PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Inspire, Challenge, Support

PRIESTLEY College is proud to be celebrating 40 years of excellence in Warrington.

From its official opening in 1979 to its role today as part of The Challenge Academy Trust, its mission has always been the same: to inspire, challenge and support young people.

That goal of ensuring our students excel in learning and life has never been more apparent than in the past year when there has been countless examples of our students achieving greatness.

- Record numbers of our scientists won medals in the national Chemistry and Biology Olympiads, several finishing in the top 7% in the country.
- We became county football champions and our rugby captain Karlton Bates earned a contract with Warrington Wolves.
- Dozens of students secured places at Russell Group universities with four obtaining prestigious Oxbridge placements.
- Guildford School of Acting confirmed that more than 10% of its Theatre Production cohort were former Production Arts students from Priestley College.
- For the third time in four years our BTEC IT students won the Barclays Tech Innovation Challenge.

Former students have also gone on to great things.

Soprano Erin Alexander who has written and performed her first opera at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival while Rob Jones can now be seen hitting the opposition for six as a batsman with Lancashire Cricket Club.

So many others are studying at prestigious universities or have secured top apprenticeships and employment around the UK and the world.

We are proud of all these achievements and the continuing success of Priestley after four decades in Warrington.

To be a part of this make sure you apply for your place at Priestley College by 28 February 2020.

Matthew Grant
Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

You probably know someone who has studied at Priestley and heard that studying here will be an amazing experience.

It’s reassuring to know the college has a great track record, but making the move from high school can still be a daunting one.

I would like you to know that Priestley supports you every step of the way, making sure the move to college is as easy as possible.

There is a lovely atmosphere, everyone gets along and there is a mutual respect between students and teachers.

You have a strong voice at Priestley thanks to the College Council, which will take your ideas and suggestions directly to the principal and governors.

We promote respect and diversity and represent all students.

So choose Priestley and not only will you achieve great things yourself, you will also feel part of something special.

Megan Byrom
President of the College Council
Priestley College celebrates 40 years of excellence in 2019 / 2020. We are very proud of our history and the difference the college has made to thousands of young people’s lives since it opened in 1979. Here are just a few of the notable landmarks from the past four decades…

1733 – Joseph Priestley was born and later his name would be taken by the college. Priestley discovered oxygen in 1774 and was a clergyman and chemist as well as a pioneer in teaching modern history and the sciences. Priestley was also a founder member of the American Constitution.

1979 – The sixth forms at Boteler Grammar School and Warrington High School are merged to form Priestley College. There were around 350 students under the headship of David Henderson.


Mid 90s – Adult evening classes were introduced.

2002 – David Henderson retired after overseeing a steady growth of students to just over 1,000.

2003 – The Sports Centre opened complete with basketball court and gym.

2007 – An Ofsted inspection found that Priestley was an ‘outstanding’ college ‘where every learner matters’, under Principal Mike Southworth.

2007 – The Crescent Building opened providing a new, modern façade to the campus. It provides more than 20 classrooms and a popular café space.

2009 – More than 2,000 students now attend the college, the increase in numbers due to performance, campus investment and variety of courses.

2014 – The £1.5million Lewis Carroll Building was opened by guest of honour Dr David Whan, a trustee of the New Engineering Foundation. It became the centre for Priestley’s IT and Computing courses.

2015 – Matthew Grant became Principal and promised to continue the drive for academic excellence at Priestley while maintaining its place at the heart of the local community.

2015 – Priestley became the first college in the country to be awarded STEM Assured Status and also received the Matrix accreditation in honour of the quality of its advice and guidance.

2019 – Warrington Wolves win the Challenge Cup – the team featuring three former Sport Priestley students.

2019 – Priestley recorded its best ever set of A-Level results alongside some excellent vocational results.
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.

- Priestley has a long track record of excellent pass rates and achievement
- We offer you the chance to take four A-Levels, allowing you to keep more options open
- We provide a national gold standard in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths education
- Our tutors specialise in teaching 16-19-year-olds
- A flexible timetable at Priestley allows for greater course combinations
- The modern campus with state-of-the-art facilities
- Excellent industry links secured by the college provide high-level work experience opportunities
- At Priestley you will have a greater independence that helps prepare you for university
- The College Council is both proactive, visible and effective
- Guidance in securing top university places is available to all
- An extensive list of enrichment activities, including travel in the UK and overseas travel, are on offer
- High academic standards are expected across the college
- Priestley gives you the chance to learn in a caring, mature environment
- There are dedicated tutorial and teaching times for all students

**OFSTED PRAISE FOR PRIESTLEY PASS RATES**

After an Ofsted inspection in June 2019 Priestley College was praised for its high pass rates and how we prepare young people in Warrington for their next steps in life.

Inspectors said pass rates were consistently high and above the national average. Nearly all those who ‘aspired high’ achieved places at the UK’s most prestigious universities.

Teachers were praised for ensuring students developed the skills and knowledge they needed to be successful in their qualifications and working life.

The report stated that a high proportion of students, many of whom do not have a family history of higher education, go to university following their time at Priestley.

Ofsted also complimented our effective pastoral support and the behaviour of our students as the college was deemed good across the board with areas of excellence.

You can read the full report on our website [www.priestley.ac.uk](http://www.priestley.ac.uk)
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.
- **Tuesday 8th October** – 5.30pm to 8pm
- **Wednesday 9th October** – 5.30pm to 8pm
- **Saturday 9th November** – 10.30am to 12.30pm
- **Thursday 21st November** – 5.30pm to 8pm
- **Wednesday 11th March** – 5.30pm to 7.30pm

HOW TO APPLY
The easiest way to apply is online at https://apply.priestley.ac.uk/ but you can also collect an application pack at our open events or the Admissions office at Priestley College. You can request a pack by emailing admissions@priestley.ac.uk. You can also hit the APPLY button at the top of our website. Apply before 29 February 2020 to guarantee your place. Any applications received after this date will be treated on 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 2019/2020 are:
- **Thursday 24 October**
- **Wednesday 13 November**
- **Tuesday 28 November**
- **Thursday 12 December**
- **Wednesday 15 January**
- **Thursday 30 January**
- **Tuesday 25 February**
- **Wednesday 25 March**
- **Tuesday 21 April**
- **Wednesday 6 May**

WELCOME DAY
Once you have accepted your place you will be invited to one of our Welcome Days, which take place in the first week of July. This will be a chance to experience lessons as well as meet teachers and students you will be sharing lessons with when you join Priestley.

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 Monday 24 August between 1pm and 3pm.

ENROLMENT
You will make your final decisions about the subjects you will take at enrolment. This takes place from Tuesday 25 August through to Thursday 27 August.

TERM STARTS
Your first day will be Monday 7 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. We recommend you stay in touch with us in the following ways:
- www.priestley.ac.uk
- Twitter @priestleysfc
- Facebook @PriestleyCollegeWarrington

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

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.
As well as an outstanding 99.4% overall pass rate the Class of 2019 achieved a 100% pass rate in 34 subjects with impressive results across subjects as diverse as Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Dance, English Language, English Literature, Fine Art, German, Drama, Electronics, Further Mathematics, Graphic Design, Mathematics, Music, Digital Photography and Politics.

A* to B and A* to C grades were at record levels and followed another exceptional year for our BTEC students as well.

"Given we have seen a record pass rate, and a fantastic amount of high marks, I am certain this cohort will go on to achieve great things," said Principal Matthew Grant.

More students take A-Levels at Priestley College than any other institution in Warrington and over 500 young people collected their results in August 2019.

Among them was aspiring surgeon Heidi Kressel who achieved A’s in Art and German as well as As in Biology and Chemistry.

The former St Gregory’s Catholic High School pupil set her heart on a career in surgery after Priestley organised for her to attend a Medic Mentors Summer School. Heidi progressed to study Medicine at the University of Hull.

Among Priestley’s Oxbridge hopefuls was former college president and Bridgewater High School pupil Sophie Johnson. She achieved A’s in Art and History and was aiming to study at Cambridge.

For Tom Bramwell, a former pupil at Penketh High, an electrical engineering apprenticeship with Procter and Gamble was the next step after he picked up two Cs in Computing and Physics and a D in Maths.

"I always knew I didn’t want to go to university and the careers advisers at college really helped me as I was looking for the right apprenticeship," he said.

SUCCESS IN A-LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL STUDIES

KAREN HAYNES
Collected an A in A-Level Law and a double distinction* in Public Services.

DANIEL HOLLAND
Completed a BTEC in Production Arts, achieving double distinction*, with an A in A-Level Electronics.

RACHEL HUNT
Achieved an A* in Digital Photography and double distinction* in Production Arts.

JAMES JACKSON
Took home an A* in the Extended Project, a double distinction* in Applied Science and a C in Core Maths.
ALICE DAVIES
Former school: Sir Thomas Boteler
A* A* A* A
Destination: University of Bath

BEN HILTON
Former school: St Gregory’s
A A A A*
Destination: University of Manchester

ZOE FAIRFAX
Former school: Culcheth
A* A A
Destination: University of Bath

OLIVIA RABY
Former school: Bridgewater
A* A* A
Destination: JMU Liverpool

JOE FORSHAW
Former school: Padgate
A A B C
Destination: Edge Hill

ROB REID
Former school: Lymm
A* A* A
Destination: University of Huddersfield

LUCY BRIDSON
Former school: The Heath
A* A* A*
Destination: University of Liverpool
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
- 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

OXNET@TCAT
As part of The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) you will benefit from the unique partnership we have developed with Oxford University. This partnership offers a range of enrichment activities aimed at ensuring you are challenged to reach your full potential.

PRE MEDICAL PROGRAMME
Gain an insight into leading medical professions thanks to our 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 seeking a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary science.

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 pre education option) and practical vocational skills. A stepping stone to university.

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.
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 receive help preparing for specialist university entrance tests.

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.

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE GROUPS
Perfect 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.

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. All students participate in a balanced tutorial and careers programme to help you fully explore your progression options. Every opportunity is taken to involve local, regional and national employers to ensure students are ready for the world of work. These opportunities include live briefs, internships, work placements, talks and seminars. We also link with the National Apprenticeship programme.
For more details about our extensive careers programme go to www.priestley.ac.uk/career-advice

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-focused activities are also arranged. We work closely with Yipiyp who have taken on our students to become assistant tutors in Warrington schools during a year out.

FASHION WITH PASSION
ISABELLE Pennington-Edmead studied A-Levels in Fine Art, History and Textiles before completing an Art Foundation course at Priestley College. Afterwards she secured an Alexander McQueen Sarabande foundation scholarship as she headed to Nottingham Trent University – an achievement that will mean she has studio space at the company’s London HQ when needed.
In 2019, her first fashion collection made a star turn at Graduate Fashion Week in London – an event that has helped propel the likes of Christopher Bailey MBE, Stella McCartney and Julien Macdonald to stardom in the industry.
Her future in the industry seems secure as she also recently received a nomination for ‘Emerging Designer of the year’ at the Midland Fashion Awards. Isabelle’s next step, though, is deciding whether to pursue an MA or go straight into work within the industry.
“I want to learn more about business in fashion and eventually create my own label,” she says.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFER FOR KIERAN
ONE of the UK’s leading universities offered Priestley student Kieran Hargreaves a scholarship in 2019. Kieran, who studied Business, Geology and Geography as well as Core Maths, was made the offer – worth £3,000 – by Bangor University after sitting a test at college.
“It was great to receive the offer of a scholarship from such a top university and has been a real boost to my confidence,” said Kieran. Bangor is one of the UK’s prestigious Russell Group universities and ranked in the top 40 for research. Despite the offer Kieran, a former Lymm High School pupil, decided to study Geography at the University of Birmingham and hopes to go on to work in the Met Office.
Priestley College Principal Matthew Grant praised Kieran for his achievements and maturity.
“It says a lot about Kieran that he has made this decision about the next stage in his life based on what felt right and not on the scholarship, which must have been very appealing especially from such a great university,” he said.
Travel and 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 run direct services to and from college. For updates on the bus routes check the providers’ website or www.priestley.ac.uk

In 2019 the college was able to offer the following bursaries to support many students.

**VULNERABLE LEARNER BURSARY**
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 BURSARY**
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 BURSARY**
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 BURSARY**
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 2020 bursaries will be published on our website in summer once the level of Government funding has been confirmed. If you have any questions please call Student Services.**
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 said students benefit from effective pastoral support following an inspection in 2019. Priestley offers:

- 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 issues such as college counselling, travel, and finance. Student Services is open through the summer holidays if you have any questions after you finish your school exams.

HIGH QUALITY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
Priestley has the internationally-recognised MATRIX accreditation thanks to the quality of impartial information, advice and guidance it offers. You can view our comprehensive careers programme on our website. In college we have specialist Careers and Higher Education Advisors who will support your search for employment and Higher Education opportunities.

PERSONAL TUTORS AND THE TUTORIAL PROGRAMME
Every student has a personal/progress tutor. 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 and beyond.

STUDY SUPPORT
Study Support can offer individual support, helping you with structuring assignments, managing workload or even developing your revision and exam techniques. Support sessions can be weekly, a short course, a single session or drop-in. If you have a disability or learning difficulty we recommend you contact the Study Support team as soon as possible to discuss your needs. They can provide one-to-ones 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 coached on how to use Unifrog as a diary of their experiences, skills and activities at college.

Students benefit from effective pastoral support and the strong working relationships they have with teachers. Ofsted, 2019
Student Success Stories

NAME: LUCY BRIDSON
FORMER SCHOOL: The Heath
STUDIED: Chemistry, Psychology, Pre Med and The Graduate

Lucy conducted live research on behalf of the radiology department at the Walton Centre as part of a Nuffield Placement. Her study was sent to the Royal Society of Medicine who are researching the use of an agent in MRI scans. “It was amazing to be working alongside people who are so passionate about medicine,” said Lucy.

NAME: SHAE MCCONNELL
FORMER SCHOOL: St Mary’s
STUDIED: Public Services

Shae was one of a number of students who travelled to the Ministry of Defence in London to receive an award from the MoD’s outreach manager after successfully completing a challenge in college that asked the students how they would solve a diplomatic crisis in a fictitious region.

NAME: KIRSTY OWEN
FORMER SCHOOL: Padgate
STUDIED: Textiles, Art, Maths, Biology and Extended Project

Kirsty secured an internship with Vivienne Westwood where she helped prepare this year’s collection. Kirsty, who is completing a Fashion Design degree at Sheffield Hallam University, had daily tasks including completing drawings, creating fabric charts and attending meetings with Dame Vivienne Westwood. She now hopes to apply for a job at the label.

NAME: JAMIE SMITH
FORMER SCHOOL: King’s School Academy
STUDIED: BTEC Sport and Football Academy

Jamie captained the Priestley football team to success in the County Cup with a 3-0 win over West Cheshire College. Smith produced a lovely through ball for Jack Smith who slotted neatly past the goalkeeper for the third goal. The win came just a week after the team qualified for the final of the national AoC Cup.

NAME: HARRY JAMES
FORMER SCHOOL: St Thomas Boteler
STUDIED: Business Studies, Economics, English Literature, Rugby Academy

Harry was one of a group of students who travelled to London as part of the Unlock programme. They met representatives from some of the world’s most successful and innovative businesses including Deloitte, Lucky Generals marketing agency and law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. The students impressed the businesses and Marcus Orlovsky of the Unlock programme.

NAME: GRACE DUFFY
FORMER SCHOOL: Penketh
STUDIED: Geology, Biology, Extended Project

Grace completed the Extended Project early and achieved an A’ following her dissertation on the bleaching of coral reefs. As a result of her achievement, Grace’s first choice university of Birmingham lowered her grade requirements because the qualification proved she had the skills to succeed at degree level.
NAME: WESLEY JENKINS  
FORMER SCHOOL: Birchwood  
STUDIED: Chemistry, Psychology, Public Services, Sport and Financial Studies  

Wesley completed a life ambition, which began at Priestley College, when he became a policeman. Wesley had been inspired to become a PC after a constable gave a talk to his class at college. He went on to complete a BSC (Hons) in Policing and Criminal Investigation at Staffordshire University before achieving a Masters.

NAME: ETHAN BAIRD  
FORMER SCHOOL: Lymm High  
STUDIED: Biology, Chemistry, Psychology  

Ethan secured a gold medal in the Biology Olympiad placing him in the top 7% of all students who entered from across the country. He also secured a silver medal in the Chemistry Olympiad and now hopes to go onto a career in biotechnology.

NAME: ISABELLA ODOGU  
FORMER SCHOOL: Tower College  
STUDIED: Biology, Chemistry, Spanish, Extended Project  

Isabella had an essay about the lack of women in key positions in industry published by the University of Oxford. Her carefully-crafted words won the Oxbridge Inspires’ STEM Writers’ Competition. Isabella hopes winning the competition will bolster her CV as she bids for places on competitive Dental Surgery degree courses.

ARTISTS GO TO MARKET  
FIRST Years took inspiration from the shops and characters that inhabit Warrington Market for a BTEC Art & Design project.  
The results – 24 paintings and some textile pieces – went on display in the award-winning market and received praise from traders as well as shoppers. “I’ve never had anything displayed outside of school or college before,” said former Penketh High pupil Jay Rayner, who is considering a career in architecture. “I’m not massively worried about it, but it is a little nerve-wracking.”  
Former Lymm High pupil Aphra Proudfoot focussed her attentions on Fair 4 All. She said: “I’ve always had a strong link with Fair Trade because I do a lot within the Church. People can see it as a niche charity, but it is really important so this was a great opportunity for me to help promote what it does.”

DEBATES ARE SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT..  
YOUNG people from Warrington joined the political debate when they staged a contest at the Pyramid. Sixth formers from Priestley College staged a discussion about whether the voting age should be lowered to 16 before the main competition started between three high school teams who debated Brexit. “We supported the younger teams throughout the debate because we know from experience how tough it can be,” said Sophie Johnson, who was Vice President of the College Council. “We really enjoyed giving feedback to each group and were so impressed by them all because they made great progress between the two debates. They clearly worked hard to research the topics that seem a little too complex even for our politicians at the moment.” Students founded the college’s Debating Society after conducting several debates within Priestley’s Graduate enrichment classes and wanted to open them up to a wider group of people.
A gold-class education in STEM subjects

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

Our 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.

In order to maintain this status, Priestley had to demonstrate it had continued to improve and enhance its STEM provision.

“This honour recognises the strong STEM culture at Priestley and the opportunities we create for learners to improve their level of achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths,” said Shahida Khanam, STEM coordinator at Priestley.

A STEM Foundation team met tutors, students, the local enterprise partnership, employers, universities and schools to discuss the opportunities provided by the college before awarding STEM assured status.

The foundation said that ‘a strong pipeline of STEM-educated workers was a priority for government and featured 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.

Principal Matthew Grant 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 Computer Games 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.

WHAT THE STEM FOUNDATION SAYS

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.”
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Shahida Khanam, STEM coordinator at Priestley College

PRIESTLEY’S STEM SUCCESSES
Students regularly secure Nuffield placements allowing them to work with industry professionals.

Every year students achieve medals in the UKMT 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.

For consecutive years students were nominated for awards in the Young Game Designer of the Year BAFTAs.

Eminent speakers visit college every year to discuss their expertise and students also benefit from prestigious work experience placements.

Our engineers have soared in competitions to build and fly the best model aeroplane, competing against teams from across the world.
A campus to bring out the best in you

More than £15 million 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 £1 million to extend our Crescent Café Bar, the Performing Arts facilities and an upgrade to the WiFi network.

We invested £1.5 million in a state-of-the-art technology centre and further money was put towards creating a science laboratory and an IT infrastructure upgrade.

THE CRESCENT BUILDING

The Crescent Building provides a striking and modern welcome to the college and incorporates:
- Specialised teaching rooms
- Crescent Café
- Reception
- Central Services

LEWIS CARROLL BUILDING

With eight classrooms over two floors this state-of-the-art 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 newly-refurbished downstairs includes the Support Base, a well-being desk, College Council helpdesk and a drop-in room anyone wanting to speak to a Senior Tutor. The LRC is open for private study until 6pm Monday to Thursday during term time.
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 CENTRE
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 selection of films.

SPORTS CENTRE
Our Sports Hall houses a basketball court and newly-equipped gym. 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.

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 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.

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.
You can travel the UK and the world through all the added extras Priestley has to offer including residential activities 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
- BMFA
- Barclays Technical Innovation
- Basketball
- Beginners’ German
- Breathe
- CHAOS All Male theatre
- 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

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 ‘Marvelous 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:

- Sister Act 2019
- Grease 2019
- Annual Dance Show 2019
- Winter Showcase 2019
- Fame 2018
- Mary Poppins 2018

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.

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

- Robin Hood’s Bay
- London
- Disneyland Paris
- Sicily
- Broadway
- New York, Kraków
- CERN
- New York, La Santa
- Art & Design
- IT and Computing
- Health and Education
- Humanities
- Performing Arts
- Professional Studies
- Science and Maths
- 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

Students participate in a wide range of interesting and worthwhile additional activities that help them develop their personal, social and communication skills. Ofsted, 2019
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.

Former students include Olympic medal-winning rower Rick Egington and Jodie Cunningham who is currently an ambassador for the 2021 Rugby World Cup – both have returned to Priestley to present at our annual Sports Awards.

In 2019 our footballers were county champions and national finalists while in 2018 our basketball, volleyball, ladies’ football, swimming and rugby teams were all regional champions. Our swimmers have even competed in the London Olympic pool.

For the top performing sportsmen and women we offer a range of Sports Academies including Basketball, Men’s Football, Mixed Hockey, Netball, Pan Ability Football, Rugby League, Women’s Football. These help you develop high levels of performance, tactical awareness and technical analysis through specialist coaching as well as focused strength and conditioning training.

Our exceptional partnerships with the likes of Warrington Wolves and Gold Coast FC Soccer also provide incredible opportunities for our sportsmen and women.

We hope you join the team soon!

COACHING AND REFEREEING
We offer a range of sports leader qualifications and opportunities to work with the local community; teaching valuable leadership skills for those wanting to get involved in sports development. Every year our students help run the ‘Road to:’ events held at Orford Park. We also support students in gaining refereeing experience, coaching badges and first aid certificates as well as supporting previous students in becoming ambassadors at the AOC National Championships. 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.

TRIPS AND VISITS
Opportunities include a US football tour, warm weather training at La Santa in Lanzarote, outdoor adventure in the Lake District and with Manor Adventure in Lockerbie where students experience fun activities such as kayaking, climbing, ghyll scrambling, archery, to name but a few.

REPRESENT SPORT PRIESTLEY
You can compete regularly in football, futsal, netball, mixed hockey, basketball, rugby, volleyball and swimming. There are regional competitions in netball, badminton, basketball, cross country, futsal, golf, handball, football seven-a-side, hockey, rugby, swimming, table tennis and volleyball. You could be asked to represent the North West at the AoC Sport National Championships and compete for the Wilkinson Sword. Sport Priestley has had swimmers, athletes, golfers, cross country runners and volleyball players qualify as part of these North West squads.
SPORT FOR ALL

Sport Priestley is also part of the college enrichment programmes offering sessions in five-a-side football, kinball, table tennis, badminton, boxing, martial arts as well as gym and fitness sessions. These sessions are open for all students to try, regardless of ability. We listen to student feedback and try to accommodate their requests, such as the development of our boxing gym sessions.

NATASHA RYDER

Not only did Natasha study BTEC Sport and Exercise Science, AS Sociology and Netball at Priestley, she was also a fantastic volunteer, played for Warrington Wolves Ladies, completed her gold DoE and worked as a junior athletics coach for Warrington Athletics Club.

PRIESTLEY RUGBY ACADEMY

in partnership with Warrington Wolves

Our Rugby Academy sees students train like professionals whilst securing their academic grades. Players improve thanks to working with Warrington Wolves coaches as well as fitness training and analysis. It is also an opportunity to be scouted by Wolves’ coaches. For more details about the Priestley Rugby Academy contact leemitchell@wolvesfoundation.com

PRIESTLEY FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Working with Gold Coast FC Soccer Scholarships

For the past two years we have taken teams to New York where they have competed against peers from around the world. Several students received offers to study at American universities following these trips. Former captain Joe Salter is now studying and playing at St Ambrose University, Iowa. We also have a strong partnership with Warrington Futsal Club.

KARLTON BATES

The former Sir Thomas Boteler pupil was rewarded with a contract by Warrington Wolves U19s after captaining the Priestley Rugby Academy team. Karlton also won Priestley’s Sports Personality of the Year, as voted for by his peers.

Three former Sport Priestley students were in the Warrington Wolves team that clinched the Challenge Cup at Wembley. Congratulations to Declan Patton, Mike Cooper and Joe Philbin.

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Sport Priestley
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 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’ that follows to identify the different levels each subject can be studied to.

### Vocational qualification | Level equivalent | Key
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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 | E

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. 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 4.2 or above and have a GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language or English Literature.

To study one of our new exciting T-Levels in Education and Childcare or Software Development, you will need an average GCSE points score of 4.2, along with at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths. To study Software Development you will need a 5 in Maths.

GCSE average of 7 or better - option of taking four or five AS/A-Levels or equivalent
GCSE average of 5.6 to 6.9 - option of taking four AS/A-Levels or equivalent
GCSE average of 4.2 to 5.5 - option of taking three A-Levels or equivalent with an extended
enrichment. We strongly recommend that students in this group consider taking a mixed programme of AS/A Levels and vocational options as national evidence suggests you are more likely to achieve your goals.

GCSE average of less than 4.2 - option of taking Level 3 vocational qualifications

Notes:
• Anyone with an average GCSE points score of 5.5 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 five GCSE entry requirements for Level 3

To calculate your average GCSE score, or predicted score, add your GCSE scores together and divide by the number of GCSEs being taken.

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 Mathematical Studies - 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 or a BTEC Extended Diploma in Art and/or Design 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 3/2 with at least one GCSE at grade 4 or above and an average GCSE points score of at least 3.5.

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 28 for details.

Note: Our entry criteria is for guidance. Where necessary we will take into account individual circumstances, for example health reasons, for an applicant not being able to take eight GCSEs or equivalent in Year 11. If there are special circumstances you wish us to consider 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.
INTRODUCING T-LEVELS

Priestley is one of the first colleges in the country, and the first in Warrington, to be offering T-Levels from September 2020.

The two-year technical courses have been developed with employers to help you gain the skills and knowledge to secure highly skilled employment, a higher apprenticeship or higher-level study.

T-Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement that will give you the chance to apply this theory and gain genuine experience of the workplace.

Around 80% of your time will be spent at college with the remaining 20% being spent at your placement. This will give you the opportunity to develop the employability skills you need for your chosen career.

WHAT T-LEVELS ARE PRIESTLEY OFFERING?

Digital Production
The core content of this course will be the study of the wider aspects of business and digital environments, culture and concepts, legislation, planning security testing. Your occupational specialism will be the Software Development Life Cycle, design implement and test software, maintaining and supporting software, working collaboratively, evaluating sources of knowledge, working within legal and ethical constraints. You will take part in an extended industry placement of 50 days.

Students who take this course can expect to progress onto a degree apprenticeship, a degree at university such as Software Development or Computer Science or skilled employment within the software development sector.

For the full course profile turn to page 41.

Education and Childcare
This T-Level will cover units relevant to schools, nurseries, children’s centres, child minders, play groups etc. The core modules consist of Child Development, Supporting Education and Working with Other Professionals. Other units look at Safeguarding, Observing and Assessing Children and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Within this course you will have three days in college and two days on placement.

Students who take this course can expect to progress into careers within the Health, Education and Early Years Sector as a qualified practitioner or, alternatively, may wish to progress to university to study Social Work, Primary School Teaching, Nursing and other children and early years-related degrees such as speech therapy.

For the full course profile turn to page 43.

WHAT’S DIFFERENT?

T-Levels will include an industry placement with an employer. Around 80% of your time will be spent in the classroom with the remaining 20% being spent on placement. This differs from an apprenticeship, which is typically 80% on-the-job and 20% in the classroom.

HOW LONG IS THE INDUSTRY PLACEMENT?

The industry placement will be up to three months, although the specific length of the placement, and when it will take place during the two-year course, will depend on your T-Level.

Placements could be undertaken as a block, or as individual days, depending on the model that works best for employer, young person and the college.
WHY STUDY A T-LEVEL?

T-Levels are ideal if you have completed your GCSEs and want to get into a skilled job.

They will enable you to build the knowledge and experience you need to get the job you want. They are being developed in collaboration with employers with a focus on giving you the skills employers are looking for.

CAN I GO TO UNIVERSITY AFTER A T-LEVEL?

Yes. T-Levels will prepare you to progress into a skilled job, but you can also choose to take further technical training, such as a higher apprenticeship or degree. T-Levels will have the same UCAS points as three A-Levels.

WHY WOULD I CHOOSE AN UNPAID T-LEVEL OVER A PAID APPRENTICESHIP?

A T-Level will give you the opportunity to continue your studies and get a much broader idea of what it’s like to work in a certain sector, with the opportunity to specialise later. Apprenticeships are paid, work-based training for those who know what occupation they wish to pursue.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED TO BE ABLE TO STUDY A T-LEVEL?

To study one of our exciting new T-Levels in Education and Childcare or Software Development you will need an average GCSE points score of 4.2 along with at least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths. To study Software Development you will need a 5 in Maths.

WILL THERE BE ANY SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORT COSTS?

Priestley College has designated funding to help support industry placements, which can be used to support you with your travel costs. You can find out more by speaking to Student Services or by visiting our next open event.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Applications will open from October 2019 – please visit apply.priestley.ac.uk to submit an application, or call our admissions team on 01925 415415 for more information.

To express an interest in, and stay informed about, T-Levels please email admissions@priestley.ac.uk
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:

APPLIED SCIENCE
This course offers students the opportunity to study science and to progress to a wide choice of courses at Level 3. You will study a range of science subjects, together with some specialist options.

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. We also run a Computer Arts Level 2 course.

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

CHILD CARE
Here you will be given the opportunity to explore careers in early years and spend time on placement as well as in the classroom. You will need to undertake a DBS clearance check to join this programme.

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. This programme also gives you the opportunity to secure a qualification in adult care.

COMPUTER ARTS
Develop your skills in digital art, graphics, photography and computer games whilst also improving your general skills in art and design. You will be able to assess just where your strengths lie before progressing to Level 3 or employment.

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:

**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 30 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 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.

**WORK PLACEMENT AND WORK-RELATED LEARNING**
Students taking a Level 2 vocational programme will be able to take part in a wide range of work-related learning activities including visits from employers, talks from visiting speakers, work placements, study trips.

**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 3.5 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.
ENGLISH QUALIFICATIONS

GCSE
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 to 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.
Course Directory

At Priestley there are more than 70 course choices including A-Levels and Vocational options. Our flexible timetable means we can accommodate a huge number of combinations making it possible for you to select the perfect study programme.

ART AND SPORT
Priestley is renowned for the standards set by its Performing Arts department with former students going on to some of the best theatre schools in the country as well as lead roles on stage, screen and behind the scenes. In Sport our partnerships with, among others, Warrington Wolves and Soccer Scout USA have elevated the opportunities for students whose goal is to excel.

STEM
Priestley’s STEM-assured status means our teaching and facilities are recognised as having achieved the national ‘gold standard’ in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The honour was also awarded to Priestley in recognition of the range and quality of our industry partnerships, which help create opportunities both in college and beyond for students.

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-ones with a language assistant. 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 to work in healthcare, the Armed Forces or the legal system as they provide the perfect grounding. Many of these subjects are Vocational and some include work placements.
A Level
3D Product Design & Technology

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ You have a passion for design and problem solving.
✓ You have a creative and practical mind.

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 and 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 McLaren and Shell.

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.

BTEC Level 3
Applied Science

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 study.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Up to six mandatory units: Principles and Applications of Science I and II, Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques, Science Investigation Skills, Laboratory Techniques and their Application and Investigative Project. Up to two optional units: Diseases and Infections and Applications of Organic Chemistry. Both courses are delivered over two years.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Practical work, projects, assignments and externally assessed examinations. This approach may appeal to those who prefer a mix of portfolio-based and exam assessment.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Science, English and Maths
• An average GCSE score of 3.8.

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
A number of visits to increase understanding of science in the workplace. Students have visited Fiddlers Ferry Power Station, Manchester University and Chester University.
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 professional-standard 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 and 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 towards your chosen specialist subject. 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 and 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 universities and from industry about careers and courses. You will be taught by specialist staff who share their expertise in your classes.
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, graphic design and architecture. The pathway/final major project stages of the course will allow further experimentation and development.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Four key assessment stages and 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.

EDEXCEL Level 3
Award in Algebra

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ Progression route to AS Maths for suitable candidates.
✓ 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 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.

See page 24 for vocational qualifications key.
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 4.8 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.

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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.

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.
- The course gives you an insight into what it takes to become a manager or entrepreneur.
- 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 decision-making 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
- A-Level – three two-hour exams
- Exams will be a mixture of multiple choice, short answer questions and extended questions, including essays.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- GCSE English and Maths minimum Grade 4
- An ability to use and analyse data
- An interest in current affairs
- A willingness to carry out background reading and to work independently
- Confidence to take part in discussions 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. Some students choose this A-Level as they have an ambition to run their own business. Business Education is increasingly valuable for young adults as it provides the skills that employers are looking for, and the knowledge that is becoming essential in a modern economy. Business skills are vital for a range of careers and relate to the real world of business.

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PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Business trips and talks such as JLR and Alton Towers. Revision conferences and simulations. Opportunities to demonstrate innovation, leadership and teambuilding skills through The National Skills Challenge 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 theory-based lessons, problem solving, independent research and working in teams.

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

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 2 - Two exams. Coursework units include: Event Management, Team Building, International Business, Pitching for a Small Business, and Training & Development.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• good time management, the ability to complete coursework independently, meet deadlines, and undertake research
• independent thinking and teamwork skills
• a proven interest in Business
• willingness to undertake 40 hours of work experience

PROGRESSION
University, apprenticeship, employment, 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
Guest speakers from a range of organisations; opportunities to implement business ideas. Visit a range of businesses such as Alton Towers, Chester Zoo, Jaguar Land Rover. Field trips to Chester Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach – 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) – revisiting themes including 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, Maths (6 desirable) and English Language
• average GCSE score of 4.8 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 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 Christmas Flash Bang at Manchester University. Visit Liverpool University and others to participate in practical workshops. Visits to local industry to see practical applications of chemistry.

See page 24 for vocational qualifications key.
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 careers.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Year 1 (AS) – You will study the Iliad, Homer’s much-loved epic of the Trojan War, and the Image of the Emperor, which is all about the first Roman Emperor Augustus and his incredible achievements.
Year 2 (A-Level) – You will study 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

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 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.

BTEC Level 3 Computer Games Design

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 level.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 1 – coursework (nine units)
Year 2 – coursework (nine 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
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.
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, elements of computational thinking, algorithms problem solving and programming.  
Year 2 (A-Level) – types of programming language, compression, encryption and hashing, computational methods, algorithms plus a programming project.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED  
Year 1 (AS) – two exams  
Year 2 (A-Level) – two exams each worth 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 4.8

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  
Criminology

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE  
✓ The course offers exciting and interesting experiences that will help you understand the criminal justice system.  
✓ It will help you prepare 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.
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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, companies and your own work. Safety of the dancer.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
50% practical (solo, 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 and strives to create interesting and original works from a variety of different stimuli. 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 leading dance colleges and universities across the country
✓ 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
Examples of units covered during year 1 and 2 include Contemporary Dance Theatre, African Dance, Lyrical Dance, Urban Dance, Performing To An Audience Project and Improvisation Skills.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
You will be assessed practically 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. Most assessment is coursework based.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• Passion, drive and ambition to succeed in improving your dance skills
• Commitment and time management skills to meet all coursework deadlines
• Professionalism at all times
• Supportive and encouraging of others in order to create a positive and supportive 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.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Oxygen Dance Company is the college’s contemporary dance company, which strives 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.
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
Year 1 (AS) – coursework
Year 2 (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
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.

T Level
Digital Production, Design & Development

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ Designed with employers to give young people the skills that industry needs.
✓ Equivalent to three A-Levels.
✓ Provide a mixture of technical knowledge and practical skills specific to the software development sector.
✓ Participation in an industry placement.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Core Content – wider aspects of business and digital environments, culture and concepts, legislation, planning and security testing.
Occupational Specialism – SDLC, design implement and test software, maintain and supporting software, work collaboratively, evaluate sources of knowledge, working within legal and ethical constraints.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• an interest in programming and software development
• meet the minimum requirements for a Level 3 course i.e. 5 GCSEs 4 and above
• minimum GCSE Maths grade 5
• minimum GCSE English Language grade 4

PROGRESSION
Degree apprenticeship, study a degree at university such as Software Development or Computer Science, skilled employment within the software development sector.

*See pages 26 and 27 for more details about T Levels.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
You will be able to take part in enrichment activities such as Apps for Good and First Tech Challenge. Visits from organisations offering apprenticeships including Barclays Bank and other local apprenticeship schemes.
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
You will explore a number of different plays that will lead to a devised performance and two short scripted performances as part of your exams. Two further plays will form the basis of your written exam along with a theatre review of a live performance. Also, you will be expected to read plays, watch performances and research practitioner methodologies as part of your independent studies.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Devised Performance and Coursework (40%)
Group performance exam and monologue/duologue exam (20%)
Written exam (40%).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• grade 4 or higher in GCSE English
• grade 4 or higher in GCSE Drama or extensive relevant experience if it was not an option at your school
• 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.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
• Independent reading and theatre visits.
• Workshops run by industry professionals and ex students who have studied at elite institutions.
• Annual New York visit (if enough students are interested).

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 two-hour exams
The exams are short questions, multiple choice questions and essays based on topical case studies.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• GCSE English and Maths minimum grade 5 and average GCSE score of 4.8
• 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
**NCFE CACHE Level 3 Early Years, Childcare & Education**

**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: The role of the early years, childcare and education practitioner and Human development from conception to 19 years. You will also undertake a placement as part of this course.

**HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED**
Internal assessments. In addition, learners will be required to achieve a minimum of a pass grade for a synoptic short answer examination, which will be externally set and externally assessed.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- obtain clearance DBS application
- GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths, English and if you are planning on a career in teaching you will also require a grade 4 in 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.

**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.

**T Level Education & Childcare**

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- Designed to give you the technical skills and knowledge required to secure high skilled employment, a higher apprenticeship or higher level study at university.
- Equivalent to three A-Levels.
- This is a full-time programme and success will help students progress to university or careers such as Primary School Teachers, Social Workers, Children's Nursing, Early Years Practitioners, Nursery Nurse Assistants and a range of other careers in Health, Education and Early Years Sectors.

**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, Supporting Education and Working with Other Professionals. Other units look at Safeguarding, Observing and Assessing Children and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Within this course you will have three days in college and two days on placement.

**HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED**
You will be assessed through exams, employer-set project and a portfolio of synoptic assessment of skills in the sector.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- obtain clearance DBS application
- GCSE grade 4 or above in Maths, English and if you are planning on a career in teaching you will also require a grade 4 in Science.
- ability to work independently
- reading and research skills
- experience working with children would be beneficial but not essential

**PROGRESSION**
You can gain employment in a number of specific careers within the Health, Education and 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.

*See pages 26 and 27 for more details about T Levels.*
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 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, three short practical assessments worth 20%.
Year 2 (A-Level) – two exams and practical assessment through design, construction and testing of a project worth 20%.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• minimum of GCSE Maths at grade 5 though a grade 6 is advised, and GCSE Science or Physics at grade 5 or above
• minimum grade 5 in English language
• good practical ability
• creative skills
• enquiring mind
• mathematical ability

PROGRESSION
Many students progress on to university courses, especially Electronic or Electrical engineering. Others progress onto apprenticeships with companies such as Sellafield, United Utilities and Jaguar-Land Rover, often engineering-based.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
As part of your programme you will be able to get involved in a variety of trips and events organised through your Electronics programme.

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
• five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including GCSE Science (or Level 2 vocational qualification in Science or Engineering at merit level) and English Language GCSE
• GCSE Maths at grade 5 or above
• average GCSE points score of 3.8

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
You will be able to get involved in a variety of trips and events organised through the courses making up your engineering programme.
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, advise and entertain their different audiences.
✓ To see how the English Language has changed over the centuries, including how texting, social media, Twitter and blogging has influenced 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
• a minimum grade 4 in GCSE English Language
• a clear interest in how English is used
• a willingness to build on your grammar work at GCSE
• a willingness to read newspapers and articles from a range of publications
• the ability to write essays
• a hard work ethic
• the 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.

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.
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 both GCSE English Language and English Literature
• 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.

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.

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 and Geology of natural resources. Year 2 (subsidary diploma) Sustainable communities, Science for environmental technicians and an independent investigative project.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Coursework/portfolio of evidence only.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• an interest in the environment
• good time-management skills
• 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
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 complete a work placement. This is currently organised with the Environment Agency, a leading local, regional, national and international employer and training provider.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
See page 24 for vocational qualifications key.
Extended Project Qualification

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ Chance to choose your own topic and title for your Extended Project.
✓ Successful candidates are highly sought after by universities.
✓ Develop independent learning skills.
✓ Only AS in which you can achieve an A*.
✓ One-year course so can be taken Year 1 or 2.
✓ Around half our candidates achieve A* and A, two-thirds A* to B.

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? Why? And much more.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Dissertation of at least 6,000 words or an Investigation/Experiment/Field Study, a Performance or an Artefact plus 2,000 words.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• desire and ability to work independently.
• be prepared to spend at least 2½ hours per week of your own time on reading, research and production on top of the usual 2 hours per week of lessons.
• organisational and time management skills
• determination to overcome any obstacles and resilience to solve problems
• to be critical, responsible, honest, flexible and reflective
• communication skills, both written and verbal and numeracy skills
• the confidence to present your research finding to an audience

PROGRESSION
University, as you will develop key skills including independent learning, research and time management. Increasingly, top universities are making lower UCAS offers to students who achieve a high grade in their Extended Project. In 2018 (the most recent results at the time of writing), almost half of our candidates achieved A* or A in their EPQ, potentially qualifying for a lower university offer. For students thinking of an apprenticeship or employment, the format of a typical Project mirrors the type of Report and Presentations that are often part of their training.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Regular opportunities for university visits. Chance to use the John Rylands University of Manchester Library and contact world experts in their chosen field. A range of enrichment opportunities including Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Pre-Teaching, Nuffield Research Projects, the Sutton Trust and Smallpeice Trust Summer Schools, to name just a few. Option to undertake an edX or FutureLearn online distance-learning course.

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.
✓ You want to progress to university to study a range of courses in either textiles, fashion or 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 film and film techniques. The films you will study are Pan’s Labyrinth, Shaun of the Dead, Sightseers, One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest, Vertigo and Captain Fantastic. You will also, individually, film and edit your own two to three-minute film sequence.

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.

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 Business or the Banking and Finance sector.
✓ It will encourage you to become a sensible saver and understand financial planning.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Year 1 (Certificate) – Financial Capability for the Immediate and Short Term. Financial Capability for the Medium and Long Term.
Year 2 (Diploma) – Sustainability of Individual Finances, Sustainability of the Financial Services System.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Each unit is assessed through a combination of Multiple Choice Questions (Part A) and a written paper (Part B).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• GCSE English and Maths minimum grade 4
• ability to use and interpret data with confidence
• ability to analyse extended case studies and produce essay answers
• 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
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.
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
The AS course comprises of one unit coursework, consisting of three projects. These projects explore rural and urban environments, personal space and a mock examination question. A-Level comprises of a 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.

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

A Level French

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ You love learning about other cultures as well as the language.
✓ Priestley offers weekly one-to-one speaking lessons with our French assistants.
✓ Small class sizes allow us to meet your individual needs and support your learning.
✓ Opportunity to combine French A-Level with a variety of other subjects.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Year 1 (AS) – TOPICS - 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; FILM – “au revoir les enfants”.
Year 2 (A-Level) – TOPICS - 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; BOOK – “No et moi”.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 1 (AS) – one listening and reading comprehension exam, one speaking exam, one essay and translation exam.
Year 2 (A-Level) – one listening and reading comprehension exam, one speaking exam, one essay exam.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• Minimum grade 5 required in GCSE French and English
• average GCSE grade of 4.8
• 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
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 and many more. More and more businesses recognise and value the ability to use languages and, 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. French can also be the key to securing top apprenticeships.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Film study days, university language events, revision workshops.
A Level Further Mathematics

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ As an addition to A-Level Mathematics it provides a wider breath 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
Year 1 (AS) – three exams
Year 2 (A-Level) – four exams.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• Grade 7 (8 preferred) or above in GCSE Maths
• average GCSE score of 4.8
• 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 of the planet in the 21st century.
✓ Through studying Geography, 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 including Tectonic processes, Glaciated Landscapes and a one-day fieldwork trip to the Lake District. Human Geography including Globalisation, Regenerating places and a fieldwork to Liverpool city centre.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 1 (AS) – two exams each including a fieldwork question
Year 2 (A-Level) – three exams worth 80% and an independent investigation worth 20%.

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.
• GCSE grade 5 in geography as well as level 4 in 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 universities.

See page 24 for vocational qualifications key.
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.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• average GCSE grade of 4 or above, including at least grade 4 in Science and Maths
• 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 mathematically-centred work undertaken in Geology

PROGRESSION
University (including science-related degrees) and careers including Environmental Management, civil engineering, natural and artificial hazard management and academic research. Apprenticeships in organisations such as the Environment Agency or Centrica.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Residencies in Sicily or Iceland to see active volcanoes. Mandatory field trip to the Isle of Arran 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.
✔ Varied activities in lessons including group work as well as use of 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
• average GCSE score of 4.8

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.

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A Level
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 idea
• 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.

BTEC Level 3
Graphic Design & Photography

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ Excellent preparation for your career in Graphic Design and Photography, learning from assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations.
✓ Learn to work with industry professionals on ‘live’ projects, building employability skills and opportunities to see your work used commercially.
✓ Access to a range of specialist equipment including the Adobe Creative Suite, a lighting studio and darkroom.
✓ Chance to progress to university, or into Art and Design related employment.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
In Year 1 you will develop visual language skills with a variety of 2D and 3D media including a combination of computer-based processes and techniques using industry-standard software (Adobe Creative Suite), also incorporating use of traditional media and materials. In Year 2, you have the choice of pursuing either the Graphic Design or the Photography pathways. Specialist areas in the Graphic Design pathway includes digital capture and editing, advertising, typography and publishing. Specialist areas in the Photography pathway includes landscape/architecture, studio, and portraiture.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 1 – four main assignments
Year 2 – four main assignments + Final Major Project
The Extended Diploma is coursework and unit based.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• commitment to Graphic Design or Photography
• 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.

See page 24 for vocational qualifications key.
Cambridge Technicals Level 3
Health & Social Care

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
• GCSE grade 4 or above in a Science
• 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 etc. 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 course options so you can choose to study the periods that most interest you!

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Modern History option: USA 1917-1996 including presidents, civil rights and society. Reasons for the establishment, and fall, of Apartheid in South Africa. Impact of war in Britain from the Napoleonic conflicts to the First World War.
Early Modern History option: 17th century in Britain including the turbulent reigns of Charles I, Charles II, and James II as well as the English Civil War. An in depth study of the French Revolution. The European witch-craze 1580-1750.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Year 1 (AS) – two exams
Year 2 (A-Level) – three exams and a 4,000 coursework essay. 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, law firms, local and national government.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
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. A range of 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, Data Modelling and Computer Games Development.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Students are assessed with both internal and external assessments. Students may resit 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 at university for example a degree in Information Management, Digital Management Solutions, Computer Networks Security or Computer Science. This qualification will equip you with a broad range of technical skills, which are suitable for employment or an apprenticeship.

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 and other local apprenticeship schemes. Local website and app developers help inspire our students.

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 two-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 guest speakers including local lay magistrates.
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.
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
The first year (BTEC Certificate in Applied Law) encompasses two units:
1) Dispute solving within the civil law
2) Investigating aspects of the criminal law and legal system
The second year (BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Law) encompasses two further units:
1) Applying the law
2) 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
• the 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 opt to join the popular pre-legal programme to help you prepare for progression onto a law-related degree and/or law-related career.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
You will be able to 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 2, 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
In this two-year linear course 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**
Year 1 (AS) – two exams
Year (A-Level) – three exams.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- Grade 7 or above in GCSE maths and a GCSE average of 4.8 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.

**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.

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**A Level Media Studies**

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- 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**
Throughout the course you will study nine different media forms: Television, Film, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines, Advertising, Online Social and Participatory Media, Video Games and Music Video. Underpinning all this is a four-part framework:
- Media Language – how the media through their forms, codes, conventions and techniques communicate meanings
- Media Representations – how the media portray events, issues, individuals and social groups
- Media Industries – how the media industries’ processes of production, distribution and circulation affect media forms and platforms
- Media Audiences – how media forms target, reach and address audiences; how audiences interpret and respond to them; and how members of audiences become producers themselves.

In the first year, texts you will study are: Homeland; music videos by Lady Gaga and Michael Jackson; The Big Issue; The Daily Telegraph and Daily Mirror; BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show; advertising and marketing of The Jungle Book (2016) and Minecraft. You will also complete a coursework production following a brief which will be set by the board at the start of September.

**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**
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.

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OCR Level 3
Media Studies

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- You would like a career in media.
- 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 are looking for 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**
**Introductory Diploma**
Throughout the one year course you will complete six units of work: Analysing Media Products and Audiences, Producing a Print Based Media Product, Producing An Audio-Visual Media Product, Producing An Audio Media Product, Photography For Media Products, Talk And Music Radio Production.

**Subsidiary Diploma**
In addition to the above units you will complete an additional three units: Planning and Pitching a Print Media Product; Planning and Pitching an Audio Media Product; and Planning and Pitching an Audio-Visual Media Product.

**HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED**
Coursework.

**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 go on to take the Diploma course in the second year, completing another six units, which is the equivalent of two A-Levels. 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.

**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.

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 for Media.
- 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. Focus on 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**
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 Performance

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ You are an experienced and talented musician who wishes to further your theory and practical skills whilst learning more about the music industry.
✓ You have a passion for performing and learning about a wide range of popular music styles including Rock ‘n’ Roll, Britpop, Motown and Rock.
✓ You enjoy writing your own music and learning how the industry works. Course is equivalent to one A-Level and can be combined with other Music courses.
✓ Can be combined with other Music / Music Technology courses.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
This course aims to help you develop both performance and theoretical aspects of the subject. You will take part in individual instrumental or vocal lessons and regular group rehearsals, which will culminate in numerous live performances and multi-track recordings throughout the year. You will also study solo performance, music theory, song-writing and industry roles and organisations.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Coursework. It is important to note that although there are no written exams, your written work will be an essential part of your course and strict deadlines will be set for handing in these assignments.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• to be a confident and skilled performer at grade 5 standard or above
• to successfully complete an audition
• a passion for different styles of music
• to be comfortable performing as a soloist and in ensemble situations
• enthusiasm for creating and analysing music

PROGRESSION
Students who study BTEC Music have in the past gone on to study Music Performance, Music Technology and Music Production at university. Other avenues could include Media and Broadcasting, Business, Marketing and Management. The many possible employment opportunities include working as a performer, producer or technician, or as a journalist.

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 Technology

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ You will gain both practical skills and theoretical knowledge as a music producer and sound engineer leading to further training and careers in the music industry, TV, film and interactive media such as games design. This course focuses on making music with computers. It can be studied as a single or double BTEC option. It can also be combined with the BTEC Music Performance course.
✓ Can be combined with other Music / Music Technology courses.
✓ Students choosing the Extended Certificate will also specialise in ‘Live Sound Engineering for Concerts’.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
You will learn how to use Cubase software to create electronic music. In the recording studio you will develop skills using microphones, effects processors and mixing desks. You will analyse the production techniques used in a variety of Popular Music genres.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
This is a very practical course. You will complete a number of assignments using Cubase software and you will take part in an external assessment in which you will complete the production of a piece of music under timed conditions. Live sound engineering units will be assessed through collaboration with Performance Students.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• to be a confident and skilled performer at grade 5 standard or above
• to successfully complete an audition
• a passion for different styles of music
• to be comfortable performing as a soloist and in ensemble situations
• enthusiasm for creating and analysing music

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
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 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 amount 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
- willingness 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.

**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.

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**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 ‘Is the concept of God incoherent?’ and ‘What is mind?’

**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**
Year 1 (AS) – Epistemology (the theory of knowledge) and Ethics.
Year 2 (A-Level) – 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**
Year 1 (AS) – three-hour exam
Year 2 (A-Level) – three-hour exam
Both exams will be a mixture of short and long essay questions.

**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
- English GCSE grade 5 or above, average GCSE grade of 5.5 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**
Annual opportunity to visit a student Philosophy conference led by the prestigious couple Dr. Peter and Charlotte Vardy.
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
70% exams (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 typically study, Astrophysics.

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 end of course written exam papers.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE
• minimum grade 5 in GCSE Science and English Language
• minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths
• AS Maths is strongly recommended and essential to progress to the full A Level Physics
• average GCSE score of 4.8 or above

PROGRESSION
Most of our students progress to university, taking degrees in scientific subjects or in Engineering. Others 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.

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.
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. Also 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
Exams are a series of essay-based questions.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- a real passion and enthusiasm for the news and current affairs
- an 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
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 of 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.

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.

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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 and 4 in English

**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
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**
This course leads to achievement of the new BTEC National in Protective Services. 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 being 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.

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A Level Religious Studies

REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE
✓ You want to study ethics and in particular the Buddhist 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) – Buddhism 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) – Buddhism 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.

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.
✓ You are interested in issues in wider society such as gender equality, education, crime prevention strategies and demographic changes.
✓ You want to further develop your skills of analysis and evaluation.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
Year 1 (AS) – Socialisation and Culture, Families and Households, Education, and Methods of Sociological Enquiry.
Year 2 (A-Level) – 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 does the attainment of pupils differ according to class, gender and ethnicity? Why do males commit more crime than females? How do sociologists conduct research?

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
AS Level – 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
• an ability to construct logical and critical arguments using sociological knowledge
• an ability to articulate arguments effectively in class discussions and written assessments
• a 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 deal with people from different social backgrounds.
Sociology combines well with many subjects like English, Law, Politics, Media Studies, History, Religious Studies, Philosophy and Business Studies. As a social science, many students also combine Sociology with Psychology.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Annual RS trip to Manchester to explore the Buddhist Temple. External speakers who share their experiences and bring religion to life.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA
Sociology students have enjoyed excursions to London and New York in recent years, as well as having the support of regular workshops and study sessions.
**A Level Spanish**

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- The opportunity to acquire invaluable skills that will you in any career.
- You enjoy learning about language, culture, history and current affairs.
- Weekly individual oral lessons with our Spanish assistant.
- You will be able to combine Spanish with many other courses.

**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 diversity of regional identity in Spain; the diversity of Hispanic culture and artists; a Spanish film.
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.

**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
- an average GCSE score of 4.8

**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. Universities now offer a wide range of combined subjects such as Natural Hazard Management and Spanish, Psychology and Spanish, Politics / Law / History International business and Spanish, Medical.

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

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**BTEC Level 3 Sport**

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- Great alternative to AS or A-Level Physical Education.
- You can choose to study the equivalent of one, two or three A-Levels, giving you a flexible approach to your overall programme.
- 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 into higher education.
- This course goes well with any combination of subjects.

**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**
Depending on the size of qualification you chose to study, you will study a mixture of internal and external units. Externally-assessed units will cover; Sport and Exercise Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology, Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance. Internally-assessed optional units will include; Fitness testing, Research methods, sports massage, biomechanics, technology in sport and sports injuries.

**HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED**
External assessments, internal coursework, practical observations and testing, presentations, timed assignments under exam conditions and interviews.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- actively participating in sport
- 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. Many students chose to progress to university or secure 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, 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**
You will study a mixture of internal and external units. Externally-assessed units will cover; Sport and Exercise Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology, Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance. Internally-assessed optional units will include; Fitness testing, Research methods, sports massage, biomechanics, technology in sport and sports injuries.

**HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED**
External assessments, internal coursework, practical observations, presentations, timed assignments under exam conditions and interviews.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- actively participating in 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
- 4 or above in GCSE Maths and a science
- average GCSE score of 4.2

**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 or apprenticeships 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. We provide a number of opportunities to do so with Warrington School Sports Partnership.

BTEC Level 3
Sport Football & Futsal Academy

**REASONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE**
- You have a passion for football
- You want to do study an academic programme that can prepare you for university, apprenticeships or employment whilst learning about football coaching, development and fitness.
- You want to get a scholarship to play and study in America.
- 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 sports-related courses, apprenticeships and employment.

**WHAT YOU WILL STUDY**
You will study a mixture of internal and external units. Externally-assessed units will cover; 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. Internally-assessed optional units 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**
External assessments, internal coursework, practical observations and testing, presentations, timed assignments under exam conditions, interviews.

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THIS COURSE**
- to be playing football, coaching or refereeing 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

**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.

**PRIESTLEY EXTRA**
This course will also help you to apply for scholarship opportunities in America. 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. We will also provide you with a number of opportunities to coach and referee with Warrington School Sports Partnership.
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 the travel industry.
✓ You are aiming to go to university to study or gain an apprenticeship in travel.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY
The travel industry and the roles of different organisations within it, including travel agents, tour operators, hotels and transport companies. You will learn about factors that affect the success of the industry, as well as customer service and marketing activities. The Year 2 Extended Certificate offers the chance to locate and research global destinations, geographical features and what makes them appealing to visitors. Also a wide range of visitor attractions and look at how attractions respond to competition.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED
Exams, coursework and 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 industry and where it may take you

PROGRESSION
Tourism at university. Students often go on to study a Tourism Management degree which often incorporates a paid overseas placement in the third year of study. This course will also help you progress on to a degree apprenticeship. 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 Euro camp and some are currently working as cabin crew for Virgin Atlantic and Jet 2.

USEFUL INFORMATION

HOW TO FIND US
Priestley College is easy to find, just turn at the traffic lights on the Wilderspool Causeway (near The Little Day Nursery) or travel along Loushers Lane and find us opposite Belong Warrington.

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You can also get the latest news from Priestley College on our website
www.priestley.ac.uk

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. Residential and day trip have included Krakow in Poland, London, Manchester and York.
OPEN EVENT DATES

Tuesday 8th October • 5.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 9th October • 5.30pm – 8pm
Saturday 9th November • 10.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 21st November • 5.30pm – 8pm

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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.

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