

# Sixth-form Subject Information for Parents



# Post-16 Options

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# **Option Blocks 2022**

- When considering subject choices, pupils should think carefully about subjects you are good at, those that you enjoy, subjects that combine well together and subjects that will open up pathways for a future career
- Pupils should choose three subjects to study at post-16 level, with no more than one subject from any block
- Pupils who wish to do Health and Social Care Single Award should choose it from option Y; those pupils wanting to choose Health and Social Care Double Award must also choose it from block W
- Pupils who wish to do Life and Health Science Single Award should choose it from option X; those pupils wanting to choose Life and Health Science Double Award must also choose it from block Z
- Further guidance is available from our post-16 video or through Google Classroom

OPTION W	OPTION X	OPTION Y	OPTION Z
Health & Social Care DA	• Art	Health & Social Care SA	Business
• Sport	• History	• ICT	Travel &     Tourism SA
Maths	Life & Health     Science SA	Geography	Life & Health     Science DA
<ul> <li>English Literature</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Travel &amp; Tourism DA</li> </ul>		Media Studies

# Art & Design

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma: Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

This qualification provides an understanding of art, design and craft through engagement with the work of artists and designers. Students have the opportunity to gain practical and creative skills by working with a variety of 2D and 3D materials, processes and techniques.

#### Assessment summary:

The course is 100% centre-assessed, including practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, with an OCR visiting moderator providing centre feedback and support.

#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: OCR

- Unit 1 Art and Design in context
- Unit 60 Fine art drawing
- Unit 61 Fine art painting
- Unit 10 How artists and designers use 2D materials, techniques and processes
- Unit 12 Planning, researching and developing ideas for a specialist art or design brief
- Unit 13 Realising an outcome for a specialist art or design brief

#### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/DESIRABLE QUALITIES:

Pupils are required to achieve a minimum grade of a B at GCSE level or equivalent qualification with a portfolio or work as evidence and a grade C in GCSE English would be beneficial for this course. <u>Essential Personal Qualities</u>

Creativity, time-management skills, organisational skills, research skills, communication, ability to work independently and an interest in Art and Design.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Introductory Diploma in Art and Design can and has led to advancement onto a variety of degree courses at a range of universities and higher education institutions for our graduating students or into career pathways in the creative industries such as:

Animation Architecture Art therapy Book illustration Ceramics Fashion design Fine art Floral design Graphic design Industrial design Photography Teaching

Art can be preparation for any career that requires fine motor skills, an eye for aesthetics and creative thinking. Come create with us.

### **Business**

### BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

The Extended Certificate is a two-year course for students who are interested in learning about the many aspects of the business world.

#### Assessment Summary:

The Extended Certificate in Business consists of four units. Of these units:

- Two units are assessed by assignments (42%).
- Two units are externally assessed using an examination or supervised task (58%).



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: Pearson BTEC

**Exploring business:** In this unit, you will gain an overview of the key ingredients for business success, how businesses are organised, how they communicate, the characteristics of the environment in which they operate, and how this shapes them and their activities. You will also look at the importance of innovation and enterprise to the success and survival of businesses, with the associated risks and benefits.

**Developing a marketing campaign:** Marketing is a dynamic field central to the success of any business. You will gain an understanding of how a marketing campaign is developed. You will explore different stages of the process that a business goes through when developing its campaign and develop your own campaign for a given product/service.

**Personal and business finance:** This unit includes aspects of both personal and business finance. Personal finance involves the understanding of why money is important and how managing your money can help prevent future financial difficulties. The business finance aspects of the unit introduce you to accounting terminology, the purpose and importance of business accounts and the different sources of finance available to businesses. Planning tools, such as cash-flow forecasts and break-even, will be prepared and analysed. Measuring the financial performance of a business will require you to prepare and analyse statements of comprehensive income and statements of financial position.

**Recruitment and selection process:** You will learn that successful recruitment is key to maintaining the success of a business, as people are often considered to be the most valued resource. You will explore the various selection tools and the enhanced use of technology in this area. This unit gives you the opportunity, through role play, to take part in selection interviews. Through undertaking recruitment activities, the unit will help you to develop the skills needed in an interview situation. You will have an opportunity to review your individual performance and analyse your skills for development.

### **Business**

### BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/DESIRABLE QUALITIES

Previous study of a business-related course at GCSE or equivalent would be advantageous but not essential for entrance to this course of study.

Today's BTEC Nationals are demanding, as you would expect of the most respected applied learning qualifications in the UK. Successful completion of this course will require:

- · Commitment to work hard
- · Effective research skills
- · Excellent attendance
- · Good time-management skills

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Whether you decide to study further, go onto work or an apprenticeship, or set up your own business, your BTEC National will be your passport to success in the next stage of your life.

BTEC Business can open doors to careers in:

- Accounting
- Advertising and publicity
- Banking
- Event and retail management
- Financial services
- Human resource
- Insurance
- Sales and marketing
- Self-employment

...to name but a few.

# **English Literature**

### CCEA Level 3 GCE: 1 A Level

#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

English Literature encourages students to be independent, imaginative, critical and analytical readers. It aims to increase their enjoyment of reading across three key genres: prose, poetry and drama.

Assessment summary: AS level – two examinations; A2 – two examinations and one controlled assessment task (2500 words).



#### COURSE CONTENT:

**Examination Board: CCEA** 

AS 1: The Study of Poetry and Drama: 1900-Present: Section A – Poetry (Seamus Heaney & Robert Frost), Section B – Drama (Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire') 40% of AS grade AS 2: The Study of Prose Pre-1900: (Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein') 60% of AS grade.

A2 1: The Study of Poetry 1300-1800 and Drama: Section A – The Poetry of Emily Dickinson Section B - unseen poetry (20% closed-book examination) A2 2 The Study of Shakespeare's 'King Lear' (20% closed book)

A2 3: The Study of Prose (theme-based). Theme: The American Dream – 'The Great Gatsby' with a 21<sup>st</sup>-century novel of pupil's choice for controlled assessment (2500 words & 20% open-book exam)

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

A GCSE English Language grade C\* or higher is required to study this subject at A level. A grade C\* or above in GCSE English Literature would be an advantage but not essential.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

English Literature prepares students to go into careers that demand the analytical skills of such a rigorous academic subject.

These include: barrister, solicitor, marketing, sales and advertising, copy-writing, public relations, journalism, author/writer, animator, librarian, designer, public speaking, teaching, curator, TV producer, and there are many more.

# Geography

### CCEA Level 3 GCE: 1 A Level

This course will enable students to develop a wide range of *transferable and employment skills,* such as investigating, collecting and recording data with accuracy, analysing, interpreting and evaluating information and being able to contribute to important debates on the current global issues. AS and A2 Geography continue to build on the knowledge, understanding and skills that students have built up during their GCSE Geography.



#### What you will study:

UNIT	CONTENT
AS 1: Physical Geography	<ul> <li>Rivers: processes, landforms, channel management and flooding;</li> <li>Ecosystems: location, characteristics, how ecosystems function and plant succession; and</li> <li>Weather and Climate: processes which create our weather, weather systems in the British Isles and global weather issues</li> </ul>
AS 2: Human Geography	<ul> <li>Population: population data, fertility, mortality and population change, the balance between population and resources including fertility policies;</li> <li>Settlement: issues in the rural-urban fringe, planning in rural environments, urban challenges in LEDCs and MEDCs;</li> <li>Development: measuring development, development goals, aid, globalisation and emerging markets.</li> </ul>
AS 3: Fieldwork Skills and Techniques in Geography	Students will have the opportunity to become conversant with the skills and techniques required for the collection of primary data, (including planning and carrying out fieldwork to investigate a geographical question), and the analysis of secondary data. Students will also develop data processing skills through constructing and analysing maps and graphs and applying statistical techniques.
A2 1: Physical Processes, Landforms and Management	<ul> <li>Tropical Ecosystems: Nature and Sustainability – locations and climate characteristics, irrigation in arid/semi-arid tropical ecosystems, sustainable development in the tropical forest ecosystem;</li> <li>Dynamic Coastal Environments – coastal processes and features, regional coastlines, coastal management.</li> </ul>
A2 2: Processes and Issues in Human Geography	<ul> <li>Planning for Sustainable Settlements – sustainability in relation to urban areas, the role of urban design and planning, the impact of transport modes and traffic management;</li> <li>Tourism – the changing nature of tourism, mass tourism, ecotourism.</li> </ul>
A2 3: Decision-making in Geography	<ul> <li>Students will be provided with a variety of resources relating to an issue which has arisen and which requires a decision.</li> <li>Students will make and justify a decision based on the greater overall benefits.</li> </ul>

# Geography

### CCEA Level 3 GCE: 1 A Level

#### Assessment:

Unit	Assessment Description	Weighting
AS 1:	External written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS
		16% of A level
AS 2:	External written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes	40% of AS
		16% of A level
AS 3:	External written examination: 1 hour	20% of AS
		8% of A level
A2 1:	External written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes	24% of A level
A2 2:	External written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes	24% of A level
A2 3:	External written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes	12% of A level

# Everything has to do with geography.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Geography introduces and enhances key skills in further education and employment, and students of Geography are highly prized for their broad-based and relevant knowledge and skills, entering professions such as: Environmental Engineer, Urban Planner, Real Estate Developer, Demographer, Travel/Tourism Planning, Waste Management, Forestry Technician, Hydrologist, Ecologist, Geologist, Climatologist, Cartographer Ecotourism Planner, Remote-sensing Analyst, GIS/GPS Analyst, Field Surveyor, Conservationist, Outdoor Recreation Management, Computer Mapping and Software Developer

#### <u>Staff:</u> Mrs Feeney, Mrs McKee and Mrs Clague

# Health & Social Care (SA)

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: Equivalent to 1 A Level



#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course provides a basic knowledge and skills for those wishing to work in the vocational areas of care, social care and health.

Assessment summary: the course is split into four units, two of which are external written examinations in addition to two units of written assignments.

#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: Pearson BTEC

Unit 1: Human lifespan (external exam): learners cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 2: Working in health and social care (external exam): learners explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations. Unit 5: Meeting individual care and support needs (assignment): learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

Unit 12: Supporting individual needs (assignment): learners explore the role of health and social care services in providing care and support to individuals with additional needs.

#### ENTRANCE CRITERIA/DESIRABLE QUALITIES:

A qualification of Child Development or Health and Social Care at GCSE level would be beneficial but not essential. It is desirable for candidates to have a grade C in English.

For applicants wishing to pursue a career in nursing, they must have at least five GCSE grades of C or above. GCSE passes in English, Maths and Science are essential.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Nursing.
- Counsellor.
- Dietician.
- Health and safety adviser
- Occupational therapist

- Mental health worker
- Care worker
- Primary teaching
- Nursery assistant or teacher.

# Health & Social Care (DA)

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Equivalent to 2 A Levels



#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This course enables learners to develop a range of employability skills, such as interpersonal, communication and team-working skills and to develop their knowledge of the professional roles and responsibilities in the health and social care sector.

Assessment summary: the course comprises eight units, two of which are external written examinations, as well as one unit of external assessment and five units of written assignments.

#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: Pearson BTEC

Unit 1: Human lifespan (external exam): learners cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 2: Working in health and social care (external exam): learners explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations. Unit 5: Meeting individual care and support needs (assignment): learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

Unit 12: Supporting individual needs (assignment): learners explore the role of health and social care services in providing care and support to individuals with additional needs.

Unit 4: Enquires into current research in health and social care (externally assessed task): learners explore the methodologies of contemporary research and investigate the implications for health and social care practice and services.

Unit 7: Principles of safe practice in health and social care (assignment): learners explore the importance of safe working practices, safeguarding procedures and responding to emergency situations in health and social care settings.

Unit 8: Promoting public health (assignment): learners explore the aims of public health policy and the current approaches to promoting and protecting health and encouraging behaviour change in the population.

Unit 19: Nutritional health (assignment): learners explore concepts of nutritional health and influences on dietary intake and learn how to assess and improve health through nutrition plans for individuals.

# Health & Social Care (DA)

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Equivalent to 2 A Levels

#### ENTRANCE CRITERIA/DESIRABLE QUALITIES:

A qualification of Child Development or Health and Social Care at GCSE Level would be beneficial but not essential. It is desirable for candidates to have a grade C in English. For applicants wishing to pursue a career in nursing, they must have at least five GCSE grades at C or above. Passes in GCSE English, Maths and Science are essential.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Nursing
- Counsellor
- Dietician
- Health and safety adviser
- Occupational therapist
- Mental health worker
- Care worker
- Primary teaching
- Nursery assistant or teacher



## History

### CCEA Level 3: 1 A Level

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

The four topics covered are Germany 1919-1955, Russia 1914-1941, The American Presidency 1901-2000 and the Partition of Ireland 1900-1925

Assessment summary: each year, pupils will have to complete two external examinations. There is no coursework in this subject.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: CCEA

AS Unit 1: Option 5 Germany 1918-1945. 50% of AS, 20% of A level.

External examination: 1 hour 30 minutes – short response question and a two-part source question. This option examines the Weimar Republic (1919-1933) and Nazi Germany (1933-1945). This includes the political and economic challenges the Weimar Republic faced up to 1923; the emergence of Hitler and the Nazi Party during the Weimar era; the creation of a Nazi dictatorship and the impact of the war on Nazi Germany and the occupied territories in Eastern Europe 1939-45.

#### AS Unit 2: Option 5 Russia 1914-1941: 50% of AS, 20% of A level.

External examination: 1 hour 30 minutes – students answer two questions from a choice of three. The first part of this option focuses on the causes and consequences of the Russian Revolutions of 1917. It analyses the reasons why the Tsarist regime collapsed in February 1917 and the Bolsheviks' seizure and consolidation of power from October 1917. Students also evaluate the aims and consequences of Lenin's economic policies in the period 1917-1924. The option concludes with a study of Stalinist Russia.

A2 Unit 1 Option 2: Ireland Under the Union 1800-1900. 20% of A level.

External examination: 1 hour – students answer a synoptic essay question.

The first section of the course investigates Irish support for the Union from Ulster and Southern Unionists and their reasons for doing so. This is followed by an investigation of the development of constitutional, revolutionary and cultural nationalism in Ireland from 1800-1900.

A2 Unit 2 Option 4: Partition of Ireland 1900-1925. 40% of A level.

External examination: 2 hours 30 minutes – students answer three questions, two are source-based and one is an extended essay.

This option focuses on how Ireland was partitioned in the early years of the twentieth century. There is a broadly chronological approach, from the crisis over the Third Home Rule Bill for Ireland in the prewar years through events in Ireland between 1914 and 1918, the Anglo-Irish War of 1919–21, the Government of Ireland Act of 1920, which established the state of Northern Ireland, the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, which set up the Irish Free State and the subsequent Civil War.

### History

### CCEA Level 3: 1 A Level

#### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

It is desirable that pupils have a grade B in both examined units in GCSE History and/or English. A good level of written and communication skills will be necessary for the essay-based structure of the examinations.

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

History is a convenient stepping stone to any arts-based degree. Apart from careers that specifically use History, it is very relevant for anyone intending to study Law. Skills developed in A level History are transferable and very useful in a variety of careers that require the ability to collect, evaluate and analyse evidence.

### Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma Level 3 Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

We deliver the Emerging Digital Technology Practitioner pathway in this course. The pathway consists of five units. Two are exambased and three are portfolio-based.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: OCR

Unit 1: Fundamentals of IT – a sound understanding of IT technologies and practices is essential for IT professionals. Information learned in this unit will create a solid foundation in the fundamentals of hardware, networks, software, the ethical use of computers and how businesses use IT.

Unit 2: Global Information – the purpose of this unit is to demonstrate the uses of information in the public domain, globally, in the cloud and across the Internet, by individuals and organisations.

Unit 3: Virtual and augmented reality – you will learn about both technologies and how they are used. You will research both technologies and design both a virtual and an augmented-reality resource. Finally, you will use your research skills learned whilst designing and creating resources to suggest future applications of virtual and augmented reality.

Unit 4: Social media and digital marketing – this unit looks at digital marketing as a concept and then offers you the opportunity to explore the possible impacts, both positive and negative, that may be generated by the use of social media as a digital marketing tool.

Unit 5: Internet of everything – you will learn about the Internet of Everything (IOE) and how it is used. Using your knowledge, you will carry out a feasibility study for a potential idea. You will pitch your idea to potential stakeholders and use their feedback to revise their proposal.

#### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/DESIRABLE QUALITIES

Ideally, a pupil wanting to take this course should have a sound background knowledge in ICT and should have an ICT qualification at GCSE level at grade C or above, be self-motivated and able to deliver work on time and to a high standard.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

This qualification is designed to enable learners to enter employment at an operative or trainee level within a wide range of information and communication-technology environments. Such learners would normally enter employment through a work-related training programme. The OCR Cambridge Technicals in ICT have been designed to provide a broad educational basis for further education or for moving into employment within the ICT sector. Students will develop the general skills, knowledge and understanding needed in the sector.

# Life and Health Science (SA)

### CCEA GCE: 1 A Level

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This course builds on learning from KS4 and gives students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate an appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of how science works. On completion, students will have developed advanced study skills to help prepare them for higher education and the world of work.

Assessment summary: pupils will complete six units: three units in AS and 3 units in A2.

Each year, pupils will have to complete one portfolio and two external examinations.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

**Examination Board: CCEA** 

- AS 1: Experimental Techniques
- AS 2: Human Body Systems
- AS 3: Aspects of Physical Chemistry in Industrial Processes
- A2 1: Scientific Method
- A2 2: Organic Chemistry
- A2 3: Medical Physics

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Pupils must attain a B grade or higher in Single Award Science.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Biochemical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Food Technology
- Human Physiology
- Nursing & Healthcare
- Sports Science

- Materials Science
- Medical Physics
- Chemical Industries
- Medical and Laboratory-based Science
- Biomedical science

# Life and Health Science (DA)

### CCEA GCE: 2 A Levels

#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course builds on learning from KS4 and gives students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate an appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of how science works. On completion, students will have developed advanced study skills to help prepare them for higher education and the world of work.

Assessment summary: pupils will complete 12 units – 6 units in AS and 6 units in A2. Each year, pupils will have to complete three portfolios and three external examinations.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: CCEA

#### <u>AS Units</u>

AS 1: Experimental Techniques AS 2: Human Body Systems AS 3: Aspects of Physical Chemistry in Industrial Processes AS 4: Brain Science AS 5: Material Science AS 6: Medicine, Drugs and Clinical Trials

#### A2 Units

- A2 1: Scientific Method
- A2 2: Organic Chemistry
- A2 3: Medical Physics
- A2 5: Genetics, Stem-cell Research & Cloning
- A2 7: Dentistry and Oral Health
- A2 8: Histology and Pathology

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Pupils must attain a CC grade or higher in Double Award Science.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Biochemical sciences
- Chemistry
- Food technology
- Human physiology
- Nursing & healthcare
- Sports science

- Materials science
- Medical physics
- Chemical industries
- Medical and laboratory-based science
- Biomedical science.

### Maths

### CCEA Level 3 GCE: 1 A Level

#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

GCE Mathematics is 100% external examassessed and is split into two AS modules (40%) and two A2 modules (60%). Candidates will sit two modules in June of year 13 and two in June of year 14.

Assessment summary: Year 13: AS1: Pure Maths AS2: Applied Maths (Mechanics & Statistics)

Year 14: A21: Pure Maths A22: Applied Maths (Mechanics & Statistics)

#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: CCEA

AS/A2 Pure Maths covers content such as proofs, algebra and functions, co-ordinate geometry, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, vectors, calculus and numerical methods.

AS/A2 Applied Maths covers content such as sampling, presenting and interpreting data, probability, statistical distributions, kinematics, forces and Newton's Laws.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

GCSE Mathematics grade B and have sat M4 & M8

or

GCSE Mathematics grade C and GCSE Further Mathematics grade C

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

Most jobs and careers will need you to use maths in some way, and it's particularly useful in job families like accountancy, banking and finance, management, environmental sciences, construction, engineering and manufacturing, medical technology, and science and research.

# **Media Studies**

### OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### COURSE OVERVIEW:

Digital Media engages students in the in-depth study of media products in relation to real-world applications.

This course offers a more practical approach to Media Studies, with a focus on creating and working with media products.

#### ASSESSMENT SUMMARY:

Two exam papers: Media Products and Audiences and Pre-production and planning. Three internal assessments spread across two years: Creating a Media Product, Pitching a Media Product and Scripting for Media Products.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: OCR

Across the two years, students will engage with a range of media products through research, analysis and practical tasks. Students will use contemporary sources and engage with the ever-changing media industry. Students are required to study media products from a diverse range of media products and approach them in a much more practical way than at key stage 4.

Opportunities to study products such as the Marvel Universe in areas such as film, television, advertising, gaming, music and social media and also to examine how radio and television are created and how social media is changing the media landscape in real time.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS/ DESIRABLE QUALITIES

The skills required to succeed in this course include:

The development of high-order reading skills, research skills, analytical skills, organisational skills and the skills associated with framing, sustaining and communicating a coherent argument. Skills in creativity in combination with an engagement in media.

A GCSE in Media Studies – grade C\*/5 or higher – or a grade B or higher GCSE in English Language or a Level 2 Award in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies (Media Studies). A grade C\* or above GCSE in English Literature would be an advantage but not essential.

# **Media Studies**

### OCR Cambridge Technical Introductory Diploma Equivalent to 1 A Level

#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

There is a range of vocational qualifications (BTECs, NVQ/SVQs and Diplomas) in Media Studies, including:

- performing arts
- broadcast & media
- publishing and journalism
- advertising and marketing

There is a range of apprenticeships, including:

- •arts, media and publishing, e.g. digital design, digital journalism
- •advertising & marketing, e.g. digital marketing, social media & digital marketing
- •information technology, e.g. web developer

There is a range of degree pathways open to a Media Studies student:

- •89 UK universities offer degrees in Media Studies.
- •Other pathways include a range of BA Hons in Creative Writing, Digital Arts, Game Development, Cinematography and Journalism.

#### Careers linked to Media Studies:

Broadcast journalist Cinematographer Computer games tester Copywriter **Editorial assistant** Medical illustrator Newspaper journalist Photographer Advertising account executive Magazine journalist Advertising media buyer Arts administrator Primary/secondary school teacher Social media manager Television/film producer Theatrical producer TV or film camera operator User acceptance tester Video editor Web content manager Web editor Writer



# SPORT (SA)

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate: Equivalent to 1 A Level



#### **COURSE OVERVIEW:**

Level 3 BTEC PE is an ideal foundation to continue your study of Sports at degree level.

This course contains:

Four units – a mixture of practical and theory – two exam-based units with 67% of the course assessed externally and two portfolio-based units with 33% of the course assessed internally.

#### COURSE CONTENT:

Examination Board: Pearson BTEC

#### Compulsory

Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology: explore how the skeletal, muscular, cardiovascular and respiratory systems function and the fundamentals of the energy systems (exam 33%).

Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being: explore client screening and lifestyle assessment, fitness training methods and fitness programming to support improvements in a client's health and well-being (synoptic exam paper 33%).

Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry: explore the knowledge and skills required for different career pathways in the sports industry. Learners will take part in, and reflect on, a personal skills audit, career action plan and practical interview assessment activities (coursework 17%).

#### Optional

Unit 7: Practical Sports Performance: study the skills, techniques, tactics and rules of selected sports through active participation in individual/team sports (coursework 17%).

#### ENTRANCE CRITERIA/DESIRABLE QUALITIES

To succeed in this BTEC Level 3 Sport qualification, the following GCSE grades would be beneficial and prepare the pupil for success at BTEC Level 3 in Sport: BTEC Sport level 2 / GCSE Maths grade C GCSE English grade C / GCSE Double Award Science grade C.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Sport and exercise science Sports management Outdoor education Sports development Sports coaching and leadership Teacher training Sports marketing Event management Sport, leisure and business Fitness training

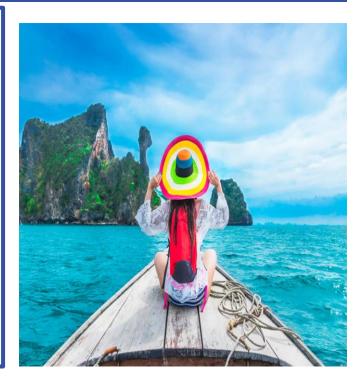
# Travel & Tourism (SA)

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate: Equivalent to 1 A Level

Do you have a passion for travel? Are you interested in learning about the world's fastest growing industry? Are you a 'people' person? Can you see yourself joining one of the 3.3 million people employed in the Travel and Tourism industry in the UK alone? If you have answered yes to any of the above questions then this is the course for you.

The course is taught over 360 hours (over two years) and has 3 Mandatory Units (M) and an Optional Unit (**O**).

Your assessment will either be External (E) such as an official exam set by Pearson, Synoptic (S) which means the task is set by Pearson or Internal (I), approved by Pearson but assessed by your teacher.



#### COURSE CONTENT:

Unit 1: The World of Travel and Tourism Unit type: External Exam / Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours: 90 Unit in brief:

The travel and tourism industry in the UK is growing and is of major importance to the economy. In this unit, you will develop the skills needed to examine, interpret and analyse a variety of statistics that measure the importance of tourism to the UK. There are many influences on the industry and they are changing all the time, currently the long term effects of COVID. Some of them are within the control of travel organisations, while others are beyond their control. You will need to know how organisations react to changes and trends to determine their present and future operating policies.

#### **Unit 2: Global Destinations**

Unit type: External Synoptic Exam / Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours: 120 Unit in brief:

Global destinations are a key aspect of travel and tourism and their appeal is strongly influenced by factors such as their location, access and changing trends. In this unit, you will use a range of resources to investigate the location and features of global destinations and explain the features that give appeal to global destinations and support different types of tourism.

This unit will enable you to progress to higher-education courses by developing your knowledge of how to carry out research and make decisions based on information from a variety of sources. It will also help prepare you for a career in the travel and tourism industry as you apply geographical knowledge and evaluate travel and tourism data in order to meet a given brief.

# Travel & Tourism (SA)

### BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate (Pearson) : Equivalent to 1 A Level





Unit 3: Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism Unit type: Internal Portfolio/ Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours: 90

Unit in brief: Marketing is an imp

Marketing is an important focus for any successful organisation in travel and tourism where products, services and the expectations of customers are constantly changing. A successful business must have a strategy for understanding its customers and targeting them with a profitable offer. In this unit, you will develop a marketing plan through examining the specific aims and objectives of the marketing function and researching the needs and expectations of different customer types.

#### Unit 9: Visitor Attractions

Unit type: Internal Portfolio /Optional Unit Guided learning hours: 60

#### <u>Unit in brief:</u>

Visitor attractions can draw both domestic and overseas visitors by providing opportunities for relaxation, amusement and education. They are a major source of revenue for the travel and tourism industry as well as for the UK and the global economy. In this unit, you will investigate visitor attractions and the different ways they are funded. You will explore what is meant by the visitor experience and how visitor attractions develop, diversify and use technology in order to meet the needs of their different types of visitors.

#### What other subjects go well with Travel and Tourism?

This qualification is designed to be taken as part of a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 5. It can be complementary learning for a wide range of subjects. It will particularly complement Geography, putting into context much of the knowledge and skills developed in the study of that subject, and there are strong links with Business and Sport.

#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Travel and Tourism Extended Certificate can and has led to advancement onto a variety of degree courses at a range of Universities and higher education institutions for our graduating students e.g.

Tourism Operational Management Adventure tourism International Tourism Management Leisure Management Business and Tourism studies Rural Tourism Cruise industry management International Travel Management Venue and Events management For many more options view UCAS online

# Travel & Tourism (DA)

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma: Equivalent to 2 A Levels

This double award course is taught over 720 hours (over two years) and has six mandatory units (**M**) and two optional units (**O**).

Your assessment will either be External (E) such as an official exam set by Pearson, Synoptic (S) which means the task is set by Pearson or Internal (I), approved by Pearson but assessed by your teacher.

In addition to the four units we study for the Extended Certificate, we add four additional units. Each of these are listed below.





#### COURSE CONTENT:

Unit 4: Managing the Customer Experience Unit type: Internal Portfolio/ Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours: 90

Unit 5: Travel and Tourism Enterprises Unit type: Internal Portfolio / Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours:

Unit 7 : Sustainable Tourism Unit type: Internal Portfolio/ Optional Unit Guided learning hours: 90

Unit 16 : Researching Current Travel Trends and Key Issues in Travel and Tourism Unit type: Internal Portfolio/ Mandatory Unit Guided learning hours: 120

# **Additional Information**

#### ENTRANCE CRITERIA

Pupils must have a minimum of five A\*-C grades or equivalents, to include at least a C in English or a C in Maths and at least a grade D in the other subject. Please check the desired entrance requirements for each subject in this booklet. All subject decisions will be assessed on an individual basis in order to provide the curriculum best suited for each pupil. A good record of attendance and behaviour throughout key stage 4 will be essential for return to post-16 study

#### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All pupils will have the opportunity to contribute to the prefect system within the school and to be considered as head boy or head girl. Pupils will also be able to participate in a range of other leadership opportunities throughout the two years.

#### ENRICHMENT COURSES

Throughout year 13 and year 14, pupils will have the opportunity to engage in a range of enrichment opportunities including Spanish, Media, Sport, Young Enterprise and Volunteering, in addition in having the opportunity to resit English or Maths if needed.

#### CAREER PATHWAYS

All pupils will engage in a Careers programme designed to identify possible pathways after post-16 study. This will include producing a CV, a personal statement and preparing applications for both university entry through UCAS and to higher education colleges. All pupils are allocated a staff mentor to assist with this process. Additional time will be spent investigating possible apprenticeship and employment opportunities. All pupils will have the opportunity to undergo relevant work experience during year 13.

