well as other information such as costs. You will find courses with names you have not encountered before, but do check them out!

If you know which course is of interest to you then phone the Admissions Tutors, tell them what subjects you are thinking about and ask them what they think. They will be pleased to advise and you might just be surprised!

All the University contacts can be accessed at UCAS.

Once you have done your research, do talk to your teachers or Careers Advisors in school to see that what is on offer is what you really want to do.



www.wjec.co.uk



www.edexcel.com



www.ucas.com

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COURSE

Animal Management

Qualification type: Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The Animal Management course will develop your knowledge and experience of the care and health of a range of animals both domestic and exotic. The course will be of interest to those who enjoy working on project-based assignments and wish to progress to further qualifications in the Animal Care industry. Topics covered during the course might include animal biology, animal behaviour and welfare, animal handling and safe working, wildlife management, ecology & conservation.

Progression routes: Further study at higher education level. Career and employment opportunities include veterinary sciences, animal training, public services, dog groomers, animal retail outlets, pet shops, and various animal technician apprenticeships.

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Art & Design

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

A course for motivated, creative students who wish to develop their own interest and skills in art, design and craft to further their career in a creative field, or gain entry to further education. It is essential to be self-motivated as much of the drawing and research work will take place outside of the classroom and students will be expected to visit art galleries, research artists, explore different techniques and independently develop their own ideas. You will have the opportunity to specialise in an area of Art and Design which most interests you e.g. Art, Craft and Design; Fine Art; Graphics; 3D Design; Textiles; Photography.

Progression routes: Further or higher education in areas of Art and Design such as Foundation or Degree course. Careers in advertising, architecture, product design, interior design, fashion, fine art, teaching, photography, retail, textiles design etc.

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I'm planning to study Animal Care at University or maybe on an apprenticeship at level 4. I'm thinking of a career as a veterinary nurse. This course gives me a good grounding in aspects of animal biology, behaviour, health and conservation. The Animal Care department is fantastic with more than 30 animals of all different species. The members of staff are really helpful and offer great support.

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Megan Roberts - Animal Management



COURSE

Biology

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Biology provides a wide breadth of knowledge which touches on aspects of a variety of topics. Specific topics covered include evolution, nutrition, genetics, respiration, ecology, reproduction and parasites. The study of biology will develop your appreciation and knowledge of these issues and their implications, as well as providing you with an insight into the living world. Biology encompasses the study of many exciting topics and is never far from the headlines, whether it is the sequencing of the Human Genome, the spread of AIDS, pollution due to human influences, the answer to food shortages. Biologists are concerned with all these issues.

Progression routes: Further or higher education in areas of Art and Design such as Foundation or Degree course. Careers in advertising, architecture, product design, interior design, fashion, fine art, teaching, photography, retail, textiles design etc.



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The computer science course is so interesting and challenging, it helps me to perfect my skills in problem solving, programming and maths. It will provide me with lots of opportunities in the future as these skills are in high demand by universities and employers.

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Cal Grimes - Computing ICT

Business Studies

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The course content involves learning both how to run a business and the various roles that you can take on in a business. The course is completely exam based – ranging from short answer questions to case studies based on businesses. During the course, we aim to visit various businesses, engage with enterprise events, and encourage visiting business speakers. You are also encouraged to watch the news on a regular basis. Specific topics studied during the course include Enterprise, Business Plans, Business Finance, Business Structure, Management and Leadership, New technology, Demand and Supply and Motivation. Functions of: Marketing, Human Resources, Production and Finance. Additional opportunity to join and partake in The Young Enterprise competition where as a team of students you run your own business organisation.

Progression routes: Business Studies develops excellent transferable skills, leading to a wide range of degree courses, apprenticeships and employment opportunities including business management, international business, law, accountancy, advertising and PR, social media, events management and stock broker and finance banking.

Chemistry

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

A-Level Chemistry provides a detailed understanding of the nature of matter, the elements and their properties and the ways in which substances react together. The course will appeal to all students who wish to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the concepts of chemistry and the way in which the principles of chemistry are applied in everyday life. You will gain exciting knowledge about the constituents of substances that they use or buy every day and you will also consider the new materials that may change the way in which we live. You will also look at the role of green chemistry and the ways some current environmental problems may be overcome. Key areas of theory work include the structure of the atom; reversible reactions; organic chemistry; energy in reactions and rates of reaction.

Progression routes: Further study in Chemistry or a Science degree such as chemical engineering, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, pharmacology, and forensic science. Careers are wide and varied, for example: industrial chemist; health service professional; food scientist; oil industry professional; patent law; research and many others.

Computer Science

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

In this technological age, a study of how computers are used in the solution of a variety of problems is not only valuable to the student but also for the future wellbeing of the country. This course covers developments in computing such as computer crime and prevention, legal issues, computer programming, software and how different software applications are utilised to solve real problems. Computing is now seen as an essential part of education and job opportunities are amongst the highest of any subject.

Progression routes: A qualification in computer science demonstrates the ability to employ effective logic and creativity in problem solving. Computing is essential in many areas including software development, games designing, process control, robotics, hardware engineering, network managing, electronics and civil engineering.



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Learning Spanish will give us the opportunity to work and travel in Europe and South America; we won't be limited to working in Great Britain or for British companies.

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Alice Wright
Spanish

COURSE

Drama & Theatre Studies

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

This course provides the opportunity to develop your skills and understanding of the performing arts of dance, drama and music and gain insight into employment opportunities and the nature of the world of work within the performing arts industry.

You will have the opportunity to develop your interest and skills in a range of practical drama elements including acting, directing, costume, setting, mask and technical design during the course in addition to raising your awareness of plays and the development of the theatre by integrating theory and practical work, both individually and in groups.

Progression routes: Drama schools or universities such as Glyndwr, Manchester and Liverpool. Careers would include theatre actors, television actors, television presenters, writers, directors, producers, stage management, teaching, public speakers.

English Language

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

If you enjoy analysing language and exploring interpretations and ideas then this is the course for you. The course focuses on developing analytical and creative skills. Throughout your study of English Language, you will also have opportunities to explore diversity and the distinctive use of language in Wales. In your studies, you will be required to engage with contemporary language use, incorporating local, regional and national examples that you may encounter.

This specification provides learners with the means to engage with language on a practical level and it encourages learners to investigate an area of language and identity that is of social, cultural and academic interest to them.

Progression routes: English Language provides a foundation for further or higher education courses, or direct entry into employment. Its emphasis on fluent speech, fluid writing and clear thinking, make it particularly advantageous for entry into the media, journalism, advertising, public relations, publishing, broadcasting or the law.

COURSE

Economics

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Economics is for students who have an enquiring mind, an interest in what is happening in the economy, politics and business. The course is for students who want to develop the skills, qualities and attitudes that will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

Specific topics studied during the course include the nature of economics, how markets work, market failure and government intervention, national income and economic growth, costs and profits, international economics, poverty and inequality, emerging and developing economies and the financial sector.

Progression routes: Economics develops excellent transferable skills, leading to a wide range of degree courses and employment opportunities including business management, accountancy, environmental economics, finance, statistical subjects, law, journalism and teaching.

English Literature

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

If you enjoy reading widely and expressing your opinions then this is the course for you. The course encourages students to develop their interest in and enjoyment of literature and literary studies through reading widely and independently as well as writing creatively in response to a range of texts. The course focuses on developing and applying their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation in class discussion and writing as well as developing an awareness of the contexts of the texts they are reading and the changing traditions of literature in English.

Progression routes: English Literature provides a foundation for further or higher education courses, or direct entry into employment. Its emphasis on fluent speech, fluid writing and clear thinking, make it particularly advantageous for entry into the media, journalism, advertising, public relations, publishing, broadcasting or law.



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Drama and Theatre studies is a vibrant and dynamic course which has enabled me to develop my performance and life skills. I believe drama is a highly important subject always allowing me to express myself as an individual and explore all aspects of performance.

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Ellie Harrison Drama and Theatre Studies



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Learning a language is not just about becoming a teacher as there are many other job opportunities and it develops your communication skills whilst making you more confident when speaking to others.

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Charlotte Furber - Languages student

Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Qualification: Level 3- Subsidiary Diploma/Diploma

Do you want to study a practical 'hands-on' business course that will equip you with the skills and attributes to follow your business dreams? Well our Level 3 BTEC course could be for you. The specification is designed for learners who wish to know how to start up a business or social enterprise. Therefore, the mandatory units of the qualification reflect the essential aspects of starting and running a business. Optional units provide choice for specialisms in areas that will augment learners' understanding of enterprise.

Progression routes: At the end of the course you may wish to run and expand your micro-business, or go onto further study at University or you may wish to move into employment or a Higher Apprenticeship – all of these are possible and within your reach within a maximum of two years. Careers include; management, marketing, finance, accounting, banking, retailing, manufacturing and local government.

French

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

This course will enable you to communicate confidently in French and provide a firm foundation for further study and / or practical use of the language. The course will encourage you to increase your interest and enthusiasm for language learning and develop your understanding of the language in a variety of contexts so that you are able to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in French for a range of purposes. You will also develop an awareness and understanding of French contemporary society and its cultural background and heritage.

Progression routes: Further study of languages at degree level, combining it with a new language or another subject. Languages are valuable in a variety of careers, including teaching, engineering, media, interpreting, marketing, travel and tourism etc. Previous students have gone on to use their language skills in speech therapy, education, research, aviation industry and translating.

Geography

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The Geography A level course is suited to students with an enquiring mind, it encompasses a broad range of skills developed through modules relating to plate tectonics, volcanism and earthquake activity, coastal processes and landforms and changing urban environments. Global governance of people and the oceans is a central theme studied at A2 along side water and carbon cycles, weather and climate and development in Sub-Saharan Africa. Students are expected to research, analyse, present and interpret data as well as plan fieldwork and data collection methods.

Progression routes: Degree courses in geography, conservation and environmental management, economics and geochemistry. Geographers are among the most employable due to the wideranging ICT, research, communication and analytical skills that they possess. Career opportunities include climatologist, environmental manager, urban planner, GIS specialist, cartographer, emergency management, teaching, demographer.



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I thoroughly enjoy the geography course through both classroom learning and the many fieldwork trips we take to further our understanding. Learning about current global issues such as ocean pollution has both shocked and inspired me.

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Amber Lund - Geography

COURSE

Health & Social Care

Qualification type: Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The diploma broadens and expands the specialist work-related focus of the BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma. There is potential for the qualification to prepare learners for employment in the appropriate vocational sector and it is suitable for those who have decided that they wish to enter a particular area of work. It is broadly equivalent to two GCE A Levels. The areas of study include 'Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care', 'Personal and Professional Development in Health and Social Care', this involves work experience where a DBS may be required and 'Sociological and Psychological Perspectives for Health and Social Care'.

Progression routes: Further study at university or college including health and social care/management, nursing, paramedic practice and many more. Careers including nursing, midwifery, social work, counsellors, childcare and working with the elderly.

History

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The History course focuses on two main historical periods, determined by individual centres from a list published by the examination board. Some of the units are based on source evaluation skills and others on application of knowledge through explanations and evaluative essays. The type of person who will succeed on this course will need to have good literacy skills, an inquisitive nature, an ability to critically analyse evidence and be able to write at length. Above all a passion for the subject and a high level of interest in history is crucial!

Progression routes: Study at degree level in History, Archaeology, Law, Politics, English or Museum Studies. History is also desirable in other subject areas because of the transferable skills it fosters such as research, analysis and extended essay writing. Possible careers include teaching, journalism, the civil service, police and the law amongst others.

Hospitality

BTEC Level 3 subsidiary diploma equivalent to 1 A-level

This course is for students who have a passion for food, cooking, hospitality and catering. You will experience a range of activities centred on preparing, cooking, presenting and serving food. Units will focus on contemporary World food, Asian food and European food as well as presenting and serving food and drinks to guests, customer service and understanding the industry.

You will develop your knowledge, skills and understanding through practical tasks. No prior knowledge or skill of hospitality and catering is required. You will build up your cooking skills so they are a lifelong transferable skill that you will be able to use both for your employment and for leisure.

Progression routes: Further and higher education courses. Employment within one of the biggest worldwide employers as a chef, hotel/ restaurant manager, business owner, contract caterer, event manager, lecturer. There are hundreds of opportunities and careers available within this sector.

COURSE



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I have found ICT to be incredibly useful both on its own and to compliment other studies as it gives you key skills for the future. It has an interesting specification and a good split between theory and course work, making it a good subject for everybody.

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Victoria Birchenough - ICT

COURSE

Mathematics

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A. This course enables you to build and expand your problem solving skills, develop your analytical thinking and your ability to spot patterns and create logical arguments to solve problems. The course is designed for students who have enjoyed mathematics and have coped with the demands of higher tier GCSE. It will help you write structured solutions to complex problems; develop an understanding of algebra, trigonometry, differentiation and integration to name just four topics and use fundamental theories to solve applied problems in mechanics and statistics.

Progression routes: An A Level in Maths opens up many progression routes into both higher education and employment. The study of a degree course such as Mathematics, Engineering, Medicine, Accountancy and Architecture would benefit from an understanding of A Level Maths.

Law

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

This course will appeal if you have an interest in justice, ethics and topical legal issues or controversial moral debates. The Law course offers a unique opportunity to identify legal problems and consider the consequences as judges often have to make decisions where there is a conflict between law and justice and law and morality. Some of the topics covered include the criminal process, trial procedures, courts and appeals, civil disputes, compensation, European law, human rights law.

Progression routes: FE/HE progress is a Law degree or a combination degree, for instance Law and Languages, Law and Accountancy, Law and Media. Career opportunities include solicitors, politics and government administration, the police and other services, immigration, publishing, journalism.

Information and Communication Technology

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Information and Communication Technology gives students the opportunity to study a subject which suits any combination of other courses. You will gain experience and knowledge in the practical uses of information technology, particularly databases, spreadsheets, presentation software, animation and movie making software. You will also study the more theoretical uses of how businesses utilise information technology and how it affects society today.

Progression routes: ICT will help you in any chosen career but will also be an essential part of technology based courses. The list of professions is endless but will include architect, games designer, software engineer, systems analyst, webmaster, network manager.



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Picking biology is one of the best decisions I have made. The teachers are brilliant and the lessons are always interesting.

Hollie Porter
Biology

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Spanish

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

This course will enable you to communicate confidently in Spanish and provide a firm foundation for further study and / or practical use of the language. The course will encourage you to increase your interest and enthusiasm for language learning and develop your understanding of the language in a variety of contexts so that you are able to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in Spanish for a range of purposes. You will also develop an awareness and understanding of Spanish contemporary society and its cultural background and heritage.

Progression routes: Further study of languages at degree level, combining it with a new language or another subject. Languages are valuable in a variety of careers, including teaching, business, media, interpreting, marketing, travel and tourism etc. Previous students have gone on to use their language skills in speech therapy, education, research, aviation industry and translating.

Music

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The A Level Music course extends students' musical skills, knowledge and understanding and encourages participation in music making so that students will develop their skills in performance and composition. The course encourages the development of imagination, fosters creativity and by broadening experiences, promotes pupils' personal and social development. Students following this course will be able to perform at Grade 4/5 standard or equivalent, and many will have already gained knowledge, understanding and a range of musical skills through a study of music at GCSE and therefore will find this course an easy progression.

Progression routes: Further study of Music through a range of higher education courses or for direct entry into employment. Careers linked to music include composer, choreographer, conductor, cruise-ship entertainer, film music editor, music therapist, peripatetic music teacher, teacher and sound engineer.

Product Design

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Shape the future – a course in product design offers a unique opportunity for you to identify and solve real problems by designing and making products with creativity and originality. By combining design principles with technological practical skills, you will design products which work, that people can get their hands on, play with, admire, tell people about and ultimately want as their own. The course will show you how to understand product design and innovation; use complex engineering skills, computer aided design and computer aided manufacture and create your own product from an original concept to a completed, functional item.

Progression routes: The Product Design course complements a range of other courses such as art, physics or computing and can progress to a range of further and higher education studies and for future career paths. These include construction, architecture, industrial, environmental and interior design, product design and graphic design, art and design and fashion design.

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Performing Arts: Dance

Qualification type: Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The main purpose of this qualification is to allow learners to develop the core specialist knowledge, understanding and skills required by the sector, such as interpreting performance material and performing skills in a practical, vocational environment. The qualification consists of the following units; dance performance, performing to an audience, jazz dance, developing contemporary dance, dance appreciation and the choice of urban dance, ballet dance or tap dance. Learners will all be assessed in the practical environment regularly with written assignments to support. Practical assessments will involve school productions, workshops and theatre visits throughout the year to experience the demands in the true sense of dance training and a dance career.

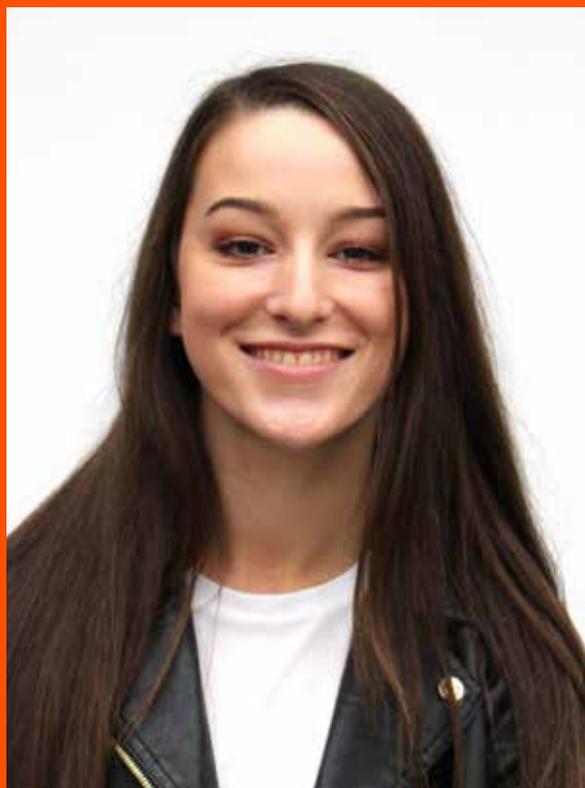
Progression routes: The Performing Arts are a major part of the creative and cultural industries in the UK and dance is an ever increasing area of interest with career routes. The UK's creative industries have been identified as a strategic growth sector by the government. Students will progress onto performing arts and dance colleges as well as universities to follow and enhance their career pathways in the future in jobs such as dance companies, the entertainment business, cruise liners, holiday companies as well as teaching in schools and in their own dance schools locally and nationally.

Physics

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The Physics course will help you to develop thinking and practical skills, and apply those in a variety of contexts. Your studies will take you from the very small (such as subatomic particles) to the very large (stars and the wider universe). The physics course develops students' understanding of the physical laws of our Universe and each student will gain better and more extensive problem solving skills as they work through theoretical problems. The course will challenge every student, but should inspire their interest as they cover some of the most fascinating concepts in science.

Progression routes: Physics is particularly suitable for those who wish to follow careers in pure or applied science, astrophysics, medical or nuclear physics, engineering, medicine etc.



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I'm a dance and drama student and I moved to PHS to do BTEC Dance as very few schools offer it. I think this course is fundamental for all aspiring performers. The Performing Arts department is so welcoming and friendly and this is mainly down to the amazing and enthusiastic teachers we have.

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Beth Roberts - BTEC Dance

COURSE

Psychology**Qualification type:** Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Humans are one of the most complex and fascinating animals in the world. The study of psychology enables us to gain a better understanding of our own behaviour, as well as that of other people. You will develop an understanding of different areas of psychology such as cognition, development, social and individual differences. You will also learn how topical issues such as eyewitness testimony, stress, memory and obedience can be better understood and managed by looking at them from different psychological perspectives.

Progression routes: Progression onto further or higher education. Psychology also has a wide range of applications in teaching, personnel work, business, counselling, sports management, marketing, the media and industry.

Public Services**Qualification type:** Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

This course aims to provide you with the skills you require to pursue a career in the Public Services, whether this is joining a uniformed armed force such as the Navy or Army, a rescue service such as the Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Police or a non-uniformed service such as the Probation Service. The course is also suitable for students looking at careers in outdoor education and the world of sport.

Progression routes: Progression to Further or Higher Education study in Public Services, Law and Criminology, Outdoor Education or direct employment in these careers.

Religious Studies**Qualification type:** Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Religious Studies combines well with all other subject areas, developing knowledge of moral, ethical and cultural issues so important in today's multicultural society. The course explores the meaning of religion in the modern world, with a particular focus on the study of ethical debates, philosophy and the study of the Hindu faith. Religious Studies encourages students to think about the world we live in. The promotion of community cohesion is at the heart of the subject. We focus on learning from rather than simply learning about religion.

Progression routes: Religious Studies develops excellent transferable skills leading to a wide range of degree courses and career opportunities, particularly those that involve working with people. Former students have gone on to study in a wide range of fields, including medicine, journalism, events management, youth work, teaching, archaeology and social work.

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Science (Applied)

Qualification type: Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The course will enable you to develop the practical techniques necessary to pursue a career in the science industry. You will study the fundamentals of science, regulations and application used in the work of the science industry and you will complete scientific investigations. Topics studied also include Microbiology, Medical Physics and the Physiology of Human Body Systems.

The BTEC qualifications in this specification have been developed in the science sector to give learners the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

Progression routes: Previous students have gone on to study nursing, teaching and science based courses at university. This qualification is becoming widely acknowledged by universities and is an ideal choice for students who wish to progress to a range of vocational science careers:- Quality control technician/analyst, carrying out analytical tests using modern instrumentation, working in a hospital as a medical technician, working in a research laboratory in the development of new drugs, working in the chemical industry, involved with testing materials, and working with the forensic science service based subject.

Sport

Qualification type: Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The sport and active leisure sector in the UK continues to grow as more people recognise the importance of a healthy lifestyle. This course provides an introduction to that sector and will enable you to build a career in sport within one of its occupational areas.

Topics covered during the course include the principles of anatomy and physiology in sport, the physiology of exercise, assessing risk in sport, fitness testing for sport and exercise etc.

Progression routes: Teaching and instructing, sports development, exercise and fitness and many other careers within the sports and leisure industries.

Welsh Second Language

Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

This course will enable you to continue to develop your skills in the Welsh language which will give you added confidence to use the language in all kinds of situations, be they formal or informal. Studying Welsh at this level will enable you to become a fluent Welsh speaker. Bilingual communication skills are increasingly sought after by employers and the course will enable you to develop these skills to a high standard. Oral and written communication skills will be developed by the study of grammar, Welsh poetry and literature, film and other modern media, which are central to the course. Completion of this course will also allow you to apply for Welsh medium university courses in Wales, some of which have monetary incentives to lessen the burden of student debt.

Progression routes: Careers in the following: Welsh Assembly Government, Media, NHS, Police Force, Law firms in Wales, Fire Service and the Public Sector.

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Sociology

Qualification type: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Sociology is the study of people and society. Sociologists look for explanations of how and why societies are structured in certain ways and how individuals and groups who make up a society interpret and respond to these structures. You will consider how society helps to shape the way you view yourself and others and examine the causes and explanations of social problems like poverty, discrimination, crime and prejudice. Topics studied include families and households, the mass media, crime and deviance, social inequality.

Progression routes: Further study at degree level in Sociology, Criminology, Law, Education, Media Studies, Politics and Philosophy. This course also prepares you for a variety of careers including journalism, policing, nursing, education and local government.

Travel & Tourism

Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

The diploma broadens and expands the specialist work-related focus of the BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma. There is potential for the qualification to prepare learners for employment in the appropriate vocational sector and it is suitable for those who have decided that they wish to enter a particular area of work. It is broadly equivalent to two GCE A Levels. The areas of study include 'Marketing Travel and Tourism Products and Services', 'Responsible Tourism' and 'Working as a Holiday Representative'.

Progression routes: Progression routes include university or college to study Travel and Tourism Management, Event Management and Customer Service. Careers in retail travel, visitor attractions, transport and tour operators.

Advanced WBQ Skills Challenge

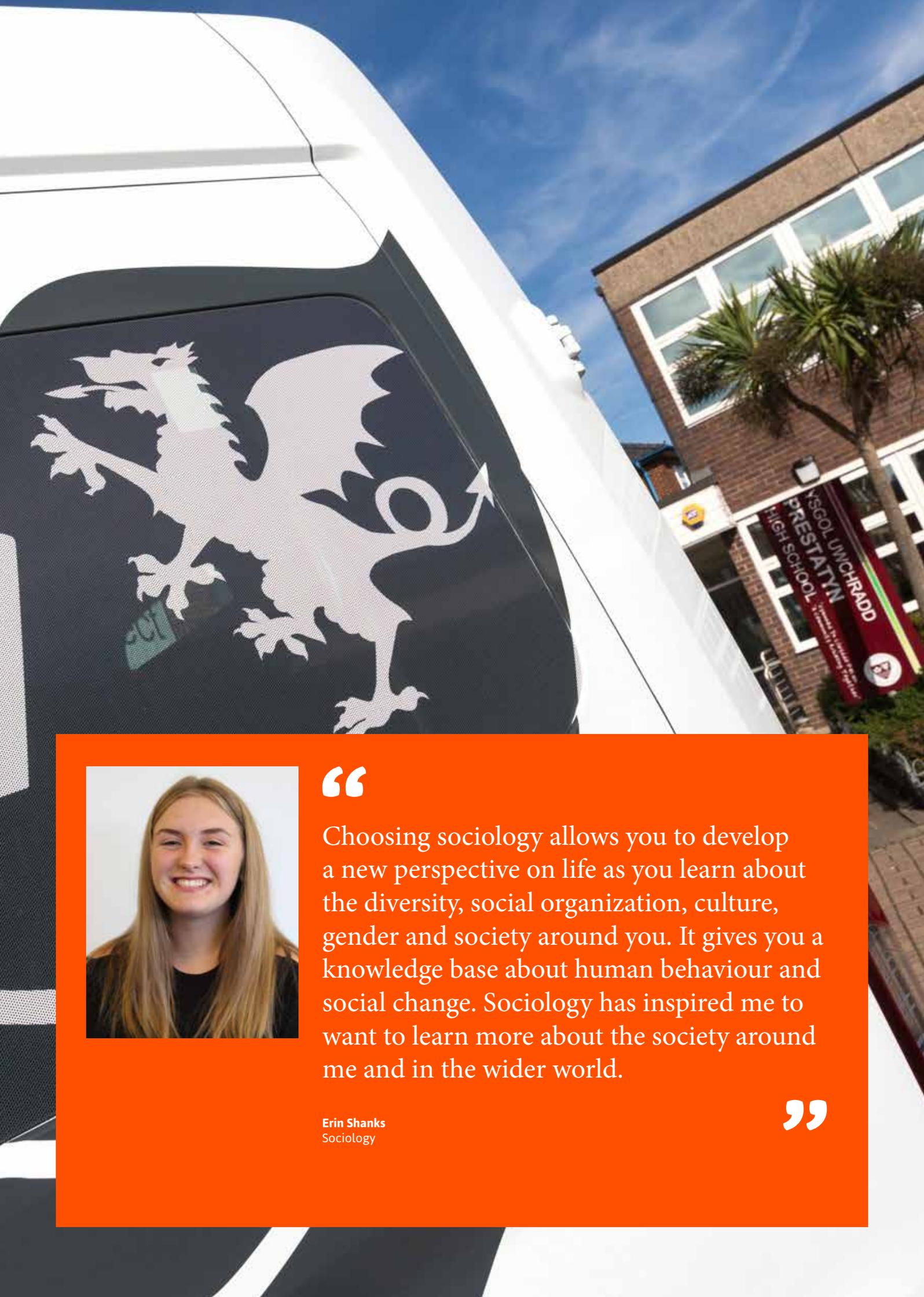
Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The Welsh Bacalaureate is an exciting qualification for students in Wales that adds a valuable new dimension to the subjects and courses already available for 14 to 19 year old students.

The course aims to:

- Enable candidates of all abilities to progress to further or higher education, training or employment
- Promote attitudes that will prepare candidates for lifelong learning
- Ensure that all candidates develop the skills that will equip them for progression in education, training and employment

Please see page 11 for more details.



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Choosing sociology allows you to develop a new perspective on life as you learn about the diversity, social organization, culture, gender and society around you. It gives you a knowledge base about human behaviour and social change. Sociology has inspired me to want to learn more about the society around me and in the wider world.

Erin Shanks
Sociology

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Meet the Head Team

Having attended the school for seven amazing years, we can honestly say that the decision to come to the Prestatyn Sixth Form was and will always be one of the best decisions of our lives.

We can truly say with confidence that we have been equipped with the skills and experiences that we will need in the next stage of our education and the rest of our lives. We arrived as nervous, young children and have developed into confident and articulate young adults ready to take on the exciting challenges of university/work life in September.

As the Head Team, we are proud to have served as ambassadors of a school that we value so dearly; from hosting the annual Open House Evening to the Christmas Concert and Sixth Form Open Evening, we have grown in confidence and are now ready for the challenges ahead.

We, with the support of a fantastic team of Sixth Form students, have also played an important role in the academic lives of the younger students. Helping to make their transition from primary to secondary school as smooth and pleasant as possible and supporting them with any issues.

We also act as a point of contact between students and staff, something we consider to be a key factor in promoting success and wellbeing of all of our students.

We are immensely proud to be associated with a school which has an outstanding reputation and has had such a positive effect on the local community.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us at our email address: headteam18@prestatynhigh.co.uk. We will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

If you have high aspirations and want the best, then choose the Prestatyn Sixth Form and join our team.

Thank you for considering our Sixth Form and we hope to see you soon.



Samuel Bastow



Tomos Davies



Lydia Hughes



Ellie Macdonald



Victoria Slugocki



Niamh McCormack



Katie Sheridan

Further Information

Changes & Cancellations

The details in this booklet are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change due to the viability of group size and other unforeseen circumstances. Prestatyn High School reserves the right to cancel such courses where this is unavoidable.

Equal Opportunities

Prestatyn High School is committed to providing equal opportunities to all its students. We challenge discrimination in all its forms and monitor the effectiveness of our Equality and Diversity policies.

Additional Learning Needs

Prestatyn High School provides specialist advice and support to enable students with learning difficulties and / or disabilities to access our facilities and services and will make the transition from school to post 16 education as smooth as possible.

Child Protection

Prestatyn High School recognises its responsibilities for child protection and as such has a named senior member of staff responsible for child protection issues on each site. We aim to establish an environment for all students where they can feel safe and secure.

Resources Fee

An annual fee of £30 is required from each student to offset the cost of printing and other consumable materials used during the year.

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