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Open Events

4 October 2023

4-7pm

16 November 2023

4-7pm

20 January 2024

10am-1pm

20 March 2024

4-7pm

16 May 2024

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Welcome to

Leeds Sixth Form College Here we do things a little differently - we treat you as the young adult you are, with respect and courtesy. There's no uniform, no addressing your teachers as 'Sir' or 'Miss' and we focus on you as an individual. It may feel more informal to school but we take studies very seriously, raising your aspirations and celebrating your successes. We concentrate on fostering positive relationships so you can concentrate on achieving your goals.

Our tutors are experts in their field, they are passionate about their subjects and want to see you succeed. Approachable and friendly, our experienced staff know what you are capable of and will help you set high expectations of yourself and, importantly, help you achieve those expectations.

We believe college should be more than work, grades and qualifications - it's about growing as an individual, making friends, trying new things and creating happy memories.

This prospectus can only give you an introduction to life at Leeds Sixth Form College. To get the best sense of all we have to offer, join us at one of our open events.

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Mission Statement

A vibrant, innovative centre of education in the heart of a buzzing metropolis, Leeds Sixth Form College delivers first-class education that raises aspirations and drives success. We empower you to be your best self. We do this by equipping you with the skills you need to succeed today, tomorrow and beyond. Learn your way with a broad range of qualifications at a sixth form college which keeps you, the individual, at the heart of your learning experience.

We want you to grow in confidence as well as knowledge.

That's why when you complete your sixth form studies you will leave with so much more than a collection of certificates.

Leeds Sixth Form College's first-rate teaching gives you the knowledge you need to progress in your subject while enrichment activities equip you with invaluable life skills.

If you want fresh, innovative learning in the heart of a vibrant city, look no further than Leeds Sixth Form College. If you're ready to learn more, aim higher and go further, then we're ready to welcome you.

We build independence and resilience

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We set aspirational goals

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We celebrate individuality

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We share our passion for learning with the local and global community

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We are respectful of others, our diverse community and the environment 6

We inspire success in all forms

and Values

What Our Students Say



66 the teachers here are fantastic; they support you with everything you may need... >>

to making sure you're on the right path to a career in something you enjoy. \$9

Getting Here





Located within easy reach of both the train and bus station in Leeds, we are ideally placed for travel across the region. A number of nearby parks provide the perfect green space in which to relax and enjoy a break from study. With the University of Leeds, Leeds Art Gallery, Leeds City Museum and Leeds Grand Theatre all within easy walking distance, as well as numerous coffee shops and restaurants, you can explore this vibrant city without straying far from sixth form.



Facilities

Fusing innovation with excellence, these dynamic spaces will allow you to learn in an inspiring and independent way.



Subject-specific zones situated on each floor provide quiet spaces with learning resources appropriate to the subject. Staff are on hand in these spaces to help you with any queries you have.







From setting the scene with lighting equipment and green screens, to editing the photographs, the studio is fully equipped to produce the perfect photo. Complemented with a purposebuilt darkroom for developing prints, the photography studio has everything a photography student could need to succeed.

natural press coffee shop

If you fancy a break from your studies, our modern coffee shop allows you to relax in a social and eco-conscious environment.





the discovery lounge

Explore your academic and extracurricular interests in this comfortable, spacious area. Home to the Tree of Knowledge, where students and staff can borrow and donate books, The Discovery Lounge is an ideal place to conduct group work.

auditorium & lecture theatre

Our large, open plan auditorium and lecture theatre have been specially designed for assemblies, exams, external guest speakers, enrichment activities and the campus engagement programme.





gym facilities

Fully air-conditioned with state-of-the-art equipment that creates electricity as you exercise. Intelligent equipment converts the watts generated to AC power and is sent back through the grid to offset energy costs. Students can take advantage of our on-site gym facilities, with free access on Wednesday afternoons as part of enrichment.



Our dedicated chemistry, physics, biology and pharmacy labs are designed to help students develop practical work skills.

These industry-standard spaces allow course-specific study with access to a range of specialised equipment.

ilearn



ilearn (independent learning) is here to "support students to develop independent skills and achieve personal goals."

ilearn supports students in five key areas:

Academic skills - all things assignments and writing to get the best grades possible.

Independent skills - tools and skills you need to be autonomous and less reliant on your teachers, keeping you top of the game.

Digital skills - we use Google and lots of apps that help you become digitally savvy.

Future-ready skills - getting you ready for the next step or improving your employability.

Digital sense - understanding your digital world, online footprint, cybersafety & more.

Our staff are on hand to deliver both full classes or more personal one-to-one sessions with students to support their learning.

Our ilearn team supports our students in four key ways:

ilearn hubs

Our ilearn hubs are the ideal space for independent learning, quiet reading or having a 1:1 with a tutor. With access to over 20,000 ebooks as well as novels, graphic novels and learning resources, the hubs are a perfect place to find inspiration. Staffed by study support officers, there's a friendly face on hand to help with any queries.

1:1 support

Our ilearn team is here to help. The focus is on you as an individual and the support service is bespoke to your needs. Any student can request a private chat with the ilearn team, as can a member of staff who has a concern about an individual. This is your time and you can discuss the area you need help with. Together we will work out the key areas for you to focus on and we are there with guidance, supportive tasks and advice on how you can overcome the particular challenge you are facing.

In-class sessions

Life isn't just about what you learn on your courses, which is why we work closely with teaching staff to deliver lessons that will build your confidence and prepare you for life beyond further education. Using different learning techniques such as games, discussion and activities, topics are presented in a way to help you grow as an independent learner. Sessions are delivered at the request of teaching staff and can be followed up by 1:1 tutorials for any students that might need them.

Enrichment

As well as offering 1:1 support and delivering workshops, we encourage learning by running regular competitions and activities. These competitions are run outside of curriculum and are open to all. Whether it's a reading challenge, poetry competition or pixel art competition, there's an opportunity for everyone to take part. Along with running competitions we also feature on the enrichment timetable and deliver study skills sessions, covering important skills from research to referencing.



Entry Requirements

The general entry requirements are five GCSEs graded 9-4, including English and maths. If you have grade 3, or lower, in GCSE English or maths, we can still consider your application, depending on your course choices, however you will be required to study these alongside your chosen programme.

Specific subjects may require grade 5 or above in GCSE English or maths. Please refer to the table below to check the requirements for each subject.

If you have any questions regarding entry criteria for any of our courses, feel free to call and speak to a member of our Course Enquiries team.

A Level Courses	Entry requirements
Art, Craft & Design	9-4 at GCSE in an art-based subject plus portfolio
Biology	9-5 in GCSE Biology or 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science and 9-5 in maths
Business	9-5 in GCSE Maths
Chemistry	9-5 in GCSE Chemistry or 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science, and a 9-5 in GCSE Maths
Core Maths	9-4 in GCSE Maths
English Language	General entry requirements
English Literature	9-5 in GCSE English
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	General entry requirements
Film Studies	General entry requirements

Further Mathematics	9-7 in GCSE Maths
Geography	9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE Geography
History	9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE History
Law	9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Maths	9-6 in GCSE Maths
Media Studies	General entry requirements
Philosophy	9-5 in GCSE English
Photography	9-4 at GCSE in an art-based subject plus portfolio
Physics	9-6 in GCSE Maths and GCSE 9-5 in Physics or 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science. Students should also study A level Maths
Politics	9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Psychology	9-5 in GCSE Maths, science (2 separate subjects or a minimum of 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science) and an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Religious Studies	9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Sociology	9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Spanish	9-5 in GCSE Spanish

Vocational Courses	Course Specific Entry Requirements
Applied Law	General entry requirements
Applied Psychology	Minimum 4-4 in GCSE Combined Science
Applied Science	9-4 in two separate sciences or 4-4 GCSE in Combined Science and 9-4 in GCSE Maths
Sport Science & Exercise	9-4 in GCSE Maths

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two a levels



one vocational course

HybridProgramme

Hybrid Programme

The Hybrid Programme is our offer combining two A levels and one vocational course. These excellent vocational diplomas are designed to dovetail perfectly with A levels. They are an ideal springboard to high quality HE courses, providing specialist content and supporting progression on to further study.

If you are interested in the Hybrid Programme, you will need to choose a vocational course from one of the following courses:

- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Applied Science
- Sport Science & Exercise



Step Up to A level (SUTA)

If you don't meet entry requirements for our A level provision you can still study with us. Our Step Up to A level (SUTA) programme includes studying 5 GCSEs over 1 year enabling you to progress to A level.

SUTA runs over three days a week and offers a number of different pathways. All include GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths, and then three other subjects of your choice.

Additional subjects include:

- Science Synergy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

- Citizenship
- Geography
- Psychology
- Business Studies

5 GCSES

1 year



The Application Process

Apply

Apply by completing our online application via the Leeds Sixth Form College website.

Review

Each application received is then reviewed by our expert staff.

Open Event

Why not come along to an open event? They are a great opportunity to speak to tutors, see our campus, even experience some A level lessons and find out if Leeds Sixth Form College is right for you.

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Interview

You will be invited to an informal interview which will include specialist advice and guidance, ensuring you get the best opportunity to achieve.

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Offers

Offers are made following an interview and are conditional, based on you achieving the relevant GCSEs, or requirements agreed at interview.



Bridging Day

You will be invited to a 'bridging day' where you will meet staff, experience some A level lessons and view our facilities.

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Enrolment

An invitation to book an enrolment slot will be sent out mid-July, giving you all the information you need to enrol.



Academic and Pastoral Support



At Leeds Sixth Form College, you will be provided with plenty of support to help you maximise your potential.

Time is allocated in your timetable for peer study groups or 1:1 coaching sessions with a tutor. These sessions allow you to share ideas and receive support with your studies.

Student wellbeing

If you are experiencing personal difficulties that may affect your studies, you can access specialised 1:1 support. This support is available from our dedicated pastoral team.

We also provide drop-in help sessions to support with studying, revision and exam preparation - ensuring you are fully equipped to succeed.

You can also engage with an array of enrichment activities to build friendships, pursue your personal interests and contribute to the student body.

Work experience and preparation for the world of work

All students in their first year will undertake a week long work placement in an area relevant to their future progression. In addition to this, there are opportunities to volunteer.

This practical experience can boost your UCAS application and equip you with the working knowledge necessary for higher education or employment.

Financial Support

We offer a range of support with course-related costs such as travel passes, free lunches and childcare.

Some of the financial support we offer includes:

- free breakfasts
- free lunches
- travel passes
- childcare

Please note funds are limited and allocated on a case-by-case basis. More information, including eligibility criteria, can be found on the college's financial support page.

student, I felt really welcomed, so you don't have to worry about not settling in well. ""

Student Life

All our staff are dedicated to ensuring you get the best education and leave with the life skills that will see you reach your goals. To support and encourage you in your development, we have a number of teams in place at college, all looking after your needs.



safeguarding, wellbeing, health and behaviour, and care experience

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is a top priority. All staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection and our dedicated safeguarding team is on hand for advice and support.



Wellbeing

At Leeds Sixth Form College, supporting wellbeing and promoting good mental health for all our students and staff is paramount. It's always good to talk and we have dedicated mental health trained coaches who can direct you to services that can help. We offer services ranging from sharing mindfulness techniques to short-term counselling.

Health and Behaviour

Here at Leeds Sixth Form College we promote positive relationships and all staff are trained in Restorative Practice. As well as championing positive behaviour, we provide information and support relating to health. From running health campaigns such as Stoptober to awareness campaigns such as World AIDS Day and National Vegetarian Week, we aim to promote healthy lifestyles and relationships.

Care Experience

We offer support for all Children Looked After and Care Leavers to ensure a smooth transition to college life. We have a designated staff member in every curriculum department to support care experienced students. Financial support may also be available for eligible students, please visit our website for more details.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

The EDI team works across the group to create a culture of mutual respect where everyone feels welcome and valued. We have a network of around 90 EDI champions who represent each department and partake in numerous activities to promote equality, diversity and inclusion.

All our staff complete mandatory EDI training to ensure that they have a better understanding of EDI issues our staff and students may face, which helps to foster an inclusive and innovative environment.



engagement



Enrichment

Recognising that there is more to sixth form education than a piece of paper, we run an extensive range of enrichment activities ranging from sport to social action. These activities are a great way to make new friends and have fun. Enrichment will not only help build your confidence and enhance your learning experience, they are also a positive addition to university and job applications.

Student Union and Student Voice

Leeds City College's Students' Union (LCCSU) works in partnership with Leeds Sixth Form College and is an independent organisation that makes your student experience more enjoyable.

From fun events to the promotion of student-led activity, our aim is to ensure you are engaged, represented and supported throughout your time at Leeds Sixth Form College.

Student Voice

It's important for students to have their say and our Students' Union officers act as representatives for different groups. There are opportunities for you to become a student leader, have your say and work with the college to continually develop Leeds Sixth Form College now and for future students.



Tutorial and Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education (PHSCE)

Tutorials and PHSCE lessons give you the opportunity to explore and discuss topics beyond your chosen courses. From developing a greater understanding of the world around us and preparing for life in modern Britain to discussing health and wellbeing, equality, diversity and inclusion and citizenship, we explore a wide range of subjects. Focus is also given to your personal development in 1:1 tutorials.

Student Funds and Welfare

The Welfare Team supports students through crises, giving advice on benefit problems, debt, housing and homelessness, loss of work, and not having enough money for food and bills.

We don't want financial concerns to hold students back

- as a college we work hard:
- Supporting students to overcome financial barriers to attending college*
- Providing a range of support including meals, travel passes and help with childcare

In addition to the above, support may be available for students aged 16-18 who live alone or are in care or are a care leaver.



*Eligibility criteria apply - please visit the website for full details



Careers, Work Experience and Progression

Careers Advisors play a key role in helping you think about what you will do once you complete your education with Leeds Sixth Form. Advice covers a range of subjects from jobs and apprenticeships to university.

All students will have the opportunity to attend Higher Education fairs, employer talks and careers fairs held on campus.

Work experience is an important part of your studies and all students will undertake some form of work experience. Our range of opportunities include work placements, employer-led projects, work tasters and social action projects.

Food and Catering Services

As well as producing a wide range of delicious and nutritious food we run a number of events throughout the year. From practical advice in our 'How to Cook on a Budget' workshop to Veganuary, our events give students and staff the opportunity to sample dishes, learn new recipes and enjoy food from different cultures.

What Our Students Say



of there's a lot of freedom and respect here – I feel like I'm an adult. 99

here to support you, and your teachers love to see you take an interest in the subject. ""

Information for Parents and Guardians



At Leeds Sixth Form College, we value the relationship we have with our parents and guardians. We recognise the part you play in supporting your child during their education and the importance of keeping in touch with you throughout their time with us. As well as providing regular updates on your child's academic progress, we also want to make it straightforward for you to contact us should you have any queries. Our contact information is on the next page.

Parents' Welcome Evening

Each student will be assigned a personal member of the pastoral team, a coach, who will meet with them weekly for a tutorial and be there to support them over the duration of their course.

These members of staff are responsible for monitoring your child's progress and development and will support your child throughout their time at Leeds Sixth Form College.

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's coach at our Parents' Welcome Evening in October. You can also contact them at any time throughout the year to arrange a meeting should you have any queries or concerns.

Parents' Evenings

In addition to the welcome evening, we hold parents' evenings at key stages in the academic year for all students. This is where you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

Parents' Progression Evening

The Parents' Progression Evening is your chance to learn about the opportunities available to your child upon completion of their course. You can speak with experts who can offer advice regarding 'next steps' and discuss how your child can maximise their potential.

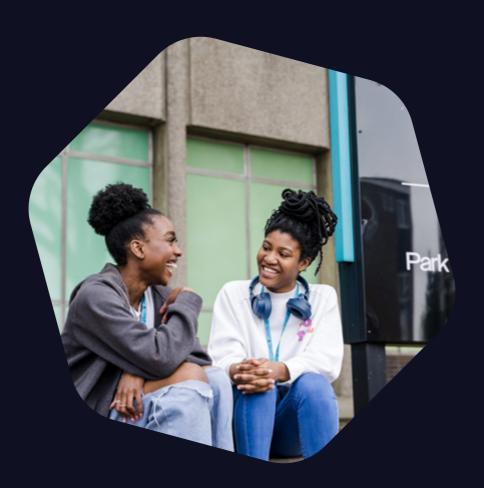
Parental reports and correspondence

At any time throughout the year, you can access our online portal via our website to find information regarding your child's attendance, progress and assessment grades for each subject.

If your child is below 18 years of age, we will send you a full written report on their progress in each of their subjects. This report will include individualised feedback from each tutor.

You will also receive our termly newsletter brimming with good news stories, upcoming events, opportunities for your child and what's been happening around campus.

We also want to welcome you to share the success of our students at events held throughout the year. The annual Leeds Sixth Form College Award evening, for example, is an important date in the calendar to which you are warmly invited.



Contact Information

If you're looking for more information, you can visit our website leedssixthform.ac.uk, or if you'd rather speak to someone, we have a dedicated team who will be more than happy to answer any questions or talk you through your options.

Our contact centre is open:

Monday - Thursday, 8.30am-6pm Friday, 8.30am-5pm

Social Media

Stay up-to-date with our latest news at Leeds Sixth Form College by following us on social media.

- (f) /leedssixthform
- @leedssixthform
- Leeds Sixth Form College



Your path to professional sport starts here.



Leeds Sports Connect brings together academic excellence and sporting prowess to enable you to pursue your passion for sport without compromising on academic choices.



Together with our partners...















...we can kick-start your career in sport.

Working with professional sports clubs, Leeds Sports Connect will help you reach your potential in your chosen field. Specialising in football, rugby, netball, boxing, basketball and golf, you will train with like-minded athletes, learn from those who have coached the best and progress in your sport. We understand the importance of commitment when it comes to sport and that's why your courses are designed around training schedules and skills that translate to the pitch, court or the ring. You will train at professional-level facilities, taught by specialist coaches who will help you develop as an athlete.

Interested in seeing how you can progress in the sport you love whilst studying for the qualifications you want?

Find out more at leedssportsconnect.co.uk

looking to study
A levels with practical
learning opportunities?
see our vocational
courses on pg. 96

We are constantly updating our courses to meet the labour market and industry needs.

Visit our website for the most up-to-date course information.

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Psychology	88
Religious Studies	90
Sociology	92
Spanish	94
Vocational	
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Applied Psychology	99
Applied Science	100

Sport Science & Exercise

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Hone your artistic skills with this comprehensive A level course which will give you grounding in the fundamentals of Art, Craft & Design. At the end of first year you will specialise in your chosen field of Fine Art, Textiles or 3D - allowing you to focus on two main projects in the second year.

In the first six weeks of this course you will be equipped with the basic foundation skills and knowledge you will need over the next two years. Covering topics such as observational drawing and colour theory printmaking, this induction will give you the tools needed to progress.

Year 1 culminates in an independent cross disciplinary investigation which sees you take your chosen specialism (Fine Art, Textiles or 3D) and form a project around this. The project will see you develop, refine, record and present your ideas; showcasing the skills you have learnt over the previous seven months.

Year 2 sees you fully focused on your chosen specialism and consists of two main projects. The first, a personal investigation, gives you the chance to produce a project looking into a topic of your choice within your chosen specialism. This project is worth 60% of your final grade. The second is set by the exam board, AQA, and culminates in a 15 hour practical exam. This accounts for 40% of your final grade.



Grade 9-4 at GCSE in an art-based subject; a portfolio is also required at interview.

Progression routes

This course can lead to a variety of career routes depending on your specialism. Examples include art, graphic design, fashion design, animation, illustration, product design, advertising, architecture and marketing.







A level Biology is designed to develop an understanding of various key biological systems. These systems include the components of cells, the molecules which make up living organisms and the reactions between them. It also compares the systems found in plants and animals which are necessary for life.

In the second year, a more integrated approach to considering biological systems is needed, as we learn about how different parts of the body and various populations interact in the topics of communication and ecology.

Throughout the course, you will develop a variety of investigative practical skills, including the use of scientific equipment, data presentation and analysis and technique evaluation.

The course is assessed by examination at the end of each year. You will also work on an ongoing practical portfolio consisting of required experiments, which will be reported separately in the results.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE Biology or grade 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science, along with grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

We have excellent progression rates to university with students gaining places on biology, neuroscience, food and nutrition, and medical courses.





Business

A level Business Studies is about understanding how businesses start and how they succeed by adapting to an ever-changing world.

You will gain strong business understanding by studying topics including Business Objectives and Strategy, Entrepreneurship, Global Business, Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, and Operations Management. You will also look at how and why a business is set up and how external variables influence success.

You will be introduced to business operations and look in-depth at the various functional areas needed for a business to succeed. Theory will be related to real life and case study scenarios.

This course may involve a mix of assignments and examinations, and there will be an increased push towards exams as the preferred form of assessment. This A level can lead to multiple management level roles in a variety of contexts.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Many students go on to study business-related degrees, such as business management, business and finance, logistics and supply chain management, events, management and enterprise. This course can also provide a useful foundation to pursue entrepreneur-related careers and interests, including setting up your own business.





The study of chemistry is driven by the desire to explain the behaviour of the materials around us. You will study in our specialist laboratories, developing a greater understanding of the general principles of chemistry and of a discipline that remains at the forefront of scientific development.

You will study an array of practical and theoretical modules. These include Development of Practical Skills, Foundations in Chemistry, Period Table and Energy, Core Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry Transition Elements, and Organic Chemistry and Analysis.

You will develop skills in processing data, as well as wider mathematical and numeracy skills. In addition, you will learn how to safely handle hazardous materials and scientific equipment. The course is assessed by examination at the end of each year. You will also work on an ongoing practical portfolio consisting of required experiments, which will be reported separately in the results.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE Chemistry or grade 9-5 in GCSE Combined Science, along with grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Chemistry is an essential requirement for progression on to many science-based degree courses, including veterinary science, medicine, pharmacy, forensics and chemical engineering. A level Chemistry is also a desirable qualification for employers, particularly in science and technology sectors.

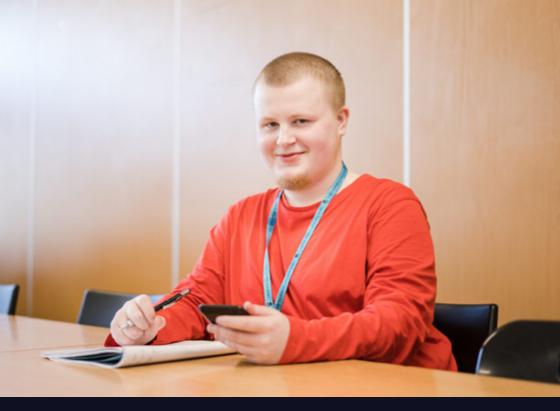




Core Maths is a one year course that allows you to retain, expand and develop your knowledge and skills from GCSE, as well as giving you the opportunity to study and apply new Level 3 material.

Core Maths is made up of the following key skill areas: Linear Programming, Statistics, and Probability. These key skills are applied in contexts that include scenarios encompassing a wide variety of careers.

Core Maths will also enable you to develop the mathematical, quantitative and statistical skills to be better prepared for work, life and further study. Studying this qualification develops logical and reasoning skills that are widely respected.



Grade 9-4 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Core Maths is a subject that is useful to support a degree that requires proficiency with mathematical methods. The critical thinking and analytical skills developed by studying Core Maths are highly valued in many fields.





You will study a range of language topics and learn how to analyse different texts, including conversations generated by modern technology. The course covers thought-provoking topics such as gender, accent and dialect, and occupational English.

In the second year, the core topics are Language Change and Language Acquisition. Language Change includes the history of English from its beginning around 500 A.D, while Language Acquisition details how children learn to speak, read and write. As part of the Language Acquisition modules, you will look at work from linguists such as Noam Chomsky and B.F. Skinner.

You will also adapt your writing skills to suit various formats, such as articles, essays and analyses. Analytical skills are essential to further study in all subjects and you will develop these by critically comparing texts.



Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Students with an A level in English Language study a wide range of subjects at university, as the skills developed are transferable. You could go on to study humanities, social science, English, journalism or creative writing.





A level English Literature will teach you how to analyse literary texts such as novels, plays and poetry with the help of important critical ideas and theories.

You will read, reflect and evaluate, then express your conclusions in an eloquent and precise way. These skills are very important in a wide range of jobs, forming the core of further literary study at university.

A level English Literature seeks to offer a wide range of engaging texts, from Shakespeare to 20th and 21st century novels. You will read and study these texts through the lens of genre (such as tragedy, social analysis, crime fiction) and critical theory (Marxism and feminism), experiencing both the teacher-led and independent study of literature in its historical and cultural context.

This approach also includes a range of wider reading, thereby extending your experience and appreciation of literature.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE English.

Progression routes

A level English Literature offers superb preparation for university courses in English (it is highly regarded by higher education institutions including Oxford and Cambridge). It provides a degree of analytical rigour and cultural knowledge, appropriate for a wide range of careers.





Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

An EPQ is an independent research project which involves writing an essay of 5000 words, or creating a product - which might be anything from an art object to an iPhone app. As the project evolves, you complete a production log to record specific stages of the project which contributes to your project result. The third component of the project is an oral presentation.

This extended project will challenge you to think and work in a way beyond your classroom studies. Developing planning, organisational and time-management skills, you will take ownership of the project from conception to completion. You choose your topic of research and will receive teaching and guidance with planning, researching and presentation skills. Over a 20-week period you will develop your research skills, creating and completing your production log and working toward your final presentation.





Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Completing an EPQ could give your UCAS application an edge against those with similar predicted grades - it provides clear evidence that you have interests and abilities which go beyond the A level curriculum. It demonstrates clearly that you are capable of undertaking the kind of independent reading, research, and essay writing that is the mainstay of most undergraduate degrees.





Film Studies is a lot more than 'just watching films'. It involves adopting a critical perspective that allows you to view a variety of other genres through a fresh pair of eyes.

You will analyse the meanings of key scenes and sequences, exploring how ideologies are incorporated and how different contexts impact on the production and interpretation of a film. You will also learn how films are specifically constructed to generate particular meanings and responses across a diverse range of categories, including Old Hollywood, European Cinema and Experimental Film.

For each film studied, you will explore its aesthetics and how it manages to manipulate emotions, while applying theoretical and critical approaches to get to the core of the text. You will also learn to debate and question the intentions of directors - bearing in mind the impact of contextual factors - allowing you to build your communication and debating skills, along with your essay writing technique.

Film Studies has a 30% production element where you will put into practice all you have learnt to create your own short film. This will allow you to evidence your ability to be creative, demonstrate your understanding of the technical features of filmmaking, and the all-important relationship between the film and the audience.



Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

A level Film Studies allows many students to study Film at university level. It also equips students with transferable skills such as critical thinking and sophistication of thought - making it helpful for a wide range of creative and academic courses including journalism, history, English literature, American studies, and PR and marketing.





The skills gained from studying a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) subject at A level (or degree level) are in demand by employers.

Graduates from STEM subjects earn on average 5% to 10% more than those who studied other courses.

A level Further Mathematics introduces you to new topics such as matrices and complex numbers that are vital in many STEM degrees. Further Mathematics is a challenging and rewarding subject, which deepens your knowledge and understanding beyond the standard Mathematics A level.

As well as learning new areas of mathematics, you will study the applications of it in Pure Mathematics and Mechanics.



Grade 9-7 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

A level Further Mathematics is highly regarded by universities. If you're planning a degree in areas such as engineering, science, computing, finance, economics or mathematics, you will benefit enormously. Many university engineering and mathematics courses list A Level Further Mathematics as 'essential' or 'desirable'.





Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments, bridging the social and natural sciences. A level Geography develops an understanding of a wide range of physical and human geographical issues such as globalisation, inequality and climate change.

Field trips are an integral part of the course and relate to modules you will study, such as Coasts and Coastal Landscapes, Hazards, Changing Places and Contemporary Urban Environments. You will use fieldwork to research sociological and economical influences on places and environments, and will visit places in and outside of Leeds to build experience of undertaking research forming the foundation of your coursework. Day trips take place in both years, with a residential field course in the second year (last held in the Lake District).

In addition, you will develop a range of skills including understanding and interpreting statistics, research methods and cartography (making maps). You will also have ample opportunities to discuss your own attitudes regarding contemporary issues, whilst suggesting solutions.

This course has examined units of Human Geography and Physical Geography, and a non-examined coursework. The final 20% comes from your fieldwork project, which can be undertaken on a wide variety of topics - from the 'Geography of Happiness' (is happiness determined on our location?) to investigations of the intensity of urban heat islands.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE Geography.

Progression routes

There are many job opportunities for students as employers welcome the skills achieved in this A level. Geography has a good reputation with universities and combines well with science and humanities degrees. A level Geography can lead to further study of subjects such as environmental science.





This course introduces you to some of the most important subjects and problems in British, European and American economic, political and social history over the last 500 years. It's a great way to understand how the world we live in has evolved and provides fantastic opportunities for you to build your own arguments around the interpretations of our past.

A level History is made up of three components: the first is a breadth study, looking at the Tudors and the changes that took place over that period. Component two involves an in-depth study of post-1945 America, whilst the final component is a coursework module, where students will study Russia between 1855 and 1964.

You will develop your ability to analyse sources, develop arguments, research and construct essays, problem-solve and think critically.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE History.

Progression routes

The critical analysis skills that you will develop enable progression on to careers such as law, journalism, marketing and business, management and teaching.

Alternatively, you could pursue specialist occupations such as archaeology, historical research and museum curation.





Studying A level Law provides
you with the opportunity to gain a
real insight into our legal system
- the framework that underpins
our society - and how this affects
ordinary citizens. You will gain an
understanding of where our laws come
from and how multiple legal cases
reach a verdict.

In the first year of study, you will be given an introduction to criminal law and tort law. You will also study negligence and occupiers' liability. In the second year, you will deepen your understanding of tort law by looking at vicarious liability and defences.

In addition to this, you will study either human rights or look in-depth at the nature of law in a wider context. This will develop your understanding of how the law interacts with morality, justice, society and technology.



Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS).

Progression routes

Many students study law at university and access careers in the legal system, as well as education and police sectors. Law also develops critical thinking skills relevant to further study and employment. We have previously had students go on to study degrees at the University of Law.





A level Maths provides you with a thorough grounding in the mathematical tools and techniques that are applicable to multiple maths-focused roles in the workplace. The modern world needs employers with an advanced level of mathematics skills, and maths is essential to the continued development of our increasingly technological lives.

The UK's knowledge economy
(an economical system driven by ideas, intellectual capital and technology) needs more mathematical skills for the financial, communication, engineering and transportation sectors, as well as highly specialised scientific areas, such as genome modelling.

A level Maths is made up of three units. There are two core units which make up two-thirds of the qualification and provide you with techniques in algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus forming the fundamental building blocks of the subject. Mathematical applications in statistics and mechanics make up the remaining third of the qualification.



Grade 9-6 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Maths can lead to various subjects at university including science and engineering, as well as careers in data analysis and digital marketing. The logic and reasoning skills developed by studying A level Maths ensure the qualification is widely respected.





We live in a media-saturated world, where every waking moment is either influenced or documented by the media - from TV to popular social networks. A Level Media Studies helps you develop a critical understanding of how the media not only acts as a form of entertainment, but as a means of worldwide communication and representation.

Media studies revolves around debating meaning and intentions, developing your critical analysis skills. You will be expected to engage with a wide variety of media outside of the classroom to aid your understanding of its changing nature.

You will study a wide range of texts including TV, radio, online platforms, newspapers and video games. You will investigate each text in relation to its theoretical framework, deepening your understanding of how they are constructed to appeal and convey particular meanings to audiences. You will also explore how the media is influenced by cultural, technological or institutional influences, and how these different contexts impact upon an audience.

This course consists of a 30% practical production unit, which involves creating cross-media products to a set brief.

This allows you to showcase your creative ability, demonstrate an understanding of media 'codes and conventions', and establish a relationship between your audience and chosen media form. In previous years, briefs have included music videos, promotional material and opening sequences to popular teenage dramas.



Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English.

Progression routes

The media is one of the fastest growing industries in the UK. Studying media enables progression on to general and specialised media courses, along with other creative courses such as film, marketing and PR. The transferable skills gained are also helpful for other academic courses such as journalism, English language or literature, business and communication studies.





Philosophy asks the biggest questions about ourselves, our world, and our place in it. As a Philosophy student, you will study four major areas of philosophical thought, including epistemology (theory of knowledge) and moral philosophy, which considers the ethical theories coined by major philosophical thinkers and applies them to real-life scenarios.

The third major area you will explore is the Metaphysics of God. This asks you to consider whether the concept of God is coherent, whether the given attributes of God are compatible with evil, and whether the arguments for the existence of God are convincing.

The fourth unit, the Metaphysics of Mind, is where you will consider what the mind is and where it might be located.

You will also explore the hypothesis that the mind is a separate substance from the body, along with all other issues and alternative explanations relating to this school of thought.

A level Philosophy will help you develop your evaluation, analytical and problem-solving skills, whilst strengthening your ability to research, write and debate in order to present complex ideas clearly and concisely.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE English.

Progression routes

Philosophy is highly regarded by universities as it requires excellent analytical skills and comprehension of complex ideas. It combines well with theology, natural sciences, history, sociology and law. It can also lead to careers in the civil service, journalism, social work, teaching and charity work.





Photography is a medium that has witnessed vast growth as a means of communication and expression.

A level Photography is an opportunity to explore the practice, theory and art of this discipline, and will introduce you to a wide range of photographic influences, approaches and technologies. You will cover both digital and analogue methods to develop and master your own creative and technical skills.

The course has an emphasis on creative work, which you will use to illustrate an understanding of photographic techniques whilst referencing the work of industry practitioners and icons. You will also gain a practical and theoretical understanding of the medium and its creative processes. As a result, you will become familiar with various styles and techniques - from basic equipment you can make at home to the latest digital technology.



Grade 9-4 at GCSE in a creative subject (GCSE Art/GCSE Photography) plus portfolio.

Progression routes

A level Photography offers a path toward careers or further study in photography, creative arts, media, fashion, journalism and much more. It provides transferable skills for any subject or career path requiring innovation and the ability to problem solve.





Physics

Physics is an exciting subject which aims to explain how things work, from the smallest of particles to the vastness of galaxies and the universe. With this A level you will develop skills in physics, maths, technical writing, observation, measuring instruments, research and independent work.

Physics has become increasingly important in the world of work, changing our leisure time and the influence of technology. It solves problems, helps diagnose medical conditions, creates new materials, suggests possible solutions to the energy crisis and is the science behind the internet.

Topics covered at A level include the fundamental theories in physics.

You will also gain insight into a range of subject matters, including atomic structure, astrophysics, radioactivity, particle interactions at the quark level, quantum physics, vectors, forces, linear motion and momentum, and material and thermal physics.



Grade 9-6 in GCSE Maths and grade 9-5 in GCSE Physics or grade 9-5 in GCSE Combined Science. Students should also study A level Maths.

Progression routes

As a discipline, physics is used in many areas of industry including engineering, health and biomedicine, public services, utilities, environmental monitoring, scientific research, astrophysics, education and computing to mention but a few. Physics will develop your problem-solving, research and analytical skills.





Politics

Politics explores debates on political and social issues, current affairs and how decisions affecting society are made. You will gain an understanding of how democracy works in the UK and how it could be improved. You will also analyse the views of different political parties, individuals and groups.

The first year focuses on British politics, switching to US politics in your second year. This will help you make more sense of UK and international developments, whilst stimulating you to think critically and consider different points of view.

You will also study different political ideologies, such as socialism, liberalism, conservatism and feminism, and the way they aim to organise society. You will develop your analytical and debating skills, and will gain a deeper understanding of the ways laws are made.



Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English or GCSE History).

Progression routes

Politics has plenty of progression opportunities as universities appreciate the critical thinking skills you will develop. A level Politics is particularly recommended for students interested in studying law at university. Apart from law, Politics also combines well with subjects such as history, sociology and religious studies, and prepares for careers in the legal professions, journalism, politics and management. Past students have progressed to higher education institutions including Manchester, Cardiff, Leeds and King's College London.





Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour. It explores key societal questions, such as why we conform to rules or obey authority figures. A level Psychology develops your knowledge of psychological approaches, theories, concepts and methods, along with how the science of psychology works. You'll explore case studies, learning how to draw parallels between the findings. You will also be introduced to important issues and debates that relate to contemporary psychological topics.

In year one, you will study the major approaches to psychology, including exploring key items of research, investigating important studies related to that topic and uncovering how research is conducted in that area of psychology. You will learn to use statistical tests to help interpret data collected in class exercises.

Year two gives you an opportunity to study some uses of psychology in the real world. You will discover how the approaches you have studied come together to explain human behaviour.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths, grade 9-5 in science (2 separate subjects or a minimum of grade 9-5 in GCSE Combined Science) and grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS).

Progression routes

A level Psychology can lead to degree courses including psychology, pharmacy, nursing, social work, counselling, business, personnel and teaching. Possible career routes include specialist areas of psychology, such as clinical, forensic, occupational and health. Students have previously studied psychology at a wide range of universities including King's College London.



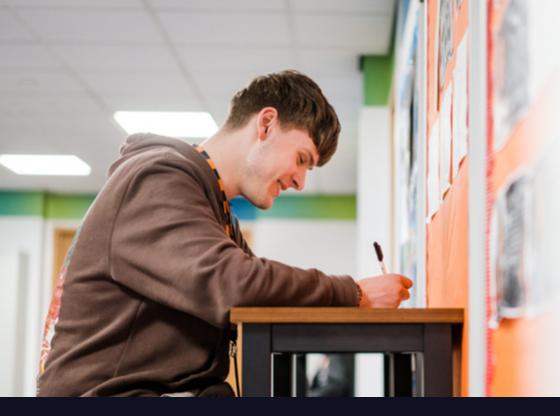


Religious Studies

A level Religious Studies allows you to explore and debate a wide range of key topics, including the nature of God/gods, life after death, challenges posed by science, and the nature and role of religion. You will also delve into vital philosophical issues such as arguments for the existence of God, the nature of evil and suffering, religious experience and language, miracles and the nature of the self.

In addition, you will cover various aspects of morality and ethics, including religion and sexual identity, ethical theories, issues of human life and death, as well as animal life and death.

Studying Religious Studies will help you develop clear ways of thinking, evaluation, problem solving and research skills, and will strengthen your writing skills to present complex ideas in a clear, precise, well-structured manner.



Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS).

Progression routes

A level Religious Studies is a popular A level and is well regarded by prestigious universities. It can lead on to further study in fields such as philosophy and combines well with subjects including history and sociology. It can lead to careers in teaching, the civil service, charity work, counselling, journalism, social work and many others.





Have you ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? Or how influential the media is on our life choices? Maybe you've asked yourself why men are statistically more likely to commit a crime? Or whether educational failure and success is a result of intelligence, or something more?

A level Sociology will address these questions through the examination of cultural relationships, social interactions and research. Sociology is the study of individual and institutional relationships within society. In order to try and understand society, thinkers employ scientific research to support their arguments.

You will learn various skills, including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to apply evidence to support arguments, how to conduct research investigations, and develop critical thinking skills. You will also develop a strong knowledge of society, alongside the ability to critically evaluate and analyse information. The relevance of sociology to everyone means your learning will be relevant to everyday life.



Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS).

Progression routes

A level Sociology can lead to degree courses such as social science and humanities. The study of sociology could lead to careers in public relations, teaching, civil service, management and business, journalism, social work, probation service, youth and community work or nursing.





Spanish

A level Spanish will teach you how to analyse complex literary issues with the help of important critical ideas and theories.

Studying a language at A level is more than just improving your holiday conversation skills. It is beneficial for improving job prospects in a global market and can open up opportunities across the world. With Spanish being one of the most dominant languages used across the Americas and the Caribbean, it is an asset for political careers, journalism, foreign affairs and travel.

Through studying Spanish, you will be exploring the many facets of different Spanish-speaking nations including Mexico, Argentina, Cuba and Europe. You will discover a variety of artistic cultures from the varying Spanish-speaking countries, looking into music, film and literature, which will be included in an individual research project building on one of the themes studied throughout the course.

We build your written, reading, speaking and listening skills through contemporary topics of social and cultural trends and issues. You will read, reflect and evaluate, then express your conclusions in an eloquent and precise way. This enables you to converse about complex family lives and political issues, including diverse societies, criminals and law.



Grade 9-5 in GCSE Spanish.

Progression routes

Studying Spanish at A level equips you with the language skills to support further study at university. Language skills are highly valued in industry, especially in the existing global market.





Vocational and A level Combined Courses

Looking to study A levels with practical learning opportunities?

Combine A levels and vocational qualifications to provide a useful fusion of practical and academic learning. Designed for students who want to experience dynamic working environments, the courses on offer will prepare you for university, higher apprenticeships or employment.

Here are just a few of the benefits of studying a combined course:

- Get real-life work placements and achieve your goals leading to university, higher apprenticeships or employment
- Benefit from specialist teaching, industry connections and cutting-edge facilities
- Experience a variety of working environments



Applied Law



Course	Level	Study length
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Law	3	Two years.

If you have an interest in law, our court system or want to work within the legal sector, this enjoyable but challenging course is for you. Learn how the English legal system works, how laws are made and explore the structure of the court system. Topics covered include criminal liability and the tort of negligence, and you will learn how to apply this knowledge to different scenarios.

Studying this course equips students with many transferable skills, such as problem solving, critical analysis and negotiation skills, that will enable you to progress to university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

Students could continue studying Law or a related course at university such as criminology, international relations, public services, management and business.

Applied Psychology

Course Level Study length

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology 3 Two years.

Psychology is a fascinating subject exploring the study of the human mind and behaviour. This enjoyable course is the equivalent to one A level and provides a broad basis of study in the applied psychology sector such as health psychology and clinical psychology. The course will develop your skills, improve your knowledge and prepare you to study the subject at a higher level.

Applied Psychology can lead to many different potential career paths including therapy, counselling, scientific research, advertising, health and social care.

Applied Science



Science is a fascinating and vitally important field of study. In a constantly evolving world, scientific exploration, discovery and creation are key to ensuring humans evolve to meet new challenges and battle existing difficulties.

Core scientific subjects of biology, physics and chemistry offer a base of knowledge with which students can specialise after A level. Careers in science are plentiful and wide-ranging - from medicine to mechanics, farming to fitness, a course in science could lead anywhere in the world (or beyond!).

Applied science encourages exploration and investigation, preparing the scientists of tomorrow for work in a number of fields. With an emphasis on practical work, students get to test the theories they have learnt in state-of-the-art facilities. With dry and wet laboratories, and cutting-edge scientific equipment, students gain relevant experience of working within a scientific environment.

Courses prepare students for careers as varied as nursing and chemical engineering, laboratory technicians and aeronautics. With the wealth of opportunities science unlocks, an applied science course really could take you anywhere.

Course	Level	Study length
BTEC National Certificate in Applied Science	3	This is the first year of a two year course. You will study the Extended Certificate in your second year.

Get ready to put scientific theories into practice as you study biology, chemistry and physics in our practical state-of-the-art laboratories. You'll explore specific areas of science such as diseases, physiology, genetics, astronomy, and more. You'll also strengthen your application of organic and inorganic chemistry, develop practical and experimental techniques, and build up your analytical and research abilities. At the end of this course, you'll walk away with a National Certificate that's equivalent to half an A level.

Course	Level	Study length
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	3	This is the second year of a two year course.

Work towards a career in chemistry with this exciting Applied Science course that upgrades your national certificate to an extended certificate, giving you a full diploma. You will expand on your scientific knowledge in biology, chemistry, physics, diseases and infections. You'll explore key and interesting topics such as biological molecules and metabolic pathways, as well as studying and discussing contemporary issues in today's science world. You'll also learn about experimental design and statistical analysis, and will walk away with a full diploma that's equivalent to one A level.

Sport Science & Exercise

If sport is more than a game to you, consider studying a sports-related course and see how your favourite sport could become your career. Studying a course in sport not only equips students with practical and theoretical sports knowledge, it also covers important topics such as physical fitness, exercise and competitive performance. A course in a sports-related subject can lead to a multitude of varied careers, ranging from fitness training to leisure centre management, teaching to sports massage therapist.

Sport plays an important part of a healthy lifestyle. With exercise known to have positive benefits on wellbeing, this is an exciting and relevant subject area in which to study. With jobs in the industry on the increase, sport really can set you up for life.

If you are interested in pursuing a career as a professional athlete, check out Leeds Sports Connect - where training for those serious about a career in sport is partnered with academic teaching.

Course	Level	Study length
BTEC National Certificate in Sport and Fitness	3	This is the first year of a two year course. You will study the Extended Certificate in your second year.

Designed as a one-year, full-time course of study initially, with the option to continue studying for a second year in order to complete the full Sport, Fitness and Personal Training National Diploma. This course is equivalent in size to one A level with the added bonus of achieving an industry recognised REPs Gym Instructing qualification at the same time. The course also requires 30 hours of work placement which will be completed either in a one-week block or over the course of the academic year. You will be assisted with finding a placement but we recommend you have an input into finding a work placement which is linked to your future employment.

Course	Level	Study length
BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport and Fitness	3	This is the second year of a two year course.

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