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Welcome



Patrick Jordan

Principal of
Bede Sixth Form
College

I am delighted that you are considering Bede Sixth Form College.

As part of the Education Training Collective, one of the top-performing college groups in the country, we are proud of our achievements. In 2025/26, Bede saw its strongest performance in many years and we had some of the highest achievement rates in the North East; and following

our Ofsted inspection in March 2025, we were awarded 'Outstanding', with particular recognition for our 'Strong' contribution to meeting skills needs. At Bede, learners flourish. They embrace the strong sense of belonging that defines our community, and their confidence grows significantly in a college that celebrates individuality and difference. Their exemplary behaviour and positivity towards their studies ensure they participate fully in learning, valuing both the knowledge they gain and the qualifications they earn.

We are deeply committed to providing industry standard facilities to ensure our students are well prepared for their future careers.

We continuously invest in our estate to offer the

best possible learning environment. In the last three years we have opened a £2.4m annexe with additional classroom and student spaces; created a new science laboratory in collaboration with FUJIFILM Biotechnologies reflecting the same high-quality standards used in industry; we have upgraded our sports hall floor and laid a brand new all-weather pitch; we have created a bespoke sensory regulation space for learners who might require this additional support; we have invested in VR technologies to support student personal development and created a brand new Strength and Conditioning gym for all students.

Our strong partnerships with employers mean students gain hands-on experience in real-world



environments. Learners benefit immensely from facilities such as a media suite with industry-standard cameras and editing equipment, including a state-of-the-art infinity cove studio, and specialised training spaces for sports and sciences, aligned with workplace expectations. These experiences prepare students exceptionally well for employment.

At Bede, we pride ourselves on ensuring students leave us fully prepared for their next steps. With a consistent trend of 98% positive destinations, our students progress to higher education, employment, and higher apprenticeships, significantly exceeding national benchmarks.

We continue to strengthen our Institute of Sport and Education (ISE) academies,

providing exceptional support for talented athletes, helping them excel both academically and in competition. As a Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) Accredited College, we have seen incredible student success, with graduates securing professional contracts in football and rugby, as well as gaining scholarships in the USA.

Our commitment to student wellbeing is unwavering. Our 10am start time continues to have a positive impact on student wellbeing and achievement, while our wrap-around pastoral support—through our Personal Progression Coordinators and careers professionals—ensures every student is guided towards success.

We know that transitioning from school to sixth form

can be a challenge, but our supportive and inspiring environment makes that journey seamless. With high-quality academic and vocational programmes, and curriculums carefully designed in collaboration with companies such as the NHS and Teesside University, Bede Sixth Form is the perfect place to shape your future.

I encourage you to visit us at open events, Twilight Events, ISE High Performance Camps, or during Preview in the summer. Come and speak to our staff and students, explore our facilities, and experience what makes Bede so special.

I wish you the best of luck with your GCSEs, and from myself and all the staff at Bede Sixth Form, I look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Our Events!

Our students describe us as successful, approachable, focused, and friendly. Come to one of our open events and see for yourself all that we have to offer.

You will be able to meet our friendly staff, chat with our current students, and explore our amazing facilities.

Open Events

Tuesday 29th September 2026
5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday 24th November 2026
5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday 17th March 2027
5:00-7:00pm

Twilight Event

As well as our open events, you will also have the opportunity to experience what it's like being a student at Bede Sixth Form College at our Twilight Event. You'll get to try out two courses and meet your future teachers and classmates. Last year, we received 99% positive feedback from students who attended our Twilight event. Our Twilight Evening is going to be held on: **Wednesday 3rd February 2027, 4:30-6:30pm.**

Preview Days

Once you've accepted your place to study with us, you will be invited to our Preview Days on **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July 2027**. You will get the opportunity to sample your chosen courses and meet your teachers and classmates.

Applying to Study with Us is Easy

Simply fill in the application form at the back of this prospectus or apply online at: **www.bede.ac.uk**

If you would like any help, give us a call on **01642 373 250** and we can talk you through the application process. We are looking forward to meeting you and have booked in some face-to-face open events for the year ahead. Making an application early and securing a conditional offer is advised due to the high demand for courses.

Please take a note of the above dates, but don't forget to keep an eye on our website at **www.bede.ac.uk** and social media pages for all the latest information and updates.

Life at Bede



The Students' Union

The Students' Union is a key way to get your voice heard. Being actively involved with the Students' Union can help to enhance your CV and personal statement for UCAS. The Union provides opportunities for you to get involved in influencing the College as well as opportunities for election to Bede President in early September. Look out for posters and information.

Charity and Community Projects

Here at Bede, we are proud to participate in a variety of charitable events and community projects. We work particularly closely with Billingham Food Bank and raise annually for a range of local charities and good causes. Charitable work such as this, is a fantastic way to develop your skills and can contribute to university and job applications.

High Achievers

Our High Achievers pathway gives you a competitive edge when applying to some of the most prestigious Russell Group universities in the country as well as giving you the opportunity to make a more informed choice about the higher education options available to you. You will take part in university subject lectures and taster events and benefit from extra support with early entry UCAS applications, admissions tests and interviews.

Student Ambassadors

Work extra hard in Year 12 and you could be a student ambassador in Year 13. Our Student Ambassador programme is for Year 13 students who have demonstrated excellent progress, effort and attendance in Year 12. The programme consists of specific training sessions in leadership, safeguarding and marketing. Student ambassadors represent our college at a wide range of events, such as school liaison activities, open evenings and Year 11 preview. Ambassadors develop many skills within this programme in particular their communication skills and confidence.

LGBTQ+

Tside Pride LGBTQ+ Support Group drop-in sessions

These sessions are held every half term and give you the opportunity to connect with others from across the LGBTQ+ community. You can chat, relax, and mingle in a safe environment as well as confidentially discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. There is further LGBTQ+ support via the Tside Pride VLE page, the TSide Pride Teams page or via the following email:

pride@the-etc.ac.uk



Trips and Off-site Visits

Here at Bede, we offer a wide variety of trips and visits to help support you in your study programme. Whether it's a trip to Holland for an ISE training camp, an educational trip to the Behind Bars Conference or a once in a lifetime trip to Disneyland Paris to see Psychology Live, you can guarantee that your study programme is just the beginning! Each activity is specifically designed to enrich your learning experience, giving you additional skills to help support you in your next steps towards your future career.

Teesside Uni - Physics and Engineering



Salou - Men's Rugby



Leeds Uni - Sciences



North East Space Industry - Physics



London, Home Office - various subjects



NEWCASTLE RED BULLS ACE RUGBY PROGRAMME



Bede Sixth Form College proudly delivers the Newcastle Red Bulls ACE Programme.

Offering talented rugby players a high-performance pathway that combines elite coaching, strength and conditioning, competitive fixtures, and academic study. Based in Teesside, the programme supports player development within a professional environment, competing in the ACE League—England's premier U18 rugby union competition for state schools and colleges. Designed for ambitious Year 12 and 13 students, the programme focuses on developing the skills, resilience, and mindset needed to progress in the modern game while achieving success both on and off the field.



BEDE INSTITUTE OF
SPORT & EDUCATION





Bede Science Conservatoire is an ambitious and inspiring programme designed for learners with a genuine passion for science.

At the Conservatoire, our aim is to ignite curiosity, cultivate determination, and empower the next generation of scientific innovators. Through advanced industry-focused learning, hands-on experiences, and expert-led sessions, you will develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to excel at top universities and thrive in cutting edge scientific careers.

With the choice of two pathways - Biological and Healthcare and Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries, the programme is an exciting commitment, and learners will have a dedicated block built into their timetable to ensure they can fully engage with the experiences, challenges, and enrichment it offers.

For more information, contact judith.myers@stockton.ac.uk

Come and Be a Part of an Outstanding College!

Did you know Bede Sixth Form College has been rated Outstanding by Ofsted?

As part of the Education Training Collective (Etc.), all our colleges and training providers have been rated Outstanding for overall effectiveness, quality of education, behaviours and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, education programmes for young people, adult learning programmes and provision for learners with high needs. Apprenticeships were rated Good.

So, what does that mean for you as a potential student here at Bede Sixth Form College?

Well, achieving the highest possible Ofsted grade, means we offer fantastic

teaching and learning, in facilities that are designed to help you reach your potential, with a clear focus on your future and personal development.

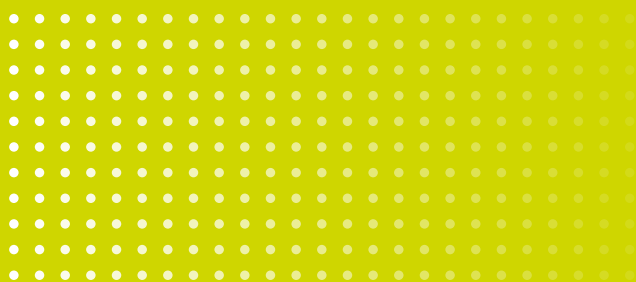
Ofsted recognised our teachers' use of "highly effective teaching strategies" and learners' progress, and the "high-quality of careers advice and guidance" that helps prepare students for their next steps.

We were also recognised for our links with employers and our commitment to give learners the skills to be able to benefit from current and future opportunities coming to our region and beyond.

Now it's your turn to be a part of an Outstanding college!



Results Results Results



99%

PASS RATE



78.8%

A*-C GRADES

OVER

1000

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE
THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR**



7



**OUTSTANDING
SPORTS
ACADEMIES**

38



**EXEMPLARY
COURSES**

1

BEDE SIXTH FORM



**BE
PART
OF
BEDE
SIXTH
FORM**

**SPORTS
CENTRE**



**10AM
START**

**Personal
progression co-
ordinators for
all students
providing
one-to-one
development
and support**



Industry standard facilities including a bespoke science lab, a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning suite as well as large social spaces and an on-site gym

Learning resource centre and silent study area



HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAMME



Building your Future

Careers and Progression

Whether you have chosen your future career or not, our highly qualified and experienced careers advisors can help you plan the route to your success. We support you to make informed decisions about your future, help raise your aspirations and reach your full potential.

The College has Matrix Standard accreditation which confirms the outstanding, independent, comprehensive advice and guidance delivered by the team.

Our careers advice is based on an embedded programme of careers education and guidance in line with the Gatsby Good Career Guidance Benchmarks. These benchmarks ensure you have access to quality careers guidance, together with work experience, encounters with employers and current labour market information. This in turn ensures you can make informed decisions about your future career plans. For more information on what services our careers team can offer please visit our website.



Higher Education

Are you thinking about moving on to university or further training after college? We will help introduce you to the many opportunities available, find the right course and university for you, and give you the skills to maximise your chances for success.

Throughout your time here we offer:

- Apprenticeship and job application support
- Mock interviews
- Careers and Progression Fair
- Guest speakers from industry
- University preparation sessions offering advice on writing personal statements, using UCAS and exploring course choices
- Trips to university open days such as Teesside, Northumbria, etc.
- One-to-one advice and guidance available throughout the year



How We Will Support You

We offer a wide range of services to ensure you always feel safe and supported during your time with us. If you need help, either in or outside of the classroom, just ask.

Student Experience and Wellbeing

Our Student Experience and Wellbeing Team are here to ensure you not only gain qualifications but are supported to enjoy your time at the college. We give you the chance to learn new skills, find new interests, make friends and prepare for the future, all while making great memories.

Our specialist team include:

- Safeguarding and Welfare
- Student Bursary
- Participation and Development

Safeguarding and Welfare

Bede Sixth Form College is committed to safeguarding our students, with this commitment demonstrated through our college values. We prioritise your safety and wellbeing at all times, with safeguarding and welfare teams located within all of our college sites. We offer advice and support, ensuring that help is sought from external agencies, where needed.

We offer information, advice and guidance on a range of issues including:

- Mental health
- Managing relationships
- Housing
- Substance misuse
- Sexual health
- Internet safety

If you should feel unsafe or that you need to access support, we are here to make sure you are heard and supported.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging

We value the diversity of our college community and promote inclusion for all. We make sure that all our students receive access to our services. We encourage a culture of respect and commit to tackling prejudice at all levels. By encouraging students and staff to share their own experiences, we aim to promote mutual understanding, tolerance and respect.

For more information on how equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging are promoted across the College please visit our website: **www.bede.ac.uk/college-life/support-and-wellbeing/safeguarding-and-welfare**

Skills and Personal Development

Extending beyond the classroom and many enrichment opportunities, our participation and development activities aim to build confidence and resilience and respond to local and national priorities. We have monthly themes including diversity celebrations, physical and positive mental health promotion, and respect.



Financial Support While You Study

The College has Student Bursary which can help you to overcome any financial barriers to your studies. If you need support, please complete a bursary application to determine if you are eligible to receive financial support for the following:

- **Transport*** to and from college during your study year, to make life a bit easier
- **Free*** meals
- **Discount*** essential equipment, uniform, trips and educational visits which may be required as part of your course
- **Financial support*** with childcare which is provided by an Ofsted recognised provider
- **Support with UCAS fees**
- **Support with industry placement costs**

We encourage all our students to apply for student bursary before enrolment.

*Subject to eligibility.

Paying for Your Course

If you are under 19 at the start of your course, there should be no fees to pay. If you are aged 19 or above, please speak to our Admissions Team about fees, repayment and student loan opportunities.

Learning Support and SEND

The Learning Support Team is dedicated to making sure our learners receive the support they need. We can arrange a support interview and ensure appropriate support is put in place. Our aim is to make sure our learners are respected and cared for as individuals and are encouraged and supported to always reach their potential. Learning support services include support for students who are visually impaired, have a hearing impairment, those with mobility issues, dyslexia, autism or any learning or physical difficulty and/or disability.

Support packages may include:

- In-depth support interview
- Access to quiet areas within college
- Advice and support through assessment with a communication support lead for hearing impaired and visually impaired learners
- Assistive technology
- Note takers/scribes
- Lift access, accessible toilets, and personal care rooms
- Support on work placement
- Exam concessions and assessment
- Additional support sessions outside of class

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)/ Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

At Bede Sixth Form we are committed to supporting you to meet your individual goals and aspirations. We welcome applications from students with special educational needs (SEN), learning disabilities and/or other support needs. We will work with you to provide you with the right resources, support, and services to meet your needs, achieve your outcomes and help you to prepare for adulthood.

We will work with you, your family, your current provider, and any other professionals involved, to put in place a transition plan to help you settle into and adjust to college life.

Support will include access to our dedicated Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) offer.

Transition into college life

We can arrange taster sessions so you can experience a course session of your choice and decide if it is right for you. We can also provide support during your college interview. Transition sessions can be arranged to meet the course tutors, learning support staff and allow you to familiarise yourself with the building.

Specialist equipment

We have a range of specialist equipment available for learners including specialist software such as Read and Write Gold. Learners can also be provided with laptops, iPads, dictaphones, magnifiers and specialist keyboards and laptops.

For more details about our support services email:
studentsupport@stockton.ac.uk

Personal Progression Coordinators

During your time at college, you will have dedicated pastoral support in the form of a Personal Progression Coordinator. The role of the Personal Progression Coordinator (PPCs) is split into two categories, PPC Coaches who will conduct your one to ones and PPC Deliverers who provide you with your PPC sessions. Both are here to support you with high quality, tailored pastoral advice to help you achieve to the best of your ability and to develop strong independent study skills. They will help you to develop your plans for life after college and encourage you to aim high.

Your PPC will meet regularly with you during timetabled sessions within the week, monitoring your achievement and attendance and building a strong supportive relationship with you.

You will have a one-to-one catch up at least once a term with your PPC where they will discuss your progress and wider aspects of college life.

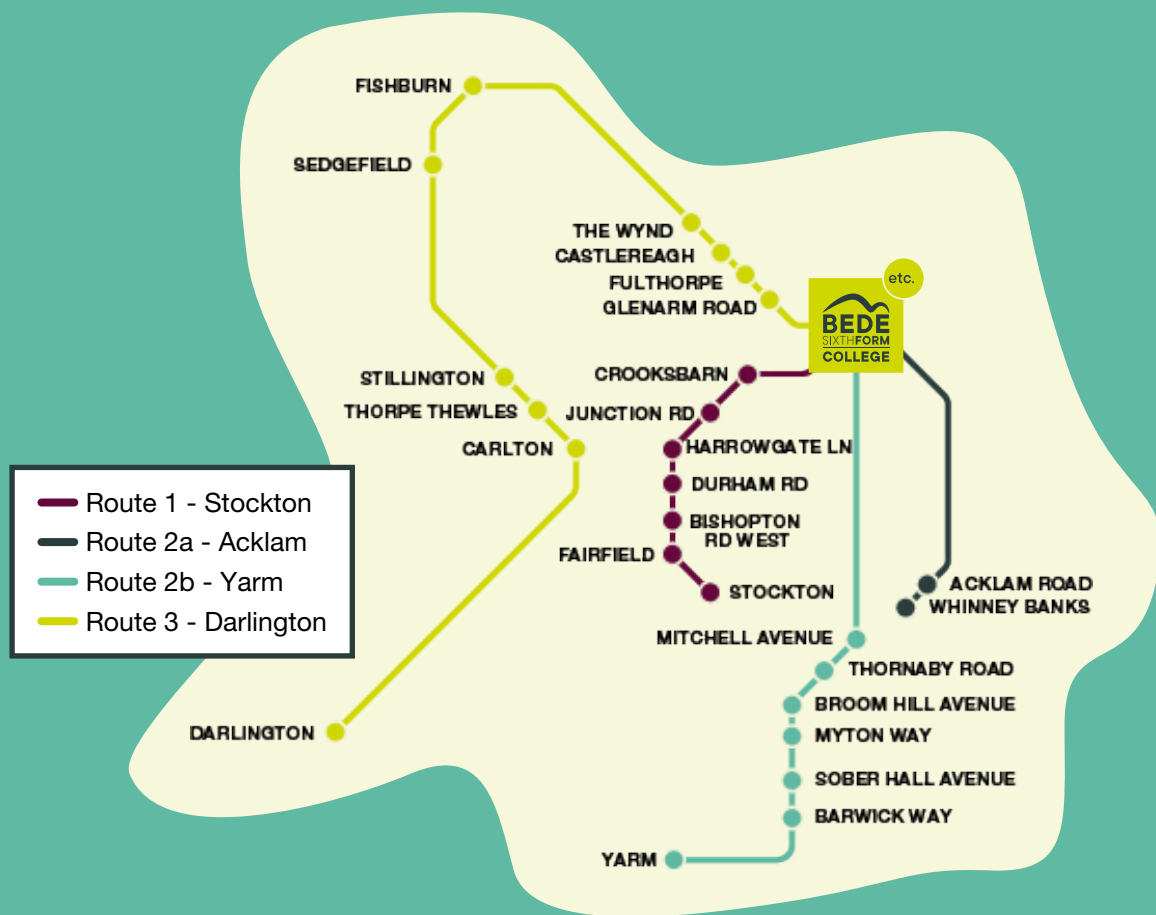
You will be supported to develop key employability skills and receive current advice and information to help you apply for an apprenticeship should you choose this progression route.

We have developed key sessions that will help you to write your personal statement and complete your UCAS application.



Travelling to Bede

At Bede Sixth Form College we provide cost effective transport options for all students*, offering transport services to the College via the dedicated bus routes detailed below or usage of the Stagecoach or Arriva bus networks.



To find full timetables **CLICK HERE**

All students that would like to use the transport options offered by the college must complete a bursary application, where household income will be assessed, via this link: <https://apply.the-etc.ac.uk/bursary/>

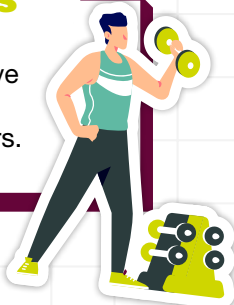
Students can also check **Traveline** (www.traveline.info) for alternative options if the Bede bus routes are not appropriate for them.

*Subject to eligibility

Student Perks

Gym Access*

Bede Sixth Form students can receive free gym access during college hours.



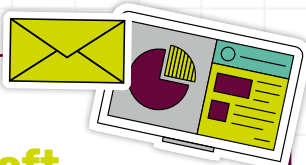
10am Start

- More time to get ready in the morning
- Outside of peak travel time
- Time for training and self-directed study
- Only two timetabled lessons per day



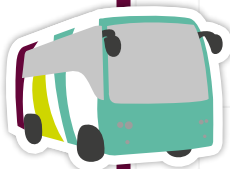
Free Microsoft Office 365

Completely free for you to use!

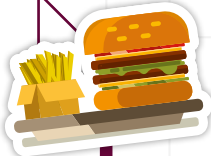


Free Travel**

Travelling to and from Bede couldn't be easier, with bus routes available across Teesside. See the website for further details.



Free Meals***



Breakfast Club, Free Toast, Tea and Coffee****



Student Discount

Students can also get a TOTUM card and sign up for online student discounts (such as UniDays and Student Beans) giving discounts on music, fashion, books, films and much more. To find out more, visit our website.

Find out more at:
www.bede.ac.uk/college-life/support-and-wellbeing

*T&Cs apply. Check out our website for more information.

** Subject to eligibility criteria.

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****Subject to change. Conditions may apply.

Meet your Support Team



Demi-Leigh Thompson
Recruitment Officer

I'm here to help you every step of the way. I will guide you through your application process, answer your questions, and make sure you feel confident in your choice. I'm super supportive, approachable and here to help every student succeed!



Natasha Wills
Exams Officer

My role is to make sure exams run accurately, efficiently and smoothly for every student, and to provide guidance and support with any exam-related queries.



Katelyn O'riordan
Participation and Development Officer

Being the participation and development officer means I get to plan activities and guest talks that enrich the students' college experience.





Christine Cook

*Advanced Safeguarding
and Welfare Practitioner*

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility—because every person deserves to feel safe, heard, and protected. When we safeguard others, we uphold dignity, build trust, and strengthen communities.



Kelly Stevenson

Learning Support Coordinator

Supporting learning isn't about removing challenges—it's about providing the tools, confidence, and encouragement to overcome them.



Lisa Miller

Welfare Officer

Being the Welfare Officer at Bede Sixth Form is such a rewarding role, I love talking to the students each day and supporting them with different issues to help to improve their wellbeing.



Andrew Featherstone

Pastoral Lead

I oversee our team of PPC's supporting them in managing learner attendance, progress and punctuality, as well as developing our pastoral programme and supporting learners as their UCAS referee.



BEDE INSTITUTE OF SPORT & EDUCATION

In 2018 we launched the now well established Institute of Sport and Education (ISE) here at Bede Sixth Form College.

Bede's Institute of Sport and Education enables Bede students to study A levels, A level equivalents and full-time vocational courses whilst being part of our performance sports academies.

Sport and physical activity play a vital role in many aspects of health and are crucial to the learner experience. It is widely recognised that sport and activity offer an array of wide-reaching benefits for students, from boosting concentration to stress relief.

All students wishing to join one of our ISE Sports Academies must attend a trial and be selected by our coaching staff. Due to the high-performance nature of the programme, students are expected to demonstrate a suitable level of ability and commitment. Please note, participation in the ISE does not guarantee game or match time. Selection for competitive fixtures and squad inclusion is based on performance, attitude, and coach discretion. Students and parents should understand that match minutes are earned, not given. Where

possible, we will also run development squads to provide further opportunities for those working towards first-team level. The whole ethos of ISE is about using sport as a vehicle for positive progression. The ISE will provide opportunities unique to the Tees Valley for up-and-coming young sports people, and those passionate about sport and physical activity. The Institute of Sport and Education is committed to playing a key role within the community, clubs and schools to enhance physical and mental wellbeing through physical activity.

We recognise the pressures that young athletes face and the impact that this can have on academic progress and mental wellbeing. They can often feel they are being dragged in two different directions, having to decide whether they pursue their sporting ambition or academic success.

We have the infrastructure to fully support young athletes and have strategies in place to ensure they can make progress in both their education and sporting goals.

	10:00 – 11:10		11:25 – 12:35	12:35 – 13:00		13:40 – 14:50		15:00 – 16:00	
MON	SUBJECT A	BREAK 11:10 - 11:25	SUBJECT A	ASPIRE A	LUNCH 13:00 - 13:40	PPC*	BREAK 14:50 - 15:00	ISE ACADEMY	
TUES	ISE ACADEMY		ISE ACADEMY			SUBJECT D		SUBJECT D	
WED	SUBJECT C		SUBJECT C	ASPIRE C		ISE ACADEMY		ISE ACADEMY	
THURS	SUBJECT D		SUBJECT D	ASPIRE D		SUBJECT A		SUBJECT A	
FRI	PPC*		ISE ACADEMY			SUBJECT C		SUBJECT C	

Please note that the above table is an example of how ISE can be combined with your study programme.

*Personal Progression Coordinator



**WATCH OUR
PROMO
VIDEO HERE!**



OUR SPORTS ACADEMIES

Our sports academies have been developed to give all players, no matter what level, the opportunity to improve and progress their game as an athlete. Students can be a part of academy programmes whilst studying A level and A level equivalent courses. All of our ISE academies strive to provide aspirational progression routes including USA semi-professional and professional contracts as well as opportunities to study and play in Sutton 30 UK university teams.

***FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR ACADEMIES
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.***

OUR ACADEMY STUDENTS RECEIVE...

- Technical coaching
- Strength and conditioning coaching
- Sport psychology support
- Use of our fitness suite, sports centre and Athlete Lab
- Fitness testing
- Nutritional advice and guidance
- Pre-season movement screening
- Access to our on-site sports injury clinic
- Meetings with a TASS qualified mentor
- Performance analysis with Veo

NEWCASTLE RED BULLS ACE RUGBY PROGRAMME



Bede Sixth Form College is proud to deliver the Newcastle Red Bulls ACE Programme, providing a high-performance rugby environment within a state education setting.

The ACE (Academy Colleges and Education) programme is designed to identify, develop and support talented players, combining elite-level coaching, strength and conditioning, and competitive fixtures alongside academic study. It creates a genuine pathway for players to progress within the modern professional game while continuing their education.

Based in the Teesside region — an area with a long-standing reputation for producing high-level sporting talent — Bede has quickly established itself as a key hub for player development. The programme is built on strong foundations of professionalism, work ethic and ambition, with a clear focus on long-term player progression.

Players selected into the programme will train and compete in a structured, high-performance environment, representing the college in the ACE League, England's elite U18 rugby union competition for state schools and colleges. This offers a demanding fixture programme that begins regionally and progresses to national competition, with players regularly competing against those within professional academy systems.

The Newcastle Red Bulls ACE Programme aims to develop players who are not only physically and technically prepared, but who also demonstrate the mindset, resilience and adaptability required to succeed at higher levels of the game.

With a carefully selected cohort across years 12 and 13, the programme provides an opportunity to be part of an ambitious environment where standards are high, expectations are clear, and players are challenged to reach their potential — both on and off the field.



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Working in partnership with Durham Women's Football Club, the Women's Football Academy gives young players the opportunity to progress and play at a professional level whilst also studying for their futures. Players in the Academy will get the chance to compete against some of the best young players in the country as they can represent both Bede Sixth Form in the AoC Premiership and represent Durham Women's FC in both the National Football Youth League and the WSL Academy League.

In 2022/23 the Women's programme won the NECL League and NECL Cup. Our success stories include Eleanor Dale, currently playing for Everton women's team, Brooke Slater who currently plays for Maryville University in USA. Faye Dale, a recent ISE graduate is now attending Durham University and representing Durham Women FC in the WSL Academy.



WOMEN'S RUGBY ACADEMY

Established in 2021, the Women's Rugby Academy was developed to give local players the opportunity to enhance their rugby skills whilst gaining excellent qualifications for their future. Benefiting from two female specific coaches, the Academy aims to prepare players to play at a professional level.

Training three times a week with expert coaches, players will benefit from regular festivals and fixtures to help them develop their rugby alongside their clubs. During the 2024/25 season as well as playing local fixtures the Academy travelled further afield and played fixtures against teams from the women's AoC Premiership.



MEN'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Our Men's Football Academy has entered into an exciting partnership with National League North side, Spennymoor Town FC.

Providing Bede ISE first team players the opportunity to represent Spennymoor Town FC Academy in the National Football Youth League (NFYL), one of the highest levels of football outside of Academy leagues. The partnership allows students to progress into semi-professional football, represent Spennymoor Town FC Academy and still represent their local club on a weekend.

Spennymoor Town FC Academy players will benefit from training three times per week, competitive games in the NFYL on a Wednesday, free physiotherapy and rehabilitation if needed, bespoke strength and conditioning sessions and video analysis with high level Spennymoor Town FC coaching staff.

The ISE Football Academy also hosts a competitive development team that also benefits from high level training sessions and competitive games on a Wednesday.

The Men's First Team will benefit from trialling with our USA partner, First Point USA, where if selected by FP USA, can gain scholarships in the USA.

As a college we will be hosting Talent ID and trials throughout the year for players to have the opportunity to be selected for one of the teams prior to attending the College.



BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Bede's ISE Basketball Academy provides the perfect opportunity for young players to train alongside some of the best players in the area and be coached by elite coaches.

The basketball programme has recently been promoted to the CBL (College Basketball League) which is a highly competitive league. The Academy had a very successful 2024/25 season and were the North East Regional Champions, leading them to the National Championships in Nottingham, finishing 8th in the country. The Academy has demonstrated success for students with Jaydon and Charlie both progressing to scholarships in the USA.



NETBALL ACADEMY

Launched in 2021, the Netball Academy was an instant success. The academy team became the AoC Sport North-east League Champions in 2022/23 and has 16 players from across multiple clubs in the North-east.

This exciting academy offers young players aged 16 to 19 the opportunity to play netball alongside studying any course at Bede Sixth Form, without having to compromise on either one. Players in the Academy will get the chance to compete against some of the best young players in the country in the AoC Sport North-east Netball league with the ambition of competing in the AoC premiership within the next two years. Players that have represented their clubs at Nationals or have competed for either South Durham and Cleveland County or North Durham County will be nominated for the AoC England College's Netball team.

The Bede ISE Netball Academy is coached by a former Vitality Superleague Netball player, enabling the student athletes to gain knowledge from a player that has played at the highest level of netball in the country.



ATHLETE ACADEMY

The Athlete Academy was the newest addition to 2023/24 and caters for high level athletes that sit outside of our six main sports academies. The Institute of Sport and Education at Bede Sixth Form College has partnered with the Teesside Athletic Academy to develop a hub for local talented athletes that sit outside of their mainstream ISE Sport Academies.

Athletes from around the Tees Valley and County Durham area that excel within their sport will now have the opportunity to train as a professional athlete alongside their A level or vocational study programme at Bede Sixth Form College. Bede is a TASS Dual Career Accredited site and ISE athletes currently have access to their state-of-the-art facilities including the strength and conditioning suite called the 'Athlete Lab', Fitness suite as well as receiving access to free on-site physiotherapy on a weekly basis. The partnership will see Teesside Athletic Academy deliver and design two weekly strength and conditioning sessions, alongside performance testing and a complete athlete centred development plan including mental health support and nutrition plans.



TASS ACCREDITATION

We are proud to have been awarded Dual Career Accredited College Status by the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS).



The accreditation is a mark of quality that is awarded by TASS, recognising the academic support available for athletes to ensure that they meet their academic aspirations whilst balancing their sporting commitments. We offer a fully supportive environment, helping our students to balance the demands of education with training and competition, without having to choose between the two.

ISE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Institute of Sport and Education continues to strive to help talented athletes excel, in order to support this goal, the ISE scholarships were launched in 2021 in partnership with Teesside University. The scholarships have been designed to maximise athletic development in a holistic approach whilst also considering our dual career model.

- Free on-site physiotherapy appointments guaranteed each week
- Bespoke strength and conditioning plan
- Access to specialist workshops including mindset, nutrition programming and more
- Free Macron training kit worth up to £100
- Priority placements on our Holland training camps
- Individual development plans produced by our high level coaching staff

OUR FACILITIES

ASTRO TURF PITCH



MITEAMDNA ATHLETE LAB



SPORTS HALL AND CLIMBING WALL



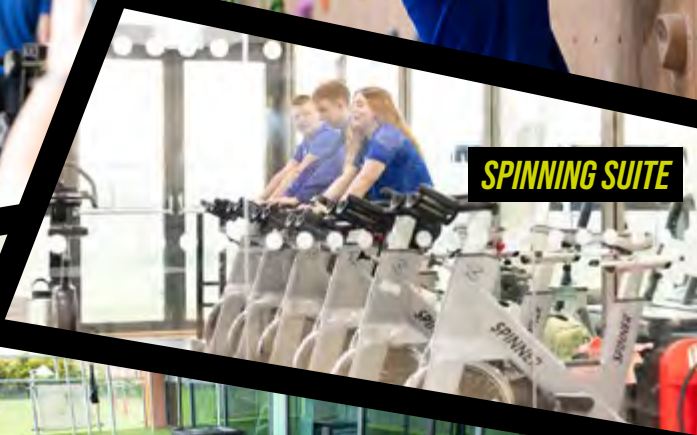
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Study Programmes

At Bede Sixth Form College we're focused on providing the best study programme for each of our students and strive to offer options for all based on individual interests, strengths and aims.

By assessing each programme/student combination on an individual basis, we make sure we get you onto the right course. We offer a wide range of subjects at level 3 and A level with something to suit everyone. If you would like to know more about how we work with each student to find them the best study programme, please speak to a member of staff for further details.

Entry Requirements

Students will usually study a combination of three A levels or A level equivalents, or one full-time course. Students will generally need 5-7 GCSEs at grades 9-4 based on your chosen pathway. GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics are mandatory. To work out your AGCSE point score, add together the numerical value of each of your GCSE grades (English Language grade 5 + English Literature grade 4 and so on) and then divide by the number of GCSE subjects taken. (Only GCSE qualifications should be included in this calculation.

Some course specific requirements may also apply (for example, requirements for our science courses) these can be found on each course page and will be discussed at interview.

Students must achieve the specific entry requirements to secure their place on the course*.

**Extenuating circumstances will be considered at the time of interview.*

**New for
2027**

V levels

V levels are new level 3 qualifications that offer a vocational pathway for students who want to explore different sectors before deciding where to specialise. V levels are equivalent to one A level and are designed for students aged 16-19. They blend academic study with applied, hands-on learning, offering flexibility to mix vocational and academic subjects without committing to a single specific occupation. The first V level qualifications will be available from September 2027 in Digital, Education and Early Years, and Finance and Accounting.

Visit our website for up-to-date information.

Career Pathways

The next page shows the ten most common career pathways detailing the courses we have to offer in order for you to follow your future career.

Please note that each student's programme of study will be individualised and tailored to best suit the student. This information is a general guide.

Art, Media and Creative

- Art and Design 38
- Media Studies 52
- Photography 53
- Sound Engineering 68

Business, Administration and Law

- Business 40, 65
- Economics 43
- Law/Applied Law 49, 62

Education and Training

- Biology/Applied Human Biology 39, 61
- Chemistry 41
- English Language/Literature 44, 45
- Health and Social Care 67
- Maths/Further Maths 50, 51
- Physics 55
- Psychology/Applied Psychology 56, 63
- Sociology 58
- Sports Coaching 75

Environment and Sustainability

- Applied Science 64
- Biology/Applied Human Biology 39, 61
- Chemistry 41
- Economics 43
- Geography 46

Health, Public Services and Care

- Applied Human Biology 61
- Health and Social Care 67
- Policing 73
- Sport and Exercise Science 69, 74
- Uniformed Services 77

Language, Literature and Culture

- Art and Design 38
- English Language/Literature 44, 45
- History 47
- History (Early Modern) 48
- Media Studies 52
- Sound Engineering 68
- Photography 53
- Psychology/Applied Psychology 56, 63
- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics 57
- Sociology 58

ICT

- Computer Science 42
- Media Studies 52

Social Sciences

- Criminology 66
- Economics 43
- Geography 46
- History 47
- History (Early Modern) 48
- Law/Applied Law 49, 62
- Psychology/Applied Psychology 56, 63
- Sociology 58

Sport

- Personal Training and Fitness 72
- Physical Education 54
- Sport and Exercise Science 69, 74
- Sport and Physical Activity 76
- Sports Coaching 75

STEM - Science, Maths, Engineering and Manufacturing

- Advanced Manufacturing in Engineering 60
- Applied Science 64
- Biology/Applied Human Biology 39, 61
- Chemistry 41
- Computer Science 42
- Maths/Further Maths 50, 51
- Physics 55

To find out more scan the QR code.



Study Programme Pathways

Aspire Pathway 1

GCSEs Required:

Studied seven GCSEs including GCSE English and Maths and a GCSE point score 5.50 and above.

Programme Type:

Study programme will consist of AS-Levels and/or vocational programmes.

Subjects on Offer

- Art and Design
- Biology
- BTEC Engineering
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Early Modern History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Photography
- Religion Philosophy and Ethics
- Sociology

OR ANY FROM Aspire Pathway 3

Possible Destination:

- Russell Group, higher, medium and low tariff universities
- Higher Degree and Degree Apprenticeships
- Full-time employment

Aspire Pathway 2

GCSEs Required:

Studied seven GCSEs including GCSE English and Maths and a GCSE point score 5.00 but less than 5.50.

Programme Type:

Study programme will consist of a **maximum of two** AS-Levels and **at least one** vocational programme.

Subjects on Offer

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Early Modern History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Photography
- Religion Philosophy and Ethics
- Sociology

OR ANY FROM Aspire Pathway 3

Possible Destination:

- Higher, medium and low tariff universities
- Higher Degree and Degree Apprenticeships
- Full-time employment

Aspire Pathway 3

GCSEs Required:

Studied five GCSE programmes and have a GCSE point score 4.50 but less than 5.00.

Programme Type:

Study programme will consist of **three** vocational programmes, GCSE English or Maths.

Subjects on Offer

- BTEC Applied Law
- AAQ Applied Science
- BTEC Business
- WJEC Criminology
- BTEC AME Engineering
- CTEC Health and Social Care
- AAQ Human Biology
- BTEC Sport and Exercise Science
- BTEC Psychology
- BTEC Sound Engineering
- AND** GCSE Mathematics
- OR** GCSE English Language

If you have a grade 3 in GCSE English or GCSE Maths a one to one meeting with the teacher, during enrolment, must take place in order to assess suitability.

Possible Destination:

- Higher, medium and low tariff universities
- Higher Degree and Degree Apprenticeships
- Full-time employment

Skills needed for all pathways:

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Oracy
- Literacy
- Independence
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Practical skills
- Presentation skills
- Research skills
- Analytical
- Evaluation
- Organisation
- Metacognition





**Please
note, all
courses are
subject to
availability and
meeting entry
criteria.**

Choosing your Courses

We want you to feel happy and confident with the courses you choose. Here are our top tips to help you make the right choice...

To get started, have a browse through everything we offer, then:

- Think about what you are good at
- Consider the subjects you enjoy and are most interested in
- Think about your future career – what is your ambition and what subjects/ qualifications do you need to get there?
- Consider your preferred style of learning – do you enjoy learning the theory or do you prefer practical/hands-on lessons?
- Do you prefer exam based subjects or coursework?

You can then make a provisional choice on your application form or online application, and when you meet us for your interview, we can talk through your subjects with you.

English and Maths

English and maths are crucial to your academic development and are essential in the world of work.

If you are under 19 when you start with us, there is a government requirement to work towards a grade 4 in English and maths if you have not already achieved this in school.

Here at Bede, we incorporate English and maths sessions into your main study programme, helping you achieve your English and maths qualification before progressing on to your next steps.

If you do not already have GCSE English and maths at a minimum of a grade 4, you will continue to work towards these qualifications as part of your main programme of study*.

*Unless you are exempt. See conditions of funding rules (Department for Education).

A LEVEL COURSES

Art and Design

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (Min AGCSE: 5.00) including grade 5 in GCSE Art, Graphics or Textiles

The UK's creative industries are now worth a record £101.5 billion to the UK economy, and studying art and design could lead to a well-paid and fulfilling career in the arts. This course offers you the chance to explore your own creativity, develop your ideas, think critically, and learn to express yourself artistically with growing expertise. There is no greater satisfaction than being absorbed in the creative process, and the course is tailored to provide you with this experience.

What will you do?

This course is very rewarding and gives you the opportunity to express yourself imaginatively and creatively, using a whole range of different media. You will develop a range of skills in relation to drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. Following the art process from your initial research and starting points through to development and experimentation, you will produce a body of work for each unit. Alongside this you will research a range of relevant artists to gain inspiration and visit relevant exhibitions.

Future progression

University courses such as fashion journalism, fine art, games design, architecture and interior design.



Career options

- Graphic design
- Interior design
- Creative direction
- Product design
- Film and TV set design

Click here to find out more.

Biology

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 6 in GCSE Biology or a grade 6 in Combined Science and a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

If you're interested in how your body works, why organisms have evolved the way they have or how we can solve some of humanities biggest problems such as disease and famine, then studying biology could be for you! If you were good at GCSE Biology and found it interesting, then why not continue studying it at A level?

Biology is the scientific study of life, and you will explore topics and issues that impact upon our lives and the world around us, building a secure knowledge in areas including biochemistry, evolution, ecology, genetics, and anatomy.

Our enthusiastic teachers tailor their lessons to meet individual needs to ensure that you get the most out of your studies.

What will you do?

- Use microscopes to observe cells
- Dissect specimens to investigate tissues and organs
- Investigate rates of reactions, diffusion and osmosis
- Sample plants in their natural habitats
- Learn to plan and analyse data from scientific investigations

Future progression

A level Biology can be a stepping stone to university study or apprenticeships in industries like pharmaceuticals, food technology, agriculture and health.



Career options

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Physiotherapy
- Veterinary science
- Pharmaceutical science
- Research
- Ecology and environmental science
- Agricultural science
- Food science
- Public health

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Business

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a 5 in GCSE Mathematics is strongly recommended.

Developing your understanding of the business world, this course will encourage you to consider the issues that affect the success of small and large businesses today. You'll put that knowledge into practice by considering management decisions and recommendations based on real situations.

What will you do?

You'll develop a thorough understanding of business theory and principles through our lively and active lessons. Students will explore the four functions of business HR, finance, ops and marketing.

As well as making business decisions based on real life scenarios, you'll be expected to justify those decisions and back them up with sound reasoning based on evidence.

Future progression

Over half of our A level Business students go on to study at university. Many of our students have progressed to senior managerial positions in some of the UK's top companies including accountancy firms, major retailers, and modern engineering organisations. Whatever you go on to do, you will learn skills and gain knowledge that will be useful throughout your future career.



Career options

- Business
- Accountancy
- Statistics
- Public sector organisations

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Chemistry

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry or a grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science and a 6 in GCSE Mathematics

Are you interested in how new medicinal drugs are synthesised? How space probes identify elements on other planets? How athletes are drug tested? How the body controls your blood pH? This course will answer these questions and more, developing your practical skills, numeracy skills and logical thinking.

You will gain practical laboratory experience, cultivate attention to detail and acquire valuable teamwork skills. Students will also be learning in our purpose-built laboratories.

What will you do?

You will explore:

- The patterns in the Periodic table
- The reactions of carbon based compounds
- How the speed (rate of reaction) and amount of products (equilibrium) can be monitored in a reaction

Future progression

You can apply to university to study chemistry, medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, pharmacy or other science related degrees.

You can also apply to the many local global chemical companies to complete a chemistry degree apprenticeship.



Career options

- Analytical chemist
- Chemical engineer
- Environmental chemist
- Forensic scientist
- Police officer
- Development chemist
- Laboratory technician
- Patent agent
- Purification scientist
- Toxicologist

Click here to find out more.

Computer Science

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

Are you interested in learning how the digital world around us works? Do you enjoy problem solving and creating things? If yes, then computing might be the subject for you.

The computing industry is growing five times faster than any other industry. Because of this, the UK is struggling to recruit enough computing graduates, meaning there's lots of potential job opportunities. In addition to this computer scientists are required in almost every industry and there are vast opportunities for international travel and relocation. They are in demand and their salaries reflect this.

What will you do?

- Learn how to program computers
- Learn how computers work and operate
- Learn how the internet functions and the tech involved in keeping data safe
- Solve problems and develop key skills like teamwork

Future Progression

A degree in computer science or related field, a degree apprenticeship or an apprenticeship.



Career options

- Software development
- Engineering
- Cybersecurity
- Data analysis
- Machine learning and AI development

Click here to find out more.

Economics

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

There's never been a more relevant time to study economics. This course will encourage you to consider all the factors that affect standards of living and the quality of life for different parts of society. You'll be able to evaluate the state of the nation and consider solutions to our current financial and economic problems.

You will gain a thorough understanding of the economic factors that affect our everyday lives and be able to explain these things to others! There are many opportunities to participate in discussion and debate within the College and wider community, and former students have been invited to appear in local media interviews and events. You will be able to hold to account and question politicians, business leaders and decision makers with confidence and knowledge.

What will you do?

Economics is essentially the study of who gets what, so on this course you'll look at the allocation of jobs, wealth and resources in the UK and on a worldwide scale. Lessons are dynamic and you can expect to analyse and suggest solutions to the economic problems of the day.

Future progression

You could progress to further study at university in a relevant area before moving on to careers in areas such as business, accountancy, statistics or public sector organisations.



Career options

- Business
- Accountancy
- Statistics
- Public sector organisations

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English Language

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50). Grade 5 in English Language strongly recommended

Our English A level students have had a 100% pass rate for the last five years! You will have the opportunity to choose your own coursework topic, for instance, your IM chats, an area of interest from your other courses: Queen Elizabeth's use of grammar, how the bible uses language to depict women, a study of language used by the James Bulger killers, the language of gendered differences (or not), are you interested in how children try to manipulate their parents? – The choice is yours! We also organise trips and visits to supplement the course as regularly as possible.

Previously we have organised trips to see a West End production and Shakespeare on stage. Presently we have had university linguistics speakers in to talk with our Year 13 and 12 classes.

What will you do?

This subject covers a tremendous range of topics – language and power, crime and language, child language, and gendered language, to name just a few. If it has been written, spoken, typed, tweeted, re-tweeted, sent, broadcast, shouted or mumbled, you will study it. We look at how and why language is used in all its forms in the world today and yesterday.

Future progression

You can go on to study a range of degrees at university, including film, philosophy and linguistics, journalism and law.



Career options

- Law (most universities ask for English Language specifically)
- Media
- Administration
- Publishing
- Health care
- Education
- Leisure industry
- Psychologist

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English Literature

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) Grade 5 in English strongly recommended

If you love literature, this course will give you a great excuse to read to your heart's content! Then you can indulge yourself by discussing, thinking and writing about what you have read. You will examine great works of English literature from the Romantic period through to the present day.

Our dedicated teachers offer lots of support and enrichment, including the opportunity to enter creative writing competitions. We also go on theatre trips to supplement the course.

We also have guest speakers. Students have taken part in a workshop led by poet, Toni Peters, and enjoyed a morning with Diamond Dagger winner, Martin Edwards.

What will you do?

During the course you will read and study six set texts, these being Twelfth Night, Emma, The Importance of Being Ernest (Comedy - Paper 1), Atonement, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd and The Rime of the Ancient Mariner (Crime Writing - Paper 2). In addition to these, you will also choose two texts on which to base your coursework – one poetry and one prose.

Future progression

You can go on to study a range of degrees at university, including English literature, English and creative writing, American studies and history and law.



Career options

- Law
- Research
- Media
- Journalism
- Administration
- Publishing/editing
- Healthcare
- Education
- Leisure industry

Click here to find out more.

Geography

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50)

Geography has come a long way from the learning of capital cities and colouring in maps. This course examines the relationship between people and the environment. You will develop a critical understanding of some of the most pressing challenges facing 21st century societies today, from climate change to food security, poverty to piracy. Fieldwork is an integral part of the course and will be formally assessed. During your A level studies you will visit various regions of the UK to study hydrological change, rural settlement and glaciation.

What will you do?

- You will study four themes across the two years which address both human and physical geography
- Human geography topics cover: Development in Africa, Global Systems and Global Governance and Changing Places
- Physical geography topics cover: Glaciation, Carbon and Water Cycles and Tectonic Hazards

Future progression

You may go on to study geography at university however geography is also a very useful bridging subject between the social and physical sciences.



Career options

- Working for a non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- The energy sector
- Urban planning
- Marine conservation
- Local government

Click here to find out more.

History

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 4 in GCSE History and grade 5 in GCSE English

Our A level History course explores the key political, social, and economic transformations that shaped Britain and the USA in the 20th century. This course will develop your analytical skills, critical thinking, and ability to engage with historical debates—essential for university and beyond.

A key part of our course is engaging with primary sources, such as government reports, speeches, and media coverage, to understand the perspectives of people who lived through key historical events. Alongside this, we will analyse secondary interpretations from leading historians, developing your ability to assess differing viewpoints and form well-reasoned arguments based on historical evidence.

What will you do?

- **Paper 1: Britain Transformed, 1918–97**

Exploring how Britain evolved politically, socially, and economically after World War I.

- **Paper 2: The USA, 1920–55: Boom, Bust, and Recovery**

Examining a pivotal period in American history.

- **Paper 3: Poverty, Public Health, and the State in Britain, c1780–1939**

A thematic study of the changing attitudes and government responses to poverty and public health in Britain.



- **Coursework**

Independent research on a historical debate of your choice, allowing you to explore an area of history in depth and develop university-level research skills.

Future progression

History students have gone on to study history or related courses at prestigious universities including those in the Russell Group, and work in related industries such as politics, teaching and journalism.

Career options

- Archivist
- Information officer
- Journalist
- Policy advisor

Click here to find out more.

History (Early Modern)

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 4 in GCSE History and grade 5 in GCSE English

Our A level History course explores the dynamic and transformative period of early modern Europe, focusing on the relationship between religion and the state. Studying this course will develop your analytical skills, critical thinking, and ability to engage with historical debates—essential for university and beyond.

A key part of our course is engaging with primary sources from the period, such as letters, trial records, and contemporary accounts, giving you direct insight into the thoughts and experiences of people in the early modern world. Alongside this, we analyse secondary interpretations from leading historians, developing your ability to assess differing viewpoints and form well-reasoned arguments based on historical evidence.

What will you do?

- **Paper 1: England, 1509–1603: Authority, Nation, and Religion**
Explore the reigns of the Tudor monarchs, from Henry VIII to Elizabeth I.
- **Paper 2: Luther and the German Reformation, c1515–55**
Luther's challenge to the Catholic Church and the impact of the Reformation in Germany.
- **Paper 3: The Witchcraze, c1580–1750**
A thematic study of the causes, nature,



and decline of the early modern witch-hunts across Europe and America.

• Coursework

Independent research on a historical debate of your choice, allowing you to explore an area of history in depth and develop university-level research skills.

Future progression

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Career options

- Politics
- Teaching
- Journalism

Click here to find out more.

Law

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5 in GCSE English Language strongly recommended

The law governs everything we do and affects everyone's lives, including your own. We all come into contact with it every day, be it through the traffic laws that keep us safe, or the legal process of buying your first house. This course is full of interesting topics such as criminal liability for crimes such as murder, manslaughter and theft. We also cover civil liability in relation to personal injury and the court procedures involved. So, whether you want to become a solicitor or barrister, or just simply want to know more about the law, this course is guaranteed to spark your passion for problem solving and debate.

What will you do?

A level Law provides a wide understanding of law in relation to different perspectives such as morals, justice and society. Learn about areas such as criminal, tort, contract law and human rights. This includes procedural law that explains how laws are made and how judges interpret them within the legal system. Substantive law consists of both criminal and civil law. We cover subjects with real life application within up to date cases and news stories to bring the subject to life.

Future progression

- University degree or foundation degree
- Legal apprenticeship paralegal
- Higher apprenticeship
- Degrees in subjects such as: policing, social work, business and accounting



Career options

- Lawyer
- Legal executive
- Crown prosecution service
- Human resources manager
- Judge
- Policing
- Accounting and business
- Law teacher
- Court clerk
- Social work

Click here to find out more.

Mathematics

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 7 in GCSE Maths or above

A level Mathematics is a challenging but rewarding A level that can lead to a variety of different careers including medicine and engineering. Students often have good problem-solving skills by the end of the course and learn how to analyse difficult problems in a step-by-step manner. They develop strong mathematical skills, problem solving skills and investigative skills which will be developed over the two year course. At the College, we have a set of graphical calculators available for students studying the course which helps students understand key content.

What will you do?

- Learn core mathematics, statistics and mechanics over the two years
- In core mathematics you will expand on a few familiar topics such as trigonometry, but also learn new topics such as calculus and logarithms
- Learn how to use computer programs to aid your studies such as Desmos which is an online graphical calculator

Future progression

Mathematics opens the door to a wide range of further study and career options, including engineering, science, business and industry. Previous students have gone on to study Material Sciences at Oxford, BioMed and Computing at Newcastle, Law and Biological Science at Durham as well as Physics at Lancaster. One student also progressed on to a Civil Engineering Apprenticeship with PD Ports.



Career options

- Engineering
- Finance
- Software engineering
- Accountancy
- Medicine

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Mathematics (Further)

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics

Are you passionate about maths? Studying A level Further Mathematics will offer you the chance to excel in a subject you love and are good at. Challenging your logic and reasoning skills, it will further develop your knowledge, giving you an understanding of a range of pure and applied topics.

What will you do?

Building on the work carried out in GCSE Mathematics (particularly algebra), you will take A level Mathematics further to a more advanced standard. You will develop an expertise in pure and applied maths, learning how to apply different mathematical concepts and seeing how they relate to each other.

Future progression

This course will help prepare you for university courses with a high mathematical content such as mathematics, physics, engineering and computing – over 50% of students on these courses at university have studied further mathematics.

The mechanics module is aimed to support courses such as physics and engineering, but the decision module supports computing science.



Career options

- Engineering
- Accountancy and finance
- Computing science
- Most STEM related careers

Click here to find out more.

Media Studies

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50)

Consider how much time you spend consuming media products on a daily basis. What is it that the media does to keep you glued to your phone, tablet and TV screens, and how are the producers of these products shaping your beliefs around everything from race and gender to notions of right and wrong? The media is a dynamic, vibrant and incredibly powerful industry that offers some of the most exciting career opportunities in the world for those who choose to study it.

What will you do?

- Examine the power of the media through study of TV and film, podcasts and magazines, video games and music videos and a wide range of other media formats
- Develop practical media skills within screenwriting, cinematography, video editing and Photoshop
- Develop journalistic ability through article writing and content creation

Future progression

Gain creative industry jobs – our students have gone on to work in the film, TV and radio industries.

Study at top level universities – many learners progress to study within Russell Group and Sutton 30 universities alongside specialist film schools.



Career options

- Cinematographer, director, screenwriter, post-production editor
- Marketing and advertising professional
- Journalist or editor
- Content creator
- Social media manager

Click here to find out more.

Photography

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50)

Photography will introduce you to a variety of experiences, exploring a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. When you complete the course, you'll be able to express ideas using a range of specialist photographic techniques in a confident and assured manner. This course offers you the chance to explore your own creativity, develop your ideas, think critically, and learn to express yourself artistically with growing expertise within an innovative setting.

What will you do?

On our photography (lens and light-based media) course you'll produce practical and critical work in areas such as portraiture, landscape photography, still life, documentary photography, photojournalism, experimental imagery, photographic installation, and film. You will learn a range of studio and outdoor techniques that you will use as a toolbox with which to express your unique ideas. Researching the work of other photographers and artists is also an integral part of the investigating and making process, and you will put together a digital portfolio documenting your research and the development of your own work.

Future progression

Studying photography could lead to a degree in the arts. Some of our most recent students have gone on to study graphic design, creative advertising, fashion journalism, games design and photography.



Career options

- Photojournalism
- Commercial photography
- Animation
- Film
- Television

Click here to find out more.

Physical Education

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5 or higher in GCSE PE or Science. Must be actively competing in one of the approved sports on the exam board website

A level Physical Education will appeal to those students who have a keen interest in sport and are regularly involved in competitive performance; want to develop knowledge and understanding of the scientific factors that underpin performance in sport; and want to analyse, evaluate and improve their own sporting performance.

What will you do?

A level Physical Education brings together a fascinating range of topics, such as:

- Human anatomy
- Exercise physiology
- Sport psychology
- Sport and society
- Technology in sport

You will also take part in practical sports activities and have your performance assessed in one sport. This assessment will take place in the full sided version and in a competitive situation.

Future progression

This course could lead to studying a university degree in sports science, physiotherapy or teaching amongst many others. It can lead to degrees in medicine and dentistry alongside other A levels.

Some students with exceptional performance levels can pursue scholarships at universities in the UK or USA.



Career options

- Sport scientist
- Physiotherapist
- PE teacher
- Exercise physiologist
- Sport and exercise medicine

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Physics

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 6 in GCSE Physics or a grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science and a grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

Physics is the most fundamental science. Studying physics gives you the opportunity to understand how the world works, from the vast distances in the observable universe to the tiny particles held within the atomic nucleus. You will develop excellent problem-solving skills giving you the confidence to approach even the most challenging problems. Through practical investigations and workshops, you will develop communication skills, reasoning skills and analytical thinking which can be applied to any career or subject.

Physics focuses on many theories which describe the fundamental nature of the world we live in, and the implications these theories have for understanding our own place in the universe.

There is always a high demand for physics graduates. Physics opens the way to an enormous variety of career choices, and physics graduates are amongst the highest earners of all graduates.

What will you do?

- Theory lessons
- Exam question workshops
- Practical investigations
- Research and independent study

Future progression

You can progress onto a degree, a degree apprenticeship or a higher professional skills course to get into engineering or business.



Career options

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| • Astronomy | • Electrician |
| • Nuclear medicine | • Geologist |
| • Research scientist | • Data scientist |
| • Engineering | • Surveyor |
| • Data manager | • Manufacturing |
| • Computer scientist | • Aeronautics |
| • Architect | • Military technology |
| • Product design | • Financial modeller |
| • Lab technician | • Actuarial work |
| | • Meteorologist |
| | • Education |

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Psychology

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5s in GCSE English, Mathematics and Science

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour, so as psychologists we use experimental methods, observations and statistical analysis to research and test our theories to help us understand what it is to be human. Psychologists research all aspects of the human experience, from memory, relationships and stress to complex psychological disorders and criminal behaviour to help us understand why we behave the way we do.

What will you do?

In your first year you will study a wide range of topics, including attachment, memory, social psychology and psychopathology (mental illnesses). You will also consider the key approaches in psychology that aim to explain why humans behave and think the way we do.

In second year we look at biopsychology, schizophrenia, gender development and criminal behaviour in depth.

You will study research methods to gain understanding of how psychologists study human behaviour.

Future progression

Last year, nearly 80% of our psychology students progressed onto university, studying subjects such as psychology, sociology, criminology, history and biology to name just a few. Other students were successful in obtaining an apprenticeship, a job or a place on another FE college course.



Career options

- Subject specialisms such as forensic psychology, educational psychology and clinical psychology
- Teaching
- NHS careers, including medicine and nursing
- Counselling
- Marketing
- And many more

Click here to find out more.

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5 in GCSE English Language

By practising philosophy, humanity is able to ask itself the most profound questions relating to life on Earth. How should we live? How can we decide what is the right thing to do? Does God exist? How can we make sense of our most intense experiences? How do we know what is real? Many people don't want to consider these questions but if you take A level Religion, Philosophy and Ethics then you are different – you are willing to open your mind and consider really deep questions.

What will you do?

- You'll look at key questions of philosophy and theology through discussions, question and answer sessions, activities and debate
- You'll be challenged to think critically not only about other people's beliefs but also your own, developing the ability to logically appraise

Future progression

After this course you could go on to study subjects like philosophy, religious studies, humanities, politics or literature at university.



Career options

- Civil Service administrator
- Non-profit manager
- Solicitor
- Technical writer
- Law
- Research
- Social work

Click here to find out more.

Sociology

Type: A level

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in seven GCSEs (AGCSE: 5.00 - 5.50) including grade 5 in GCSE English Language

Are you interested in understanding how the world around you works? If so, A level Sociology is the perfect subject for you.

Sociology is the 'study of society'. We look at how we are shaped by society and how we play a crucial role in influencing the world around us. It helps us to develop our knowledge and understanding of human behaviour. A level Sociology is an academically rigorous subject that will challenge and develop your critical thinking and analytical skills. You will learn to apply your knowledge to real-life scenarios, and develop your ability to write and argue effectively. If you ever question and challenge why things happen, then sociology is the subject for you.

What will you do?

You will study five core units:

- Families and households
- Education
- Crime and deviance
- Mass media
- Theory and methods

Future progression

Most sociology students progress to higher education to study undergraduate degrees such as sociology, psychology, childhood and youth studies, criminology and journalism.



Career options

- Teacher
- Police, probation and prison service
- Social worker
- Social researcher
- Journalist

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A LEVEL EQUIVALENT COURSES

Advanced Manufacturing in Engineering

Type: Level 3 Award

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00) including grade 5 in GCSE Science and 5 in Maths

Choosing to study engineering is a fantastic way to open up a wide-range of future career opportunities. Whether you want to work in industry, specialise in a particular engineering area or just gain an insight into the sector, this exciting qualification provides a broad basis of study as well as developing specialist work related skills that are in demand by many employers. This course is part-delivered at our amazing NETA site.

What will you do?

You will study a broad range of topics related to engineering including:

- Engineering principles
- Safe engineering processes
- Product design and manufacture
- Computer aided design
- Maintenance and condition monitoring

Future progression

- Engineering opens the door to a wide range of further study and career options, including all of the fields of engineering, science, business and industry
- You could choose to continue to university study or you could pursue a higher level apprenticeship
- Previous students have secured higher level apprenticeships with global employers such as PD Ports, Johnson Matthey, FUJIFILM



Career options

- Mechanical engineer
- Electrical engineer
- Aeronautical engineer
- Process operator
- Oil and gas industry
- Sustainable energy sector

Click here to find out more.

Applied Human Biology

Type: OCR AAQ Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00) including grade 4 4 in GCSE Combined Science

Human biology studies the normal structure and function of the human body as well as how it reacts to disease. It is a varied course which tests recall of knowledge and the communication of scientific analysis in exam and controlled assessment units.

You will be learning in our purpose-built, state-of-the-art laboratories where we have an experienced lab technician on-site to support you with practical tasks. You will be taught by an experienced specialist in science.

What will you do?

- Study the anatomy, physiology and genetics of the body
- Learn about diagnostic tools, symptoms and treatment of disease
- Complete practical and theory work
- Learn about care plans and approaches to medicine

Future progression

Recent students have successfully progressed to university courses, apprenticeships and employment.



Career options

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedics
- Social care
- Teaching

Click here to find out more.

Applied Law

Type: BTEC Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

Are you considering a profession in law? This course is an excellent opportunity to gain a hands-on insight into how the law operates in practice. Looking at both aspects of criminal and civil law, you will learn about various processes, including procedures at the police station, and how criminal trials and personal injury claims work. Have you ever wondered why we need laws, how they are created? Have you ever wondered how defendants are sentenced by judges or how a claimant can successfully bring a claim for negligence? Or have you had an interest in how laws govern our society and want to pursue a career in law as a solicitor or barrister?

What will you do?

You will learn about the different types of courts and the cases that are dealt with in those courts, including both criminal and civil cases. We will look at the different sources of law and how laws are developed through the courts and parliament and how they are interpreted by the judiciary. You will also discover the powers that the police have in relation to arrest and detention, and the legal principles surrounding those areas of law.

Future progression

- University degree or foundation degree
- Legal apprenticeship paralegal
- Higher apprenticeship
- Degrees in subjects such as: policing, social work, business and accounting



Career options

- Lawyer
- Legal executive
- Crown prosecution service
- Human resources manager
- Judge
- Policing
- Accounting and business
- Law teacher
- Court clerk
- Social work

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Applied Psychology

Type: BTEC Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00) including grade 4 in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics

Psychology is the scientific study of minds and behaviour. As such, it is a part of our everyday lives. An understanding of human behaviour is fundamental to many jobs in society and the study of psychology at degree level and beyond remains a very popular choice. If you are interested in studying this subject in a more practical, hands on way, BTEC Applied Psychology offers you this opportunity.

You will develop transferable skills such as teamwork, data analysis, critical thinking, communication skills and organisation. You will also have the opportunity to choose an area of current psychological research to explore and investigate and take part in a range of subject-related enrichment activities including guest lectures, trips and support for your next steps.

What will you do?

- Psychological Approaches
- Research Methods in Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Forensic and Criminal Psychology

Future progression

- Careers in psychology
- Health related field
- Criminology and sociology links



Career options

- Clinical psychology
- Forensic psychology
- Social and youth work
- Academic researcher

Click here to find out more.

Applied Science

Type: OCR AAQ Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00) including grade 4 4 in GCSE Combined Science

Applied science studies all three science disciplines. You'll learn about cell structure, biochemistry and biodiversity. In chemistry you'll learn about structure and bonding and apply maths to study rates of reaction. In physics you'll learn about electricity, motion and medical physics. It is a varied course which tests recall of knowledge and the application of scientific method in exam and controlled assessment units.

You will be learning in our purpose-built, state-of-the-art laboratories where we have an experienced lab technician on-site to support you with practical tasks. You will be taught by an experienced specialist in science.

What will you do?

- Study fundamental ideas in biology, chemistry and physics
- Apply ideas about scientific method
- Complete practical and theory work
- Consider how science affects society

Future progression

Recent students have successfully progressed to university courses, apprenticeships and employment.



Career options

- Pharmaceuticals
- Environmental science
- Paramedics
- Radiotherapy
- Petrochemicals

Click here to find out more.

Business

Type: BTEC Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

Whether as customers or employees we all interact with businesses every day. Businesses are integral to the society we live in and are complex machines run by people. All businesses are different and as such have different needs. Studying business will allow you to respond to the challenges of any business whether as an entrepreneur starting up a new business or a manager of a large corporate firm. This course will develop your transferable business skills to analyse the business environment, work with other people and present complex business ideas to others.

What will you do?

You'll explore the world of business through relevant examples and study the purposes of different businesses, their structure, the effect of the external environment, and how they need to be dynamic and innovative to survive. Marketing is a dynamic field central to the success of any business. You will gain an understanding of how a marketing campaign is developed. You will explore different stages of the process that a business goes through when developing its campaign and develop your own campaign for a given product/service.

Future progression

Moving on to university you can further develop your business knowledge or specialise in a preferred field.



Career options

- Setting up your own business
- Marketing sector
- Product development
- Market research
- Retail and commerce

Click here to find out more.

Criminology

Type: WJEC

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

Criminology is about crime and punishment. It is an exciting interdisciplinary subject that combines aspects of law, psychology and sociology to look at how crime is defined, why people commit crimes, and how society responds. Studying criminology will allow you to understand the culture of crime and the workings of the criminal justice system, including the police, courts, prosecution services, prisons and rehabilitation services.

What will you do?

Year 1

- Unit 1 Changing Awareness of Crime (Controlled Assessment)
- Unit 2 Criminological Theories (External Exam)

Year 2

- Unit 3 Crime Scene to Courtroom (Controlled Assessment)
- Unit 4 Crime and Punishment (External Exam)

Future progression

You can study a degree at university, apply for an apprenticeship in policing or business or further progress into other subjects (psychology, law, sociology).



Career options

- Legal profession
- Law enforcement
- Forensics
- Prison service
- Youth and social work
- Victim support

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Health and Social Care

Type: Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

If you have not got your health, what have you got? On this stimulating course, you will explore questions such as, how does a disease, such as diabetes, impact individuals? How do you become an effective communicator? If you are looking for a career as a nurse, social worker, teacher or other care professional and want to develop your skills and understanding that are directly relevant, then this is the qualification for you. This is equivalent to one full A level.

We support our learners in securing work experience placements in the sector.

What will you do?

You will cover lots of aspects of health and social care:

- You will study aspects of nutrition for health
- Developing effective communication and relationships in health and social care settings
- How to keep service users safe
- Anatomy and physiology
- What malfunctions the body can experience
- The processes of conception and birth in a unit about sexual health

Future progression

Our students go on to a variety of further training and careers.



Career options

- Adult nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedic science
- Operating department practice
- Occupational therapy
- Paediatric nursing
- Primary teaching

Click here to find out more.

Sound Engineering

Type: BTEC Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

Do you have a passion for music? Do you want to learn how to make and record your own sounds? Would you like to get hands on with live sound mixing? If so, then sound engineering could be the subject for you. With job opportunities across a range of different industries available for talented sound engineers, record producers and studio technicians, sound engineering is a lucrative course for anyone with a passion for music and sound.

What will you do?

- Develop practical recording studio and music venue skills
- Become an expert in Pro Tools – the industry standard digital audio workstation
- Work with real musicians both in a studio and in a gig setting
- Develop a rich portfolio for creative job applications

Future progression

- Study at some of the best institutions in the country, such as SAE, Russell Group and Sutton 30 universities
- Become an effective musician – Bede alumni now gain hundreds of millions of Spotify and Apple Music Streams per year
- Employment within the creative industries – Bede alumni now work for EA Games, Rough Trade Records and The Globe Theatre



Career options

- Studio engineer
- Live sound engineer
- Record producer
- Sound mixer for film, TV and the video games industry
- Musician

Click here to find out more.

Sport and Exercise Science

Type: BTEC Extended Certificate

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in 5 GCSE programmes (AGCSE: 4.50 - 5.00)

The single A level equivalent course is ideal for those that have enjoyed the theoretical aspects of GCSE PE/BTEC Sport and are keen to advance their knowledge by studying sport and exercise science. There is a mixture of theory and practical in this academically challenging subject that works well when chosen with subjects such as human biology, health and social care and business amongst many others.

What will you do?

Year 1:

- Functional Anatomy
- Specialised Fitness Training

Year 2:

- Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Coaching for Performance and Fitness

Future progression

The majority of students progress onto higher education and study degrees in sport and exercise science, physiotherapy, sports therapy or sports coaching. Other options include advanced apprenticeships in personal training and sports coaching.



Career options

- Sport scientist
- Physiotherapist
- PE teacher

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Student Success

A university offer in Georgia proves an ace move for Max.

A lifelong ambition to develop his game while studying in the United States has become a reality for up-and-coming tennis star Max.

The 18-year-old from Norton secured a place to study sport and exercise science at the Emmanuel University in Georgia.

And completing his time as a Bede Sixth Form College student in style, in the summer he made it through to the national final at the AoC Sport National Championships.

Max said: “My goal has always been to go to college in the States to develop my tennis.”

Following in the footsteps of some of his own coaches who trained in America, he explained that at the competitive university he is going to sport is a cornerstone of college life.

Ready for the demands of training (in the heat) that will be built around his academic studies, he said: “It includes training for two hours on a morning and two hours on afternoon, for five or six days a week.”

No stranger to putting in the hours, he currently trains around 20 hours a week or more.



Looking forward to the step up, he said: “I quite enjoy the intensity of the training, it gives you the motivation to want to get better.”

Max studied A levels in economics, PE and business studies at Bede.

Of his time at the college, he said the 10am start time helped work around early morning training and, through the college’s Institute of Sport and Education (ISE) the college was able to offer the support he needed to fit his studies around his sport.

Excited for all that is to come, his ambition right now is simply to do the best he can and see where that takes him.

FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL COURSES

Personal Training and Fitness

Type: Active IQ Level 3 Diploma

Length: 1 year

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in four GCSE programmes plus some experience of gym-based exercises, including free weights, a degree of physical fitness is necessary, basic skills in communication pitched at level 2

This course trains learners to a professionally competent level, enabling them to prescribe, plan and deliver safe but effective exercise programmes, and to develop their skills and knowledge to allow the learner to pursue a career in personal training.

What will you do?

Subjects include:

- Nutrition for exercise, health and fitness
- Analysis of client information
- Assessment of a client's health and fitness
- Planning and conducting of physical activity sessions
- Client consultations
- Communication skills
- Legal and professional requirements
- How to set up and manage a personal training business
- Work experience – Links to Bannatyne and Tees Active

Future progression

On completion of this diploma, you will be eligible to apply to become an Affiliate of the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA) and a member of the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS).



Career options

- Personal trainer
- Strength and conditioning coach
- Exercise referral consultant
- Performance sports coach
- Health and wellbeing officer

Click here to find out more.

Policing

Type: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in four GCSE programmes including GCSE English Language and Mathematics

The equivalent to three A levels, this programme is specifically designed for those students who already aspire to join the police force. Students will build specialist knowledge, skills and behaviours related to working in the police service in areas such as leadership skills, physical fitness, and equality, diversity and inclusion, which will prepare them to progress on to a professional policing degree or the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship route. There will be the opportunity to gain additional qualifications alongside the course.

What will you do?

The course is broken down into 18 units that are delivered across the two years. Here is a list of some of the key units:

- Prepare for a career in the police service
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop physical fitness
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Preparation for higher education
- Mental and physical wellbeing in the police service
- Crime scene investigation
- Emergency planning and response

Future progression

The course is worth up to 168 UCAS points and is designed for progression to university to study professional policing or a similar degree. Alternative routes include the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship.



Career options

- Police constable
- Detective constable
- Security

Click here to find out more.

Sport and Exercise Science

Type: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
Length: 2 years
Entry requirements: Grades 9-4 in five GCSE programmes, including GCSE English and Mathematics

This is an aspirational and academically challenging course, which focuses on the study of sport science. We cover a variety of applied science-based units such as anatomy, physiology and sport psychology to provide you with key underpinning knowledge. We also progress into studying key vocational areas, such as sports injuries and massage, sports coaching, fitness training and research-based areas.

What will you do?

We will cover a wide range of topics including:

- Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance
- Field and Laboratory-based Fitness Testing
- Coaching for Performance and Fitness
- Specialised Fitness Training
- Biomechanics in Sport and Exercise Science
- Sports Massage

Future progression

The majority of students progress onto higher education and study degrees in sport and exercise science, physiotherapy, sports therapy or sports coaching. Other options include advanced apprenticeships in personal training, community sport and health officer, advanced coach in sport and physical activity.



Career options

- Physiotherapist
- Sports scientist
- Sport psychologist
- Sport physiologist
- Physical education teacher
- Higher education lecturer
- Health promotion specialist
- Clinical exercise physiologist
- Sports development officer
- Health promotion specialist
- Sports dietician/nutritionist

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Sports Coaching

Type: NCFE Level 2 Diploma

Length: 1 year

Entry requirements: At least four GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English Language and Mathematics

Take your interest in sport to the next level with this course that combines practical activities with theoretical study and prepares you for work in the sport and leisure industry or progress to our Level 3 in Sports Coaching qualification. The course aims to develop a broad knowledge base in sport and exercise and develop your coaching skills in a range of sports. The course can be taken alongside GCSEs in English Language and Mathematics.

What will you do?

Units:

- Participating in Sport
- Sports Coaching
- Development of Personal Fitness
- Work Experience
- Organising an Event
- Developing Sporting Skills and Tactical Awareness
- Introduction to Health, Exercise and Nutrition

Future progression

On successful completion of this course you can progress onto the Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development. Other options include progressing onto an intermediate apprenticeship in the sport and active leisure sector or employment in the industry.



Career options

- Sports coach
- PE teacher
- Leisure manager

Click here to find out more.

Sport and Physical Activity (Sports Coaching)

Type: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at minimum grade 4 including GCSE English and Mathematics (Modified course available if students do not achieve grade 4 in both English and Maths)

This is a specialist course which provides you with the knowledge and skills to work within the sport, leisure and physical activity industry. We look at careers including sports coaching, sports development, fitness training and teaching. It is also the perfect route for those that may struggle with exams but excel in a practical and written environment.

What will you do?

Subjects include:

- Sports coaching
- Exercise, health and lifestyle
- Preparing for a career in sport and physical activity
- Practical team sports
- Work experience in sport
- Fitness testing for sport and exercise
- Fitness training and programming

Future progression

Students can progress onto a university degree. The Extended Diploma can be equal to three A levels and carries a maximum of 168 UCAS points.



Other progression options include higher-level apprenticeships in community sport and health officer, advanced coaching and personal training or direct entry into work in the sport and leisure sector.

Career options

- Physical education teacher
- Higher education lecturer
- Performance sports coach
- Performance analyst
- Health promotion specialist
- Personal trainer
- Strength and conditioning coach

Click here to find out more.

Uniformed Public Services

Type: NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma

Length: 2 years

Entry requirements: At least four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and Mathematics

Do you have the discipline and determination it takes to work in the uniformed public service industries? This course centres on the key services including fire and rescue, the police, ambulance, prison services, customs and excise and the armed forces. You'll be introduced to what working life is really like in the uniformed services and develop the skills to prepare you for this type of work. There will be the opportunity to gain additional qualifications alongside the course.

What will you do?

The course is broken down into 18 units that are delivered across the two years. Here is a list of some of the key units:

- Develop physical fitness
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Understanding discipline
- Map reading and navigation
- Skills for land-based and water-based outdoor and adventurous activities
- Outdoor expeditions

Future progression

Students can progress to university to study degrees in professional policing, paramedic science and criminology to name a few. Other progression options include the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship or join one of the armed forces such as the British Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force.



Career options

- NHS
- Paramedics
- Armed forces
- Fire brigade
- Police officer

Click here to find out more.

Student Success

ACE player Myles selected for Newcastle Red Bulls U18s Academy.

Myles is found a mix of the right commitment, attitude, and while modest to admit it, a fair bit of talent, has put him front and centre of his sport.

Blazing a trail for his fellow teammates, he was Bede Sixth Form College's first Newcastle Red Bulls ACE programme player to be selected for the Newcastle Red Bulls U18s Academy squad.

Taking on the Harlequins U18s at Kingston Park, with a 26/19 win, he quickly got to feel the full force of a victory, which he said: "Felt pretty good."

And as an U18s academy player, he was also given the chance to train with the first team.

He said: "It has really pushed me. I used to pay to watch them and then there I am on the training field with them!"

A tighthead prop, in the front row of the scrum, it is essential Myles feels at the top of his game.

Training as part of the ACE programme at Bede, and playing at Darlington Mowden Park RFC, he has certainly been putting the hours in.

A typical week would see him in training or games five or six days a week, but he feels all the better for it.



"My confidence and performance are improving, I feel fully ready," he said.

Previously having played for the then Newcastle Falcons U16s Academy squad, before taking some time out from the sport, working on his game with Bede coaches Rob and Ollie helped revive his love of the sport.

"They have helped to develop my skills and made me a better player, with a better attitude," he said.

When the college launched the Newcastle Red Bulls ACE programme it opened-up even more opportunities for the Bede players and their development.

The offer of a place on the Newcastle Red Bulls U18s Academy felt like it came at just the right time for Myles. And a win in his first game gave him even more motivation.

A photograph of four students (three young women and one young man) sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. They are all smiling and holding up white certificates with yellow borders. The background shows a modern building with large windows and green trees. The image is framed by a yellow border with colorful confetti at the top and bottom.

Celebrating our Amazing Students at Bede

Congratulations to our fantastic class of 2026!

Results day offered plenty to celebrate at Bede Sixth Form College.

The hard work and determination have paid off with students achieving a 99% A level pass rate at the college in Billingham.

Top marks include a 100% success in 16 A level and 13 vocational subjects, and an increase in those achieving A* to C grades.

“These results are a testament to the effort and commitment that the students put in and the standard of education they are receiving here at the college,” said Bede’s principal, Patrick Jordan.

The results come in a year when recent growth at the college, both in student numbers and the amount of students choosing A level subjects, has seen a 60% increase in A level entries.

Patrick said: “It is a phenomenal achievement not only to maintain but to build on those high standards set in recent years.

“This means more students from across the Stockton borough and the surrounding areas are getting the amazing results they need to progress on to their chosen courses, next steps or employment.”

As a dad himself, Patrick takes his responsibility to all Bede’s students seriously and admits to feeling a few nerves when the results came in.



In fact, this year, his own son was among the latest cohort picking up results.

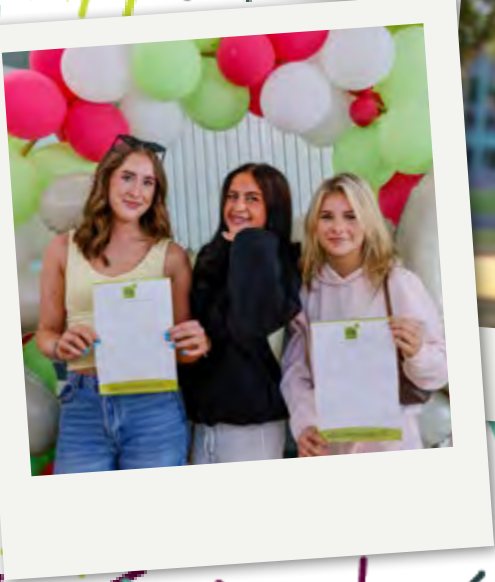
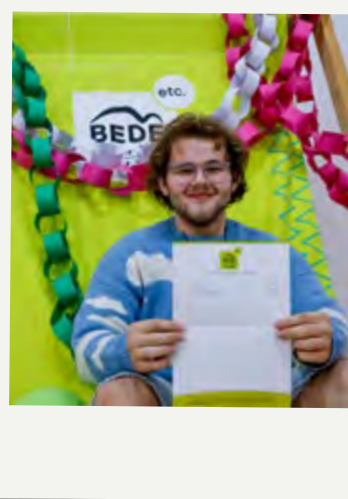
“To see my son collecting his results, and his friendship group, is a reminder, if it were needed, of the importance of what we do here for every individual.”

A positive outcome across the college now means Patrick gets to share in the students’ success and hear about the positive destinations they will now be moving on to.

“Once again we have students moving on to some incredible opportunities,” he said.

“For many that will be their first-choice university places or course choices, while for others it is higher apprenticeships or even studying overseas.”

Overall, he added: “This is a really good performance. I am incredibly proud of all our learners and the full team here at Bede. I wish all our students luck for everything that comes next.”





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We aim to create greater opportunities for all of our students and communities by equipping people with the skills to help them into employment, raise aspirations and meet the economic demands of the region.



Open Events

Tuesday 29th September 2026

5:00-7:00pm

Tuesday 24th November 2026

5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday 17th March 2027

5:00-7:00pm

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