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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 our 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 all suffered some very difficult and uncertain years and we as a school are committed to the continuity of learning for all pupils and students in our school. We are fully focused on keeping all members of the school community COVID-19 safe whilst also delivering a first-class education. We prepare our sixth formers for whatever the future may hold, whether it is examinations or teacher assessed grades, we ensure they have the very best chance of success.

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 improve year on year. This is a testament to the hard work, skills and determination of the staff and students alike. Indeed, our results each year in the past place us in the top 25% of schools in the whole of the UK for provider quality. My focus is to continue to make Prestatyn and it's 6th Form 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, Sociology 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 three hugely experienced Post 16 Leaders, Miss Reed and Mrs Parry, supported by Mrs Jacobsen and an outstanding pastoral team. In addition, our form tutors have vast experience in helping students with their UCAS, employment and apprenticeship opportunities. 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 and the next steps of your career.

It is our proud boast that everyone who works hard to go to university, can be found a place. Only two students last year who applied to go to University did not get their first choice, this is a truly outstanding achievement from all involved in the process. 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. Every year, students in Year 13 apply 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. These experiences and activities will be up and running as soon as COVID-19 regulations allow.

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 2022 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 the Welsh and your programmes of study may also include GCSE Maths & English and The Welsh Baccalaureate, will be a compulsory course.

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.

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

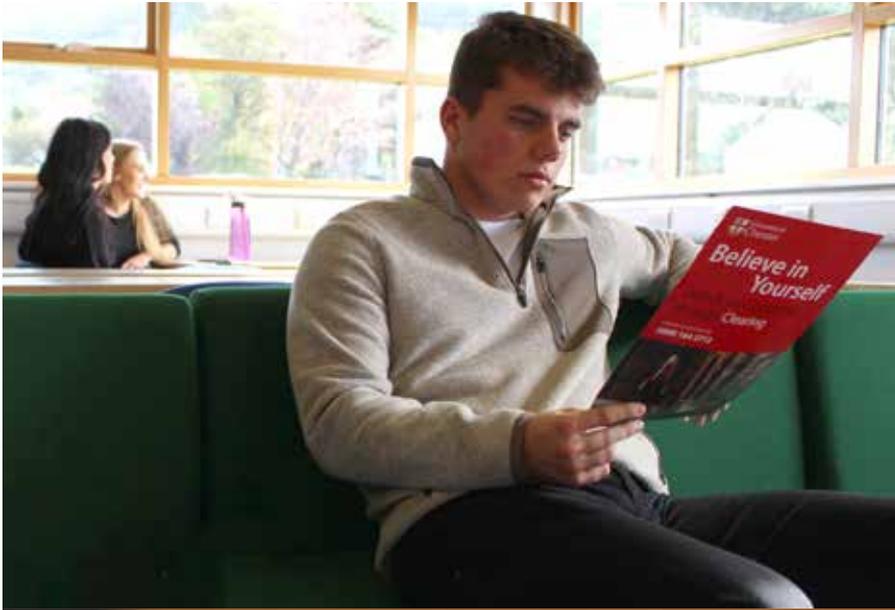
We have a wide choice of general and vocational subjects available so you can choose the combination that suits your personal situation.

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.



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.

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 a 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



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PHS enabled me to access a family-type network, which contributed to the exciting and supportive environment surrounding my education; Something I was not familiar with at college.

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Amina Mohammad - Year 13 Student

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

We encourage students to carry out 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 advisor in school. Normally you will make arrangements for meetings and advice sessions through your Personal Tutor, and sixth form team. It is important to log all your meetings in your personal records on Careers Wales Online or Unifrog.





Bagloriaeth Cymru Welsh Baccalaureate

The revised and more rigorous Welsh Baccalaureate is based on a Skills Challenge Certificate, which will be graded, with 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. This will be compulsory for all students from September 2020.

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. The school / will. 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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Animal management is an amazing qualification for those passionate about animals and want to work in the industry.

Bobbilee Humphreys - Animal Management

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COURSE

Animal Management

Qualification: BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

This qualification offers an engaging programme to support learners who want to pursue a career in an animal-related industry. It prepares learners for an apprenticeship in animal management, and when taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications, it supports access to a range of higher education courses in the animal management sector.

Units covered are Animal Welfare and Ethics, Practical Animal Husbandry, Animal Behaviour, Animal Health and Diseases and Work Experience in the Animal Sector.

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

Art & Design

Qualification: 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.

Medical Science

Qualification: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

Medical Science is the science of dealing with the maintenance of health and the prevention and treatment of diseases. The Level 3 Applied Diploma in Medical Science is for learners who are interested in careers related to healthcare and medical research. Medical scientists are at the forefront of healthcare services, as they are vital in the diagnosis of disease, determining the effectiveness of treatments and searching for new cures.

The qualification covers the key topic areas of health, physiology and disease, as well as providing the opportunity to study the areas of pharmacology, physiological measurement, clinical testing and medical research.

Progression routes: Previous students have gone on to study nursing, biomedical sciences, teaching and forensic science. Other possibilities are physiotherapy, radiology, and medical physics

COURSE

Biology

Qualification: 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 Biology such as Medicine, Veterinary Science, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing or Degree course. Careers in medicine, dentistry, medical research, nursing, midwifery, environmental sciences, physiology, teaching etc.

Business Studies

Qualification: 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.

COURSE

Chemistry

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

In Chemistry, we will study new materials that will change the way we live in the future. You will look at green chemistry and the ways chemists are playing a pivotal role in overcoming the significant environmental problems we are facing. You will look at the part chemistry plays in providing substances which you use or buy every day. A-level will appeal to 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 to everyday life. Your practical skills will develop, as we carry out more complex practical work. 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: 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: Computer Science is now highly regarded as the fourth science and is a well-respected and sought-after qualification. It allows progression onto higher education courses and employment in professions such as games development, cyber security consultancy and systems analysis.

Criminology

Qualification: WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate

An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the criminal justice sector, social and probation work and sociology and psychology. WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology is a qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in humanities. This is an Applied General qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It has been designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year-old learners and adult learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. The qualification would support learners' progression from any study at Level 2, particularly GCSEs in Sociology, Law, Psychology, Citizenship, History and Humanities.

Progression routes: Policing, Public Sector, Law, Sociology, Psychology, Criminology, Forensics and Media.

Digital Technology

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The WJEC GCE AS and A level qualification in Digital Technology advances learners' understanding of the digital technologies that are used by individuals and organisations across the world, including how they have developed and how they continue to change. The qualification will allow learners to develop their understanding of the range of digital technology systems at use in our connected and globalised society. It will also allow learners to explore the ever-evolving nature of digital technology systems and how these systems can be used productively, creatively and safely.

Progression routes: Digital Technology supports learners' progression into employment in a career that utilises digital technologies or onto a programme of higher education involving digital technologies. software engineer, systems analyst, webmaster, network manager.



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Biology is a gateway science that is enjoyed by both science lovers and novices. No matter your skill set, you will enjoy this course.

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Jason Humphreys - Biology

Drama & Theatre Studies

Qualification: 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.

Dance

Qualification: BTEC L3 National Extended Cert

This course provides you with the opportunity to develop all the skills needed to become a well-rounded, versatile dancer. By training in a variety of dance genres from Ballet and Jazz, to Street Dance and Contemporary, dancers are given the tools to develop the artistry and technique that will lead them to the next step of becoming a professional dancer. Students explore the wide variety of employment opportunities available as a dancer in the performing arts industry and develop skills through both theory and practical work that will leave them well equipped to pursue their chosen career.

Progression routes: Professional Dance/Drama and Musical Theatre courses in Drama Schools and Universities such as LMA, LIPA, The Urdang Academy and Bird College in Liverpool and London. Careers would include working in theatre and live performance, joining touring dance companies, backing dancers, dance teachers, musical theatre and acting.

Economics

Qualification: 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: 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 an enjoyment of literature and literary studies through reading widely and independently, as well as responding to a range of texts. The course also focuses on developing and applying students' knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation in class discussion and writing, as well as developing an awareness of the contexts of texts. It also focuses on the changing traditions of literature in English.

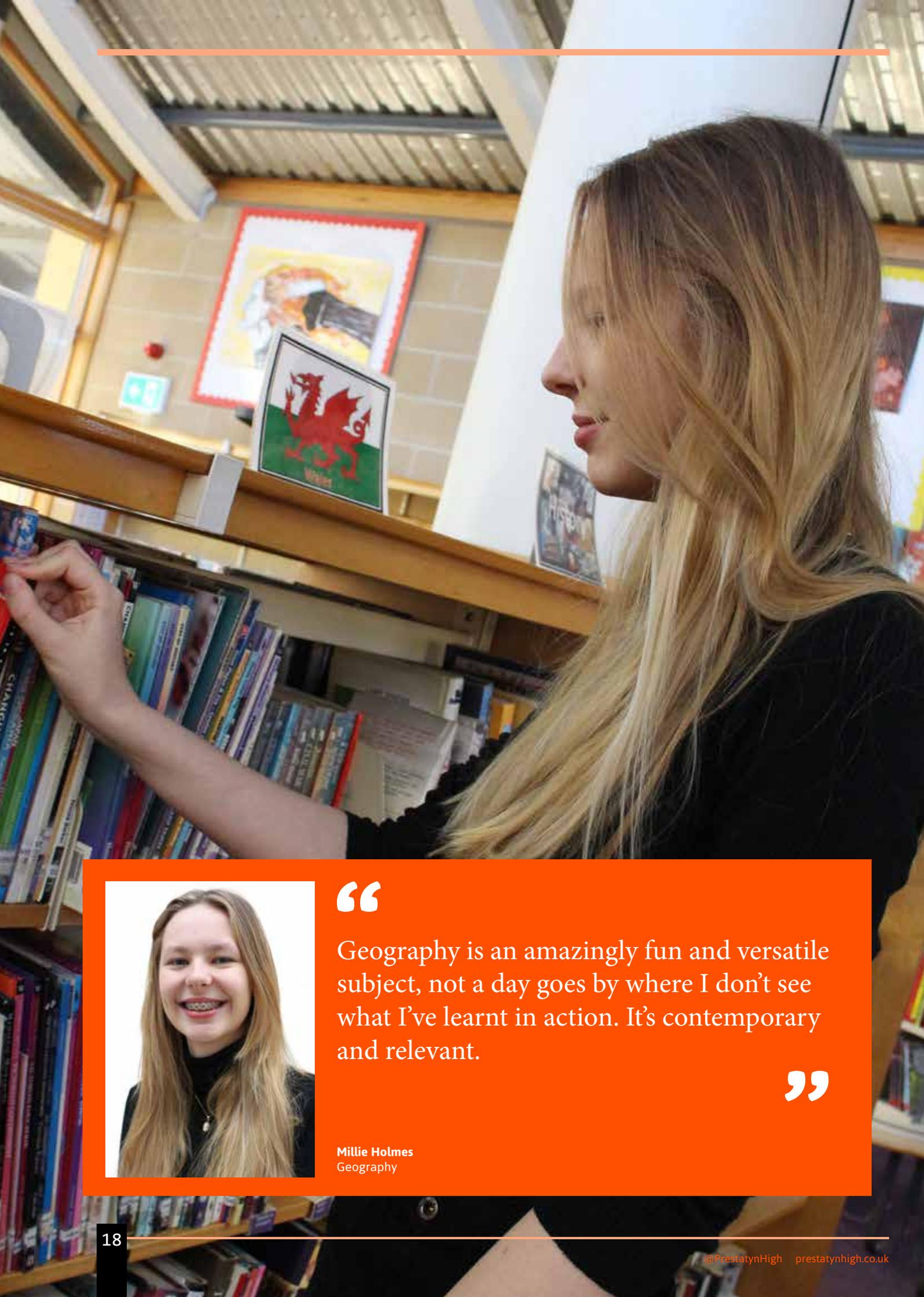
Progression routes: English Literature provides a foundation for further or higher education courses, or direct entry into employment. Its emphasis on fluent speech, fluid writing and clear thinking make it particularly advantageous for entry into the media, journalism, advertising, public relations,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

French

Qualification: 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.



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Geography is an amazingly fun and versatile subject, not a day goes by where I don't see what I've learnt in action. It's contemporary and relevant.

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Millie Holmes
Geography

COURSE

Geography

Qualification: 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.

Government and Politics

Qualification: Level 3 GCE A/S and GCE A

This new course encourages learners to develop confidence in, and a positive attitude towards, politics and to recognise its importance in their own lives and to society. The two year course will broaden knowledge and understanding of contemporary political structures and issues within Wales and United Kingdom. It will also look at knowledge and understanding of broader global political structures and issues.

In Year 13 students will develop their knowledge and understanding of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups. During your studies you will develop the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgments.

Progression routes: Politics, Philosophy, Economics at University
Careers would include politics, journalism, law and teaching.

Health and Social Care, and Childcare

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Health & Social Care-Qualification type: Advanced GCE and Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare -Level 3-WJEC The qualification will cover the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills required by the Health and Social Care sectors, providing a broad basis for higher education. The qualification will be built on a firm foundation of knowledge and understanding of practitioner roles and values, within contemporary sector-specific settings.

Progression routes: Health and Social Care opens many doors at both degree level and career opportunities. Careers that may be of interest for those undertaking Health and Social care qualifications are: Nursing, Midwifery, Psychologist, Physiotherapist, Mental Health Nurse, Paediatric nursing, Social Worker, Youth Worker, Speech and Language Therapist, Health Care Assistant, Care worker, Support Worker and Occupational Therapist.

COURSE

History

Qualification: 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

Qualification: 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.

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Law

Qualification: 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.

Mathematics

Qualification: 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.

Medical Science

Qualification: WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma

Medical Science is the science of dealing with the maintenance of health and the prevention and treatment of diseases. The Level 3 Applied Diploma in Medical Science is for learners who are interested in careers related to healthcare and medical research. Medical scientists are at the forefront of healthcare services, as they are vital in the diagnosis of disease, determining the effectiveness of treatments and searching for new cures.

The qualification covers the key topic areas of health, physiology and disease, as well as providing the opportunity to study the areas of pharmacology, physiological measurement, clinical testing and medical research.

Progression routes: Previous students have gone on to study nursing, biomedical sciences, teaching and forensic science. Other possibilities are physiotherapy, radiology, and medical physics



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Learning French is great to develop critical thinking and cultural knowledge. It's an amazing language to learn, both melodious and beautiful.

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Olivia Jones - Languages

COURSE

Music

Qualification: 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.

Physics

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The physics course will help you 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. Each student will gain better and more extensive problem solving skills as they work through theoretical problems and as they perform a variety of experiments. The course will challenge every student, and at the same time inspire their interest in learning as we 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, maths, engineering, medicine etc.

Philosophy and Ethics

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

Philosophy and Ethics 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. Philosophy and Ethics 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: Philosophy and Ethics 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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So many questions and so few answers. Will the universe ever stop expanding? Are we alone? To answer these questions we have to go to physics to get a better understanding of how the world works.

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COURSE

Product Design

Qualification: 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.

Psychology

Qualification: 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

Uniformed Protective Services Sector

Qualification: BTEC National
Extended Certificate

This course aims to provide you with the skills you require to pursue a career in the Uniformed 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. The topics that will be covered include Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Protective Services, Police Powers and the Law, Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services and Professional Development in the Uniformed Protective Services.

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

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Sociology

Qualification: 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 youth subcultures, 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.

Spanish

Qualification: 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.

Sport

Qualification: BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport

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, fitness training and programming, professional development in the sports industry, fitness testing etc.

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



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Government and politics is an interesting way to enhance my knowledge of global conflicts and different views.

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Evie White - Government & Politics

Welsh Baccalaureate - Advanced WBQ Skills Challenge

Qualification: Level 3 GCE AS & GCE A

The Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate (SCC) has been designed to enable learners to acquire and apply a range of complex Essential and Employability skills in different settings and context. It will provide experiences which support other subjects and will enable learners to be better prepared for their future destination, whether university, further training or employment.

The 7 skills involve complexity; they are multi-faceted including many different but connected parts. These skills are assessed across the 4 components: Enterprise and Employability Challenge, Global Citizenship Challenge, Community Challenge and the Individual Project. Learners must pass all components and the marks are totalled to provide a grade A*, A, B, C, D, E, U equivalent to an A level. This is the grade that will be included in UCAS offers.

Please see page 11 for more details.

Meet the Head Team

A great part of being a member of Prestatyn Sixth is the independence it offers.

It is a great transitional period from being a student to taking the next steps towards your chosen career paths. Prestatyn Sixth prepares students for university, employment and apprenticeship through a range of events delivered by outside agencies, as well as through the sixth form tutorial programme and on site Careers Wales advisors. Prestatyn Sixth offers a wide range of subjects to choose from which include A levels and Btecs. These subjects allow us to explore and develop our interests as well as giving us the opportunity to access a wide range of career pathways. The subjects are delivered by great teachers who are engaging and encouraging to students of all abilities.

The staff and students at Prestatyn Sixth are supportive. It is a positive atmosphere where we are able to develop our learning, independence and communication skills across a range of experiences. As and both as part of the studies and as extracurricular activities including the Debate Team which meets regularly as well as having the opportunity to be a Subject Ambassador. The Sixth Form Centre is dedicated to sixth form students. The facilities are outstanding for study as we have a coffee/hot chocolate machine and access to three computer rooms, printing resources as well as use the common room during our study times and breaks.

The Sixth Form pastoral team are supportive and work with all students to ensure they can access their studies and achieve their best. The past year has been a challenge for all students and there is no doubt that the staff at Prestatyn High have remained committed to supporting students throughout lockdown, blended learning and CDG's.

Our Sixth Form has a friendly and welcoming environment that allows all to achieve their educational potential. Staff offer great support with all university, apprenticeship, and job applications. Prestatyn Sixth Form is not just about education, it has a great sense of community and hopefully great memories that will last for a lifetime.



Millie Holmes



Thomas Hicks



Evie White

Further Information

Dress Code

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code policy and wear clothes which would be suitable in a professional working environment.

1. Black, white or grey plain t-shirts, jumpers, shirts or cardigans may be worn but should not display any large logos or slogans.
2. Black trousers or skirts are to be worn; jeans, jeggings and walking trousers are not permitted.
3. Black shoes or trainer type shoes are acceptable but must be all black.
4. Lanyards + fobs to be worn at all times on site.

Extremes of fashion are not permitted. This includes unnatural hair colour and facial piercings

All students are reminded that they are in a working/learning environment alongside other adults and younger children. They should therefore realise that a degree of professionalism is expected from them at all times. The final judgement on acceptable appearance lies with the Head of Sixth Form and the Headteacher. Further details are available in the 'Learning Agreement'.



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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