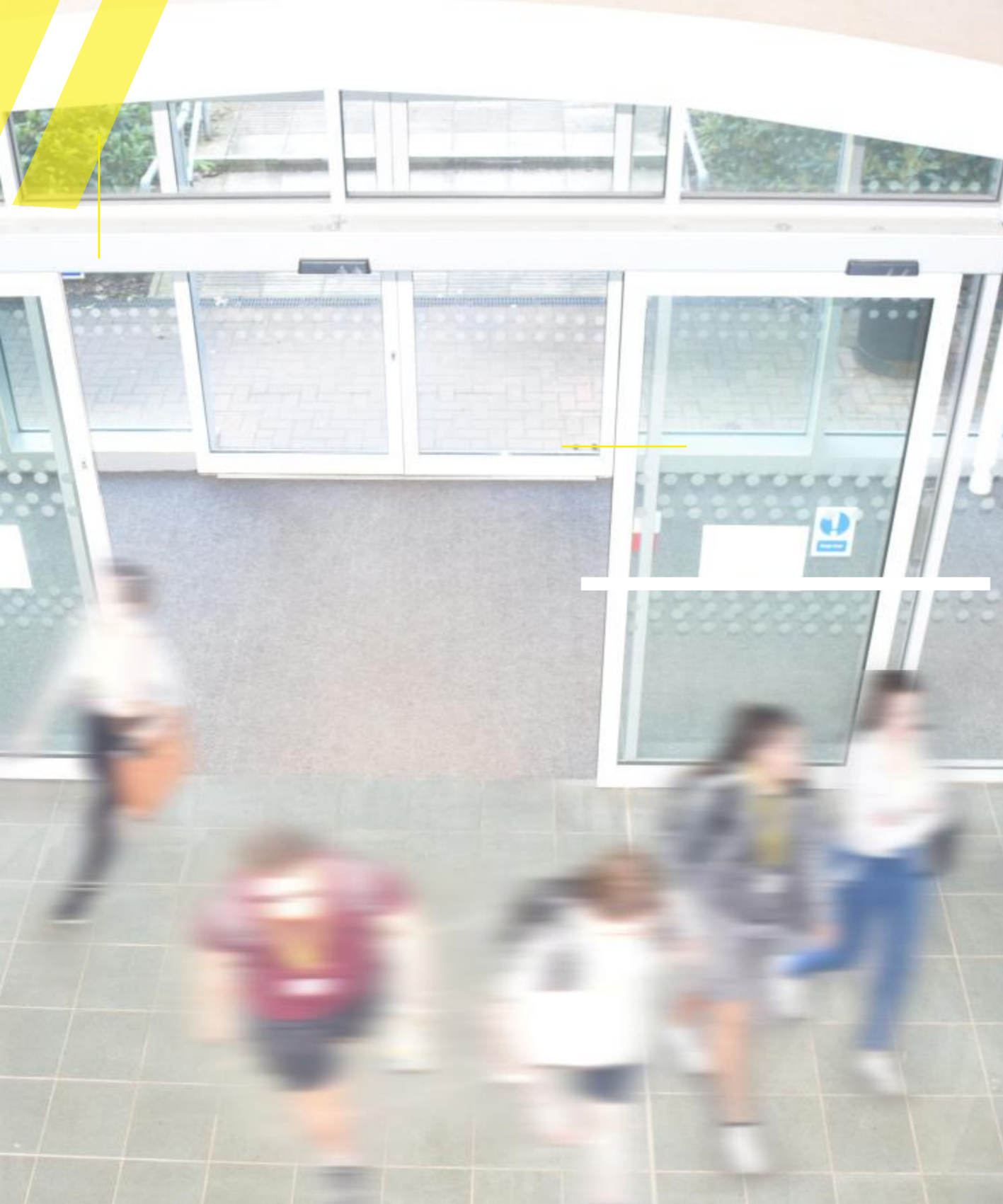


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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome and thank you for your interest in Cowley Sixth Form College.

Cowley is a special place. Every year, we welcome students into the Sixth Form from many schools across St Helens and further afield. We pride ourselves on the support offered to every individual that joins Cowley and truly believe that every one of our students has an amazing potential to succeed.



The move to Sixth Form can be challenging and you can be assured that there will be a team of experienced professionals to walk alongside you during your unique journey. At the same time, our high standards and expectations ensure that every individual develops the ability to become independent and responsible life-long learners, fully equipped with the skill set to progress in their chosen field.

Cowley is a larger than average Sixth Form which means we offer a wide portfolio of courses to our students. This ranges from traditional A-levels to vocational qualifications and career-based courses. Whatever your decision, you can guarantee that you will be taught by experts in the subject who are willing to go that extra mile to ensure that you achieve your true potential.

Hopefully, this prospectus will give you an insight into the many opportunities Cowley Sixth Form can offer; however, the real test is to see for yourself!

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you in person at one of our college Open Evenings and wish you the very best of luck in your studies.

Mrs D Faulkner
Director of Cowley Sixth Form

WHY STUDY AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE?

1

Personalised learning

The personalised learning approach ensures that in our small classes, our skilled teachers are responsive to each individual student.

This ensures that all students are supported, stretched and challenged so that they achieve their full potential.

2

Course choice

We offer courses ranging from traditional A-levels to vocational BTEC courses. In addition, we have our popular work-related learning courses.

Want to mix and match A-levels with BTECs? No problem! We offer students the flexibility to blend their studies so they can pick and choose the courses they want.

3

Small class sizes

There are many positives to learning in a small group environment: quicker feedback, more attention/support from the teacher, less chance of students getting left behind and students working in small groups tend to gain confidence more quickly than in a busy group.

4

High achievers

High achievers are supported financially and academically on our tailored programmes: Cowley Honours Programme and our Cowley Scholars Programme.

5

Our university and employer links

Our excellent links with employers and universities means that students benefit from visits to universities as well as relevant work experience placements.

COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE IS...



...A PLACE TO BELONG AND BE HAPPY

Cowley Sixth Form is a popular Sixth Form College attracting students from schools across the borough and beyond. Student happiness is of paramount importance to us. You matter and we care.

The College is an inclusive Sixth Form and a place where students form life-long friendships. Through the numerous clubs and enrichment activities that we offer, as well as through our break-out spaces and landscaped grounds, there is ample opportunity to socialise and make friends with other students who have similar interests to you.

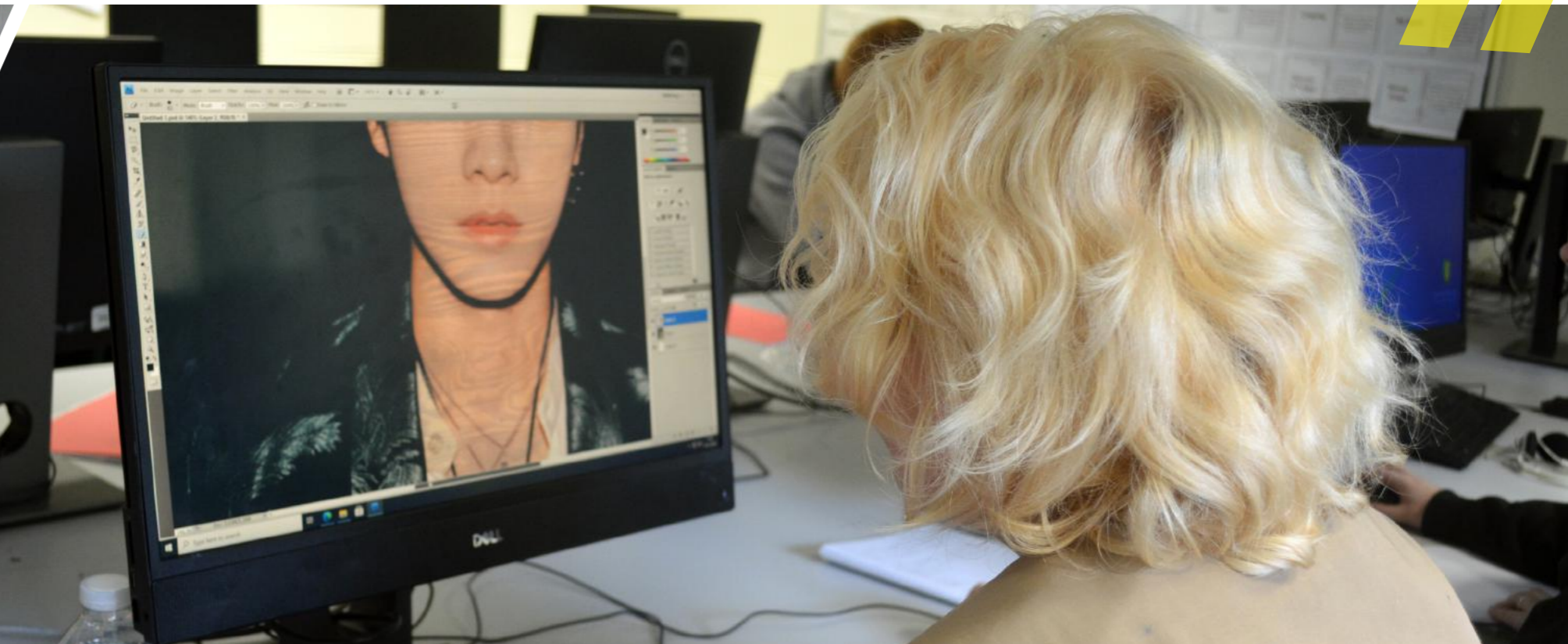
Get the most from your time at Sixth Form.

We understand the transition from GCSE to Sixth Form studies can be daunting.

We have a purpose-built, staffed Study Area open daily from 8.15am to 4pm to help you make a flying start to your studies.

You will be taught by experienced subject specialists who want you to succeed. The support available, both inside and outside of the classroom, is first class. You can be sure your teachers will be there for you, to offer help and advice, every step of your learning journey.

With ample ICT resources and space to work independently, or in small groups, we will support you to make the transition to Sixth Form a successful one.



SUPPORTING YOU ON YOUR SIXTH FORM JOURNEY

The move to Sixth Form is an opportunity for you to grow in confidence and gain more independence as a young adult. However, we understand the challenges you may face along the way, and our team are here to support and guide you.

Supporting you in your studies

Student Performance and Development Tutor

At Cowley Sixth Form College, we have a specialist team of Student Performance and Development Tutors (SPDT). We want to get to know you well so that we can help you to achieve your full potential. Your SPDT will be your critical and professional friend whilst you are studying with us. You will meet with them each week and have regular one-to-one meetings to talk exclusively about you.

Your SPDT will help you to settle quickly into college life and they will work with you to ensure you achieve the best results possible. Your SPDT will help you to think about your goals, set targets to enable you to reach those goals and track your progress. Being a sixth form student is about being an independent learner and being able to self-evaluate, which means recognising your strengths and weaknesses and taking responsibility for your own learning.

Your SPDT will have a clear overview of your academic and personal development whilst at college and will support you along your journey to success. They will be a central supportive figure in your transition from school to college, as well as managing all aspects of your progression to Higher Education and employment.

The pastoral support will ensure that every individual is able to seek the help they need through a programme of regular one-to-one meetings in addition to larger group sessions, addressing key aspects of personal development (e.g. mental health awareness) and with a strong focus on progression planning for life after Sixth Form.

In addition to your SPDT, we have a team of people who are here to support you in your academic studies. Your subject teachers will play a critical role in supporting you in your achievements and these, combined with a range of specific support staff, including your Year Coordinator and Study Area Mentor, will all work hard to ensure that you achieve your full potential.

Supporting you financially

If you are worried that you may struggle with the associated costs of attending college, you may be eligible to receive financial support through the 16-19 bursary.

The students most in need of financial support will be eligible to receive a bursary of £1,200 each year. In addition, for other students facing genuine financial difficulties, there is the Discretionary Bursary Fund that can support you with travel or equipment costs associated with being a full-time student.

We can help students to understand what they could get and to assist with any applications for support.



COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE IS...

Throughout the year, special events take place that are dedicated to improving student health and wellbeing.

...A CARING AND NURTURING COLLEGE

We are a friendly Sixth Form College and we pride ourselves on having a caring team of Sixth Form staff who provide exceptional pastoral care.

Students will find our expectations of them are of the highest standard and that we will go above and beyond to ensure that they become independent and responsible life-long learners.

Be somewhere that cares.

LIFE AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM



Educational trips

We offer a wide range of trips throughout the year in order for students to explore subjects beyond the classroom.

Educational trips that you could be part of include:

- Lectures & masterclasses
- Galleries and museums
- Theatrical performances
- University visits and overnight stays

UK, Europe and overseas trips

Departments organise trips to enrich learning. Examples of recent trips include: an Art trip to Brighton and a Modern Foreign Language trip to Berlin.

Work experience

All students take part in work experience during Year 12. The college has a dedicated Work Related Learning Mentor to assist in finding suitable placements.

A caring community

Throughout the year, students are encouraged to take part in charity events. Annually, there is a 5K charity fun run that students can take part in. A charity highlight of the year is Children in Need where numerous fun events take place to raise money.

Enrichment

We provide a whole host of opportunities for Sixth Form students to discover and develop new skills outside the classroom. Our exciting programme of enrichment activities are designed to develop personal and social skills. See page 26 for more information.

Sports

There are many teams that you can join during your time at Cowley Sixth Form College to help improve personal fitness whilst making lasting friendships. We have teams in: rugby, hockey, cricket, badminton, netball and football.

Leavers' celebrations

From formal to themed, our Year 13 Leavers' celebrations are a big hit with everyone.

Last year, our Year 13 send off took place at the Moët and Chandon Champagne Bar Suite at Haydock Park Racecourse.

The Oscars-themed evening saw students dressed to impress as they danced the night away late into the evening.





WIFI
THROUGHOUT

A COLLEGE WITH OUTSTANDING FACILITIES



PERFORMING ARTS

SPRUNG DANCE FLOOR
DANCE STUDIO



SPORTS

ALL YEAR 3G PITCH
SPORTS HALL
WEIGHTS ROOM
GYM



MEDIA & GAMING

APPLE MAC SUITES
VIDEO CAMERAS
RETRO CONSOLES
ALIENWARE PCS



MUSIC

PRACTICE ROOMS
GUITARS, PIANOS,
KEYBOARDS, BASS,
DRUM KITS



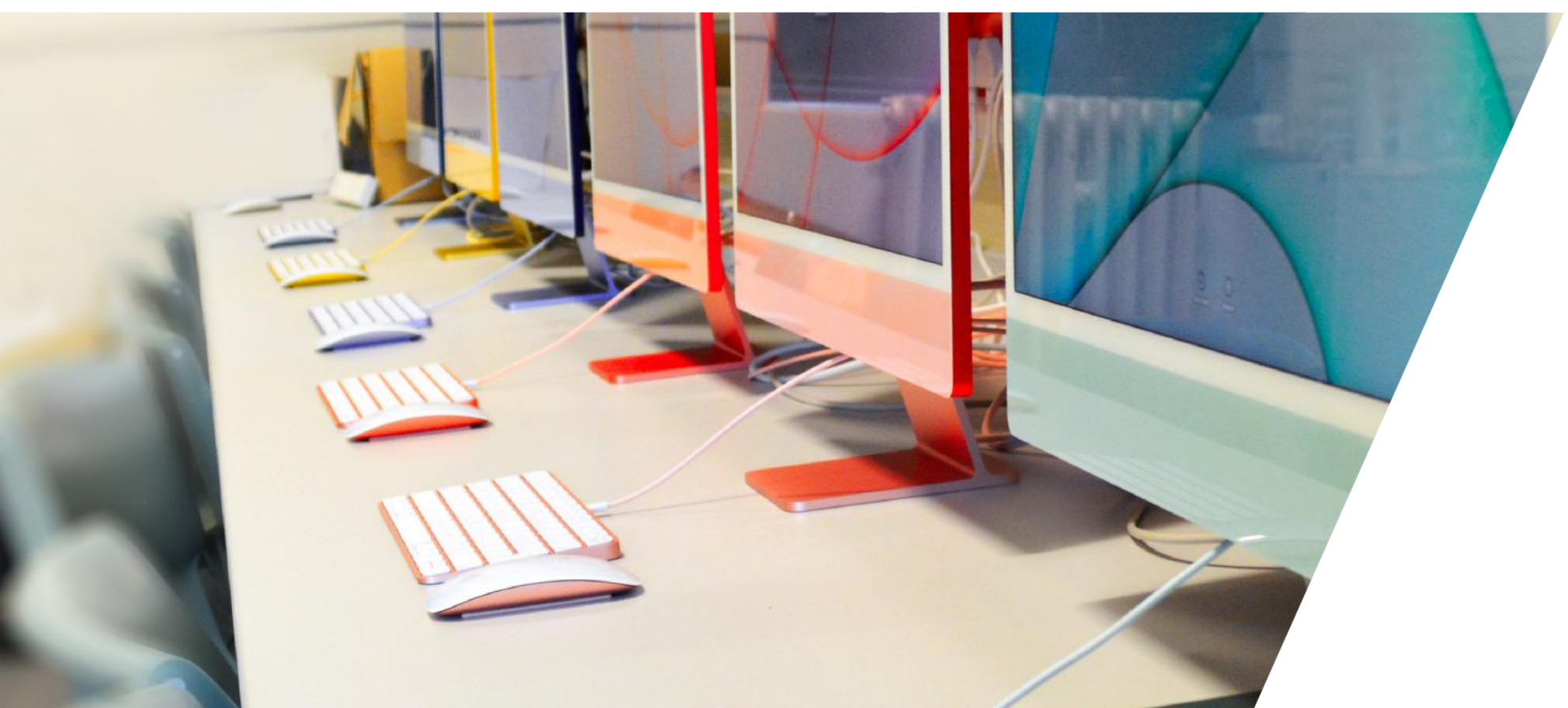
STUDY RESOURCES

2 COMPUTER SUITES
APPLE MAC SUITE
24 HOUR NETWORK ACCESS



ANIMAL CENTRE

HEATED AQUARIUMS
AVIARY
OUTDOOR PENS



Though the Sixth Form campus is steeped in history, we have continually invested in facilities to ensure we can provide a supportive learning environment to meet the needs of every student.

Sixth Form students have access to excellent facilities, including state-of-the-art science laboratories, a fully equipped music department, stunning performing arts theatre and a well-equipped sports centre with a fitness suite, fully sprung dance floor and climbing wall.

A quiet library and study area is located at the very top of the building for independent and supported study.

It is not just on campus that students benefit from our modern and dynamic learning environment; students have 24-hour access to the college network and all software, including the Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office. This access means that students are unrestricted in their studies and are able to work at a time and place that suits them when they are not in college.

HIGH ACHIEVERS



Every academic year, Cowley Sixth Form College welcomes some of the most able students from across the borough and beyond.

Typically with a grade 7, 8 and 9 profile at GCSE, these students trust in the history and heritage we are so proud of at the college to support them on their next academic journey.

We know how important their academic achievements will be. However, we pride ourselves on working to develop the whole individual; providing a wealth of additional opportunities, bespoke interview coaching and practice, plus exposure to a range of influential speakers from across the country.

Getting you to where you **belong.**



COWLEY HONOURS PROGRAMME

The Cowley Honours Programme (CHP) has been designed to enhance the programme of study of students achieving a minimum of 4 GCSEs graded 7 or above.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- An opportunity to study additional qualifications, including:
 - Mandarin Chinese
 - Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
 - Core Maths
- Participation in visits to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- Attendance at talks from visiting speakers from university and employment

Rachel Taylor

Biology - A
Chemistry - B
Religious Studies - A

Now studying **Bioveterinary Science**
at **University of Chester**

COWLEY SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

STUDENT PROFILE

Tanishka Tiwari
Currently studying:
A-level Biology
A-level Chemistry
A-Level Law
A-Level Mathematics

If you achieve five grade 8/9s or more at GCSE, you will be eligible to join the Cowley Scholars Programme (CSP) - specifically designed to support you in applying to the most competitive universities.

The programme was established in 2019 to stretch and challenge our most high achieving students.

This academic Scholarship not only provides you with the prestigious title, but also offers financial support for academic progress, alongside a programme of undergraduate level lectures across the academic year to stretch and challenge you outside of your subject specialisms.

You will also benefit from all aspects of the CHP programme too.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Access to a bespoke CSP reading list, with resources provided
- An experienced CSP tutor who will meet with you every half term
- An undergraduate programme of workshop topics, including: economics, politics, ethics, literature, mathematical reasoning
- Financial support to assist academic progress

SPORT AND ENRICHMENT



There is more to life at Cowley Sixth Form College than gaining your qualifications.

We want you to achieve your potential and flourish in and out of the classroom.

It is important that all of our students participate in and complement their academic studies by taking advantage of our extensive sporting and enrichment programme.

We know that students face a challenging and rigorous process to gain entry to prestigious universities and employment. They will need to compete with a talented pool of applicants with the same aspirations, grades and personal profile.

Enrichment is about developing core skills that are vital for success well beyond the academic world and help to create capable, adaptable and ambitious young people.

As well as developing you as a person, enrichment is a social part of college life where you will be able to make new friends with similar interests.

The enrichment programme is available to all students at Cowley Sixth Form College and aims to help develop the knowledge and skills for life after Sixth Form, whether that be further study, an apprenticeship or employment.

Students can participate in a wide range of activities that includes: [sport](#), [sports coaching](#), [music](#), [drama](#), [art](#), [college productions](#), [first aid](#), [chess](#), [mindfulness](#), [LGBTQ+](#) and [charity work](#).

**GAIN NEW SKILLS, DEVELOP EXISTING ONES
BE PART OF SOMETHING.**

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a course that gives students the opportunity to study a subject of their choice in depth.

Students are taught the core skills to form an argument, research valuable sources, analyse texts, manage projects and extend writing. Students then work independently, but with support and guidance from a supervisor, to apply the newly taught skills to the subject they have chosen to research.

During the course, students will develop their analytical skills to produce their project. This can be either a research report (which will be 5,000 words in length) or a production (accompanied by a 1,000-word report).

You will:

- Have an excellent command of a topic to quote on your university application and to discuss at interview
- Improve your personal development and confidence
- Acquire extra vital UCAS points which provide insurance for university conditional offers



DID YOU KNOW?

EPQ will add value to your university application.

It is a formal 'level 3' qualification that attracts slightly higher UCAS Tariff points than an AS-level.

EPQ provides very clear evidence that you have interests which go beyond the classroom.

EPQ demonstrates that you are capable of independent reading, research and essay writing that is the mainstay of most undergraduate degrees.

ENRICHMENT LEADING TO A QUALIFICATION

Core Mathematics

Core Mathematics, as part of Cowley's Enrichment programme, is equivalent to an AS-level.

Core Mathematics starts at a lower level than A-level Mathematics and continues at a slower pace, allowing students, who would otherwise not be able to keep up with the demands of A-level Mathematics, to still enjoy a valued and worthwhile qualification. This one-year course follows the GCSE approach with lots of number, algebra, shape, space and data handling.

Employers and universities have long stated that a greater number of students should follow Mathematics courses at Sixth Form.

Entry requirements:

Students need a grade 5 or 6 from the GCSE higher tier Mathematics examination to study this course.

Mandarin Chinese

All Year 12 students have the opportunity to study this fascinating language.

The course consists of a one-hour lesson per week over 30 weeks. Students will gain competence in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Students will learn to construct Chinese characters and will quickly develop accurate reading skills. Successful completion of the course may certainly impress future employers and university admissions staff.

Assessment is by means of an end-of-year examination. This examination, the HSK level 1, is an internationally recognised qualification. There is also an opportunity to study for the HSK 2 examination in Year 13. Previous Cowley students have managed to score 100% on HSK 1 and over 80% on HSK 2.

SIXTH FORM RUGBY

Cowley has had tremendous talent over the years, including:

75 England School Boy Internationals
(Rugby Union and Rugby League)

More than **50** Saints Academy players

26 Super League players

4 full Rugby League Internationals

1 Man of Steel

Cowley's formidable rugby club is one of the oldest sports clubs in St Helens with some iconic players having played for the team.

The rugby programme at Cowley offers student athletes a range of coaching, training and support opportunities, allowing them to excel in their sporting achievements, whilst supporting their academic studies too.

Cowley play both rugby union and rugby league, a unique feature of Cowley; matches are played every Wednesday afternoon and occasionally on a Saturday morning.

The teams regularly travel around the UK for fixtures. International Tours in recent years have included: Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, France and Canada.

The rugby pitches and sports facilities at Cowley are renowned across the North West and students can enjoy three grass rugby pitches and a floodlit 3G pitch which are played on all year round and maintained by full-time grounds staff.

Saints relocated their training ground to Cowley more than 10 years ago as part of a ground-breaking partnership between two widely recognised establishments.



About the Saints Academy Development Programme

The Saints Academy Development Programme provides an exciting opportunity for talented sporting students to play in competitive games as part of the Cowley Saints team.

CAREERS GUIDANCE AND WORK EXPERIENCE



Impartial careers advice and guidance is available for all students at Cowley Sixth Form College.

During your time here, you will be supported in developing an appropriate career plan. In Year 12, you will be allocated time to participate in a career placement, as part of the college Progression Week.

Initially, your tutor will give you advice on education, training and work opportunities, as well as assisting you with your applications for universities or jobs.

We offer one-to-one interviews, careers workshops and access to a range of careers resources and software.

Your tutor will work with you to plan your opportunities for progression and our Work-related Learning Mentors will support you in finding relevant career placements.

Cowley Sixth Form College has established a wide network of partnerships which has enabled us to offer relevant and valuable career placements.

In addition to this, students participate in careers and apprenticeship events, visits to local organisations, volunteering and mock interviews.



Students taking part in mock interviews as part of the college's Progression Week





CHOOSING WHAT COURSES TO STUDY

The curriculum at Cowley offers students the chance to follow their interests and play to their strengths.

A-LEVELS

Want to follow the traditional academic route to university? We offer a wide choice of A-levels which are delivered by specialist teachers in a modern campus.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Designed to meet the needs of employers, BTECs are work-related qualifications for learners taking their first steps into employment or planning to enter university.

FOUNDATION

A course that is unique to Cowley, allowing students with modest GCSE results to study a Level 3 BTEC course in conjunction with GCSE resits in Mathematics and English Language, whilst gaining relevant work experience.

WORK-RELATED LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Level 3 Nursing Cadet programme allows students to study for an Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care alongside completing over 600 hours of work placements in the NHS.

The Level 2 Construction course provides an opportunity for students to gain work experience in this industry alongside the study of relevant courses in the college environment.

HOW MANY SUBJECTS YOU CAN CHOOSE

A typical combination would be between three and five subjects. Students are able to choose A-levels, BTECs, or a combination of both.

ENTRY CRITERIA

To study at Cowley Sixth Form College, you must have achieved a minimum of five GCSEs or equivalent, graded 9 - 4, across four separate subjects, including GCSE Mathematics and English Language.

In addition, a positive college interview is required.

A few courses have specific entry requirements. Relevant details can be found on individual subject information pages.

ANIMAL CARE

WHAT IS ANIMAL CARE?

This course will give you a full understanding of animal care, covering the practical, scientific and ethical aspects of caring for animals.

As part of the course you will work with a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles in our bespoke animal care facility.



WHY STUDY ANIMAL CARE?

If you love animals, taking care of animals and learning about their natural environment and behaviour, then Animal Care is the course for you. It is an exciting and varied course where you are able to care for and look after a wide range of animals, as well as the opportunity to visit local farms to work with livestock.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN ANIMAL CARE?

Many students choose a variety of paths depending on their ambitions and aspirations.

The majority of students usually move to work with animals in animal welfare centres, catteries and kennels, veterinary nursing, animal grooming and retail.



STUDENT PROFILE

I've always loved taking care of animals and this course has allowed me to enhance my knowledge of animal management. The course is balanced between course work and practical work.

The topic I have most enjoyed so far is animal husbandry. This section of the course has allowed me to take best care of my pets at home through accommodation theory as well as dietary enhancements.

Georgia Maguire
Currently studying:
BTEC Animal Care
BTEC Art & Design: Fashion and Graphics
BTEC Science

ART AND DESIGN

WHAT IS ART AND DESIGN?

This exciting course covers all the core elements of Art and Design and is designed to allow you to develop your artistic skills and gain confidence.

The course is flexible and offers students the freedom to explore and work across the broad spectrum of art disciplines.



WHY STUDY ART AND DESIGN?

Studying Art is to work successfully to find, analyse and communicate information; to translate ideas, the written word and your imagination into imagery with an increasingly complex system of seemingly unrelated parts to form a personal conclusion for others to appreciate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

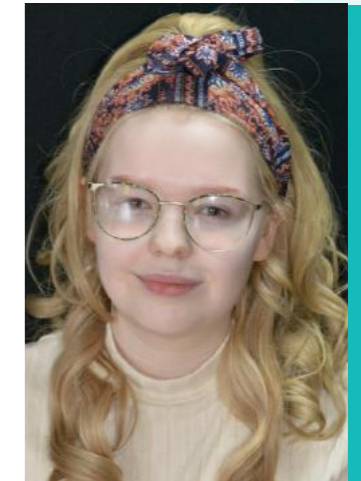
College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

This course is currently assessed from students' portfolio only.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN ART?

Our students have a fantastic record of progressing on to Further Education colleges and universities, regardless of their chosen discipline, whether it is Advertising, Architecture, Theatre Design, Costume Design, Sculpture, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Games Design or Film/Television.



STUDENT PROFILE

I love Art so much, studying it at Cowley Sixth Form has allowed me to improve my skills. I most enjoyed the exploration of different mediums, from which I fell in love with oil painting.

The teachers are absolutely fantastic and give everything for their students, offering so much support.

Leona Wilkinson
Currently studying:
A-level Art and Design
A-level Biology
BTEC Creative Digital Media Production

ART AND DESIGN: FASHION AND GRAPHICS

WHAT IS ART AND DESIGN: FASHION AND GRAPHICS?

Are you passionate about design and see yourself working in the rapidly growing Creative Industries?

Learners will study visual recording and communication, critical analysis and production skills to produce art and design outcomes.

If you are creative with an interest in the arts, then this is the ideal course for you to study.

WHY STUDY ART AND DESIGN: FASHION AND GRAPHICS?

Careers in the design sector are exploding as designers are forming a part of virtually every industry segment today.

Studying any aspect of design will allow you to develop an understanding of how the values of society affect the design of the complete environment. Working through a range of materials and outcomes will enable you to choose your ideal pathway for further study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Students must be motivated to carry out independent study and practical work.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

This course is assessed through internal and external assessment. There are four main projects delivered throughout the two-year course.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN FASHION AND GRAPHICS?

The majority of our students go on to further education and study a creative subject, such as: Architecture, Animation, Graphic Design, Product Design, Theatre Costume, Fashion Design and Interior Design.



STUDENT PROFILE

Fashion and Graphics gives you a lot of creative freedom. You can produce work digitally or on paper. You don't have to be good at drawing, the course is open to everybody.

There are many opportunities to design and create, but there are also topics we cover where you need to do research and I have enjoyed looking into things such as 'the world around us' as you have the freedom to look into the areas which are most of interest to you.

Georgina Green
Currently studying:
BTEC Art and Design:
Fashion and Graphics
A-level Law
A-level Psychology

BIOLOGY

WHAT IS BIOLOGY?

Biology is fascinating and involves studying everything from the molecular structure of cell components to animal behaviour and the interactions of organisms with their environment and each other.

Biologists try to understand every living organism, from the smallest bacterial cell to the largest mammal; from the tallest tree to microscopic algae.



WHY STUDY BIOLOGY?

Studying Biology could be the opening to an exciting range of Biology careers or the continued study into other sciences.

The origins of living things and how they work is fundamental to the world we live in and, whether your interest is in the animal world, marine life, humans or plant life, the study of Biology is the core of further knowledge and discovery.

Biology at Cowley is a versatile stepping stone to many fields of work and study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Biology is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed through three exams at the end of Year 13:
35% - topics 1 - 4
35% - topics 5 - 8
30% - all topics

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN BIOLOGY?

A-level Biology can open up a range of careers and higher education courses in Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Optometry, Physiotherapy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Forensic Science, Biomedical and Biological Sciences. Biology can also help gain direct entry into employment, especially into the scientific and related sectors.



STUDENT PROFILE

A-level Biology lessons are really interesting and interactive, we regularly do practicals which is enjoyable. I have enjoyed studying DNA and genetics as it is challenging but really interesting.

The classes are small enough so that teachers can offer individual support and they also provide lots of great learning resources.

Lily Roylance
Currently studying:
A-level Biology
A-level History
A-level Psychology

STUDENT SUCCESS

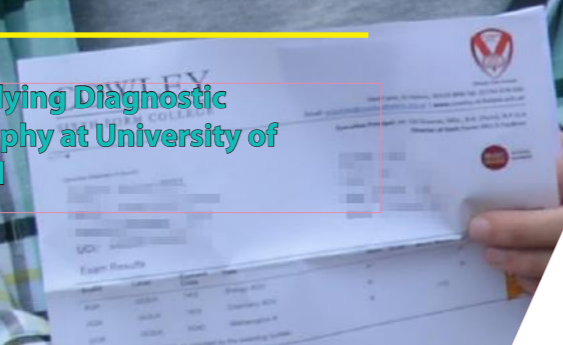
Katie Lythgoe

Biology - A*

Chemistry - A

Mathematics - A

Now studying Diagnostic Radiography at University of Liverpool



BUSINESS

WHAT IS BUSINESS?

Business is one of the most dynamic subjects you can choose! You will be immersed in the business world exploring and critically reviewing topics from a local, national and global perspective, alongside exploring principles of personal and business finance.

WHY STUDY BUSINESS?

By learning about business, you might unlock the entrepreneur inside you as you develop your creative, innovative, communication and strategic skills. Studying Business can really give you a sense of direction for your future career, broadening your horizons. There are endless opportunities out there for you from retail management to digital marketing and forensic accountancy to project management. You will learn how the world works as you develop a good understanding of basic economic principles, how markets are affected by world events, and how to assess a business' financial health through numerical and ratio analysis. Alongside this you will also become skilled at managing your own finances which is an essential life skill.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Unit 1 - internal coursework
Unit 2 - 3-hour externally set task
Unit 3 - 2-hour examination
Unit 4 - internal coursework

External assessment 58%
Internal assessment 42%

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN BUSINESS?

Studying Business will be beneficial whether a student chooses to go straight into employment, an apprenticeship or to university. We hope that some students go on to be the new entrepreneurs of the future and set up their own business.



STUDENT PROFILE

The course is interesting to me not only because of what is taught during lessons, but what I am left thinking at the end of the day, considering all the little things that might affect X or Y in a company's operations.

Business is invariably tied with almost everything in modern life, from the most minute choices to international governmental policies.

Looking at unique selling points (USPs) was an interesting topic. It steps away from the concrete formulas and theories of business, and wholly opens a creative aspect to operations.

Eamon Topping
Currently studying:
BTEC Business
A-level Biology
BTEC Science

CHEMISTRY

WHAT IS CHEMISTRY?

From making a cup of tea to charging a mobile phone, chemistry is involved in everything we do.

Chemistry is at the forefront of advances in designing new materials, energy use, drug development and technology - pretty much every aspect of life. If you like to ask 'why?' and find the answer, this is the course for you.



WHY STUDY CHEMISTRY?

Chemistry explores the building blocks of all living and nonliving substances and tries to explain why certain substances interact with each other, how they interact and what happens when they interact.

Chemistry will challenge your ideas and concepts and hopefully give you an appreciation of the way Chemistry is used in all aspects of everyday life.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry is required.

Due to the Mathematical content, students are required to achieve a minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths, and students who are not sitting Maths A-level should undertake a Core Maths element in their timetable.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

100% examination at the end of Year 13.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN CHEMISTRY?

Chemistry is probably the most useful Science A-level to have as it enables progression to many further courses, including: Chemistry, Material Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Engineering/Chemical Engineering.

Chemistry is mandatory if you wish to follow any medical course, such as: Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Pharmacology.



STUDENT PROFILE

I find Chemistry fascinating. I enjoyed it at GCSE and want to pursue a career in medicine which ties in nicely.

Learning about the ins and outs of molecules and elements is really interesting as they have such a large impact on life without being visible to the eye.

Cowley is a positive environment, the teachers are specialists in their subjects and really support you.

Tanishka Tiwari
Currently studying:
A-level Chemistry
A-level Biology
A-level Law
A-level Mathematics

CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT?

The aim of this course is to provide learners with the opportunity to learn about the care, learning and development of children.

Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills and the knowledge necessary to work with children and young people.



WHY STUDY CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT?

This course offers a practical and vocational route into fields of childcare employment.

Students are given access to a wide range of specialist equipment, including interactive babies, pregnancy simulator and model infants exposed to various lifestyle induced disorders.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

As this course is very specific and vocationally based, a desire to work with children is a basic requirement.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT?

This course provides you with an opportunity to enter into a wide variety of university courses at Honours or Foundation level.

Alternatively, areas of employment that would be possible include: Early Years Educator, Primary School & Early Years teaching, Classroom Assistants and Children's Nursing.



STUDENT PROFILE

I am hoping to become a primary school teacher, so this course is really helping me to learn about the development of children, skills I will need for that role.

Cowley Sixth Form has helped me develop as a person and the teachers always help me if I require assistance.

Kayleigh Armstrong
Currently studying:
BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development
A-level History
BTEC Music Performance

COMPUTING

WHAT IS COMPUTING?

If you intend to pursue a career in computing, ICT or games development, or have a strong interest in this area, then the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Computing is perfect for you.

The areas covered in this course include: Principles of Computer Science, Fundamentals of Computer Systems, IT Systems Security and Encryption along with one optional unit chosen from App Development, Website Development and Human-Computer Interaction.



WHY STUDY COMPUTING?

This course will give students the opportunity to learn about the computing sector, including computer hardware and systems along with computer programming principles and techniques.

These skills are essential for further study in Computing or commencing a career in the computing sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

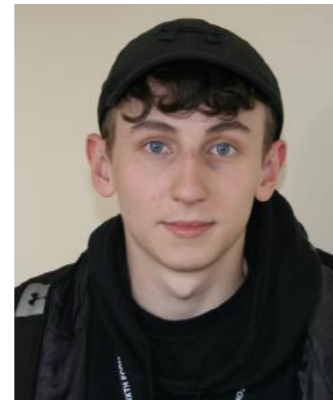
There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

External assessment accounts for 58% of your final grade.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN COMPUTING?

This valuable qualification, equivalent to an A-level, can lead to a wide range of university courses, usually in the computing sector, but it is useful in other sectors too.

Alternatively, students could move into computing-related apprenticeships or other employment within the computing industry.



STUDENT PROFILE

Having done Computing at GCSE, I really enjoyed it so wanted to continue at sixth form. It is an enjoyable course which gives you lots of great opportunities to learn new things. The topics I have most enjoyed are binary and IT security.

The teachers are really helpful and will support you with your studies.

Luke Cain
Currently studying:
BTEC Computing
A-level Geography
BTEC Games Development

CONSTRUCTION (LEVEL 2)

WHAT IS CONSTRUCTION?

This course offers an insight into the construction industry ranging from the initial planning stage through the design and building process of housing, industrial and commercial buildings.

This course offers two days a week on placement, and you will have the chance to build new working contacts, relevant knowledge and life-long skills.



WHY STUDY CONSTRUCTION?

According to a report from the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), the North West's construction sector growth over the next five years could deliver almost 5,000 new jobs a year.

This creates a real demand for skilled construction workers across all trades.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is anticipated that students will typically have a GCSE profile of subjects graded 3/4 and may not have Mathematics and/or English GCSE at grade 4 or above.

Willingness to undertake manual labour and an interest in a career in the construction industry is a must.

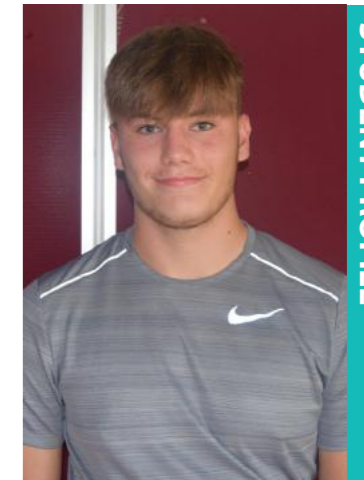
HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

This course is assessed through coursework, successful completion of work placements and an external examination worth 25% of the course.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN CONSTRUCTION?

Previous students have secured full-time jobs within the construction industry.

Others have progressed to apprenticeships with the same work experience employer that they had during their studies at Cowley Sixth Form College.



STUDENT PROFILE

Construction is a subject I find enjoyable. I've learnt skills that I can use in the future such as bricklaying, joinery, wallpapering, painting, tiling and many more skills.

The teachers are really helpful and friendly. The placement is really useful for work experience and very rewarding. I had a placement with a roofing company which was really good.

Luke Heaton-Roberts
Studied:
BTEC Construction

Please note that by choosing to study Creative Digital Media Production, you cannot study Creative Digital Film and Video Production.

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

WHAT IS CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION?

If you intend to pursue a career in Digital Publishing, App Development, Graphic or Website Design, or have a strong interest in this area, then the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Digital Media Production is perfect for you.

The areas covered in this course include: Digital Media Skills and Digital Magazine Production, along with two optional units chosen from App Production, Website Production, Digital Photography, 2D Digital Graphics, Coding for Web Based Media, Interviewing Techniques, Image Manipulation Techniques.



WHY STUDY CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION?

This course will give students the opportunity to learn about the digital world, including app production, website production and coding, digital graphics and manipulation linked to digital publishing and photography.

The large range of optional units will allow you to specialise in a chosen area depending on your particular interest. These skills are essential for further study or commencing a career in the lucrative digital sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

You will study four units of which two are mandatory and two optional. One unit, Digital Media Skills, is externally assessed via a project. External assessment accounts for 33% of your final grade.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION?

This valuable qualification, equivalent to an A-level, can lead to a range of university courses, usually in the digital media sector, but it is useful in other sectors too. Alternatively, students could move into media-related apprenticeships or other employment within the industry.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy the creativity that this course allows and the freedom to create what you like. Learning Photoshop skills is fun and you can let your imagination run wild.

The teachers are really supportive of your ideas and help you with everything you need, which makes it a great lesson to be a part of.

Keiran Bozward
Currently studying:
BTEC Creative Digital Media Production
BTEC Business
BTEC Uniformed Protective Services

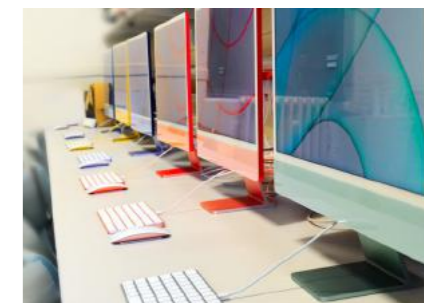
Please note that by choosing to study Creative Digital Film and Video Production you cannot study Creative Digital Media Production.

CREATIVE DIGITAL FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION

WHAT IS CREATIVE DIGITAL FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION?

This qualification is designed to provide a technical introduction to digital film and video production. Learners develop skills in areas such as single camera techniques, storyboarding and film editing.

In your first year, you will develop the necessary skills needed to produce a short film or trailer. Your second year will expand your knowledge and skills further to enable you to respond to a brief from a client to produce a moving image product to help with their business.



WHY STUDY CREATIVE DIGITAL FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION?

You will enjoy a wide range of learning experiences, including analysing existing Film and Media texts and working as a team to direct, cast, film and edit the final product.

You will be taught by an enthusiastic and caring team who are committed to promoting the love of Film and Media and the eye for detail needed to create professional-looking products.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Four units – two mandatory and two optional. Of the mandatory units, Digital Media Skills is externally assessed through the completion of a project. External assessment accounts for 33% of the final grade.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN CREATIVE DIGITAL FILM AND VIDEO PRODUCTION?

Many students have continued their studies of Film and Media at a variety of universities and colleges around the country. Jobs in the Film and TV Industry have become much more available in the North West due to the opening of Media City and a number of smaller companies opening in the Liverpool and Manchester areas.



STUDENT PROFILE

I've learned a wide range of new skills and the equipment and resources available here is second to none. The constantly evolving lessons adapt to my requirements and goals, whilst pushing me to create a final product which demonstrates my skills in a clear and concise manner.

Charlotte Kenny
Currently studying:
BTEC Creative Digital Film and Video Production
A-level English Language
A-level Psychology
A-level Sociology

CRIMINOLOGY

WHAT IS CRIMINOLOGY?

Ever wondered...

- What makes someone a serial killer?
- How do we decide what behaviour is against the law?
- What investigative techniques are available to help to identify the culprit?

This two-year course will hopefully help you answer these questions and more...



WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY?

Criminology is a wide ranging study of crime as both an individual and social phenomenon. You will develop an in-depth understanding of the complexities of criminal, delinquent and deviant behaviour, as well as society's reaction to crime. This gives you the option to pursue a wide variety of careers within the criminal justice system.

The course allows you to develop key transferable skills such as time management, report writing and analytical and critical thinking which will be beneficial in further study or in employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.



STUDENT PROFILE

I find Criminology very interesting as we study real life cases. I particularly enjoy criminological theories as we learn about the reasons behind why people commit crimes.

I am looking to work in Forensics so this is a really great course to help with my career ambitions. The teachers are supportive and it's a great learning environment.

Caitlin Darlington
Currently studying:
Applied Diploma Criminology
A-level Biology
A-level Psychology

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Unit 1 and 3

8-hour controlled assessment

Unit 2 and 4

90-minute examination

Year 12

25% controlled assessment
25% examination

Year 13

25% controlled assessment
25% examination

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LEVEL 3 APPLIED DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY?

By studying this Level 3 course, students will gain the required knowledge to be able to consider employment within some aspects of the criminal justice sector, e.g. Probation Service, or use the qualification to support access to higher/further education courses, e.g. Criminology, Criminal Justice and Law.

ENGINEERING

WHAT IS ENGINEERING?

Delivered over two years, this Level 3 Extended Certificate will provide students with both practical and theoretical skills to develop a career in the engineering sector. Each unit focuses on key elements of industry that will give students an insight into what might be expected of them as an engineer.



WHY STUDY ENGINEERING?

Study Engineering and start the journey to becoming a highly skilled engineer who will be able to work within a variety of engineering disciplines such as: product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical, nuclear and energy, environment or transport.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 5 or above in Mathematics and a grade 5 or above in Science is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Engineering is assessed through a combination of practical internal assessment and an external examination (using mathematical techniques, electronic and mechanical principles to solve engineering problems).

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN ENGINEERING?

There are two primary progression routes from the Level 3 Extended Certificate:

- Specialised university degree
- Apprenticeship

Both routes have their individual advantages but share one main outcome, the promise of a prosperous career in an industry that has been the backbone of the United Kingdom for decades.



STUDENT PROFILE

I chose to study Engineering because it involves Maths and Physics which I enjoy, and I would like to do Engineering as a career.

I have enjoyed manufacturing parts in the workshop, and the more practical parts of the course.

Ben Gostelow
Currently studying:
BTEC Engineering
A-level Further Mathematics
A-level Mathematics
A-level Physics

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WHAT IS ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

If the power of words interests you and you're keen to discover how written and spoken language works in our changing world, then this is the course for you.

Both dynamic and relevant, this course explores how our language has evolved over time. Students will explore a variety of contexts, genres and audiences and will produce original creative writing pieces.



WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

English Language is central to all other subjects. It is a fascinating and engrossing subject, crucial for an understanding of why people communicate in the way that they do.

The A-level is also one that Higher Education establishments and employers find attractive as it indicates that a student has a well-rounded intelligence and an appreciation of accuracy in writing.

The course is taught by a team of experienced staff and has consistently achieved good results over many years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

80% Exam
20% Coursework

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

The pathways available after study are numerous and include degrees specifically in English and related subjects. Careers linked with English Language include: Teaching, Journalism, Publishing, TV and Radio, Copy writing, Marketing, Public Relations, Law and Advertising.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy studying English Language because I love creative writing and I also find the study of how language has changed over time really interesting. I have enjoyed the language and gender unit because I find the differences fascinating.

Lessons are challenging but fun and you have your own independence.

Caitlin Kilgallon
Currently studying:
A-level English Language
BTEC Children's Play,
Learning and Development
A-level English Literature

ENGLISH LITERATURE

WHAT IS ENGLISH LITERATURE?

If you're passionate about reading, then English Literature is the qualification for you. By encountering a range of views and emotions in modern and classic texts, students can explore important issues such as gender, race, relationships, culture and justice while voicing their own opinions. Our course is challenging and also fun with plenty of theatre trips and film screenings to enjoy.



WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE?

Students of English Literature are rare and wonderful beings: curious, thoughtful and articulate. And studying this qualification will get you places as English Literature is seen as a facilitating subject, taken by many top students. Having this qualification on your CV will help with applications to Russell Group universities and supports a wide range of careers, including law, business, the media and creative industries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language or English Literature is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

80% Exam
20% Coursework

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN ENGLISH LITERATURE?

Many students go on to study for degrees in Law, Social Sciences and Languages; the imaginative aspects lend themselves well to the growing area of creative writing.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy English literature, because it allows you to explore different interpretations of a variety of texts such as poetry, novels and plays.

Cowley creates a great sense of community that helps each student work towards achieving the best that they can.

Sophie Middleton
Currently studying:
A-level English Literature
Applied Diploma Criminology
A-level English Language
A-level Psychology

ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

WHAT IS ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION?

Religious Studies at A-level is very different from what you may have studied already. You will study three separate units: Philosophy, Ethics and Christian Theology. We consider complex issues and investigate the nature of religious experience and whether these can be explained by science, psychology or supernatural means.



WHY STUDY ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION?

This course allows you to get your teeth into a whole range of controversial topics: we don't just study them, we intellectually attack them! Here are just a few of the quandaries you will need to debate: Is religion dead? Is God male or female? Can God suffer?

If you plan to be a Lawyer, Psychologist, Journalist, Teacher, Nurse, Police... anything to do with people and current affairs, then this could be the course for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Students need to enjoy discussions and have an inquisitive mind. Despite what some people think, you definitely do not have to be religious yourself!

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed by three two-hour exams at the end of Year 13, all of which carry equal weighting.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN ETHICS, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION?

This course provides an excellent grounding in any career that requires analytical and communication skills. It will also be of benefit to any careers that require high level decision making and is highly regarded by universities and employers.



STUDENT PROFILE

We look in depth at philosophy and ethics which really interests me as it makes you think about how the world works.

The aspect of Religious Studies I enjoy most is philosophy as it makes you think about your opinions by looking at both sides of an argument.

The teachers are amazing and so supportive, they're always happy to help.

Hollie Bridge

Currently studying:

A-level Ethics, Philosophy & Religion
A-level English Language
A-level English Literature

Kiera Hodgkinson

Chemistry - B

Further Mathematics - B

Mathematics - A

Spanish - B

Now studying Spanish and Maths at Lancaster University

STUDENT SUCCESS

FRENCH/GERMAN/ SPANISH

WHAT IS FRENCH/GERMAN/SPANISH?

Students will study highlights of the target language country's artistic culture, including music and cinema, and learn about political engagement. Students also explore the influence of the past on present-day target language communities.



WHY STUDY FRENCH/GERMAN/ SPANISH?

Learning a language is a long-term investment - an asset to adult life.

English is a global language, but in fact, only about 6% of the world's population are native English speakers and an estimated 75% do not speak English at all.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 5 or above at GCSE in the language to be studied is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

100% Final exam in Year 13.

Paper 1 - Listening, Reading, Writing (50%)

Paper 2 - Writing (essay on literary text or film studied) (20%)

Paper 3 - Speaking (30%)

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN FRENCH/GERMAN/ SPANISH?

Apart from being beneficial on a personal level, an A-level in a language is useful in many career paths and will improve your employability.

Students find that MFL is a natural fit with many other subjects, enabling them to use their skills and qualifications to access career opportunities at home and abroad.



STUDENT PROFILE

I am considering a career in languages because I enjoy learning the language and about cultures in other countries.

German is a broad subject, not just exploring the language but the culture and society and we enjoy discussions about literature, history and film.

We receive individual support which is really beneficial.

Eve Kelly

Currently studying:

A-level German
A-level Ethics, Philosophy and Religion
A-level Politics

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

WHAT IS FURTHER MATHEMATICS?

A-level Further Mathematics provides a great opportunity for enthusiastic and capable mathematicians to broaden and deepen their subject knowledge.

Further Mathematics is taken in addition to A-level Mathematics.



WHY STUDY FURTHER MATHEMATICS?

A-level Further Mathematics is fun and rewarding. It broadens your mathematical skills and promotes deeper mathematical thinking.

You will be introduced to interesting new areas of pure mathematics, such as complex numbers, and will start to see real beauty in mathematics and be able to apply it to a range of real-world problems.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics is required.

Students studying this subject must also study A-level Mathematics.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

4 exam papers:

Paper 1 - Pure Core 1

Paper 2 - Pure Core 2

Paper 3 - Statistics

Paper 4 - Mechanics

All papers are equally weighted and worth 25% each. This means that overall, Pure Core = 50%, Statistics = 25% and Mechanics = 25%.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN FURTHER MATHEMATICS?

According to the Russell Group, A-level Further Mathematics is an essential or useful A-level subject for the following careers and degree choices: Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Dentistry, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine and Veterinary Science.



STUDENT PROFILE

Having enjoyed Maths at GCSE, I wanted to push myself further and do Further Maths. It is a challenging subject but it makes me think about things more.

You get to work closely with the teachers and Cowley Sixth Form is a friendly and supportive environment which makes it a good place to learn.

Ryan Crehan

Currently studying:

A-level Further Mathematics
BTEC Computing
BTEC Games Development
A-level Mathematics

GAMES DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS GAMES DEVELOPMENT?

Games Development at Cowley Sixth Form College is delivered in a state-of-the-art computer games suite, complete with Alienware gaming PCs. Students will learn how to develop and create their own 2D and 3D computer game environments and characters using industry standard software.



WHY STUDY GAMES DEVELOPMENT?

The digital games market in the UK makes more money than films at the box office, leading to a rapidly growing jobs market. Computer games are certainly not just for boys.

There's a great need for gaming ideas for girls. Could you be the person that unlocks this market further?

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Currently the course is assessed through 100% coursework.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN GAMES DEVELOPMENT?

Studying Games Development at Cowley will provide any budding games designer with a wealth of experience and knowledge in preparation for Higher Education and working within the Games Development industry.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy Games Development because it lets me be creative and actually design and create my own video games.

One of the topics I have most enjoyed is learning about retro games as it's interesting to see how games have developed and progressed down the years.

Ryan Cook
Currently studying:
BTEC Games Development
BTEC Computing
BTEC Creative Digital Media
Production

GEOGRAPHY

WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is concerned with many key issues of the 21st century: biodiversity, sustainability, population change and climate change. Topics studied will include: Water and Carbon Cycles, Ecosystems, Coasts, Population, Changing Places and Global Governance with reference to Antarctica.



WHY STUDY GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is a subject that is firmly grounded in the real world.

Students will study current issues that shape the world they live in as well as developing a variety of employable skills, such as GIS skills, data analysis and photograph analysis.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

80% across two external exams

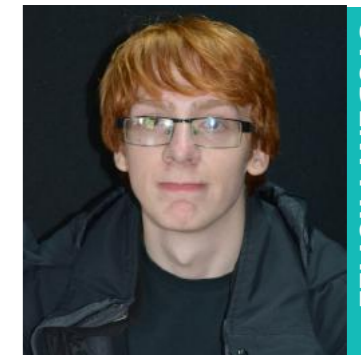
20% coursework, based on individual fieldwork.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is highly valued by universities. It is a facilitating subject, most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses.

Geography combines well with arts and science subjects, as it is a broad based subject.

Geography demonstrates breadth that universities like as well as enhancing essay writing skills.



STUDENT PROFILE

You cover a wide range of different topics in Geography.

The practical skills you learn in collecting and presenting data is what I enjoy about the subject.

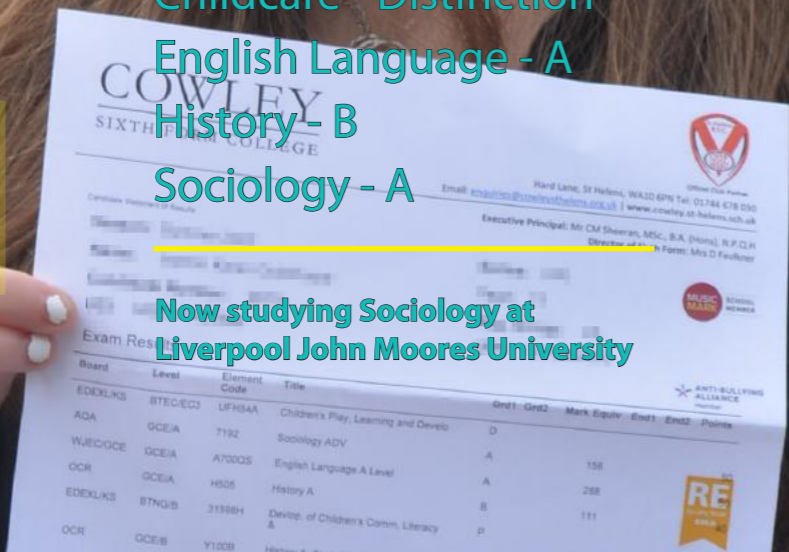
We have studied coasts and erosional landforms which has been my favourite topic as their features are so varied and interesting.

Steven Hurst
Currently studying:
A-level Geography
BTEC Engineering
A-level Mathematics
A-level Physics

Jazmin Goldthorpe

Childcare - Distinction
 English Language - A
 History - B
 Sociology - A

Now studying Sociology at
 Liverpool John Moores University



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

WHAT IS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

This popular course offers a great foundation of study for the health and social care sector.

You will learn about the various care settings, as well as getting a chance to apply all you've learnt into a practical setting on work placements.



WHY STUDY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

This course offers a practical and vocational route into fields of Health & Social Care employment.

Students are given access to a wide range of specialist equipment and they benefit from placements within the St Helens & Knowsley NHS Trust.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

Past students have gone onto a variety of courses at university, such as: Nursing, Health and Social Care, Radiography and Physiotherapy.

Areas of employment that students could progress onto include: social care, social services, public health and local Government.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoyed studying Health and Social Care at high school so I wanted to carry on at sixth form.

I find exams quite stressful, so I like this course because it is not fully reliant on exams at the end.

The small class sizes here are very good and allow you to have more interaction with your teachers.

Jasmine Ou Yang
 Currently studying:
 BTEC Health & Social Care
 A-level Biology
 A-level Psychology

George Gregory

Art & Design - A

Digital Film & Video - Merit

Law - B

Now studying Law at Nottingham Trent University

HISTORY

WHAT IS HISTORY?

This is the golden question - is it the study of the past? Is it understanding why we are here? Is it understanding why events have happened? The answer is far simpler. We are history. Everything we do, everything that happens every day is part of and defined by history. So why wouldn't you want to know more?

It provides opportunities to engage with ideas, societies and people that existed centuries ago and sometimes merely decades ago. In short, history is an opportunity. An opportunity to better understand the society you inhabit and the reasons for it.



WHY STUDY HISTORY?

Studying this fascinating subject provides the perfect opportunity to learn how to research, evaluate, debate, think critically, present ideas clearly and structure extended pieces of writing.

These critical and sought-after skills are what university admissions tutors most desire. History is considered to be in the top 5 most respected A-level qualifications when applying at university, particularly at Russell Group universities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Examinations

The Tudors, England, 1485-1603 - 40%

Democracy and Nazism, Germany, 1918-1945 - 40%

Coursework

Causes of World War One - 20%

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN HISTORY?

An A-level in History will open doors to professions such as: law, journalism, market research, politics, business management, project management, teaching, conservation and administration. This is truly endless.

History gives you an incredible opportunity to develop some of the most sought-after skills in employment industries everywhere. The ability to self-regulate, research, debate and present are all transferable skills that apply in any industry.



STUDENT PROFILE

History is an enjoyable course because we focus on both depth and breadth over the two sides of the course. The content covered is both engaging and diverse and the teachers are very dedicated to the students.

I have enjoyed learning about Henry VII because it is interesting to learn how he became successful.

Maja Petersburska Currently studying:

A-level History
A-level Biology
A-level Chemistry
A-level Religious Studies

LAW

WHAT IS LAW?

Through studying A-level Law, you will learn about how laws are made, how the criminal justice system works in England and how to work out whether someone is criminally liable for a particular offence.

In addition, you will learn about other less familiar aspects of law, such as why our society feels that the rights of a trespasser should be protected.



WHY STUDY LAW?

As well as helping you to wrestle with some of society's big questions, the application of the Law to the facts of scenarios will develop your analytical and problem-solving skills.

Study of the moral and ethical aspects of Law will teach you to construct balanced arguments and present them logically and coherently. These skills will provide excellent preparation for progression to degree level study, the workplace and everyday life.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Students will sit three examinations at the end of the course.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN LAW?

Whether progressing on to university to study Law or any other subject, Law at A-level will give you a head start on some of the skills and knowledge you will need.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy studying Law because we are able to identify the key points of law, discuss them and evaluate them. The subject is engaging and what I enjoy most is finding and using cases to form an argument.

Cowley Sixth Form has a friendly atmosphere and all the teachers go above and beyond to help you.

Ellie Morris
Currently studying:
A-level Law
A-level English Literature
A-level Psychology

MATHEMATICS

WHAT IS MATHEMATICS?

A-level Mathematics covers a wide range of topics that will extend your knowledge of algebra and trigonometry and introduce you to exciting new concepts such as differentiation and integration. The new two-year linear course includes Pure Mathematics, Mechanics and Statistics.



WHY STUDY MATHEMATICS?

Mathematics is an extremely useful and well-respected subject. It is a facilitating subject that will allow you to take a wide range of degree courses at university.

Some choose Mathematics simply because they love the mathematical challenge it offers. There is a real beauty in Mathematics that will start to show itself the more you are exposed to it.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics is required.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Three exam papers, all taken with a calculator.

Paper 1 - Pure Mathematics
Paper 2 - Pure Mathematics and Statistics
Paper 3 - Pure Mathematics and Mechanics

All papers equally weighted and worth 33% each. However, since the Statistics and Mechanics represent only a half of papers 2 and 3, this means that overall, Pure Mathematics = 66%, Statistics = 17% and Mechanics = 17%.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN MATHEMATICS?

According to the Russell Group, A-level Mathematics is an essential or useful A-level subject for the following careers and degree choices: Architecture, Biochemistry, Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Dentistry, Economics, Mechanical Engineering, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Science.



STUDENT PROFILE

Maths is an interesting and challenging subject which is extremely rewarding when you start to understand what you're doing. I would recommend taking Maths if you're doing Sciences as it can help you get through the Maths parts.

I love the small class sizes at Cowley Sixth Form and the studious atmosphere here.

Rose Springford
Currently studying:
A-level Mathematics
A-level Biology
A-level Chemistry
A-level Geography

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

WHAT IS MUSIC PERFORMANCE?

If you are looking to become a cutting-edge music performer, then this course is for you. This course will provide you with access to some of the leading products and artists within the industry. We want to develop the student's skills and experiences to get the gig. The gig might be the job, the session, the commission, the deal or the tour. You will receive one free instrumental lesson a week. At Cowley Sixth Form College, we aim to ensure that you gain the experience and develop the skills to be able to go wherever your work takes you.



WHY STUDY MUSIC PERFORMANCE?

The course is practical and links directly to current practice in the music industry.

This course provides excellent preparation for further study in Music and a career in the music industry.

Develop your practical skills, music theory knowledge, music industry knowledge and technical skills.

Students have access to a wide range of musical instruments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

It is essential that a student can demonstrate proficient performance and technical skills on an instrument or by their voice. Students must be prepared to take part in public performances after college hours.

An audition may be necessary for entry to the course.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

All work is internally assessed. The assessment methods include auditions, performances, recordings, compositions, presentations and portfolios of promotional materials.

The course aims to develop students' practical skills and understanding of contemporary music performance and knowledge of the music industry. This will be supported by reflective evaluation of your own work.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE?

Students can progress to study at university or gain employment within the events and music industry.

Past students have gone on to work at the BBC and study at various institutions including LIPA, University of Salford, University of Huddersfield, BIMM, Leeds College of Music, Backstage Academy and Royal Northern College of Music.



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy performing as it allows me to develop my confidence in my music and in everyday life.

I enjoy studying at Cowley because it provides a level of freedom and allows me to be independent in my studies but I still always feel like I can ask for help whenever I need it. I feel like I can be myself and achieve anything if I put my mind to it.

Leah Murphy
Currently studying:
BTEC Music Performance
BTEC Children's Play,
Learning and Development
BTEC Professional Musical
Theatre



Scott Bond

Biology - B
Further Mathematics - B
Mathematics - A*
Physics - A

Now studying Astrophysics at Lancaster University
Cheryl. Will make alternative

STUDENT SUCCESS

PROFESSIONAL MUSICAL THEATRE

WHAT IS PROFESSIONAL MUSICAL THEATRE?

This is a two-year practical training course during which you have the ability to achieve a qualification that is equivalent to one and a half A-levels.

Here at Cowley Sixth Form College, we focus on the development and refinement of vocal, acting and dance skills and techniques preparing you for drama school and university training.



WHY STUDY PROFESSIONAL MUSICAL THEATRE?

If you have an interest in singing, dancing or acting (or a combination), and your dream is performing in musical theatre shows, then this is the course to help you develop your talents and realise your dreams.

You need energy, commitment and enthusiasm and in return you will learn about the history and context of the industry, perform in college productions and develop your vocal, physical and acting abilities. We attract students from St Helens, Liverpool and beyond, due to our success and reputation in this subject area.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Ideally, Drama, Dance or Music at Level 2 (GCSE or BTEC) will have already been studied, but this is not vital. However, it is essential that a student can demonstrate proficient performance and technical skills in at least two disciplines and that they are willing to develop skills in the third.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

All work is internally assessed. The course is mainly practical, but you will also undertake academic units and may support your practical studies with logs, essays and research projects.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN PERFORMING ARTS - PRACTICE?

Many of our students gain places at prestigious drama schools around the country such as LAMDA, Mountview, Arts Educational School London, Guildford School of Acting, Laine Theatre Arts, Bird College, Royal Welsh College, Leeds College of Music and Urdang Academy.

Other students go on to study performing arts-related subjects at university.



STUDENT PROFILE

Musical Theatre lessons are always fun and engaging. I love that we get to be a part of the whole school musical, as it demonstrates the industry we are learning about and what it's really like behind the scenes as well as on the stage as so much goes into it.

The staff are supportive and attentive to your needs and it helps you develop into an adult.

Ella Parkes
Currently studying:
 BTEC Professional Musical Theatre
 A-level English Literature
 A-level Psychology

NURSING CADETSHIP

WHAT IS NURSING CADETSHIP?

This programme is a brilliant opportunity to start your nursing career, achieve a valuable qualification and gain plenty of practical experience.

You will study a BTEC level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (equivalent to three A-levels).

Your placements within St Helens & Knowsley NHS Trust consist of two full days per week in different care settings.



WHY STUDY NURSING CADETSHIP?

The course includes:

- First Aid
- Work experience within the NHS
- Uniform
- DBS check

This course provides a valuable experience in a variety of different health care settings, primarily in the NHS and local care provider environments.

This course is ideal for those looking for a career as nurse, paramedic, radiographer or physiotherapist.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Ideally students will have 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or Mathematics. However, caring skills come from students with a variety of different skills and qualifications. We will consider all applications on merit.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

Students could progress to further study at university on courses such as: Nursing degree (Adult, Mental Health, Paediatric, Learning disabilities, and Midwifery), Occupational Therapy, Social Work or other Social Work-related courses.



STUDENT PROFILE

As I want to work in healthcare, and with the work placement aspect of this course, I felt this is the best course to do at sixth form.

I love the opportunity to go on placement every week and get hands on experience.

The course teaches you about all different aspects of healthcare and how to deal with different types of people.

Kaitlyn Mower
Currently studying:
 Nursing Cadetship

PHOTOGRAPHY

WHAT IS PHOTOGRAPHY?

Photography is about using the camera as a creative tool to record the world around you.

Developing an excellent understanding of composition is the foundation for all photography; you will develop your own great sense of style and self expression that will engage any audience.



WHY STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY?

Photography develops a wide range of analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, which will be useful at university and in future careers.

Being a creative and hands-on subject, Photography will complement other subjects you choose to study at Sixth Form.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Students do not need to have any previous experience of photography, but a strong interest in the subject is absolutely essential.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

This course is currently assessed from students' portfolio only.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN PHOTOGRAPHY?

Students could go on to Higher Education to study Journalism, Photography, Film or Animation at university and colleges in the UK and abroad.

Alternatively, work from photography portfolios could be used as part of the application process to art and/or design courses.



STUDENT PROFILE

Photography is a very interesting subject as it allows you to capture specific moments and memories in a picture.

One of the most interesting topics we've covered is photography through the ages and looking at the aesthetics from different decades and how things have changed.

Dominic Cummings
Currently studying:
A-level Photography
BTEC Music Performance
BTEC Professional Musical Theatre



Olivia Scott

Nursing Cadetship - Distinction*
Distinction* Distinction

Now studying Children's Nursing at
University of Manchester

STUDENT SUCCESS

Katie Ledwith

English Literature - B

Law - A

Sociology - A

Now taking a gap year before moving to study Law at university

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WHAT IS PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

The subject offers a multidisciplinary approach to the study of movement, performance and behaviour in relation to PE, sport, leisure and recreation.

This course covers a wide range of theoretical areas such as: Anatomy & Physiology, Biomechanics and Sports Psychology.



WHY STUDY PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

This course combines theoretical knowledge with practical skills, challenging both the mind and the body.

A-level PE students work closely with Saints' physiotherapists as part of their anatomy and physiology lessons and during the sports injury unit. Data from the Saints senior rugby squad is used when analysing fitness tests and athletic performance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

A real passion for both practical sport and the principles behind successful performance is essential.

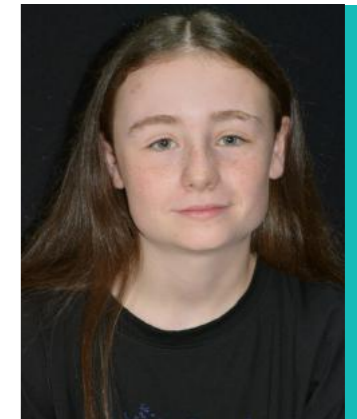
HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

20% practical sport
10% verbal analysis
70% written examination that is completed at the end of Year 13

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

Many students have progressed to study Sports Science or Sports Development at university, with a considerable number studying for teaching degrees.

Students have also pursued careers in personal training, sports coaching, medicine and physiotherapy. We currently have former students working for professional sports clubs such as Hull F.C. and Castleford RL.



STUDENT PROFILE

PE is a fantastic subject to help fully understand sport, both the physical activity as well as the science behind it, which makes the course really interesting.

The smaller class sizes at Cowley Sixth Form make the experience better because you get lots of one-to-one support from the teachers who are always accessible and go the extra mile to ensure they help you as best as they can.

Lia Bickerstaffe Currently studying:

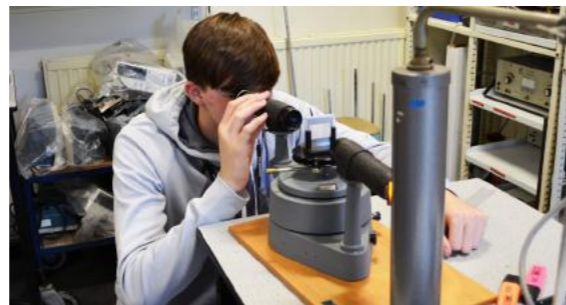
A-level PE
A-level Biology
A-level Psychology

PHYSICS

WHAT IS PHYSICS?

Are you interested in finding out how the universe works? If so, then this is the course for you!

The first year begins with the weird and wonderful world of Particles and Quantum Physics. Your second year will develop your understanding further, so you'll actually understand what $E=mc^2$ is about. We look at Astrophysics to find out how to estimate the age of the universe and to detect planets.



WHY STUDY PHYSICS?

Studying physics strengthens quantitative reasoning and problem solving skills that are valuable in areas beyond physics.

Studying physics will provide you with benefits which last a lifetime and knowledge and skills which are valued by employers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Physics is required.

Due to the Mathematical content, students are required to achieve a minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

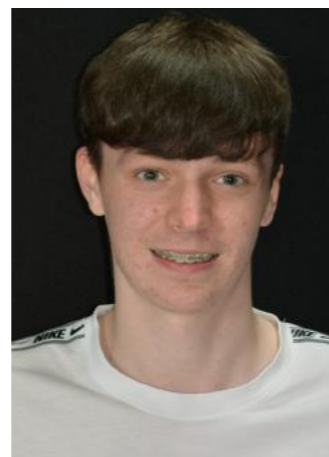
Students studying this subject are advised to study A-level Mathematics alongside this qualification or to undertake a Core Maths element in their study programme.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

The final grade will be based on 100% terminal exam although students will also receive a separate 'pass' or 'fail' mark for the practical competencies they demonstrate throughout the course.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN PHYSICS?

Past A-level Physics students have gone on to a range of courses at degree level, including: Engineering, Astrophysics, Geophysics and Architecture.



STUDENT PROFILE

I am very interested in learning about how the universe works, where it came from and how it will develop, so this subject is really interesting for me. I also enjoy maths, and this subject pairs well with that.

The topics we cover are really exciting to learn about and the teachers' support is fantastic.

Callum Smith
Currently studying:
A-level Physics
A-level Chemistry
A-level Mathematics

POLITICS

WHAT IS POLITICS?

Lively, relevant, thought-provoking... however you describe Government & Politics, there's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging A-levels you can study.

Government and Politics offers a dynamic, topical and fascinating look into political systems around the world, from Westminster to the White House. Students will study how political parties and ideologies are formed, how political decisions are made and who has the power and authority to make them.



WHY STUDY POLITICS?

Studying Government & Politics could be the opening to an exciting range of career paths; it is a versatile stepping-stone to many fields of work and study.

Politics affects every aspect of our daily lives and having an in-depth insight into the political systems of our world is crucial. The study of Government & Politics is key to understanding how lives are governed and how laws are made.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

Students who study Government & Politics ask big questions, have inquisitive minds, think critically and debate ideas. They also have an interest in news and current affairs in the UK and USA.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed through three equally weighted exams at the end of Year 13.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN POLITICS?

A-Level Government & Politics is an ideal qualification for those wanting to move onto Higher Education to study law, international relations, philosophy, economics, sociology, criminology, journalism, advertising or politics.

A qualification in Government & Politics is highly regarded by employers in industries including law, politics, the media, the civil service, education and the police.



STUDENT PROFILE

Getting to understand Politics is a great experience. My favourite topic we've covered is US Politics as there is a fascinating history around it which is interesting to learn about.

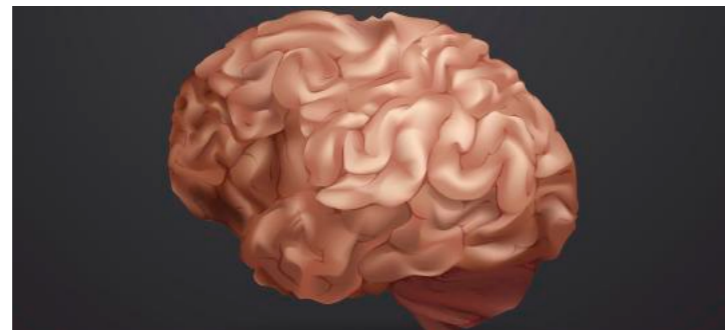
Cowley Sixth Form is a really nice place to learn, the staff are really friendly and helpful and get the best out of you.

Michael Jones
Currently studying:
A-level Politics
A-level History
BTEC Sports Coaching & Development

PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is a subject that focuses on human behaviour and mental processes. A big part of the course is looking at theories to explain certain aspects of human behaviour and assessing the differences across cultures, genders and approaches. The evaluation of ideas through hypotheses and research evidence is a key aspect of Psychology.



WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Students will study Psychology if they want to develop a career that requires an understanding of others' behaviour.

This qualification will also certainly help towards a career in the Police, becoming a Paramedic, Nurse, Veterinary Nurse or anything that requires empathy and understanding.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Three two-hour papers (96 marks and weighted at 33.3% each) that include multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN PSYCHOLOGY?

The majority of our students go on to study courses such as Law, Geography, English Literature, Primary Teaching, Advanced Psychology and Psychology.



STUDENT PROFILE

Psychology is a really interesting subject. It is fascinating to learn about how the brain functions in terms of how it reacts to the environment.

The topics I have most enjoyed have been deviation from normal mental state and the role of parents in child development.

Teachers offer great support and advice and make lessons enjoyable.

Jamaal Kolia
Currently studying:
 A-level Psychology
 Applied Diploma Criminology
 A-level Religious Studies

SCIENCE

WHAT IS SCIENCE?

BTEC Science is a flexible and stimulating course which is designed to reflect individual interests and career aspirations.

The course consists of units covering topics across Physics, Chemistry and Biology and there is an emphasis on practical investigative work.



WHY STUDY SCIENCE?

You will enjoy a wide range of learning experiences, including many practicals which include using a wide variety of scientific skill and techniques.

One practical involves producing a sample of aspirin, purifying it and testing its purity using melting point apparatus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

In addition, a grade 4 - 4 is required in Combined Science.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of coursework and external examinations.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN SCIENCE?

Past students have gone to study science degrees, nursing, biomedical sciences and allied health courses.



STUDENT PROFILE

This course involves a lot of practical work and hands on activities which are really enjoyable.

It helps develop your scientific skills, something I wish to take forward and use in a professional capacity.

The staff are great, they're enthusiastic and helpful and are always there for you when you need them.

Ben Hitchmough
Currently studying:
 BTEC Science
 BTEC Animal Care
 A-Level Biology

SOCIOLOGY

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you?

A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and to understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.



WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society you live in, so you are bound to enjoy learning about topics that are relevant to everyday life; plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35



STUDENT PROFILE

I find learning about other people's opinions fascinating to be able to understand contrasting opinions to my own.

I have most enjoyed discovering how sociologists find their information and the ethical factors behind the research.

Maggie Jones-Clarke
Currently studying:
 A-level Sociology
 Applied Diploma Criminology
 A-level Psychology

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed by three two-hour exams. There is no coursework.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN A-LEVEL IN SOCIOLOGY?

Studying Sociology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including: Social work, HR, Advertising, Policing, Marketing, Journalism, Law and Teaching.

SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT?

As part of this course, you will learn about the different aspects of sport, from coaching to fitness testing and the organisation and development of sport.



This course is ideal for those who want to pursue the academic study of sport.

WHY STUDY SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT?

This qualification allows learners to personalise their study towards the sports and disciplines of their choice.

The course can be linked to external qualifications such as Community Sports Leaders Awards, Duke of Edinburgh's Award or Sports National Governing Body Awards.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Currently the course is assessed through 100% coursework.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT?

Many students who study Sport go on to complete a degree in areas such as Sports Science, Physiotherapy and Physical Education. There are many higher education establishments offering Sport-related degrees.

Sport provides work for 600,000 people in the UK alone and contributes £8 billion to the UK economy each year.



STUDENT PROFILE

Sport is a subject I'm very interested in. I enjoy developing my knowledge and learning new coaching skills.

I have most enjoyed the coaching element of the course as this is something I am very passionate about.

Ryan Bowes
Currently studying:
 BTEC Sports Coaching & Development
 BTEC Computing
 BTEC Games Development

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

WHAT IS TRAVEL AND TOURISM?

The study of Travel and Tourism aims to develop a student's knowledge and experience in geography, customer service and employability skills.

The objective of the course is to open doors to enable students to move directly to employment or progress onto university.



WHY STUDY TRAVEL AND TOURISM?

Travel and Tourism is a growing global industry and it is an ideal choice of subject if you are wanting to combine work with travel in a future career. The course will develop key skills such as creativity, problem solving, communication, and business management which are transferable into the world of employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

There is a combination of internal and external assessment.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM?

Many students who study Travel and Tourism go on to complete a degree in areas such as international tourism management, marketing or hospitality.

Britain will have a tourism industry worth over £257 billion by 2025 and supporting almost 3.8 million jobs. With these huge figures in mind, it's not hard to see why this course is so popular!



STUDENT PROFILE

I enjoy Travel and Tourism because we get to look at the world and see how things are different in different countries.

My favourite part of the course was planning our own holiday to Australia. We priced everything up and found fun activities to do.

The teachers always make sure to help with everything so that you are never struggling.

Molly Bacon
Currently studying:
 BTEC Travel and Tourism
 BTEC Music Performance
 BTEC Professional Musical Theatre

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

WHAT IS UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES?

The popular course is designed to equip students with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed for a career in the public and uniformed services.



But, this shouldn't put off those who aren't considering a career in public services, as this course includes many sociological, political, leadership and physiological units.

WHY STUDY UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES?

The course is highly respected within the Police, Fire Service, Armed Forces, Ambulance Service and Customs and Excise and can be personalised by learners to match the public service that they are interested in.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

College entry requirements apply as detailed on page 35.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

Currently the course is assessed through an examination worth 25% with 75% internal assessment.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BTEC IN UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES?

As the course contains many aspects of Sociology and Psychology, it is accepted in a range of degree subject disciplines. There are many higher education establishments offering public services related degrees in the North West and nationwide.

A BTEC in Uniformed Protective Services could inspire students to become: Paramedics, Police Officers, Fire Personnel or even a member of the Armed Forces.



STUDENT PROFILE

This course is very practical and helps me learn new skills which will stand me in good stead for my future ambition, working in the Navy.

The teachers at Cowley Sixth Form go out of their way to help you, which makes a really positive learning environment.

Jade Middlehurst
Currently studying:
 BTEC Uniformed Protective Services
 BTEC Engineering
 BTEC Science

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

ABOUT FOUNDATION LEVEL 2

This course is specifically designed to provide a transitional year for students who are not yet ready to embark on a Level 3 programme but are keen to move on to a Sixth Form College.

A designated study base and a small team of teachers delivering the programme provides a supportive environment in which students can mature, develop and achieve further qualifications in core subject areas. This would enable them to progress to further studies or apprenticeships following the successful completion of this one-year course.

Cambridge Technical in Business (L2)	9 hours
Functional Skills & GCSE English Language	9 hours
Functional Skills & GCSE Mathematics	9 hours
Enrichment	2 hours
Tutorial	2 hours
Supervised Study	4 hours

ABOUT FOUNDATION LEVEL 3

This course is for students who have a 3/4 profile but may not have Mathematics and/or English GCSE at Grade 4 or above.

This is a one-year standalone course enabling students to achieve the necessary Level 2 qualifications in literacy and numeracy, as well as Level 3 qualifications, to proceed to a full Level 3 programme.

BTEC National Certificate (L3)	9 hours
GCSE English Language	9 hours
GCSE Mathematics	9 hours
Enrichment	2 hours
Tutorial	2 hours
Supervised Study	4 hours

RESITS

If you have not yet achieved a Grade 4 in Maths or English, you will undertake a Resit to ensure that by the end of your time in college, you can progress to employment or further study.

You will also have the opportunity to gain a further Level 2 qualification in Functional Skills to support your literacy and numeracy skills.

ENGLISH

This course is mainly for students who just missed out on a Grade 4 in GCSE English in Year 11.

The course is likely to be broadly similar to the GCSE studied before attending Sixth Form, but it may be with a different examining board and the course will complete in one year instead of two.

GCSE English is an important qualification, increasing the opportunities for further study or employment. It may, for example, help a student to progress to a Level 3 course, gain a university place or secure a job which requires GCSE English.

MATHEMATICS

GCSE Mathematics prepares and supports a student to develop their understanding of mathematical methods and concepts and then apply these to solve real world problems. This subject is for students who wish to improve their GCSE Mathematics grade.

A Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics is now regarded as a pass at GCSE and is often required for entry to university and employment.

All students who fail to reach this grade will need to retake a one-year GCSE Mathematics course at Cowley.

The subject will include a range of calculations which involve solving familiar and unfamiliar problems in a range of contexts. These include; numerical, algebraic and graphical contexts, standard notions for decimals, fractions, percentages, ratio and indices.

APPLYING TO COWLEY SIXTH FORM

WHAT TO DO WHEN

September to December

January to April

May to July

August

OPEN EVENINGS

Thursday 29th September

Thursday 17th November



Now is the time to think about what subjects you want to study at our first Sixth Form Evening

November Open Evening
Your chance to return to ask questions and finalise subject choices

Submit your application form

Attend an interview

Receive a formal offer of a place at college

Attend our New Student Welcome Day to trial your subject choices

Collect your GCSE results and enrol!

How to apply

There are two ways to apply:

1. Complete a paper application form (you can request an application form by calling us on 01744 678 030). Once completed, return to Cowley Sixth Form College.
2. Apply online. You can complete your application to join Cowley Sixth Form online, go to: cowley.st-helens.sch.uk/sixth-form

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many subjects will I study?

Most students will study three subjects in the Sixth Form, though high achievers may be able to take a fourth or even fifth subject.

Students can take A-levels, BTECs or a combination of both qualifications.

How and when do I apply?

Applications open in September and run through until enrolment in August. However, we advise applicants to submit their application before the Christmas break.

How much work will I get?

Work will be different for each subject, but as a rule of thumb, you should dedicate at least 4/5 hours per week per subject for independent study.

What are class sizes like?

Class sizes are usually smaller than at GCSE, to allow teachers to give more of their time each lesson to

each student. The small class sizes allow for extra support from your subject teachers.

Is Sixth Form like high school?

Sixth Form life is totally different to what you will be used to in high school.

You will study around three to five subjects and you will have time in which to study further or to relax.

The teacher/student relationships are different too; you will be treated like an adult and expected to be responsible with independent study time and also in making sure you complete work set.

If you still have questions or queries about life at Cowley Sixth Form, please contact us or visit us at one of our Open Evenings and we will be happy to answer.



*We see the person
and
the potential*



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