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Welcome



Thank you for considering Chipping Campden Sixth Form as your Post 16 provider. Our students thrive in Sixth Form, both in terms of exam results and being prepared for their next steps. We place much importance on instilling a strong work ethic in our students, developing a strong moral compass, being respectful, kind and considerate to others and being resilient in the face of challenges; all qualities which we believe will serve our students well in life beyond Chipping Campden School. Equally, the Sixth Form Team are unwavering in their determination to achieve the best grades possible from everyone, whether students are on an A Level programme or following a CTEC pathway.

Choosing the right Sixth Form is one of the most important decisions you will ever make and here at Chipping Campden School you will find a vibrant, supportive and purposeful environment, equipped with unrivalled facilities, including a university style Sixth Form Refectory, a super-curricular library for students applying for the most competitive courses and state of the art study rooms.

We were delighted that our Sixth Form was rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2025. Inspectors noted, amongst many things, that 'students in the sixth form are excellent role models to younger pupils' and that 'the delivery of the curriculum in the sixth form is consistently strong'. For the past ten years, 1 in 3 of our university applicants have gone on to be accepted into a Russell Group University, compared to 1 in 10 nationally.

The Sixth Form is an active and outgoing community who play a very important part in the life of Chipping Campden School and the wider community. I do hope that you will join us.

Mr Rob Elmes

Head of Sixth Form and Vice Principal



"Students in the sixth form act as positive role models for younger students"

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Yr 13 Dinner Dance



Achieving your potential

We are delighted that you want to find out more about what we have to offer. We hope that this prospectus will provide you with the information to help you choose the appropriate courses to follow, and illustrates the wide range of opportunities our Sixth Form can offer you to develop, or discover new skills and interests.

Our school Sixth Form combines the high-quality specialist teaching that you might typically associate with an excellent Sixth Form, with the support structures that ensure each student is given every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Any student who is successful in securing a place in our Sixth Form will enjoy positive relationships with teachers, high-quality teaching, a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities as well as stretch and challenge in the classroom.

Providing you meet our entry requirements, and those specific to particular subject areas, you are very welcome to join us and take full advantage of all that Sixth Form life here at Chipping Campden School can offer you.



"Students within the sixth form read widely around their subjects. This prepares them well for higher education."

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Minimum Entry Requirements

As stated in our admissions policy, the 'general' minimum entry requirements for admission to the sixth form to study the following qualifications are:

A-Levels

Five grade 5s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

Cambridge Technical Qualifications

Five grade 4s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

Combined A Level/Cambridge Technical Qualifications

Five grade 4s at GCSE, including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

In addition to the above general entry requirements, there are additional 'subject-specific' entry requirements, which are detailed on each of the individual subject pages.

Applications to join

The vast majority of our students enjoy a seamless transition into our excellent Sixth Form to continue their post-16 learning, and a growing number of students from other local schools join us every year to embark on their studies.

We offer around 30 Advanced Level courses, and have a consistent track record of successful progression to Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge and specialist Art, Music and Dance colleges.

Applications are invited following the Sixth Form Open Evening held annually in November and accepted up until the penultimate Friday in January. As forward planning for the timetable begins in the spring term, students are encouraged to observe an end of January deadline so that their individual subject combinations can be considered when timetabling decisions are made. However, applications are accepted until September in the year of entry.

Interview mornings for external candidates are held during February, March and April, when applicants are invited to spend time with key members of staff and students, and meet those who are moving to us from different schools. Successful applicants are invited to join our induction days held in June or July, and enrolment follows the release of exam results in August.

The entry for the year closes at the end of the third week of September and any late applicants will be invited to apply for the next academic year. Late transfers in Year 12, where students have been studying the same or similar courses in other institutions, will be considered at the discretion of Mr Elmes, Head of Sixth Form, until the end of October.





Oliver Banwell



Charlotte Reynolds



Laura
Dodgson-Hatto



Amy Cumberland



Pippa Hayward

Team work

Oliver Banwell Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Mr Banwell's main responsibility is for the academic progress and pastoral wellbeing of Year 13. Assisting students in their application for further studies and employment, he supports the transition from school into adult life. This also includes students who wish to apply for competitive courses; Mr Banwell will help to prepare and guide them through their Oxbridge application. Overseeing the operations of the effective student leadership team, he also ensures that there are opportunities outside of the classroom for Campden sixth formers.

Charlotte Reynolds Assistant Head of Sixth Form

The Assistant Head of Sixth Form plays a vital role in supporting students through one of the most important stages of their education. Working closely with the Head of Sixth Form, Miss Reynolds helps to create a culture of high expectations, academic excellence, and personal growth. Her role includes guiding Year 12 students in their studies, providing tailored pastoral support, and preparing them for life beyond school – whether that be university, apprenticeships, or the workplace.

Pippa Hayward & Laura Dodgson-Hatto 6th Form Pastoral and Academic Managers

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Dodgson-Hatto's main role is to support the academic journey of all students in the 6th Form, especially for students new to Chipping Campden School. They are also responsible for supporting students with any pastoral issues or any concerns they might have during their time in our 6th Form, working one to one or in small groups and providing advice and mentoring.

They support members of staff and the school's management team by closely monitoring attendance, behaviour, work completion, implementation of dress code and general conduct of students, as well as manage and supervise the 6th Form centre and study areas. They monitor and review progress with students throughout the year and help support students through the UCAS process and to identify future progression pathways.

Amy Cumberland Administration & Events Co-Ordinator

Mrs Cumberland's main role is to handle all the admissions into our 6th Form. As well as processing all the applications she is a point of contact for our external students during the application process.

Mrs Cumberland's other responsibilities include organising and overseeing 6th Form events as well as providing general administrative support to Mr Elmes and the rest of the Sixth Form team.

Excel@Campden

The Excel@Campden Sixth Form programme is designed to ensure potential high-achieving students receive targeted advice and guidance to enable them to make successful applications to the most competitive courses at the most prestigious universities.

Oxbridge

Applicants for Oxford and Cambridge University are given tailored one-to-one support at every stage of their application, receiving high quality advice and guidance with their choice of courses and personal statements, entrance test preparation and coaching for their college interviews. A similar level of support and guidance is also offered to students applying for competitive courses such as medicine, dentistry and veterinary sciences.

Super-Curricular Opportunities

Each department highlights a range of activities to allow students to deepen their knowledge of the subject beyond the curriculum which is essential when applying to competitive courses. In addition, students may choose to undertake Future Learn courses and Extended Project Qualifications. Student led initiatives such as the Holistic Health Society, The Law Society and the STEM Ambassadors Scheme all provide opportunities to learn from external experts.

There is a dedicated super-curricular library in the sixth form centre and students have online access to academic journals. Our Tutor Time Talks programme will offer a range of input from external speakers across a broad range of subject disciplines.

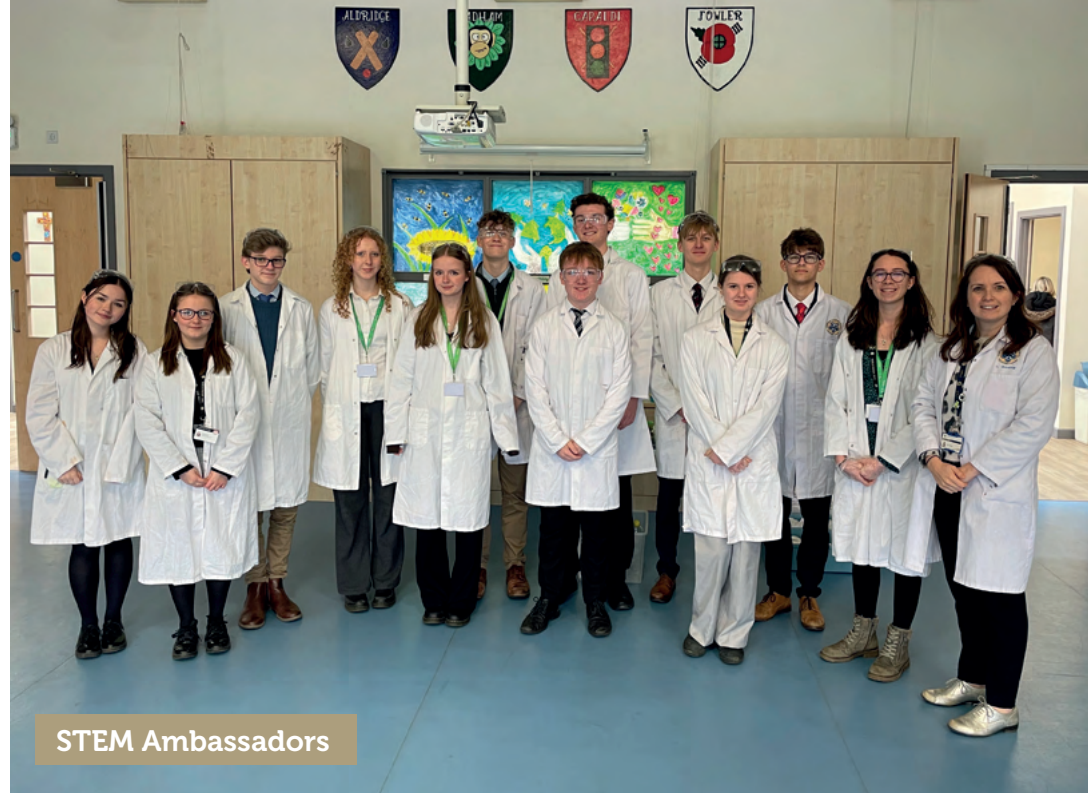
Students can also choose to work towards project-based Awards such as the Arts Award and CREST Awards and we seek opportunities for our students to perform independent research, for example, working with IRIS (The Institute of Research in Schools) and STEM Learning.

Student Ambassador Schemes

We are recognised as a leading Sixth Form on these schemes nationally and work in partnership with The Royal Institution, STEM Learning, and ESERO-UK to provide student-led clubs for younger students from KS3 and local primary schools. These schemes allow our sixth form students to share their enthusiasm for their subjects with younger students and, in doing so, gain valuable leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

"Students in the sixth form are well supported with university applications."

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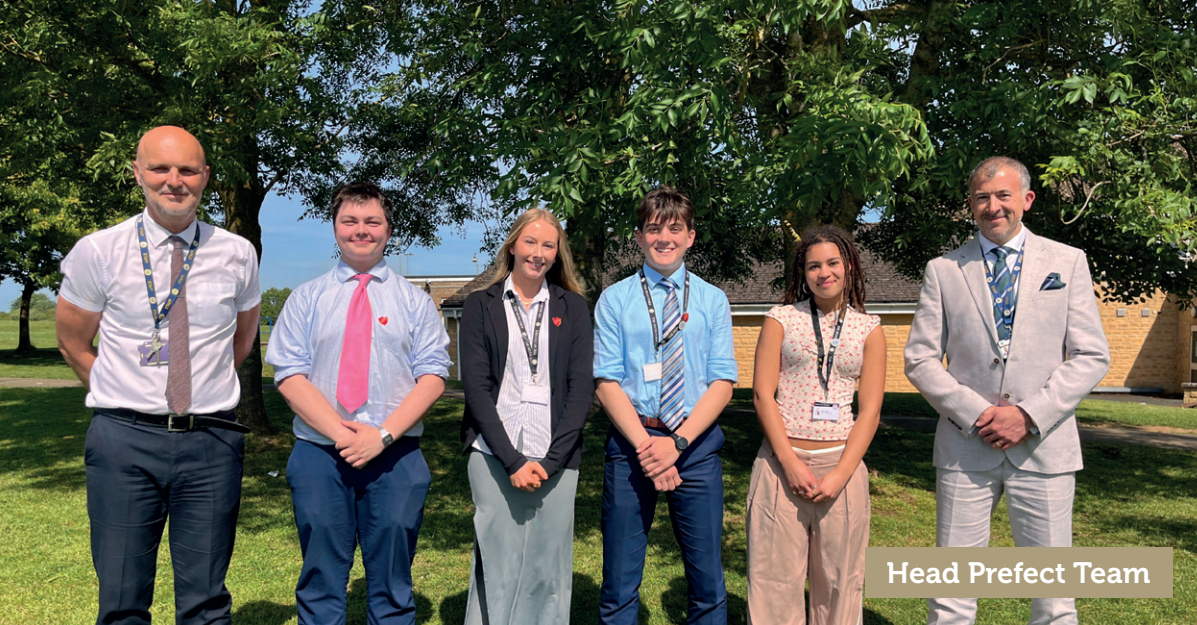
Student opportunities

Students have many opportunities to demonstrate their leadership both through the senior prefect system and the highly successful peer mentoring programme.

Sixth Form prefects have a significant role within the school organising a range of events such as the Jeans for Genes Day, as well as a host of fundraising activities for charities such as Cancer Research, Save the Children and The Royal British Legion. Prefects also support with Parents' evenings, Open Evenings and are trained as student ambassador guides. In addition, a team of Year 13 Head Prefects are elected annually.

We operate a highly successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Participating post-16 students can undertake their Gold Award, taking advantage of the many exciting opportunities required to satisfy the five criteria. The school year culminates in an expedition to the Isle of Skye in the last week of the summer term. Over 140 students currently participate in the award throughout the three levels, with many completing Bronze through to Gold.

Every two years, our Sixth Form students have the opportunity to embark on an unforgettable month-long overseas expedition with Camps International, travelling to some of the world's most extraordinary destinations while making a meaningful contribution to the communities and environments they visit. Students fundraise towards the cost of their expedition, developing independence, initiative, teamwork and a sense of responsibility along the way. The expeditions combine adventure, cultural discovery, environmental conservation and community projects, with activities aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and a strong emphasis on responsible eco-tourism. Working alongside local communities and conservation teams, students gain first-hand experience of sustainable development and develop a deeper understanding of our shared responsibility to protect the world's people, cultures and natural environments. Following our recent expedition to Borneo, our next adventure will take students to Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands in summer 2028 – an incredible opportunity to explore, challenge themselves, broaden their horizons and make a positive difference in the world.



Bursary opportunities

There are a number of funding opportunities available to students joining the Sixth Form, some of which are open to students based in the parish of Chipping Campden and some are open to all.

Hilda Terry Award

This award may be given by the school trustees to suitable candidates and can be worth from £250 - £1,000. The Charity Trustees generously support a number of post -16 students each year, enabling groups and individuals to gain a whole range of life experiences. For more information please contact Mr Elmes.

Chipping Campden School 16 – 19 Bursary Fund

There is a Bursary Fund to provide support for Sixth Form students from low income backgrounds (students from 16 - 19 years old). Full details and an application form can be found on the school website or are available upon request from the school office.

Pass Plus Driving Scheme

In liaison with the Chipping Campden Community Trust and the School's Charity Trustees, Chipping Campden School Sixth Form has offered the Pass Plus Driving scheme to all students, allowing them to apply for a fully funded Advanced Driving certificate worth £300 each.

"Chipping Campden hasn't just given me the academic skills I need to go on to higher education; the school has always encouraged me to grow as a person and I'll always depend on the skills and confidence Campden's helped to give me."

Student





Destinations

A sample of destinations for Year 13 leavers

Aberystwyth

- International Relations
- Modern Languages

Aston

- International Business & Management

Bath

- Photography
- Criminal & Investigative Psychology
- Cyber Security
- Biology

Birmingham

- Art & Design
- Music
- Geography

Bournemouth

- Business & Management
- Film & TV Production
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy

Brighton

- Music Business & Media
- Film

Bristol

- Audio & Music Technology
- History

Cardiff

- Urban Planning & Development
- Economics
- Psychology
- Biological Sciences
- Accounting

Cardiff Met

- Sport Performance Analysis
- Fashion Design

Cambridge

- History

Chester

- Adult Nursing

Exeter

- Economics & Politics
- Law with Business
- Physics with Astrophysics
- Modern Languages

Falmouth

- Photography
- Graphic Design

Gloucestershire

- Paramedic Science
- Communications & Media
- Graphic Design

Keele

- English & Creative Writing

Kent

- Biomedical Engineering

Lancaster

- Social Work

Lancashire

- Forensic Science

Leeds

- English Literature
- Geography with Transport Studies

Leicester

- Physiotherapy

Liverpool

- Bioveterinary Science
- Maths & Economics
- Mechanical Engineering

London (Kings College)

- History & International Relations

London (University of the Arts)

- Creative Direction for Fashion

Loughborough

- Fine Art
- Sport & Exercise Science
- International Business

Manchester Met

- Law
- Mechanical Engineering
- Human Physiology
- Accounting & Finance

Newcastle

- Politics & International Relations

Northampton

- Paramedic Science

Northumbria

- Interior Architecture

Nottingham

- Politics & Economics

Nottingham Trent

- Fashion Marketing & Branding
- Aerospace Engineering

Oxford Brookes

- Midwifery
- Criminology
- Digital Media Production

Plymouth

- Osteopathic Medicine

Reading

- Global Sustainable Development
- Chemistry
- Business & Management

Sheffield

- Computer Science

Sheffield Hallam

- Food & Nutrition

Surrey

- Criminology with Forensic Investigation

Sussex

- Marketing & Management
- Accounting & Finance

Swansea

- Chemistry
- Adult Nursing

Wales Trinity Saint David

- Motorsport Management

Warwick

- Biomedical Science
- English & History

Worcester

- Early Childhood (Social Pedagogy)
- Criminology with Policing
- PE & Sports Coaching

York

- Law
- Philosophy, Politics & Economics
- Computer Science



Art: Fine Art

Course aims

This exciting, creatively diverse and intellectually challenging course, over two years, enables students to...

- Express their ideas and creative individuality in an imaginative and thoughtful way
- Analyse their own work and that of other artists, evaluating this critically using appropriate subject terminology
- Develop ideas using a variety of media; experimenting and investigating
- Realise these ideas as informed, sustained artwork(s), through a personal, clear and relevant creative journey
- Foster an interest in, enthusiasm for, and enjoyment of art, craft and design

Lessons are supplemented by printed materials, I-board presentations, discussion and the student's individual work. One to one mentoring and tuition form a regular part of the routine. Regular use of a sketchbook is vital as an extension of the creative and learning process. Great importance is placed on each student developing their own individual style, helping to nurture their confidence in a range of working methods and media. Outside visits to major galleries are also made when possible.

Public exhibitions are held each year. These are highly regarded within the local community and help evidence the subject's high success rate, especially at the highest Grade levels. We also enter work for local art competitions, achieving a consistent level of success.

Potential Careers or Future Study

Entry into Art foundation, Degree and Diploma courses to access a wide range of art, design and media professions. Fashion, illustration, animation, advertising, graphic design, photography, TV / film / theatre industry, computer game concept art, jewellery design, museum / gallery work, restoration, architecture, teaching, hairdressing.

Entry requirements:

Attaining at least a 6 Grade at GCSE is expected, and it is also expected that potential students will have a good level of art-based skill and a keen interest, evidenced through personal work produced outside school. A willingness to work methodically and productively in class and an ability to make sensible use of time outside timetabled lessons are also very important. Students without a 6 Grade at GCSE may also be considered if a portfolio of artwork evidencing observational drawing or painting ability and a body of original, personal work can be provided prior to entry.

Staff contacts: Mr R Grover

Exam Board: OCR (subject to change).



UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING
1	Personal Investigation and related study.	Work is ongoing throughout the course.	60%
2	Externally set task	15 hours examined, plus preparation time.	40%
Personal Investigation and related study		Students develop one major, in-depth body of practical work that has a personal significance and relevance. This body of work must include a related, written study of a guided minimum of 1000 words. This related study is marked as a separate component part of the Coursework element of the A Level.	
Externally set task		Students are given a number of possible starting points to select from in the exam paper. They then have around 13 weeks to prepare ideas, experiment and explore compositions. They then have 15 hours under exam conditions in which to create work(s) relevant to their planning and development.	

Biology

Course aims

Why study Biology? Biology is one of the most exciting and relevant sciences, helping us understand everything from genetics and disease to climate change and conservation. Students will develop practical, analytical and problem-solving skills that are highly valued by universities and employers. Whether you aspire to a career in medicine, veterinary science, biotechnology, environmental science or research, A Level Biology provides an excellent foundation.

Throughout the course, students will complete 12 required practical investigations, developing their ability to plan experiments, analyse data and evaluate evidence. Practical skills are assessed through the Practical Endorsement alongside the A Level qualification.

Entry requirements

It is expected that students will have a knowledge and understanding of Biology at Grade 7 or above in GCSE Combined Science or Grade 7 and above in single award Biology. In addition, students are required to have a Grade 6 or higher in GCSE Maths.

It is desirable to have a keen interest in the subject and the willingness to do extra reading, as this will assist students greatly with the scope of the topic.

A Level key topics:

- 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

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contact: Mrs R Condie

Exam Board: AQA



PAPER	ASSESSED	HOW	QUESTIONS
1	Any content from topics 1-4, including relevant practical skills	• written exam • 2 hours • 91 marks • 35% of A Level	• 76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions • 15 marks: comprehension question
+			
PAPER	ASSESSED	HOW	QUESTIONS
2	Any content from topics 5-8, including relevant practical skills	• written exam • 2 hours • 91 marks • 35% of A Level	• 76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions • 15 marks: comprehension question
+			
PAPER	ASSESSED	HOW	QUESTIONS
3	• 76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions • 15 marks: extended response questions	• written exam • 2 hours • 78 marks • 30% of A Level	• 38 marks: structured questions, incl practical techniques • 15 marks: critical analysis of given experimental data • 25 marks: one essay from a choice of two titles



Business

(Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate)

Course aims

The department offers the Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business as an alternative vocational qualification.

The aim of this vocational course is to provide learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress into Higher Education or employment. It gives learners an exciting opportunity to understand the wider external contexts in which business operate, as well as understanding the internal functions and their interdependencies. The assessment consists of external exams and internal portfolio evidence. All students are expected to organise a work experience week which will take place in the first academic term.

Entry requirements

Students need to have achieved five Grade 4s at GCSE. Where students have taken GCSE Business they will be required to have achieved a Grade 4.

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contacts: Mr J Slattery, Mr McCahill, Mr D Gibbins and Ms E Hinton

Exam Board: RSA (OCR)

Course content and assessment weighting:

TITLE	DURATION	ASSESSMENT
The Business Environment	120 hours	External Assessment
1 option	60 hours	Either External or Internal

For the extended certificate, which is equivalent to a traditional A Level, students will study five units. The final Grade awarded will be Pass, Merit or Distinction.

The three mandatory units are:

TITLE	DURATION	ASSESSMENT
The Business Environment	120 hours	External Assessment
Working in Business	60 hours	External Assessment
Customers and Communication	60 hours	Internal Assessment



Business Studies

Course aims

This course takes a close look at business and the way it works, providing students with relevant knowledge and understanding of finance, marketing, human resources and production.

The course takes as its theme the processes of decision-making in business, developing a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants. Students will develop an appreciation of business behaviour from a range of perspectives, studying enterprising and creative approaches to business opportunities. The course encourages students to take a more strategic view of business activity.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths and in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

It is not necessary to have any previous experience in Business Studies but the skills required are nevertheless wide ranging, including statistical analysis and evaluative writing.

A minimum Grade 5 is required for students who took a GCSE Business course, however it is not compulsory for students to have studied GCSE Business Studies.

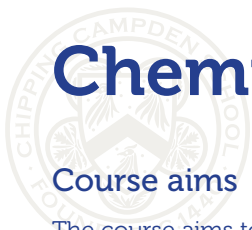
If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contacts: Mr J Slattery, Mr McCahill, Mr D Gibbins and Ms E Hinton

Exam Board: OCR

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Business Activity, Marketing and People	2 hour written paper (90 Marks)	33.3%
2	Operations, Finance and External Influences	2 hour written paper (90 Marks)	33.3%
3	Strategy, Risk and Managing Change	2 hour written paper (90 Marks)	33.3%





Chemistry

Course aims

The course aims to provide a stimulating and exciting programme of study which will broaden students' understanding of the fundamental role that chemistry plays in the physical and natural world around them.

Through studying chemistry, students will develop and improve many transferable skills including; problem solving, application of number, logical and critical thinking, observation, planning and team working. Practical work is an integral part of the Chemistry course.

Entry requirements

It is expected that students will have a good knowledge and understanding of Science at Grade 7 in an accepted GCSE Combined Science or Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry. In addition, students are required to have at least a Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contact: Mrs L Gooding

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

Assessment for A Level Chemistry (as an illustrative example from Edexcel).

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Advanced Inorganic and Physical Chemistry (content from both years)	1 hour 45 minutes	30%
2	Advanced Inorganic and Physical Chemistry (content from both years)	1 hour 45 minutes	30%
3	General and Practical Principles in Chemistry (synoptic)	2 hours 30 minutes	40%

Practical skills will be assessed through examination questions in paper 3. Students will also be expected to complete a set of 12 required practicals to a specified standard.



Computer Science

Course aims

Computer Science is a practical subject where students can apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It's an intensely creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism.

The aims of this qualification are to enable learners to develop:

- An understanding and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science, including: abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation
- The ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so
- The capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
- The capacity to see relationships between different aspects of computer science
- Mathematical skills

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science (if taken) and a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

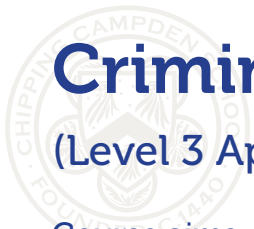
Staff contacts: Mrs C Clarke

Exam Board: OCR

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UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Computer Systems	2 hours 30 minutes written paper	40%
2	Algorithms and Programming	2 hours 30 minutes written paper	40%
3	Programming Project	Coursework	20%





Criminology

(Level 3 Applied Diploma)

Course aims

Designed to support learners progressing to university, the Level 3 Criminology qualification has been designed to provide exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year-olds, through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. This qualification supports learners' progression from any study at Level 2, and is a qualification which complements studies in humanities, psychology and sociology.

The main purpose of the qualification is to support access to Higher Education courses, such as:

- BSc or BA Criminology
- BA Criminology and Criminal Justice
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BA (Hons) Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology
- BSc Criminology with Law

Alternatively, the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within the criminal justice system. Eg. The National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service

Entry requirements

A grade 5 in either GCSE English (Language or Literature), in addition to at least four grade 4s in any other subjects.

Staff contacts: Ms G Daniels (Head of Social Sciences) and Mr G Burton (Principal)

Exam Board: WJEC



50% of the course is assessed through two external examinations (75 marks, 90 minutes, 25% each) and the remaining 50% through internally assessed controlled assessment (2 x 25%).

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Changing Awareness of Crime	Internal	25%
2	Criminological Theories	External	25%
3	Crime Scene to Courtroom	Internal	25%
4	Crime and Punishment	External	25%

Dance

Course aims

Arguably the most physically demanding of the courses, Dance offers a deeper appreciation of the art, while training students to the highest level available for non-professionals.

Students will focus on both historical and current dance practices, studying a wide variety of genres and practitioners. As well as gaining a comprehensive grasp of the academic side of the subject, students will receive practical sessions, grounded in Graham technique, but allowing individual creativity. The aim is to inspire a lifelong passion and appreciation for dance.

Crucially, the physical aspects of the course will be designed to bring the students as close as possible to professional standards, and those wishing to pursue training in the art will find the course an exceptional preparation for this demanding and exciting career.

The course is split into two sections. Performance & Choreography requires solo performances based upon a specific practitioner, a performance as part of a quartet and a group choreography.

The Critical Engagement section is focus upon the study of at least two dances, with deeper study of the historical context of the dance, its genre, contemporaneous work and more. It is designed to increase the knowledge and critical appreciation of Dance.

Entry requirements

Students must undergo a formal audition to gain entry to the course.

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Performance & Choreography	1 hour	50%
2	Critical Engagement.	2 hours	50%

Staff contact: Miss R Torley

Exam Board: AQA





Drama & Theatre Studies

Course aims

Drama and Theatre offers both a challenging and practically rigorous course, suitable for students with an avid curiosity about all aspects of drama and theatre. The course will afford students the opportunity to develop an informed understanding of drama and theatre practice through the study and practical exploration of plays, theatre practitioners and theatre companies. Placing the development of their own practical work firmly within a secure knowledge and understanding of the historical development of theatre, students will be able to make intelligent and informed choices about form, writing, directing and acting style, in order to shape and develop their own work, ready for examination. Students who have studied Drama and Theatre at A Level develop many desirable and transferable skills, which are highly valued in the professional work-place. Students have gone on to develop careers in Law, Business, Journalism, Advertising, Marketing and Psychology, to name but a few.

The course encourages learners to:

- Develop an analytical framework for making, performing, interpreting and understanding drama and theatre
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of how the social, cultural and historical contexts of performance texts have influenced the development of drama and theatre
- Understand the place of relevant theoretical research in informing the processes involved in creating theatre
- Understand the place of practical exploration in informing theoretical knowledge of drama and theatre
- Develop the creativity and independence to become effective theatre makers

The first component in this full two year course requires students to participate in the creation, development and performance of a piece of theatre based on a reinterpretation of an extract from a text chosen from a supplied list. The piece must be developed using the methods of a theatre practitioner or theatre company; a creative log must also be produced. Component two is assessed by a visiting examiner and requires that students devise two pieces of theatre based upon a set stimulus and again, using the methods of either a theatre company or practitioner. An evaluation report must be produced after the examination. The final component is assessed through a written 'open book' examination. Questions are based upon the study of three set texts, studied and explored practically throughout the course.

Entry requirement

Grade 6 in GCSE Drama (if taken) and grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Staff contact: Ms T James



UNIT	TITLE	ASSESSMENT	WEIGHTING
1	Theatre Workshop	Internal	40%
2	Text in Action	External	20%
3	Text in Performance	External	40%

Economics

Course aims

Economics involves the allocation of scarce resources. There are limited resources in society, but infinite needs and wants. Economics allows students to investigate and analyse markets and how resources are allocated.

Students will get the opportunity to examine a wide range of real economic issues such as the credit crunch, government economic policy, economics of a firm and global economics.

What makes Economics such a relevant subject is that it examines real issues. Students are expected to understand and keep up to date with the changing economic situation by reading newspaper articles, and watching news and current affairs programmes.

Students should have a natural curiosity in terms of examining the cause and effect of issues of local, national and international importance. Students will experience regular classroom discussions, which encourages them to verbalise their knowledge and opinions.

The course encourages the use of an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and develops an ability to think as an economist.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and grade 5 in GCSE Maths. If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg 28) to complement this subject.

Staff contacts: Mr J Slattery and Mr M McCahill

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Markets and Business Behaviour	2 hour exam (100 marks)	35%
2	The National and Global Economy	2 hour exam (100 marks)	35%
3	Micro and Macro Economics	2 hour exam (100 marks)	30%





English Language & Literature

Course aims

OCR's English Language and Literature (EMC) is a unique and distinctive qualification produced in partnership with the English & Media Centre. Together, the English team at OCR and EMC have developed a new A Level that prepares you for university study, and engages and enthuses aspiring students and teachers alike. By A Level, English students are cultivating their own critical responses and engaging with the richness of language and literature. Our English A Levels enable depth and breadth of study, with flexible content that supports independence, wide reading and creativity. This course will enable you to explore language and literature in depth and to become confident readers and producers of texts. The non-examined assessment tasks build on the work of the whole course and give you the opportunity to develop your own particular interests. All students will choose a 21st century text as one of their two non-exam assessment texts, giving an interesting and important emphasis on contemporary language and literature.

The A Level in English Language and Literature is a two year course with examinations and coursework completed at the end of the second year. There are three examined components and one non-exam assessment component. The first component focuses on non-fiction spoken and written texts from an OCR/EMC anthology. You will compare an anthology text with a short unseen text which is clearly linked by, for example, theme, purpose or mode. The second component explores poetry and drama. The third component involves the study of narrative fiction, from a choice of six prose texts. Students explore narrative methods and techniques in their chosen text, and then apply their knowledge and understanding in the production of their own opening to a narrative. The non-exam assessment comprises two tasks – an analytical essay comparing a non-fiction text with a free choice text from any genre and the production of a non-fiction original writing piece.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Language, plus Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Literature.

Staff contact: Mrs G Spencer

Exam Board: OCR

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Non-Fiction Written and Spoken Texts	1 hour	16%
2	The Language of Poetry & Plays	2 hours	32%
3	Reading as Writer; Writing as Reader	2 hours	32%
4	Independent Study	non-examined	20%



English Literature

Course aims

For A Level English Literature we offer clear continuity from GCSE English Literature in such areas as the comparative study of texts, Shakespeare and exploration of unseen texts. This is a rigorous, stimulating and challenging course that allows freedom of textual selection and includes elements of independent study. The freedom within the non-examined assessment component allows you to pursue more detailed work in a field of particular personal interest, offering excellent preparation for study at undergraduate level. This specification builds on what you know already from GCSE, to teach the skills every literature student needs to explore and understand a wide range of texts, and to help develop the valuable transferable skills of sustained research and composition. Throughout the course, you are encouraged to develop critical awareness and understanding of individual works of literature, of relationships between texts and of the significance of cultural and contextual influences on readers and writers.

The A Level in English Literature is a two year linear course with final examinations and coursework completed at the end of the second year. The two exams are equally weighted and offer opportunities for you to provide extended exploratory responses. The non-exam assessment component requires you to study three texts from across the genres of poetry, drama and prose. Task one offers a choice between a critical piece or a re-creative piece with a commentary and task two is a 'linked texts' essay focusing on connections between two texts.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Literature, plus Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language.

Staff contact: Mrs C Crouch

Exam Board: OCR

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Drama & Poetry Pre-1900	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
2	Comparative & Contextual Study	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
3	Literature post-1900	non-examined	20%





Film Studies

Course aims

A Level Film will cover the following topic areas:

- Hollywood 1930-1990
- American Independent Film
- British film
- European Film
- Film Production
- Global Film
- Documentary
- Silent Film
- Experimental Film
- Short Film

Learners study the key elements of film form including cinematography, mise en scène, editing, sound and performance. In addition, they also study the contexts of chosen films and what was happening when the film was made. What can the film tell us about history and society at that time? Students will study the films in terms of the representations they present or challenge. The course will engage learners in the study of Ideology, the Auteur and Critical Debates surrounding Film.

Studying Film enables students to see the world in a different light and develop a wide range of transferable skills for further education, work, and life. These skills include: creative thinking, textual analysis, and research skills.

Course assessment

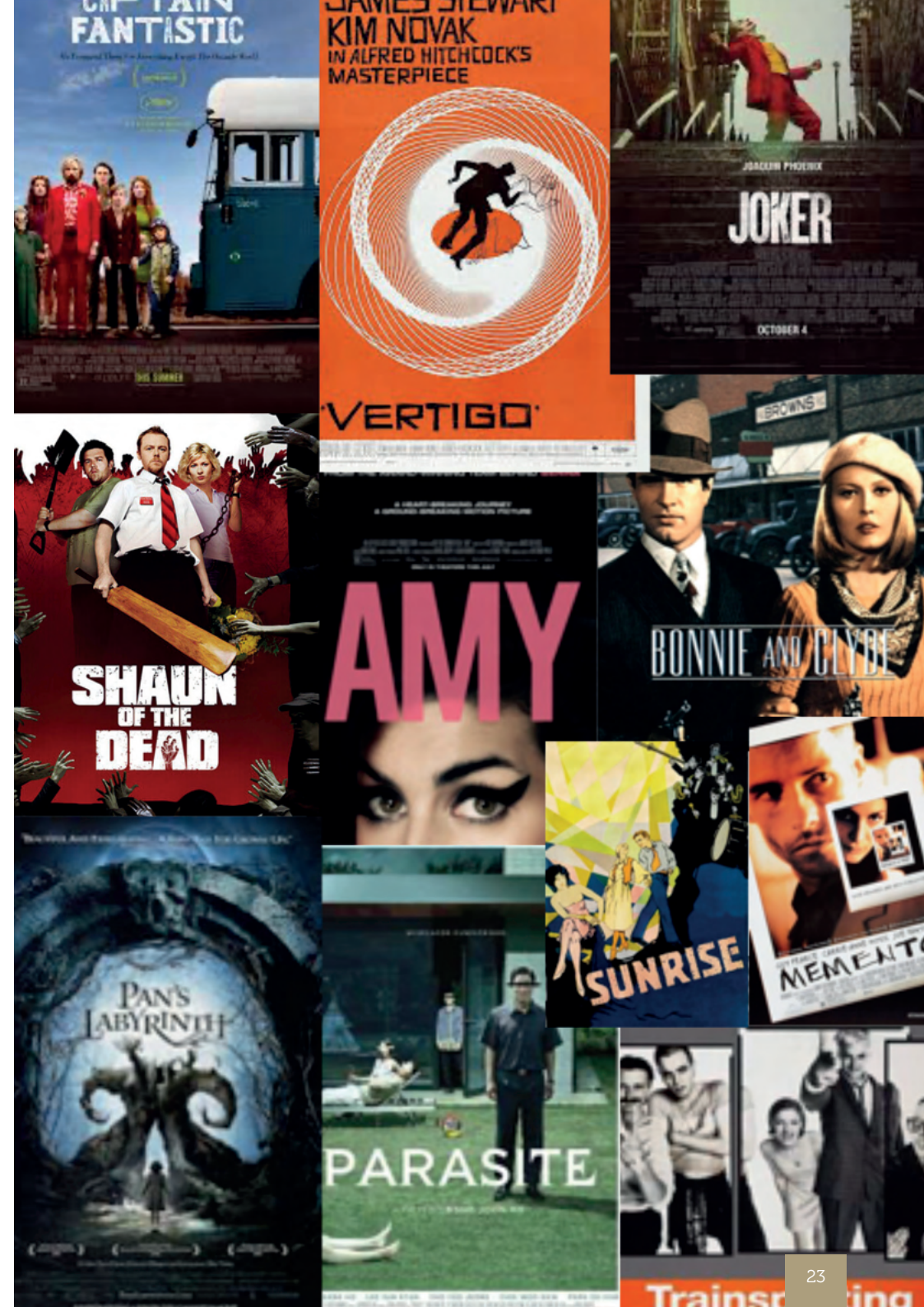
2 exams, each worth 35%, and a 30% assessment of production work.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Staff contact: Mrs V Edmunds

Exam Board: EDUQAS



Food Science and Nutrition

Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) Extended Certificate

Food Science and Nutrition is a dynamic sector that combines biology, chemistry, engineering, and health sciences to tackle global challenges such as food security, malnutrition, and diet-related diseases. This field plays a vital role in improving health, food quality, and sustainability by focusing on food production, safety, innovation, and the relationship between diet and well-being. With growing demand for healthier, more sustainable food options—including plant-based and functional foods—the sector is rapidly evolving through technological advancements and a focus on reducing food waste and environmental impact. Careers in this area are influenced by government policy, industry innovation, and consumer trends, making it an exciting and impactful choice for students interested in science, health, and making a difference to society.

Course aims

The qualification develops learners' knowledge and understanding in areas such as nutrition and nutritional needs and food safety, as well as supporting learners to develop their practical food production skills to produce quality food items to meet the needs of individuals and specific situations.

Learners are required to complete three mandatory units and can select their fourth unit from a choice of two.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition or equivalent qualification.

Staff contacts: Ms Iona Corbett

UNIT	GLH	MANDATORY/ OPTIONAL	ASSESSMENT
1 Nutritional needs across the life stages	90	Mandatory	External
2 Developing practical food production skills	90	Mandatory	Internal
3 Principles of food hygiene and food safety in food production	90	Mandatory	External
4 Experimenting to solve food production problems	90	Optional	Internal
5 Current issues in food science nutrition	90	Optional	Internal





Geography

Course aims

The course provides an opportunity for students to develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the world in which we live. The A Level course is designed to promote a balanced view of modern Geography, which is concerned with examining patterns in the landscape and the recurrent processes contributing to them. The course also allows students to examine current global issues, global governance and develop their investigative skills through field enquiry.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Geography and grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contact: Mrs S Carpenter

Exam Board: AQA

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Physical geography Water and carbon cycles, Coasts and Hazards	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
2	Human geography Global systems and governance, Changing places and Contemporary urban environment	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
3	Geographical Investigation Involves a residential field trip to Slapton Sands, South Devon which results in a 3,000 to 4,000 word individual investigation	-	20%



Health & Social Care

(Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate)

Course aims

The aim of this vocational course is to provide learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress into Higher Education or employment. It gives them the exciting opportunity to gain a wider understanding of health and social care issues in different environments where care takes place, combining both exam based and portfolio assessment. All students are expected to organise a work experience week which will take place in the first academic term.

For the extended certificate, which is equivalent to a traditional A Level, students will study 6 Units. The 4 mandatory units are:

Building Positive relationships in health and social care	60 hours	Internal Assessment
Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care	60 hours	External Assessment
Health, safety and security in health and social care	60 hours	External Assessment
Anatomy and Physiology for Health and social care	90 hours	External Assessment

Students will also study the following 90 credit units below:

Supporting people with mental health conditions	60 hours	Internal Assessment
Public Health	30 hours	Internal Assessment

The final Grade awarded will be Pass, Merit or Distinction.

For the certificate in Health and Social care, equivalent to an AS level, students will study:

Building Positive relationships in health and social care	60 hours	Internal Assessment
Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care	60 hours	External Assessment
Health, safety and security in health and social care	60 hours	External Assessment

Staff contacts: Ms C Bishton-Moseseli

Exam Board: RSA (OCR)



History

Course aims

- Study the social, cultural, economic, religious and political aspects of a diverse range of countries, including Britain
- Develop key skills such as observation, analysis and argument through studying a variety of periods of History across over 200 years
- Promote an understanding of the present through the past
- Study change over time in a unit of study that covers 100 years of change
- Look at a period of History in depth over 20 to 40 years
- Provide the opportunity to complete an independently researched historical enquiry (coursework) on a question, problem or issue that has generated disagreement among historians
- Encourage independent research and the ability to locate and sift facts
- Improve written communication and essay writing
- Prepare students for degree level studies

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE History and grade 5 in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Staff contact: Mr T Dove Exam Board: EDEXCEL

UNIT	TITLE	METHOD	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1D	Britain, c1785-c1870: Democracy, Protest and Reform.	Written exam 3 essays	2 hours 15 minutes	30%
2D.1	The Unification of Italy, c1830-70.	Written exam 1 source based and 1 essay	1 hour 30 minutes	20%
38.2	The Making of Modern China, 1860-1997.	Written exam 1 source based and 2 essays	2 hours 15 minutes	30%
COURSE WORK	Interpretations of History The assignment must be based on a question, problem or issue that has generated disagreement among historians.	Independent research essay on interpretations of a topic of your choice in History. 3000-4000 words maximum		20%



Mathematical Studies

Course aims

Mathematical Studies, also known as Core Maths, is a course for those students who want to keep up their valuable maths skills but are not planning to take A Level Mathematics. It is a one-year course leading to a Level 3 qualification (similar to an AS Level), with Grades A to E. Assessment is by final examination at the end of Year 12.

Mathematical Studies has been designed to maintain and develop real-life skills. What we study is not purely theoretical or abstract; it is mathematics that can be applied on a day-to-day basis in work, study or life and includes a financial maths element. It will also help with some A Level subjects, especially since many A Level specifications have an increased mathematical element, in particular with Science, Geography, Business Studies, Psychology, Economics and Computer Science. We require that students taking these A Levels without Maths A Level should study Mathematical Studies. It will also help students to hit the ground running on university courses requiring mathematical insight.

The problem-solving focus of Mathematical Studies also equips students with relevant skills that will be highly regarded by employers from many different sectors.

Entry requirements

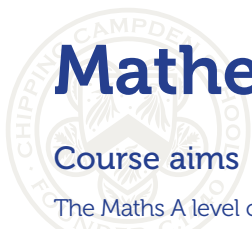
Students require at least Grade 4 and above in Mathematics at GCSE to study this course.

Staff contacts: Mrs J Cains

Exam Board: AQA

UNIT	TITLE	LEVEL	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Data analysis, personal finance, estimation and mathematical models	Level 3	1 hours 30 minutes	50%
2	Statistical techniques	Level 3	1 hours 30 minutes	50%





Mathematics & Further Mathematics

Course aims

The Maths A level course builds upon number, ratio and proportion, algebra, shape space and measure and statistics and probability from GCSE and splits into 3 key strands. All students will be assessed on their knowledge of Pure Mathematics, Mechanics and Statistics at the end of the course.

In Pure Mathematics you study proof, algebra and functions, coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane, sequences and series, trigonometry, exponentials and logarithms, differentiation, integration, numerical methods and vectors. In statistics you will study statistical sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability, statistical distributions and statistical hypothesis testing and in Mechanics you will study quantities and units in mechanics, kinematics, forces and Newton's laws and moments.

The assessment objectives include a considerable emphasis on modelling, problem-solving and reasoning and for this reason, any students considering this course must have mathematical resilience.

Further Maths goes into much more breadth and depth. For the compulsory units of Core Pure, students study further proof, complex numbers, matrices, further algebra and functions, further calculus, further vectors, polar coordinates, hyperbolic functions and differential equations. There are then the optional units that the school chooses which are Further Mechanics and Further Pure 1.

Some universities require Further Mathematics for particular courses but even those where it is not required, it is extremely desirable. Students studying Further Mathematics must also study A Level Mathematics. Therefore, Mathematics will be studied in two option blocks and will lead to two separate A Levels. For particularly able mathematicians, this could be considered as a fourth subject and we can also discuss the potential of taking this as an AS level.

Chipping Campden School follows the Edexcel Mathematics specifications (2017).

Entry requirements

Students are required to have a Grade 7 in Mathematics GCSE and an aptitude for algebra is vital along with a resilient approach to learning.

For Further Mathematics, students should have achieved a Grade 7 in Mathematics GCSE as a minimum qualification.

Staff contacts: Mrs E Taylor and Mrs J Cains.



MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

Paper 1 – 2 hours	Pure Maths	33.3%
Paper 2 – 2 hours	Pure Maths	33.3%
Paper 3 – 2 hours	Statistics and Mechanics	33.3%

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Paper 1 – 1.5 hours	Core Pure Maths 1 (Compulsory unit)	25%
Paper 2 – 1.5 hours	Core Pure Maths 2 (Compulsory unit)	25%
Paper 3 – 1.5 hours	Further Mechanics (Option paper chosen by the school)	25%
Paper 4 – 1.5 hours	Further Pure 1 (Option paper chosen by the school)	25%

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

Media Studies

Course aims

To foster an understanding of media products, the practices which lead to their production, the institutions in which they are produced and the audiences who consume them. Students will be given the opportunity to work with media technologies in imaginative and inventive ways.

The mass media play a central role in contemporary culture, society and politics. They shape our perceptions of the world through the representations, points of view and ideas they offer. The media have real relevance and importance in our lives today, providing us with ways to communicate, with forms of cultural expression and the ability to participate in key aspects of society.

Course Content

Learners study a range of media forms in terms of a theoretical framework which consists of media language, representation, media industries and audiences. All aspects of this theoretical framework are applied to magazines, newspapers, television, online, social and participatory media. Advertising and marketing, film, music video, radio and video games are studied in relation to sections of the framework. Additionally, students will plan and create a media product of their own, to demonstrate their understanding of production practices, audience targeting and technical codes.

Entry requirements

Prospective students should have acquired the skills and knowledge associated with study at GCSE level and attained at least a Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature. Prior study of the media is helpful but not essential. Clearly, an interest in the mass media will be important, but creative flair, good I.T. skills and experience in the Creative Arts (Music, Drama, Art) would be a definite advantage.

Staff contact: Mrs V Edmunds

Exam Board: EDUQAS

UNIT	TITLE	METHOD	WEIGHTING
1	Media Products and Industries	Written examination	35%
2	Media Forms and Products in Depth	Written examination	35%
3	Practical Coursework		30%





Cambridge Technicals Extended Certificate in Digital Media

Course outline

360 GLH - Equivalent to one A level in terms of size

- 3 mandatory units - Units 1 and 2 (each unit is 90 GLH) and Unit 3 (60 GLH)
- Plus a minimum of 120 GLH chosen from the optional units (30 GLH and 60 GLH)

It will provide learners with the opportunity through applied learning to develop the core specialist knowledge, skills and understanding required in the digital media sector

This qualification is suitable for learners

- Who want to gain a Level 3 qualification to support further study in Further Education (FE) or Higher Education (HE) in Digital Media
- Looking to gain a Level 3 qualification to support further study in FE or (HE) in any other sector or subject area
- Who want to progress into a media-related apprenticeships.

Course content

Year 12:

Unit 1: Media products and audiences – exam: The aim of this unit is for students to develop their understanding of how different media institutions operate in order to create products that will appeal to specific target audiences

Unit 3: Create a media product – coursework: Develop knowledge and understanding of the production processes of producing a media product from one of the following: Print-based product, Audio-visual product, Audio product.

Unit 22- Scripting for Media Products- coursework: You will understand scripts and the part they play in a range of media products.

Year 13:

Unit 2: Pre-production and planning –exam: You will understand the pre-production process the creative media industry follows when creating a product.

Unit 20: Advertising media- coursework: You will understand advertising campaigns and how audio-visual, print based or audio advertising media are used within them. You will plan an advertising campaign for a product or service, selecting the appropriate media components to produce it.



Unit 23: Create a personal media profile- coursework: In this unit you will create a showcase of the work you have been producing supported by a personal media profile.

Entry requirements

Any five GCSEs at grade 4 including GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and GCSE Maths.

Staff contact: Mrs V Edmunds

Exam Board: RSA (OCR)

Modern Languages

French, German and Spanish

Course aims

The aim of the course is to develop confident linguists who are able to communicate in spoken and written German, French or Spanish for a variety of purposes in daily life, society and the working world.

Students are encouraged to increase their awareness of current events and cultural matters in the target country.

A variety of texts and on-line materials are employed to develop grammatical proficiency and encourage written and spoken fluency. Most of the teaching is in the target language and in addition, students benefit from individualised speaking sessions with a native language assistant. A further aim of the course is to train students in the study skills which will allow them to continue language studies at a higher level or to learn other languages.

Entry requirements

The course is for motivated students who have achieved a Grade 6 or above at GCSE in Languages.

Staff contacts: Mrs C Matelet-Allberry (French), Mr B Wride (Spanish) and Mrs K Motley (German)

Exam Board: AQA

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Listening, Reading & translations	2 hours 30 minutes	50%
2	Written exam - 2 essays	2 hours	20%
3	Oral exam	21-23 minutes (inc. 5 minutes prep)	30%





Music

Course aims

The A Level course is linked closely to what has been studied at GCSE. It allows students to perform, compose, listen and study in detail, many different styles and forms of music. We offer the WJEC course which is broken up into units, and is an extension of the main study areas encountered at GCSE. Some new skills are required and the depth of study is increased. In particular candidates need to be able to follow musical scores in several different styles.

The course comprises a mixture of coursework and examinations. New in the specification is that the performance is now a live examination marked by a visiting examiner. You will be required to perform pieces equivalent to Grade 5-6 standard, although extra credit is given for playing pieces of a higher standard. You can choose whether you wish to have performance or composition as your strongest option with one being 35% of the course, the other 25%. The written paper tests knowledge of two key areas: the symphony between 1750 and 1900 and Rock and Pop between 1960 – 1990.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above at GCSE Music or other proof of musical ability, for example Grade 5-8 on an instrument. It is a requirement that you are able to read both treble and bass clefs.

Staff contact: Mrs H Hesketh

Exam Board: EDUQAS

MODULE	WEIGHTING	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Option A	Performance 35% Composition 25%	A performance lasting between 10-12 mins of around Grade 6 together with 2 compositions lasting between 4 - 6 mins.
Option B	Composition 35% Performance 25%	A performance lasting between 6-8 mins and 3 compositions lasting between 8-10 mins
Listening & Appraising	40% (A 90 minute examination in June)	There are two main areas of study: • The symphony 1750-1900 • Rock and Pop 1960-1990 There are a mix of listening and essay questions - some will test your general musicianship with questions on unfamiliar works.



Photography

Course aims

If you have an interest in a career within the world of Photography, which incorporates Filmmaking, TV, Animation, Photo-Journalism, Graphic Design, Illustration and more, this is the course for you. In this exciting and creative A-Level course, you will develop knowledge, understanding and confidence in a wide range of photographic processes, media and genre. You will learn how to use traditional professional photographic equipment, alongside digital techniques and processes using Adobe Photoshop. You will explore the work of influential photographers across history and from different cultures, learning about their style and approach, and using what you learn to inform your own original pieces. Through exploring key photographic concepts you will develop your visual intelligence and your understanding of the photographic potential of the world around you. You will foster a passion for, enjoyment of and interest in photography. We pride ourselves on our positive, inclusive, individualised, and supportive approach to teaching.

Future Study:

This A-Level course leads perfectly into the further study of a degree course in Photography. Photography can also be combined with other subjects, in degree courses such as Photography with Creative Writing, Graphic Design and Photography, alongside other options. A Photography A-Level may also be useful in accessing degree courses in Advertising, Fashion, Film, Forensic Science, Architecture and more.

Course Content:

The A-Level course is taught over two years and features two units of work, coursework (Personal Investigation) and an Exam (Externally Set Task). All of Year 12 and part of Year 13 are focussed on building a portfolio of work making up the coursework unit. From February in Year 13, the focus switches to the exam, with a body of supporting work produced in the lead up to the 15 hour exam.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE Photography or GCSE Art (if taken). A working knowledge of photography and photographic processes is desirable, although not essential, alongside a passion for the subject and a positive work ethic. Access to a digital SLR camera and Photoshop or a similar digital photographic editing software would also be desirable.

Staff contact: Mrs V Simpson and Mr R Grover

Exam Board: OCR



UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Personal Investigation and related study.	Runs through Year 12, up to the start of February in Year 13.	60%
2	Externally set task.	Runs from 1st of February in Year 13. Preparation time is usually around 10 to 12 school weeks, with a 15 hour exam.	40% (This mark is based on your support work AND the work produced in the 15 hour exam).

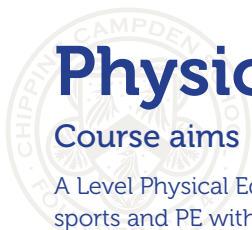
Personal Investigation and Related Study:

A portfolio of practical work – showing your personal response to a starting point. This will include experimentation with photographic processes, development of your theme through the production of a series of photographs and exploration of the work of professional photographers across History and different cultures.

A related study - a piece of written research of a minimum of 1000 words, marked as a separate component of the Coursework, exploring a theme relevant to your practical coursework.

Externally Set Task:

The exam paper is issued on 1st February in Year 13. The paper features a series of themes to select from. A body of supporting work relevant to your chosen theme is developed, leading to the 15-hour exam, where a final outcome is created. Your planning work goes into your exam with you.



Physical Education

Course aims

A Level Physical Education encourages students to immerse themselves in the world of sports and PE with the chance to gain recognition for sports performance (through the non-exam assessment component), and through the theoretical aspects of the course delve into the how and why of physical activity and sport.

A Level Physical Education is an excellent basis for a university degree in sports science, sports management, healthcare, exercise and health and the qualification complements further study in Biology, Physics, Psychology, Nutrition, Sociology and many other areas.

This field of study can open up a range of career opportunities including: sports development, sports coaching, physiotherapy, personal training or becoming one of the next generation of PE teachers.

Students can develop a range of practical skills, including communication using appropriate language, dealing with pressure, split second decision-making, analysing and evaluating performance, and more.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE PE (if taken), if not grades 65 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 6 in GCSE Biology (separate sciences) and grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature. Students must be participating regularly in at least one sport outside school.

Staff contact: Mr T Cole

Examination board: OCR

UNIT	TITLE & CONTENT	ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING
1	Physiological factors affecting performance • Applied anatomy and physiology • Exercise physiology • Biomechanics	A 2 hour written paper worth 90 marks and 30% of the total A Level
2	Physiological factors affecting performance • Skill acquisition • Sports psychology	A 1 hour written paper worth 60 marks and 20% of the total A Level
3	Socio-cultural issues in physical activity & sport • Sport and society • Contemporary issues in physical activity and sport	A 1 hour written paper worth 60 marks and 20% of the total A Level
4	Performance in physical education • Physical performance • Evaluation and analysis of performance for Improvement (EAPI)	Non-exam assessment. Practical performance worth 15% and EAPI also worth 15% of the total A Level

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3

(Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate)

Course aims

Students will gain an insight into the sports industry sector as they investigate opportunities for delivering sport and physical activity to a wide range of participants, whether it is to mobilise sedentary people to improve their health and wellbeing or to support regular participants to improve their performance and fitness, all done in a safe and professional environment. In doing so, students will also gain core skills required for employment or further study in the sector such as communication, analysis, organisation, and adaptation. Students will practically apply their skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace through a series of units and assessed via a combination of written exam papers and internally assessed coursework.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE PE or a vocational equivalent (if taken), otherwise grades 54 in GCSE Science (combined sciences) or Grade 5 in GCSE Biology.

Staff contact: Mr T Cole

Examination board: OCR

ASSESSED UNITS:	
Body systems and effects of physical activity	(External Assessment)
Sports coaching and activity leadership	(Internal Assessment)
Sports organisation and development	(External Assessment)
Nutrition and diet for sport and exercise	(Internal Assessment)
Practical skills in sport and physical activities	(Internal Assessment)
Physical activity for specific groups	(Internal Assessment)

Physics

Course aims

The course aims to provide a stimulating and rewarding programme of study that inspires curiosity about the physical world and develops a deep understanding of the laws that govern it. Students are encouraged to think critically, apply their knowledge to unfamiliar situations and develop the confidence to tackle complex problems. Practical investigation is an integral part of the course, helping students build resilience, analytical thinking and independence. We have high expectations of our students and seek to equip them with the creativity, intuition and employability skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing world, whether they pursue further study, apprenticeships or careers in science, engineering and beyond.

Entry requirements

It is expected that students will have a knowledge and understanding of Physics at Grade 7 in a GCSE examination in Science (Double Award) or Grade 7 in Physics single award. In addition, students are required to have a minimum Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

If you are not choosing A Level Mathematics, you are required to take Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to complement this subject.

Staff contacts: Mr. M Prince and Mr T Webber

Exam Board: EDEXCEL

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Mechanics & Further Mechanics Electric Circuits Electric and Magnetic Fields Nuclear and Particle Physics	1 hour 45 minutes	30%
2	Materials Waves and Particle Nature of Light Thermodynamics Space & Nuclear Radiation Gravitational Fields Oscillations	1 hour 45 minutes	30%
3	Synoptic & Practical skills	2 hours 30 minutes	40%



Politics

Course aims

This is a demanding, lively and contemporary course in which you will study British and American Politics and political ideologies. Students will build on the critical skills developed in their various GCSE studies. They will be expected to keep abreast of recent political developments on both sides of the Atlantic and must be prepared to read widely around the subject. They must have an open, enquiring mind and be able to understand information, synthesise it quickly and formulate arguments in a persuasive manner.

Students considering taking the course should have a keen interest in contemporary politics and be prepared to tackle some substantial, challenging texts. They must enjoy writing, discussion and debate.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Staff contacts: Mr T Dove

Exam Board: AQA

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION	WEIGHTING
1	Government and Politics of the UK	2 hours	33%
2	Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics	2 hours	33%
3	Political Ideas	2 hours	33%



Product Design

Course aims

The A Level Product Design course is a rigorous, exciting, practical based course designed to inspire and develop the designers of the future through a multi discipline, multi-material, approach. Students will work on developing key research, analysis, critical thinking, problem solving and project management skills. This is completed through a curriculum that is focused on using real world examples and authentic learning experiences that reflect modern practice in the design, development and manufacturing industries.

The Product Design A Level is a design led course. It enables students to develop key skills to ultimately complete a significant iterative design project that will use any materials selected by the students to design, develop and manufacture a product that solves a problem or stakeholders need identified by the student.

The key skills are:

1. Developing innovative design and development skills to communicate ideas to others.
2. To work collaboratively as a team to prepare for work in commercial design settings.
3. To develop intellectual curiosity about the design, development, manufacturing and engineering industries.
4. To become independent critical thinkers who can apply their learning across a wide variety of different situations and contexts.

Entry requirements

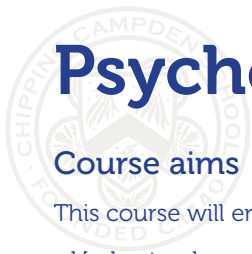
Grade 5 or equivalent at GCSE in Design Technology or by arrangement with Head of Design Technology.

Staff contact: Mrs K Padfield-Bayley

Exam Board: AQA

TITLE	CONTENT	WEIGHTING
Exam 1	Technical Principals	30% of final grade
Exam 2	Designing & Making Principals	20% of final grade
Non-Exam assessment	Evidenced by a design portfolio including a practical application of technical principals combined with designing and making principals	50% of final grade





Psychology

Course aims

This course will enable students to:

- Understand psychological theories and methods used to collect data
- Explore topics which reflect contemporary issues
- Explore different areas of psychology, including cognitive, social and physiological psychology
- Replicate key studies/experiments in psychology
- Interpret data and evaluate findings
- Gain awareness of the ethical issues in psychology, particularly in the field of research
- Enhance their critical thinking

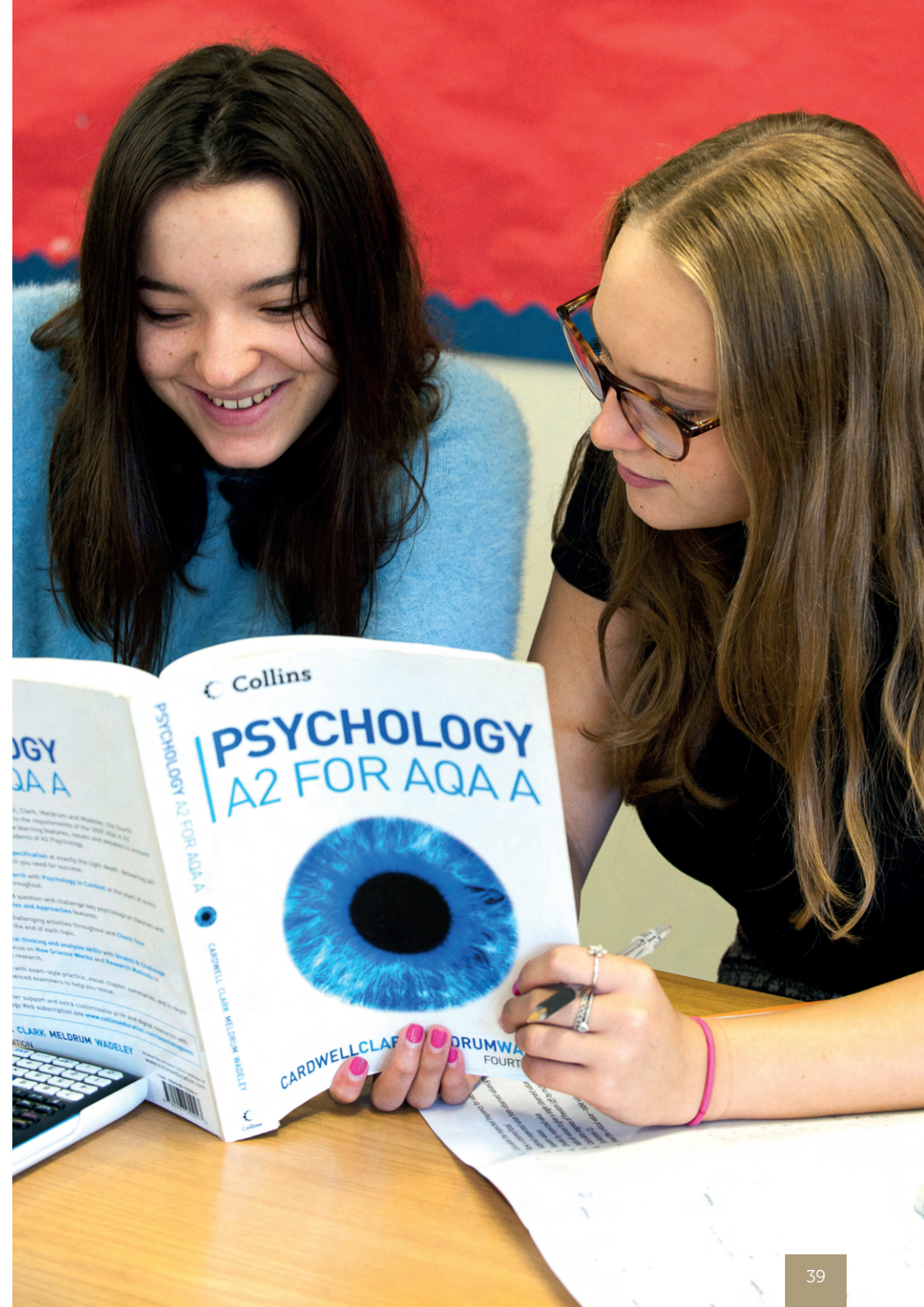
Entry requirements

Grade 6 in a GCSE Science, grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and grade 5 in GCSE Maths. Students will need sound literacy and numeracy skills. Mathematics will be applied at the level needed to fully support scientific knowledge, understanding and problem solving. Enjoying debates would be an advantage as examinations require considering a range of explanations for behaviour. Students will need to be highly motivated to tackle a new and challenging subject.

In addition to studying Psychology A Level you will be required to undertake Mathematical Studies (see pg.28) to support the data analysis element of the course – an essential assessed skill.

Staff contact: Miss G Daniels Exam Board: AQA

PAPER	TITLE	DURATION & WEIGHTING
1	Introductory topics in Psychology: Social psychology, memory, attachment and psychopathology	2 hours 33.3%
2	Psychology in context: Approaches, bio-psychology and research methods	2 hours 33.3%
3	Issues and options in Psychology: Issues and debates, relationships, schizophrenia and forensic psychology	2 hours 33.3%



Religious Studies

Philosophy, Ethics and developments in religious thought

Course aims

The aim of the course is to develop a questioning attitude. Students will learn how to critically analyse philosophical arguments and consider the works of key thinkers. The course content complements other subjects studied at A Level, both in arts and sciences. It is regarded as academically challenging and is well received in applications for a wide range of university courses.

Ethics is about moral choices. Students will consider in detail deontological and teleological systems of ethics including the ideas of Kant and Jeremy Bentham. These normative theories will be applied to the right to die debate, business ethics and questions about sex and sexuality. In Year 13 we ask 'what is conscience' and consider whether moral statements are objective or simply subjective and culturally relative.

Philosophy of Religion focuses on the works of Plato and Aristotle, challenges arguments for the existence of God and considers the possibility of life after death. In Year 13 we look at religious language and logical positivism.

Developments in religious thought focuses on what it means to be human, the relationship between religion and society and gender and theology. We also consider the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE RE (if taken) and grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature.

Staff contact: Miss C Reynalds

Exam Board: OCR





Sociology

Course aims

This course will enable students to:

- Understand sociological theories, research studies and the methods used to collect data
- Explore topics which reflect diversity in contemporary society
- Gain an understanding of society's influence on the individual
- Gain an understanding of their role in society
- Develop analytical skills

Entry requirements

Interest in the experiences and viewpoints of others. Students are expected to have achieved a minimum of a Grade 5 or above in both English Language and English Literature. Excellent literacy skills are necessary to express complex arguments in a new, highly conceptual subject.

Staff contact: Miss G Daniels

Exam Board: AQA

PAPER	TITLE	DURATION & WEIGHTING
1	Education and methods in context	2 hours 33.3%
2	Research methods and topics in Sociology	2 hours 33.3%
3	Crime and deviance with theory and methods	2 hours 33.3%



Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Course aims

The aims of the course are to provide students in KS5 the opportunity to show case the independent learning skills required for Post A level study, pursue research into a personally chosen area of academic interest and to gain up to 28 additional UCAS points.

EPQ offers students the opportunity to improve their recruitment potential by offering something additional to their A level programme. An increasing number of universities are including EPQ in their offers and offering a lower offer if a top grade in EPQ is achieved. Students often report that their motivation is increased by the opportunity to study a topic area of personal interest. It is certainly most satisfying to be able to apply the skills developed through an EPQ in other areas of learning

EPQ is completed as a stand-alone qualification, which must entail extension from studies in any other qualification studied Post 16.

Entry requirements

Positive attitude to learning grades in Year 12; an interest in learning about the academic research process and a desire to learn. The qualification requires extended autonomous work and the guideline time commitment is 120 guided learning hours in total.

At Chipping Campden School, delivery of the qualification commences during the Spring term of Year 12 with submission of the final project in February of Year 13.

Staff contacts: Ms C Bishton-Moseseli and Mrs C Clarke Exam Board: AQA

Assessment criteria

Delivery of the Extended Project Qualification will involve one taught lesson per fortnight in a group and one supervision session per fortnight, one- to one, with a nominated supervisor.

Students are required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- choose an area of interest
- draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the centre
- plan, research and carry out the project
- deliver a presentation to a non- specialist audience
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment

Assessment is 100% coursework. Students will submit a detailed production log, either a 5,000 word report/dissertation, or a shorter report of 1,500 words to accompany an artefact (a performance in any discipline, lecture, visual arts – for example).



What some of our external students are saying....



"From the start of my application process I was treated with nothing but respect, kindness, and inclusivity. The staff are honest and always have a genuine care for us as pupils and as individuals."

*Isabella Barnes
Shipston High School*



"All of the students and staff have been so welcoming and helpful. Chipping Campden Sixth Form is perfect as it offers all the subjects I wanted to study and a wide range of extra-curricular activities, all with great teaching."

*Emily Hutton
Warwickshire College Group*



"Changing schools felt intimidating at first, but everyone at Chipping Campden was so friendly and helpful that I felt welcome in no time."

*George Lewis
Stratford High School*



"From the very first day I felt welcomed into Campden. The supportive teachers and friendly students have helped me settle in quickly, and I already feel part of the community."

*Michael Meadows
King Edward VI School*



"Chipping Campden was my first choice sixth form because it offered all the A-level subjects that I wanted to take. Since arriving at CCS, the students and teachers have made me feel so welcome and I'm settling in well."

*Louisa Berry
Kingham Hill School*



"I was nervous about starting as an external student, but the teachers have been incredibly supportive and welcoming. They quickly helped me settle in and feel a part of the school's community."

*Sienna Rowland
Bishop Walsh Catholic School*



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