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Welcome

At Shelley College Sixth Form we are committed to doing the very best by every student who walks through the door, supporting them to achieve their personal best and valuing them as an individual. We aim to get to know our students in a way which allows us to cater for their future aims and ambitions, and give them the advice and guidance needed to ensure they make an informed decision which is right for them.

Shelley College Sixth Form is increasingly becoming the first choice destination for students from a number of Yorkshire high schools, as well as our own. One of the reasons students come to us is that we offer a level of personal attention both in quality teaching and pastoral support that's difficult to match. Our small class sizes allow teachers to get to know each student well and offer individual guidance to success.

Our students can choose from a wide range of curriculum options and enjoy a warm, friendly and happy atmosphere throughout their studies at this important stage of their education. We're proud of our determination to help everybody achieve their personal goals, which shows in our most recent results.

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Ethos & Values

Shelley College's fundamental beliefs about education are summarised in our mission statement of:

"Valuing People, Supporting Personal Best."

The first part of this statement illustrates our desire to help young people be happy and confident at college and beyond. We think this in turn gives them the best chance of being successful in achieving their goals and ambitions.

The second part of our mission statement encourages all of us to keep trying our best. This is not an easy option; asking young people to always try their best in everything they do is very ambitious and we do all we can to help everybody to reach their full potential.

Life at Shelley COLLEGE

A Level & Vocational Subjects

Sixth Form

Enrichment & Leadership Opportunities

Life at Shelley College

A week in the life of a Sixth Former would feature a tutorial period looking at career routes and university applications post sixth form, a mentoring meeting with their tutor to offer any support and help secure a work experience placement, four hours of each subject across the week with a specialist teacher, a one hour time tabled study period and a two hour enrichment activity to develop their professional and personal development.

Shelley College has a purpose built Sixth Form building featuring a café, modern equipped IT room, pastoral office, meeting room, toilets and lockers. The café is open every day serving breakfast through to lunch, with a variety of hot/cold food and drinks.

Life at Shelley College

Pathways & Work Experience

Pastoral Care

We pride ourselves on the supportive relationships we have with our students and their families.

We also provide a mentoring service with their tutor and a weekly college nurse service. We have an open door policy in the pastoral office and offer a level of one to one support to ensure students are happy, healthy and enjoy their experience with us.

We have an active leadership team, events and charity committees that make many of the important decisions effecting Sixth Form life, and our local community through a variety of charitable causes.

Enrichment

Learn life skills to give you a head start in your career
Our enrichment programme provides opportunities for our students to expand their knowledge and skills. With over 20 options to choose from the aim is to ensure that all our students enrich their experience here at Shelley College Sixth Form through developing practical skills and gaining further qualifications.

Here's just a selection:

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
This is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate independent research skills. The project is graded A* to E, which will then give the learner valuable UCAS points.
The Extended Project offers students a free project choice, so they can explore in depth: An aspect of a subject they are studying, or a topic in which they have a personal interest. The topic for the project is chosen by the student and then agreed by the student's supervisor.
The Extended Project must develop and extend from one or more of a learner's study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. All students will undertake the Extended Project through the tutorial programme. The majority of the research will be completed in Year 12 and then the write up and presentation will take place during Year 13.

Reading matters
We also offer the accredited Reading Matters mentor scheme in which students learn how to assist year nine students to improve their literacy. This is a valuable scheme for anyone wanting to pursue a teaching career or work with children.

First Aid
One of the most useful and well recognised courses is our accredited level 2 First Aid course – this has risen in popularity and in our latest year group, over 60 students have signed up. This course is run by an external company and gives students all the skills they need should they find themselves in a difficult situation. Employees also widely recognise First Aid as a very useful skill when they are recruiting.

Work experience
Finally one of our most valued and relevant enrichment options, and one that is opted for by a huge number of students, is work experience. Future physiotherapists, teachers, accountants, website developers and many more are currently gaining invaluable experience in their chosen professions all around Huddersfield and the local areas.

Other opportunities
We recognise that there are other subjects that will help our students on their chosen career path, so we offer DofE Gold, Classroom Assistant, BSL, Food Hygiene Course, Student Leadership Roles, music and many more.

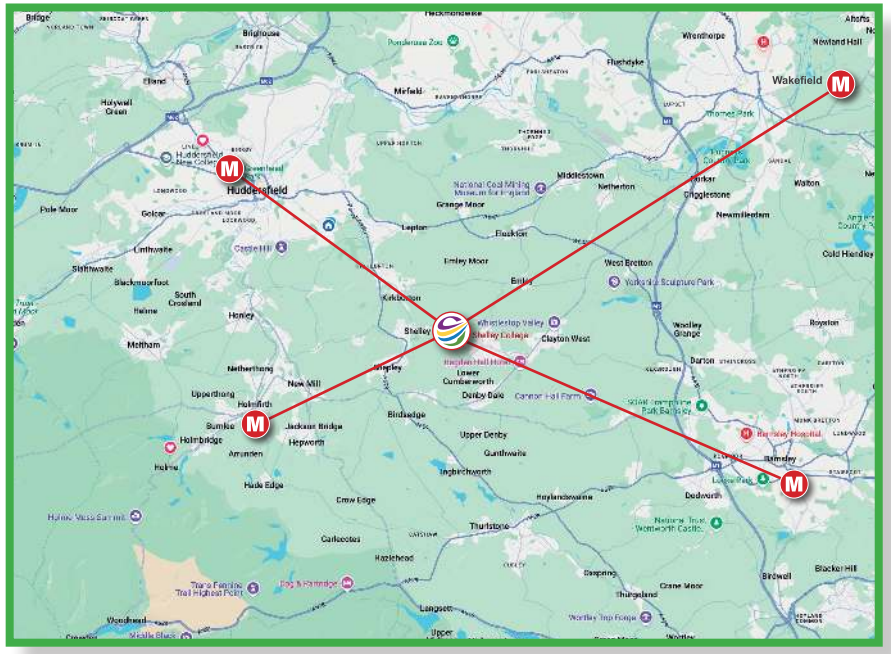
Progression Module

Why study for the Progression Module?

This is a qualification that all students will take through the Y12 tutorial programme. The decision about what and where to study has become increasingly important in the light of increased tuition fees and it is imperative that students take the time to conduct thorough research into their future pathways.

The Progression Module helps young people through the decision making process and allows comparisons to be made between Higher Education and employment. Through a process of guided research this module enables students to make informed decisions as a result of their findings.

The award is credited with 12 UCAS points which are accepted by Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Trinity University and the University of Huddersfield.



Travel

We are located in Shelley, approximately 20 minutes from **Huddersfield** centre, 20 minutes from **Holmfirth**, 25 minutes from **Wakefield** and 40 minutes from **Barnsley**.

There are service and regular public buses operating to the College from Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Wakefield and Barnsley.

Students who are living in Kirklees will be eligible for a half fare bus pass through Metro.

Teaching Support

The Curriculum at Shelley College Sixth Form offers a range of both A-level and vocational subjects that provide students with excellent opportunities to develop skills, competencies and abilities which make them more employable in their future careers. Our subjects support students who wish to pursue a variety of routes when they leave us, including apprenticeships, University degrees and the world of work.

Shelley College Sixth Form students are well-looked after. We have an active student leadership team that makes many of the important decisions affecting sixth formers and teachers work closely with each student to produce their own action plan for success. Help is always available when it's needed.
This approach, together with a rich curriculum, has brought our students considerable success. They perform very strongly in public examinations, compete at a very high standard in a wide variety of sports, perform at the highest levels of dance, drama and music, contribute to a wide variety of charitable causes and support numerous community causes.

The same beliefs apply equally to our staff. We believe in investing in our staff, to help them become the best they can be. We want our employees to feel valued, happy in their work and keen to achieve their personal best. We know this commitment leads to brilliant lessons and fantastic student progress.

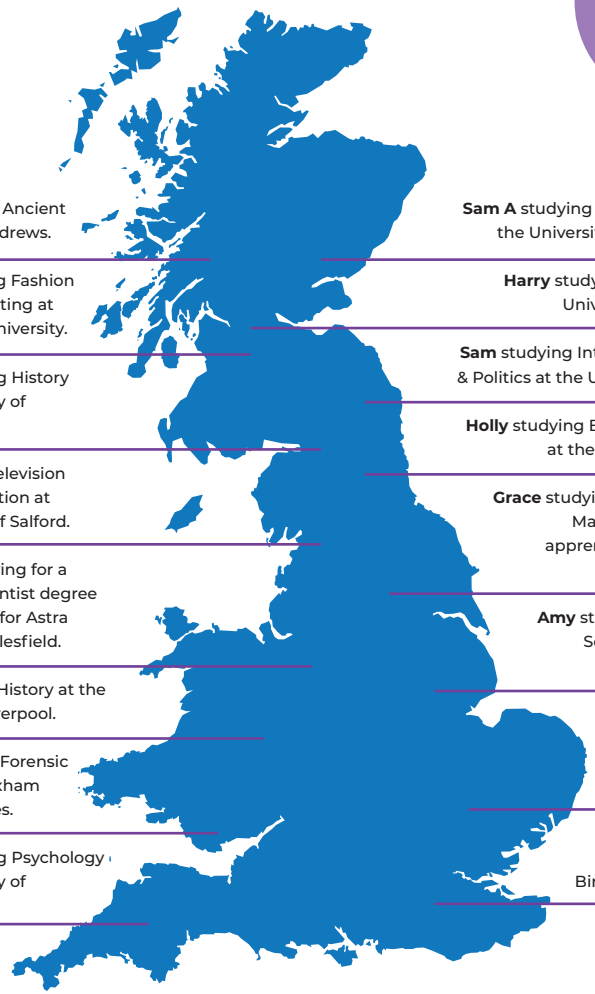
Careers and Employability

At Shelley College Sixth Form we have a dedicated careers advisor who is available for one to one meetings for help with careers advice. The service also offers group sessions with guidance on applying for Russell Group Universities, applying for Oxbridge as well as competitive apprenticeship places. We pride ourselves on our careers guidance which is why we are the top college in Huddersfield, Wakefield and Barnsley for progression into jobs, training and higher education.

Each student is encouraged and supported to achieve their very best. Curriculum leaders meet monthly to discuss individual progress, liaising with tutors and meeting with students to ensure that everyone is reaching their full potential.

Destination Map

The map below details where some Shelley College Sixth Form students have gone on to study in the UK:



Jacob studying Ancient History at St Andrews.

Sophie studying Fashion Design & Marketing at Northumbria University.

Harriet studying History at the University of Manchester.

Ben studying Television & Radio Production at the University of Salford.

Elizabeth studying for a Laboratory Scientist degree apprenticeship for Astra Zeneca in Macclesfield.

Ruby studying History at the University of Liverpool.

Emily studying Forensic Science at Wrexham University, Wales.

Lauren studying Psychology at the University of Plymouth.

Sam A studying Product Design at the University of Huddersfield.

Harry studying Biology at the University of Sheffield.

Sam studying International History & Politics at the University of Leeds.

Holly studying Biological Sciences at the University of York.

Grace studying for a Chartered Management degree apprenticeship at Nestle in York.

Amy studying Paramedic Science at Edge Hill University.

Hannah studying Music at the Royal Academy of Arts London.

Bobbie studying Musical Theatre at Bird College London.

Entry Criteria

Chosen Pathway

The aim of our entry criteria policy is to ensure students are taking courses they are well suited to and are able to make progress in. We seek to provide courses well matched to the needs of our students, helping them to follow their chosen progression pathway.

Our College entry requirements are as follows:

A minimum of five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English and Maths (at least to Level 4) from five different subject areas.
Purely vocational pathway require a minimum of four 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English and Maths (at least to Level 4) from four different subject areas.

As well as our general entry requirements, there are certain subjects which hold individual expectations based on GCSE outcomes. **These are:**

A Level Subject	GCSE Requirement
Computer Science	5 or above in Mathematics.
Economics	5 or above in Mathematics.
English Language and Literature combined	5 or above in English Literature or English Language N.B – Must achieve a grade 4 in both minimum.
Geography	4 or above in Geography if they have studied it before, or a 5 in a science subject if they have not studied it before.
History	5 or above in History, unless not studied before then a 5 or above in English.
Individual Sciences	5 or above in specific Science on the higher paper (plus 5 or above on the higher paper in Mathematics). In order to study more than one science students must have achieved a 6 in a science. N.B - Those entering on a 5 will be monitored to ensure they are suitable for the course.
Mathematics	6 or above on the higher paper. N.B - Those entering on a 6 will be monitored to ensure they are suitable for the course.
Modern Foreign Languages	5 or above in specific language. N.B – It is recommended that students have studied on the higher paper at GCSE.
Philosophy and Ethics	4 or above in English Language or Literature.
Sociology	5 or above in English Language or Literature.
Psychology	5 or above in English, Maths, and Science.

N.B – The Sixth Form Team will review applications and may revoke offered places based on attendance, behaviour and references from Schools.

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A Levels

Art & Design

A Level

Why study Art & Design?

The creation and appreciation of art work is an instinctive human need. Throughout history, human beings have communicated through the use visual codes. An understanding of the visual world is not only enriching, it also allows you to communicate with others in a variety of creative ways. Art explores the visual codes that exist in society, be that through the use of the symbolic meanings within the Formal Elements of line, shape, colour, pattern, structure or composition or the mood and messages that artists express within their work - art has always been used as a tool to communicate. Art encourages you to find your own 'creative voice' under the artistic umbrella of Art, Craft and Design. It allows for personal expression, the development of skills and ideas and the potential to produce an exciting and meaningful outcome.

Throughout this course you will experiment with a wide range of art materials and techniques. You will explore and refine your creative ideas, developing them as you work to ensure that they develop and conclude in achieving a professional standard. Your practical investigations will be supported by research into artists, crafts persons and designers from a variety of cultures and eras. You will gain additional historic knowledge, cement your understanding of the importance and relevance of art throughout history and the context in which the artwork is created. Whether you intend to study an Art subject beyond A-Level or just enjoy 'creating' - art study enhances and enriches lives.

Future Career and Study Options:

As well as providing a clear path into the second largest industry in the UK (second to Finance), this wide and flexible course can support you in many other subject areas. The course and style of study creates many transferable skills into careers that may not have a direct progress route. The research, time management, creative thinking, reflective skills, experimental processes, review and refine skills, critical analysis skills, fine motor skills, cultural understanding, drive for perfection, resilience, determination and independent working practices that you develop whilst studying Art can be used at the next stage of educational study or alternatively, in a variety of careers.

Following their studies at Shelley College, many of our students move onto attending an Art Foundation Diploma or move straight onto a creative degree course. Whether you wish to become an illustrator in order to tell stories, an architect with a creative and playful approach to structure, a textiles designer in order to enhance homes, a set designer for film and TV, a marketing manager to communicate and sell ideas and products, a photographer to capture 'moment in time', a fashion designer to make people look great, an artist to communicate or a good old art teacher who inspires the next generation - there are a huge number of careers that need the skills that studying Art and Design nurtures in every one of its students.

Biology

A Level

Why study Biology?

Biology is an exciting, relevant and challenging subject. The study of life is awe-inspiring and the scope of its applications is vast. Inventions and innovations in the biological sciences are moving our understanding forward rapidly and the continued development and application of cutting-edge technologies makes Biology a hugely dynamic field of study. Through individual and group work and using discussion, presentation and models, you will develop your understanding of a range of topics including biochemistry, immunology, cytology, genetics, evolution, ecology, behaviour, physiology and biotechnology. The specification emphasises the continual development of your practical skills, in experimental planning and design, collection and analysis of data and evaluation of procedures.

Future Career and Study Options:

An A Level in Biology can be the stepping stone to further studies in science including a university degree. It could lead to a fascinating career in one of the many scientific fields such as: animal technology, microbiology, conservation, research, sports science, physiotherapy, medicine and veterinary science. We also have links with the local hospital trust and students interested in a career in healthcare can gain a work experience placement shadowing a department in the local hospital to get hands on experience of life as a healthcare professional.

Chemistry

A Level

Why study Chemistry?

Chemistry is all around us and you can help to change the world through its research and application. It is a subject that links well with Maths, Biology and Physics. You will study practical experiments and situations, working in groups or individually to explore a wide range of chemical contexts. The three areas of Chemistry: Physical, Organic and Inorganic are all well represented and the course includes the study of a variety of reaction types such as electro chemistry, catalysts, polymerisation and analysis, some of which are assessed practically as well as in written exams. A desire to investigate and explore why things behave the way they do in everyday life as well as the colours, sights and smells of a chemistry lab makes this course exciting and fun whilst remaining highly academic.

Future Career and Study Options:

Chemistry is a subject which develops a wide variety of skills e.g. practical and manipulative skills, working in groups, developing leadership skills, problem solving, independent learning and presentation skills. Some career routes include: dentistry, forensic science, medicine, engineering, food sciences, atmospheric sciences, veterinary practice, clinical sciences and biochemistry. We also have links with the local hospital trust and students interested in a career in healthcare can gain a work experience placement shadowing a department in the local hospital to get hands on experience of life as a healthcare professional.

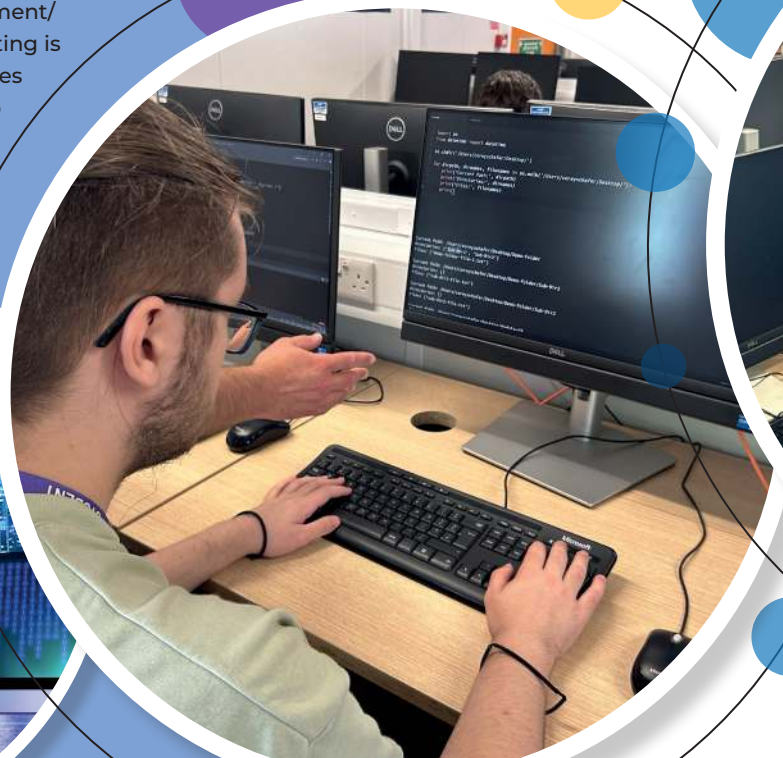
Computer Science

A Level

Why study Computer Science?

The study of Computing is about developing an approach to problem solving through IT systems using your own programs. It's mainly about developing and using your own programming skills. Alongside programming, you will look at how and why a computer works, what peripherals are available and how these communicate with each other.

The system life-cycle involves analysis, design, development/prototyping and evaluating computer systems. Computing is constantly evolving with new technologies and their uses being developed almost daily, so you will be required to keep up to date with current IT industry developments and you will be expected to read, watch and explain the IT news.



Future Career and Study Options:

In Computing terms, the UK has some excellent further education courses if you decide to develop this subject area. The courses range from: Computer Forensics, Computer Network Technologies, Ethical Hacking for Security, Computing and IT, Games Programming and many more.

Dance
A Level

Why study Dance?

The A Level Dance qualification is a two year course which encourages students to progress their creative and intellectual capacity as a choreographer and a performer. Students gain transferable skills such as team working, communication and problem solving. All of these are sought after skills by higher education and employers and will help them stand out in the workplace whatever their choice of career. This specification reflects both historical and current dance practices, making it more relevant, and inspires a lifelong passion and appreciation for dance. Demonstrating a practical focus on how to perform and choreograph as part of a dance company are transferable skills to any future career paths.

All A Level Dance students perform in two performances a year. Students have two technique lessons a week which range from Graham, Fosse, Cunningham and Ballet technique. Throughout the year students will attend theatre shows, performing arts conferences and career fairs to give them a true insight into the industry.

Future Career and Study Options:

Students can progress to the best-known universities and schools for Performing Arts in the country.

These have included:
Arts Ed, Performers College, Bird College, Addict, Wilks Academy, Laban Centre, Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts, Urdang Academy, London Studio Centre, Performers College, Laine Theatre Arts College, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, University of Lincoln, University of Cumbria and many more.

Past A-Level students have successfully auditioned and received performance work in the industry such as A Character and Parade Performer in Disneyland Paris.

After the course students enter in any of the career paths below: Dance Performer, Choreography, Community Dance Practitioner, Costume/Set Designer, Multi-Media Artist, Dance Company Education Specialist, Dance Film Maker, Dance Journalist, Dance Science, Dance Teacher, Lighting Designer/ Technical Production, Management Specialist, Dance Movement Therapist, Law and Politics in the Performing Arts Education Sector.

Design & Technology

Product Design

A Level

Why study Product Design?

This course is aimed at students seeking further study or a career in the creative, engineering or design industries. Previous study of GCSE Design and Technology is recommended, but not essential.

You will investigate the work of key designers and study the social, environmental, cultural and economic influences which impact on product design. This course allows you to develop your own design brief and make products which incorporate graphical techniques and develop your working knowledge of the properties of a range of materials including woods, metals and plastics as you create your own innovative products.

The specification has been updated in partnership with local Universities to ensure it delivers the core skills which employers want from their employees and graduates.
This course will enable you to develop a portfolio of skills to take to interview and would lead to apprenticeships, employment or further study in design or manufacturing industries.

Future Career and Study Options:

Studying product design at A-level allows you to explore a variety of careers in the design industry. Many students go on to study a design related degree course and gain employment in product design, graphic design, web design, animation and interior design and engineering. Throughout the two years students develop skills which would allow them to seek careers in advertising, marketing and branding.

Drama & Theatre Studies A Level

Why study Drama & Theatre Studies?

The A Level Drama qualification is a two year course which encourages students to develop their performance, directing and design skills. In doing this, students will also gain highly sought after creativity, problem solving and team working skills which transfer to any chosen higher education course or career path. This specification also covers social, cultural, historical and political contexts and their relevance to theatre practices – making the course both academic and practical. All A Level Drama students perform in two professional performances a year. Throughout the year students will have the opportunity to see good quality professional theatre as they will attend a variety of theatre trips.

Future Career and Study Options:

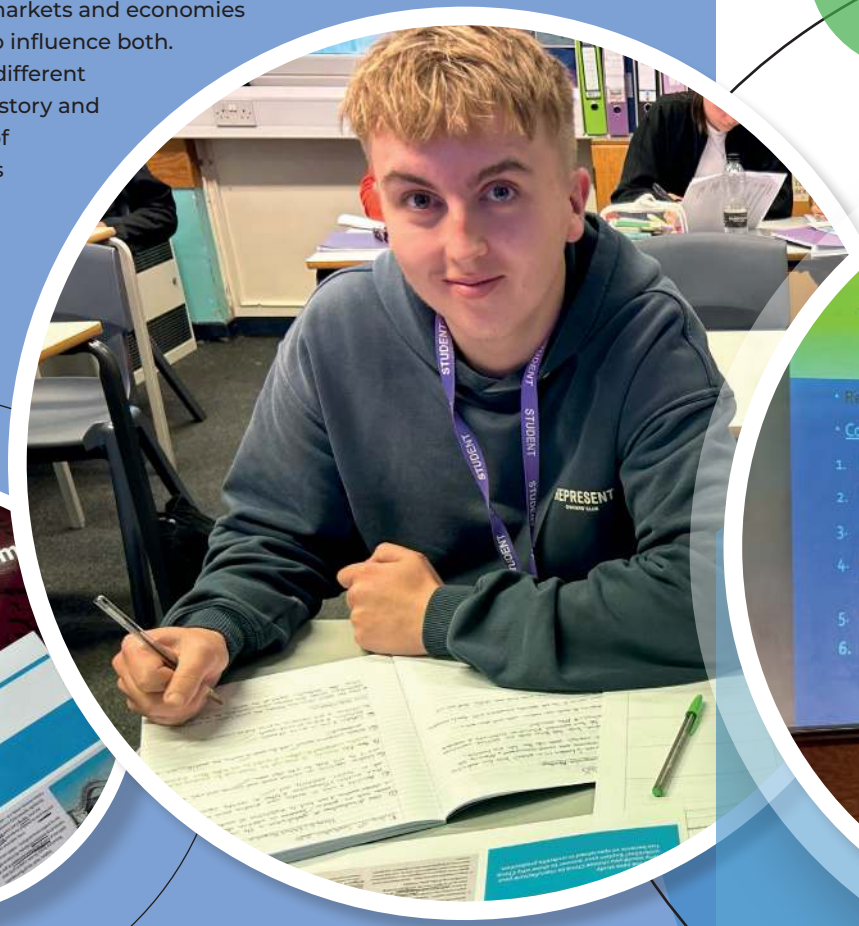
A Drama and Theatre A Level can lead to many career paths sitting alongside a variety of other subject choices – providing a creative and practical option. It is also often an essential requirement for students' further study in the subject at degree level. There are several degree courses which would enable students to further their passion in the field such as Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Film and Television. Drama A Level could also lead on to degree courses in Multi Media, Advertising and Marketing, Journalism, Leisure and Tourism, Law or Politics.

Economics

A Level

Why study Economics?

Economics enables students to use economic models to help them understand the complexities of the world around them. Students also use data to help them analyse markets and economies and how governments try to influence both. Students are introduced to different perspectives of economic history and develop an understanding of economic issues. Economics includes topics such as economic growth, poverty and inequality, market structures and the labour market.



Future Career and Study Options:

An A level in Economics can lead into many career areas. Some common areas include banking, accountancy, tax advice, insurance and trading. Other roles include management, marketing, sales and advertising, human resources, IT and education.

English Literature & Language

Combined A Level

Why study English Literature & Language?

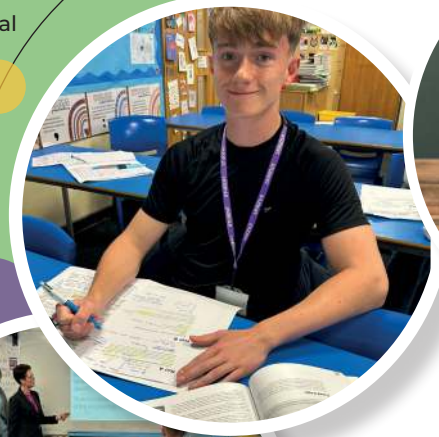
This combined course gives you the best of both worlds in the English discipline, allowing you to study a diverse range of engaging literary texts, whilst also honing your creative writing skills. The course is carefully designed to encourage you to develop both your literary and linguistic skills in equal measure, to become a critical, confident and reflective reader and writer. These key skills are highly valued by any prospective HE provider or employer. In addition, the broad spectrum of skills covered makes this qualification a 'good fit' with almost any other qualification you might consider at this level.

This course aims to enable you to:

- Use integrated linguistic and literary approaches in your reading and interpretation of texts .
- Engage creatively and independently with a wide range of spoken, written and multi-modal texts, exploring the relationships between them.
- Critically analyse and explore engaging, relevant texts such as A Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood and The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

How you will be assessed:

Two written exam papers (worth 80%) and coursework (worth 20%), which is written in the second year.



Paper 1 – Telling Stories: In this paper, you'll write analytically about non-fiction and fiction texts which you will have explored in depth with your teacher. Texts studied include those in spoken, written and electronic mode, plus contemporary prose and poetry.

Paper 2 – Exploring Conflict: In this paper, you'll jump into the hot seat, transforming one of the set texts you've studied into another piece of writing, such as an account given by a particular character. You'll then step into an editorial role to explain the impact of the choices you've made.

Coursework – Making connections: This is where both the combined and creative elements of the course really shine through; you'll be given the opportunity to investigate the language used in a fiction and non-fiction text of your choosing. The possibilities here are (almost) infinite!

Trips and Work Experience Opportunities: We will offer theatre trips to see productions of the set texts and poetry. Such as Kite Runner, A Street car Named Desire and even an operatic interpretation of A Handmaid's Tale. We offer an extracurricular writing club to allow you the freedom to explore different genres.

Future Career and Study Options:

This is a highly respected qualification which will stand you in good stead for a vast range of university degree choices, including criminology, history, media and film studies, psychology, fashion and marketing and... English (of course!)

Furthermore, as the course combines the academic, creative and analytical skills valued in so many professions, it is considered a competitive choice for those wanting to pursue careers in a range of disciplines, including Publishing, Journalism, Education, Psychology, Law, Advertising and Marketing.

Film Studies
A Level

Why study Film Studies?

You will study the key elements of film form including cinematography, mise en scène, editing, sound and performance.

You will study the contexts of a range of films and what was happening when the film was made. What can the film tell us about history and society at that time? You will also study the films in terms of the representations they present or challenge.

In year one, you study the specialist film areas of Spectatorship & Narrative. In year two you will engage in the study of Ideology, the Auteur and Critical Debates surrounding Film.

Topics include Hollywood 1930-1990, American Independent Film, British Film, European Film, Global Film, Documentary, Silent Film, Experimental Film, Short film and film production.

How you will be assessed:

Two exams at A Level that are 150 minutes long and consist of answering 3 extended response questions on Component 1, and 4 extended response questions on Component 2 (35% each).

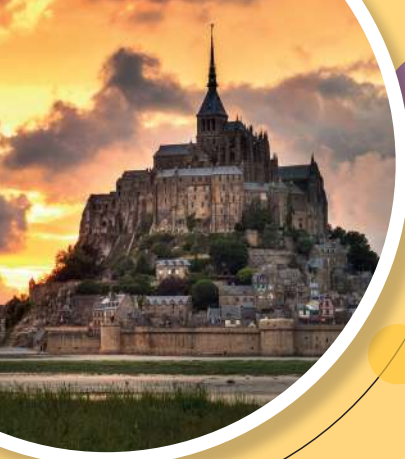
A creative production element which allows you to showcase the film-making or screen writing skills you have developed during the course: Short Film (video) or Short Film Screenplay (with storyboard) plus an evaluative Analysis (30%).

Trips and Work Experience Opportunities:

- There are plans to offer an overseas trip to either Prague or Paris in the upcoming year.
- Other trips include those to the cinema to see set texts on the big screen.
- Local media firms are keen to take sixth form students for work experience.

Future Career and Study Options:

Employment in the screen industries has grown by over 20% since 2009 and will substantially outpace the economy wide increase of 3% if the skills shortages in this area are fulfilled. Career paths for students of Film may include practical avenues such as Film-Making, Directing, Producing and Editing but a qualification in Film Studies also allows you to move into more theoretical pathways such as Film.



French
A Level

Why study French?

Studying French at A Level will enable you to develop the skills acquired at GCSE level. You will gain a lasting appreciation of the language and will learn how to communicate in French to a number of different audiences. The A Level course gives you the opportunity to gain an insight into French speaking cultures, from modern everyday life to important aspects of French history. The A Level course focuses on developing oral fluency, listening, reading and writing skills, plus translation tasks; all of which are vital tools for further study. You will develop and enhance your communication skills and your ability to be an independent learner.

Future Career and Study Options:

A Level French combines well with many different subjects. In terms of employability, having a combination of numerate and language skills at A Level would certainly enhance your employability in a digital world. French can lead to many careers such as: teaching, journalism, translation and interpreting, marketing, travel and tourism and law.

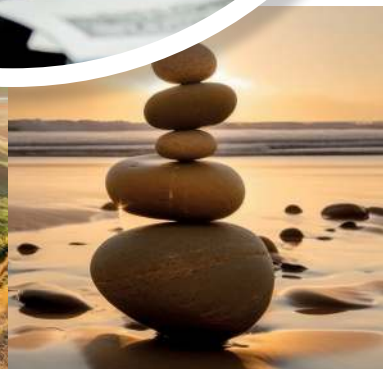
Geography
A Level

Why study Geography?

Geography is the study of Earth and how humans interact with it; it is considered by many universities (including the Russell Group universities) as a very desirable A Level and was identified as 'the must have A Level' by The Guardian in 2015. Geography also combines well with both Arts and Sciences. The world is in a constant state of change and Geography is the subject that will help you predict and adapt to future changes in both the human and natural world. It is the subject that looks at major issues of the 21st Century such as changes in global governance and the conflicts it leads to, the changing nature of places, the impacts of climate change and the impacts of natural hazards. It is also a subject that fosters the innovative use of both teacher led and individual field work which assists the development of skills such as data analysis, team work, research skills and report writing.

Future Career and Study Options:

Geography graduates are among the most sought after in the workplace due to the fact that the subject is multi-disciplinary. By studying geography, you will gain desirable skills such as map reading, data analysis, statistical analysis, field work, individual research, report writing and decision making as well as the ability to critically look at both the past and the future. This will lead you into jobs in engineering, town planning, the environmental sector, travel and tourism as well as jobs in the finance sector including accountancy and banking.



History

A Level

Why study History?

History allows you to look at your own nation's past as well as others to explain why they have developed in their particular way. The History course at Shelley allows students a taste of social, economic and political aspects of the subject and what impact past events have had on our society today.

A Level History develops an impressive range of skills which are required at university level, such as: extended essay writing, independent research, debate and discussion, explanation, evaluation, analysis and close reading of historical documents.

Future Career and Study Options:

History is seen as a very desirable option by the very best universities for all of their courses. This is due to the demands which History places on student's depth and range of understanding at A level. Medicine, the Sciences, Engineering and Arts based courses all highlight the critical analysis, research, discussion and writing skills which the subject develops. History is also a very flexible subject and is often read by a range of professionals before going on to complete further study.

Mathematics

A Level

Why study Mathematics?

An A Level in Mathematics will help you immensely with other A Level subjects. Physics, Chemistry, Computing, Geography, Psychology and Business all use some type of Maths. All of the sciences use mathematical techniques and doing A Level Maths will give you a head start in these subject areas. The strengths of A Level mathematicians are in their logical and analytical thought processes and problem solving talents, usually linked with good IT skills. Maths teaches you to think in a logical way, which is vital when putting your point across.

Future Career and Study Options:

Maths can lead to a myriad of courses in both further and higher education. Obvious careers include accountancy, banking, engineering, medicine, computing and scientific statistical research. However, there are many other diverse areas where mathematical skills are recognised as invaluable and essential.

Media Studies
A Level

Why study Media Studies?

Media Studies is designed to enhance your enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life. The course introduces you both to media ideas and the practice of production, which gives you the chance to develop a real understanding of media platforms, the contemporary media landscape and the influential role of the media in today's society.
As a consumer, you'll become more aware of the many ways in which media messages are presented to us, as well as discovering how the institutions which produce and distribute media products are trying to reach you. If you want a career in media, producing and evaluating your own media productions will give you a real hands on understanding of both how media messages are created and what they are aiming to do.

Future Career and Study Options:

By knowing how the media operates, you will be able to decode messages more skilfully, and engage with topics that interest you. Students who take Media Studies often also take English Literature/Language, Performing Arts or Sociology and Psychology. As the media touches every person and every profession, the subject has a really broad application. Career routes can include journalism, marketing, advertising and public relations.

Photography

A Level

Why study Photography?

On the A Level Photography course you will learn how to use a range of cameras to take incredible pictures. You will be taught new skills in both digital and analogue photography. The course is all about exploration, of your ideas and your vision as a photographer.

Throughout the course you will learn to print your photographs in the darkroom as well as work in Mac suites using the latest Adobe software to enhance and redefine your digital imagery. We will teach you how to produce a portfolio of individual and expressive photographs.

We offer students an exciting range of enrichment activities, including regular trips to galleries, and location shoots to help you make informed choices about your future.

How you will be assessed:

Component 1 - Personal Investigation (50%): The creation of work based upon your chosen theme from January in Y12 until Feb in Y13. This investigation must also include a 1500 word essay.
Component 2 - Externally Set Task (50%): This is a shorter project that runs from February in year 13 until Early May in year 13.

Trips and Work Experience Opportunities:

- Gallery visits.
- Exhibition curation.
- Photography Field trips.

Future Career and Study Options:

- Creative industries such as photojournalism.
- Fashion photography commercial photograph.
- Photo editing.
- Media.
- Advertising.
- Teaching.
- Medical photography.

Physics

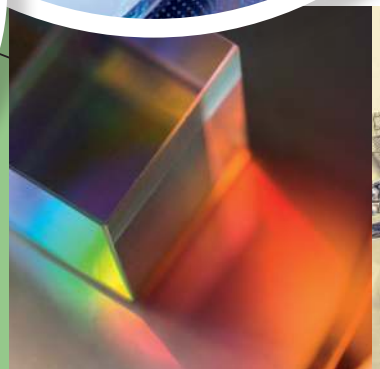
A Level

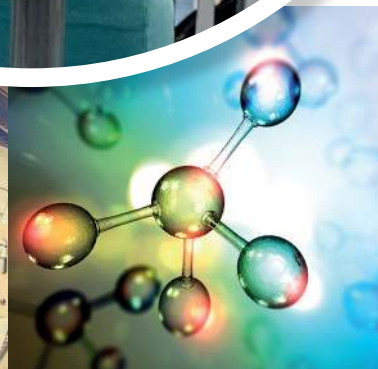
Why study Physics?

Physics is a fascinating subject that is at the heart of society. Without Physics, most if not all of the technological advances and devices we take for granted today (mobile phones, X-ray machines, TVs, satellites, computers, the internet, cars, power stations etc.) would not exist.

In Physics you will study topics that form the building blocks of Science including mechanics, materials and electricity as well as topics at the cutting edge such as wave-particle duality, particle physics, astronomy and cosmology.

You will develop mathematical, analytical, and practical skills and be challenged to build up your knowledge and understanding to be able to solve complex problems.





Future Career and Study Options:

Physics is widely acknowledged to provide students with an impressive variety of skills that are transferable across a surprisingly wide range of careers from meteorologist to investment banker. We also have links with the local hospital trust and students interested in a career in healthcare can gain a work experience placement shadowing a department in the local hospital to get hands on experience of life as a healthcare professional.

Psychology

A Level

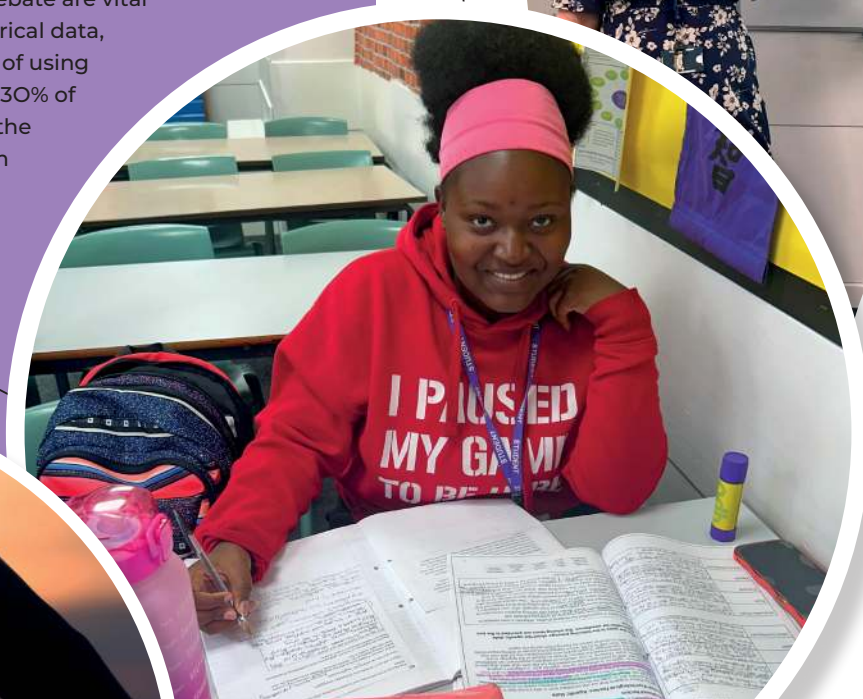
Why study Psychology?

A Level Psychology is a challenging but fascinating subject, regarded as the science of behaviour and the mind. Whilst at A Level, Psychology is mostly about the study of human beings, a career in Psychology can involve the study of people and of animals. Although you will not have studied this subject before, you will need many of the skills developed by more traditional academic disciplines throughout your school career.

For example, Biological Psychology requires us to learn about the effects of some hormones on the body, so a good grade in Science GCSE would be essential. Also, as the assessment is a combination of multiple-choice, short answer and extended writing questions, being good at English is essential too. Mathematical skills and the ability to engage in reasoned debate are vital because of the requirements to analyse and evaluate numerical data, competing psychological theories and to discuss the ethics of using animals and humans for psychological research. At least 25-30% of the exam will assess Research Methods and at least 10% of the marks will assess the use of mathematical skills. Enthusiasm and an enquiring mind are extremely important too! As part of the course you will experience the opportunity to participate in presentations, group work and your own small scale psychological research.

Future Career and Study Options:

Psychology is a multi-disciplinary subject and you will learn many transferable skills that compliment a variety of other subjects. The study of Psychology itself is not usually a pre-requisite for the study of Psychology at university; however required entry grades are usually high.



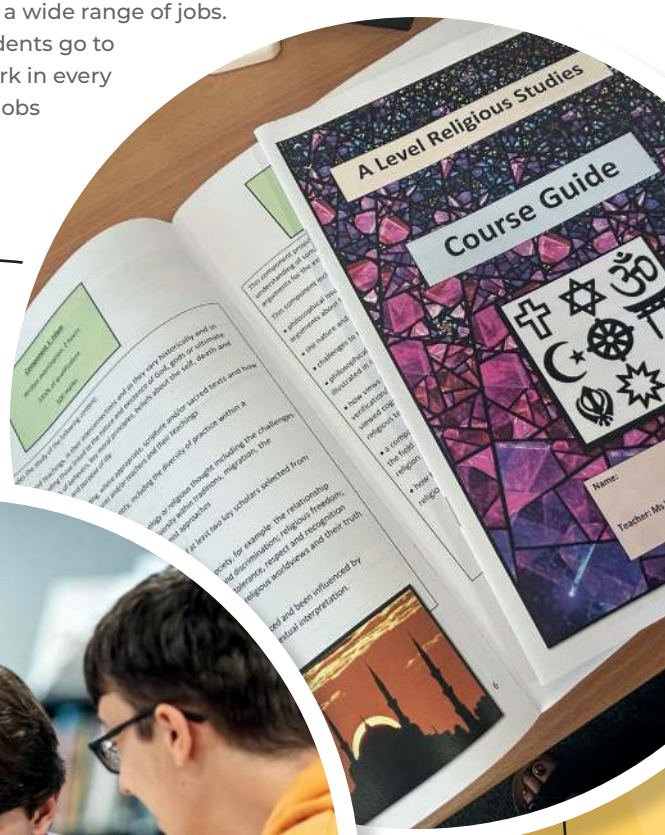
Religious Studies
A Level

Why study Religious Studies?

Ever since human beings started to think, Philosophy has been a fundamental part of our development. As people look into the vastness of space or witness the miracle of birth, they contemplate the meaning of life and their own mortality. It has always been this way and philosophy still addresses the same eternal human questions about life, death, the existence of God, values and relationships, right and wrong. Philosophy and Ethics offers an exciting, engaging and diverse academic course that explores philosophical, spiritual and ethical ideas from a range of perspectives. Through studying Philosophy and Ethics, you will develop a capacity to think critically and creatively and express your ideas with clarity. Lessons include discussions, debates, examples, films and books to get to the heart of the ideas covered.

Future Career and Study Options:

Studying philosophy will provide you with an advanced level of generic skills that are immensely useful in a wide range of jobs. After A Level Philosophy students go to university or straight into work in every profession imaginable as all jobs involve working with people.



Sociology

A Level

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is an intriguing subject which involves exploring, analysing and evaluating patterns and trends in human behaviour, particularly in the context of British society. As part of the course, students will identify contemporary social processes and social changes within society and examine theoretical explanations as to why these social processes and social changes have occurred. In addition to this, they will also explore the impact of these things upon the lives and experiences of members of today's society.

Sociology is for you if you enjoy using the following skills - analysing data and competing arguments, exploring trends in behaviour and its effects, understanding and evaluating sociological theories, presenting ideas in discussion; expressing ideas and views in extended writing, conducting independent social research into human behaviour, communicating in individual and group work.

Future Career and Study Options:

Sociology is recognised as a valuable foundation for a variety of higher education courses, especially those related to the Social Sciences such as Sociology, Social Policy, Psychology and Criminology.

Spanish

A Level

Why study Spanish?

Studying Spanish at A Level will enable you to develop the skills acquired at GCSE level. You will gain a lasting appreciation of the language and will learn how to communicate in Spanish to a number of different audiences.

The A Level course gives you the opportunity to gain an insight into Spanish speaking cultures, from modern everyday life to important aspects of Spanish history.

The A Level course focuses on developing oral fluency, listening, reading and writing skills, plus translation tasks; all of which are vital tools for further study. You will develop and enhance your communication skills and your ability to be an independent learner.

Future Career and Study Options:

A Level Spanish is flexible as to what subjects it would combine well with. In terms of employability, having a combination of numerate and language skills at A Level, would certainly enhance your employability in a digital world. Spanish can lead to many careers such as: teaching, journalism, translation and interpreting, marketing, travel and tourism and law.

Textiles

Art & Design Textiles Design

A Level

Why study Textiles?

Textiles is not only a vastly creative subject in which anyone can discover their passion, it is also one of the UK's leading industries. It allows ideas and concepts to become reality, combining the personal expression of the art world with the fast-paced passion of the fashion industry. Throughout this you will experiment with a wide range of textiles fabrics and techniques including pattern drafting, creative pattern cutting, fabric manipulation and decoration. You will research, explore, develop and refine your own concepts and passions into professional standard products.
You will have the opportunity to create at least one extended collection of work based on an idea, concept, theme or issue of your choosing. This course is highly practical with a focus on manufacturing and designing to the highest standard.
Previous study of GCSE Design and Technology: Textiles and/or Art and Design is recommended, but not essential.

Future Career and Study Options:

Textiles can lead to a number of different study and career directions in any creative field. It links directly to a number of higher-level degree courses studied at university or through an apprenticeship. Many students go on to gain employment in fashion, textiles, graphics, costume and interior design.
The course also develops skills which are essential for careers in fashion merchandising and buying, advertising and marketing, fashion journalism and set design.

Vocational

Applied Science
Vocational

Why study Applied Science?

Firstly, because you like and enjoy Science. You can also combine Applied Science with arts or humanities subjects. Another attractive feature is that it combines Biology, Chemistry and Physics in one qualification and provides an entry point to vocational Science careers. If you enjoy researching information for yourself and organising it into a really good piece of coursework; if you are well organised and good at meeting deadlines; and if you want to do Biology, Chemistry and Physics but not as separate qualifications; then Applied Science may well be a good choice for you.

Future Career and Study Options:

Applied Science can help you into a wide variety of careers that could be medical, scientific or sports based. Some examples are: radiography, biomedical science, nursing, sports science, law and occupational health. We also have links with the local hospital trust and students interested in a career in healthcare can gain a work experience placement shadowing a department in the local hospital to get hands on experience of life as a healthcare professional.

Business Studies
Vocational

Why study Business?

Business is a relevant and wide ranging subject, which offers an insight into the theory of organisations whilst broadening your knowledge and understanding of the wider world. The Business course has been developed in collaboration with experts spanning the breadth of the business sector and Higher Education. It focuses on the skills, knowledge and understanding that today's universities and employers demand. Students will practically apply their skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace. Students will study five units over the two year course: two of which will be assessed by an external exam and three that will be assessed by internal pieces of coursework. Students will study units such as, the business environment, working in business, customers and communication, marketing and market research, and human resources.

During the course you will develop a wide range of transferable skills such as: data handling and interpretation, presenting arguments and making judgements, research, problem solving, planning and organisation and challenging assumptions.

Future Career and Study Options:

Previous students have progressed onto a variety of degree and apprenticeship opportunities in: Management, Entrepreneurship, Economics, Accountancy and Finance, Marketing, International Business, Law, Events Management and of course a range of Business courses.

Criminology

BTEC

Why study Criminology?

Students learn about the psychological and sociological theories of crime, how crime is perceived in society, and the impact of the media and crime statistics. They also investigate the techniques used in criminal investigations, such as forensics, policing, and the judiciary process.

This qualification is designed to support learners progressing to university. It can help students access higher education degree courses such as BSc Criminology, BA Criminology, and LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology.

Students should be interested in people, society, and crime, be able to work under pressure, and be innovative and motivated.

Students can expect regular homework and assignments, and to make presentations to the class and work in groups.

How you will be assessed:

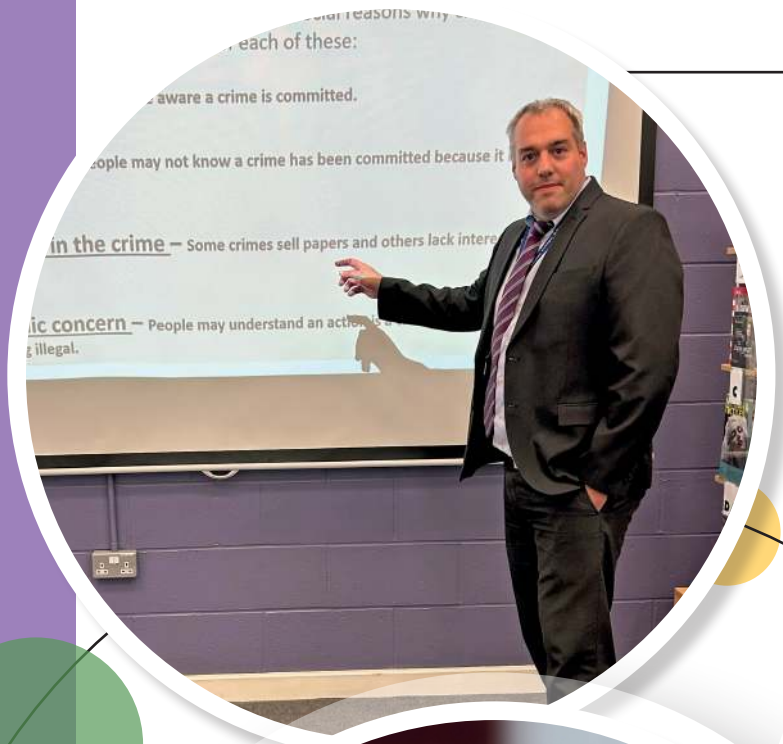
The WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is assessed using a combination of internal and external assessment.

The following units will be externally assessed:

Unit 2: Criminological Theories.
Unit 4: Crime and Punishment.

The following units are internally assessed:

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime.
Unit 3: Crime Scene to Courtroom.



Future Career and Study Options:

- Police officer
- Probation officer
- Crime scene investigator
- Private investigator
- Social worker
- Youth worker
- Detective

Food Science & Nutrition

Vocational

Why study Food Science?

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles. Care providers and nutritionists in hospitals use this knowledge, as do sports coaches and fitness instructors. Hotels and restaurants, food manufacturers and government agencies also use this understanding to develop menus, food products and policies that support healthy eating initiatives. Many employment opportunities within the field of food science and nutrition are available to learners who have studied Food Science and Nutrition.

You will build on and extend your practical food preparation skills and also each unit within the qualification has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. The applied purpose demands authentic work related learning in each of the available units. It also requires you to consider how the use and application of your learning impacts on yourself, other individuals, employers, society and the environment. The applied purpose will also enable you to learn in such a way that you develop: skills required for independent learning and development skills to ensure your own dietary health and well being a range of generic and transferable skills the ability to solve problems the skills of project based research, development and presentation the ability to apply mathematical and ICT skills the fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment the ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.

Future Career and Study Options:

By studying for this alongside other relevant qualifications at Level 3 such as Sport, Biology or Sociology, learners will gain the required knowledge to use the qualification to support entry to higher education courses such as: BSc Human Nutrition BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition BSc (Hons) Food Science and Technology. Possible career routes may include Food and Nutrition, Human Nutrition, Food Science and Technology, Sports sciences, Catering, Food manufacturing and preparation, Retail and Tourism.

Health & Social Care

BTEC

Why study Health & Social Care?

This qualification is for students who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes A Levels.

Health and Social Care describes the work sectors that provide healthcare and social care services. The topics include human lifespan development, working practices in health and social care, human biology and health.

Health and Social Care as a subject of study is multidisciplinary in nature. It includes concepts and knowledge from natural sciences such as biology and social sciences such as sociology and psychology. This gives Health and Social Care broad appeal and something for everyone to enjoy. It is a fascinating subject, focused on understanding how people live, grow and develop and the factors that affect this.

How you will be assessed:
There are four units of work of equal weighting. Units 1 and 2 are assessed by an external examination. Unit 3 and the optional unit are assessed internally by an exam board set coursework.

Future Career and Study Options:

- Working in health and social care.
- Meeting individual care and support needs.
- Public health.
- Nutrition.
- Caring for individuals with dementia.
- Healthcare Assistant
- Maternity Care Assistant
- Care/ Support Worker
- Criminology
- Youth Justice

Medical Sciences

BTEC

Why study Medical Sciences?

Medical Science? The Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma in Medical Science is about how we maintain health and the prevention and treatment of diseases. Medical scientists are at the forefront of healthcare services, as they are vital in the diagnosis of disease, determining the effectiveness of treatments and searching for new cures. These qualifications provide learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills in key scientific principles to support progress to higher education or employment in areas of medical science.

How you will be assessed:
Units 1, 2 and 3 are common with the Level 3 Certificate in Medical Science.
Unit 1 is an exam which makes up 25% of the diploma qualification.
Unit 2 is a non-exam assessment task which makes up 12.5% of the diploma qualification. This is marked by your teacher.
Unit 3 is a non-exam assessment task which makes up 12.5% of the diploma qualification. This is marked by your teacher.
Unit 4 is a non-exam assessment task which makes up 25% of the diploma qualification. This is marked by your teacher.
Unit 5 is a non-exam assessment task which makes up 12.5% of the diploma qualification. This is marked by WJEC.
Unit 6 is an exam which is internally assessed.

Trips and Work Experience Opportunities:

- NHS work placement in July of Y12 for 1 week.
- Trip to Yorkshire wildlife park.
- Thackery Museum of medicine in Leeds.
- Huddersfield university to experience university life and working in a laboratory setting.

Future Career and Study Options:

A range of job roles within health care, life sciences, laboratory and scientific tests to support the diagnosis and treatment of disease, physiological sciences, working directly with patients. A significant proportion of career opportunities in this sector are at degree level. When supported by other appropriate qualifications. The Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma in Medical Science will enable progression to higher education to a range of Applied Science programmes, such as biomedical science, life sciences, and physiology.

Music
Vocational

Why study Music?

If you want to study Music at post-16 it is likely that Music already plays a big part in your life. You will be a keen performer and listener, who is hungry for more knowledge and understanding. You will get a great deal of satisfaction from really understanding how music and the music industry work. Music is a subject which allows you to express yourself as a performer and composer while learning about the purpose of music and what it takes to create music, productions and events. You will get an opportunity to create your own music in a variety of styles, using music software and instruments. You will be able to challenge yourself by performing on your instrument or singing and develop your practise and rehearsal techniques. Whether you are a rock guitarist or classically trained instrumentalist, you will be able to perform in the style which best suits you.

Across the modules of the course, you will be able to analyse the process of creating music and events, from composing to marketing, as well as studying the music industry. You will gain an insight in to the role that music can play in communities as well as its place in cultures from around the world. At the end of the course you will be much more than a performer or composer of music. You will be someone with a rich understanding of how music and the music industry work.

Future Career and Study Options:

Music is a subject which is incredibly important in its own right and many of our students go on to study Music degrees in Higher Education. These range from Pop Music and Production courses to Performance courses at specialist conservatories. This course is recognised and accepted by universities and the UCAS points are the equivalent as for A Level Music.

Sports Diploma

Vocational

Why study Sport?

The Sport and Physical Activity diploma will provide learners with the knowledge and skills required to be successful in the sport and physical activity industry. It will give learners a solid foundation in the sector, enabling all students to achieve their potential and progress to the next stage of their lives, whether that's higher education, securing career progression or gaining employment.

The course has a wide range of units that are centre assessed such as sports psychology, sports coaching and leadership, sports injuries and rehabilitation.

Alongside examined units on the body systems, the long and short-term impacts of sport and physical activity; how sport is organised and the purpose of sports development; health and safety requirements in sport and physical activity.

The course also has the option to gain additional qualifications in Emergency First Aid and Community Sports Leadership Awards.

Future Career and Study Options:

This is a varied and flexible subject which develops lots of useful transferable skills and knowledge. Some learners may wish to gain the qualification in order to enter a specialist area of employment such as: teaching, personal trainer, physiotherapist, sports coach and sports nutritionist.

What our students say...

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at this college. It is very friendly and welcoming, but also strives to push all its students to success; not just academically, but also with any passions they may have. Shelley College and the staff have surely left a lasting impact on me, and all other students. All the best"

Will - Student Leader

"The support at Shelley College from subject teachers and Sixth Form leadership is incredible. I always feel I can speak to any member of staff about any issues; academic or personal. They also encourage a lot of enrichment, such as the events and charity committees, which have given me the opportunity to work with others and get more involved with the wider community."

Tegan - Student

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