- 90% of University applicants gained entry to the University of their choice
- 99% pass rate at A Level
- The average grade for BTEC entry is DISTINCTION
- This year, over 50% of the A level entries were A*, A or B grade
- 31% of students went to top Universities including Oxbridge
WELCOME...

Our Sixth Form
I am delighted to introduce you to our prospectus for students wishing to be admitted to the Sixth Form in September 2016. Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy is a successful Academy and a vibrant and exciting place to learn.

Our learning Environment
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy has state of the art facilities for Sixth Form which include an exclusive (and brand new) Independent Learning Centre with access to high quality computers as well as a separate Sixth Form social block. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum with a wide variety of Level 3 qualifications and an experienced pastoral team to support and advise students in their studies and in the next stage of their career.

Our Exam Success
In recent years we have reason to be very proud of the achievements of our Sixth Form students and last year nearly every student who wished to progress to University gained entry to a University of their choice. This year, over 50% of the A level entries were A*, A or B and the average grade for a vocational qualification was a Distinction. We are extremely proud of the wide ranging and diverse destinations and subject areas our students go on to study, including History at Cambridge, Geography at Durham and Maths at Heriott-Watt.

Our Enrichment
There is an extensive enrichment programme on offer and students are encouraged to join clubs, play sports and take part in drama, music and community events. There are also a series of planned educational visits and an “inspirational” speakers programme organised by the student leadership team while during “Enrichment” week students have the opportunity to work with representatives from local businesses and higher education establishments in the surrounding area. Sixth Formers play an active part in the life of the Academy and in the wider community and are seen as role models to younger students adding to the calm and purposeful atmosphere around the Academy.

Our Promise
We promise to offer expert advice and guidance on helping you to choose the right courses and we will ensure we keep students and parents fully informed about progress. We thank you for your interest in the Sixth Form at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy and hope that you will join us in 2016.

Best wishes

Mark Lovatt
Principal
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WHAT’S ON OFFER?

Welcome to our Sixth Form brochure. The next steps in your future are important and exciting. You will be able to choose courses that you enjoy from a selection of academic and vocational qualifications. These courses will allow you to go further with your studies to university and apprenticeships or into the world of work.

This prospectus has been designed to help you make these important decisions and to help you choose your courses. You will also be offered advice from subject and guidance teachers. A senior member of staff will interview you to discuss your options and your parents will be invited. We make considerable efforts to ensure you have the opportunity to study your preferred choice of courses.

You will see from the brochure that there are a wide range of both academic and vocational courses on offer. All our students sign up to a study programme which includes both academic and enrichment opportunities. Please look through this brochure carefully and come to our open evening on Monday 23rd November from 6pm. Here you will be able to talk with subject teachers and find out specific information about the courses we offer.

I look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

COURSES WE OFFER

- AS/A Level courses
- NVQ L2 Hair & Beauty
- GSCE resit opportunities in Maths and English
- Sixth Form Studies Programme
There are a whole range of courses on offer in our Sixth Form and it is important that you select the right courses from the start.

You should choose courses that will allow you to move onto the career or studies you are targeting in the future. Some degree courses require particular A Levels/BTECs and grades, so you need to research this before you start making choices.

It is a good idea to pick subjects that you will enjoy and be successful in. Talk to your teachers about what is involved and your suitability for their courses. Also talk to older students who are currently studying the courses that you might be interested in.

Gather as much information as you can from the Sixth Form Open Evening on 23rd November and listen carefully to the advice offered at your individual interview, with your parents, which will follow.

All of this will give you information about the best pathway for you.

The table below shows how the proposed courses are organised.

For **TWO YEAR** pathways circle 3 or 4 subjects. You can only pick a maximum of one from each block. For **ONE YEAR** pathway circle Hair and Beauty.

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**Key**

- **AS/A LEVEL COURSES**: Two year courses
- **BTEC/ LEVEL 3**: Equivalent to A Level
- **LEVEL 2 COURSES**: Equivalent to GCSE
We will use your predicted GCSE results to guide you onto the best pathway.

GCSE RESULTS

5 GCSEs A* - G
Normally across a range of subject areas.

ONE YEAR VOCATIONAL COURSE IN HAIR & BEAUTY

5 GCSEs A* - C
Across a range of subjects at C or above normally with a strength in the subjects you wish to study.

TWO YEAR VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

EMPLOYMENT

APPRENTICESHIP

COLLEGE COURSE (e.g. Arts Foundation, Dance, Drama)

DEGREE

+ Please note there will be a requirement to study English and/or Maths if a C grade or above has not been achieved at GCSE.
A COMBINATION OF AS/A2 LEVELS AND VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

EMPLOYMENT

APPRENTICESHIP

COLLEGE COURSE (e.g. Arts Foundation, Dance, Drama)

UNIVERSITY DEGREE

TWO YEAR COURSES AS/A LEVELS

5 GCSEs A* - C

Across a range of subjects usually at B or above normally with a strength in the subjects you wish to study.

5 GCSEs A* - C

Across a range of subjects usually at B or above. Plus a proven strength in the subjects you wish to study.

A LEVELS AND LEVEL 3 BTECS

A LEVELS

LEVEL 3 BTECS

LEVEL 2

HAIR & BEAUTY

GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS

Key

Which pathway is right for you?
COURSES WE OFFER

MEET OUR SIXTH FORM TEAM
WELCOME

We are a supportive and inclusive Sixth Form which aims to promote academic achievement for all students. We aim to give students greater responsibility for their own learning and encourage students to make well informed decisions about their futures. We expect Sixth Formers to represent mature and respected role models to lower school students.

We have an active Sixth Form Council which organises Charity and Social events and has a say in decision making. All Sixth Form students benefit from advice from Connexions regarding University and vocational courses. Our team of experienced tutors assist with UCAS applications and help prepare students for work, interviews and life after Lord Lawson.

We offer taster days at Universities, work experience opportunities and provide links with businesses offering jobs.

All in all we hope to ensure the success of all students with a strong pastoral care programme.

SIXTH FORM

Alison Jordan
Head of Sixth Form
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SIXTH FORM PASTORAL LEADER & ILC MANAGER

Kay Surtees is always available in the ILC to help students with any queries or problems.
ksurtees@lordlawson.org.uk
ENRICHMENT

- Hairdressers compete in national competitions
- Biology go Ice skating
- Geographers visit Iceland
- Maths have Durham University tour and undergraduate experience
- English Literature attend live seminars
- Maths attend Newcastle University masterclass day
  - We have strong links and annual exchange to our partner school in Herdecke, Germany.
  - Senior Maths team challenge
  - History visit to Auschwitz & Berlin
- Sixth Form organise jeans for Genes day & Great Lord Lawson Bake Off
- Hairdressing offer massage services for London marathon, working with Children with Cancer charity
- Biology go Ice skating
- Geographers visit Iceland
- Geographers visit local rivers
  - Body worlds exhibition visit at the Centre for Life
- Maths problem solving sessions
- Engineers visit Komatsu, GE Oil & Gas and Jacobs
- Art - ‘We offer an open door policy’, anytime and the space to work independently.
- Hairdressing training takes us to Milan
- Geographers visit coastal locations in Northumberland
- English Literature go and see the National Theatre live screening of Jane Eyre
- Our students visit Bonn and Cologne
  - Individual Maths Challenge
- STEP classes (Further maths; ran by FMSP)
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**HEAD GIRL & HEAD BOY**

Robyn Leonard & James Coulson

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**Males - We expect you to wear:**
- Smart trousers
- Shirt and tie (of own choice) tucked in or an official Sixth Form polo shirt
- Formal shoes/boots
- Plain cardigan or jumper

**Females - We expect you to wear:**
- Skirt (no shorter than 4 inches above the knee), smart trousers/cropped trousers
- Blouse or an official Sixth Form polo shirt
- Smart Dress (no shorter than 4 inches above the knee)
- Formal shoes/boots
- Plain cardigan or jumper
- Plain (no bright colours/patterned) tights.

**Learning Contract**

This is what we expect and is signed by all students.

**Punctuality**
Registration is at 8.50 am. Students should arrive in the Academy at least 10 minutes before the official time if they are scheduled for a 1:1 meeting with their tutor.

**Attendance**
Students are required to be in the Academy for the normal full school week. Most students achieve over 95% attendance because they realise that good attendance is a vital part of being successful.

**Study Lessons**
Students negotiate with their tutors which lessons to devote to private study. Some lessons are designated as study lessons which are for quiet study in the Sixth Form Independent Learning Centre.

**Homework**
Homework is an essential part of Sixth Form life. Most students should receive between 12 - 16 hrs of homework per week. Part time work should not interfere with this.

**Leaving the site during the school day**
Permission must be sought. Appointments such as with the doctor, should be made out of school time or, if unavoidable, during non-contact periods. Driving lessons may be arranged with prior consultation for non-contact time.

**Holidays**
Holidays should not be taken during term time.

“I’m really looking forward to this year as head boy and want to use this opportunity to voice the opinion of what everyone thinks in order to benefit my fellow students. I hope this role will also improve my communication and leadership skills which can help me greatly in later life. Hopefully I will be able to accomplish what everyone wants so that we can all enjoy the year. Jack McGough

“Representing the Sixth Form this year, it would be great to put forward the voice of students from Years 12 and 13, but also lower school. I am looking forward to working with both students and teachers to do so, and hopefully becoming equipped with many useful leadership and communication skills along the way.’ Hanna McDougall
**16 - 19 BURSARY FUND**

The Government has a bursary scheme to support the most vulnerable 16 - 19 year olds who continue in full-time education. Each weekly bursary payment is subject to good attendance and punctuality.

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**What is the purpose of 16-19 Bursary fund?**

“The 16 - 19 Bursary fund is designed to help support young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education, or training post-16.” (Education Funding Agency). At Lord Lawson we want the most vulnerable young people to be assured of a specific level of financial support to help facilitate their Post 16 studies. Our intention is to support less well off 16-19 year olds. To achieve this, we intend to make sure that future bursary support funding is flexible and reflects the actual barriers young people face. We also hope to help raise aspirations and provide support and equality of opportunity, particularly for students wishing to access higher education.

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1. **Non Discretionary payments for vulnerable young people**

   The most vulnerable groups of young people are defined as those who are looked after, young carers, those in receipt of income support, and disabled young people in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. This group is entitled to a £30 per week bursary payment.

2. **Discretionary payments for vulnerable young people**

   In order to be eligible for consideration for the discretionary element of the 16-19 bursary fund students it is suggested that students meet the following criteria:
   1. Be enrolled on a full time course.
   2. Be at least 16 years of age and under 19 on 31 August 2016.
   3. Have been approved as eligible for free school meals or be in a low income household
   4. Have been resident in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland for the last 3 years.

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**Applying for a Bursary Application Form**

To apply please pick up a Bursary application form from the ILC and complete it as soon as you can with evidence of your household income (if you are not in receipt of free school meals). You will need your own bank account too for the weekly payment to be paid into. Discretionary payments are made weekly, with claims possible for open days Universities, text books, etc. Please note that funds are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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If you are unsure or have any questions about the 16 -19 Bursary then please speak with any member of the Sixth Form team.
NEXT STEP

- Make a list of questions you have
- Come to the Information Evening on the 23rd November 2015
- Register your preliminary choices
- Take time to research future jobs and careers. You may find it useful to look at the Universities website on: www.ucas.co.uk
- Wait for your interview appointment. Your parents are invited, after your RAD appointment in January
- Attend your individual interview and with staff make your choices for Sixth Form courses
- Choices confirmed by May half term
- Complete application form by end of February 2016
- Offers received by March 30th 2016
- August 2016 - results and registration

Please remember we are happy to help if you have any questions about Sixth Form choices please get in touch.
LIFE AFTER LORD LAWSON EVENT
WELL BEING DAYS

Katie Bulmer Cooke
“The Apprentice”
COURSES OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO STUDY

ACCOUNTING
ANIMATION
ARCHITECTURE
ART & DESIGN
BIOLOGY
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
COMPUTER SCIENCE
DANCE
ENGINEERING
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ENGLISH LITERATURE
EVENTS MANAGEMENT
FORENSIC SCIENCE
GEOGRAPHY
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
HISTORY
IT
JOURNALISM
LAW
MATHS
MEDIA
NURSING
PHOTOGRAPHY
PHILOSOPHY
PHYSICS
PRIMARY EDUCATION
PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY
SPORTS
THEATRE STUDIES
In 2015 our Sixth form students went on to study at the following destinations:

- Academy of Contemporary Music College
- Edge Hill
- Glasgow
- Heriot Watt
- Huddersfield
- Kings College London
- Leeds
- Leeds City College
- Leeds Met
- Leicester
- Liverpool
- London South Bank
- Manchester
- Manchester Met
- Royal Holloway
- Sheffield Hallam
- Southampton
- Surrey
- Teeside
- University of Law
**BEAUTY THERAPY**

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Eight mandatory units and two optional units are studied over a one year period. Assessment is a combination of mandatory written papers, essential knowledge questions and practical observations. The course helps to develop a range of skills essential to your working life. It will provide a sound basis for the transition from school life to a busy beauty salon.

Students cover a range of beauty skills suitable for work in a beauty salon:
- Manicures and pedicures
- Facials
- Waxing
- Massages
- Reception and meeting clients
- Health and Safety
- Teamwork

Further Information:
Contact Mrs. Van Hoof
jvanhoof@lordlawson.org.uk

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

There are no entry requirements as such for this course, however it would help if you have a keen interest and are a well motivated student.

**IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?**

The course is made up of 10 units which are studied over a one year period. Assessment is a combination of practical observations and written examinations. Supporting our students throughout is our main priority.

**WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?**

The course provides excellent opportunities to go on to Level 3 Beauty, or maybe to go straight into working in a salon and gaining hands on experience. Once you have a little more experience the opportunities are endless, you could pursue a career in beauty in several different sectors e.g. television, fashion, theatre or film.
HAIRDRESSING
What will I learn & how will it help me?

Seven mandatory units and two optional units are studied over a one year period. Assessment is a combination of mandatory written papers, essential knowledge questions and practical observations.

Students cover a range of hairdressing skills suitable for work in a salon:

- Colour and cutting
- Styling and blow drying
- Hair design for special occasions
- Reception and meeting clients
- Health and Safety
- Teamwork - effective in salon

Further Information:
Contact Mrs. Van Hoof
jvanhoof@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements as such for this course, however it would help if you had gained NVQ L1 Hairdressing in KS4, and also if you have a keen interest in beauty therapy.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
The course is made up of a maximum of 9 units which are studied over a one year period. Assessment is a combination of practical observations and written examinations. Supporting our students throughout is our main priority.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
The course provides excellent opportunities to go on to Level 3 Hairdressing, or maybe to go straight into working in a salon and gaining hands on experience. Once you have a little more experience the opportunities are endless, you could pursue a career in hairdressing in several different sectors e.g. television, fashion, theatre or film.
APPLIED SCIENCE

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Level 3 Applied Science offers students the chance to concentrate on some of the vocational aspects of Science. This is the ideal for students seeking a broad background in Science without having to study the Sciences separately. This qualification will provide learners with a broad understanding of vocationally-related sciences to support progress to higher education.

Learners will cover topics such as:
- scientific principles associated with Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- experimental and practical techniques associated with applied science
- the roles and skills of scientists, and the public and media perception of science.

In year 12 you will study:

Unit 1 - Key Concepts in Science
Written exam

Unit 2 - Applied Experimental Techniques
Portfolio

Unit 3 - Science in the Modern World
Written exam with pre-release material

Further Information:

Contact Mr. Carruthers
acarruthers@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have 5 A*-C grades at GCSE including Maths and English. You need to have at least a CC in Dual Award Science or a C from Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

It is suitable for studying alongside substantial academic science qualifications, such as A-level sciences or other Level 3 vocational qualifications. This qualification can also prepare learners to take up employment in the applied science sector, either directly after achieving the qualification or via higher education.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Level 3 Applied Science is a good choice for students considering higher education in any Science-based course, including: Biochemical Sciences, Food Technology, Human Physiology, Nursing, Sports Science, and Materials Science.
COMPUTING

What will I learn & how will it help me?

The BTEC National in Computing will be a 2 year course for an A level equivalent qualification. During this time, you will undertake four units of study, 3 of which are mandatory. The mandatory units are; Principles of Computer Science, Fundamentals of Computer Systems and IT Systems Security and Encryption. The fourth unit is an optional unit for study. The Principles of Computer Science and Fundamentals of Computer Systems, 2 of the mandatory units are assessed via a written exam which is set and marked by the Examining Board. The third mandatory unit and the optional unit are assessed internally via an assignment. It is also meant to be a qualification to predominantly prepare students for further or higher education. However, the robust nature of this course would stand students in good stead for a range of apprenticeship and career opportunities.

Further Information:

Contact Mrs. Love
dlove@lordlawson.org.uk

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

This qualification is designed for those students who enjoy rigour and a challenge and have an interest in proceeding to higher education. The balanced range of assessment methods and units delivered, mean that you can demonstrate your knowledge of the sector in a range of scenarios, supporting your steps into higher education. Alternatively, this could prepare you for a career.

Computing and computational thinking are definite life skills and transferable to any situation. Increasingly computers are a part of life and this course will demonstrate that you have undertaken study that will prepare you for a wide range of future opportunities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 good GCSE grades including: Maths and English at grade B and above. Study of IT at GCSE level will be beneficial.
CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

What will I learn & how will it help me?

This course is the equivalent of one A level, designed to develop an understanding of the media industry through analysing media representations and pitching and producing a media project. Skills will be developed in a range of areas including production management, film making and responding to a commissioned brief.

The course includes a practical project combining pre-production planning and film making.

The two-year National Extended Certificate consists of 4 units; Media Representations, Responding to a Commission, Pre-production Portfolio and Film Production. The course consists of an online examination and an external practical exam alongside teacher assessed coursework.

Further Information:

Contact Mr. Taylor
mtaylor@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grades A*- C and/or BTEC qualification(s) at Level 2. An achievement in English and Mathematics through GCSE or Functional Skills.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is for students who want to pursue further studies in media. It combines a broad understanding of the media industry with a practical experience.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Stepping stone to a larger course. Students gain a broad understanding of the subject and can progress onto a larger programme of study. Our students have been successful in gaining top university places. Why not join them?
ENGINEERING

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Engineering is an excellent subject for those who wish to develop a creative and practical element to their studies that will lead to developing skills for success in the workplace. This course can lead to many engineering career paths; including: aerospace, civil, electrical and electronic, materials and mechanical but to name a few.

You will study:-

Engineering - Extended Certificate 360 GLH
TOTAL: 4 UNITS
3 MANDATORY UNITS
1 OPTIONAL UNIT

1. Engineering Principles (120 GLH) – Written Exam
2. Delivery of Engineering Process Safely as a Team (60 GLH) – Set and marked internally
3. Engineering Product Design and Manufacture (120 GLH) – Set and marked externally
4. 1 OPTIONAL UNIT (60 GLH) – Set and marked internally

Further Information:

Contact Mr. Curry and Mr P Cartwright
mcurry@lordlawson.org.uk
pcartwright@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of a Pass grade in Level 2 Engineering
Grade C in Mathematics
Grade C in English

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The course is designed to provide you with a knowledge and understanding of the skills you need to prepare you for employment within the engineering sector. The course is assessed entirely through coursework and there is no external examination at the present moment in time.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Students can progress on to an apprenticeship or employment within the engineering sector. You could also decide to continue to study further at university.
The BTEC National in Information Technology is available as an AS and A2 equivalent. The certificate comprises of 2 units which are mandatory. These are:
Creating Systems to manage Information and Using Social Media in Business. The Creating Systems Unit is assessed via a task set and marked by the Examining Board. The Using Social Media unit is an assignment set and marked in the department. Both of these units are subsequently mandatory within the A2 of this qualification.

The third mandatory unit is Information and Technology Systems and is assessed via a written exam. The fourth unit is an optional unit for study.

The Principles of Computer Science and Fundamentals of Computer Systems, 2 of the mandatory units are assessed via a written exam which is set and marked by the Examining Board. The third mandatory unit and the optional unit are assessed internally via an assignment.

This qualification is designed for those students who enjoy would look to prepare for an apprenticeship or career. However, the robust nature of this course and the assessments undertaken will stand students in good stead for a range of further education opportunities.

Further Information:
Contact Mrs. Love
dlove@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
5 good GCSE grades including: Maths and English at grade C and above. Study of IT at GCSE level will be beneficial

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
This course provides students with an opportunity to manipulate technology and explore how it is changing many facets of business. Increasingly, employers and further education are looking for students who can demonstrate that they can use technology effectively to communicate and to manage large volumes of information with discretion. This qualification is aimed primarily at students seeking to further their lifelong learning journey through an apprenticeship route. However, the robust nature of the assessment would equally prepare a sound foundation for further study.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
The balanced range of assessment methods mean that you can demonstrate your knowledge of the sector in a range of scenarios, supporting your steps into higher education or a career. The course has a one year learning aim and will provide you with some flexibility should you be unsure of your future pathways.
MUSIC
What will I learn & how will it help me?

If you have a passion for performing either as a vocalist or instrumentalist and would love to create your own music then, the BTEC music course is an excellent option for those students who wish to add a creative and practical element to their studies.

The music industry is a very diverse but, a difficult industry to work in. This qualification will give you an insight into what it is really like as well as giving you opportunities to develop the range of skills needed to be a performer and developing further skills for success in the industry. Everyone taking this qualification will study:

• Music Performance
• Music Composition
• Professional Practice in the Music Industry

and then opportunity to further develop your vocal or instrumental skills in either in
• Solo performance
• Music Ensembles

By conclusion of the course you will have

• planned, prepared and delivered a musical performance from start to finish in front of an audience either as a soloist or as part of a group.

• extended your knowledge of music theory through composition. You will explore Sibelius to help you create original music in response to a brief.

• been given the opportunity to see what it’s really like to be self-employed and bidding for contracts in the music industry.

Further Information:
Contact Miss. Brookbanks or Mrs. Fisher
kbrookbanks@lordlawson.org.uk
bfisher@lordlawson.org.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

If you love performing as a soloist and a member of an ensemble then this course is a must for you! If you love creating your own ideas and developing them into full scale works of music this qualification gives ample opportunities to express yourself musically. If you wish to pursue a career in the industry, enjoy planning and preparing a range of tasks in both performance and production roles and relish working as part of a team you will have developed the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding of the professional practice required to work in the music industry.

BTEC level 2 music (MERIT) or GCSE grade C or above. All students who take this course must be able to sing or play an instrument and be prepared to do so in front of an audience. All students will be considered on an individual basis.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

This course offers students the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding for entry into employment or self-employment in the arts and entertainment field. You can also go on to study a music degree course.
PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE)

What will I learn & how will it help me?

You may wish to develop existing dance skills to professional standard or discover the hidden dancer within you. You may wish to experience your 15 minutes of fame or develop lifelong skills. Whatever your ambitions dance will challenge you outside of your comfort zone, increase your self-esteem and encourage you to reach your full potential. You will study a range of classic dance styles and techniques through modern methods including the following units:

Mandatory Units:
- Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners Work (Externally Assessed)
- Unit 2: Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance (Internally Assessed)
- Unit 3: Group Performance workshop (Externally Assessed)

Optional Unit
- Unit 10: Jazz Dance Technique (Internally Assessed)

Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy Dance Department has strong links with local and national dance agencies including Dance City, Balletlorent, Famous415 and Sunderland University. Working with professional practitioners and choreographers you will gain an insight into the professional dance world. Educational visits include annual participation in Move it, London dance conference, West End Step by Step workshops and Urban dance master classes. Every assessment is performance based making this the ideal course for all dancers and performers.

Testimony

“I studied BTEC Dance at Lord Lawson and this inspired me to push for my dream, giving me the drive and determination that the performing arts industry demands. I am currently on a full time professional musical theatre degree at Doreen Bird Academy of Theatre Arts London. I am hoping to have a varied and long term career in the arts. Lord Lawson allowed me to develop my skills with fantastic support. And now I get to dance my socks off all day everyday... it’s a dream come true”

Georgie Hulland, Lord Lawson Distinction Dance Student 2012.

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is desirable that you have achieved at least a MERIT in Level 2 BTEC first Award in Performing Arts or a D at GSCE. However all students will be considered on an individual basis by Miss Brown.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Higher Education and a career in Performing Arts.
ART AND DESIGN

What will I learn & how will it help me?

We deliver a diverse qualification aimed at students wishing to enter careers across many areas within the visual arts such as fine art, mixed media, site specific art, installation, graphics, web design, fashion, textiles and animation or photography.

Groups are taught through a mixture of teacher led sessions, group work and individual tutorials. Contextual studies are fundamental to visual art and design practice. Within projects we analyse the work of artists, craftspeople and designers; this features strongly in all aspects of the course. We take advantage of opportunities to work with galleries and museums.

As your portfolio progresses you will build on your specialist area of expertise and develop highly personal, professional outcomes.

This course is predominately coursework, with the AS and A level coursework each being worth 60%. In both qualifications your portfolio work will culminate in an externally set assignment worth 40%. This is another coursework unit which ends with a controlled test, producing a final outcome in exam conditions. All coursework and examinations are teacher assessed.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This requires self discipline, motivation and independence. It is important to manage time well and meet deadlines. You should show an interest and a passion for the subject and be prepared to respond to feedback.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Art & Design, minimum grade C.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

The art and design industries employ millions of people world wide and a qualification in art is a great grounding for university degrees in a variety of fields including fashion, textiles, graphics and photography. Beyond university the creative industries offer wide ranging career paths including graphic designers, fashion designers, buyers or merchandiers, architects, product designers, textile artists, ceramicists, games designers, web designers, advertisers and photographers etc.

For further Information:

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BIOLOGY

What will I learn & how will it help me?
In Biology you will develop practical skills by designing and analysing experiments. You will also learn how scientific models are developed and learn to appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how biology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

Course breakdown:
The Biology A level follows the AQA specification. The following subjects will be covered:
• Biological molecules
• Cells
• Organisms exchange substances with their environment
• Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
• Energy transfers in and between organisms

• Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
• Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
• The control of gene expression

Practical skills used to be assessed separately but are now incorporated into the written exams.

Further Information:
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You must have achieved an A in the Biology unit of GCSE Additional Science, or preferably an A*-B in GCSE Biology with a minimum of a grade B in the B7 unit.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
Biology is a valuable and highly respected subject for students going into careers with or without science. You can:
• Go straight into employment in many related areas, for example pharmacy, biotechnology or land management.
• Go onto study a biology or biology related degree
• Enter fields such as medicine, veterinary science, biomedical engineering, dentistry, forensics or even teaching!

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
You will enjoy this course if you have a passion for understanding the living world around you.

The qualification builds on the knowledge, understanding and practical skills gained at GCSE.
BUSINESS STUDIES

What will I learn & how will it help me?

You will study marketing, finance, people and operations management and external influences. Have you ever wondered:

• How businesses target customers?
• How businesses control their finances?
• How managers can motivate and lead workers?
• How interest rates, exchanges rates and inflation could influence your business?

Study Business Studies to find out the answer to all of these questions.

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A*- C GCSEs including English and Maths

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

We start by looking at what is necessary to start up a small business, then consider the financial, marketing, human resources and operational aspects of running a business and finally consider the issues facing businesses in the real world.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

A degree in business/management/admin/marketing/finance or similar career in banking, business management or perhaps starting your own business for real!
CHEMISTRY

A LEVEL

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Chemistry is all around us and affects every aspect of our everyday lives. You will gain an insight into why some reactions take place while others don’t. You will discover why energy changes take place between different types of reactions and how atomic structures relate to this. Once chemical concepts have been developed, applications to real life situations are considered.

During this course you will carry out many practicals individually with the support and guidance of your teacher.

Further Information:

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IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Do you take pleasure in working out difficult ideas? Do you enjoy logic problems? Then you would enjoy Chemistry. Studying Chemistry is like studying a logical game so that once you know the ‘rules of Chemistry’ you can ‘play’ with the chemical ideas. However just as in a game you must know the rules, so you must be prepared to memorise a small number of details. If you study A Level Chemistry then you should be able to ask ‘Why?’ and get a good answer. You will find Chemistry explains chemical ideas using words and maths.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have achieved an A in the chemistry unit of GCSE Additional Science, or preferably an A*-B in GCSE Chemistry, with a minimum of a grade B in the C7 unit.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

A qualification in Chemistry opens the door to many careers: medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary science, forensics, brewer, art restorer, quality controller, accountancy. An A Level in Chemistry would also be a strong bonus for entry into most universities.
DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

What will I learn & how will it help me?

The Drama and Theatre A-Level aims to inspire students to become independent theatre makers through the development of skills they will need to go on to higher education, whether that is to study a course in drama and theatre or another subject. This qualification emphasises practical creativity alongside research and theoretical understanding. Students are encouraged to collaborate, communicate and create pieces of their own theatre; as well as study a variety of styles, practitioners and scripted texts. Students learn through experience, seeing theatre and making theatre for themselves. Students will be invited to a number of theatre visits, which will be studied throughout the course.

Component 1a: Interpreting Drama through Live Theatre

Component 1b: Interpreting Drama and Theatre through the ages.

Component 2: Creating Original Drama (Presentation of performance)

Component 3: Making Theatre (Presentation of scripted Performance)

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is desirable that you have achieved at least a C at in Drama GCSE. However all students will be considered on an individual basis, including those who have not studied in KS4.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

If you wish to be creatively challenged, engaged and motivated then this is the course for you. You must be committed, inquisitive and passionate about Performing Arts to achieve in this excellent A-Level course.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Drama can open opportunities into Performing Arts industry, including being an actor, theatre technician, director or presenter. Many skills learned in drama can be transferred into all manner of jobs or Higher Educational courses, such as collaboration, communication and creativity.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

About the course(s):

AS Level - English Language at AS Level explores the world of words; both spoken and written. You will learn a range of new terminology – also known as Linguistic Methods – and then use this learning to analyse the ways in which language is manipulated to show different attitudes, to provoke response from an audience and to challenge or uphold values in society. Furthermore, you will be asked to demonstrate your writing skills under exam conditions, producing an argumentative style essay on language diversity (which could be based on gender, power or occupation) alongside a lively opinion article on attitudes towards language.

If you enjoy discovering new terminology, analysing texts using that terminology and talking about how language is used in modern society, then the AS course is for you!

A Level - English Language at A Level requires the analysis of textual variations, much like the AS course, although you will also be focusing on how children acquire reading, writing and speaking skills, whilst exploring the history of our rich and varied language, dating back to 1600. You will be assessed on your written skills in the exam, producing an evaluative essay on diversity in language, alongside a two-part task on language and ideas. This comprises of an analytical essay response and a directed writing task, which could be an article for instance.

The coursework unit for A Level will be a completely independent language investigation of 2000 words - the topic is your own choice - and a folder of original writing with a commentary on your choices.

Ultimately, if you want the chance to develop a comprehensive understanding of language in action, along with the independent choice of your own language investigation, then choose the A Level in English Language course!

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A LEVEL

You should have achieved at least 5 GCSE grades A*-C and a minimum grade B in English Language.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

You must have a love of language: thinking about words; identifying grammatical structures; exploring why we say what we do; evaluating patterns and linguistic techniques in speech and writing. You will need to be organised, creative, independent and, most critically, willing to learn!

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Typical career opportunities for English Language students include:

- Marketing/advertising/Media
- Public relations
- Writing /Publishing
- Journalism
- Primary school teaching
ENGLISH LITERATURE

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Immerse yourself in a world of literature. Develop the skills that you have already learnt at GCSE and analyse the way that writers form and structure their work. In AS English Literature, you will study Othello, The Great Gatsby and Jane Eyre, tracking the theme of ‘Love Through the Ages’. Furthermore, you will study a range of pre and post-1900 poetry.

In A2 English Literature, you will build on the AS unit and study a range of modern literature, including The Handmaid’s Tale and A Streetcar Named Desire. You will continue to explore poetry in The Feminine Gospels.

You also undertake a non-examined assessment in the form of an independent critical study in texts across time. Here, you will complete a comparative critical study of two texts and write an extended essay.

It goes without saying that you will be expected to undertake a lot of independent reading for this course. If you love to read and wish to develop your skills in analysis and persuasion, to develop and appreciate the many levels of understanding to be found in the world of literature: then this course is for you.

Further Information:
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be expected to have at least 5 GCSEs at A*- C and a minimum grade B in English Literature and a minimum grade B in English Language.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Course is suitable for students who enjoy reading and studying books with passion. It involves reading and comparing texts both in school and independently. Its wide reading and extended essay writing make it a respected subject for most academic courses in Further Education.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

It is a good basis for most jobs and courses as you will meet many types of people and situations in your texts! It is particularly useful for journalism, teaching and psychology and anything requiring you to use your own imagination.
**FRENCH**

**What will I learn & how will it help me?**

Covering the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. You will build on your competence at GCSE by developing your language skills so you will be able to discuss issues in greater depth, such as: media, current affairs, environment, relationships.

By building a sound knowledge of grammar, you will gain more freedom and more confidence when speaking and writing, and you will be able to understand television and radio announcements, as well as newspaper and literature articles. You will be given more independence and have the opportunity to explore topics of your own in more depth.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths, plus you must have achieved a grade B in GCSE French. You should have completed all four skills areas at higher level GCSE.

**IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?**

If you have a high grade or are working towards a high grade at GCSE. You enjoy working out how sentences fit together and ask or want to ask questions about the language. You really want to learn to speak more fluently, and be able to discuss wider issues in French.

**WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?**

Through successful study of foreign language at A Level you will gain a definite advantage in the world of commerce, industry, business and technology, as well as providing excellent preparation for higher education.

Further Information:

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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

What will I learn & how will it help me?

There are many reasons for you to take Further Mathematics:

- Students taking Further Mathematics overwhelmingly find it to be an enjoyable, rewarding, stimulating and empowering experience.

- For someone who enjoys mathematics it provides a challenge and a chance to explore new and/or more sophisticated mathematical concepts.

- It enables you to distinguish yourself as an able mathematician in the university and employment market.

It will make the transition to a mathematics related university course easier.

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A*-C GCSEs including English and a Grade A in GCSE Maths.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Top Universities are increasingly looking for students with a Further Maths A Level for their maths related courses, but for any career or university course a Further Maths A Level will really set you apart. Statistics show that people with a Further Maths A Level on average earn more than people with any other A Level. If you believe you can be the best this is your chance to prove it!

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Further Maths A Level or AS is an extremely challenging subject highly prized by the top universities. You will have the opportunity to explore maths in more detail and typically class sizes are very small.
GEOGRAPHY
What will I learn & how will it help me?

You will gain a deeper understanding of contemporary issues facing global citizens of the 21st century. We will learn about people and their societies, economies, cultures and their environments. This brand new A Level from AQA is split into a Physical Geography section, a Human Geography section and a Geographical Investigation completed in the Academy. Geography is about how all of these interact with each other. Some topics that you will look at are:

- Hazards
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Global systems and governance
- Population and the environment
- As well as more exciting, contemporary and important topics.

An A Level in Geography can lead to a wide range of careers. This could be in the field of education, local government, travel and tourism, journalism, meteorology, cartography, social services, overseas development, management or international banking. You will develop a wide range of skills including writing reports, analysing and interpreting different sources of data, taking part in a team carrying out fieldwork and conducting decision making. You will also get a chance to visit locations such as the beautiful Northumberland coastline, as well as the opportunity to visit locations further afield. In the past, Geography students have travelled to Iceland and Malaysian Borneo;

There will be future such visits planned for the coming years.

Further Information:
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths. You should have achieved a grade B in GCSE Geography.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
Geography examines the issues of the day and is very highly regarded as an academic subject. Employers are increasingly on the look-out for people that are aware of the world around them, how people interact with their environment, how the world is governed as well as the scientific processes that have gone into shaping the world in which we live. If this interests you then Geography is definitely the course for you!

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
You will learn crucial skills, both traditional report and essay writing, as well as more ICT-based skills such as GPS, online mapping and traditional cartography. Geography mixes science, mathematical and statistical processing and written communication, which is why it really does encompass everything. Employers value all of these skills.
IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

If you have a high grade or are working towards a high grade at GCSE. You enjoy working out how sentences fit together and ask or want to ask questions about the language. You really want to learn to speak more fluently, and be able to discuss wider issues in German.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Through successful study of foreign language at A Level you will gain a definite advantage in the world of commerce, industry, business and technology, as well as providing excellent preparation for higher education.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A*- C GCSEs including English and Maths, plus you must have achieved a grade B in GCSE German. You should have completed all four skills areas at higher level GCSE.

Further Information:

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‘German exchange trip to Herdecke 2015’

GERMAN

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Covering the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. You will build on your competence at GCSE by developing your language skills so you will be able to discuss issues in greater depth, such as: media, current affairs, environment, relationships.

By building a sound knowledge of grammar, you will gain more freedom and more confidence when speaking and writing, and you will be able to understand television and radio announcements, as well as newspaper and literature articles. You will be given more independence and have the opportunity to explore topics of your own in more depth.
What will I learn & how will it help me?

This is an art based qualification specialising in Graphic Design. The course covers all aspects of Graphic Design including image manipulation, visual communication and presentation, layout and typography, product design, advertising and magazine work.

Through a series of research based lessons you will independently decide on a personal direction for your work. With skills based workshops you will learn the basic principles of graphic design and begin producing a range of experiments and preparatory studies and a portfolio of design work in relation to your theme. In addition, you will learn to analyse and evaluate graphic designers work through a series of written and visual case studies.

As your portfolio progresses you will build on your specialist area of expertise and develop highly personal, professional outcomes.

The course is predominately coursework, with the AS and A level coursework each being worth 60% in both qualifications your portfolio work will culminate in an externally set assignment worth 40% which is a coursework based exam ending with a supervised period of time to complete final work.

All coursework and examinations are teacher assessed.

The Graphic Design course is extremely demanding and you will be required to do a great deal of independent work. The qualification is an excellent foundation for media and graphic design related degrees. It can lead to careers in advertising, web design, product design, games design and magazine work.

Further Information:
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Pass in BTEC Art and Design or a grade C or above in GCSE Graphic Design. Due to the written content of this course, a C or above in English is desirable.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
Graphic design is a discipline within art and design, and focuses entirely on the development of graphic products with art and design methods. It uses more digital technology such as Photoshop and animation packages and projects are typical of that you may find in industry. You must be passionate and committed to ensure you meet the demands of the coursework units.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
Graphics is a thriving industry. Companies will employ graphic designers at some point to develop merchandise, products, packaging, illustration or advertisements. The Graphic Design A Level is an excellent grounding for multi media and graphic based degrees.
What will I learn & how will it help me?

History is a highly regarded and established subject. The skills learnt at this level are desired by universities and employers alike. If you are thinking about a career in law, politics, Civil Service, sociology, psychology, journalism, TV, radio, research, marketing or PR, then History is the subject for you. History really does open the doors to a range of careers: ‘Historians stalk the corridors of power.’

On this brand new AQA A Level course, you will study an eclectic range of topics and periods. You will study Core Units on the Tudor monarchs of England from 1485 to 1603, combined with a Depth Study of Germany under the Nazis.

Your coursework will take the form of an independent investigation, giving you the opportunity to conduct your own research into a topic that interests you! You will also have the opportunity to take part in overseas and/or local visits.

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A* - C GCSEs including Maths. A B in GCSE History. If you did not study History at GCSE you are welcome to take it up at A Level, but you must have achieved at least a B in either GCSE English Literature or GCSE English Language.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

Historians develop a range of transferable skills that are useful in many walks of life, and are highly regarded by universities. The ability to read from a range of sources, see events from different perspectives, and give your own arguments verbally and on paper, are welcome on any writing-based course at university. History can open the door to careers in history, philosophy, law, and business.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

A Level History is for anyone with an interest in understanding the events of the past, and how they have been interpreted. The topics and periods that we study are amongst the most influential in British, European and World History, and learning about them will shape your understanding of the world around you today.
MATHEMATICS

What will I learn & how will it help me?

• Do you enjoy solving problems?
• Can you find the shortest or quickest route between two places?
• Do you want to be able to maximise the use of your time?

Mathematics opens many doors to you once you have left school: business, accountancy, finance, teaching, medicine, law, computing, the list goes on and on. Whether you have a clear goal for the future or don’t yet know what to do, Mathematics is a general key subject that can be combined with almost anything, either in Higher Education or the world of work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A* - C GCSEs including a minimum Grade A GCSE Mathematics (from higher tier or Grade B with teacher recommendation only).

Further Information:

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IS THIS COURSE FOR ME? WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

“As I have said so many times, God doesn’t play dice with the world.” Albert Einstein 1928. A Level Physics teaches you about the rules of the Universe. If you have an inquisitive and logical mind and you enjoy a bit of maths then let AS Physics take you on a voyage through the micro to macroscopic Universe.

A physics qualification opens the doors to all sorts of jobs and courses. All the technology that surrounds us is based on the principles of physics, so if you are considering working in any area related to technology from music to medicine, or lasers to law – studying Physics is an essential first step.
PHOTOGRAPHY
What will I learn & how will it help me?

This is an art and design qualification specialising in Photography. The course covers all aspects of photography including digital imaging, traditional chemical processing and theoretical studies. In the AS year you will complete one major coursework unit and one controlled test. Through a series of workshops you will learn the basic skills of practical photography and produce preparatory studies and final images in relation to your theme. In addition you will learn to analyse and evaluate photographers’ work through a series of written and visual case studies. Your controlled test will be set by the exam board and over a specified period of time you will produce preparatory studies in response to the set question. This work culminates in a 5 hour exam.

In the A2 year you will develop your skills further and produce a more in depth coursework unit. You will also be set a controlled test over a specified period of time culminating in a 15 hour exam.

All coursework and examinations are equally weighted and teacher assessed. The Photography course is extremely demanding and you will be required to do a great deal of independent work.

Further Information:
Contact Ms. Murray
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Minimum of 5 A*- C GCSEs including English.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
Photography focuses entirely on the development of photographic process with art and design concepts. It uses more digital technology such as Photoshop and animation packages and projects are typical of that you may find in industry. Although heavily leaning towards digital media it is essentially an art based course. It is a demanding subject with predominately coursework based units so it is essential that students are committed.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
Photography A Level is a great grounding for all digital media, multi media and photography based degrees. It is essential for those wishing to pursue a career within digital creative industries such as journalism or advertising.

* Photography must be taken in the graphics option block and you must have previously studied Photography at KS4 to your target grade in order to take it at A level.
A LEVEL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

What will I learn & how will it help me?

This course will prepare learners for further study of PE or sports science courses as well as other related subject areas such as psychology, sociology and biology. Learners will also develop transferable skills that are in demand by higher education institutes and employers in all sectors. General breakdown of this course is one third practical and two thirds theory.

Year 12 units of study
• Physiological factors: Applied anatomy & physiology, Exercise physiology, Biomechanics, including technology in sport
• Psychological factors: Skill acquisition, Sports psychology and Sport and society
• Performance: Performance or coaching, Evaluation of Performance for Improvement

Year 13 units of study
• Physiological factors: Applied anatomy & physiology, Exercise physiology and Biomechanics
• Psychological factors: Skill acquisition and Sports psychology
• Socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport: Sport and society, Contemporary issues in physical activity and sport
• Performance: Performance or coaching, Evaluation and Analysis of Performance for Improvement

Students will be assessed in one practical performance either as a performer or coach.

You will be expected to do this in your own time. Opportunities will be provided to attend coaching courses specific to your chosen sport. Ideally you should already be a member of a club making weekly commitment to training and or competing. PE staff will expect you to attach yourself to an academy club and assist with delivery. Staff will visit your club coach and share assessment criteria to arrive at a final practical grade.

Further Information:
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

B Grade in GCSE PE as well as 5 A*-C GCSE including Maths, English and Science. A desire to perform or coach sport to a good standard on a regular basis is essential.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

If you enjoy both the challenges of theory and practical work. If you are already performing to a high standard in a practical sport. If you enjoy working with others and possess or want to develop the skills and qualities to be a successful coach.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

This course provides an excellent foundation for those intending to pursue a career in the sport and leisure industry. Teaching, coaching, health & fitness, recreational management, and leisure are some of the career opportunities that will recognise this qualification.
PHYSICS

What will I learn & how will it help me?

Have you ever wondered:

- Why is lightning attracted to a church spire?
- Can you get electricity out of a potato?
- Why is a shock from 240V mains more dangerous than a shock from a 5000V power pack?
- What is different about light from the Sun during an eclipse?
- What would happen if you met your antimatter twin?

You will find out the answers to all these questions if you study A Level Physics. Physics can qualify you for a whole range of higher education courses and careers including architecture, engineering, medicine, optics, space science and many more.

Further Information:

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have achieved an A in the Physics unit of GCSE Additional Science, or preferably an A*-B in GCSE Physics with a minimum of a grade B in the P7 unit.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME? WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?

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**PRODUCT DESIGN**

**What will I learn & how will it help me?**

The course is very broad and allows for most areas of interest to be incorporated into project work including architecture, graphic design and resistant material (wood, metals and plastics).

Product Design encompasses a wide range of design disciplines but is firmly rooted in the skills required to design and make high quality products.

You’ll be encouraged to explore ideas of originality and value, to question and challenge, and to envisage what could be. Alongside your knowledge and understanding, you’ll develop your research, analysis, product development, project planning and evaluation skills.

60% of your overall grade will come from two Design and Make projects and 40% will be from examination.

**Further Information:**

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**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

If a Technology subject taken in Y11  
Minimum BTEC Level 2 Pass or GCSE  
Minimum grade C.  
Grade C in Mathematics  
Grade C in English  
Grade D in Science

**IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?**

Product Design is a very successful subject, with students often scoring grades well above expectations. The course is practically based which gives students the opportunity to demonstrate skills highly sought after in many jobs. Dexterity, problem solving, speed, organisation and teamwork to name but a few. The course is modern, focussing on issues in food which are relevant today. Usually you are taught

The design industry remains a prolific employers of graduates, with degree courses available throughout the country, including at Northumbria, Leeds and Brunel.
PSYCHOLOGY
What will I learn & how will it help me?

Have you ever wondered why humans act the way they do? Psychology looks to draw insights into what influences behaviour and why people develop in certain ways. Psychology is the study of human behaviour. It is a science based subject which draws on knowledge of biology and maths. Some of the topics that you will study include:

- Why does stress lead to illness?
- What are the consequences of putting young children into daycare?
- Are we born with different levels of aggression or do we learn them?
- How reliable is eye-witness testimony?
- Why do people follow instructions?
- Why do some people follow the crowd?

An A Level in Psychology incorporates science, maths and extended writing skills and will be a great foundation for many university courses. Related careers that you may wish to progress onto include: clinical psychology, educational psychology, mental health work, nursing, counselling psychology, occupational psychology, forensic psychology, criminal psychology and many more...

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
5 A* - B GCSEs including English Language, Mathematics & Science.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
You will develop scientific enquiry and analytical skills. It will encourage you to plan and design research. The A2 section of the course requires good essay and extended writing skills.

WHERE CAN IT TAKE ME?
Higher Education and then go on to a career in psychology for example as a clinical psychologist, an educational psychologist or a forensic psychologist. Psychology would also be advantageous for those wishing to work nursing, the Police Force, human resources etc.
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