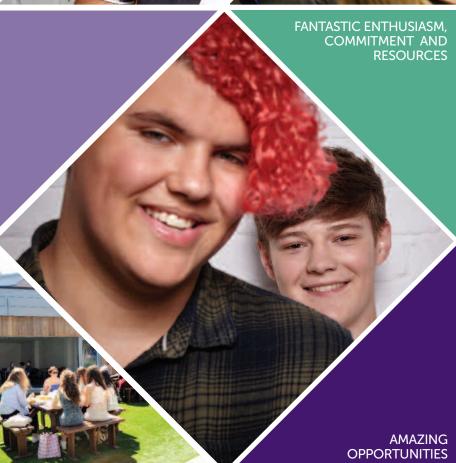


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CHOOSING PRIESTLEY IS A DECISION I KNOW I WILL NOT REGRET

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

INSPIRE, CHALLENGE, SUPPORT

Every student matters at Priestley College. Our mission is to inspire, challenge and support every member of the college community so our students excel in learning and in life.

Over the past year this approach has helped our students achieve great things including:

- Ruby-Rose McGann, Sophie Booth and Mary Davidson who have secured places at the Glasgow School of Art
- Matthew Turton who won gold in the national Chemistry Olympiad
- Joe Salter who received several offers of a football scholarship from American universities
- Sport Priestley became regional champions in five different sports
- Kerry-Ann Collar impressed the editor of an international photographic magazine so much he adopted one of her ideas as a regular feature

Their achievements show that whatever your passion you can reach your full potential at Priestley College.

There really are countless examples of Priestley alumni who have gone on to prestigious universities, scholarships, apprenticeships and employment. You can read about just a few of them on pages 12, 14 and 15.

All this is possible because Priestley only employs fully qualified teachers who specialise in 16-18 education. Priestley also has a great campus and strong partnerships with businesses, industry and universities.

Priestley was the first sixth form college in the country to receive STEM assured status and the first to have this honour renewed.

It means we offer the national gold standard for education and facilities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

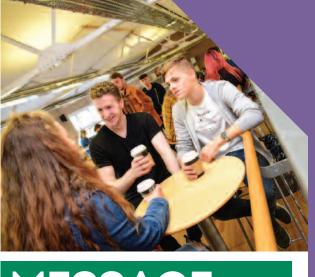
There are also enrichment activities that cater for all tastes. Everything from the Duke of Edinburgh Awards to Karate, Life Drawing and Debating.

To be a part of this – and to achieve your goals – make sure you send your application to Priestley College in no later than **28 February 2019**.

Priestley is a proud member of The Challenge Academy Trust in Warrington and works closely with other schools in TCAT to ensure best practice.

However, the college is open to pupils from any of Warrington's excellent high schools and we look forward to seeing you all for the first time at our open events.

Matthew Grant Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

The Student Voice is incredibly important at Priestley College.

Staff and management place a lot of value in our opinions, which is why the College Council is able to take your ideas directly to the Principal and governors.

The council is made up of students who work well together to bring about change and improve Priestley for everyone. We promote respect and diversity and represent all students.

If these are matters that are important to you, then look out for your opportunity to join the council when it comes up.

Remember, the College Council is your council. We represent you.

Our role is to listen to your thoughts and to do our best to implement your ideas where possible.

We will also be able to support you during your first weeks at college should you need it.

There are lots of other people to talk to as well such as anyone in the Study Support Base in the LRC as well as your personal or progress tutors.

We hope to see you all soon and are certain Priestley will be one of the best choices you ever make.

KERRY-ANN COLLAR AND SOPHIE JOHNSON

President and Vice President of the College Council



REASONS TO CHOOSE PRIESTLEY COLLEGE

There are many great reasons to choose Priestley College. Here's why we believe it is the number one choice.

- Long track record of fantastic pass rates and achievement at A-Level and in Vocational programmes
- In 2018 Priestley students bucked the national trend to increase the overall pass rate
- Priestley is Warrington's first choice for A-Levels and Vocational Level 3 courses
- The ability to take four A-Levels, five for the most able students
- STEM assured status means we offer a national gold standard in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths education
- Fully-qualified teachers who specialise in 16 to 19 education
- Flexible timetable allows for greater course combinations and the chance to combine academic and vocational courses
- · Modern campus with excellent facilities
- · Industry links provide work experience opportunities
- · Independent learning prepares you for university
- Proactive and visible student College Council who contribute to developments and policy





Further benefits also include:

- Excellent support with specialist guidance for UCAS and university entrance, including Oxford and Cambridge
- Extensive range of enrichment activities as well as UK and overseas travel / study visits
- High academic standards and expectations within a caring, adult learning environment
- · Dedicated tutorial and teaching times

STUDENT PROGRESSION

Statistics provided by the Sixth Form Colleges association in 2017 showed a higher percentage of Priestley alumni do well at university than those from other colleges in both the state and private sector.

OFSTED'S CONCLUSION

The overall conclusion of inspectors was given against five criteria:

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Effectiveness of Provision	Grade 1	Outstanding
Capacity to Improve	Grade 1	Outstanding
Achievements and Standards	Grade 1	Outstanding
Quality of Provision	Grade 1	Outstanding
Leadership and Management	Grade 1	Outstanding



SECURE YOUR PLACE

Make sure you take every opportunity to find out why Priestley is the area's leading provider of A-Level and Vocational qualifications and why more students choose to study at the college than anywhere else in Warrington.



OPEN EVENTS

Visit Priestley's amazing campus, talk to students and teachers, hear from the principal and find out more about the subjects, courses and enrichment activities that are on offer.

Wednesday 10th October – 5.30pm to 8pm Thursday 11th October – 5.30pm to 8pm Saturday 3rd November – 10am to 12noon Thursday 22nd November – 5.30pm to 8pm Tuesday 12th March – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

HOW TO APPLY

Collect an application pack from Student Services or Admissions at Priestley or download the form from the 'APPLY' page on our website.

Return your form by **28 February 2019**. Applications received after this date will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

INTERVIEWS

You will then be invited for an interview, which your parents can also attend. You can also arrange an interview at one of the open events if you wish.

Interview evenings take place between 4pm and 7pm and those currently planned for 2018/2019 are:

Wednesday 7 November Tuesday 20 November Thursday 6 December Wednesday 16 January Monday 28 January Tuesday 26 February

WELCOME DAY

Welcome Day dates will be confirmed nearer the time and everyone who attends an Open Event or expresses an interest in studying at Priestley will be notified of when they take place.

CHOICES DAY

There is one final opportunity to discuss your choices at the end of August once GCSE results have been published. This is on Tuesday 27 August between 1pm and 3pm.

REGISTRATION

You will make your final decisions about the subjects you will take at registration. This takes place from Wednesday 28 August through to Friday 30 August.

TERM STARTS

Your first day will be Monday 9 September starting at 8.45am. It may seem a long way off now, but there is a lot to crowd in between now and then. In the meantime you can stay in touch with us via the website and social media.

www.priestley.ac.uk

Twitter @priestleysfc

 ${\sf Facebook} @ \textbf{PriestleyCollegeWarrington} \\$

If you have any questions please call **01925 415415** or email **admissions@priestley.ac.uk**



ADAM HIBBERT

Former pupil at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Aims to become a pilot after Priestley where he is studying Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science, Physics and EPQ.

"I found enrolment easy to understand because everything was explained to me well. I was given information about university as well, which means I can start thinking now about what I want to do after Priestley."

A GOLD-CLASS EDUCATION IN STEM SUBJECTS

Priestley College has the national gold standard for education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

STEM assured status places us in the top 10% of providers in the country, which means our students are given the best possible chance to succeed in these areas.

Every two years our status is reviewed and we have to demonstrate that the college has continued to improve its STEM provision.

"We are only able to maintain this status if we continue to improve our practices and STEM provision," said Principal Matthew Grant.

Before giving / renewing the honour, a team from the STEM Foundation visits college to meet tutors, students, the local enterprise partnership, employers, universities and schools to discuss the opportunities provided by Priestley.

The foundation says that 'a strong pipeline of STEMeducated workers is a priority for government and features heavily in regional growth strategies.' However, they added that the skills employers are looking for is changing. Versatile staff who can work across different STEM disciplines and embrace emerging technologies will be in high demand.

Matthew said this fitted with one of the goals at Priestley, which is to provide students with as much choice as possible in both vocational and academic courses.

"Our courses cater for interests across the STEM agenda from Video Games Art and Design to Maths and Engineering," he said.

Priestley's STEM success not only depends on the quality of its teachers and facilities, such as university-standard laboratories and technology centre, but also links with major employers.

Among more than 60 companies that provide work experience, workshops or assignments are the Environment Agency, Sellafield, Barclays, Warrington Borough Council and the MoD.

"We look forward to continuing to lead the way in STEM education in Warrington for years to come," said Matthew.



When Priestley received STEM assured status, it was one of only 30 educational institutions in the UK to do so.

Prof Sa'ad Medhat, chief executive of the STEM Foundation, said: "STEM disciplines form the backbone of any high-tech and knowledge-intensive economy.

"It is pleasing to see that a number of progressive educational providers are shifting gears to refocus their efforts on STEM-related subjects, laying the foundation for the sustainable future of employment for their students."



FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

In 2018, Priestley student **Isabella Odogu** had her work published by Oxbridge after winning their Inspires' STEM Writers' Competition. The former Tower College pupil had written about women in STEM industries.

PRIESTLEY'S STEM ACHIEVEMENTS

Students regularly secure Nuffield placements allowing them to work with industry professionals.

Every year students achieve medals in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust senior Maths challenge.

Alumni Dr Claire Stanley is now conducting research at ETH Zurich – one of the leading international universities for technology and the natural sciences.

Every year Priestley teams up with Solvay to provide a science experience for Warrington's high school pupils.

In 2018 we were named Education Partner of the Year by Apps for Good, a national organisation that aims to help young people build their futures through new technology.

Priestley student Will Twist scored one of the top marks in a biology test taken by young people around the world in 2018. Will received a gold medal in the Biology Olympiad, meaning he achieved a mark in the top 7% of those taking part.











CLASS OF 2018 BUCK NATIONAL TREND TO IMPROVE PASS RATE

Students at Priestley College bucked the national trend in 2018 as the overall pass rate improved with a greater number of high grades achieved.

In 35 subjects 100% of students passed with the A^* to C rate rising from 65.2% to 69.4%.

Principal Matthew Grant said that, in part, the improved pass rate was due to Priestley continuing to offer students the chance to take AS exams at the end of their first year at Priestley.

"Obviously the results are mainly down to the hard work and dedication of both students and staff, but by allowing students to take AS exams we give them the chance to be more selective about the subjects they study in Year Two," he said.

"In 2018 we recorded some of our best ever A-Level results with many students achieving three or more A* or A grades. More than 100 secured a triple Distinction Star or Distinction in Extended Diplomas, which is exceptional."

More students collected their A-Level results at Priestley in 2018 than at all other educational institutions in Warrington combined.

Together the Class of 2018 raised the A^* to B pass rate at Priestley to 38.2% from 35.6% a year ago.

Priestley's STEM and Language students impressed as did those in other traditional subjects such as Classics, English, History and Economics.

Art and Design and Performing Arts delivered outstanding results across the board.

A-LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS IN 2018 INCLUDE

- Best ever A* and A grade performance at Priestley
- 100% pass rate in 35 subjects
- 68% grades in vocational studies were Distinction or Distinction*
- 69% of results were high grades
- Fantastic high grade performance in subjects as varied as Fine Art and Computing to English Language and PE
- Best ever AS results for our Year One cohort



CHALLENGE



MATTHEW ALLEN
Former school:
Altrincham Grammar
A* A A
Destination:
Imperial College
London to study
Geology









GEORGIA BROWN
Former school:
Cardinal Newman
A* A A
Destination:
University of
Edinburgh to
study French and
English Literature



WILL TWIST
Former school:
Bridgewater High
A* A* A*
Destination:
Planning to study
Medicine





REBECCA SCHOOLER
Former school: Bridgewater High
A* A* A B
Destination:
University of Leeds to study
Philosophy and Theology

GIVE YOURSELF THE EDGE

Priestley is a stepping stone towards securing your university place, apprenticeship or dream career.

We will help you to hone the qualities leading universities and employers seek in today's young people.

Your personal tutor will provide individual support and we also offer specialist programmes to stretch and challenge you.

THE GRADUATE

The Graduate raises the aspirations of our most academically gifted students, giving them the skills to apply for competitive degrees and employment in leading companies. It provides:

- · Specialist coaching
- Opportunities with leading Russell Group universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Durham, London, York and Warwick
- Preparation for applying for university / employment as well as interviews
- A bespoke support group
- Visiting lecturers
- An unrivalled essay competition judged by leading lecturers and professors who give invaluable feedback prior to completing university applications

Priestley
offers more
subject choices
than any other
college or sixth
form in the area

ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME

The EES links students to industry engineers who coach them as they develop solutions to real-life production problems. Those who take part develop team work, problem solving and presentation skills. Our scientists have learnt from practical demonstrations by University of Nottingham lecturers whilst computing students continue to benefit from our close links with the University of Salford.

PRE MEDICAL PROGRAMME

This programme offers insights into leading medical professions through links with universities such as Liverpool and Manchester. Visits and guest speakers, including practitioners and current medical students, bring the professions to life. Perfect for anyone a seeking career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary science.

SOLVAY PARTNERSHIP

Solvay – a highly respected international chemical company – supports a science conference held at Priestley annually for Year 10 pupils. It examines issues around the sustainability agenda and involves our current students.

MATHS AND SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

A chance for Maths and Science students to shine and test themselves against peers from around the country. We have a proud record of collecting more than 100 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the competitions.

PRE HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME

A one-year programme for those interested in primary or secondary teaching or working in health and social care eg. Nursing, Midwifery, social Work. It provides a link between academic study (which should include at least one National Curriculum subject if you follow the preteaching option) and practical vocational skills.



IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR EVERY KIND OF LEARNER



PRE LAW

An in-depth insight into legal professions such as solicitors and barristers. You will take part in various trips and Mooting competitions as well as work with local Magistrates. You will also be helped to prepare for specialist university entrance tests.

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Hone your talents through practical experiences with our performance groups. Breathe, the college choir, Oxygen, a contemporary Dance company and Respiration, our theatre company.

INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

Priestley has an outstanding reputation for widening students' experiences by running a series of overseas educational visits that enhance learning and personal development. Study visits have included New York, Washington, Berlin, Geneva, Lanzarote, Sicily and Iceland. Cross college trips have been run to Mozambique and Moldova to support charitable activities.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Priestley is a licensed Duke of Edinburgh Award centre and each year around 50 students achieve Gold or Silver Awards, which are highly regarded by universities and employers.

CAREERS, ENTERPRISE AND EMPLOYMENT

We have a robust careers and enterprise programme in place to ensure you get the best possible information, advice and guidance to support your future aspirations. Every opportunity is taken to involve leading local, regional and national employers to ensure students are ready for the world of work, including live briefs, internships, work placements, talks and seminars. We also link with the National Apprenticeship programme.























PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

APPRENTICESHIPS

Hundreds of our students progress to top apprenticeships every year with leading firms such as Barclays, Jaguar, Fujitsu and United Utilities, to name just a few.

They have gone on to become nuclear engineers, accountants, child carers, sports coaches, photographers, NHS workers, Royal Marines and the list goes on.

To help students make informed decisions Priestley arranges opportunities including a trip to one of the largest UCAS conventions to meet around 100 universities and employers.

Universities visit college to answer students' questions and numerous curriculum-focussed activities are also arranged.

We work closely with Yipiyap who have taken on our students to become assistant tutors in Warrington schools during a year out.





MATTHEW PEACH

OXFORD University had never been part of the plan for aspiring biochemist Matthew Peach. However, after visiting with Priestley College he fell for the university's atmosphere and went on to secure a place studying Biochemistry. Since he left a year ago the former Cardinal Newman pupil has returned to college to offer support and advice to the current cohort.

"I knew that I wanted to study at university, but I had not considered applying to Oxford until last summer when I visited with Priestley."



RHIANNON LAWRENCE

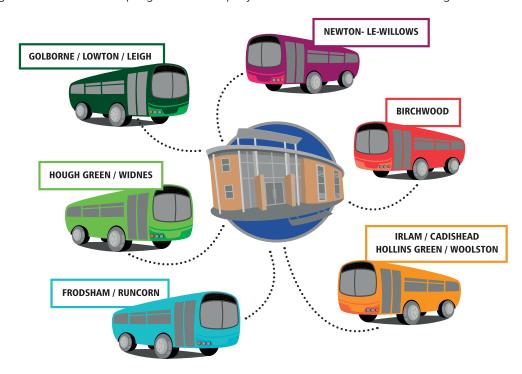
Rhiannon was recently offered a place on the BBCs prestigious talent pool. Following a rigorous interview process at Media City, Rhiannon received the news she had been successful. One of Rhiannon's first presenting opportunities came when she took the lead in Priestley College's promotional video. After Priestley Rhiannon went on to a Production Management degree at Edge Hill, which has a reputation for excellence throughout the TV industry.

TRAVEL & BURSARIES

Travelling to Priestley could not be easier. The college is located just off the A49 in south Warrington (Wilderspool Causeway) so there is excellent access to many bus routes run by Warrington's Own Buses, Halton Transport and Arriva.



We are also within walking distance of the town centre, the interchange and the two main train stations. Warrington's Own Buses and Springfield Bus Company run direct services to and from college:



For updates on the bus routes check the providers' website or www.priestley.ac.uk

COLLEGE BURSARIES/ FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In 2018 the college was able to offer the following bursaries to support many students:

Vulnerable Learner Bursaries:

Worth £1,200 in addition to Free School Meals and were available to young people in care or who were care leavers or who were in receipt of certain state benefits.

Core Bursaries:

The Core Bursary can help pay for public transport to college. Anyone entitled to the Core Bursary was entitled to Free School Meal funding worth £2.41 for each day in college.

Mainstream Bursaries:

These bursaries were for those students not eligible for a Core Bursary where their parents or carers have an annual income of less than £21,000.

PETT Bursaries:

If you are not eligible for one of the 16-18 bursaries you may be able to apply for a bursary from the Priestley Education and Training Trust. Please speak to someone in Student Services about this.

Details of the 2019 bursaries will be published in summer once the level of Government funding has been confirmed. If you have any questions and/or concerns about financial support please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions team or Student Services.

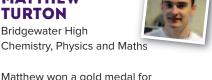
STUDENT SUCCESS **STORIES**

NAME:

MATTHEW TURTON

FORMER SCHOOL: Bridgewater High STUDIED:

Matthew won a gold medal for finishing in the top 8% in the country in the annual UK Chemistry Olympiad. The test was a two-hour paper covering topics as diverse as nuclear decay and the shapes of molecules. Matthew plans to study Materials Science and Engineering at Sheffield University after completing his A-Levels.



NAME:

KERRY-ANN COLLAR

FORMER SCHOOL: County High, Leftwich STUDIED: BTEC Graphic Design

> Kerry-Ann Collar produced work for Professional Imagemaker magazine as part of a brief for her BTEC Graphic Design course at Priestley College. Her suggestion was to include a feature that focussed on five objects from a photographer's working life that represent milestones in his or her careers. Not only did the magazine's editor, Mike McNamee, answer her questions, he's also considering it as a regular part of a feature.

NAME:

HARRY WILKINSON

FORMER SCHOOL: Helsby High STUDIED:

BTEC Level 3 Sport

Rugby player Harry secured his first England cap when he was called up for the U18s team. Harry trained for two days with the squad in Portsmouth ahead of the second test match in which he helped England to a 32-29 victory. Harry has previously trained with Warrington Wolves and his goal is to earn more England caps.



NAME:

FORMER SCHOOL: Hope Academy STUDIED:

RUBY-ROSE MCGANN

Textiles, English, Media Studies Art A-Levels and Art Foundation

Ruby-Rose was among three students who secured a place at the Glasgow School of Arts - the equivalent of Oxford and Cambridge for art students. After completing Art Foundation she was looking forward to developing her talent and techniques further at Glasgow and said Priestley had prepared her well for the course she would be taking.

NAMF: FORMER SCHOOL: STUDIED:

CHRIS COX

St Gregory's RC High Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Electronics



Chris was a member of the Priestley team that impressed in a regional Young Analyst Competition. They finished third out of more than 25 schools from the region – nearly half of which were from grammar or independent schools. To qualify for The Royal Society of Chemistry's competition the trio first had to secure an A grade in their mock exam.

NAME:

FORMER SCHOOL: Great Sankey High STUDIED:

AIMEE **CARTWRIGHT**

French, English Language and Religious Studies and AS Sociology



Aimee received an offer from Cambridge after a day of interviews and tests at the university. She became the first member of her immediate family to secure a place at university. Her plan was to study French as well as Spanish for Beginners at Cambridge. Aimee said she believed taking the extra AS-Level at Priestley helped her application stand out.

CHALLENGE

NAME: FORMER SCHOOL: STUDIED:

JORDON OWEN

Bridgewater High Electronics, Economics, PE



Jordon was named one of the top air cadets in the country and achieved the highest rank of Cadet Warrant Officer. He was nominated for the Dacre Sword due his long list of achievements including representing the RAF Air Cadets as a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, completing solo gliding and RAF Association flying scholarships and Gold DofE Award.

NAME:

CHARLOTTE LEIGH

FORMER SCHOOL: STUDIED:

Lymm High Fashion and Textiles



Charlotte was among a group of Fashion and Textiles students who impressed industry experts with their own fashion brands. Charlotte and Clara Romero Collins created Widdershin – a word for anticlockwise – representing how their customers like to go against the grain. Students had to create a label complete with logo and photography and their work was judged by UCLan lecturers.

NAME: FORMER SCHOOL: STUDIED:

JAMES SMALLEY

Great Sankey High Maths, Music, BTEC Performing Arts



James was among number of our BTEC Performing Arts students who spread some Disney magic to two primary schools. They made a song and dance out of the likes of Aladdin and The Jungle Book for the entertainment of around 400 children. The challenge was telling the classic tales in 10 minutes while also relating the moral of the stories.



ARTISTS MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION

IT was supposed to be a trip to inspire their creativity, but in the end it was the students who inspired others. More than 30 Art Foundation students from Priestley stayed at the YHA Boggle Hole and left a lasting impression on hostel managers Andy and Peta Nugent. They wrote to their operations manager and Head of Impact within YHA and the college Principal Matthew Grant to praise their visitors' character and achievements.

"We get so many young people staying with us, but these were incredible. Not only were they very talented but had so much passion and were just so nice," Andy wrote in his letter to Art Tutor Steve Lane.

"We get so tied up in our job sometimes we forget why we do it. It was a real pleasure to be reminded of this by your students and colleagues."



RAF PARTNERSHIPS REAPS REWARDS

PUBLIC Services students raised more than £2,300 to buy presents for children at Alder Hey and The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

They had teamed up with the RAF to support their Santa Drop appeal, which then saw the presents delivered to patients at the two hospitals.

Priestley's students took part in a 24-hour football-a-thon as well as a sponsored walk from the college to Lymm where they were given a tour of the Fire and Rescue base. Their final contribution was £2,351.65 – the most ever raised by the students at Priestley who have been supporting the appeal for several years.

Former Beamont Collegiate Academy pupil Callum Holt raised £130 thanks to sponsorship from colleagues at Thomas Plant Hire and DW Sports.

"People seemed happy to support me because they knew it was for such a good cause," he said.



A CAMPUS TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN YOU

More than £15million has been invested in recent years to create a modern learning environment at Priestley that will help you reach your full potential

Most recently this has included an investment of more than £1million to extend our Crescent Café Bar, the Performing Arts facilities and an upgrade to the WiFi network. A £1.5million state-of-the-art technology centre has computers in every classroom and a popular social space for students.

Further investment has been made into science laboratories and an IT upgrade.

THE CRESCENT BUILDING

The Crescent Building provides a striking and modern welcome to the college and incorporates:

- · Specialised teaching rooms
- · Crescent Café
- Reception
- Student Services

LEWIS CARROLL BUILDING

With eight classrooms over two floors this state-of theart facility is home to our IT courses, 200 computers and a social study area available to all students.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Designed to meet the needs of the modern student, the LRC offers better facilities than some universities. It includes over 150 PCs, separate areas for quiet study, group work and informal learning. The LRC is open for private study until 6pm Monday to Thursday during term time so that you can catch up on your studies. Study Support staff are available to provide one-to-one assistance.

MEDIA AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This centre features the following first-class facilities:

- Drama and Dance Studios
- Performance practice studios
- · Performance theatre
- Media editing suite
- · Music practice and recording rooms
- Music studio
- · Production Workshop

THE ART & DESIGN CENTRES

An inspiring environment with workshop and studio spaces equipped with a wealth of specialist equipment across our range of Art & Design courses. The Graphic Design and Photography suites benefit from high specification PCs and are installed with industry-standard multimedia software, networked to A3 Laser

duplex colour printers. The Arts Centre also has an exhibition space for the display of current and ongoing student work.

SCIENCE LABORATORIES

More than £350,000 has been invested in laboratories that boast high-tech equipment including fume cupboards and university-standard analytical balances. All science laboratories are equipped with university-standard apparatus for Biology, Chemistry, Electronics, Physics and Applied Science.

LANGUAGE SUITE

This centre provides online learning facilities and is equipped with headsets and microphones for listening and speaking activities. Further resources include a digital TV, pre-recorded language programmes and a wide selection of DVDs to support your studies.

SPORTS CENTRE

Our full-size sports hall also houses a fitness suite and sports laboratory. The £625,000 All Weather Sports Pitch is available to the whole college community, including students opting to study sport academically or those taking part in enrichment activities.

THE VIOLA BEACH CAFÉ / STARBUCKS / CRESCENT CAFÉ

Grab a Starbucks, read, listen to a band, catch up with friends or watch TV on the 50 inch plasmas in these are fantastic social spaces. The recently extended Crescent Café provides freshly-prepared food including a salad bar, sandwiches, wraps, soups and other hot foods.

Breakfast is available from 8.15am.

CASHLESS CATERING

Our cashless catering system allows students to pay for meals using their ID card. Your account can be topped up online, by cheque or at one of the top-up machines in college.

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL SPACES

Several outdoor eating and recreational areas are available where students can relax and even enjoy a game of table tennis.



HELPING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We pride ourselves on the quality of teaching at Priestley, but also the support we offer. This was endorsed by OFSTED who identified the outstanding quality of teaching and learning we offer as well as:

- A caring and supportive learning environment
- · Outstanding personal and subject support
- Excellent specialist teaching and learning resources
- · Excellent monitoring of learner progress
- Committed and enthusiastic staff with great subject knowledge
- A 'can do' culture of ambition and improvement

All of our teachers are skilful, passionate and engaging practitioners who specialise in Sixth Form teaching. We invest heavily in their training to ensure they are up to date with subject knowledge and awarding body requirements. However, support for your learning and success extends far beyond the classroom.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services provides a responsive one-stop shop for all your support needs. It is run by experienced and friendly staff who can provide information and support on a variety of issues such as college counselling, travel, finance, careers and Higher Education. Student Services is open throughout the crucial summer period if you have any questions once you have finished your exams at school.



HIGH QUALITY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Our commitment to high quality impartial advice and guidance is confirmed by the MATRIX quality mark for IAG. Our guidance team includes specialist careers and Higher Education advisors who will work with you to support your search for employment and Higher Education opportunities as you move on from Priestley.

PERSONAL TUTORS AND THE TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

Every student has a personal/progress tutor to offer help and advice during your time at Priestley. They will monitor your progress and attendance and regularly discuss your study methods, ambitions and any difficulties you care to share with them. You will follow a comprehensive tutorial programme, which will help prepare you for future experiences at Priestley, higher-level studies and/or your chosen career.

STUDY SUPPORT

Study Support is based in the Learning Resource Centre and offers all students' flexible and tailored study support. They can help you with structuring your assignments, managing your workload or even developing your revision and exam techniques. Support sessions can be weekly, a short course, a single session or drop in when needed. If you have a disability or learning difficulty we recommend you contact the Study Support team as soon as possible to discuss your needs. The experienced team can provide one-to-one sessions and in-class support. If English is your second language, regular one-to-one sessions and ESOL workshops can be provided.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are committed to promoting equal opportunities and celebrate the diversity brought to college by our community.

CHILD PROTECTION SAFEGUARDING

In line with national guidelines we have a safeguarding policy and copies are available from student services on request.





MOODLE

Moodle is our virtual learning environment that supports you outside lessons and provides college updates. You can access additional materials, independent learning tasks or assessments, UCAS support and links to the College Council.

GOOGLE DRIVE

You will have your own Google account with unlimited storage, providing you with a safe way to store and share documents easily with your tutors and other students.

SPECIALIST TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Numerous software packages are available to support and enhance your learning, including our extensive online library and specialist subject specific resources.

STUDENT AND PARENT PORTAL

Portal provides you with the latest information on your performance such as assessment grades, attendance and your exam timetables. Parents and carers are also able to see aspects of your performance including interim reports.

UNIFROG

Unifrog is an award-winning online platform which will help our students to make intelligent choices about their future, while allowing tutors to track their progress. Students are being coached through the tutorial programme to use Unifrog as a diary of their experiences, skills and activities that they have whlist at Priestley College.

"Priestley offers good support, guidance and lesson structure."



ENHANCE YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Enrichment at Priestley means: Travel. Performance. Excitement. Achievement. Creativity and much, much more.

You can travel the UK and the world through all the added extras Priestley has to offer including residentials in Washington, New York, Paris and London.

Whether you are a budding scientist, aspiring actor or actress, doctor or writer there is something to enrich your college experience beyond the classroom.

Not only that, these activities will give you valuable experience that will put you ahead of your peers when it comes to university places and employment.

Enrichment opportunities at Priestley include:

- · Art Foundation Workshop
- Art Workshop
- Barclays Technical Innovation
- Basketball
- Beginners' German
- Breathe
- · CHAOS all-male theatre group
- ASDAN Pre-teaching Award
- Computer Games Workshop
- · Creative Writing
- · Debating
- Drum Lessons
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Engineering Education Scheme
- First Aid
- Football
- French conversation
- French
- German conversation
- Graphic Design Workshop
- Guitar Lessons
- History Society
- Jazz Club
- Karate
- · Ladies' Football
- Life Drawing
- Maths for Physics
- Netball
- Oxygen

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Priestley offers some amazing opportunities that you wouldn't get anywhere else such as trips to Iceland, Italy and France.

MASTERCLASSES

Priestley's masterclasses are designed to stretch and challenge our students whilst also giving them something extra for their CVs to make them stand out from the crowd. Each curriculum area offers at least one masterclass with titles as varied as 'Understanding Maths Oddities' to 'Media in the Online Age' and 'Marvellous Manuscripts'.

MUSICALS & PERFORMANCES

There are many opportunities for the more creative students to show off their talents. Our Performing Arts and Production Arts students put on a series of high quality performances. In recent years the shows have included:

Mary Poppins 2018 Fame 2018 Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 2017 Sweet Charity 2017

For students who want to be involved in performances, but don't take performance-related subjects, there are numerous opportunities including the choir, theatre and dance companies.

ART & DESIGN SUMMER SHOW

The Summer Show gives Art and Design students the chance to showcase their work in an exhibition as part of their final assessment.

LIVE MUSIC

For anyone keen on performing live music there are a number of opportunities including taking to the stage in the Viola Beach Café. There will be events catering for different musical tastes and the chance to perform acoustic sets and open mic sessions.



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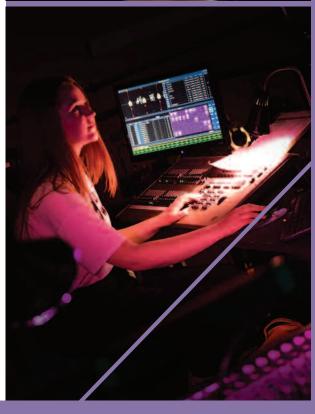
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STUDENT ENRICHMENT

TRAVEL WELL

Our students are real globetrotters with different curriculum areas travelling all over the world in recent years including:

Berlin Art & Design

Granada, Madrid and Paris English and Modern &

Foreign Languages

Prague Health and education

Sicily Humanities

New York and Moldova Media and performing Arts

New York and Barcelona Professional Studies

CERN Science and Maths

La Santa, Lanzarote Sport

In addition to overseas visits each curriculum area arranges a host of study visits in the UK including:

- University open days and subject lectures
- Field work
- · Expeditions
- · Theatre and concerts
- Art exhibitions
- · Training camps









EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

Sport Priestley gives you the opportunity to train like a professional or simply stay active by joining one of our enrichment programmes.



In 2018, our basketball, volleyball, ladies' football and swimming teams were all regional champions.

However, it was our rugby players who won Team of the Year at our annual sports awards after they were also crowned North West Champions.

In a year of outstanding success, several of our footballers received offers of scholarships at American universities after completing a US tour organised by Sport Priestley.

At Priestley we are proud of the diverse range of sports we support and the opportunities this provides such as our swimmers who have competed in the London Olympic pool.

For the top performing sportsmen and women, we offer a range of Sport Development Centres including Basketball, Men's Football, Mixed Hockey, Netball, Pan Ability Football, Rugby League, Women's Football.

The centres help you develop high levels of performance, tactical awareness and technical analysis through specialist coaching as well as focussed strength and conditioning training.

CATEGORY 3 RUGBY ACADEMY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WARRINGTON WOLVES

In September 2018 we launched a Category 3 Rugby Programme with Warrington Wolves. It gives players the chance to study for their academic / vocational qualifications whilst also training to reach the highest level in rugby.

Those on the programme benefit from professional coaching from Wolves as well as tailored coaching, fitness training and analysis.

SOCCER SCOUT USA

Sport Priestley works with Soccer Scout USA to provide our footballers with opportunities to secure scholarships at American universities. In 2018 we entered a team into a tournament in America where our players were scouted by the universities. Several received offers of scholarships.

SPORT COACHING, FITNESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

These qualifications are delivered alongside your main programmes. They include:

- · Sports Leaders Awards
- · Emergency First Aid
- National Governing Body coaching and officiating awards
- · CYQ Fitness Instructor Award

All those hoping to become a coach, mentor or official will need DBS clearance. These qualifications will give you the essential experience sought by employers.

SPORT FOR ALL

Our sports enrichment courses are completely free and include student clubs such as climbing, volleyball, sailing, street dance and badminton. The Association of Colleges provides competitive opportunities for students to pursue their specific sport, the highlight being the AoC National Finals.



CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

Priestley offers the widest range of academic and vocational qualifications in the area and rightly has a reputation for ensuring every student is able to take a tailor-made programme that meets their individual needs.

A-LEVELS

In Year 1 you have the chance to study up to four AS / A-Levels if it is in your best interests. In Year 2 you are likely to focus on three of your choices and study them to A-Level, taking exams in each at the end of the year.

The AS, which previously counted towards the A-Level, is now a separate qualification that can be taken at the end of your first year of study. We expect A-Level students to take the AS exams in their chosen subjects as doing so offers the following advantages:

- Leading universities use AS grades to help them make offers as they are a good indicator of your final A-Level grade.
- AS grades are also a good indicator of the progress you have made since GCSEs and help gauge the types of degrees for which you should be applying.
- It will give you a better chance to assess your strengths and interests before finalising university and apprenticeship applications.
- You will still have an AS grade in a subject even if you
 do not take it to A-Level. These grades give you UCAS
 points that will be considered by universities.
- Every course will have formal exams and moderation at the end of Year 1 rather than informal mocks.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Many students choose Priestley because of the opportunity to combine Vocational courses with A-Levels. Some choose to study a BTEC Extended Diploma with an additional AS subject. Others combine a BTEC Subsidiary Diploma with two AS levels in their first year, progressing to a BTEC Diploma and one A-Level in Year 2.

When you look through our course profiles at the back of the prospectus please use the 'key' the follow to identify the different levels each subject can be studied to.



Vocational qualification	Level equivalent	Key
BTEC/OCR Certificate	1 AS-Level	C
BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	1 A-Level	SD
OCR Introductory Diploma	1 A-Level	ID
BTEC Extended Certificate	1 A-Level	EC
BTEC Foundation Diploma	1.5 A-Levels	FD
BTEC Diploma / OCR Diploma	2 A-Levels	D
BTEC / OCR Extended Diploma	3 A-Levels	ED

LEVEL 3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To take a Level 3 programme at Priestley you will need to have at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or equivalent. Your overall programme will be determined by your average GCSE points score.

At Priestley you will take AS exams at the end of Year 1 for which you will receive an AS qualification. In Year 2 most students will continue with three A-Levels or equivalent.

To take A-Levels at Priestley you should have an average GCSE points score of 5 or above and have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language or English Literature

GCSE average of 7 or better = option of taking four or five AS/A-Levels or equivalent

GCSE average of 6 to 6.9 = option of taking four AS/A-Levels or equivalent

GCSE average of 5 to 5.9 = option of taking three A Levels or equivalent with an extended enrichment GCSE average of less than 5 = option of taking Level 3 vocational qualifications

Notes:

- Anyone with an average GCSE points score of 6 or above will be advised to study one of our aspirational enrichment programmes
- Some individual subjects require a higher average GCSE points score
- The EPQ and/or Core Maths courses are excellent courses to keep your options open
- Vocational Level 2 qualifications passed pre-16 can replace one or two of our 5 GCSE entry requirements for Level 3







GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS

If you do not have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language and/or Maths you will have to continue studying English and/or Maths until you obtain a Grade 4 or equivalent.

YOUR TIMETABLE

Your timetable is made up of a series of blocks and at Level 3 your timetable will be made up of at least four blocks. The maximum is six.

One AS/A-Level = one block

Vocational Certificate = one block

Vocational Diploma = two blocks

Vocational Extended Diploma = three blocks

GCSE = one block

Extended Project Qualification and Core Maths = half of one block

Extended Enrichment such as Pre-Medical or Duke of Edinburgh = half of one block

Sport Centre of Excellence = half of one block Tutor (all students) = half of one block.

ART FOUNDATION

This one-year programme is designed for those who have completed an A-Level in Art and/or Design such as A-Level or a BTEC Extended Diploma and who plan to move onto a degree in this area.

INTERMEDIATE COURSES LEVEL 2

All courses offered at this level last one year. To start an intermediate programme you would normally be expected to have the majority of your GCSEs at grade D/E or 3/2 with at least one GCSE at grade 4 (C) or above and an average GCSE points score of at least 3.

BTEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMAS AND OCR LEVEL 2 DIPLOMAS

These programmes are normally assessed by coursework, though some now have external exams. They are designed to build on your achievements from Year 11 and to prepare you to move onto Level 3 or employment. Depending on your GCSE grades you may be able to take one or two GCSEs.

GCSE AND PRE-GCSE QUALIFICATIONS

We offer a number of courses including Maths and English Language for those seeking to improve their core qualifications. Please see page 26 for details.

Note: Our entry criteria is for guidance. Where necessary we will take into account individual circumstances, for example for health reasons an applicant may not have been able to take eight GCSE or equivalent in Year 11. If there are special circumstances you wish us to take into account please let our Admissions Team know as soon as possible. We reserve the right to amend our admissions criteria to reflect the impact of GCSE and A-Level reforms.



Course provision correct at time of going to print.

LEVEL 2 & GCSE COURSES

BTEC AND OCR COURSES AT LEVEL 2

Who are these courses for?

Level 2 provision at Priestley is aimed at those who have not achieved the average GCSE Grade required to commence a level 3 programme. These courses will help to prepare you for one of our Level 3 Diploma or AS / A-Level programmes or for apprenticeships / employment with further training.

What will I study?

More than 50% of your programme will be a vocational specialism leading to either a BTEC Level 2 or OCR Level 2 qualification. The current options available at Priestley are:

ART AND DESIGN

Explore and develop your ideas and produce final outcomes in a project at the end of the year. Experience projects in graphics, textiles, fine art and 3D design.

BUSINESS

Study customer service, communications, finance and selling. You will also get the chance to learn about the travel and tourism industry.

CHILD CARE

The Child Care Level 2 course will provide students with the skills and knowledge to progress into further study relating to a career working with Children, such as Primary Teaching, Children's Nurse or Early Years Practitioner.



DIGITAL ART

Complete projects in areas such as graphics, photography and game design. With good results you will be able to progress onto a Level 3 course.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Study a range of units including communication, individual rights and needs, health and safety. Gain vocational experience in a Health and Social Care setting, research and nutrition.

ICT

Explore communicating and working in the IT industry, computer systems and graphics, customising software, mobile communications technology and spreadsheet modelling.

MEDIA STUDIES

Study basic techniques of print production, photography, television and film. One unit involves the detailed study of a media product of your own choice.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Explore a range of units, some practical such as land navigation and sport taught outside the classroom, then learn about public service skills and the effects crime can have on society.

SPORT

Cover fitness testing and training, practical sport, anatomy and physiology, planning and leading sports activities, psychology and nutrition for sport and exercise and fitness instruction.

Your Programme Extras

Alongside your main vocational programme you will be able to take one or more of the following:

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ENGLISH AND OR MATHS UP TO GCSE

Every student who does not have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths will have to work towards achieving a Grade 4 whilst some students with a Grade 4 could choose to aim to improve to a Grade 5 or above.

For those with a Grade 3 this will mean taking a one-year, re-sit programme whilst those with less than a Grade 3 will be able to take a pre-GCSE course.

If you do not have a GCSE grade 4 in English and/or Maths you will be required to take an assessment to ensure we place you on the right programme (see page 28 for details of GCSE provision).

THE HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION (HPQ)

Many students who already have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths will also be able to take the HPQ. This course will develop your study and research skills based around a personal project of your own choice. If you make an excellent start to your time at Priestley you may be able to take this at AS Level (the Extended Project qualification) to give you a head start when you move on to Level 3.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

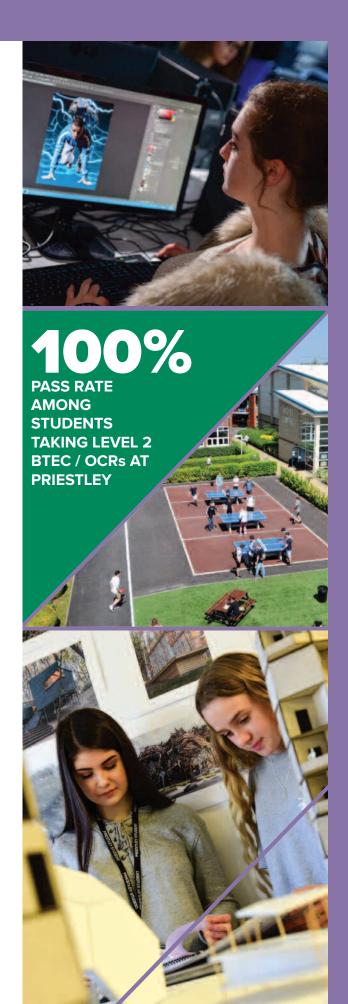
Mainly coursework and external assessments. For your coursework assessments a variety of methods will be used including written work, oral presentations, posters, group tasks and, where appropriate, practical performance.

What skills and special qualifications will I need?

- A range of GCSEs at Grade 3/2 in English and Maths
- · At least one GCSE at Grade 4
- An average GCSE score of 3 or better
- Keen interest in your chosen vocational area
- · Determination to succeed

What can you do after the Level 2 programme?

The majority of students who complete our Level 2 programme progress to one of our Level 3 courses. To do so you will need to achieve merit grades in your vocational programme and make good progress where appropriate in English / Maths as well as have a good attendance record. Other students progress directly into employment with training or an apprenticeship.



PRIESTLEY PASS RATE
IN GCSE MATHS
RESITS WAS

11%
ABOVE THE
NATIONAL

AVERAGE

LEVEL 2 & GCSE COURSES

ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS

GCSF

If you obtain a 3 at GCSE English you will be able to work towards achieving a grade 4 on our one-year resit course. If you achieve a Grade 4 you will be able to take the re-sit programme aiming to improve to a Grade 5 or higher. Some universities will require a Grade 5 or 6 for some degree courses.

Pre-GCSE / Functional Skills

If you obtain less than a Grade 3 or you need further support to develop your confidence and skills in English, we offer a one-year course designed to focus on aspects of reading, writing, speaking and listening. This will support you in your wider learning at Priestley and prepare you for our GCSE re-sit programme. You will obtain a Level 1 or Level 2 Functional Skills qualification.

MATHS QUALIFICATIONS

GCSE

If you obtain a GCSE Grade 3 you will be able to take our one-year re-sit course. If you achieve a Grade 4 you will be able to take the re-sit programme aiming to improve to a Grade 5 or higher. Some universities will require a Grade 5 or 6 for some degree courses.

Free Standing Maths Qualification

If you obtain less than a Grade 3 GCSE you will be able take our Functional Skills Level 1 or Level 2 course. If you make good progress you will be able to move on to the GCSE re-sit programme the following year.

SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS

GCSE Science

Suitable for those who have achieved a GCSE Grade 3 in core science or separate science. Topics include; nerves and hormones, evolution, metals and their uses, changes in the earth and its atmosphere, generating electricity. You will also carry out practical work in the form of a controlled assessment, which will count towards your final exam grade. There will be three exams at the end of the year – one in each of Chemistry, Physics and Biology. This course would allow you to progress onto our BTEC Applied Science Level 3 course.

LANGUAGES FOR BEGINNERS

We currently offer beginner language courses in French, German and Spanish. You can take these if you want to improve your language skills or start a new language from scratch.



PRIESTLEY PASS RATE IN GCSE ENGLISH RESITS WAS

22%
ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

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COURSE DIRECTORY

At Priestley there are more than 70 courses to choose from including A-Levels and Vocational options such as BTECs. Our flexible timetable means we can accommodate a huge number of combinations making it possible for your to select the perfect study programme.

ARTS AND SPORT

Priestley is well-known for the strength of its
Performing Arts department with former students going
on to some of the best theatre and production schools
in the country as well as lead performances on stage
as well as behind the scenes. In Sport new
partnerships with Warrington Wolves and Soccer Scout
USA have elevated the opportunities for students with
the goal of excelling in professional sport.

STEM

Priestley's STEM-assured status means our teaching and facilities are recognised as achieving the national 'gold standard' in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This is in part thanks to the dedicated technology centre, university-standard science laboratories and vast array of equipment and software available in the Design Centre, but also the experiences in industry are students are given.

HUMANITIES, LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND MEDIA

A huge range of courses are available in this area from History and Politics to Psychology and Classical Civilisation. Priestley is proud to still offer the chance of choosing three foreign languages and providing weekly one-to-one time with a language assistant in all of them. Our media courses will also prepare you for work in journalism, television or radio.

PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Whether you are considering a career in Law, Teaching or Travel & Tourism there are numerous course combinations for you at Priestley. These pathways should be considered by anyone aiming for employment in healthcare, the Armed Forces or the legal system as they provide the perfect grounding. Many of these subjects are Vocational and some even include work placements to give you some valuable experience.



A-LEVEL 3D PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

BTEC LEVEL 3 **APPLIED SCIENCE**







REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a passion for design and problem solving.
- ✓ You have a creative and practical mind.
- ✓ You want to progress into areas such as 3D Design, Industrial Design, Product Design, Manufacturing, Business, Engineering, Interior Design, Sports Design, Ergonomics, Automotive Design and Architecture.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

A broad range of materials such as composites, metals, polymers and timbers and how their different properties suit different products and processes. The wider issues of green and sustainable design, biodegradable materials, methods of production, inclusive design solutions.

Case studies that analyse individual products and how they relate to modern manufacturing systems, ICT in manufacturing and Product Design. The work of designers as well as human needs and factors.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

50% exams

50% coursework

Self-set project assessed by your tutor and moderated by the exam board.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · basic presentation skills (you can develop your concept presentation in both traditional hand rendering and CAD skills)
- · a problem solving mentality
- · passion for producing work that solves a genuine need
- commitment to Design and focussed attitude to work

PROGRESSION

University degrees in Industrial Design, Product Design, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Ergonomics, Marketing, Manufacturing/Production, Architecture, Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacture, together with a full range of craft-based subjects. Employment and apprenticeships such as Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering or Architectural apprenticeship. Priestley alumni have gone on to careers in many areas including teaching and design at companies such as Jaguar, Kellogg's, Formula One McI aren and Shell.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ It offers an exciting look at science through applications rather than theory.
- ✓ More time to conduct in-depth practical work and your own research.
- ✓ Learning methods include completing assignments, case studies and projects based on workplace situations.
- ✓ You will learn about demands and legislation that exist in the workplace.
- ✓ You will develop independence as a learner and obtain transferrable skills in preparation for a career or higher level

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Up to six core units including Fundamentals of Science, Working in the Science Industry, Perceptions of Science, Scientific Investigations and Scientific Practical Techniques. Up to six specialist units including Microbiological Techniques. Physiology of Body Systems, Industrial Chemical Reactions and Using Statistics in Science.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Practical work, projects and assignments. Units are internallyassessed and contribute to an overall grade. This approach may appeal to those who prefer portfolio-based assessment.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Science and Maths
- · Level 2 vocational qualification in Science at merit level plus Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

PROGRESSION

Full-time degree courses, apprenticeship or employment. BTEC Diplomas can provide access to work in hospitals, education, quality control, testing and environmental science laboratories.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will develop special skills during your course in areas such as solving issues surrounding environmental impact, sustainability and recycling. Also in considering market demand, clients and potential users. You will be trained to complete work to a degree level.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

A number of visits to increase understanding of science in the workplace. Last year students visited Fiddlers Ferry Power



A-LEVEL ARCHITECTURE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You enjoy exploring how architecture works and would like to learn how to develop ideas and designs for a range of projects.
- You aspire to work as an architect, interior architect, urban planner or landscape architect.
- ✓ You want to progress to university to study a range of courses in art and design, with a specific bias to an architecture-related course.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will learn a wide range of 2D and 3D techniques and digital processes to enable you to create a coherent project that leads from your inspiration to a resolved model. You will develop research skills, studying contemporary and historical architecture and designs, as well as developing your drawing and problem solving skills. You will enhance your creative skills, as well as computer-based design, as you initiate, develop and realise your ideas through a personal, practical art and design working process.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - coursework.

Year 2 (A-Level) – coursework and an exam assignment. Submission of sketchbooks, samples and final outcomes.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- genuine interest and commitment to the subject is essential
- enthusiasm for creating personal and unique work
- passion for developing your creative skills

PROGRESSION

Students can progress directly onto a broad range of architecture-related degree courses. Another recommended option is to progress onto the Art Foundation course.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As well as research trips and gallery visits, we invite speakers from universities and from industry to talk about career possibilities.

BTEC LEVEL 3 ART & DESIGN



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Excellent preparation for a career in Art & Design.
- ✓ Discover your own strengths and develop a professionalstandard portfolio.
- ✓ Work on projects assigned by industry professionals, including opportunities to exhibit your work in public venues.
- ✓ Students on this programme progress to university to study Art or Design, or into Art & Design-related employment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Drawing, painting, textiles and ceramics, photography and illustration. You will build your confidence and skills in year one before deciding on your specialism for year two when your work will be independently driven. You will learn how artists and designers work. This choice or pathway enables you to develop a high level of work in your chosen area for university or employment.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Project-based assignments

A final major project of your choice, which will be displayed in an exhibition.

Your progress will be continuously monitored and assessed.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- commitment to Art & Design
- hard work ethic
- enthusiasm for producing personal and unique work
- · passion for the subject

PROGRESSION

You will build a strong portfolio that will allow you to apply for top university places or go on to work in the Creative Industries in full-time employment / apprenticeships. Other options include progression onto the Art Foundation course.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As well as working in the studios you will be encouraged to participate in research trips and gallery visits to support your studies. As part of your course you will have the opportunity to talk to visiting speakers from university and from industry about careers and courses. You will be taught by specialist staff who share their expertise in your classes.

GALLERY AT WWW.PRIESTLEYGRAPHICS.CO.UK



BTEC LEVEL 3/4 ART FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ It is an intensive one-year course seen as the first stage of a career in Art & Design.
- ✓ Excellent preparation for Art & Design-related courses in Higher Education.
- ✓ Worth two A-Levels and the equivalent of 112 (D) 96 (M) 80 (P) UCAS points.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will learn through experimental workshops covering a range of 2D and 3D media including drawing, conceptual thinking, painting, sculpture, textiles, fashion, photography and graphic design.

The pathway/final major project stages of the course will allow further experimentation and development.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Four key assessment stages during the year culminating in a Final Major Proposal, which is assessed internally and externally examined at Level 4 standard.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · commitment to Art and Design
- · willingness to work hard
- · curious and open mind
- excited to produce work that is personal and unique
- passion and interest in the understanding of, and commitment to, the subject

PROGRESSION

An emphasis on independent learning and the development of your skills will prepare you for Higher Education. A self-directed project will be linked to a career choice and concentrate on preparing portfolios for interviews. Priestley students have gone on to study BA (Hons) and HNDs in Fine Art, Textiles, Fashion, Interior Design, Architecture, Animation, Stage Design, Product Design and Graphic Design. Former students have also secured apprenticeships in interior design and graphics, to name just a few.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Visits to contemporary art, design and craft galleries in cities such as Liverpool, Manchester and London will give you direct access to a wide range of historical and contemporary practices that can inform your own development. Practical field trip to Robin Hood's Bay to build portfolio.

GALLERY AT WWW.PRIESTLEYGRAPHICS.CO.UK



EDEXCEL LEVEL 3 AWARD IN ALGEBRA

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Progression route to AS Maths for suitable candidates.
- \checkmark Taught alongside AS Maths students for the first term.
- ✓ Assessments in the first term will indicate your suitability for the AS Maths course.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Edexcel Award in Algebra is a Level 3 course where you will study key areas of algebra such as equations, inequalities and quadratics.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

One two-hour paper in January.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths
- GCSE average of 5 or above

PROGRESSION

The Award in Algebra can help provide access to the AS Mathematics course for those students who have an average GCSE score of between 5 and 5.5 and who have a grade 6 or higher in GCSE Maths. Many students who study AS and A-Level Maths then go on to pursue careers in areas such as engineering, statistics, operational research, computing, accountancy, actuarial work, business management, insurance, financial services and teaching.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

There will be one extra lesson a week timetabled for every student on this course to provide additional support with the AS work and to prepare for the Award examination. You will also have the opportunity to attend Maths lectures and trips as they are organised.

A-LEVEL BIOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You are interested in the science of life and how organisms function and interact.
- Biology affects everyone through medical science and scientific developments such as curing genetic diseases, developing drugs, fertility treatments and improving nutrition.
- ✓ You want to study changes in the environment and how species are affected.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) — you study biological molecules, cells, organisms exchange substances with their environment, genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms. Year 2 (A-Level) — you also study energy transfers in and between organisms, how organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments, genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems and the control of gene expression. There is an emphasis on applying your knowledge to unfamiliar situations as well as application of maths and practical skills.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) – two 1.5 hour exams

Year 2 (A-Level) – three 2 hour exams (including an essay) Practical skills will be assessed throughout the course and in the written exams.

Progress will be monitored through assessments and progress tests

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- average GCSE grade of 5.5 or above
- minimum GCSE Grade 5 in GCSE Science, Maths and English Language

PROGRESSION

Wide range of career opportunities from Medicine, Veterinary Science, Environmental Health, Pharmacy, Sports Science, Animal Health and Psychology to Teaching and Television, Management and Marketing.

A-LEVEL BUSINESS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ It offers an interesting and current insight into a range of issues and business behaviour affecting organisations today.
- ✓ You will develop a critical understanding of business activities on a local, national and global scale.
- ✓ You will explore how businesses adapt and respond strategically to a changing environment.
- You will gain an understanding of the business decisionmaking process, encouraging you to establish informed opinions and views.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – You will learn about people in business including management, leadership, decision making and stakeholders. You will also learn about marketing, finance and business operations.

Year 2 (A-Level) – This will focus largely on business strategy including looking at strategic decision-making, strategic methods and managing strategic change.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) – two 1.5 hour exams

Year 2 (A-Level) – three 2 hour exams (including an essay) (Exams will be a mix of multiple choice, short answer questions and essay questions).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · GCSE English and Maths minimum grade 4
- · ability to use and interpret data
- interest in current affairs
- willingness to carry out background reading and to work independently
- confidence to take part in discussion and use real business examples

PROGRESSION

Degree courses including Accounting and Financial Management, Business and Economics, Business Management, Marketing, Product Innovation and Development and Fashion Retailing. Careers and further training posts have recently included AAT trainees and a selection of apprenticeships. Other students choose this A-Level as they have an ambition to run their own business.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Field trips and day trips, which may include Christmas lectures and practical workshops. You could enter the national Royal Society of Biology Olympiad, have the chance to represent Priestley College in the Biology Challenge and get involved in college Open Events. We encourage you to broaden your knowledge through wider reading and offering subscriptions to Biological Sciences Review magazine.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Business trips and talks such as a residential trip to Belgium, JLR, the National Coalmine Museum and The Bank of England. Revision conferences and university business simulations. Opportunities to demonstrate innovation, leadership and teambuilding skills through Peter Jones' Business Tycoons in Schools competition, Deloitte Micro-Tyco Challenge, Citrus Saturday and The Tenner Competition.



BTEC LEVEL 3 BUSINESS









REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Build on any knowledge you already have of business, marketing and management.
- ✓ Discover more about how real businesses operate and react to change.
- ✓ Enhance your practical skills by running your own mini enterprise.
- ✓ Enjoy traditional lessons, spend time working on coursework and problem solve either independently or within a group.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study a range of business subjects including an Introduction to Business, Finance and Accounts, Marketing, Human Resources, Event Management, International Business and many more.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 - exam in Business, Finance, and a controlled assessment on a marketing campaign. Coursework units: Exploring Business, Customer Services, Recruitment.

Year 2 - exams on Management and Strategy. Coursework units: Event management and teams, International Business and many more.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · ability to complete coursework and to carry out your own research
- · independent thinking and teamwork skills
- · an interest in Business.

PROGRESSION

University or the ability to start your own business. Careers in retail, marketing, human resources, management, financial management and event planning and many more.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Opportunity to run your own business and to make your own profit from this. Visit a range of businesses such as Disneyland Paris, Alton Towers, Chester Zoo, Jaguar Land Rover and Cadbury World. Field trips to Chester Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, and New York — applying what you learn from these experiences to your coursework.

A-LEVEL CHEMISTRY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Chemistry is everywhere, from microscopic organisms to distant galaxies from medical discoveries to volcanic eruptions.
- ✓ It is the only science that is compulsory for further study of medicine.
- ✓ Opportunities to develop teamwork, communication, IT and application of number skills.
- Being a practical subject you will have the chance to conduct experiments as well as take part in discussions, problem solving and to benefit from traditional teaching.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry and organic chemistry.

Year 2 (A-Level) - kinetics, equilibria, organic chemistry, energetics, redox and inorganic chemistry.

The AS course can be completed as a stand-alone qualification when you follow the first year of the A-Level course.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

AS - two exams (practical-based exam questions will appear in both papers)

A-Level - three written papers (practical-based exam questions worth 15%)

You will be expected to complete at least 12 practical activities over the two years.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- minimum grade 5 in GCSE Science and Maths and English Language
- average GCSE score of 5.5 or above

PROGRESSION

University courses and careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Environmental, Forensic, Food and Textiles Sciences, Pharmacy, Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry. Science-based apprenticeships.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Opportunity to participate in residential courses to assist career choices in Medicine, Forensics, Chemistry and Veterinary Science. Chance to represent college in the Young Analyst of the Year competition. Opportunity to take part in the national Chemistry Olympiad and Cambridge Challenge competitions. Visits to Liverpool University and UCLAN to attend practical workshops. Visits to local industry to see practical applications of chemistry.

BTEC LEVEL 3 CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- The course has been developed in consultation with employers, higher education institutions and professional bodies.
- It only takes up one block so you can study other A-Levels/L3 courses alongside it.
- Students can expect to progress to university to study courses that involve working with children (primary school teachers, paediatric nurses, social workers, speech therapist).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The core modules consist of Child Development and Play in Early Years Settings. Other units look at Health and Safety, Meeting Needs and Working with Parents. You will also undertake a placement as part of this course.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

One exam in your first year, Unit 1: Child Development. A number of coursework units in your first and second year produced as written reports, presentations, display work and group work. You will complete a Practical Evidence Portfolio, which will consist of your achievements and reflections on placement settings. You will attend placement for one morning or afternoon each week.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths, English and Science
- · ability to work independently
- reading and research skills
- experience working with children would be beneficial but not essential

PROGRESSION

Progress to university to study Social Work, Primary School Teaching, Nursing and other related degrees or you may wish to continue further training to achieve the Early Years Educator Status.

BTEC LEVEL 3 CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

(EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR STATUS)





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- The course has been developed in consultation with employers, higher education institutions and professional bodies.
- This is a full-time programme and success will help students progress to university or careers such as nursery assistants, family support workers and other Early Years professions.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Series of units relevant to schools, nurseries, children's centres, child minders, play groups etc. The core modules consist of Child Development and Play in Early Years Settings. Other units look at Health and Safety, Meeting Needs and Working with Parents. Within this course you will have three days in college and two days on placement.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

One exam in your first year, Unit 1: Child Development. Coursework units produced as written reports, presentations, display work and group work. You will complete a Practical Evidence Portfolio, which will consist of your achievements and reflections on placement settings.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- obtain clearance DBS application
- achieved, or be working towards, a grade 4 or above in Maths, English and Science
- · organised and good time management skills
- · ability to work independently

PROGRESSION

You can gain employment in a number of specific careers within the Early Years Sector as a qualified practitioner or, alternatively, you may wish to progress to university to study Social Work, Primary School Teaching, Nursing and other children and early years-related degrees e.g. speech therapist.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Various trips such as a residential in London where you will visit The Children's Museum. Trip to Disneyland Paris. Visits to universities to explore their Early Years and Health-related degrees as well as a tour of their campus, taking part in lectures and finding out other general information relating to tuition and accommodation fees.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Various trips such as a residential in London where you will visit The Children's Museum. Trip to Disneyland Paris. Visits to universities to explore their Early Years and Health related degrees as well as a tour of their campus, taking part in lectures and finding out other general information.



A-LEVEL CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- The Classical World of Ancient Greece and Rome was the foundation of our modern world. Learn about this fascinating era that still shapes our world today.
- Study the Classical World's great people, wars, sacrifices, ideas, gods and epic stories.
- ✓ Read and learn about some of the most exciting adventure stories from the ancient imagination.
- ✓ Develop a range of skills such as writing and analysing texts.
- ✓ Excellent preparation for university or most professional

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – Homer's much-loved epic of the Trojan War, the lliad and the Image of the Emperor all about the first Roman Emperor Augustus and his incredible achievements.

Year 2 (A-Level) – the great Roman epic, the Aeneid, Virgil's mighty tale of the origins of the Roman nation, and Greek religion, the beliefs and practices of the Classical religion.

The AS course can be completed as a stand-alone qualification when you follow the first year of the A-Level course.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

AS - two exams

A-Level - three exams

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · an interest and enthusiasm for the period
- · keenness to read the epic tales
- solid standard of written English

PROGRESSION

University courses and careers in heritage, classics, history, anthropology and a wide range of other allied subjects. Classics is a solid academic subject which can serve as a strong grounding for a variety of careers, such as writing (J K Rowling), politics (Boris Johnson) and business (Martha Lane Fox).

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

A range of trips across the two years including trips to Chester and Hadrian's Wall. Opportunities to visit Manchester University, visiting speakers from the university and take part in other exciting activities. This year, Dr. Fear spoke to our students on the subject of Alexander the Great.



A-LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Computer Science is directly relevant to the modern and changing world of computing.
- It is a practical subject where students can apply knowledge gained to write code, design websites and interrogate databases.
- ✓ It combines creativity with opportunities to analyse and make decisions
- Emphasis on problem solving using computers, programming and mathematical/logic skills.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – characteristics of contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices, software and software development, exchanging data, data types, data structures and algorithms, legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues.

Year 2 (A-Level) – elements of computational thinking, problem solving and programming, algorithms, project management.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two exams

Year 2 (A-Level) - two exams, each 40% plus a project worth 20%

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- minimum GCSE Maths grade 5 (6 preferred)
- minimum average GCSE pass of 5.5

PROGRESSION

University courses in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Systems. Careers as a software engineer, business analyst or web developer.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Opportunities to enter competitions such as British Informatics Olympiad and the National Cipher Competition. Visits from Barclays Bank, RAF and local website and app developers. Day trips which include lectures and workshops.



WJEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA CRIMINOLOGY





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- The course offers exciting and interesting experiences that will help you to understand the criminal justice system.
- It will help prepare you for a career in criminal justice, or studying criminology at university.
- Explore why people commit crime looking at psychology and sociology, as well as how society tackles crime through the law, policing and punishment.
- Learn about different types of crime and people's perceptions of crime as well as how they are investigated.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

A wide range of crimes and people's reasons for not reporting it. The importance of changing public perceptions of crime as well as the skills required to plan a campaign for change in relation to crime. How changes in criminological theory have influenced policy. You will develop an ability to review criminal cases and evaluate evidence to determine whether the verdict is safe and just. Learn about the criminal justice system in England and Wales and how it operates to achieve social control.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Exams and internal assessments.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- ability to construct logical and critical arguments using proven sociological knowledge
- ability to articulate arguments effectively in class discussions and written assessments
- strong time management and independent learning skills

PROGRESSION

Students will gain the required knowledge to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice sector e.g. Probation Service, Police Force or alternatively use the qualification to support access to higher/further education courses e.g. Criminology, Criminal Justice and Law.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will have the chance to attend student conferences and visit court to see the criminal justice system in action.

A-LEVEL DANCE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- This is a stimulating and exciting exploration into the world of professional dance, preparing you for further dance studies at university.
- You will develop technical, performance, creative and theoretical dance skills.
- ✓ You will have the opportunity to perform in front of live audiences.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Contemporary dance technique and performance, choreography for solos, groups, duets and quartets, critical engagement – the analysis of professional dance works and companies, safety of the dancer.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

50% practical (solos, duet, quartet, group) and 50% theory (critical engagement)

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- passion and commitment for studying and participating in contemporary dance
- · creativity and an explorative mind to choreography
- enjoy performing in front of a live audience
- previous dance training, preferably in the contemporary or ballet genre, sufficient enough to participate in an intermediate dance technique class
- · GCSE English Grade 4 or equivalent
- · to successfully complete an audition

PROGRESSION

A-Level Dance prepares students for higher education. The course is academic as well as practical and is therefore best suited to students who wish to pursue a career in Dance by taking the next step to university.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Oxygen is the college's contemporary dance company which consists of a group of talented, dedicated and passionate dancers who strive to create interesting and original works from a variety of different stimuli, whilst also continuing to develop their technical skills. The process and exploration of choreographing is an extremely important part of the company, as is the opportunity to showcase dance works and perform to live audiences. Application is through audition and is open to anyone studying at Priestley College.

BTEC LEVEL 3 DANCE



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Outstanding success rate and opportunities for progression into the UK's leading dance colleges and universities.
- Diverse and rigorous training in a multitude of dance styles and genres.
- ✓ Visiting professional dance company workshops.
- ✓ Professional and rewarding training environment.
- Opportunities to perform in a variety of showcases and public performances.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Contemporary Dance Theatre, African Dance, Lyrical Dance, Urban Dance, performing to an audience project, improvisation skills

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

You will be assessed every half term on a performance you give in the genre that you are currently studying. You will also have written assignments as part of each unit which count towards your overall grade.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- to successfully complete an audition
- passion, drive and ambition to succeed in improving your dance skills
- commitment and time management skills to meet deadlines
- · professionalism at all times
- to be supportive and encouraging of others in order to create a positive working environment.

PROGRESSION

The BTEC course alongside the support, guidance and audition preparation offered by staff will thoroughly prepare you for your next stage of training at the country's leading dance colleges.

A-LEVEL DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- You will learn how to make effective use of a camera according to circumstances and intentions.
- ✓ Learn how to compose and refine photographic images, both in camera and through sensitive manipulation on the computer and using hand rendered processes.
- Students on this programme progress to university to study Photography or into photographic or art and design related employment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Practical photographic work covering topics such as portraiture, landscape, still-life, documentary, photo journalism and experimental imagery.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

AS - coursework.

A-Level - coursework and an exam project.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · commitment to, and passion for, photography
- your own digital camera, which should be of appropriate quality
- · willingness to work hard
- excited by the idea of producing work that is personal and unique
- ability to undertake photographic assignments out of college (usually at the weekends) is essential as this forms the basis of coursework

PROGRESSION

Students can progress directly onto photography-related degree courses at university after they have completed their A-Levels. Some universities prefer students to take an Art Foundation course prior to starting a degree to broaden their experience.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

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PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As well as research trips and gallery visits, we invite speakers from universities and from industry to talk to you about career possibilities. So if you enjoy being creative, are hard working, have a keen interest in photography and want to learn how to use industry standard photo manipulation software, choose Digital Photography.

A-LEVEL DRAMA

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a passion for reading plays and watching theatre and want to develop your experience of both.
- ✓ You want to expand your understanding of different styles of theatre and influential practitioners.
- ✓ You would like to develop your acting tool kit and increase your skill set.
- ✓ You want to enhance your chances of success in any career through the development of your verbal and physical communication skills and confidence.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Two plays that will lead to short performances as part of your exams and a third that will form the basis of your written exam. A theatre review of a live performance for your written exam. Also, you will choose from either reading a play, watching a play, reading or researching practitioner work; one element every two weeks.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework (30%)

Group performance exam (20%)

Monologue/duologue exam (10%)

Written exam (40%)

In the second year, there is also a devised performance exam and another text to study for the written exam

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- grade 4 or higher in GCSE English
- to successfully complete an audition
- · high levels of commitment, attendance and punctuality
- · love of reading
- · ability to study independently

PROGRESSION

Many students go on to study drama or acting at university or the UK's top theatre schools. Others have successfully pursued careers in law, nursing, social work, business, education, science, sport and many other fields.

A-LEVEL ECONOMICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- It offers a fascinating challenge as it allows you to consider the topical and controversial issues of the day in a lively and analytical way.
- You will develop an understanding of how individuals make decisions based on economic principles.
- ✓ You will understand what the Government's aims are and how it attempts to fulfil them.
- ✓ You will learn how governments raise revenue and then decide how to spend this on different projects.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – central economic problem, how do individuals make decisions? government objectives

Year 2 (A-Level) – you will also study business economics and industrial theory, behavioural economics, financial services.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two 1.5 hour exams

Year 2 (A-Level) – three 2 hour exams (including an essay) The exams are short questions, multiple choice questions and essays based on topical case studies.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- Average GCSE score of 5.5 or above
- GCSE English and Maths minimum grade 5
- genuine interest in current affairs and the world around you
- · willingness to read news articles and economics news stories
- ability to listen to other people's opinions and contribute to discussions.

PROGRESSION

Economists are highly sought after – they are the second most highly paid graduates. Those who have a good understanding of the economy will find rewarding occupations in banks and financial institutions, manufacturing and service companies, the media, government and international organisations such as the World Bank. Many of our students choose to go on to study Economics to degree level.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Independent reading and theatre visits. Workshops run by industry professionals and ex students who have studied at elite institutions.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Visits to the UK and European Parliaments and other financial institutions. Chance to take part in the Bank of England Interest Rate Challenge and the National Stock Market Challenge operated by the Institute of Financial Studies.





A-LEVEL ELECTRONICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Electronics is fundamental to today's technological society, whether the application is from telecommunications, medical equipment, entertainment or industry.
- ✓ Electronics is a practical course that will develop problem solving and circuit design skills, as well as some programming, and is a good companion course to Physics or Computer Science.
- Electronics serves as a useful addition to advanced courses for potential engineers, scientists, music technologists and computer programmers.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Building on your GCSE Science knowledge we start with basic d.c. electricity theory, and move on to input and output subsystems, digital and analogue electronics, timing circuits, audio circuits, wireless communication, optical communication, a.c. and mains circuits, power electronics and microcontrollers. The AS course can be completed as a stand-alone qualification when you follow the first year of the A-Level course.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - one exam 80% and three short practical assessments 20%

Year 2 (A-Level) – two exams 80% and a practical assessment through design, construction and testing of a project 20%.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- A minimum of GCSE Maths at grade 5 though a grade 6 is advised, and GCSE Science or Physics at grade 4 or above
- you are likely to have good practical ability, creative skills, an enquiring mind and mathematical ability

POST-COURSE OPPORTUNITIES

University courses, especially in related engineering fields, as well as employment and electronics or engineering-based apprenticeships.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As part of your programme you will be able to get involved in many trips and events.

OCR LEVEL 3 ENGINEERING





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Combine this with other subjects at Priestley to develop a range of skills and provide the qualifications required for a career in Engineering.
- ✓ A programme can be tailored specifically to meet your needs and combined with AS subjects such as Electronics / Graphics / 3D Design / ICT and many more.
- ✓ Ideal if you do not want to take a purely academic style AS Level programme.
- ✓ You will develop a wide range of practical and transferable skills.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 - Mathematics for Engineering, Science for Engineering, Principles of Mechanical Engineering.

Year 2 - Principles of Electronic and Electrical Engineering plus coursework style units in Electronic Design and in Computer Aided Design.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 - three exams

Year 2 - one exam and two internally-assessed units.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- Average GCSE score of 4.5 or above
- GCSE Science at grade 4 or above, or Level 2 vocational qualification in Science or Engineering at merit level
- GCSE Maths and English at grade 4 or above

PROGRESSION

The natural progression routes are on to full-time degree courses or directly into an apprenticeship or job. We have designed this programme to equip students to progress into electrical or electronic apprenticeships or design or computing-based careers. The skills you will develop will be in demand across a range of practical and technical careers.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As part of your programme you will be able to get involved in a variety of trips and events organised through the various courses making up your engineering programme.

A-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- You are interested in learning how English is used in both spoken and written language.
- ✓ To understand, analyse and discuss how different writers persuade, inform, instruct and advise their different audiences.
- ✓ To see how the English Language has changed over the centuries, including how texting, social media, Twitter and blogging has impacted on language in the 21st century.
- To develop crucial skills needed to succeed in any career, university course or apprenticeship.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will analyse a wide range of transcripts from television, radio and spontaneous real life talk, together with a wide variety of written texts ranging from the year 1500 to 2018. You will improve your ability to structure your writing, create valid arguments and develop your vocabulary. Both the AS and A-Level include opportunities to express yourself creatively by writing fiction and non-fiction in a variety of genre.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - exam

Year 2 (A-Level) - 20% coursework and 80% examination.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language
- · clear interest in how English is used
- willingness to build on your grammar work at GCSE
- willingness to read newspapers and articles from a range of publications
- · ability to write essays
- · hard work ethic
- ability to use independent research skills through resources found on the internet, in the Virtual Learning Environment and Learning Resource Centre

PROGRESSION

It opens doors to a variety of careers including law, teaching, business, marketing, advertising, journalism, publishing and speech therapy. A-Level English Language is accepted for entry onto a wide range courses at university, including those within the Russell Group and at Oxbridge.

A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- To have the opportunity to discuss your own views on literary and non-literary texts as well as listen to those of others.
- To develop your knowledge of literary and non- literary texts from different genres and periods.
- To improve your understanding of the social and historical contexts in which texts are produced.
- ✓ To develop a wide variety of skills that are highly regarded by both employers and universities including the ability to express yourself clearly and coherently in writing.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

- Literary texts: F Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby', Philip Larkin's 'The Whitsun Weddings', Arthur Miller's 'All My Sons'
- Non-literary texts including screenplays, letters, diaries, travel writing and journalism from an Anthology.
- The social and historical contexts of texts produced in contemporary society, post WW2 Britain and America and early 20th century America.
- Writing creative literary and non-literary pieces inspired by reading novels such as Suzanne Collins' 'The Hunger Games', George Orwell's '1984' and Margeret Atwood's 'The Handmaid's Tale'

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - exam

Year 2 (A-Level) - 20% coursework, 80% exam.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- a minimum GCSE grade 4 in both English Language and English Literature
- willingness to read new and challenging texts, learn new terminology and analyse writers' techniques
- willingness to work and read independently
- ability to write essays and expressing your ideas clearly and logically
- willingness to take part in discussion and formal presentations

PROGRESSION

English Language and Literature prepares you for careers that require good communication skills such as publishing, public relations, marketing, journalism, media, management, the legal profession, teaching and many others. It is highly regarded by all leading universities.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Studying English Language will give you opportunities to attend conferences and join us on residential visits. You can also join the Creative Writing group and college magazine.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Studying English Language and Literature will give you opportunities to attend theatre performances and conferences as well as join us on residential visits. You can also join the Creative Writing group and college magazine.

A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ To have the opportunity to discuss your own views and ideas on literature as well as listen to those of others.
- ✓ To further develop your knowledge and interest of literary texts from different genres and periods.
- ✓ To improve your understanding of the literary contexts.
- ✓ To develop a wide variety of skills that are highly regarded by both employers and universities, and which will complement many of your other courses at Priestley.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

A range of novels, poetry and drama from the 15th to the 21st century such as 'The Great Gatsby', 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles', 'Measure for Measure' and a poetry anthology looking at 'Love through the Ages'.

Literary traditions and movements such as Jacobean Drama or Literary Modernism and the impact of contexts on the way texts are written and received.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - exam

Year 2 (A-Level) - 20% coursework, 80% exam.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- a minimum GCSE grade 5 in English Literature and grade 4 in English Language
- · willingness to read new and challenging texts, to learn new terminology, and analyse writers' techniques
- · ability to carry out independent research
- · ability to write essays expressing your ideas clearly and logically
- · willingness to develop your oral communication skills through discussion and formal presentations

PROGRESSION

English Literature is favoured by top universities for its academic rigour and breadth of study. It will prepare you for careers, which require good communication skills, such as publishing, public relations, marketing, journalism, media, management, the legal profession, teaching and many others.

BTEC LEVEL 3 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You want an insight into the sustainability sector, one of the fastest growing in the UK.
- You want an introduction to the various elements of sustainability.
- ✓ Discover why it is important to have knowledge and awareness of sustainability that can be passed on to others.
- The course supports entry to a variety of HE courses in this sector and beyond.
- You will have the opportunity to experience Work-Related Learning with an employer.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (Certificate) - What is sustainability? Urban environments, Geology of natural resources

Year 2 (Subsidiary Diploma) - Sustainable communities, Science for environmental technicians plus an independent investigative project.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework/portfolio of evidence only. There is no examination component in this qualification.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- an interest in the environment
- good time-management skills and an ability to keep to the assessment schedule and final deadlines

PROGRESSION

Full-time degree courses, apprenticeship or employment including ecology, waste management and recycling, conservation, government policy unit, journalism and land management or town and country planning.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Studying English Literature will give you opportunities to attend theatre performances, museum visits and conferences and residential visits. You can also join the Creative Writing group and college magazine.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

The very nature of the Environmental Sustainability BTEC means that students will have opportunities to put the theory they learn into practice in the field. Recent educational visits and field trips have included working quarries in Derbyshire Iceland and Sicily. Students will also be required to undertake a period of work-related learning by completing a work placement. This is currently organised with the Environment Agency, a leading local, regional, national and international employer and training provider.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Choose your own topic and title.
- ✓ Titles this year ranged from "Are humans really made of stardust?" to "What makes the perfect pop song?" It really is up to you what you research!
- ✓ Demonstrate that you are an independent learner.
- ✓ Learn skills that universities and employers value greatly.
- ✓ EPQ is the only AS in which you can achieve an A* (28 UCAS points).
- Some universities make lower UCAS offers based on EPQ grade.
- √ You can take EPQ in either Year 1 or Year 2; it is a one-year course.
- ✓ You can combine it with most other courses.
- ✓ Link it to your favourite subject, a career plan or a passion.
- ✓ You become the expert in the classroom rather than the tutor.
- ✓ Our results: almost half A* and A, two-thirds A* to B, Outstanding Value Added.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

What makes a good research title?

How to carry out academic, detailed and balanced research. How to structure a convincing academic argument. Who to believe?

Is your source valid or is it fake news?

How to reference academic sources appropriately. How to deliver a convincing, professional and entertaining presentation to an audience of your peers.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

100% coursework plus a dissertation of at least 6000 words. The majority of students opt for the dissertation, but alternatives to the essay are: an Investigation/Experiment/Field Study, a Performance or an Artefact plus 2,000 words.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · ability to work independently
- organisational and time management skills
- be prepared to spend at least 2½ hours per week of your own time on reading, research and production
- determination to overcome any obstacles and to solve problems
- to be critical, responsible, honest and reflective
- communication skills, both written and verbal and numeracy skills

PROGRESSION

Completing the EPQ will position you as a strong candidate for university places as you will develop key skills including independent learning, research and time management. In 2017 almost half of our candidates achieved A* or A in their EPQ, potentially qualifying for a lower university offer.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

There are regular opportunities for University visits. EPQ students have the chance to use the John Rylands University of Manchester Library. In previous years, students have corresponded with leading world experts in their field. EPQ complements Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Teaching and other enrichment activities. Students will also be encouraged to undertake an edX or FutureLearn online distance learning course, especially if it ties in with their Extended Project topic and progression plans.

A-LEVEL FASHION & TEXTILES

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- You enjoy working with fabrics and mixed media and would like to learn how to create exciting surfaces and textures using machine and hand techniques
- ✓ You may aspire to work in Textiles and Fashion Design, Theatre Costume, Fashion Promotion and Styling, Fashion Retail and Management.
- Students on this programme can progress to university to study a range of courses in textiles, fashion and art and design.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will learn a wide range of textile and fabric manipulation techniques to enable you to create garments, fashion accessories, installations or textile art. You will develop research skills, studying contemporary and historical textile and fashion designers as well as developing your drawing and problem solving skills. Critical and creative skills will be enhanced as you initiate, develop and realise your ideas through a personal, practical art and design working process.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - coursework

Year 2 (A-Level) - coursework project and exam assignment Submission of sketchbooks, samples and final outcomes.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · genuine interest and commitment to the subject
- enthusiasm for creating personal and unique work
- passion for developing your creative skills

PROGRESSION

Students can progress directly onto textiles and fashion-related degree courses at university after they have completed their A-Levels. Other options include progression onto the Art Foundation course.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Gallery visits are an important part of studying Textiles. You will have the opportunity to listen to visiting speakers from university and participate in workshops with practising artists and designers. You will also visit the end-of-year degree shows at a local university.



A-LEVEL FILM STUDIES

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a keen interest in studying and producing your own films.
- ✓ You will develop strong analytical skills.
- ✓ You have a passion for film.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study Cinema as a medium, art form and social and economic institution. You will also engage with a wide range of different kinds of films developing your skills of observation, critical analysis and personal reflection.

In the first year you will study a range of different film and film techniques, including both American film and European films. The films you will study are: Pan's Labyrinth, Shaun of the Dead, Sightseers, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, Vertigo, Captain Fantastic. You will also, individually, film and edit your own film sequence which will be 2-3 minutes in duration.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

70% exams 30% coursework.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- keen interest in film, watching films and practical work.
- ability to articulate your views clearly and in detail.

PROGRESSION

The course allows progression to Higher Education courses in Film, Media, and develops a range of transferable critical, analytical and research skills, which you will be able to use effectively in future employment.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

To develop your appreciation of film, visits to the cinema will be organised. Visits in the past have included 3D screenings along with a screening at London's BFI IMAX. Film students will also have the opportunity to take a trip to New York.

CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA FINANCIAL STUDIES

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- The awarding body is the London Institute of Banking and Finance.
- ✓ You are interested in a career in the Banking and Finance sector.
- ✓ Financial capability is an essential life skill and this course will
 help you make sound financial decisions.
- ✓ It will encourage you to become a sensible saver and understand financial planning.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 Certificate in Financial Studies - Financial Capability for the Immediate and Short Term, Financial Capability for the Medium and Long Term.

Year 2 Diploma in Financial Studies - Sustainability of Individual Finances, Sustainability of the Financial Services System.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Exams based on a pre-released case study and e-tests.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · ability to use and interpret data with confidence
- ability to analyse extended case studies and produce essay answers
- interest in current and financial affairs
- ability to take part in discussions and use real financial examples
- · willingness and ability to work independently.

PROGRESSION

Financial Studies gives you a good understanding about careers in financial services such as financial advisors, bankers and debt advisors. Many of these careers offer very comprehensive training pathways and careers for students. There are university courses in financial studies that offer a direct pathway of continued study in this field.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

The Student Investor Challenge gives you the chance to be a stockbroker in a fast paced and competitive market. The Young Financial Journalist competition centres on producing a 1,000-word article on a current affairs question and is judged by leading financial journalists. The City of London visit focuses on a presentation at the London Institute of Banking and Finance, a visit to the Bank of England and a walking tour of the financial district

A-LEVEL FINE ART

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Enjoy an experimental approach to using a wide range of media including painting, print, mixed media and digital imagery.
- If you are keen to explore observational drawing you will be suited to the course as it underpins all Fine Art practice.
- ✓ It will develop your creative understanding and can be useful in many fields of learning as well as a range of careers.
- ✓ It is particularly appropriate for advertising, architecture, industrial or product design, history of art, teaching and work in the creative industries.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) - Rural and urban environments, personal space and a mock examination question.

Year 2 (A Level) - Personal creative investigation unit and an exam course work unit. A-Level students will exhibit their work professionally in the Priestley summer show.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Informal assessment throughout.

Formal assessment at the end of each unit.

At the end of the course, you will exhibit all your work. It will then be finally assessed and externally moderated.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- commitment to Art and Design
- · willingness to work hard
- excited to produce work that is personal and unique
- interest in the understanding of, and commitment to, the subject

PROGRESSION

Students can progress directly onto Art and Design related degree courses at university after they have completed their A-Levels. However, universities can prefer students to take an Art Foundation course to broaden their experience prior to starting a degree.

A-LEVEL FRENCH

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- If you are interested in learning about the language, culture, history and current affairs of the French-speaking world.
- Weekly individual oral lesson with our French assistant, Sabine, who is from Paris.
- ✓ Learn a beautiful and exciting language in a small class, where we can individualise our support for your learning
- ✓ You can combine French with many other courses at college.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – the changing nature of family life; the use of technology in French speaking countries; the role of volunteering, francophone music; French speaking cinema; French cultural heritage; a French film – "au revoir les enfants".

Year 2 (A-Level) – the advantages of a diverse society; marginalised people in French society; how to treat criminals effectively in France; young French people's engagement with politics; trade unions and strikes; the politics of immigration; a book – "No et moi".

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - one comprehension exam 40% marks, one essay exam 30% marks; one speaking exam 30% marks.
Year 2 (A-Level) - one comprehension exam 50% marks; one essay exam 20% marks; one speaking exam 30% marks.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- GCSE English minimum grade 5
- GCSE French minimum grade 5
- commitment to improving grammar and vocabulary
- interest in learning about current affairs and culture in France
- readiness to take part in pair and group work in class
- willingness to practise grammar and learn vocabulary outside the classroom

PROGRESSION

Some of our students go on to study French languages as a major of their university education course, and others have found French to be the key to gaining an apprenticeship. There has been a growing trend in many university courses where modern languages are combined with other subjects, such as business and management, marketing, accountancy, law, engineering, sciences, IT, arts and music. Universities highly value the intellectual rigour and skills of an A-level in a modern language. Post Brexit French is likely to be more in demand by British businesses. Modern languages graduates are in demand with 96% of students finding employment.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As well as research trips and gallery visits, we invite speakers from universities and from industry to talk about career possibilities.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Weekly individual speaking lessons with our French assistants. Film study days, university language events, revision workshops. A five day trip to the Battlefields of Belgium and Paris. Ideas and support about wider reading and extension stretch and challenge activities.

A-LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ As an addition to A-Level Mathematics it provides a wider breadth of Mathematics.
- ✓ Useful if you wish to progress to further study in Maths, Engineering or any Maths-related course.
- Enables you to use your talent in Maths and to achieve your full potential.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

In Further Mathematics you will study topics which give you a breadth and depth to your mathematical knowledge. The course covers Further Pure, Further Statistics and Further Mechanics. In Further Pure you will cover topics such as complex numbers, matrices, proof and vector geometry. Dimensional analysis, work, energy and power, momentum and circular motion are covered in Further Mechanics. Probability, probability distributions, correlation and linear regression are covered in Further Statistics.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Three exams at the end of the first year Four exams at the end of your second year.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- Grade 7 or above in GCSE maths
- to enjoy Mathematics and a challenge
- good organisational skills
- · happy to work independently and in a group
- able to meet deadlines.

PROGRESSION

Further Mathematics provides good career opportunities. Maths graduates have the opportunity to select from a wide and varied range of careers due to the flexibility of the degree course, its applications and the excellent transferable skills acquired.

A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Develop a range of essential skills for Higher Education and the world of work.
- You will study interesting content, which is relevant to any citizen in the 21st century.
- ✓ Through exciting topics, learners will understand the nature of physical and human geography whilst unpicking the debates surrounding the contemporary challenges facing the world today.
- You will develop analytical and note taking skills including fieldwork study visits.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) - Physical Geography: Dynamic Landscapes, Human Geography: Dynamic Places

Year 2 (A-Level) - Physical Systems and Sustainability, Human Systems and Geopolitics

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two exams

Year 2 (A-Level) – 80% exams, 20% coursework.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- an interest in Geography, demonstrated by knowledge and appreciation of features of the natural and built landscape and human behaviour in this geographical setting
- have successfully studied GCSE Geography and achieved a grade 5. Additionally achieved a grade 4 in both English and Maths.
- a willingness and desire to get out in the field to gather data (whatever the weather!)

PROGRESSION

Higher Education courses including Geography, Geology, Ecology, International Relations and Town Planning, for example. Apprenticeships and employment with a range of organisations such as the Environment Agency, HM Government, United Utilities, Peel Holdings and NGOs.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Many past students have taken part in the prestigious Engineering Education Scheme.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

As well as compulsory field trips to places such as the Lake District, recent educational visits have included trips to Iceland and Sicily, including climbing active volcanoes. Guest speakers including Priestley alumni and visits to University Departments.



A-LEVEL GEOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Combines well with the classic science subjects, Maths or Core Maths and Geography.
- Allows you to understand the processes that have created the present pattern of continents and oceans and the formation of economic deposits of metals and energy resources
- ✓ Helps you understand natural geological hazards, as well as those caused by human activity and the means of predicting and controlling them.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The Earth's evolution and sustainable development, uniformitarianism, geological time, the Earth's surface, the atmosphere and biosphere and more. You will take part in at least two fieldwork days and a broad range of practical activities, which will help prepare you for university courses.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Three exams.

A practical endorsement certificate is awarded by the tutor following 20 lab practicals. These practicals are designed and monitored by the exam board.

The certificate and fieldwork activities do not contribute directly to the final mark, but are a compulsory element of the course.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- average GCSE grade of 4 or above, including a minimum grade 4 in a science
- a good GCSE grade (4 or above) in English and ICT is also beneficial
- · ability to learn and recall factual information is essential
- we encourage students to combine Geology with Core Maths or Maths, as this will support the increasingly mathematicallycentred work undertaken in Geology.

PROGRESSION

Many students have gone on to study Geology at university. Possible careers include environmental management, travelling the world working with natural resources, civil engineering, natural and artificial hazard management and academic research. Geology is a science course and will also help you obtain a place on all science-related degree courses. It is also possible to obtain an apprenticeship with organisations like the Environment Agency or Centrica.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Residential visits to geologically active regions are organised every other year, usually to Sicily or Iceland. In all cases, we would be visiting active volcanoes and many other examples of the natural power of planet earth.

Additionally, a mandatory residential field trip to the Isle of Arran will run after the AS exams at the end of Year 1. This is a great opportunity to put into practice the theories learned during the course. It will be led by a team of field geologists who are experts in the local geology of one of the most important sites on the entire planet.

A-LEVEL GERMAN

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- German is always in great demand in the business world, government, diplomacy and industry.
- Lesson activities are varied, we work in small groups and regularly use mobile technology such as phone apps and online software.
- Each week you will have an individual oral lesson with our German assistant.
- We provide a vibrant linguistic experience in a welcoming and reassuring environment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS): Family, the digital world; youth culture- fashion; music, TV; festivals and traditions; art and architecture; the cultural life of Berlin; cultural topic 1: a film – 'Good Bye, Lenin!' Year 2 (A-Level): Immigration; integration; racism; Germany and the EU; young people and politics; the re-unification of Germany and its consequences; cultural topic 2: a literary text – 'Der Vorleser'.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) — one listening and reading comprehension exam; one essay exam; one speaking exam (assessed by your teacher)

Year 2 (A-Level) – a listening and reading comprehension paper; one essay exam and one speaking exam (assessed by your teacher).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- GCSE English minimum grade 5
- GCSE German minimum grade 5.

PROGRESSION

Many of our students go on to study German as a major or minor part of their higher education course. There has been an explosion in recent years in the number of university courses where languages are combined with other subjects, such as business and management, marketing, accountancy, law, engineering, sciences, IT, arts and music. The ability to use languages has been highly prized by employers. Modern languages graduates have the edge because of their transferable skills and ability to communicate in a highly competitive global business market.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Film study days, university language events, revision workshops. Students are encouraged to do work experience in Germany, organised by Halsbury, an independent organisation.

A-LEVEL GRAPHIC DESIGN

BTEC LEVEL 3 GRAPHIC DESIGN



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You want to develop your design skills.
- You have ambition to progress into advertising, website design, illustration, computer game design, publishing and printmaking.
- ✓ Staff will encourage you to work to your individual strengths and interests.
- Students progress to university to study Art or Design, or the Creative Industries.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will develop skills including combination of traditional materials and computer-based processes and techniques using industry standard software (Adobe Creative Suite). Creation of original type and imagery. You will also be encouraged to experiment and research a wide range of more traditional methods of image making, to fully explore your ideas. You will develop general art and design skills using a variety of 2D and 3D media including drawing and painting, photography, model making and art history. You will also learn specialist skills ranging from digital image making, advertising, typography and publishing.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Mainly coursework

Submission of digital and presentation folders.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- to be visually aware
- commitment to creative development of ideas
- enthusiasm for producing personal and unique work
- passion for the subject

PROGRESSION

You will build a strong portfolio that will allow you to apply for top university places or go on to work in the Creative Industries, in full-time employment or apprenticeships. Other options include progression onto the Art Foundation course.

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Excellent preparation for your career in Graphic Design, learning from assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations.
- ✓ Learn to work with industry professionals on 'live' projects, building employability skills, and producing work that will provide you with numerous opportunities to see your projects used commercially.
- Progress to university to study Art or Design, or into Art & Design-related employment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

General art and design skills using a variety of 2D and 3D media including drawing and painting, photography, model making and art history. Specialist skills including digital image making, advertising, typography and publishing. You will develop skills including a combination of traditional materials and computer-based processes and techniques using industry standard software (Adobe Creative Suite).

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

The Extended Diploma is coursework and unit based with feedback at the end of each assignment. You will complete a final major project on a theme of your choice that is displayed in a public an exhibition.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · commitment to Graphic Design
- · hard work ethic
- enthusiasm for producing personal and unique work
- passion for the subject

PROGRESSION

You will build a strong portfolio that will allow you to apply for top university places or go on to work in the Creative Industries, in full-time employment or apprenticeships. Other options include progression onto the Art Foundation course.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Gallery visits designed to enrich your own practice. Research trips, speakers from universities and industry to discuss career progression.

GALLERY AT WWW.PRIESTLEYGRAPHICS.CO.UK

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Gallery visits, research trips as well as visiting speakers from universities and industry to discuss career paths. 'Live' assignments set by industry professionals. Past clients range from Sky TV, Barclays, Professional Imagemaker, to various local and national charities and businesses.

GALLERY AT WWW.PRIESTLEYGRAPHICS.CO.UK



LEVEL 3 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS









REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ This course has been designed to provide knowledge and understanding of this vocational area.
- ✓ Ideal qualification for those who want a broad background in health and social care
- ✓ In order to provide maximum flexibility you can study this subject as a Certificate (one block), Extended Certificate (two blocks) or a Foundation Diploma (three blocks).

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Nutrition, anatomy and physiology, equality, mental health, positive relationships in care and infection control.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework and exams.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · a GCSE grade 4 or above in a science is preferred
- · sound understanding of human physiology is strongly recommended
- · depending on your plans you will be advised that some subjects will be essential to ensure progression in your chosen career/degree

PROGRESSION

Many of our students choose Health and Social Care because they have a clear idea of their future profession eg. nursing, midwifery, social work, paramedical services, social work, counsellor, physio and occupational therapy. However, many are unsure when they start their studies with us and wish to gain vital knowledge and experience.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Enrichment activities include support in preparing Health and Social Care university applications and interviews. A variety of trips and visits including Disneyland Paris and a number of universities. Applied learning experiences within college and in local care organisations to develop your knowledge, understanding, skills and experience. Opportunity of work experience, which plays a vital role in embedding knowledge as well as supporting future university/job applications.

A-LEVEL HISTORY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ History is an endlessly fascinating, richly rewarding journey into past cultures, civilisations, lives, and ideas.
- ✓ It is well respected by universities and employers because of the analytical skills you develop.
- ✓ It opens doors to a wide range of careers including law, journalism and teaching.
- ✓ Priestley offers two History options so you can choose to study the periods that most interest you!

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Modern History option: Unit 1 comprises a study of the USA (1917-1996) including presidents, civil rights, and society. In unit 2 you will investigate the reasons for the establishment, and fall, of Apartheid in South Africa from (1948-1994). In the second year, you will study the impact of war in Britain from the Napoleonic conflicts to the First World War.

Early Modern History: The course begins with a study of the 17th century in Britain. This includes the turbulent reigns of Charles I, Charles II, and James II.

The second module is an in depth study of the French Revolution. You will focus on the years (1774-1799), learning about the execution of the King and Queen and the period of Terror under Robespierre. In the second year, you will study the European witch-craze (1580-1750).

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two written exams.

Year 2 (A-Level) – three written exams and coursework All exams are essay based.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · interest, curiosity and a genuine desire to study the past
- willingness to read around subjects discussed in lessons, study independently, and practice extended writing
- very good standard of written English; you will need good literacy skills with a good pass in English Language GCSE.

PROGRESSION

Priestley students have gone on to study law, ancient history and archaeology, teaching, politics, American studies, philosophy, and many other courses at Russell Group universities. History graduates are employed in a diverse range of careers including banks, accountancy, television and media, management, law firms, journalism, and local and national government.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Overseas study visits to France and Belgium or Washington D.C. and New York. Day trips to the Imperial War Museum and Pendle Hill. Join the college History Society and help produce our termly magazine. Take part in a range of stretch and challenge history masterclasses across the year.

BTEC LEVEL 3 **INFORMATION** TECHNOLOGY







REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You enjoy studying how computers are used within a range of IT systems.
- ✓ You want to learn the practical skills in IT, which are transferable to the workplace or higher education.
- ✓ You enjoy problem solving and finding IT solutions.
- ✓ You enjoy using a varied range of IT applications and are keen to become an expert user of a wide variety of systems.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study a varying number of units depending on the pathway you take. Topics are likely to include Creating Systems to Manage Information and Using Social Media in Business. Other units delivered may include Information Technology Systems, Programming, Website Development, Mobile Apps Development and Computer Games Development.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Students are assessed with both internal and external assessments. Students may have one resit attempt for the externally assessed units.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · genuine interest in Information Technology and Computing
- · enjoy working in teams and problem solving
- GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths.

PROGRESSION

Many IT students go on to study IT in university for example a degree in Information Management or a foundation degree in Business Computing or a HND/HNC. This qualification will equip you with a broad range of technical skills which are suitable for employment or an apprenticeship.

A-LEVEL LAW

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ A valuable introduction to English law and the English legal process.
- ✓ Covers a wide range of topics including tort law, contract law and criminal law.
- ✓ A highly respected qualification that appeals to a wide range of students and is certainly not limited to those who wish to pursue a legal career.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) - Law Making; The Legal System; Criminal Law 1; The Law of Tort 1

Year 2 (A-Level) - Contract Law; Criminal Law 2; The Law of Tort 2: Nature of Law.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two 1.5 hour exams Year 2 (A-Level) - three 2 hour exams

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- enthusiasm for learning law and an interest in current affairs
- good ability to solve legal problems and write legal essays
- good time management skills and good independent learning skills.

PROGRESSION

Many students progress onto law degrees or law-related degrees such as criminology. Many previous students are now working as solicitors or barristers whilst others have progressed directly into employment working for agencies such as the Crown Prosecution Service or the Ombudsman. Others progress onto legal apprenticeships or become paralegals.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

In year one, students can participate in the Priestley Mock Trial Competition and can also take part in law masterclasses on topics such as the Oscar Pistorius murder trial. Students will also enjoy visits from quest speakers including local lay

In year two, we offer our A-Level students the very successful pre-legal enrichment course designed to meet the specific needs of those who are hoping to progress onto a law-related degree and/or legal career. This involves them participating in key events such as local mock trial competitions and mooting (legal argument) competitions, as well as going on court trips and interacting with guest speakers such as lawyers.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will be able to take part in national competitions such as Apps for Good and local competitions such as Barclays Tech Innovation. Visits from organisations offering apprenticeships including Barclays Bank, RAF local apprenticeship schemes. Local website and app developers help inspire our students.

BTEC LEVEL 3 LAW





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a real interest in law, but prefer a combination of coursework and exams rather than just exams.
- You want to learn vocational skills such as writing legal letters and creating information leaflets.
- ✓ You want to progress onto a law apprenticeship or job as a paralegal.
- You want to progress onto a law degree or law-related degree such as criminology.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (BTEC certificate) - Dispute solving within the civil law. Investigating aspects of the criminal law and legal system Year 2 (BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Law) - Applying the law. Aspects of tort.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

One exam and several coursework assignments in each year. Exams are based around a pre-released case study. Results from both years contribute equally to the final Extended Certificate in Applied Law grade. This is the vocational equivalent of one A-Level.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- an interest in studying law
- enthusiasm for the subject
- good planning and organisational skills
- · ability to meet deadlines

PROGRESSION

You can apply to study law or other subjects at university or apply for employment with bodies such as the Crown Prosecution Service or the Legal Services Ombudsman. Alternatively, you may try to obtain a paralegal post within a law firm.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will be able participate in the Priestley Law Mock Trial Competition and you will also have visits from guest speakers including local solicitors and lay magistrates. In year two, you may opt to join the popular pre-legal programme to help you prepare for progression onto a law related degree and/or law related career.



AQA LEVEL 3 MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Gives you the numeracy skills to compete for jobs with better salaries
- ✓ It will strengthen your maths skills, a skill vital for many careers.
- ✓ Helpful if you study Geography, Business Studies, Psychology or Economics courses.
- ✓ The course will deepen your skill in the selection and use of mathematical methods and techniques.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Problem solving in a real context – for example, working out the income tax and National Insurance a person needs to pay. Analysing real world situations mathematically, as well as applying mathematical techniques. Challenges that will develop your transferable skills and mathematical thinking, reasoning and communication.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Two written papers at the end of your second year.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

• Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths

PROGRESSION

Mathematical Studies can be used in higher education, employment and everyday life. It will be particularly useful to support further study or careers in Business, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Economics, Geography, ICT, Psychology, Sociology and Health Care.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will have the opportunity to attend Maths Inspiration
Lectures and take part in national Maths competitions as well as various trips.

A-LEVEL MATHEMATICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- A highly regarded subject, which complements all other courses.
- ✓ You enjoyed Mathematics at GCSE and like a challenge.
- ✓ You want to progress to a degree or career where Mathematics is a key component.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Algebra, coordinate geometry, polynomials, trigonometry, logarithms and calculus. Alongside these topics you will study the application of Mathematics; you will look at data processing and interpretation, probability, hypothesis testing, kinematics, Newton's laws of motion and problems involving variable acceleration.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Two exams at the end of the first year.
Three exams at the end of the second year.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- Grade 7 or above in GCSE maths and a GCSE average of 5.5 or above
- confidence using GCSE algebra and you will be expected to demonstrate your skills during our induction programme
- commitment and willingness to spend approximately four hours per week of your own time, practising examples and solving problems.

PROGRESSION

Many students go on to pursue careers in areas such as Medicine, Research and Development, Engineering, Statistics, Operational Research, Computing, Accountancy, Actuarial work, Business Management, Insurance, Financial Services and Teaching. If you are hoping to pursue a course in Science, Mathematics or Engineering at university, we would also recommend that you take Further Mathematics to at least AS Level.

A-LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- \checkmark You have a keen interest in studying and producing media.
- ✓ You will develop critical analysis skills.
- You will be using industry-standard equipment and software to produce your own media.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Television, film, radio, newspapers, magazines, advertising, online social and participatory media, video games and music video. Underpinning this you will look at the language used by the media, how individuals and events are represented in media, distribution and circulation and how the media reaches its audience. Texts will see you focus on television show such as Homeland, music videos by Lady GaGa and Michael Jackson, publications such as The Big Issue and The Daily Telegraph. You will also look at BBC Radio 1's Breakfast Show, the advertising and marketing of *The Jungle Book* (2016) and *Minecraft*.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

70% examination 30% coursework

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · Keen interest in the media
- Enjoy analysis, discussion and practical work
- · Ability to articulate your views clearly and in detail

PROGRESSION

University degrees in a range of media-related qualifications. These could include theoretical and practical production courses such as media and cultural studies, video and film production, advertising and marketing, scriptwriting and journalism.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will have the opportunity to apply to join a college team, which will work with a local company to solve real engineering problems through the Engineering Education Scheme. You will also be able to attend Maths Inspiration Lectures and take part in National Maths competitions.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Students will have the opportunity to work on the college radio station, Radio Wave. Students have also attended workshops in London with the BBFC and the BBC as well as a residential visit to New York.



OCR LEVEL 3 MEDIA STUDIES







REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You would like to make a career in the media industries.
- ✓ You have a keen interest in studying and producing media.
- ✓ You want to use industry-standard equipment and software in the production of your own media.
- ✓ You enjoy a subject that is all coursework.
- ✓ The course is equivalent to one A Level, completed in one year, and would be your main course of study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

During the course you will analyse media products and audiences, produce a print-based media product, a piece of audio-visual media, an audio media product, photography for media products, talk and music radio production.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

All units are internally assessed and moderated by a visiting moderator.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · keen interest in the media
- · you should enjoy analysis, discussion and practical work
- · you should also enjoy creative work as you will be generating your own ideas for productions which you will then produce.

PROGRESSION

You can take the Diploma or Extended Diploma in Year 2. Following this you could go on to university, where there is a range of media related qualifications, including video and film production, advertising and marketing, scriptwriting and journalism. Apprenticeships or employment in the media industries.

A-LEVEL MUSIC

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Excellent preparation for further study in Music and a career in the music industry as a performer, composer or musicologist.
- ✓ Expand your awareness of the features of different musical styles including Popular, Jazz, Baroque, Classical and Music
- Develop your knowledge of music theory, listening skills, musical analysis and composition skills.
- ✓ Increase your understanding of performance practice and improve your technical skill on your instrument or voice.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will explore a wide range of musical scores and recordings using software such as Cubase, Sibelius, Auralia and Musition. Music, analysis, score reading abilities and listening skills. Performance technique and interpreting the performance details of your chosen pieces. Learn to wield advanced compositional techniques by studying a variety of key styles, composers and pieces.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

In Performance, you will develop a chosen repertoire through regular feedback and targets for progression every half term, culminating in a six-minute recording at the end of the year (30%).

Two compositions totaling 4½ minutes (30%). An exam (40%), testing listening and analysis skills as well as knowledge and understanding of musical works.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · to be confident and skilled performer at grade 5 standard or above
- to successfully complete an audition
- a passion for different styles of music
- experience reading music notation and have, or be working towards, grade 5 music theory
- enthusiasm for creating and analysing music

PROGRESSION

Study music performance or composition, or a popular, classical or jazz music degree. Study at university or at a music conservatoire such as the RNCM and Leeds College of Music. Career options including performer, composer, musical director, teacher and music critic.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Students will have the opportunity to work on the college radio station, Radio Wave. There will be a range of extracurricular activities for students including residential visits to London and New York.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Take part in recording workshops, ensemble performances, concert trips, guest speakers from the music industry and the college productions. Attend professional workshops and residential trips throughout the year.

BTEC LEVEL 3 MUSIC

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Excellent preparation for further study in Music and a career in the music industry.
- ✓ Develop your practical skills, music theory knowledge, music industry knowledge and music software skills.
- Learn about a wide range of popular music styles including Rock 'n' Roll, Britpop, Motown and Rock, as well as composing your own music and learning how the industry works.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Develop your skills in all areas of music, with a strong focus on performance and theoretical aspects of the subject. Solo performance with an individual instrumental lesson, music theory, composition, freelance musicianship, sequencing, the history of popular music and sound recording. Group rehearsals and workshops, live performances and multi-track recordings throughout the academic year. Music marketing and production management.

An 18-unit Extended Diploma includes a strong focus on Music Technology. If this option is taken it is not anticipated students would also study A-Level Music Technology as content will overlap.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Solo and group performances, presentations, podcasts, tutor observations, blogs and written coursework. As this a vocational course, you will be continually assessed – every piece of work you do will contribute to your final grade.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- to be an accomplished and experienced performer, though you do not need formal music qualifications, you should be at least grade 5 (Rockschool, LCM, Trinity, ABRSM) standard on your chosen instrument or voice
- to successfully complete an audition
- passion for studying a wide range of music genres from the 1940s onwards
- commitment to developing your skills as an all-round musician, as well as your instrumental or vocal technique.

PROGRESSION

Further study of Performance, Composition, Music Technology and Production at university. Other avenues could include Media, Broadcasting, Business, Marketing and Management. Work as a performer, composer, producer, technician or as a journalist.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Additional music theory classes, Jazz Club and 'Breathe' the college choir. Regular visits, workshops and trips.

A-LEVEL MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- You will gain both practical skills and theoretical knowledge as sound engineer and music producer leading to further training and careers in the music industry, TV, film and interactive media such as games design.
- Suitable for people who are both artistic and scientifically minded.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Recording Studio skills using microphones, effects processors, mixing desks and production software using Cubase.

Composing using technology music production techniques used in Popular Music and Jazz genres such as synthesis and sampling.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Two pieces of coursework across the year.

Two exams at the end of the year, including a listening exam and a practical exam using Cubase Software.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · technically minded and able to solve problems logically
- musically skilled; having a basic knowledge of instruments and an ability to read music notation and chord charts is essential
- a keen fan of diverse musical genres and open-minded enough to explore new genres
- successful completion of a music theory assessment at registration

PROGRESSION

Many of our students go on to Sound Engineering, Music Production and Live Sound Engineering degree courses at university. Some also combine Music Tech with courses such as Physics, Maths and Electronics to go on to work in architectural acoustics, TV broadcast and audio for games.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

We are one of a few Certified Steinberg training centres in the UK. All of our students will receive an entry-level version of Cubase and discounts on further upgrades. We have strong links with recording studios and performance venues all over the UK.

BTEC LEVEL 3 PERFORMING ARTS (MUSICAL THEATRE)

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Priestley has an outstanding reputation and track record for students gaining places at the top London theatre schools such as Arts Ed, GSA and Mountview.
- ✓ Excellent preparation for a career in the Performing Arts.
- ✓ You will hone your technique, skills and build confidence in acting, singing and dancing.
- ✓ You will be pushed to be the best you can be in a professional and rewarding environment.
- ✓ Opportunity to perform in two full-scale musicals as well as a variety of other public performances.
- We guarantee you will thrive here, love your time on this course, make lifelong friends and become part of the supportive PA family.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will take challenging and fun technique classes in acting, dancing and singing. Each discipline is first explored separately. Following this you will combine your skills and techniques in rehearsals preparing for a series of performances.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Practical assessment of technical skills and sense of flair in the three performance disciplines.

Small number of written submissions.

You are also assessed on other essential skills for a performer including professionalism, commitment and creativity.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · commitment and a professional attitude
- dedication to improving in all three disciplines
- · a passion for Performing Arts
- · enthusiasm and energy
- · to be a team player
- willing to improve your skills outside of class time
- · to successfully complete an audition.

PROGRESSION

The support you receive for your auditions, combined with your high quality training, will ensure you are well prepared to audition for the top universities / theatre schools in the UK and abroad.

A-LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- At AS you will consider the big questions, such as, 'What is knowledge?' and 'What do good, bad, right and wrong really mean?'
- A-Level students will explore further questions including 'ls the concept of God incoherent?' and 'What is mind?'.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The AS Philosophy course will ask you to study Epistemology (the theory of knowledge) and Ethics. At A-Level, students look at areas that explore the Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Religion. You will develop your knowledge of the most profound areas of human thought and will possess abilities to discuss, and critically evaluate the most complex ideas in both verbal and written formats.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Three-hour exam at both AS and A-Level, mixture of short and long essay question answers.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- self motivation
- · ability to work independently
- · enthusiasm for philosophy
- ability to think conceptually and to grasp complex ideas
- high level writing skills
- · ability to read and understand challenging texts
- average GCSE of 6 or above

PROGRESSION

Philosophy is a highly-regarded subject that will strongly support university applications. Careers in teaching, public services, science, caring professions and jobs in the private sector.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Inspirational residential visit to Broadway! Amazing workshops from industry professionals including previous Priestley PA students who are now West End performers. Countless extra opportunities such as in-house theatre and dance companies, theatre visits and audition support.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Annual opportunity to visit a student Philosophy conference led by the prestigious couple Dr. Peter and Charlotte Vardy.

BTEC LEVEL 3 PHOTOGRAPHY



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- Excellent induction into photographic techniques and practices, both film and digital.
- ✓ Access to a darkroom, lighting studio, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Lightroom.
- Progress through a range of individual strengths and core skills in Year One and develop a professional-standard portfolio in Year Two.
- You have a desire to be employed in the worldwide professional photographic industry.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year One - you will complete four projects and be assessed over 10 different units. This work combines working with the landscape/architecture, in the studio, people and portraits, self-directed work and the capacity to incorporate 'live briefs'. Year Two - you will complete four more individual projects and be assessed over nine units. This work has incorporated 'live briefs' in the past, including 'Professional Imagemaker' magazine, 'Barclays' bank, 'Wright's of Lymm,' local charities and 'Greene King' cakes.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Continual coursework with feedback at the end of each assignment:

Self-directed final major project at the end of each year. In Year 2 this work will appear in an exhibition.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- commitment to and passion for photography
- strong, resilient work ethic
- determination to succeed and push your own boundaries and preconceptions
- enthusiasm for producing unique, challenging and dynamic

PROGRESSION

Students progress to university to study Photography and/or Moving Image, photographic-related apprenticeships or employment.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Client briefs, regular external trips to use people and environments as an inspiration for your work and to build your confidence, resilience and professionalism. You will develop skills in digital and film SLR cameras, lighting, image editing and image manipulation. You will be trained to complete work to a degree level ensuring you exceed university entry requirements or apprenticeship application expectations.



A-LEVEL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ PE goes well with any combination of subjects.
- It offers a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance.
- ✓ Provides excellent grounding for further study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Topics covered include Applied Anatomy and Physiology, Exercise Physiology, Biomechanical Movement, Skill Acquisition, Sports Psychology, Sport and Society, Technology in Physical Activity and Sport.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

% exams. This consists of a wide range of question types including multiple choice, single mark, short answer and extended response questions.

30% internally-assessed practical performances, as either a coach or a performer in an activity from the approved DfE list.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- commitment to Sport representing either the college or an external club
- enthusiasm for participating and coaching in sport
- · ability to study independently

PROGRESSION

AS and A-Level Physical Education can open up a range of career opportunities including sports development, sport science, sports coaching, physiotherapy, personal training or teaching.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to undertake a variety of specialised study visits, interact with guest speakers, and experience a range of practical activities. You will also be encouraged to gain work-based and volunteering experience in the local community.

A-LEVEL PHYSICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You can develop logical problem solving skills, carry out practical work, and apply your knowledge to the real world.
- ✓ We will make the course an enjoyable challenge through a variety of teaching and learning activities.
- Physics students are particularly valued by industry and universities for the varied skills they have acquired.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Mechanics, electricity, waves, particles and radiation as part of the AS Physics course. At A-Level you will also learn about further mechanics, nuclear structure, electric, gravitational and magnetic fields. At A-Level there's also an optional unit, you can typically choose between Engineering, Astrophysics or Electronics.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two 1.5-hour exams

Year 2 (A-Level) - three two-hour exams Both qualifications involve practical work throughout which is assessed as part of the final exam.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · minimum grade 5 in GCSE Science
- minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths
- average GCSE score of 5.5 or above

PROGRESSION

Most of our students progress to university, taking degrees in scientific subjects or in Engineering. Many study in areas of Finance, Business and IT. A-Level Physics is valued as a robust and challenging subject and the numerical, practical and problem solving skills you will develop are prized by employers.

A-LEVEL POLITICS

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Politics has never been more relevant, from Donald Trump to Brexit.
- ✓ You will develop skills valued by universities and employers including source analysis, evaluation and the ability to construct academic arguments.
- ✓ Politics complements a wide variety of other subjects such as History, Law and English.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) — You will examine the ways in which people can participate in British politics with the use of referendums, political parties and pressure groups. The Prime Minister's role and the relationship between different branches of government. You will study 20 'key thinkers' that are linked to political ideologies such as socialism, liberalism, conservatism and feminism

Year 2 (A-Level) – You will focus on US politics examining a variety of topics including the US Constitution, the role of the Supreme Court and the powers of the President of the US.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - two exams

Year 2 (A-Level) - three two-hour exams.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- real passion and enthusiasm for the news and current affairs
- · ability to consider different viewpoints
- good analysis and extended writing skills

PROGRESSION

Politics is a highly respected A-Level that allows access to a wide range of degree courses at university. Past Priestley students have gone on to study History, Law, Philosophy, PPE, and other subjects at Russell Group universities. Politics students are employed in diverse fields from journalism, local government, teaching, the civil service, intelligence services, management and administration, market research, and public relations.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

We offer a variety of trips including masterclasses at Daresbury Laboratory and the opportunity to take part in the British Physics Olympiad as well as the EES Engineering Programme. We also organise a residential trip to visit CERN in Geneva.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Visit Parliament, take part in Question Time with local politicians, work with pressure groups and other guest speakers. Overseas study visits to Washington D.C. and New York, as well as European venues.

BTEC LEVEL 3 PRODUCTION ARTS





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- To gain an interesting and current insight into backstage theatre.
- To develop a critical understanding job roles from lighting, sound, stage, makeup, set design and stage management.
- ✓ To gain the knowledge and understanding to pursue degrees and apprenticeships.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (Subsidiary Diploma) - a basic understanding of lighting, sound, projection and set design. Students will get the opportunity to operate and stage manage for performance. Design and make latex masks or skin cuts and bruises. Design and build theatre sets for major productions. Devise, make and record your own sounds.

Year 2 (Diploma Production Arts) - events management, planning for major productions, stage lighting design, mask making and set design.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework and a series of portfolios to justify your practical work.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- an interest in theatre and wider production genres
- ability to work beyond the class and take part in essential rigging, technical rehearsals and performances
- · willingness and ability to work independently

PROGRESSION

A wide range of university degree courses, apprenticeships and careers. Courses can include anything from Stage Make Up to Lighting Design to Set Design to General Technical degrees. Careers and further training posts have recently included students gaining prestigious technical degree places across the country. Other students have chosen this course to run alongside other creative subjects such as Dance, Performing Arts, Music, Fine Art and Textiles.

A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You enjoy the 'scientific study of human behaviour and experiences'.
- ✓ You have an inquisitive, enquiring mind and are interested in people.
- You enjoy reading, writing, independent research and analysis and interpretation and presentation of data using statistics.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) — a number of psychological themes including topics on memory, disorders (e.g. autism) and functions of the brain. Also, the research methods used by psychologists and interpreting research using statistics.

Year 2 (A-Level) – the application of psychological knowledge in areas of mental health, crime and child development: What is schizophrenia and how is it treated? Why do people commit crime? How does advertising impact on young children?

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

AS - two exams

A-Level - three two-hour exams.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- a creative thought process
- · ability to analyse research and theories
- willingness to engage in independent learning
- · enthusiasm for Psychology
- strong literacy and numeracy skills (ability to work with statistics)
- minimum GCSE grade 5 in Maths

PROGRESSION

Studying Psychology can lead to a number of specific careers, ranging from Clinical Psychology (working with people with mental health problems) to Forensic Psychology (applying research to crime). There are also many other careers and jobs that a knowledge of Psychology would be useful for, such as social work, marketing and teaching. Many opportunities in research are also available.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Regular trips take place throughout the year, sampling many different performance genres. The opportunity to join the wider Media and Performing Arts trip to New York. Numerous Enrichment opportunities ranging from Stage Make Up to Technical 1:1 tuition. Work experience opportunities with local and regional employers in the creative industries.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

You will have the chance to attend talks, lectures from visiting experts as well as conferences covering topics such as Forensic Psychology. Also various trips including Chester Zoo to hear talks on primate behaviour and undertake your own observational research.



BTEC LEVEL 3 PUBLIC SERVICES







REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- To gain a real insight into the work carried out by the Public Services and the skills required to succeed in a career in this field
- To discover how the Public Services operate and deal with various situations.
- To prepare you for direct entry into the Public Services or for a university course in public service or other related degrees such as Criminology, Law and Outdoor Education.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Units may include Government Policies and the Public Services, Team Leadership and Development, Citizenship and Diversity in the Public Services, Physical Preparation for the Uniformed Services, Aspects of the Legal System and Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework. Written tasks, practical activities and presentations.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- willingness to participate in a range of activities and prepared to lead a team on occasions
- real interest in a career in the Public Services, although it is not necessary to know which one yet
- · ability to meet deadlines

PROGRESSION

You will be well prepared to apply for a position in the Public Services or to continue your study in Higher Education. Previous students have successfully entered the Army, Navy, RAF and Royal Marine Commandos. We have students who are currently serving with the Police. Higher Education courses that students have progressed onto include Public Services, Policing, Criminology, Law, Sociology, Sport, Outdoor Activities and Criminal Justice.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Activities organised by your tutors including Police and Fire Service visits and personal activity days with the Army, RAF, Navy and Royal Marines. There is also an opportunity to take part in an overseas study trip. Public Services students have travelled to New York, Cyprus and also undertook a residential with the Royal Marines at the training centre in Devon.



A-LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You want to study ethics and in particular the Hindu religion in depth.
- √ You want to tackle the greatest philosophical theories and ideas
- ✓ You will become an enlightened thinker being able to contribute to the ethical debates of the greatest minds.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) — Hinduism in depth, philosophy of religion (including the arguments for the existence of God) and religious ethics (including natural law and utilitarianism).

Year 2 (A-Level) – Hinduism in further depth, miracles, religious language, meta-ethics and free will and determinism.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - three exams

Year 2 (A-Level) - three two-hour exams.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · strong academic discipline and ability
- · an enquiring, critical and reflective approach
- ability to work independently
- minimum GCSE grade 4 or above in English
- GCSE Religious Studies (either full or short course) is not essential but would be helpful.

PROGRESSION

Students go on to university and a variety of careers including teaching, social work, public services, caring professions and jobs within the private sector.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Annual RS and Philosophy conference trip to Manchester to engage with the esteemed Dr Peter and Charlotte Vardy. External speakers who share their experiences and bring religion to life.

A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You are actively concerned about the world around you and want to do something useful and constructive within it.
- Sociology will expand your knowledge, but also give you the analytical tools to independently investigate the subject further.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) — Socialisation and Culture, Families and Households, Education, and Methods of Sociological Enquiry. Year 2 (A-Level) — you will also study Power and Stratification, Crime and Deviance. Each topic is underpinned with sociological perspectives based on the work of key theorists. Some of the issues we look at include: What is culture? Why do working class pupils get worse exam results than middle class pupils? Why do males commit more crime than females? How do sociologists conduct research?

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

AS - two written exams

A-Level - three written exams

Your progress will be rigorously monitored through a range of written assessments, tests and progress reviews.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- ability to construct logical and critical arguments using proven sociological knowledge
- ability to articulate arguments effectively in class discussions and written assessments
- very good command of English
- minimum average GCSE score of 5.0

PROGRESSION

Sociology provides a strong intellectual background for students considering careers in the police, probation service, journalism, anthropology, social work, teaching, law and any other career where you will have to deal with people from different social backgrounds. Sociology combines well with many subjects like English, Law, Politics, Media Studies, History and Business Studies.

A-LEVEL SPANISH

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ It will give you the opportunity to acquire invaluable unique skills that will help in your future careers whatever that might he
- If you enjoy learning about the language, culture, history and current affairs of the Spanish-speaking world, you will definitely enjoy Spanish A-Level at Priestley.
- ✓ You will have a weekly individual oral lesson with our Spanish assistant, Norma, who is from Peru and will individually support you with your pronunciation and fluency.
- ✓ You will participate in pairs and small group lesson activities where you will consolidate what you have learnt at GCSE and then progress to A-Level topics.
- ✓ You will be able to use phone apps such as online dictionaries, Google classrooms and Quizlet.
- ✓ You will be able to combine Spanish with many other courses at college.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Year 1 (AS) – Family life and the influence of the catholic church; the use of technology in Spanish speaking countries; the role of women and LGBT rights in the Hispanic world; the influence of Hispanic idols; the diversity of regional identity in Spain; the diversity of Hispanic culture and artists; a Spanish film – "Ocho apellidos vascos".

Year 2 (A-Level) – the advantages of a diverse society, the impact of racist attitudes and examples of integration in the Hispanic world; the importance of politics for young people in the Hispanic world; dictatorships in Spain and Latin America; the evolution of the monarchy in Spain; popular movements in the Hispanic world; a book – "La casa de Bernarda Alba".

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Year 1 (AS) - one listening and reading comprehension, one speaking exam

Year 2 (A-Level) - one comprehension exam, one essay exam, one speaking exam.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- GCSE English minimum grade 5
- GCSE Spanish minimum grade 5

PROGRESSION

Universities highly value the intellectual rigour and skills of an A-Level in a modern language. Modern languages graduates are in demand with 96% of students finding employment.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Sociology students have enjoyed excursions to London and New York in recent years.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Weekly individual speaking lessons with our Spanish assistants. Film study days, university language events, revision workshops. Ideas and support about wider reading and extension stretch and challenge activities.





BTEC LEVEL 3 SPORT







REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ Great alternative to AS or A-Level Physical Education.
- ✓ Gives you a fascinating insight into many aspects of sport.
- ✓ Ideal for students looking for a career in the sports industry or wishing to progress in to higher education.
- \checkmark This course goes well with any combination of subjects.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming, Professional Development in the Sports Industry, Sports Leadership, Sports Psychology, Practical Sports Performance and Fitness Testing.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Two exams in Anatomy and Physiology / Fitness Training and Programming

Practical observations and testing

Presentations

Timed assignments

Interviews

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- organisational skills to meet assignment deadlines
- ability to work independently
- interest in a range of sporting activities
- · willingness to volunteer and support the local community

PROGRESSION

A range of career opportunities including sports development, sports coaching, personal training or teaching.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to undertake a variety of specialised study visits, interact with guest speakers, and experience a range of practical activities. You will also be encouraged to gain work-based and volunteering experience in the local community.

BTEC LEVEL 3 SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- This is an innovative and highly specialist work-related qualification, designed for students who have a passion for Sport.
- Ideal if you are looking for a career in the sports industry or planning to progress to university.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Externally-assessed units covering Sport and Exercise Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology, Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance. Internally-assessed optional units including Fitness testing, Research methods, sports massage, biomechanics, technology in sport and sports injuries.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Exams and internal coursework

Practical observations

Presentations

Timed assignments under exam conditions Interviews and short tests.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · commitment to Sport
- hard working
- capable of independent study
- enthusiastic about participating and leading in a range of sporting activities
- · ability to manage time and meet deadlines
- GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths and a science

PROGRESSION

Many students choose to continue their studies in higher education. Previous students have gained places on degree courses in Sport Science, Physical Education, Physiotherapy, Sports Injury Management and Rehabilitation, Sports Therapy, Sports Nutrition and Health Promotion and many other sports-related degrees. Other students choose to enter into full-time employment in the sports industry.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to undertake a variety of specialised study visits, interact with guest speakers, residential experiences and a range of practical activities, to complement your programme of study. We also encourage students to gain work-based and volunteering experience in the local community.



BTEC LEVEL 3 SPORT FOOTBALL ACADEMY



REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a passion for football
- ✓ You want to do study on an academic programme that can prepare you for university, apprenticeships or employment whilst learning about Football Coaching, Football Development and the Fitness of Football. You want to get a scholarship to play and study in the United States.
- ✓ You want to progress into areas such as Sports Coaching, Physical Education (QTS), Sports Development, Business in Football, Youth Work, Sports Nutrition and any other sportsrelated courses, apprenticeships and employment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will study Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Development and Provision of Sport and Physical Activity, Investigating Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry. You will study other optional units which will include; Sports Leadership, Application of Fitness Testing, Sports Psychology, Practical Sports Performance, Coaching for Performance and Work Experience in Active Leisure.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Practical observations and testing Written reports Presentations Timed assignments

Interviews

- WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
 to be playing football at a good local level on a regular basis
- · an outgoing, professional personality
- excited by the idea of developing your own football skills and the skills of others
- passion and commitment to coaching and refereeing football $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

PROGRESSION

Previous students have gained places on degree courses in Sports Development, Sports Coaching, Youth Work, Physical Education (QTS), Business in Football, Sports Nutrition and other sports-related degrees. Other students choose to enter into full-time employment in the sports industry or apply for apprenticeships.

BTEC LEVEL 3 SPORT PERFORMANCE & EXCELLENCE

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REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- A fantastic course for elite performers, e.g. Academy, County, District or national level in your sport.
- This course allows you to explore many aspects of sport whilst helping you to improve your overall performance from an elite level.
- ✓ You want to develop a greater understanding of the sports industry and prepare you for the workplace or university.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The programme comprises of 19 units that include anatomy and physiology, fitness testing and sports nutrition. Specialist performance units include psychology for sports performance, technical and tactical skills in sport and the athlete's lifestyle.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Coursework, practical observations, presentations, reports, interviews and short tests. You will complete assignment work in your own time, which is graded pass, merit or distinction.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- to be playing sport at an elite level
- · self-motivated and able to work independently
- willingness to progress your current performance and gain experience across a spectrum of topics
- keen to volunteer in a range of sports and activities

PROGRESSION

Previous students have gained places on degree courses in Sports Development, Sports Coaching, Sports Rehabilitation, Strength & Conditioning, Physical Education (QTS), Business in Football, Sports Nutrition and other sports-related degrees. Other students choose to enter into full time employment in the sports industry or apply for apprenticeships.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

This course will also help you to apply for scholarship opportunities in the United States. The staff that will be teaching have a strong history of helping both male and female footballers to receive scholarships in the US college system.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

This course can be studied alongside the CYQ Level 2 Fitness Instruction qualification, which will equip you to work in the fitness industry with a nationally recognised qualification.

BTEC LEVEL 3 TRAVEL & TOURISM





REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You want to develop your knowledge of the world.
- ✓ You want a career working in an airport or overseas.
- ✓ You are aiming to go to university to study or gain an apprenticeship in travel.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

You will learn about the travel industry and the roles of different organisations within it. How to use maps and atlases to research and locate global destinations, geographical features and what makes them appealing to visitors. How to create travel itineraries and investigate the trends and reasons for popularity. Find out how travel agents, tour operators, hotels and transport companies gain more knowledge about their customers, their needs, expectations and how to keep them loval.

If you opt for a Year 2 National Diploma in Travel and Tourism this offers the chance to research current issues surrounding tourism development, the role of an overseas holiday representative and you will improve your knowledge of long haul tourist destinations.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

Written assessments, role plays, map work, presentations.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · a keen interest in Travel and Tourism
- · motivation, organisation and a thirst for learning more about the travel and tourism industries and where they may take vou

PROGRESSION

Students often go on to study a Tourism Management degree which often incorporates a paid overseas placement in the third year of study. This BTEC also provides a good foundation for those who would prefer an apprenticeship with a travel company. Some students have become overseas representatives for Thomas Cook and some are currently working as cabin crew for Virgin Atlantic and Jet 2.

AQA LEVEL 3 TECHNICAL LEVEL VIDEO GAMES ART AND DESIGN PRODUCTION

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

- ✓ You have a passion for game design.
- ✓ You have a creative and logical mind.
- ✓ You want to progress into areas such as Game Design, VFX, Game Concept Art, Game Programming, Animation and any Design Industry.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

How to design and create assets, environments, characters and vehicles. A range of software to create digital 3D models and textures to be used within Game Engines and your own games. The theory behind level design and how to implement this into your own games. You will develop a greater understanding of programming to enhance your Game Engine work. You will make your first game in Year 1 and by the end of the course have a portfolio that will enable you to progress onto degree

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

One exam

One externally-assessed unit Four internally-assessed units.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE

- · keen interest in Gaming and Game Design
- willingness to use Art and Design-based techniques
- · happy to use programming to develop your work
- enthusiasm for new software and to develop skills in and out of college
- · excited by the idea of producing unique, original work

PROGRESSION

Students have gone on to study some of the UK's top Game Design courses with most students gaining their first choice university. Pathways taken include Game Design, Game Art, Game Concept Art, VFX, Animation, Game Programming, Software Design, Cyber Security and Graphic Design.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

We try to provide you with the experience and knowledge you will need to work in the travel industry and have a variety of visits and guest speakers, such as cabin crew, to enhance your learning.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Visits to industry-led exhibitions, visiting speakers from universities and industry to discuss career paths. 'Live' assignments set by industry professionals who have a clear idea about the skills you will need to develop to succeed.

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HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS AND HAPPY MEMORIES

Priestley College Alumni Association has benefits for all who take part.

Your story with Priestley doesn't end when you collect your results after two years at college.

You will carry your memories and friendships with you for life and that is why the Priestley College Alumni Association was created – to capture those great moments and celebrate your ongoing achievements. Members of the association receive a number of benefits, including:

- · Lifelong Careers Advice
- · Help organising reunions
- A newsletter
- · Invitations to college events
- · Invitations to speeches from special guests

We hope to add to these benefits as time goes on. We also hope that our alumni will be able to help current cohorts by becoming mentors, offering advice on university applications or maybe providing some work experience.

Priestley alumni have also helped us with promotional material by providing quotes, case studies and testimonial videos about their experiences at college and beyond. You can find out more about Priestley College Alumni Association on our website..

www.priestley.ac.uk/alumni

or on facebook...

@priestleyalumni





EMMA'S DAY TO REMEMBER

Former Priestley student Emma Clarke completed a Psychology degree at Edge Hill University in August.

Emma, who is 21, has Turner Syndrome, which affects about one in 2,000 girls, and means she finds it harder to process information.

It also meant that, as a child, she refused to do new things, and speak to new people.

However, at Priestley she was able to study A-Levels in History, English Language and Literature, Psychology and the Extended Project before moving onto a degree.

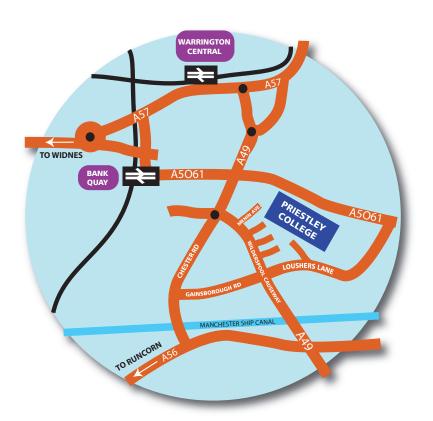
"Coming to university and living away from home was a huge step for me," said the former Sir Thomas Boteler pupil.

"Initially, when viewing universities I was set on living at home and commuting. However, after attending an open day at Edge Hill, which appeared to have a brilliant friendly atmosphere and felt very safe with everything being on one campus, I decided it was the university for me."

During her studies, Emma had the opportunity to become an intern to assist Reader in Psychology Dr Motonori Yamaguchi, with his research, which has helped her secure a place to study a Masters in Psychological Wellbeing in Clinical Practice.

She said: "I was able to gain both personal confidence, having to approach people in the Hub to recruit participants, and academic skills by

conducting a study and analysing data, which are very important for the career I hope to achieve."



HOW TO FIND US

From the town centre, go south on the Wilderspool Causeway along the A49 toward Stockton Heath. Turn left at the traffic lights, onto Loushers Lane. The College is 200 metres up on the left. Pedestrian access is also possible via Menin Avenue.

OPEN EVENT DATES

Wednesday 10th October Thursday 11th October Saturday 3rd November Thursday 22nd November Tuesday 12th March



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