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# My College Experience

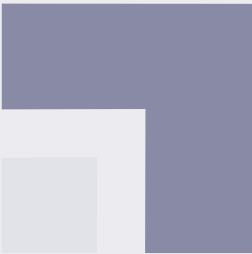
"I knew college wouldn't be easy, but I also knew it would be worth it. I am constantly surrounded by support and motivated to do my best. I enjoy the opportunity of being able to take courses that I didn't think would be possible and my progress inspires me to work even harder."

Ashna Mohammad

Studies:  
T-Level Management & Administration,  
GCSE Maths and English



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# Welcome from Stanley Strong

## President of the College Council

"Your council's mission is to create a learning environment where each student can achieve their full potential through improving facilities, educational experiences and wellbeing support.

We endeavour to help you by valuing and representing your views and raising them with the Principal and Governors.

We look forward to welcoming you at college and hope that you will enjoy your time at Priestley if you choose to study here."

Welcome from  
Stanley Strong,  
President of the  
College Council



## Stanley Strong

Studies:  
Law, Maths, Psychology and The Graduate  
Previously From:  
Birchwood Community High School





# Welcome To Priestley

**We pride ourselves on being your college of choice, providing you with academic and vocational pathways as well as the option to combine these approaches or take a T-Level.**

Priestley is a vibrant, diverse and modern campus where every learner really does matter. We take great pride in creating a supportive atmosphere that allows students to achieve their full potential whilst also creating memories they will never forget.

We want your college days to be as happy as they are successful so if this sounds like the kind of place where you believe you will thrive, please visit us at one of our open events to see Priestley for yourself.

For now, though, I wish you well with your GCSEs and look forward to seeing you soon.

*James Gresty*

James Gresty, Principal



## Our Vision

To provide an excellent post-16 educational experience that transforms life chances and opportunities and responds to the needs of the community we serve.

## Our Mission

To inspire, challenge and support students to excel in learning and in life.

# How To Apply To Priestley

Demand for places at Priestley College has been exceptionally high in recent years. We recommend you apply for your place early to avoid disappointment. You can do so online at [priestley.ac.uk](https://priestley.ac.uk)

There are several key steps to the application process:

01. →

## Submit an application

This can be done online or on paper. Any applications that we receive after 29th February 2024 will be treated on a first come, first served basis.

02. →

## Attend an admissions one-to-one

This is an informal interview to discuss your choices and our expectations. Parents can join you for this discussion.

03. →

## Accept your place

Return the acceptance pack you will receive at interview to secure your place, then focus on getting the best GCSEs possible.



"When you apply, you don't need to know exactly what you want to study. We will work together to help you find the perfect study programme for September."

Adam Bird, Marketing & Admissions Manager



Hear more  
about how  
to apply



# Dates To Remember

There are some key dates during the year that you should be aware of to ensure you make the right decisions about college.

## Open Events

Visit Priestley's campus, talk to students and teachers and find out more about the subjects, courses and enrichment activities on offer.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

5.30pm to 8pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

5.30pm to 8pm

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am to 12.30pm

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

5.30pm to 8pm

## Admissions One-To-Ones

Parents are welcome to join you for the one-to-one. After submitting an application you will be given a weekday appointment, sometime after 4.30pm.

## Welcome Day

Once you have accepted your place you will be invited to one of our Welcome Days in July. This will be a chance to experience lessons as well as meet teachers and the students with whom you will be sharing classes.

## Enrolment

You will make your final decisions about the subjects you will study at Enrolment. You will be given an appointment after you have accepted your place at college – something you can do following your admissions one-to-one.

## Term Starts

You will be notified about your start date after you have enrolled.



# Life At College

"There are lots of facilities on campus. We have the Viola Beach Cafe, which serves Costa Coffee inside, and a Starbucks in the Crescent, where you can socialise with friends.

Priestley was the right choice for me because of the range of subjects it offered, the social life, and the number of new friends I have been able to make."

Holly talks  
about life at  
Priestley College



Holly Cosgrove

Studies:  
Classical Civilisation, Criminology, RE and Psychology  
Previously From:  
Great Sankey High





# Modern Campus

Priestley has a welcoming campus similar to one you would find at a university.

Within the campus there is a space to benefit every learner, whether you are looking for somewhere to study, a place to meet friends or a corner for self-reflection.

The Reading Room can be found in the LRC and is a place dedicated to academic study similar to one you would find in a university. On the same floor is the Wellbeing Hub and our Study Base so there are many friendly faces here to offer you support when needed. Upstairs you will find the Careers and Employability Hub where you can go to receive advice about your progression after Priestley. Elsewhere, a hospital ward has been opened for those studying Health and an early learners' classroom is used by those students focussed on Education and Childcare.

**C Crescent Building / Main Reception**

**P Priestley Building**

**CT Costello Theatre**

**LRC Learning Resource Centre**

**LC Lewis Carroll Centre**

**S Sports Centre / All Weather Pitch**

**D Design Centre**

**A Arts Centre**

**PA Performing Arts**

**VB Viola Beach Café**



	Walking	Bike	Car
Greggs	5mins	2mins	5mins
McDonald's	20mins	7mins	7mins
MJAY'S	13mins	5mins	8mins
Sainsbury's	15mins	6mins	8mins
Golden Square	20mins	7mins	13mins
Costa Coffee	13mins	5mins	8mins
Subway	14mins	5mins	8mins



Take a virtual tour of our campus!



# Campus Facilities

**Excellence in education meets state-of-the-art facilities. Discover our vibrant learning spaces, dedicated language rooms, impressive sports centre, and outdoor spaces to unwind.**

## **Crescent Building**

The Crescent Building is home to a wide range of subjects, everything from Health and Education to History and Public Services. It is also where you will find the Crescent Café and a Starbucks with space to relax outside.

## **Lewis Carroll Building**

With eight classrooms over two floors, this state-of-the-art facility is home to the IT courses and 200 computers. It is also where you will find the new Management & Administration suite.

## **Learning Resource Centre**

The LRC has recently been refurbished to create some bespoke spaces in which to learn. There are silent study areas, seating for those working in groups and more than 150 computers. The LRC is open for private study until 6pm Monday to Thursday during term time.

## **Media Suites**

Media students benefit from the use of editing suites and a broadcast room, where podcasts can be recorded, as well as a range of HD cameras.



## **Art & Design Centres**

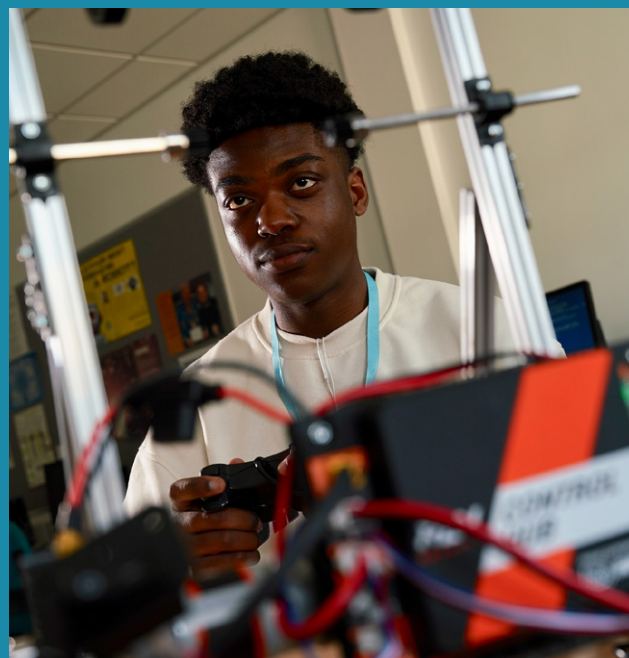
A gallery space has recently been installed in the entrance to the Art Centre to display students' work. There is a range of specialist equipment for all students across the Art & Design courses including sewing machines, high specification PCs with industry-standard multimedia software that are networked to A3 Laser duplex colour printers. Studios also have plenty of space for easels and room for Architecture students to create their visions.

## **Priestley School Of Performance**

The Costello Theatre comes into its own on performance nights creating an atmosphere akin to a professional theatre. Those studying Performing Arts, Production Arts and Music benefit from many first-class facilities including:

- Drama and Dance studios
- Performance practice studios
- Performance theatre
- Music practice and recording rooms
- Music studio
- Production Workshop





### Science & Engineering

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. Our new Engineering suites also have a wide range of technology to ensure a modern learning experience.

### Languages

Languages at Priestley have dedicated teaching rooms and spaces for one-to-one speaking lessons. Students use chrome books and a range of language learning platforms to optimize learning opportunities in and outside the classroom.

### Sports Centre

The Sports Centre has been updated, creating a space celebrating our students' achievements as well as a growing number of trophies. The centre houses a basketball court and gym as well as classrooms for those studying the theory behind sport.

### Outdoor Spaces

There are several spots around the campus where you can relax outside. There is some undercover seating linked to the Crescent Café, a mini outdoor theatre surrounded by greenery as well as a large space in the centre of campus with benches and tables – you can also enjoy a spot of table tennis here and buy snacks from the pod.

### Starbucks & Crescent / Costa & Viola Beach Café

Our Starbucks outlet is a popular destination in college with seating indoors and outdoors. A salad bar, sandwiches, wraps, soups and other hot meals including breakfast are available from the Crescent Café. Visit the Viola Beach Café, which hosts open mic sessions and also boasts a Costa Coffee and breakfast bar. Cashless Catering allows students to pay for meals using their ID card. Your account can be topped up online or at one of the top-up machines in college.

# Student View

"After college I will most likely go to university to study Business & Management. College has supported this and I have benefitted from visiting the UCAS convention where I was able to find out more about the universities I would like to go to."

Hear more about  
college life from  
Ting Hei Ho



Ting Hei Ho

Studies:  
Sociology, Economics, Business and Mathematics  
Previously From:  
Penketh High School





# Give Yourself The Edge

Studying at Priestley will help you stand out from the crowd no matter what you plan to do next. There are many opportunities at Priestley that, if you take them, will give you the edge over your peers.



## Personal Development Programme

Part of your timetable will be a personal development session, which will be led by a Progress Tutor. These weekly activities will help you develop life and employability skills, develop your financial knowledge as well as study and social skills. These sessions will also give you the time to reflect on your performance at college, debate the biggest issues of the day and prepare for your next steps after Priestley.

## Careers Programme

Book an appointment with one of our careers advisers to help plan your future whether that be university, apprenticeship or employment. Make the most of Priestley's robust careers programme including an off-timetable week dedicated to your future with visiting speakers and specialist workshops.

We have a robust careers programme to ensure students get the best possible advice and guidance to support their future aspirations. We organise a successful Careers Fair and students participate in a balanced tutorial and careers programme in line with Gatsby benchmarks.

## University Connections

Priestley arranges a trip to one of the largest UCAS conventions to meet around 100 universities and employers. Universities visit college to answer students' questions and numerous curriculum-focussed activities are also arranged.

## Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Each year around 50 students achieve Gold or Silver awards, developing great new skills and making friends for life as they head out on expeditions in the great outdoors.

## Maths And Science Olympiads

A chance for Maths and Science students to test themselves against peers from around the country. In 2023 Priestley students scored some of the highest marks in the country in the Olympiads.

## Industry Partnerships

Priestley set up an Employers' Board so that we can work with local businesses to develop an understanding of what skills and qualities they are looking for from our students. We also work with industry partners to create work experience opportunities for students.

## Industrial Cadets' Gold Project

In 2023 our engineers won the Teamwork Award in the national Industrial Cadets' Gold Project. During the project they received coaching from industry engineers as they developed solutions to real-life production problems.

## Music And Performance Groups

Hone your talents and perform in front of an audience, whether that be at weekly open mic sessions in the Viola Beach Café or in larger performances.



# Excel at Priestley

How we can help you secure a place at the UK's most competitive universities.

At Priestley we celebrate, encourage and support your ambitions to study at the UK's most competitive universities. In 2023, every Priestley student who secured an interview with Oxford was offered a place, demonstrating both the calibre of young person we attract and the quality of tutoring we offer.

Our Graduate programme will ensure anyone who is aiming to study at Oxford, Cambridge or one of the Russell Group universities can make a competitive and compelling application. For those wanting to progress into Medicine or Law, there is the opportunity to join our tailored Pre Med and Pre Law programmes.

## The Graduate

Develop the skills you will need to apply for competitive degrees and employment in leading companies by making The Graduate part of your study programme at Priestley. It offers:

- Specialist coaching
- Opportunities with leading Russell Group universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Durham, London, York and Warwick
- Preparation for applying for university
- Visiting lecturers
- An unrivalled essay competition

## Oxford and Cambridge

Priestley is a North West hub for OxNet – a programme run by the University of Oxford and Pembroke College that aims to make higher education more accessible. OxNet is unapologetically academic and together we run a rigorous programme featuring seminars and conferences.

The University of Oxford's relationship with The Challenge Academy Trust also gives our students access to specialist STEM and languages support sessions, academic talks, experimental facilities and the latest research.

If you choose Priestley you will also benefit from our link with Cambridge as we take part in HE+, a year-long programme that includes academic extension classes, subject masterclasses, information and guidance sessions and a visit to the university.

## Medicine

Prepare for a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary science with the help of Priestley's Pre Med course. Hear from guest speakers including practitioners and current medical students as well as former students and visiting university speakers.

## Law

Secure an insight into legal professions by taking part in trips and Mooting competitions as well as working with local magistrates. You will receive help preparing for specialist university entrance tests.



Hear more  
from Chris,  
Head of Faculty



# Priestley Plus

Don't miss the opportunity to enrich your college experience.

It is an expectation that every student takes an enrichment in their first year at Priestley. These activities not only enhance your time at college, but also help you make new friends and give you something extra to put on personal statements and CVs.

These are just some of the activities that might run as part of Priestley Plus:

- Performance and music groups
- Digital Sculpting
- Art and Design workshops
- Law workshop
- Essay Club
- Japanese Culture and Language
- Mindfulness Colouring
- Mandarin
- Philosophy Society
- Book Club
- Sports clubs
- + many more



As well as the timetabled sessions, there are countless other opportunities to enhance your college experience including:

## Lecture Series

Lectures have focussed on a range of fascinating topics led by tutors and invited guests who are experts in their field.

## Musicals & Performances

Priestley School of Performance produce the highest standard of shows, the most recent of which were We Will Rock You and MK Ultra.

## Art & Design Summer Show

The Summer Show gives Art and Design students the chance to showcase their work in an exhibition viewed by members of the public.

## Live Music

Performers have numerous opportunity to show off their skills including weekly open mic sessions on the Viola Beach Stage.

## Travel Well

Our students are real globetrotters with different curriculum areas travelling all over the world - everywhere from the theatres of Broadway to the rainforests of Ecuador.



# Sporting Excellence

Sport Priestley has enjoyed incredible success over the past few years.

Sport Priestley has enjoyed consistent success with students winning national trophies, securing international scholarships and excelling in their studies. In the past few years our teams:

National College Rugby League Cup (Rugby)	WON
North West League Champions (Men's 1st team football)	WON
North West League Champions (Men's 2nd team football)	WON
North West League Champions (Women's football)	WON
National Cup (Men's football)	Finalists



Hear more from Katie

## Academies

You can train like a professional while receiving an outstanding education by joining one of our academies in either Rugby, Football (men's and women's), Netball, and Basketball. Your timetable will be adjusted to allow for two training sessions and time kept free for competitions.

## Represent Sport Priestley

We will provide opportunities to compete regionally in netball, badminton, basketball, cross country, futsal, golf, handball, football seven-a-side, hockey, rugby, swimming, table tennis and volleyball. You could also be asked to represent the North West at the AoC Sport National Championships.

## Coaching and Refereeing

For anyone wanting to become a coach or referee there are opportunities to develop your leadership skills and qualifications at Priestley thanks to our partnerships including the TCAT Sport Hub, Warrington Wolves, School Games and WASSP. We also support you in gaining refereeing experience, coaching badges and First Aid certificates.

## Trips and Visits

Trips have included Old Trafford, a US football tour, warm weather training at La Santa in Lanzarote, outdoor adventure in the Lake District and with Manor Adventure in Lockerbie.

## Sport for All

As part of Priestley Plus there are various sporting activities open to everyone in college so look out for those opportunities. We are open to suggestions about which activities should be offered.



# Elite Sports+

Our Elite Sports+ programme is designed for athletes competing at the highest levels to ensure they can excel in both their chosen sport and their academic studies.

## There are many benefits

- Flexible lunch and snack times
- Support with personal nutritional plans, training and physiological needs
- Fast-track lunch queue pass
- Access to specialist equipment and facilities, including gym
- Support from Physiotherapists / Sports Rehabilitation specialists
- A timetable that accommodates your training and competitions
- Tailored revision timetable, support and workshops
- Student/staff mentor support
- Alumni visits and talks
- Regular wellbeing check-ups
- Careers and progression programme

**"Sport Priestley helped my pursuit of excellence in sport and played a big part in my athletic journey."**

Abraham Dannan

International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu fighter



If you are playing sport at a national or international level, and would like to join the Elite Sports+ programme at Priestley, please email Sam at [s.nightingale@priestley.ac.uk](mailto:s.nightingale@priestley.ac.uk)

# Gold-standard STEM Education

Priestley is in the top 10% of providers of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths education in the country. Our STEM-assured status has been described as the national 'gold standard' for these subjects.

It means we attract some of the brightest young minds to study these subjects as our results and achievements across Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths demonstrate.

**"We have a committed and passionate team of tutors across STEM and our students go on to excel at the highest level after college"**

Shahida Khanam, STEM coordinator.

Priestley's STEM status is determined by the quality of its teachers, facilities such as university-standard laboratories and the technology centre as well as our links with major employers.

More than 60 organisations provide work experience, workshops or assignments including Oxford University, the Environment Agency, Sellafield, Barclays, Warrington Borough Council and the MoD.



## Priestley's Stem Successes

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

In 2023, Kathryn Da Luz Viera received a gold medal and finished top 9% in the national Chemistry Olympiad.

George Bloor, Ewan Howard and Ben Harper received silver awards putting them in the top 10% in the country in the Biology Olympiad.

Our science technician Laura Smith won the Registered Science Technician category at the Science Council's CPD Awards.

Biology students completed successful residentials in Ecuador and Eswatini in 2023.

Engineering students won the Teamwork Award in the national Industrial Cadets' Gold Project competition.

Every year students achieve medals in the UKMT senior Maths challenge.

Priestley has won a national competition to design an app several times in recent years.

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



# Priestley School of Performance

**There's nowhere better to perfect your talents.**

Priestley School of Performance has a proven track record with alumni securing places at the UK's finest theatre schools and conservatoires every year.

Our students secure these places because they leave college with the skills, knowledge and experience to take the next step and excel amongst their peers whether they be actors, dancers, musicians, singers or backstage technicians.

They have progressed to become stars of stage and TV, among them are several series regulars on some of the UK's longest-running shows, a drummer with a legendary rock band and West End performers.

Equally impressive is the track record of our Production Arts department. Among the success stories is Graham McKnight who was one of two master carpenters responsible for creating the sets on the epic stage production of War Horse.

Each year there are several live shows performed at Priestley that unite talented students from across the cohort. Audiences are always wowed by the talent on show both in terms of performance, but also the ambition behind the staging.

With the opportunity to go to Broadway and to learn from visiting drama and dance companies, the Priestley experience really is one not to be missed.



## Rambert Grades at Priestley

Priestley is incredibly proud to be introducing Rambert Grades – an internationally-recognised graded dance syllabus.

Dance tutors have trained with Rambert in order to deliver this benchmark for creative contemporary dance learning and practice to our students.

With the energy of two of the world's leading contemporary dance organisations behind it – Rambert School and Rambert Company – the benefits to Priestley performers is great. It offers substantial merit for their applications to the leading universities, performance colleges and conservatoires.

For more information go to our website or email [r.edgington@priestley.ac.uk](mailto:r.edgington@priestley.ac.uk)





# Support and Guidance

Priestley will support you every step of the way.

At Priestley we pride ourselves on supporting you every step of the way during your time at college. We offer:

- 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 who are experts in their subjects
- A 'can do' culture of ambition and improvement

## Student Services

Student Services provides a responsive one-stop shop for all your support needs.

## 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.

## Study Support

Study Support can help you with structuring assignments, managing workload or even developing revision and exam techniques. If you have a disability or learning difficulty we recommend you contact the Study Support team as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If English is your second language, regular one-to-one sessions and ESOL workshops can be provided.

## Child Protection Safeguarding

We have a safeguarding policy and copies are available from Student Services on request or on our website.

## Google Classroom And Outlook

You will have access to Google Classroom where you can access additional teaching and learning materials, independent tasks or assignments or arrange virtual meetings with teachers and support staff.

## Portal

Portal provides you with the latest information on your performance such as assessment grades, attendance and your exam timetables.

## UNIFROG

Unifrog is an award-winning website that helps you make intelligent choices about your future, while allowing tutors to track your progress.



# Your Wellbeing

**Our Pastoral Team will be there for you.**

Your mental health and general wellbeing are two of our biggest priorities at Priestley. We are committed to ensuring your time at college is as happy as it is successful.

Students are assigned a tutor who can be their first port of call when in need of support. These tutors will also help you in many other ways during weekly tutorials including developing study skills, completing job applications and planning your next steps.

Downstairs in the LRC we have a dedicated Wellbeing Hub where you will find our Wellbeing Practitioner and College Counsellor. You can request support from a member of the Wellbeing Team online and they can offer short or long-term support.

They help students with anxiety depression, mental health concerns as well as other personal issues.

Priestley will also work with external partners to ensure you get the support you need both in and out of college.

We also have staff who are trained as Mental Health First Aiders who can support you during times of need, and student mental health ambassadors who raise awareness of Wellbeing and Mental Health across the college.



Caroline Atkinson  
Wellbeing Practitioner



**Scan the QR code now and discover how our Pastoral Team is ready to walk beside you on your journey to success.**

# Travelling to Priestley

## Your routes to success.

Travelling to Priestley could not be easier. The college is located just off the A49 (Wilderspool Causeway) in south Warrington so there is excellent access to many bus routes.

Priestley runs a number of subsidised bus services with Warrington's Own Buses and Selwyns. More details can be found below and on our website.

We are within walking distance of the town centre, the interchange and the two main train stations.



### Direct Buses to Priestley in 2023

- P1 - Helsby and Frodsham
- P2 - Runcorn, Widnes, Penketh
- P2A - Runcorn, Widnes, Penketh
- P4 - Culcheth, Birchwood, Padgate
- P5 - Irlam, Cadishead, Hollins Green
- P5A - Martinscroft, Woolston, Bruche
- P6 - Goldborne, Newton-le-Willows, Winwick
- P8 - Lymm, Grappenhall, Stockton Heath
- P9 - Weaverham, Cuddington, Northwich, Great Budworth

### Warrington's Own Bus pass

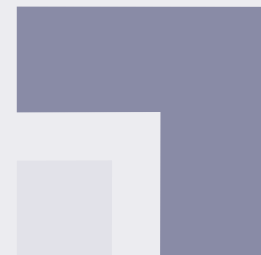
A Touch & Go Pass is another great way to save on your travel costs if you don't catch one of Priestley's direct bus services. The Touch & Go pass will give you unlimited travel, seven days a week, on all regular bus services run by Warrington's Own Buses, including all Priestley buses.



Find out more about walking  
and cycling to college.  
[priestley.ac.uk/travel](http://priestley.ac.uk/travel)



# Bursary and Free School Meals



**Bursary support is available from Priestley College for those who need it.**

If eligible, the bursary at Priestley can support you with:

- Travel (bus passes, train contribution) to get you to and from college
- Study visits (course-related)
- Course-related equipment and materials (kits, textbooks, stationery)
- Extra meals (on-site catering)
- UCAS applications and activities
- One-off emergencies



**Kim Payton**  
Financial support

In 2023 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.

## **Free School Meals and Core Bursary**

The Core Bursary can help pay for public transport to college, course-related equipment, materials and study visits. Anyone entitled to the Core Bursary was entitled to Free School Meal funding of £3.50 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 £25,000. The mainstream bursary can help pay for public transport to college, course-related equipment, materials and study visits.

## **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.

*Details of the 2024 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.*

If you have any queries regarding Bursaries at Priestley College please email [bursary@priestley.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@priestley.ac.uk) or contact 01925 633591.

# Course Pathways



**At Priestley there are more than 80 courses including A-Levels, T-Levels and Vocational options.**

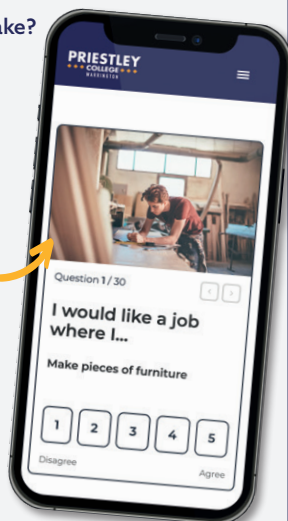
## How to choose the right course for you?

Priestley's wide variety of courses and flexible timetable give you the best chance of creating your perfect Level 3 study programme. First you need to decide the type of programme you want to study. There are four pathways available to you at Level 3 and for anyone not ready for those courses we offer a number of Level 2 options as part of a Foundation Programme.

Still not sure which path to take?

## Take The Profile Quiz!

And explore career paths based on your interests...



## FOUNDATION

"I'm Joe and I study Level 2 Sport. I didn't do too well in my GCSEs, but I passed English and Maths GCSE at Priestley because of the support I received. When you are doing your coursework at college you get a lot of support from teachers when you need it. The biggest difference for me is the trust you are given to get your work done. I find that really motivational."

**Find out more on page 54**



## A-LEVELS

"My name is Emma and I study Politics, Sociology, Economics and Maths. The courses I've chosen go really well together. I think I want to go to university, but my eyes have been opened to so many options since I came to college. Priestley is very diverse, you meet people who like completely different things to you which is a good thing."

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Find out more on page 26

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## VOCATIONAL

"I'm Joe and I have taken a Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services. I chose this type of course because I prefer assignments and research over revision and exams. With this course we've had a variety different experiences and covered units such as professional development where we learned how to send in application, complete a CV and even did a mock interview."

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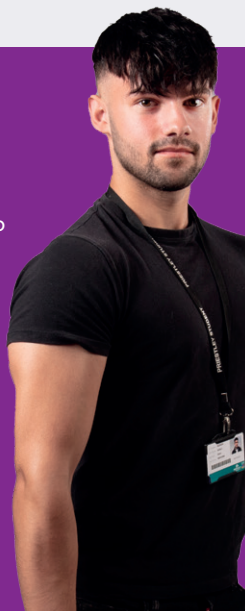
## T-LEVEL

"I'm Ashton and I took the Digital Production T-Level at Priestley. T-Level differs from A-Levels due to the work placement you do as part of the course. I went on a web development placement, which was organised by college and I learnt about html, WordPress and how to use CSS."

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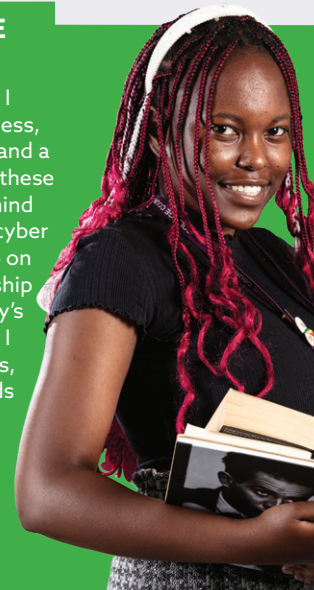
## MIXED PROGRAMME

"My name is Courtney and I am studying A-Level Business, Computer Studies, Maths and a Level 3 in Finance. I chose these subjects with a career in mind because I want to go into cyber security. I am hoping to go on to do a degree apprenticeship and have talked to Priestley's career advisers about this. I am happy with my subjects, my teachers and the friends I have made."

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# A-Level

Qualification:	<b>A-Level</b>
Choose From:	<b>38 subjects</b>
Course Length:	<b>2 Years</b>

## Priestley offers a wide range of academic courses

AS-Levels are the first year of an A-Level and, at Priestley, are qualifications in their own right.

In Year 2 many of you will narrow your programme to three A-Levels that most suit your needs. However, your AS qualification will still carry UCAS points.

We encourage you to take four AS-Levels in Year 1 giving you a greater breadth of subjects areas.

Benefits of AS / A-Levels include:

- AS grades demonstrate to universities your progress since GCSE and are a good way to assess your strengths
- This pathway shows a breadth of knowledge and skills
- A-Level success shows a grasp of academic study

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on how to select your courses and build your study programme.



## What you need to take an A-Level:

- At least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above
- GCSE Grade 4 or above in English Language
- Average GCSE score of 4.2 or above. Some subjects require a higher average GCSE points score
- ✧ Please check course profiles on our website for exact entry requirements.

**See A-Level courses on Page 28**

# 100% PASS RATE

In 2023 students achieved a  
100% pass rate in 23 A-Levels

# 629 HIGH MARKS

Our Class of 2023 collected  
629 A\* to Bs in A-Levels and  
the EPQ

# 452 TOP PLACES

Russell Group universities  
made 452 offers to our  
Class of 2023

## Student Insight

Emma Donnelley

Studies:  
Politics, Sociology, Economics and Maths  
Previously From:  
Bridgewater High School

Hear more about  
A-Levels from  
Emma Donnelley



### A-Level 3D Product Design & Technology

If you have a practical mind, a passion for problem solving and design then 3D Product Design & Technology could be for you. It will help you progress into areas as varied as 3D Design, Business, Sports Design, Ergonomics, Automotive Design and Architecture. You will study different construction materials, design solutions, different products and how they relate to modern manufacturing. Leads to university or apprenticeships and gives you the chance to work with real clients solving their design challenges.



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### A-Level Architecture

Explore how architecture works in this A-Level which is perfect for any aspiring architects, interior architects, urban planners or landscape architects. It also sets you up for studying a range of courses in art and design. You will learn about a wide range of 2D and 3D techniques, contemporary architecture and artists while developing your own drawing and problem-solving skills, as well as some optional computer-based design. Progress onto a degree or Art Foundation at Priestley.



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### A-Level Biology

Success in Biology can lead to a wide range of careers spanning Medicine, Veterinary Science, Pharmacy, Scientific Research or Environmental Science to name just a few. The Priestley course incorporates fieldwork to investigate ecosystems, practical work using different techniques and activities that will help to bring this subject to life. You will study cells, relationships between organisms, genetics, evolution, populations and much more. You will also have the chance to enter the Royal Society of Biology Olympiad.



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### A-Level Business

Gain an insight into issues affecting 'Business' in current times. Discover what it takes to become an entrepreneur or a manager while developing a critical understanding of business activities on a local, national and global scale. All this can lead to you setting up your own business – many former students have done exactly that – or going to university to study a variety of degrees including Business, Economics and Marketing. Expect trips, conferences and a chance to demonstrate your leadership and team building skills.



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## A-Level Chemistry

Chemistry is the only compulsory science for anyone wanting to study Medicine, but it is much more besides. It is all around us from microscopic organisms to distant galaxies, from medieval discoveries to volcanic eruptions. At Priestley you'll cover a wide range of organic and inorganic chemistry as well as kinetics, equilibria and redox. This course prepares you for university, apprenticeships and careers as varied as Medicine, Dentistry, Forensics, Food and Textiles Sciences, Pharmacy, Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry. You will have the chance to represent the college in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, Young Analyst and the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad.



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## A-Level Classical Civilisation

Classics is a solid academic subject which can serve as a strong grounding for a variety of careers, such as writing (J K Rowling), the Security Services (Jonathan Evans) and business (Martha Lane Fox). Learn about the Classical World of Ancient Greece and Rome and study the great people, wars, sacrifices, ideas, gods and epic stories of this time. You'll develop a range of skills including writing and analysing texts. It is ideal preparation for university degrees including Classics, History and Anthropology.



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## A-Level Computer Science

Computer Science is relevant to the modern and changing world of computing. It is a practical subject where you can apply knowledge gained to write code, design websites and interrogate databases. It can lead to university courses including Computer Science, Software Engineering, and Information Systems as well as careers in business analysis or web developing. Priestley offers the chance to enter competitions such as British Informatics Olympiad and welcomes visitors from Barclays Bank as well as local website and app developers.



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## A-Level Dance

A stimulating and exciting exploration into the world of professional dance, this course will prepare you for further dance studies at university. You will develop technical, performance, creative and theoretical dance skills. There will be many opportunities to perform in front of live audiences. During the course you will explore choreography skills as well as analyse the work of professional dance companies and engage in visiting professional workshops with companies such as Rambert or New Adventures. Course includes theatre trips and the chance to visit Broadway.



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## A-Level Digital Photography

You will learn how to use your camera to respond to creative assignments, composition as well as refining your images sensitively, using a computer to digitally edit images or using hand-rendered art-based processes. The course explores different areas of photography such as environments, portraiture, landscape, still-life, documentary, photojournalism and experimental imagery. You will gain influence from other artists and photographers to inspire your own work. Students can progress directly onto photography-related degree courses at university, Art Foundation or consider working within a photography-based career.



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## A-Level Drama

Studying Drama at Priestley means you will be part of something special. Previous students who have wanted to pursue a career in acting have gone on to study at some of the top theatre schools in the country, while those wanting to follow a more traditional path have gained the confidence and communication skills to become lawyers, managers, journalists and nurses amongst many other careers. You will perform your exams in front of live audiences and have the opportunity to take part in college showcases. You will need a passion for reading and watching plays and be keen to explore different styles of theatre. You can also get involved with our theatre trips, work with industry professionals, and there's always our annual trip to Broadway.



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## A-Level Economics

Anyone with 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 go on to study Economics to degree level. Each year we plan trips to the UK and European Parliaments and other financial institutions. There's also the chance to take part in the Bank of England Interest Rate Challenge and the National Stock Market Challenge.



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## A-Level Electronics

Electronics is fundamental to today's technological society, whether the application is from telecommunications, medical equipment, entertainment or industry. You will develop problem solving and circuit design skills, as well as some programming, and the course fulfils entry requirements for many engineering degrees. It is an excellent companion to Physics, Computer Science or Maths A-Levels. We study the theory and practice of various systems, including digital, analogue and microcontrollers. There is a coursework component which accounts for 20% of the total marks. Next steps could include electronic engineering courses at university and apprenticeship schemes



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## A-Level English Language

Explore how English Language is used to persuade, inform, instruct, advise and entertain different audiences. Find out how it has changed over the centuries right up to the current impact of 'text talk' and social media communication. You will examine written words from 500 years ago to today and have the chance to write fiction and non fiction. Opens all kinds of career options including law, teaching and marketing and is accepted for entry on a wide range of university courses.



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## A-Level English Language and Literature

Discuss your views with like-minded students as you delve into literary and non-literary texts from different genres and periods. Among the texts you will study are 'The Great Gatsby', 'The Whitsun Weddings' and a number of screenplays, letters, diaries, travel writing and journalism from an anthology. You will develop a variety of skills that are highly-regarded by employers and universities, preparing you for careers in areas as varied as publishing, PR, marketing, journalism, the legal profession and teaching.



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## A-Level English Literature

Improve your understanding of literary contexts through class discussion and exploration of novels, poetry and drama from the 15th to the 21st century. You will study literary traditions and movements such as Jacobean Drama or Literary Modernism and the impact of contexts on the way texts are written and received. This course can lead to a range of university degrees and careers that require good communication skills, such as publishing, public relations, marketing, journalism, media, management, teaching and many others.



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## A-Level Environmental Science

Take this A-Level to gain a deep scientific understanding of current issues such as global warming, extinction, alternative energies and resources. You will learn to navigate environmentalist / anti-environmentalist propaganda and hard scientific evidence. We will look to organise a field trip to Arran where you will be supervised by specialist biologists. It can lead to environmental degrees or university study in Geography, Geology, Climatology and other Earth Sciences. Career paths include the Environmental Agency, land conservation, land management and many others.



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## A-Level Film Studies

Develop your appreciation of film while preparing for a future in the industry. You will study Cinema as a medium, developing critical analysis and personal reflection. You will study films as diverse as Pan's Labyrinth, Shaun of the Dead and Vertigo. To take this course you will need a passion for watching film and producing your own. Gives you the opportunity to progress onto university courses in Film and Media with an eye on progressing into this industry in your career.



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## A-Level Fine Art

If you enjoy an experimental approach to using a wide range of media including painting, print, mixed media and digital imagery then you will thrive on this A-Level. You will need to be keen to explore observational drawing and have an interest in advertising, architecture, industrial or product design, history of art, teaching and work in the creative industries. Expect some research trips and gallery visits. Students can progress onto Art and Design related degrees or the Art Foundation at Priestley.



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## A-Level French

A good result in French can make you competitive applying for a range of university courses, apprenticeships and jobs. It combines well with other subjects including business, marketing, accountancy, law and many more. At Priestley class sizes are small and weekly one-to-one sessions with a tutor allow you to develop your skills with confidence. You will learn about French society as well as the language, broadening your horizons and understanding of the world. We offer grammar lessons and Easter revision workshops.



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## A-Level Further Mathematics

In Further Mathematics you will study topics that 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. Progression includes university and a wide range of careers.



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## A-Level Geography

Learn about tectonic processes, glaciated landscapes as well as globalisation and the regeneration of places. In Year 2 study water and carbon cycles, energy security, climate change as well as geopolitics covering superpowers, health, human rights and intervention. We want you to see geography as well as learn about it so there will be trips to the Lake District, Iceland and Sicily with the chance to climb active volcanoes. University courses include Geography, Geology, Ecology, International Relations and Town Planning.



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## A-Level Geology

This course will give you a comprehensive understanding of how life has evolved throughout Earth's history. Understand the processes that have shaped the present pattern of continents and oceans. Experience at least two fieldwork days and a broad range of practical activities supported by a vast collection of real geological samples, some of which are over two billion years old. Leads to academic careers in various aspects of Geology as well as other scientific degrees / careers including environmental management and civil engineering.



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## A-Level German

An A-Level in German could be your passport to a successful career in anything from business to law and marketing. The ability to use another language is highly-prized by employers and at Priestley you will perfect your skills with the benefit of weekly, one-to-one speaking sessions with a tutor. We promise you a vibrant and reassuring classroom experience where you will learn about the country as well as the language. We will offer university language events, grammar and revision workshops.



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## A-Level Graphic Design

You will build a strong portfolio that will allow you to apply for top university places or go on to work in advertising, website design, illustration, computer game design, publishing or printmaking. During the course you will cover computer-based processes and techniques on industry-standard software (Adobe Creative Suite), create type and imagery and be encouraged to experiment with a wide range of more traditional methods. You will also learn specialist skills ranging from digital image making, advertising to typography and publishing.



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## A-Level History

History is well-respected by universities and employers because of the analytical skills you develop so it can open many doors. Often it leads to careers in law, journalism and teaching. You can choose either Early Modern History (17th century Britain including the turbulent reign of Charles I and the English Civil War, French Revolution, The European witch-craze) or Modern History (USA 1917-1996 and Impact of War on Britain). Whatever option you take you can be sure lessons will be both challenging and inspiring.



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## A-Level Law

This A-Level will introduce you to English law and the legal process. It is a highly-respected qualification and is certainly not limited to those who wish to pursue a legal career. That said it sets you up to progress onto Law degrees or those related such as Criminology. Previous students are now working as solicitors or barristers while others are working for agencies such as the Crown Prosecution Service and the Ombudsman, taking legal apprenticeships or have become paralegals.



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## A-Level Mathematics

Maths is highly-regarded, complements all other courses and is perfect for anyone who enjoyed their GCSE and is looking for a challenge. You will study algebra, coordinate geometry, polynomials, trigonometry, logarithms and calculus. The course also takes in data processing and interpretation, probability, hypothesis testing, kinematics and Newton's laws of motion. Alongside these topics, you will learn more about the application of Mathematics. Many students pursue careers in medicine, research and development, engineering, accountancy, actuarial work to name just a few.



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## A-Level Media Studies

Use industry-standard equipment and software to produce your own media on this course, which is perfect for those with a passion for the industry or goals of studying the subject further at university. You will study television, film, radio, newspapers, magazines, advertising, online social and participatory media, video games and music videos. You'll investigate media language, representations, industries and audiences. There's the chance to broadcast on the college radio station, attend workshops in London and the potential for a New York trip.



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## A-Level Music

Excellent preparation for further study in Music and a career in the industry or just to develop your musical skills and knowledge. It will expand your awareness of different styles including Rock, Pop and Classical whilst developing your music theory, listening, musical analysis and composition skills. You will gain a greater understanding of performance practice and improve your technical proficiency on your instrument or voice with regular opportunities to perform. You will use professional software packages such as Cubase and Dorico and have the chance to go on trips and visits to professional venues and studios. Progression routes include university or music conservatoires.



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## A-Level Philosophy

Are you a deep thinker ready to tackle the big questions? Philosophy challenges you to do exactly that asking 'What do good, bad, right and wrong really mean?' 'Is the concept of God incoherent?' and 'What is mind?' It's also a subject that is highly regarded by universities and can lead to careers as varied as teaching, public services, science, the caring profession and jobs within the private sector. We have a Philosophy Society that meets fortnightly allowing you to join in further debates.



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## A-Level Physical Education

Gain an insight into sports performance and cover a diverse spectrum of topics from Movement Analysis and Technology in Sport to Skill Acquisition and Sports Psychology. An A-Level in PE can lead to careers in sports development, sport science, coaching, physiotherapy, personal training or teaching, but combined with other subjects can open many more doors, particularly as it is considered scientifically robust. Benefit from guest speakers, trips to Manchester Velodrome and a training camp at Club La Santa in Lanzarote.



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## A-Level Physics

Physics students are valued by industry and universities for the varied skills they acquire. Join this course to develop logical problem-solving, carry out practical work and apply your knowledge to the real world. Over the full A-Level you will study mechanics, electricity, waves, particles, radiation, nuclear structure, electric, gravitational and magnetic fields. You might even study Astrophysics. Students progress onto university degrees as varied as Engineering, Medicine, Finance, Maths and Computer Science as well as Physics. Priestley organises a variety of trips and guest speakers from universities to local employers. You can also take part in the British Physics Olympiad competition.



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## A-Level Politics

Demystify the world of the Prime Minister, politicians and Parliament with this A-Level. It might be your first step to entering government yourself, but the A-Level is highly-respected and can lead to university degrees in History, Law, Philosophy, PPE, and other subjects at Russell Group universities. Politics students are also employed in careers as diverse as journalism, the intelligence services and public relations. Politics is brought to life at Priestley with trips to Parliament, college Question Times and oversees visits including to Washington.



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## A-Level Psychology

Explore the 'scientific study of human behaviour and experiences' with an A-Level in Psychology. Cover topics on memory, disorders and functions of the brain and in Year 2 psychological knowledge in areas of mental health, crime and child development. There will be visiting lecturers and trips including to Chester Zoo to carry out research and hear about primate behaviour. Studying Psychology can lead to careers ranging from Clinical Psychology to Forensic Psychology. It is also useful for social work, marketing and teaching.



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## A-Level Religious Studies

Tackle great philosophical theories, become an enlightened thinker and learn more about ethics with a particular focus on Buddhism. In Year 2 you will go into further depth on the religion including examining miracles, religious language and free will. You will visit a temple and you will have chance to ask questions of a Buddhist monk. Students go on to university and a variety of careers including teaching, social work, public services, caring professions and jobs within the private sector.



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## A-Level Sociology

If you are actively concerned about the world around you and want to do something useful within it then this is the course for you. Learn about issues such as gender equality, education, crime prevention strategies and demographic changes. You will develop skills of analysis and evaluation as you study topics such as Socialisation and Culture, Families and Households, Crime and Deviance. Sociology will help you with any career where you are likely to deal with people from different social backgrounds.



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## A-Level Spanish

The skills you will demonstrate in successfully completing A-Level Spanish will make you an attractive prospect for universities and employers. During the course you will learn the language through interesting topics such as technology, women and LGBT rights, idols, Spanish festivals and traditions. Class sizes are small and you will learn in a reassuring environment including weekly, one-to-one speaking sessions. We have film study days, university language events and revision workshops and look for work experience in Spain.



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## A-Level Textiles and Fashion

If it is your goal to work in fashion or textiles then this is where your dream can start to become a reality. Experiment with different fabrics and mixed media as you gain the skills and knowledge you need to thrive in the industry. Learn how to create exciting surfaces and textures using different techniques. As you learn in a creative environment you will create ideas for garments, installations and textile art. Students can progress onto Art and Design-related degrees or the Art Foundation at Priestley.



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# Vocational

**Qualification:** BTECS, OCRs, RSLs & Cambridge Technicals

**Choose From:** 29 subjects

**Course Length:** 2 Years

## An exciting set of pathways to suit those who prefer coursework over exams

Our Vocational pathways are varied and far reaching. They can prepare you for university and careers as diverse as the police, theatre set designing or sports coaching to name just a few.

BTECs, OCRs, RSLs and Cambridge Technicals will give you the skills and knowledge you need to break into a particular industry. They can also lead you to university or apprenticeships.

Some exams are required in most Vocational courses, but the majority of assessment is based on practical learning and coursework.

You will be required to have Level 3 entry requirements including at least five GCSEs at grade 4.

Vocational courses can be studied to different levels and the depth of the course will determine how much of your timetable your subject requires. In some cases this will allow you to combine a Vocational course with an A-Level.

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## What you need to study Vocational courses:

- At least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above
- Some individual subjects require a higher average GCSE points score
- ✳ Please check course profiles on our website for exact entry requirements



# 100% PASS RATE

The Class of 2023 achieved  
a 100% pass rate in all  
Extended Diplomas

# 100% PASS RATE

Students in 2023 scored  
a 100% pass rate in all  
Level 3 Diplomas

# 62% HIGH GRADES

Across all Extended Diplomas  
62% of marks were classed as  
high grades

## Student Insight

Joe Griffith

Studies:  
Uniformed Protective Services  
Previously From:  
Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Hear more  
about Vocational  
Courses from Joe



### Level 3 Applied Science

Take an exciting look at science through a mixture of theory, practical work and your own research. You'll complete case studies, assignments and projects linked to real-life workplace challenges. The course covers the fundamentals of Biology, Chemistry and Physics as well as specialist units in Human Physiology and an Investigative Project where you'll plan, carry out and analyse practical work on a topic of your own choosing. Develop independence as a learner and prepare for a career or higher-level study in paramedicine, nursing, pharmacy, optometry, zoology, marine biology or chemistry.



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### Level 3 Applied Human Biology

Further your understanding of Biology by learning more about humans: from conception through aging, in sickness and in health. You'll cover topics such as genetics, cell biology, organ systems, immunology as well as learning practical microbiological and healthcare diagnostic techniques. This course is suitable for those interested in a career in healthcare science, biomedicine and microbiological research as well as allied professions such as paramedicine and nursing.



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### Level 4 Art and Design Foundation

Art and Design Foundation will help you to become a more independent and skilled artist and designer and is normally taken after two years of an A-Level or Vocational course. You will learn through a wide range of experimental workshops covering drawing, conceptual thinking, painting, sculpture, textiles, life drawing, fashion, photography, graphic design and architecture. Then you will take a self-directed specialist pathway route in your chosen specialist area before contributing to a public exhibition. Students have gone on to study BA (Hons) in a wide range of creative subjects as well as creative apprenticeships and employment.



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### Level 3 Art, Design and Communication

Discover your strengths and develop a professional-standard portfolio that might include work set by industry professionals. This course also gives you the chance to exhibit your work in public venues and covers everything from drawing, painting, textiles and ceramics to photography and illustration. You will learn how artists and designers work. Enjoy research trips and gallery visits. This course will help you progress onto top university degrees, into work or apprenticeships within the creative industries or the Art Foundation at Priestley.



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### Level 3 Business

This course is a chance to learn more about everything from business to finance, accounts, marketing and more. Enhance your practical skills by running a mini enterprise and enjoy lessons covering theory, problem solving, independent research and teamwork. Can lead to university, apprenticeships, starting your own business or careers as diverse as financial management or event planning. Guest speakers will bring the course to life as will trips that in the past have included Chester Zoo and Jaguar Land Rover.



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### Level 3 Computer Game Development

Our award-winning Game Development course is a proven way for young people to break into the competitive, billion-pound industry. Past students have secured a 12-month paid internship with TT Games and this is anticipated to continue. You will become highly proficient with 3D modelling in Autodesk Maya, texturing in Adobe Substance Painter and programming mechanics in Unreal Engine to create fully textured environments, a working Infinite Runner game, character modelling in ZBrush, as well as exploring level design theory and working in a team to build a complex multi-faceted game. Many students progress into universities such as Falmouth, Bolton and UCLan which offer pathways including Game Art, VFX, Engine Programming and Animation.



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### Level 3 Criminology

Investigate what happens at a crime scene or during court proceedings on this course, which will prepare you for studying Criminology at university or a career in criminal justice. 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 it. You'll have the chance to attend court to see the system in action.



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### Level 3 Dance

Do you have a love of dance and a desire to perform in a variety of showcases and public performances? Then BTEC Dance at Priestley is for you. We have an outstanding success rate with former students going on to the UK's top dance and theatre schools; such as Bird, London Studio Centre, Laine, Urdang and LIPA. During the course you will cover a diverse range of movement styles and performance techniques. You will need passion and ambition to improve your dance skills during this course and enjoy showcasing your talents. You will get the opportunity to attend many theatre visits and in Year Two you could join us on our Broadway visit.



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### Level 3 Early Years, Childcare and Education

If you see your future as working with children in primary schools, as a paediatric nurse, social worker or speech therapist, then this course will help you realise your dream. The course covers the role of childcare and education practitioners and includes a work placement. Trips include to The Children's Museum, Disneyland Paris and to universities to find out more about Early Years and Health-related degrees. This course was developed with employers, HE providers and professional bodies so is respected by all.



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### Level 3 Engineering

We can tailor a programme to meet your needs and combine this course with AS subjects such as Electronics, Graphic Design, 3D Design and many more. It is the ideal choice if you do not want to take a purely AS-Level programme. Among the topics you will cover are Principles of Mechanical Engineering plus units on Electronic Design and Computer-aided Design. Progression options include degrees, apprenticeships or employment as the skills you develop will be in demand across many practical and technical careers.



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### Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Securing the EPQ can help unlock a university place as the skills you will demonstrate are highly valued at HE institutions. You will be assessed based on a dissertation or investigation about a topic of your choosing. You'll carry out detailed, balanced research and practise structuring a convincing academic argument. Around half our candidates achieve an A\* or A in the EPQ, benefitting from the support and opportunities we offer such as visits to the John Rylands University of Manchester Library.



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### Level 3 Financial Studies

Not only will this course encourage you to be a sensible saver and give you a grip of financial planning, it will also develop your understanding of careers in financial services such as financial advisers, bankers and debt advisers. There will be opportunities to enter competitions such as The Student Investor Challenge which asks you to become a stockbroker. There are university courses in financial studies that offer a direct pathway of continued study in this field.



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### Level 3

#### Football - Sports, Coaching & Development

Combine your passion for playing football with a sound theoretical underpinning that will help you succeed in a career in sport. There will be opportunities to develop your ability to play, coach and officiate football and futsal. This course prepares you for university, USA scholarships or employment in coaching/refereeing. You can combine the BTEC with another AS-Level, Fitness Instruction and/or a Sports Academy. Students can go on to pursue careers in professional sport, coaching, fitness, performance analysis, sports development or nutrition.



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### Level 3

#### Graphic Design & Photography

Practical design projects set by industry professionals – who in the past have included Sky TV, Barclays, Professional Imagemaker magazine – will give you a unique insight into the world of work. They might even result in your work being used commercially. This course is excellent preparation for any career in Graphic Design or Photography. In Year 2 you will choose a pathway focussing on one discipline or the other. During your course you can look forward to gallery visits, research trips and visiting speakers.



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### Level 3

#### Health and Social Care

This is the ideal qualification for those who want a broad background in health and social care. You will study nutrition, anatomy and physiology, equality, mental health, positive relationships in care and infection control. Many students choose the subject because they have a clear idea of their future profession e.g.. nurse, midwife, social worker, paramedic, physio or occupational therapist. We will support you in making university applications and provide trips to universities to learn more. There are also opportunities for work experience.



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### Level 3

#### Information Technology

If you believe your future lies in computers then you will enjoy this BTEC, which will give you the practical IT skills that you need. They are transferable for university and the workplace so will be invaluable to you. You will thrive on this course if you enjoy studying how computers are used within IT systems, enjoy problem solving and finding IT solutions. Students go on to study degrees in Information Management, Digital Management Solutions, Computer Networks Security or Computer Science.



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### Level 3 Journalism

Journalists play a vital role in our democracy and if it is a career you are considering then this course could be the start of something special for you. It is an introduction to journalism and covers what you need to know about the profession in the 21st century. You'll hear from journalists working in the media today and attend industry conferences. Progression includes university or a pathway towards the industry-standard NCTJ Level 3 Diploma in Journalism.



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### Level 3 Law

If you have an interest in law, but prefer a combination of coursework and exams rather than just exams, this BTEC is the perfect option. You will learn vocational skills such as writing legal letters. Students can progress onto a law apprenticeship or job as a paralegal. You could also do a Law or a related degree such as Criminology. Another route might be to apply for employment with bodies such as the Crown Prosecution Service or the Legal Services Ombudsman.



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## Student Success

In 2023, Scarlett Taylor secured a place at the Jimmy Choo Academy in London after collecting her Vocational results at Priestley. She said: "I couldn't believe it when I found out that Jimmy Choo actually does some of the teaching on the course. I was pretty shocked when I found out I had the offer because I didn't think my style of fashion fitted, but there is a lot of artistic freedom at the academy."

Achieved:  
Distinction in Art & Design  
Previously From:  
The Grange



### Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)

Strengthen your maths and gain numeracy skills that will help you compete for jobs with better salaries. This course complements many other subjects including Geography, Business Studies, Psychology and Economics. You will learn the selection / use of mathematical methods and techniques in real-life situations. Priestley will also give you the opportunity to attend Maths Inspiration Lectures and take part in national competitions. The qualification can be used in higher education, employment and in your everyday life.



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### Level 3 Media Studies

This course will allow you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the media industry and enables you to focus on a specialist area after an initial introduction to a wide range of disciplines. Topics include film and video production, photography, interactive media and radio and audio production. You will follow industry practice to research, plan and produce a variety of media texts such as magazine photoshoots, a film trailer, music video and a radio show. Progression includes university and apprenticeships.



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### Level 3 Music

Priestley offers numerous pathways in vocational Music focusing on Performance or Production. If you choose to combine Performance and Production, you will have the option to take the Extended units which add song writing skills to your programme. Each element of the course is worth the equivalent of one A-Level after two years, adding up to three if all options are taken. We recommend reading the full course profiles on our website and speaking to a Music teacher at an open event / interview evening about which option is best for you. All pathways can lead to studying music at university. Whatever you opt for there is the chance to visit professional music studios and events.



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### Level 3 Musical Theatre (Performing Arts)

Priestley has an outstanding reputation for Musical Theatre - we guarantee you will love your time on this course and make lifelong friends whilst honing your technique in acting, singing and dance. You will take part in lots of public performances including two full-scale musicals. There will be the chance to take part in workshops with industry professionals and several study visits including our annual trip to Broadway, New York. You will also receive tailored support with your theatre school auditions so you can follow in the footsteps of our countless alumni who are now working in the industry, including on the West End stage.



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### Level 3 Production Arts

Priestley has an outstanding reputation and track record for students progressing onto Production Arts-related subjects within the most prestigious universities. This course is excellent preparation for a career in everything from Stage Management to lighting design, sound design, puppet construction and theatrical and SFX Makeup. At college you will have the chance to add a touch of magic to our ambitious performances. You will also make and record your own sounds, create realistic facial and body injuries, design and create your own puppet and design and build large sets.



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### Level 3 Public Services

If you have a genuine interest in a career within the Public Services you should join this course. Previous students have successfully entered the Army, Navy, RAF and Royal Marine Commandos. We have students who are currently serving with the Police. You can also go to university to study degrees such as Public Services, Policing, Criminology and Law. At Priestley you will cover team leadership, citizenship, physical preparation, aspects of the legal system and go on numerous expeditions.



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### Level 3 Sport

This BTEC provides a dynamic learning experience to prepare you for university or a career in sport. It can be combined with two or three AS-Levels, Fitness Instruction and/or a sports academy giving you some nice options. Students go on to pursue careers in teaching, sports rehabilitation, coaching, fitness and sports development. The course runs alongside our sports academies which give you the opportunity to compete at local, regional and national level. We also offer coaching courses, volunteering opportunities and a variety of trips.



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### Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science

The Sport and Exercise Science BTEC covers a range of topics from Anatomy to Psychology, Sports Injuries, Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology and Sports Massage. It prepares you for appropriate university degrees and during the course you will benefit from work experience. It can be combined with another AS-Level, Fitness Instruction and/or a sports academy to build a full study programme. Students who have completed the BTEC Sport & Exercise Science course have gone on to teaching, physiotherapy, sports rehabilitation, coaching, fitness, performance analysis and nutrition.



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### Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development

Combine your passion for practical sport with a sound theoretical underpinning that will help you succeed in a career in sport. You will benefit from work experience and the BTEC includes access to National Governing Body coaching/officiating courses. It will also prepare you for university. The course can be combined with another AS-Level, Fitness instruction and/or a sports academy. Units include topics such as training and programming, leadership, gym instruction, careers in sport, practical sport, coaching skills, sports development and self-employment in sport.



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### Level 3 Sports Academies

We have academies for Football, Rugby League, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball and Futsal. Join an academy to compete at regional and national level. You will receive an outstanding education alongside excellent coaching in your sport. Your timetable will be adjusted to allow for two training sessions and your Wednesday afternoons will be free for competitions. In addition to your technical and tactical training sessions you will also have access to strength and conditioning, nutritional advice as well as support with sports injuries and rehabilitation.



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## Student Success

Rosie Pike was a member of the Class of 2023 and combined Vocational subjects with an A-Level. Her excellent grades in Early Years, Health & Social Care and Philosophy completed a successful time at college and she secured a job in a primary school as a teaching assistant. "My friends have always said that I would make a good teacher and I love working with children."



Achieved:  
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Previously From:  
Great Sankey Primary School





# T-Level

Qualification:	<b>T-Level</b>
Choose From:	<b>5 Subjects</b>
Course Length:	<b>2 Years</b>

## The next level qualifications that give you skills to thrive in the workplace

T-Levels are unique in that they have been created in partnership with employers and include a 45-day work placement. One T-Level is equivalent to three A-Levels and can lead to a degree apprenticeship or employment.

Priestley will be offering five T-Levels in September 2024. They are:

**Digital Production, Design and Development** Preparing you for careers such as web designer, computer games developer or software developer.

**Education & Childcare** Preparing you for careers such as teaching assistant, nursery worker or portage home worker.

**Engineering and Manufacturing** Preparing you for careers such as CAD technician or 3D technician and many more in industry.

**Health** Preparing you for careers such as care worker, emergency care assistant or dental nurse.

**Management and Administration** Preparing you for careers such as medical secretary, barrister's clerk or manufacturing supervisor.

Please note that T-Levels are a full programme and cannot be combined with any other courses.

## What you need to take an T-Level:

- At least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above
- GCSE Grade 4 or above in both GCSE English and Maths
- Some T-Levels require higher grades in some subjects or a higher average GCSE points score.
- ✱ Please check course profiles on our website for exact entry requirements.

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# 80% CLASSROOM 20% WORKPLACE

T-Levels are different because around 80% of your time will be spent in the classroom with the remaining 20% being spent on a work placement.

## Student Insight

Ashton Danci

Studied:  
T-Level Digital Production, Design and Development  
Previously From:  
Beamont Collegiate Academy

Hear more about  
T-Levels from  
Ashton Danci



### **T-Level Digital Production, Design & Development**

Develop technical knowledge and practical skills with the help of your tutor in the classroom and mentors during your industry placement. Everything will be geared towards giving you the best chance of succeeding in software development. You'll cover programming, emerging issues and impact of digital, legislation and regulatory requirements, business context, data, digital environments and security. Your next step might be a degree apprenticeship or degree in software development or computer science. Take part in Apps for Good or First Tech Challenge.



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### **T-Level Education and Childcare**

With this course you will have three days in college and two days on placement giving you valuable practical experience. In college you will cover units on child development, supporting education and working with professionals as well as safeguarding, observing and assessing children and special educational needs and disabilities. This T-Level prepares you for careers within the Health, Education and Early Years sectors or university degrees in Social Work, Primary School Teaching and Nursing to name just a few.



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### **T-Level Engineering**

Take this T-Level if you are seeking to progress to an engineering career and would like to start now with a substantial industry placement alongside classroom learning. You will cover workplace procedures and the maths and physics-based knowledge and skills of engineering practice. Core content includes everything from chemical engineering to manufacturing, health and safety and commercial awareness. Progression routes include degrees, degree apprenticeships, employment and a career in engineering.



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### **T-Level Health**

If you are passionate about helping people, and want a career where you can make a difference, then a T-Level in Health can set you on your way. It will give you the technical knowledge and skills required to secure highly-skilled employment, a higher apprenticeship or higher level study at university. You will spend 80% of your course in the classroom and 20% on a work placement. Some of the core modules include health and wellbeing, anatomy and physiology as well as infection prevention.



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## T-Level Management & Administration

This course will give you an overview of business culture and values as well as explain the role of stakeholders, governance and the impact of organisations on society and the environment. Gain an insight into project management, the importance of good communication and adapting social communication styles to professional standards. Learn the importance of maintaining quality in all aspects of public and private sector organisations. This T-Level can lead to roles as a business improvement coordinator, team leader or in project support to name just a few.



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## Student Success

After completing a T-Level in Health in 2023, Rebecca Starkey-Fox progressed to Edge Hill University to study the Nursing Associate Foundation Degree.



Achieved:  
**Merit in T-Level Health**  
Previously From:  
Bridgewater School, Worsley





# Mixed Programme

## Combine A-Levels with Vocational options at Priestley

Pursuing a mixed pathway at Priestley enables you to create a highly-personalised study programme. It allows you to select courses that complement one another and demonstrate a range of both practical skills and academic rigour.

This is made possible because of the flexibility of the college timetable. You might combine an A-Level and BTEC for many reasons. It might be that the two subjects work well together or they could unlock your dream university place or career.

It might be that you simply enjoy one of the options and you want to combine them to ensure you have the best college experience. It is important to spend some time reading the full course profiles and checking which courses can be combined in order to build a full timetable.

You can do all this on our website where there is more information about course selection. Whatever your reasons for doing it, a mixed programme can lead to successful progression.

## Student Insight

Courtney Kumrie

Studies:

A-Level Business, Computer Studies, Maths and a Level 3 in Finance

Previously From:

Trafford College

Hear more about  
Mixed Courses  
from Courtney







# Foundation

Qualification:	Level 2
Choose From:	9 Subjects
Course Length:	1 Year

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## Dream bigger with a Foundation Year

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The Foundation Programme will equip you not only with an academic qualification, but also paves the way to study A-Levels or Level 3 courses at Priestley.

By the end of your Foundation Year you will have the confidence, skills and aspiration to go further than you might have ever have dreamed.

Alongside your core Foundation Programme you will also be able to take one or more of the following:

- English / Maths Pre-GCSE  
If you obtain less than a Grade 3, or you need further support to develop your confidence and skills
- English and / or Maths up to GCSE
- A Specialist Project to help develop your study and research skills, based on a topic of your choice
- Work placement and Work-Related Learning
- GCSE Science (subject to demand)

## What you need to study Foundation:

- A range of GCSEs at Grade 3/2 including English and Math
- At least one GCSE at Grade 4 or above
- An average GCSE score of 2 or above
- A keen interest in the subject you are planning to study

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# DREAM BIGGER AIM HIGHER

Go further when you study  
a Level 2 programme

# BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOURSELF

Choose the Foundation  
Programme at Priestley and  
you will not be disappointed

# SUPPORTING YOUR EVERY STEP

There will also be extra  
support to ensure you achieve  
your goals

## Student Insight

Joe Sacharewicz

Studied:  
Level 2 Sport  
Previously From:  
Helsby High School



Hear more about  
Foundation from  
Joe Sacharewicz



## Foundation Art & 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.



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## Foundation Business and Travel

By the end of your BTEC Level 2 you will have a grounding in a range of areas including Enterprise in the Business World, Finance for Business and the Principles of Marketing. Other specialist projects and/or additional modules will develop your industry-related expertise and enhance your academic and employability skills.



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## Foundation Computer Arts

Earn a BTEC Level 2 in Art & Design skills while through an HPQ build a digital world or complete a certification exam in Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator. Take on a live brief with a big company or magazine so that you can demonstrate your skills in a real-life scenario.



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## Student Success

Tailun Sun started on a Level 2 course at Priestley and used it as a springboard to successfully complete A-Levels in Chemistry, Physics and Maths before securing a place at University of Oxford studying Engineering. He was named Warrington Student of the Year in 2022.

Studied:  
Chemistry, Physics and Maths  
Previously From:  
Studied at a school in China





### Foundation Further Maths (L2 GCSE)

This course is a foundation year for students who would like to study AS Maths but have arrived at Priestley with an average GCSE score between 5 and 5.5, or a grade 6 GCSE Maths. The course covers the areas of algebra and geometry, which are crucial to further study in Maths, in greater depth and breadth. This qualification places an emphasis on higher order technical proficiency, rigorous argument and problem solving skills. Students who are successful on this course will be able to study AS Maths in their second year at Priestley.



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### Foundation Health and Early Years

Our combined course is the perfect start for anyone considering careers in health or the education of children (up to 12 years old). Additional qualifications can be attained in everything from Mental Health Awareness to manual handling and food hygiene. Work experience is also an option. You will secure the knowledge, understanding and skills to progress onto Level 3 and achieve your career goals.



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### Foundation Media and Film

An introduction to media products and audiences, potentially leading to the creation of your own radio shows and setting up webcasts. The perfect start towards preparing for a career in the film industry by developing technical skills, working in teams, understanding industry practices and being able to review film productions.



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## Foundation Public Services

Cover topics such as the role and work of the Public Services as well as the responsibility of protecting communities. There will also be the opportunity to secure an Extended Certificate in Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community, as well as a Level 2 in First Aid.



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## Foundation Science (Trilogy GCSE)

This is an exciting opportunity to improve your GCSE Science results in a year and lay the foundation for Level 3 study on courses such as T-Level Health, Health & Social Care, Engineering and A-Level sciences. You will need to be willing to work in teams on practicals as well as independently outside the classroom and be determined to improve on your GCSE results. You must already have at least a grade 3,3 in Combined Science or grade 3s in separate sciences.



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## Foundation Sport

This Level 2 Certificate can lead to other sports courses and additional qualifications such as in First Aid, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, umpiring qualifications and the TQUK Level 1 Award in Volunteering. You will benefit from our partnerships with Warrington Wolves, Warrington Schools Partnership, Livewire and Active Soccer.



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# Student View

"At Priestley everyone wants you to do well and for you to succeed. You are supported by every teacher from the day you start to the day you finish and you will make a lot of friends at college"

Hear more about  
college life from  
Elliot Whalley



Elliot Whalley

Studied:  
BTEC Business and A-Level PE  
Previously From:  
Culcheth High



## OPEN EVENTS

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30pm to 8pm**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – 5.30pm to 8pm**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 10.30am to 12.30pm**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 5.30pm to 8pm**

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**priestley.ac.uk**

### How To Find Us

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

**A digital version of this prospectus is also available: [priestley.ac.uk/prospectus](http://priestley.ac.uk/prospectus)**



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