

# Sixth Form Prospectus

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Newton Abbot College

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# Welcome

## Welcome...

**At Newton Abbot College our mission is to provide our Sixth Form students with the best possible educational experience we can.**

An experience that supports, challenges and inspires them to achieve their potential and develop into well-rounded, kind, resilient and responsible young adults, who have a deep love of learning and a curiosity about the world in which they live.

We passionately believe that all students can make exceptional progress, inside and outside of the classroom; and are constantly encouraging them to be the very best version of themselves, always looking to better what they have achieved before, whether it be, for example, applying to Oxbridge, completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award or securing a degree apprenticeship.

We have the highest expectations of our students and ourselves – and make no apologies for this – because we know that aiming high ensures we deliver the best quality lessons that inspire and engage; and ensure that our students

achieve beyond what they thought was possible, which in turn enables them to develop a self-belief and resilience that will guarantee their success as they go forward into the adult world of work and university study.

At Newton Abbot College we treat all individuals with care and compassion, creating a supportive and collaborative environment that gives our Sixth Form students the confidence to play their part as role models to our younger students in our college culture and community.

Being a Sixth Form student at Newton Abbot College is about making the most of the opportunities we offer; embracing and embodying our values of courage, perseverance, kindness, respect, achievement, hard work, resilience and aspiration on a day to day basis; and most importantly, being happy!



Amy Grashoff  
Headteacher

## At Newton Abbot College Sixth Form we pride ourselves on supporting all students to realise their potential.

We build a strong team around our students which encompasses pastoral and academic support to ensure every student can achieve. We invest in these relationships at the start of each academic year with a robust induction programme to ensure all students make a flying start and feel valued from the outset.

Our small class sizes mean that students are offered bespoke and personalised support, advice and guidance. We value every student as an individual and encourage them to challenge themselves and hold high aspirations. We are proud of our sixth form and strive to create opportunities for our Sixth Formers to become leaders and role models within the wider college and the local community. We support all our students to aim high as we firmly believe that every student can achieve amazing things and every year we see students surpass their expectations.

We have a strong track record of post-18 destinations ranging from Oxbridge and Russell Group university places, to high quality apprenticeships and training programmes.

We provide our students with a range of challenges and opportunities that enable them to flourish as individuals and develop transferable skills. We work with students to embed a culture of excellence and high expectations across everything we do. We encourage our students to embrace all aspects of sixth form life; from the academic to the social side. We want our Sixth Formers to feel at home in Sixth Form house. We understand that an environment of care, nurture, and fun contributes to academic success.

Thank you for considering Newton Abbot College Sixth Form as the next step of your educational journey. We look forward to working with you towards securing a bright and happy future!



Natasha Martin  
Associate Senior Leader:  
Head of Sixth Form



Charlotte Tonge  
Deputy Head of  
Sixth Form

## Our mission

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Our mission is to provide all our students with the best possible educational experience we can.

### What drives us?

- Having **high expectations** and standards in all we do
- Delivering **high quality lessons** that inspire and engage
- Creating and **maximising opportunities** and outcomes
- Treating all individuals with **care and compassion**
- Creating a **strong culture** and college community

✓ **Courage**

✓ **Perseverance**

✓ **Hard work**

✓ **Achievement**

✓ **Kindness**

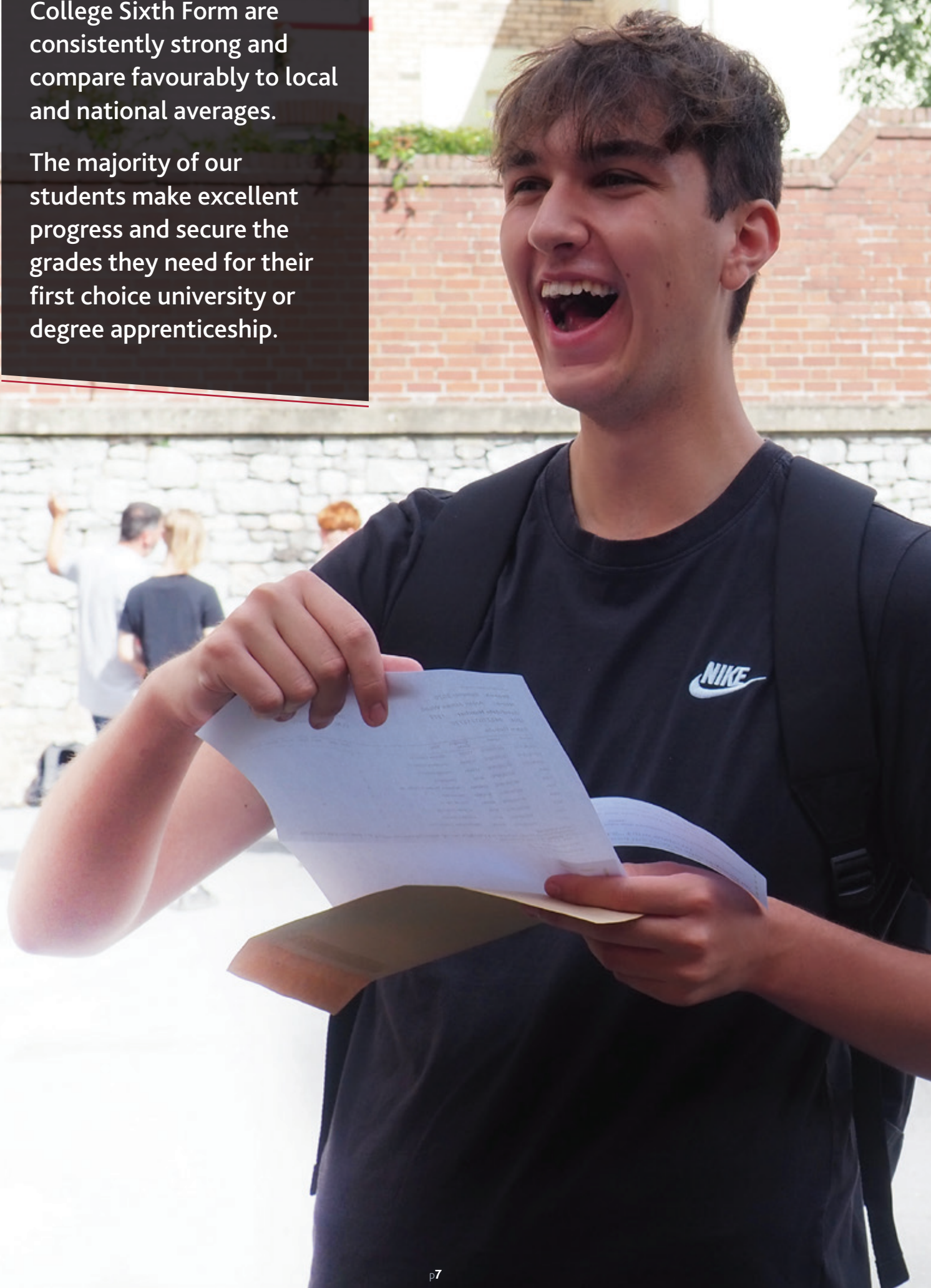
✓ **Respect**

✓ **Pride**

✓ **Aspiration**

Results at Newton Abbot College Sixth Form are consistently strong and compare favourably to local and national averages.

The majority of our students make excellent progress and secure the grades they need for their first choice university or degree apprenticeship.



## Sport at Sixth Form

**We are proud to be able to continue our excellent sports provision at NAC into Sixth Form. Whether you choose to study a sports course or not, being physically active and representing the college is still central to many Sixth Formers experience.**

Depending upon the cohort of students we have, we run multiple sixth form sports teams. Most commonly Football, Basketball, Rugby 7s and Netball. Our teams compete locally and on a wider scale with our Netball and Football Teams competing in the National Schools Competition for the last three years.

Wednesday afternoon Enrichment is a fantastic opportunity to stay active and use the sports facilities to boost mood and release energy with friends. The recreational sport options allow students to guide the PE team into what they would like to take part in; from Zumba to Badminton. We also have a dedicated space for daily activity during break times in the form of the MUGA, most commonly used for football but can also be used for basketball or handball.

Joining our Sixth Form is a fantastic opportunity to continue with or pick up the DofE qualification. We regularly have Silver and Gold teams who utilise Wednesday Enrichment to plan expeditions, complete volunteering and learn new skills. The annual college Ski Trip is open to Sixth Formers who can experience the fun of the trip alongside enhanced privileges and freedoms.

As a department we are passionate about providing extra opportunities for Sixth Formers to gain real world sports industry experiences. This can be in the form of supporting in lessons, officiating matches and working towards qualifications, and coaching lower school teams. All these opportunities look fantastic on CVs and personal statements and truly allow students to feel part of our department.

**Come and join us!**



# The Arts at Sixth Form

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**At Newton Abbot College we have a vibrant and successful creative arts department. Founded on strong relationships, encouraging brave choices, and celebrating individuality, our 6th Form students play an essential role in the life of these thriving departments - we can't wait for you to join us!**

## **Excellent Facilities**

Our music classrooms and practice rooms are all equipped with pianos/keyboards, guitars, amps and drum kits. We have a recording studio equipped with a full band setup including a Grand Piano and a Yamaha Stage Custom Drum Kit, and a 'Live Room' equipped with a full band setup, stage area, PA and stage lighting. Our Mac Suite is equipped to utilise music technology including Logic Pro and Garageband.

Our drama studio has tiered seating, lighting rig and PA system. Our professional dance studio has a fully sprung dance floor, air conditioning, high quality sound system, and full length mirrors. Performances take place in the Daphne Collman Auditorium, our 200 seat theatre with full lighting rig and PA system.

Students studying Art and Photography have access to three fully equipped art studios with facilities for ceramics, stone and wood carving, and printmaking. There is a fully equipped photography dark room, a suite of laptops with Adobe Creative Cloud including Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom and a dedicated art study room for independent work.

## **Extracurricular activities**

Our department is a hub of activity. All 6th formers are encouraged to get involved:

- The Collective - our 6th form band performing a variety of styles and genres.
- College Choir (led by a vocal specialist), performs frequently and rehearses weekly.
- Termly concerts showcasing extracurricular clubs, ensembles and soloists.
- Annual 'Dimensions' performing arts variety showcase
- Senior dance company and musical theatre company
- Trips to see live theatre performances across a range of genres
- Leadership opportunities supporting KS4 and KS3 bands, choirs and performance clubs
- Annual photography and art exhibition for students to exhibit their work
- Overseas trip (Europe) to visit galleries and cultural hubs for art and photography
- Annual college production combining all creative arts. Lead roles open to 6th form. Opportunities in set design, wardrobe, lighting and sound, and stage photography.
- Opportunities for coaching younger years in KS4 and KS3 band.

## Academic support

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**To ensure every student is equipped to succeed we provide each learner with a personal Chromebook to keep for the duration of their studies with us. We also run a loan scheme for digital cameras for students completing Photography or Media Studies. We remove financial barriers to any additional specialist equipment students need through the Sixth Form bursary scheme.**

At Newton Abbot College students have timetabled private study sessions each week. Our Sixth Form Academic Mentor works alongside our students during these private study sessions

Our mentor is also on hand to offer one-to-one individualised support as well as bespoke small group workshops whenever students feel that they need additional support and guidance.

We encourage students to use the dedicated Sixth Form study area before and after college. Any students working during this time will be provided with refreshments to help encourage good study habits.

The study sessions help our students develop good routines as they become more independent in their studies and meet the challenges of their post-16 studies.



Anita Brown

# Pastoral support

**We have an experienced and dedicated Sixth Form counsellor to whom students can self-refer or can be referred to by the Head/Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Students can receive a block of appointments or just have a single session.**

Our Sixth Form counsellor can be accessed when additional support is needed with academic work or personal circumstances.

Our Sixth Form tutor team have many years experience guiding sixth formers through their journey with us. They deliver a robust tutor programme, and are there every day for immediate pastoral support. Often the tutor team is a student's first port of call when needing help with any personal or academic issues.

The Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form and our Academic Mentor are also available to support students on a daily basis. Our students can access these staff whenever they need them for one-to-one support.



## Careers support

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**Throughout Year 12 and 13 all students receive high quality careers and post-18 guidance from their tutor, academic mentors, our CSW Careers Development Consultant, and through our programme of guest speakers from industry and academia.**

Students have access to our impartial Careers Advisor from CSW to help them make informed choices about their future. Careers appointments take place on college site and are arranged by the college's Careers and Education Information and Guidance Co-ordinator.

Our students undertake a work experience week in a placement they secure themselves with the support of the college. Here students are encouraged to select a work placement that will help them with their post-18 pathway.

We also arrange a mock interview day for students which is run with the support of external employers. This allows students to experience the interview process and develop their interview techniques.

We ensure that students have the opportunity to attend events with external providers such as the UCAS Convention and the Apprenticeship Skills Show.

**Underpinning all our support networks is our tutor programme, which runs daily throughout the academic year.**

# Financial support

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**Students that meet the eligibility criteria will receive financial support through the Sixth Form bursary. The support provided to students will be personalised to meet their specific needs.**

Any students that are eligible for the bursary are encouraged to apply for free school meals.

If you feel that you would be entitled to receive this financial support, we can provide one-to-one guidance on how to complete the application form.

Students that are in receipt of a bursary will also have their stationary starter packs topped up throughout the year.



## Your study programme

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### Registration and tutor period

Our experienced and knowledgeable team of sixth form tutors provide pastoral and academic guidance, and support with post-18 pathways. Our daily tutor programme includes group sessions and 1:1 support. Students are with their tutor for Year 12 and 13 which builds quality relationships and consistent support.

### Subject lessons

You are required to study the equivalent of three subjects on our level three pathway. This can include A Levels or Applied options, or a combination of both. You will receive nine hours of classroom-based teaching per subject across a fortnight.

Our subject teachers have a wealth of specialist subject knowledge and expertise. Our small class sizes allow for high quality teaching and personalised support to ensure every student achieves their potential.

### Private study periods

Every student has 12 hours of private study time across a fortnight to work independently on their home learning, super curricular activities and preparing for future pathways. These sessions are supported by our Academic Mentor.

### Free periods

Free periods are opportunities for booking support meetings with staff, attending appointments such as driving lessons and socialising on or off site.

### Personal Development

All students receive two hours of Personal Development lessons across the fortnight. Sessions focus on preparing students with the skills, knowledge and social and cultural awareness they need to be successful learners and healthy and happy young adults.

### Enrichment

In addition to our programme of trips, visits and guest speakers, all students take part in weekly enrichment. There is a wide range of options to choose from, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Ten Tors, competitive sports teams, recreational sport, student leadership, MOOCs, iDEA, cooking, outdoor learning, and volunteering in and out of school. Enrichment enhances the Sixth Form experience by offering opportunities for students to have fun with friends, build skills to support post-18 pathways, and explore personal and academic interests.

# Personal Development

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**All students study Personal Development for one hour per week in year 12 and year 13. We have carefully tailored a two year Personal Development Programme which meets the specific needs of our students here at Newton Abbot College Sixth Form.**

Personal Development is delivered by experienced Sixth Form and PSHE teachers and follows two main aims:

- To make our Sixth Formers the best possible learners they can be and therefore increase their chances of academic success.
- To make our Sixth Formers happy, safe and responsible young adults who are able to live and contribute to the modern world beyond education.

## **The Year 12 programme covers:**

- Academic Skills Development
- Physical and Mental Health
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Bullying and Discrimination
- Future Plans

## **The Year 13 programme covers:**

- Academic Skills Development
- Future Plans
- Personal Safety
- Community and Responsibility
- Money and Careers

The topics chosen are age appropriate and build on the important education that our students are receiving in KS4 Values.

## Strong Foundations programme

**A one-year full-time study programme that provides students with the opportunity to work towards skills and qualifications that enhance employability and provide a bridge to further education or employment; whilst in a supportive and nurturing environment of small classes and pastoral support.**

### Programme

Study for the Pearson Level 2 Certificate in Workskills, completing units on:

- Job Applications
- Interview Skills
- Being Part of a Team
- Planning for Work Experience
- Being Entrepreneurial
- Anticipating & Meeting Customer Needs and Expectations.

Undertake a Work Experience placement for one day each week that is tailored to each student's intended career pathway, supported by our very knowledgeable Work Experience Co-Ordinator.

Join our Wednesday afternoon Enrichment sessions and choose from a menu of activities that include sport, dance, IT skills, cooking, creative arts and outdoor learning, or the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Engage with our comprehensive Personal Development programme that includes sessions on life skills, relationships, mental and physical health.

Benefit from our personalised KS5 Tutorial Programme comprising group and 1:1 sessions.

Complete the Level 2 Extended Professional Qualification (EPQ) by producing a project that explores a topic of your choice in depth, supported by an individual mentor and Mr Oliver.

Participate in Maths and/or English resit classes to ensure all students secure a grade 4 in both core subjects.

Timetabled Private Study Sessions, supported by staff, to ensure maximum success in all elements of the programme.



# Netball Academy

**Our under-19s Netball Performance Academy builds upon the success and growth of our lower school teams. We welcome new and existing players to join our academy and be part of one of the best netballing state schools in the country.**

The academy players receive a 90-minute court training session each week delivered by our Netball Coach and Teignbridge Titan's Head Coach Chantelle Cox. For part of this session they train alongside the under-16s squad which allows for competitive game player and age group development to take place.

They also receive a Strength and Conditioning session each week completed in our on site S&C Fitness Room. This is delivered by experienced PE teachers who hold a PT qualification. In these sessions, players complete pre, mid and post testing to ensure that they know what goals to set and that they are working towards them.

Our younger year academy sessions provide the perfect opportunity for the academy players to enhance their coaching and umpiring skills to then be able to complete entry level qualifications.

All of these extras are supported by PE teachers who make up part of the Sixth Form Leadership and Tutor team so that the pastoral and academic needs of the girls can also be carefully monitored.

**To find out more follow the girls on Instagram:**  
[\*\*nac\\_netball\\_academy\*\*](#)

## Student Testimony

*What I love about the Netball Academy is that it has allowed me to pursue my passion for netball, while being able to perform well academically. It has also created close bonds of friendships that make Sixth Form more enjoyable than it already is.*

*I'm grateful that I've been able to join this academy especially in its early stages to be able to set a strong foundation for it. It gives me a sense of pride knowing I was/am a part of it.*

*The support at Newton Abbot College is insanely helpful physically and academically. Teachers ensure that you are kept up with the work if lessons are missed due to matches/training. I understand they put a lot of effort in to try and place the trainings and matches where least amount of work is missed. This is incredibly helpful as I do not have a lot of pressure on me of falling behind.*

# Netball Academy

# Business and Politics



# Business

AQA 7132 A Level

## Career progression

- Project manager
- Business analyst
- Social media manager

The focus of A Level Business is on management and decision-making with regard to start-ups and small to medium-sized businesses operating within national markets.

### On this course, you will...

...study a mix of traditional areas of study such as operations, finance and marketing with modern topics including big data, relationship marketing, dynamic pricing and supply-chain management.

...in the second year of the course, you will examine more complex business scenarios and focus on strategy.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English
- Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

# Politics

Pearson Edexcel 9PLO A Level

## Career progression

- Journalist
- Politician
- Broadcast presenter

Politics affects everything we do in life and the Politics course at A Level looks at the major functions of government and politics in Britain and beyond. You will also study comparative politics and key political ideas and thinkers.

### On this course, you will...

...study, debate and discuss current political affairs.

...develop your understanding of the way the British and American political systems operate.

...be able to evaluate the effectiveness of our political systems and compare with what is used in the USA.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

# Design, Technology and Art



# 3-Dimensional Design

AQA 7201 A Level Art and Design

## Career progression

- Architect
- Interior Designer
- Engineer
- Digital & Media Designer
- Jeweller/Sculptor
- Product Designer

On this course you will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of three-dimensional media, processes and techniques involving both traditional and new media. You will select a theme for your personal investigation practical project and develop a personal portfolio of work that expresses your interests and skills.

## On this course, you will...

...explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media on a variety of scales.

...complete practical and critical activities that demonstrate your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

...have the opportunity to go on an Art study trip to a European destination such as Rome, Venice, Berlin or Barcelona.

...work in one or more area(s) of three-dimensional design, such as those listed below. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

- ceramics
- sculpture
- exhibition design
- design for theatre, television and film
- interior design
- product design
- environmental and architectural design
- jewellery/body ornament
- 3D digital design

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including an Art related subject.

# Fine Art

AQA A Level Art and Design

## Career progression

- Illustrator
- Fine artist
- Fashion designer

On this course you will develop artistic skills, broaden your knowledge and develop a unique style.

You will select a theme for your personal investigation practical project and develop a personal portfolio of work that expresses your interests and skills.

## On this course, you will...

...explore a wide range of artistic experiences: drawing, acrylic painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, film and mixed media.

...visit local and national exhibitions.

...have the opportunity to go on an Art study trip to a European destination such as Rome, Venice, Berlin or Barcelona.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including an Art related subject.

# Food Science & Nutrition

Level 3 AAQ Food Science and Nutrition  
Extended Certificate  
WJEC

## Career progression

- Dietician
- Environmental Health Officer
- Nutritionist
- New Product Development
- Food Buyer
- Quality Control Officer

This course allows you to learn the theory of food science and apply that learning in a practical context. You will understand the science of nutrition and nutritional needs in a wide range of contexts through practical sessions, and gain skills to produce quality food items to meet the needs of individuals.

## On this course, you will...

...cook a range of dishes demonstrating high level practical skills.

...learn about nutrients and their functions in the body, as well as what happens if you have too much or too little of a nutrient.

...learn how to analyse a diet and make recommendations based on nutritional knowledge.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either a Merit in Catering or Grade 5 in Food and Nutrition.

# Information Technology

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic  
Qualification BTEC National in Information  
Technology (Extended Certificate)

## Career progression

- Web developer
- Content creator
- Computer programmer
- Games developer
- Artificial Intelligence engineer
- Cyber Security specialist

BTEC IT offers progression for students who have studied Creative iMedia or GCSE Computer Science as the four units combine elements from both IT and Computing. Students who have not studied a Computing qualification at GCSE are also welcome to apply.

With the rise of AI and automation in all industries; whatever your future plans, BTEC IT is an excellent choice.

## On this course, you will...

...study the role of Information Technology (IT) systems and the implications of their use in personal and professional situations.

...study cyber security threats and vulnerabilities, the methods used to protect organisations against threats and managing security incidents.

...investigate fundamental principles in website development and design and develop a website in response to a client brief

...examine relational database development principles to understand the importance of data storage and normalisation techniques and apply their skills to design and develop data storage solutions to meet a client's requirements.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Photography

AQA A Level Art and Design

## Career progression

- Wedding photographer
- Fashion photographer
- Advertiser

On this course you will develop contemporary photographic skills, broaden your knowledge of photography and develop a unique style.

You will select a theme for your personal investigation practical project and develop a personal portfolio of work that expresses your interests and skills.

### On this course, you will...

...learn both chemical and digital photography, including pinhole photography, darkroom techniques, and the use of Photoshop.

...visit local and national exhibitions.

...have the opportunity to go on an Art study trip to a European destination such as Rome, Venice, Berlin or Barcelona.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Product Design

AQA 7552 A Level Design and Technology

## Career progression

- Product Design
- Industrial Design
- Engineer
- Model-maker
- Craft worker
- Draughts person
- CAD Operator
- Architect

This course allows you to develop your product design skills and learn about the complex relationships between design, materials, manufacturing and marketing.

### On this course, you will...

...explore new technologies. You will look at how the latest innovations are being used to create the next generation of products.

...have access to fully equipped workshops including CAD/CAM and design facilities.

...complete mini-projects and theory sessions, produce a design portfolio and a final product.

### Assessment:

- 50% Coursework
- 30% Technical Principles exam
- 20% Design and Making Principles exam

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 5 in Design and Technology.

# English



# English Language

AQA 7702 A Level

## Career progression

- Journalist
- Primary school teacher
- Interpreter

English Language looks at the science of linguistics. We study why we make linguistic choices and how external factors influence the way we communicate. The course guides students to consider how they can apply linguistic theory to real life.

### On this course, you will...

...learn how children acquire language in order to speak, read, and write.

...explore how English came into existence and continues to adapt.

...investigate any language related topic which interests you for your non-examined assessment (NEA).

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least two other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# English Literature

AQA 7712 A Level

## Career progression

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| • Teacher             | • Journalist |
| • Copywriter          | • Librarian  |
| • Editorial assistant | • Publisher  |

This course challenges students to read with insight and perception, analysing the nuances of a text whilst also considering the wider historical contextual implications. Students learn how to structure analytical essays and achieve an academic register in their writing.

### On this course, you will...

...learn about the literature of love across time and its historical influences.

...study post-1945 literature and look at the presentation of modern society and all its complexities.

...embark on an extraordinary wider reading journey where you will broaden your horizons in terms of genre, style and content in order to complete a comparative extended essay on a topic of your choice as part of the course's non-examined assessment (NEA).

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Literature and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Humanities



# Geography

AQA 7037 A Level

## Career progression

- Meteorologist
- Urban planner
- Research scientist

Geography is changing fast! With issues such as global warming becoming hot topics in the media, together with our concerns over globalisation and the potential exploitation of developing economies, the increasing risk from natural disasters, and the rise of new world economies, the subject has never been more relevant.

### On this course, you will...

...experience four days of fieldwork including a residential.

...study a range of topics that will give you the breadth and depth of knowledge to understand and interpret issues affecting people and the natural environment.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including GCSE Geography.

# History

AQA 7042 A Level

## Career progression

- Teacher
- Journalist
- Curator

A Level History will help students to understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history, and the nature of change over time. A Level History will help students to gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives.

### On this course, you will...

...study Stuart Britain in depth to consider issues of change, continuity, cause and consequence.

...study in depth the challenges faced by the USA at home and abroad as it emerged from the Second World War as a superpower.

...undertake an independent historical investigation.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including GCSE History.

# Philosophy and Ethics

OCR H573 A Level Religious Studies:  
Philosophy and Ethics

## Career progression

- Lawyer
- Medical Professional
- Teacher

This course aims to introduce you to the fascinating study of philosophy and dares you to question how we know what we know! You will discuss key ethical issues and examine the developments in Christian thought.

## On this course, you will...

...study the work of a range of philosophers, starting with the ancient Greek influences of Plato and Aristotle.

...enjoy developing critical thinking skills and improve your essay writing whilst broadening your view of global moral issues.

...delve into the arguments for and against the existence of God, investigate the nature of religious experience, and examine the challenges Christianity faces in society today.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and English Literature.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Religious Studies, History or Geography.





*"I really enjoy my time here at Newton Abbot College. My chosen A Level courses were part of my original reason for my decision to come here. I was told when looking around at different places it would be unlikely that I would be able to do all the subjects I wanted to, however when I asked about it here, I was able to do all four as long as I passed all my subjects at GCSE and attained the required grades to meet the entry requirements of each course.*

*I currently study English Literature, Maths, Chemistry and Physics and I still couldn't tell you which is my favourite! One of my favourite things has been the smaller class sizes, especially as I came from a smaller school at Dawlish College. I have got to know my teachers and classmates well and I always feel comfortable asking questions in class or expressing my own opinions on a topic. I have made friends across the different subjects and have always been made to feel welcome here since my first day. Looking back at making the decision to come to Newton Abbot College, I still feel like it was the right one for me".*

**Mimi, year 13**

# Languages



# French

French A Level

## Career progression

- Teaching
- Journalism
- Communication
- International Business
- Travel
- Marketing

Are you keen to develop your GCSE French language skills? Does learning about the society and culture of France and French speaking countries interest you? Are you up for a challenge? If so, A Level French may be the course for you.

### On this course, you will...

...develop fluency in your written and spoken French.

...develop a solid understanding of the culture and society of the French speaking world, including undertaking an individual research project on a topic of your choice.

...study a critically acclaimed film and novel in French.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 or above in GCSE French.

# Spanish

Spanish A level

## Career progression

- Teaching
- Journalism
- Communication
- International Business
- Travel
- Marketing

The A Level Spanish course celebrates all that is great about the Spanish speaking world, its culture, its society and its artistic heritage. This, coupled with the development of your GCSE Spanish language skills, creates a challenging yet stimulating and rewarding course.

### On this course, you will...

...develop fluency in your written and spoken Spanish.

...develop a solid understanding of the culture and society of the Spanish speaking world, including undertaking an individual research project on a topic of your choice.

...study a critically acclaimed film and play in Spanish.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish.

# Performance and Media



*"I have really enjoyed studying Music at Level 3 at Newton Abbot College. The facilities are great, with access to a variety of musical instruments and equipment, including a live room where we can rehearse. We are always pushed as musicians, and our teachers truly believe in us. We are given the opportunity to experiment and grow as musicians and find our sound. There are plenty of performance opportunities throughout the two years and I have formed a really good relationship with my teachers and peers".*

**James, Alumni**

# Drama and Theatre Studies

Eduqas A Level

## Career progression

- Performer
- Director
- Theatre Critic

Students will develop a variety of dramatic and theatrical skills, including performing, directing, and critical evaluation, alongside an understanding and appreciation of drama and theatre in a social, cultural, and historical context.

### On this course, you will...

...develop your creative and exploratory skills to devise an original performance, starting with a performance text and an influential theatre practitioner.

...develop and demonstrate your theatre-making skills, appropriate to your role as a performer or designer.

... focus on the work of theatre makers and the various theatrical choices that are made by key members of the creative and production team in order to communicate ideas to an audience.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a performance-related subject.

# Media Studies

Eduqas A Level

## Career progression

- Film producer
- Marketing officer
- Graphic designer

Media Studies is an exciting, modern subject where students decode and analyse media texts. Students explore a variety of industries including newspapers, gaming, online media, television and magazines. Students analyse audience effects and producer's intent and learn how to create their own products.

### On this course, you will...

...study a variety of texts in detail, learning media language techniques and their meanings.

...research, plan and produce a music video using industry-grade programming and a variety of camera equipment.

...evaluate and discuss media theories and apply them to a wide range of texts.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language and Literature and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least two other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Music Performance

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

## Career progression

- Performer
- Musical Director
- Sound Technician
- and many more

This course will develop your performance skills as well as musicianship. You will form a band and perform as an ensemble as well as a solo artist. You will also learn about the music industry as a whole.

### On this course, you will...

- ...form and perform as a band.
- ...develop your knowledge of the music industry.
- ...develop your solo performance or composition skills.
- ... develop your use of theory at your instrument / voice

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a music/ performance-related qualification.
- Auditions may be required for students who did not take GCSE Music.

# Performing Arts

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

## Career progression

- Performer
- Director
- Choreographer
- Presenter

This course develops your practical and academic skills in acting, singing and dancing. Through performance-based modules you will grow as a performer and practitioner and gain a wider knowledge of the performing arts industry.

### On this course, you will...

- ...develop your understanding and skills in musical theatre, choreography, vocal skills and character development.
- ... explore devising, improvisation, different dance and theatre styles.
- ...explore a variety of productions and practitioners.
- ...study a range of performing arts disciplines and can choose to specialise in dance, drama, musical theatre or all three.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a Performing Arts related subject.



# Science and Maths



# Applied Medical Science

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Medical Science (Extended Certificate)

## Career progression

- Midwife
- Research scientist
- Environmental scientist

This course is for students who are interested in learning about the medical science sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in medical science related subjects.

## On this course, you will...

...study the principles and applications of medical science through three mandatory units, and further explore other areas in more detail via an optional unit. The optional unit provides the opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and investigation skills in a specific specialist area for example in disease, disorders, treatment and therapies.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Combined Science GCSE.

# Biology

OCR Biology A A level

## Career progression

- Research scientist
- Environmental scientist
- Doctor

Biology is a demanding A Level that involves the in-depth study of a wide range of exciting topics with practical skills integrated into the theory.

## On this course, you will...

...study a wide range of exciting topics in all organisms that relate to molecular biology, immunology, ecosystems, and evolution.

...study the foundations of Biology, including biodiversity and disease.

...develop an understanding of homeostasis and energy.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Biology GCSE at Grade 6 or above or Combined Science at Grade 6 or above.

# Chemistry

H432 OCR A Level

## Career progression

- Doctor/Nurse
- Chemist
- Nutritionist/Dietician

A Level Chemistry involves a balance of practical and theoretical work. A good chemist is a great problem solver, who can apply their knowledge and skills to new situations. These skills are transferable to whatever career you choose in the future.

### On this course, you will...

...improve your practical skills, learning how to use complex equipment to produce both qualitative and quantitative results.

...use your mathematical skills to problem solve in familiar and new situations.

...develop an understanding of how organic molecules interact.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language, and a Grade 6 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Chemistry GSCE at Grade 6 or above, or Combined Science at Grade 6 or above.

# Further Mathematics

Further Mathematics Pearson Edexcel A Level

## Career progression

- Engineer
- Banker
- Business consultant

Further Mathematics is studied alongside A Level Mathematics giving you the opportunity to achieve two A Levels in Mathematics. The subject deepens the content covered in A Level Mathematics as well as introducing new concepts like complex numbers, matrices and differential equations.

### On this course, you will...

...explore a whole new range of numbers called complex numbers. These are numbers with both real and imaginary units.

...solve simultaneous equations in 3 dimensions with the use of matrices. ...you will learn to solve harder Mechanical problems involving Collisions, Centre of Mass, Energy, Work and Power.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language, and a Grade 8 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

# Mathematics

Pearson Edexcel A Level

## Career progression

- Engineer
- Accountant
- Actuary

A Level Mathematics is an ideal course if you have always enjoyed the subject and wish to develop your mathematics skills. It will take your GCSE mathematical knowledge to the next level, with a variety of pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics.

### On this course, you will...

...learn about calculus, a branch of mathematics that involves the study of rates of change.

...develop your understanding of trigonometry and how it can be used beyond triangles.

...learn to apply Newton's laws of motion in real life scenarios.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language, and a Grade 6 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

# Physics

Pearson Edexcel A Level

## Career progression

- Astrophysicist
- Meteorologist
- Engineer

Physics is the study of the world around us. We look at many topics ranging from what is inside a proton, how electricity can be generated, why lenses help us see clearly and how old the Universe is.

### On this course, you will...

...measure experimentally how strong the gravitational field at the Earth's surface is.

...be able to explain why we can swing a bucket of water over our heads without getting wet.

...measure how the thickness of lead affects how much gamma radiation is absorbed.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least four other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 in Mathematics and Physics, or Grade 6 or above in Combined Science.

# Social Sciences



# Early Childhood Development

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate)

## Career progression

- Nursing
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Psychology

This course allows you to engage in a broad investigation of the children's care and education sector, reflecting the demands of a truly modern and evolving early years environment. There are two examined and two internally assessed units. The course is aimed at students with an interest in Education and Early Years and aiming to progress to higher education as a route to graduate level employment.

### On this course, you will...

...Study theories, principles and factors relating to children's development, including the concept of learning through play

...Learn about the safeguarding responsibilities of an individual working in an early years setting

...Take part in research and reflective practice – The influence of research findings on policy and provision for children.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.

# Health and Social Care

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Cert)

## Career progression

- Nurse
- Healthcare worker
- Social worker

This course focuses on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding of what happens in health, social care and childcare settings. Students will gain an insight into the requirements of working within this sector.

### On this course, you will...

...develop a greater understanding of the different elements of meeting the needs of individuals within care and ways in which high quality care can be provided for all.

...cover a variety of topics that are essential in understanding the health, social and childcare sectors.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either two Sciences, or Biology.

# Psychology

AQA 7182 A Level

## Career progression

- Healthcare worker
- Police officer
- Criminologist

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind, brain and behaviour. Psychology seeks to understand and explain how we think, act and feel. It is about what makes people unique and interesting and why they behave as they do.

### On this course, you will...

...develop knowledge of the causes and treatments of psychological disorders including depression, OCD and Schizophrenia.

...learn about research methods and techniques used in Psychology and explore some classic and contemporary psychological experiments.

...debate the causes of human behaviour including nature versus nurture and free will versus determinism.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 in Biology.

# Sociology

AQA 7192 A Level

## Career progression

- Lawyer
- Social worker
- Social researcher

Sociology is a fascinating, wide ranging and dynamic discipline that examines the nature of contemporary society. Sociology tries to understand how society works and it helps provide us with answers to important social questions.

### On this course, you will...

...look at the familiar social world in a new analytical way.

...develop the ability to build complex and coherent arguments.

...gain a better understanding of how and why societies function the way they do.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Uniformed Protective Services

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services

## Career progression

- Police Service
- Ambulance Service
- Fire Service
- Armed Forces
- Outdoor Education

This course focuses on equipping you with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills so that you can be successful in a career in the Uniformed or Armed Forces.

It has 1 externally examined unit through a 2 hour exam and the other 3 units are coursework based with multiple practical elements.

## On this course, you will...

...psychological theories surrounding individuals behaviours specifically those who chose not to follow the laws and social expectations.

...how teams are formed and the importance of leadership styles and communication strategies.

...the skills needed to be safe and successful in 2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities.

...theories surrounding criminology and its application to real life scenarios.

## Entry requirements

Students must have:

- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

# Sports



# Sport

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport

## Career progression

- PE teacher
- Physiotherapist
- Personal trainer

This course is the equivalent of two A Levels and is perfect for students who would like to study a sports course at university or want key life skills that all employers look for in sport and other industries.

### On this course, you will...

...learn a wide range of different skills and aspects of the sporting world.

...study anatomy and physiology, sports leaderships and health and nutrition.

...play sport.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including grade 5 in science, including either Grade 5 in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC Sport.

# Sports Coaching

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development

## Career progression

- Sports coach
- Sports development officer

This course is the equivalent to two A Levels and is designed for students that prefer the more hands-on leadership aspect of sports courses. It is 100% coursework assessed and covers a wide range of subjects and skills within the sports industry.

### On this course, you will...

...develop your leadership qualities.

...learn about self-employment in the sports industry.

...understand sports injuries.

### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either Grade 5 in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC Sport.

# Extended Project Qualification

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' skills in independent research and project management.

The EPQ requires students to carry out research on a topic of their choice that is not covered by their other qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical topics, an artefact or a production.

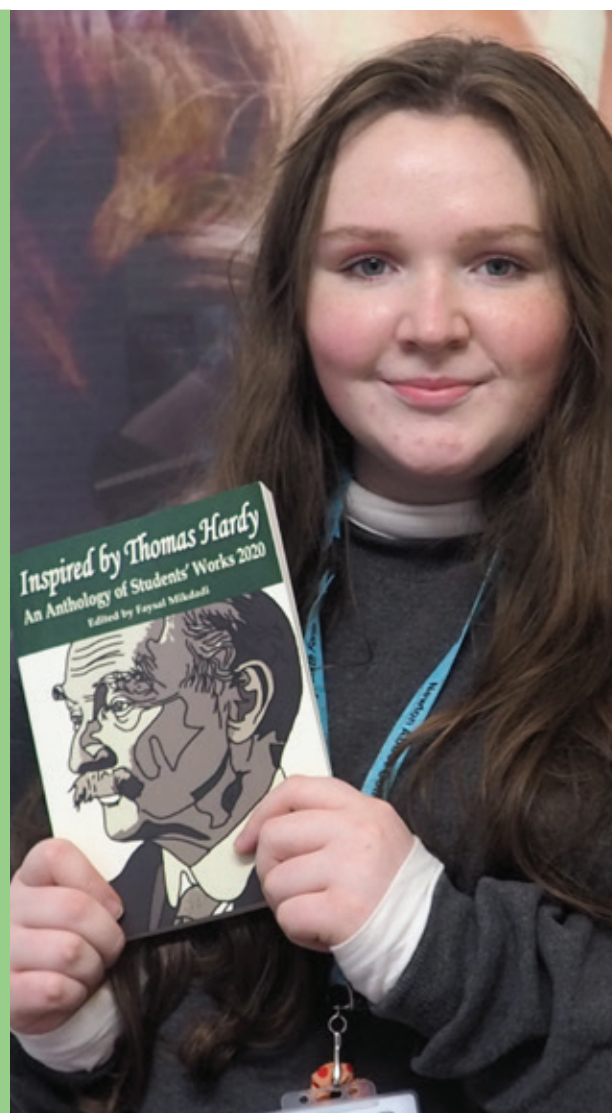
### Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

*"Doing an EPQ is a great opportunity to develop your understanding in an area of your own interest. It is really handy when writing your personal statement as it evidences extra-curricular work and provides an insight into you as a candidate for university, setting you apart from those that haven't done it. It's also great that the EPQ is the equivalent to doing an AS Level, as it's always useful to have those extra UCAS points. All the universities I visited recommend and encourage you to complete the EPQ, as they say it sets you up for the skills they are looking for. All in all, I've thoroughly enjoyed the process and it has helped to improve my research, time management skills and, most importantly, my critical thinking skills. It is a great opportunity that I highly recommend!"*

**Esme, Alumni**



# Join us

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If you are currently in year 11 studying at NAC you will receive support from your Tutor, Head of Learning, CSW and the Sixth Form Leadership Team with your next steps. Your place is already guaranteed subject to meeting entry requirements. You will have a 1:1 meeting in which you will fill out a preferences form to indicate the subjects you would like to study when you join us in Year 12.

## Ivy Education Trust

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We welcome our Ivy Education Trust partner school students to join our Sixth Form. Following the completion of your application form, you will then be invited to attend a tour of our college site and have an informal conversation.

## External applicants

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If applying externally, please fill out an application form that can be found on our website, or by scanning the QR Code.

You will then be invited for a tour of our college site and to have an informal conversation with us.



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