NORD ANGLIA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABU DHABI

SIXTH FORM

At NAS Abu Dhabi

Life in the Sixth Form and Course Guide



Welcome from the Head of Secondary

Our Sixth Form is a vibrant and ambitious community where students are empowered to deepen their knowledge, refine their skills and pursue academic excellence. Building on the strong foundations established throughout the school, we offer an environment where intellectual curiosity is valued, independence is nurtured and aspirations are realised.

In the Sixth Form, students are encouraged to immerse themselves fully in their chosen subjects; developing expertise, mastering complex concepts and engaging with learning at a level that prepares them for the demands of university, apprenticeships and the world of work. High expectations, exceptional teaching and personalised support ensure that every learner is challenged to achieve their very best.

But our vision extends beyond academic achievement. We are committed to shaping confident, responsible and forward-thinking young people who will lead the way in their future fields. Through leadership opportunities, enrichment programmes and a culture that celebrates initiative and integrity, our students grow into influential members of society—capable of making a positive impact wherever their journey takes them.

Our Sixth Form is more than a bridge to the next stage of education; it is a launchpad for success, character and lifelong learning. We invite you to join a community where ambition is celebrated, potential is unlocked and futures are shaped with purpose.



Mr Ryder
Head of Secondary

Post-16 Courses

This course guide will give you an introduction to to the A level and Level 3 courses that we offer here in Sixth Form at Nord Anglia International School Abu Dhabi.

Our courses are well established and we know that gaining these qualifications will mean that you are able to move on to your next destination with confidence, whether that be university, a degree level apprenticeship or straight into the workplace.

There are three key components that you should note if you are interested in joining a course.

Course entry requirements: This explains what GCSEs and grades are recommended to access the course.

How you are assessed: This explores the balance of coursework / examinations on the course. Most A levels have a large amount of examinations, but in some courses coursework may play a factor in determining your overall grade.

When you are assessed: Most A level courses will involve final examinations at the end of Year 13, but in some modular A level courses, examinations will be taken as early as Year 12.

Typically, you will be selecting three Level 3 courses to study over the next two years, which may include A Levels, BTEC qualifications, or a combination of both depending on your interests, strengths and future aspirations. This may involve talking with current students in Year 12, course leaders or class teachers delivering those courses, our dedicated Careers and Universities Guidance Counsellor or staff within the Sixth Form team - our doors are always open and there really is no such thing as a silly question when it comes to making informed decisions about your futures.



Mrs Shaikh
Assistant Head of Secondary

The Sixth Form Team

Our Sixth Form Team understands the pivotal moment students face as they transition from secondary education to the next stage of their academic and personal development. Our dedicated educators offer a wide range of engaging and relevant pathways, carefully tailored to support each student's individual ambitions and aspirations. We hope that this booklet will give you a clear picture of our Sixth Form and of the courses available to students here at Nord Anglia International School Abu Dhabi.

At Nord Anglia International School Abu Dhabi Sixth Form, every student is known, supported, and inspired to achieve their very best. Our small, close-knit community ensures a truly personalised experience, where individuality is celebrated and confidence, responsibility, and leadership are nurtured.

With deliberately small class sizes and access to some of the country's leading post-16 experts, students benefit from exceptional academic guidance tailored to their ambitions. Whether your next step is a top university, a prestigious apprenticeship, or a rewarding career, we provide the advice, resources, and encouragement to help you succeed.

As part of the Nord Anglia global family, our students gain access to international opportunities, collaborations, and a worldwide network of alumni who are making an impact across the globe. From cultural exchanges to global projects, students broaden their horizons and build connections that last a lifetime.

Beyond outstanding academics, our enrichment programmes develop real-world skills, strengthen applications, and prepare students for the future with confidence. At NAS Abu Dhabi Sixth Form, ambition meets opportunity, and every student is empowered to achieve excellence on a global stage.



Mrs Shaikh
Assistant Head of Secondary



Miss Masters
Head of Year 12



Dr Finnigan
Careers & Universities Counsellor

LIFE AT SIXTH FORM

Moving to NAS Abu Dhabi has helped me to understand the true impact of a positive community and the sense of belonging it evokes within.

Mirin Connor
Year 13



From our Sixth Formers



Douggie

Moving into a new Sixth Form will always feel daunting, but the transition to NAS Abu Dhabi made me feel supported and safe from the very beginning. A key difference is that staff genuinely want to know you as an individual. They take time to understand your interests, goals, and the support you may need, making the experience feel personal rather than being just another student obtaining a grade. Lessons are engaging and challenging, as teachers push you to think independently and deeply. The modern classrooms and study spaces help us stay productive and inspired. Since joining, I've involved myself in all areas of school life and grown in confidence and independence, feeling prepared for university and my future. I am proud to be part of NAS Abu Dhabi Sixth Form and grateful for how it has shaped my journey.



Ahana

It's genuinely hard to explain my experience at NAS Abu Dhabi because of how amazing it has truly been. From the moment I walked through the doors, there was this bright, welcoming atmosphere that made the transition feel so much easier. The Sixth Form team are really passionate, patient and the genuine kindness shows - they don't just support you, they understand you. Moving schools in Sixth Form can be challenging but I never once felt alone here. Every piece of guidance, every conversation and every bit of encouragement has really made me feel seen and valued.



Samuel

I initially found the idea of moving school as scary, I thought I would feel out of place and be uncomfortable within the school society, but my perspective was quickly shifted when I was warmly welcomed into the NAS Abu Dhabi community. The staff team are extremely helpful and comforting, while my fellow peers are all drive for success, the atmosphere created makes it easy to work hard while also enjoying daily school life and the many opportunities that exist for us Sixth Formers.



Mirin

I've been part of the Nord Anglia family for my entire education, and NAS Abu Dhabi has been one of the most unforgettable chapters of that journey. The school has an energy that feels instantly welcoming, the kind of community where people notice you, include you, and genuinely want you to thrive. From day one, the environment felt positive, open, and supportive, creating a space where it's easy to build friendships and feel at home. What really stands out is how the staff and students work together to make everyone feel valued, whether you're new to the school or have grown up within the Nord Anglia group like I have. NAS Abu Dhabi isn't just a school; it's a community that lifts you up and inspires you every day.

Sixth Form in 6

Connected

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Our Sixth Form students are **ambitious, motivated learners** who strive to expand their knowledge, deepen their understanding, and achieve their goals. They are curious, engaged, and driven to challenge themselves academically and personally, always seeking opportunities to grow, explore new ideas, and prepare for the next stage of their education and future careers.

Our **small class sizes**, and in some cases one-to-one sessions, provide a highly personalised learning experience. This close interaction fosters greater engagement, tailored support, and meaningful dialogue, equipping our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to excel academically and prepare for their future ambitions."

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Challenged

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Our A Level programmes are delivered by **expert and dedicated teaching staff** who bring both passion and depth of knowledge to the classroom. They foster curiosity, inspire critical thinking, and encourage creative problem-solving, ensuring that students not only master their subjects but also develop the intellectual confidence and independent thinking skills.

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Our **dedicated Careers and University Guidance** Counsellor (CUGC) provides careful, impartial advice tailored to each individual, guiding them through university choices, apprenticeships, or career pathways. Students receive expert support with personal statements, applications, and interview preparation, ensuring they approach every opportunity with confidence and clarity.

Inspired

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Our Sixth Form students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities that complement their academic studies. From the Duke of Edinburgh Award and EPQ to leadership roles, work experience, and community projects, students are encouraged to explore new interests, develop key skills, and broaden their horizons, preparing them to thrive in higher education and beyond.

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Nord Anglia Sixth Form students go on to achieve exceptional destinations, with around half of our graduates globally securing places at the world's top 100 universities. Our students pursue a wide range of pathways, from leading universities and prestigious apprenticeships to exciting career opportunities, fully supported by our expert guidance and preparation. This reflects the ambition, dedication, and success that define a Nord Anglia education.

Sixth Form Facilities

Our purpose-built Sixth Form area, opened this year, gives students a real sense of identity and belonging within a close-knit community. With some of the school's finest facilities dedicated solely to Sixth Form use, students enjoy a calm, focused study area for independent learning, seamlessly connected to the secondary library with additional silent spaces and soundproofed study booths.

The Cafeteria, open all day exclusively for Sixth Form, provides a welcoming space to relax, socialise, or catch up on work over a coffee and croissant, while site-wide Wi-Fi allows students to study anywhere across the campus.

Students also benefit from the expert guidance of our dedicated Careers and University Guidance Counsellor, Dr. Finnigan, a world-class professional with extensive experience supporting post-16 learners. Dr. Finnigan works closely with each student, nurturing their ambitions, offering personalised advice, and guiding them toward their chosen university pathways and career opportunities. At Nord Anglia Sixth Form, state-of-the-art facilities, a supportive community, and unparalleled expert guidance combine to help every student achieve their full potential.









Inspired and Enriched

At Nord Anglia International School Abu Dhabi, learning goes far beyond the classroom. Our Sixth Form students are encouraged to broaden their horizons, challenge themselves, and embrace every opportunity to grow, academically, personally, and globally.

We believe that education should inspire as much as it informs. Alongside their A Levels, students take part in a rich programme of super-curricular and enrichment opportunities designed to develop leadership, independence, and global awareness. From the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DoE) to internships, leadership roles, and specialist academic societies, our students are supported to explore their passions and extend their learning in meaningful ways.

As part of the Nord Anglia global network, our students enjoy unique opportunities to connect, collaborate, and make a difference on an international scale. Through the Nord Anglia Education Global Campus, they can work with peers from around the world on projects that promote creativity, innovation, and social responsibility. Many of our students also take part in life-changing philanthropic work through the Nord Anglia Foundation projects in Tanzania, contributing to sustainable initiatives that empower communities and change lives.

Our calendar is filled with international trips, exchanges, and cultural experiences that help students build confidence, curiosity, and cultural awareness, preparing them for life at leading universities and beyond. Whether trekking for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, leading a student committee, volunteering for a global cause, or conducting original research for their EPQ, every NAS Abu Dhabi Sixth Form student is inspired to take their learning further and make a lasting impact.

At NAS Abu Dhabi, enrichment isn't an extra; it's an essential part of who we are. We don't just prepare students for success; we inspire them to use their knowledge, creativity, and compassion to shape the world.





Careers and University Guidance

At NAS Abu Dhabi, we believe that choosing the right pathway beyond school is one of the most important decisions a young person will make. To support this journey, we provide a comprehensive, personalised programme of Careers and University Guidance designed to help every student realise their ambitions and transition confidently into higher education or the world of work.

The A Level curriculum and range of extracurricular activities on offer, are complemented by the expertise of our dedicated University and Careers Counsellor, who works closely with students from the moment they join the Sixth Form. Through one-to-one meetings, workshops, and targeted guidance sessions, students receive bespoke support tailored to their academic strengths, personal interests, and long-term aspirations.

Whether students aim to study in the UAE, the UK, North America, Europe, Asia, or beyond, they benefit from expert advice on researching global higher education opportunities. Our counsellor ensures that students understand entry requirements, course structures, and institutional expectations across different countries.

Throughout Years 12 and 13, students are guided through every stage of the application process. This includes assistance with personal statements, essays, and portfolios; preparation for admissions tests; and mock interviews to build confidence and refine communication skills. Students applying to competitive programmes such as Medicine, Engineering, or Creative Arts receive additional tailored support to strengthen their applications.

Our holistic guidance programme also helps students explore future career pathways, with sessions on employability skills, CV development, networking, and internships. We regularly invite universities, employers, and industry specialists to share insights and engage with our students, broadening their awareness of global opportunities.

By the time they graduate, our students are well-prepared, informed, and inspired to take their next steps. With personalised guidance and a global outlook at the heart of the NAS Sixth Form experience, we empower every young person to pursue their goals with confidence and purpose.



Over half of all Nord Anglia graduates globally go on to study at one of the world's top 100 universities.

Global Alumni

At NAS Abu Dhabi, our students join a global community defined by ambition, achievement, and opportunity. Across the Nord Anglia family, over half of our graduates go on to attend the world's top 100 universities, a reflection of the exceptional academic preparation and personalised guidance they receive throughout their Sixth Form journey.

What truly sets Nord Anglia apart is our rich and far-reaching alumni network. With former students studying, researching, and working in countries across the globe, our community is uniquely positioned to inspire and support the next generation. Wherever your aspirations may lead you—the University of Toronto, the University of Cambridge, Harvard, Melbourne, ETH Zurich, the National University of Singapore, or any other leading institution, it is highly likely that a Nord Anglia graduate has already walked that path.

Our alumni are not just names on a list; they are a living, vibrant community. They return to mentor our students, speak at events, share their experiences of university life, and offer invaluable guidance that extends far beyond the classroom. Their stories show what is possible—and their support helps our students take their next step with confidence.

At NAS Abu Dhabi, you're not only preparing for university. You're joining a global family that will stay with you for life.



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COURSE GUIDE

Arabic

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Arabic or a high level of Arabic proficiency identified.

Why study Arabic?

Step into a world of linguistic depth and cultural discovery with our A Level Arabic course, where language becomes a gateway to global understanding. Rooted in the Pearson A Level specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop intellectual precision, cultural awareness and confident communication, enabling you not only to master the structures of the Arabic language but to cultivate your own clear and expressive voice.

Through sustained study of authentic materials and carefully chosen themes, you will explore ideas that connect the past with the present—from classical literary traditions to contemporary social issues—situating your learning within rich historical and cultural contexts. Whether your interests lie in language, literature, politics, religion or international relations, you will engage with texts and conversations that broaden your worldview and strengthen your analytical abilities.

By weaving together reading, writing, listening and speaking with thoughtful reflection, you will build a compelling foundation for higher education, careers in translation, diplomacy, business or the arts, and for meaningful engagement with the Arabic-speaking world.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Arabic develops language proficiency, cultural understanding, and communication skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into Arabic studies, international relations, translation, journalism, law, and global business degrees. Students can gain a strong foundation for careers in diplomacy, media, education, and any field requiring language skills and cross-cultural insight.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **3 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

Art

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Art and Design

Why study art?

Step into a world of creative possibility with our A Level Art and Design course, where your imagination meets professional practice. Designed to challenge and inspire, this programme enables you to develop your intellectual, imaginative and intuitive capabilities, not only mastering media and technique but also cultivating your own unique voice and vision.

Through sustained investigations and thoughtfully selected processes, you will explore ideas from conception to refined outcome; you will contextualise your work in historical, cultural and contemporary frameworks, enriching your craft with depth and meaning. Whether you are drawn to painting, printmaking, photography, textiles, graphic communication or three-dimensional design, you'll work alongside peers and mentors in a studio environment that values experimentation and personal expression.

By weaving together practical exploration with written and verbal reflection, you'll not only build a compelling portfolio but prepare for higher education, creative industries and beyond.

What do our students say?

Art A-level requires dedication and hard work, as creating art does tend to be more time consuming than the work for many other subjects. However, if you are willing to put in a lot of effort and truly love creating art I believe it is an excellent choice as an A-level because the work will be enjoyable." - Heili Rambukwella in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Art develops creativity, visual communication, and critical thinking skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into fine art, graphic design, illustration, architecture, fashion, and creative media degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in the arts, design industries, media, and any field that values innovation and visual problem-solving.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **1 exam / 1 coursework** When: **100% Year 13**

Biology

Entry requirements: Grade 7/7 in I/GCSE Combined Science or separate Science in addition to a Grade 7 in I/GCSE Mathematics.

Why study Biology?

Dive into the fascinating world of living systems with our Pearson Edexcel Advanced Level Biology course. This rigorous yet rewarding programme spans molecular biology, ecology, genetics and physiology, guiding you through the structure and function of life from cells to ecosystems.

You will sharpen your analytical and problem-solving skills by applying mathematical reasoning to real-world biological questions. Through at least 18 core practical investigations, you'll gain hands-on experience of key laboratory techniques, experimental design and data analysis.

This course encourages you to think deeply about the principles of biology and their ethical, environmental and technological implications, preparing you not only for higher education, but for careers in medicine, research, conservation, biotechnology and beyond. With a balance of theory, practice and critical reflection, you'll develop the confidence, curiosity and competence to explore and shape the living world.

What do our students say?

"Biology as a subject has been extremely interesting and has truly deepened my curiosity for how even the simplest living processes function. What particularly excited me the most about Biology as an A-level is the link it offers to real-world situations and how it allows an individual to see how everything is intertwined aided by practical experiments which allowed me to get a hands-on understanding on how these universal processes work."
Khadiga Mostafa in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Biology develops analytical, investigative and practical laboratory skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into biology, medicine, biochemistry, biotechnology, environmental science and healthcare degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in research, medicine, healthcare, conservation and any field requiring scientific knowledge and problem-solving expertise.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **6 exams** When: **50% Year 12, 50% Year 13**

Chemistry

Entry requirements: Grade 7/7 in I/GCSE Combined Science or separate Science in addition to a Grade 7 in I/GCSE Mathematics.

Why study Chemistry?

Step into the world of atoms, reactions, and innovation with our Pearson Edexcel A Level Chemistry course. This rigorous and intellectually stimulating programme takes you from the fundamentals of atomic structure and bonding to the defining frontiers of organic and inorganic chemistry. The course explores topics like energetics, equilibrium, transition metals and nitrogen compounds in depth. You'll sharpen your problem-solving and quantitative skills through mathematical reasoning applied to chemical systems and real-world contexts. At the same time, you'll carry out at least 16 core practical investigations, gaining hands-on experience in experimental design, data collection and scientific analysis.

This course is ideal for students passionate about pursuing higher education in chemistry, medicine, engineering or research, but equally valuable for anyone who wants to understand the chemical foundations of the modern world. By weaving together theory, experimentation and critical thinking, you'll build a robust foundation for success in both academia and industry.

What do our students say?

"Chemistry has been a really enjoyable subject for me, as it has pushed me to think more logically and understand how the world works at a deeper level. I've found it interesting to see how chemical ideas explain so many everyday processes, as well as more complex reactions. The practical work has been one of the most valuable parts of the course, as it has helped me apply what I've learnt and made the subject feel more engaging and relevant." Yaseen Alden in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Chemistry develops analytical, problem-solving and practical laboratory skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into chemistry, medicine, pharmacy, biochemistry, chemical engineering and environmental science degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in research, healthcare, pharmaceuticals and industries requiring scientific knowledge and technical expertise.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: 6 **exams** When: **50% Year 12 50% Year 13**

Drama

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Drama in addition to a Grade 5 in English Language.

Why study Drama?

Step into a world of performance, creativity and transformation with our A Level Drama and Theatre course, where storytelling becomes a powerful medium for understanding the world. Rooted in the Pearson A Level specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop artistic confidence, critical insight and expressive freedom, enabling you not only to master dramatic techniques but to cultivate your own distinct creative voice on and beyond the stage.

Through sustained exploration of influential practitioners, diverse play texts and carefully crafted performance tasks, you will examine ideas that bridge past and present, engaging with traditions of theatre-making while responding to contemporary cultural and social issues. Whether your interests lie in acting, directing, design, technical theatre or devising original work, you will collaborate with peers in an environment that values experimentation, rigorous inquiry and imaginative risk-taking.

By weaving together practical performance, analytical writing and reflective evaluation, you will build a compelling portfolio of skills that prepares you for higher education, the creative industries and the wider world of cultural engagement, ensuring you leave the course as a confident communicator, an insightful thinker and a dynamic creative practitioner.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Drama develops confidence, creativity, collaboration and performance skills valued in both the arts and wider industries. It supports progression into drama, theatre studies, acting, directing, stage management and creative arts degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in the performing arts, media, education and any field requiring communication and teamwork.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **1 exam / 2 practicals** When: **100% Year 13**

Economics

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Economics/Business Studies in addition to a Grade 6 in Mathematics.

Why study Economics?

Step into the world of economic thinking with our Pearson Edexcel International A Level Economics course. This is an academically rigorous and globally-relevant course that builds your understanding of how markets operate, why governments intervene and how economies grow. You'll explore micro-economic themes such as supply, demand, elasticity, market failure and business behaviour, alongside macro-economic issues including national income, inflation, unemployment and fiscal and monetary policy. Throughout the course, you will apply critical and quantitative reasoning to real-world scenarios including analysing data, debating policy trade-offs and evaluating economic decisions in a rapidly changing global context. You'll also examine international economics; trade, exchange rates, development and the role of global institutions.

Our Economics A Level empowers you with analytical insight, structured argumentation and a deep understanding of both theoretical principles and practical realities. Whether you aspire to study economics, business, finance or public policy, this course will equip you with the intellectual tools to make informed decisions and to shape the economic future.

What do current students say?

"I enjoy studying economics at NAS Abu Dhabi because the subject helps me understand how money, choices, and businesses work. The teachers explain ideas clearly, and the lessons feel connected to real life and my classmates make discussions interesting."
Mohammed Alshehhi in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Economics builds analytical, numerical, and decision-making skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into degrees in economics, business, finance, politics and international relations. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in banking, consulting, government, data analysis and any field requiring clear reasoning and understanding of economic behaviour.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** | Assessment: **4 exams** | When: **50% Year 12 50% Year 13**

English Literature

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE English Literature

Why study English Literature?

Step into a world of literary imagination, critical exploration and human insight with our Pearson International A Level English Literature course, where reading becomes a journey into ideas that shape cultures and define experience. Rooted in the Pearson IAL specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop intellectual sophistication, interpretive depth and an authentic analytical voice, enabling you not only to understand great works of literature but to articulate your own original perspectives with clarity and confidence.

Through sustained engagement with poetry, prose, drama and unseen texts, you will encounter writers from different eras, cultures and traditions, examining how their craft reflects, questions and transforms the world around them. Whether you are drawn to the emotional precision of poetry, the narrative power of the novel or the dynamic tension of dramatic writing, you will develop the critical and comparative skills that allow you to explore texts in meaningful and imaginative ways.

By weaving together close reading, extended essay writing and thoughtful discussion, you will build a rigorous foundation for higher education in the humanities, as well as careers that value communication, analysis and cultural understanding.

What do current students say?

“I actually really enjoy English Literature because it allows me to explore how writers use different language techniques to express complex emotions, question social problems and values, and human experiences. It’s a subject that constantly pushes me to think creatively and critically to find new interesting interpretations, helping me to improve my analytical and writing skills for my future.”
Milana Fedorova in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level English Literature develops critical thinking, communication and analytical skills valued by universities and employers. It leads to pathways in English, law, journalism, media, education, publishing and creative writing.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **4 exams** When: 50% Year 12, 50% Year 13

French

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE French

Why study French?

Step into a world of linguistic elegance, cultural richness and global connection with our A Level French course, where language becomes a bridge to new perspectives and opportunities. Rooted in the Pearson A Level specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop sophisticated communication skills, cultural awareness and analytical insight, enabling you not only to master the structures of the French language but to express your own nuanced and confident voice.

Through sustained engagement with authentic French-language materials, ranging from film and literature to contemporary journalism, music and digital media, you will explore themes that link personal experience to wider social, political and cultural debates across the Francophone world. Whether your interests lie in language, global affairs, literature, politics or the arts, you will deepen your understanding of diverse communities while refining your linguistic precision and interpretive skills.

By weaving together reading, listening, writing and speaking with thoughtful cultural reflection, you will build a strong foundation for higher education, international study and careers that value multilingual competence. You will leave the course as an articulate communicator, a culturally attuned thinker and a confident user of French prepared to engage with an interconnected world.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level French develops language fluency, cultural awareness and communication skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into French studies, international relations, translation, business, law and tourism degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in diplomacy, education, media, global business and any field requiring language proficiency and intercultural understanding.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **3 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

Geography

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Geography

Why study Geography?

Step into a world of discovery, analysis and global awareness with our Pearson International A Level Geography course, where curiosity about the planet becomes a powerful tool for understanding the forces that shape human and physical landscapes. This programme challenges and inspires you to develop critical thinking, investigative rigour and a deep appreciation of the complex relationships between people, places and environments.

Through sustained exploration of dynamic physical processes, diverse human systems and pressing global challenges, you will engage with themes that connect local experiences to worldwide patterns, examining everything from climate change and natural hazards to migration, urban development and resource management. Whether your interests lie in environmental science, geopolitics, sustainability or data analysis, you will cultivate the analytical and evaluative skills needed to interpret a rapidly changing world.

By weaving together case-study research, geographical enquiry, data interpretation and extended written analysis, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and careers in fields such as environmental management, urban planning, international development, policy and the geosciences. You will leave the course as an informed global citizen, a confident researcher and a reflective thinker prepared to engage with the challenges and opportunities of our interconnected planet.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Geography opens doors to a wide range of academic and career pathways. It develops analytical, research and spatial skills valued in fields such as environmental science, urban planning, sustainability, geopolitics, international development and GIS. Students gain a strong foundation for careers focused on people, places and the challenges shaping our world.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **4 exams** When: **50% Year 12 50% Year 13**

German

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE German

Why study German?

Step into a world of linguistic precision, cultural depth and international opportunity with our A Level German course, where language becomes a powerful lens through which to understand people, ideas and global change. This course challenges and inspires you to develop advanced communication skills, intercultural awareness and confident analytical thinking, enabling you not only to grasp the structures of the German language but to express your own voice with clarity, nuance and style.

Through sustained engagement with authentic German-language materials, drawing from film, literature, contemporary journalism, music and digital media, you will explore themes that link personal identity to broader social, political and cultural issues across the German-speaking world. Whether your interests lie in language itself, history, philosophy, international relations or the arts, you will deepen your understanding of diverse perspectives while sharpening your linguistic accuracy and interpretive insight.

By weaving together reading, listening, writing and speaking with thoughtful reflection on cultural contexts, you will build a strong foundation for higher education, international study and careers that value multilingual expertise. You will leave the course as an articulate communicator, a culturally literate thinker and a confident user of German prepared to engage with an increasingly interconnected world.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level German develops language fluency, cultural understanding and communication skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into German studies, international relations, translation, business, law and tourism degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in diplomacy, education, media, global business and any field requiring language proficiency and intercultural insight.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **3 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

History

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE History

Why study History?

Step into a world of inquiry, interpretation and human complexity with our Pearson International A Level History course, where the past becomes a dynamic lens for understanding the present. Rooted in the Pearson IAL specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop rigorous analytical skills, confident argumentation and a deep appreciation of global historical narratives, enabling you not only to grasp key events and ideas but to articulate your own informed and nuanced interpretations. Through sustained study of depth and breadth topics, ranging from political revolutions and ideological conflicts to empire, nationalism and global change, you will explore the forces, individuals and movements that have shaped societies across continents and centuries. Whether your interests lie in political history, social change, international relations or cultural identity, you will engage with diverse perspectives and compelling debates that refine your critical thinking and historical awareness.

By weaving together source analysis, extended essay writing and independent research, you will build a powerful foundation for higher education and careers in fields such as law, politics, diplomacy, journalism, public policy and the humanities. You will leave the course as a perceptive thinker, a persuasive communicator and an intellectually curious learner prepared to engage thoughtfully with the complexities of our interconnected world.

What do current students say?

“History A-level is an incredibly engaging and rewarding subject, full of fascinating stories and insights about the past. While there is a lot of information to learn, the content is never dull, and with dedication and effort, studying History can be deeply satisfying and intellectually stimulating.”
Heili Rambukwella in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level History develops critical thinking, research and analytical skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into history, politics, law, international relations and humanities degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in education, research, journalism or law.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **4 exams** When: **50% Year 12 50% Year 13**

Mandarin

Entry requirements: ***Grade 6 in I/GCSE Mandarin***

Why study Mandarin?

Step into a world of language, culture and global connection with our Pearson International A Level Mandarin course, where communication becomes a gateway to understanding people, societies and ideas across the Chinese-speaking world. This programme challenges and inspires you to develop linguistic precision, cultural insight and confident expression, enabling you not only to master Mandarin but to articulate your own thoughts and perspectives with clarity and nuance.

Through sustained engagement with authentic materials, ranging from literature, film and media to contemporary social and political topics, you will explore themes that connect personal experience with wider cultural and global contexts. Whether your interests lie in language, international relations, business, literature or the arts, you will develop the skills to interpret, analyse and respond to diverse perspectives while strengthening your communicative confidence.

By weaving together reading, writing, listening and speaking with reflective cultural study, you will build a solid foundation for higher education and careers in fields such as international business, diplomacy, translation, journalism and the humanities. You will leave the course as a confident communicator, a culturally aware thinker and an intellectually curious learner ready to engage meaningfully with the Mandarin-speaking world and beyond.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Mandarin develops language fluency, cultural understanding and communication skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into Mandarin studies, international relations, translation, business, law and tourism degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in diplomacy, education, media, global business and any field requiring language proficiency and cross-cultural insight.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: 3 **exams** When: **100% Year 13**

Mathematics

Entry requirements: Grade 7 in I/GCSE Mathematics

Why study Mathematics?

Step into a world of logic, problem-solving and analytical precision with our Pearson A Level Mathematics course, where abstract concepts become tools for understanding and shaping the world around you. Rooted in the Pearson specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop rigorous reasoning, numerical fluency and creative thinking, enabling you not only to master mathematical techniques but to approach problems with confidence and insight. Through sustained study of core topics ranging from algebra, calculus and trigonometry to statistics and mechanics, you will explore patterns, relationships and structures that underpin both theoretical and real-world applications. Whether your interests lie in pure mathematics, applied problem-solving, or supporting studies in science, engineering, economics or technology, you will cultivate skills that are both versatile and highly valued.

By weaving together abstract reasoning, practical application and critical reflection, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and careers in mathematics, the sciences, finance, technology and beyond. You will leave the course as a logical thinker, a confident problem-solver and an analytically minded learner ready to tackle challenges with clarity and precision.

What do current students say?

“I chose A Level Maths because it’s one of the most rewarding subjects you can take. It pushes you to think in clearer, more logical ways, and there’s a real sense of achievement when a difficult topic finally makes sense. Even though it can be challenging at times, it’s a subject where the effort truly pays off, and you can see yourself improving as you go.” Amelia Toderascu in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Mathematics develops problem-solving, analytical and logical reasoning skills highly valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science, economics and finance degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in STEM fields, data analysis, research, finance and any profession requiring quantitative and critical thinking skills.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **3 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

Further Mathematics

Entry requirements: Grade 8 in I/GCSE Mathematics, desirable with a Further Mathematics I/GCSE

Why study Further Mathematics?

Step into a world of advanced logic, abstract reasoning and mathematical challenge with our Pearson A Level Further Mathematics course, where complex concepts open the door to deeper understanding and innovative problem-solving. This course extends and enriches your mathematical knowledge, inspiring you to develop sophisticated analytical skills, creative approaches and intellectual confidence, enabling you not only to master advanced techniques but to think critically about the structures underlying mathematics itself.

Through sustained study of topics such as further algebra, complex numbers, matrices, advanced calculus, mechanics and discrete mathematics, you will explore ideas that connect pure and applied mathematics, revealing patterns and solutions with elegance and precision. Whether your interests lie in theoretical mathematics, physics, engineering or computer science, you will engage with material that challenges and excites, preparing you for the demands of higher education and professional application. You will leave the course as a confident mathematician, a critical thinker and a disciplined, innovative learner ready to tackle complex challenges with skill and insight.

What do our students say?

“I really enjoy Further Maths A level, because it challenges me in the best way. The complex ideas lead me to work logically under pressure, and engage with concepts beyond the standard curriculum. It has strengthened my problem-solving skills and given me a deeper appreciation for the structure and beauty of mathematics.”
Defne Bayram in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Further Mathematics develops advanced problem-solving, analytical and logical reasoning skills highly valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science, economics and finance degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in STEM, research, data analysis, finance and any field requiring high-level quantitative and critical thinking skills.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **4 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

Media Studies

Entry requirements: Grade 5 in I/GCSE English.

Why study Media Studies?

We live in a world shaped by media. From social media feeds and streaming platforms to advertising campaigns, news outlets and global brands, media influences the way we think, communicate and engage with society. Media Studies helps students understand these influences while developing the skills to analyse, evaluate and create their own media content.

This dynamic and engaging course combines creativity with critical thinking. Students explore how media products are constructed, how audiences respond to them, and how media industries operate in an increasingly digital world. Alongside analytical skills, students also develop practical production skills through the creation of their own media projects, building confidence in planning, research, communication and digital creativity. Media Studies is ideal for students who are curious about current affairs, popular culture, storytelling, branding, film, television and social media. It encourages students to question, challenge and interpret the messages they encounter every day while developing skills that are highly valued by universities and employers alike

Where can this course lead to?

The media and creative industries are among the fastest-growing sectors globally, offering exciting opportunities across a wide range of professions. Media Studies provides an excellent foundation for university courses in Media, Journalism, Film, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Communications, Digital Media, Content Creation and many other related fields.

Students may go on to careers in broadcasting, journalism, television and film production, digital marketing, social media management, advertising, public relations, publishing, graphic design and content creation. The ability to communicate effectively, think critically, conduct research and understand audiences is highly transferable and valued across countless industries

Exam Board: **Cambridge** Assessment: **50% Coursework, 50% Exam** When: **50% Year 12/50% Year 13**

Music

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Music or equivalent ABRSM qualification.

Why study Music?

Step into a world of creativity, expression and musical exploration with our Pearson A Level Music course, where sound becomes a powerful medium for communication, imagination and understanding. Rooted in the Pearson specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop technical skill, artistic sensitivity and analytical insight, enabling you not only to perform and compose with confidence but to articulate your own distinctive musical voice.

Through sustained study of performance, composition and music analysis, you will explore a wide range of musical styles, genres and historical contexts, examining how music reflects, shapes and responds to culture, society and human experience. Whether your interests lie in performing, composing, arranging or studying the works of great composers, you will engage with material that nurtures both creativity and critical thinking.

By weaving together practical musicianship, theoretical understanding and reflective evaluation, you will build a compelling portfolio of skills that prepares you for higher education, careers in performance, composition, teaching, production or other music-related industries. You will leave the course as a confident performer, a thoughtful analyst and a creative practitioner ready to engage with the rich and diverse world of music.

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Music develops creativity, performance, composition and analytical skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into music, composition, music technology, performing arts and related degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in performance, education, media, sound engineering and any field that values creativity, discipline and critical listening skills.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **1 exam / 2 practicals** When: **100% Year 13**

Physical Education

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Physical Education

Why study Physical Education?

Step into a world of physical achievement, scientific understanding and personal development with our Pearson A Level Physical Education course, where movement becomes a powerful tool for insight, performance and well-being. This course will challenge and inspire you to develop practical skills, tactical awareness and analytical understanding, enabling you not only to perform with confidence but to evaluate and enhance your own and others' sporting abilities.

Through sustained study of anatomy, physiology, psychology, biomechanics and socio-cultural factors, alongside practical performance in a range of sports, you will explore the science and strategy behind physical activity. Whether your interests lie in team sports, individual performance, coaching or sports science, you will engage with material that develops both practical competence and critical thinking.

By weaving together applied knowledge, reflective evaluation and hands-on experience, you will build a comprehensive portfolio of skills that prepares you for higher education, careers in sports science, coaching, physiotherapy, teaching or other performance-related industries. You will leave the course as a confident performer, an analytical thinker and a knowledgeable practitioner ready to engage with the dynamic world of sport and physical activity.

What do current students say?

"Studying A Level PE has completely changed the way I understand sport and fitness. I've not only improved my own performance but also gained a deep understanding of the science and psychology behind it. The course is challenging, but it's incredibly rewarding."
Mirin Connor in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Physical Education develops analytical, practical and leadership skills valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into sports science, physiotherapy, coaching, exercise physiology and health-related degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in sports performance, coaching, fitness, health promotion, education and any field requiring knowledge of human performance and wellbeing.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **2 exams / 1 practical** When: **100% Year 13**

Physics

Entry requirements: Grade 7/7 in I/GCSE Combined Science or separate Science in addition to a Grade 7 in I/GCSE Mathematics.

Why study Physics?

Step into a world of discovery, experimentation and scientific inquiry with our Pearson A Level Physics course, where the principles of the universe become a lens for understanding the world around us. Rooted in the Pearson IAL specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop problem-solving skills, analytical thinking and practical expertise, enabling you not only to master complex concepts but to approach scientific questions with curiosity and confidence.

Through sustained study of mechanics, electricity, waves, quantum physics and more, alongside hands-on experiments and data analysis, you will explore the laws and phenomena that govern the physical world. Whether your interests lie in theoretical understanding, applied physics, engineering or research.

By combining practical investigation, mathematical reasoning and reflective analysis, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and careers in science, engineering, technology or research. You will leave the course as a confident problem-solver, a critical thinker and an inquisitive learner ready to explore the exciting challenges of the physical universe

What do current students say?

“A Level Physics is a fascinating and challenging course that helps students understand the fundamental principles behind how the universe works. It’s perfect for those who enjoy problem-solving, logical thinking, and exploring real-world applications of science. It mixes theory with cool experiments, showing how concepts like forces, energy, and electricity shape everyday life.”
Ethan Hawkins in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

A Level Physics develops analytical, problem-solving and mathematical skills highly valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into physics, engineering, astronomy, computer science and related STEM degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in research, engineering, technology, data analysis and any field requiring scientific understanding and advanced quantitative skills.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: 6 **exams** When: **50% Year 12, 50% Year 13**

Psychology

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Psychology or a 6 in English Language and Science

Why study Psychology?

Step into a world of insight, understanding and human behaviour with our AQA International A Level Psychology course, where scientific study meets real-world application to explore why people think, feel and act the way they do. This course challenges and inspires you to develop critical thinking, research skills and analytical reasoning, enabling you not only to understand psychological theories and concepts but to evaluate them with clarity and confidence.

Through sustained study of cognitive, social, developmental and biological psychology, alongside investigation into mental health, research methods and ethical considerations, you will explore the complexities of human behaviour from multiple perspectives. Whether your interests lie in understanding the mind, improving wellbeing or applying psychology in real-world settings, you will engage with material that sharpens both your analytical skills and your curiosity about people.

What do current students say?

“Studying Psychology at A level has been a great experience. Although it's hard, everything is really interesting, which makes studying it more fun. I think having done it at iGCSE is really helpful now, but most of my classmates are doing well even without having done it previously, so doing it at iGCSE is not a necessity.”
Ribana-Lucia Isaila in Year 12

Where can this course lead to?

By combining theoretical study, empirical research and reflective evaluation, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and careers in psychology, healthcare, education, business or research. You will leave the course as an insightful thinker, a methodical researcher and a reflective learner ready to engage thoughtfully with the challenges and opportunities of understanding human behaviour.

Spanish

Entry requirements: Grade 6 in I/GCSE Spanish

Why study Spanish?

Step into a world of language, culture and global connection with our Pearson A Level Spanish course, where communication becomes a gateway to understanding people, societies and ideas across the Spanish-speaking world. Rooted in the Pearson specification, this programme challenges and inspires you to develop linguistic precision, cultural insight and confident expression, enabling you not only to master Spanish but to articulate your own ideas and perspectives with clarity and nuance.

Through sustained engagement with authentic Spanish-language materials, ranging from literature, film and media to contemporary social, political and cultural issues, you will explore themes that link personal experience to wider global contexts. Whether your interests lie in language, international relations, literature or the arts, you will cultivate the skills to interpret, analyse and respond to diverse perspectives while strengthening your communicative confidence.

By combining reading, writing, listening and speaking with reflective cultural study, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and careers in fields such as international business, translation, diplomacy, journalism or the arts. You will leave the course as a confident communicator, a culturally aware thinker and an inquisitive learner ready to engage meaningfully with the Spanish-speaking world and beyond.

Where can this course lead to?

Studying Pearson A Level Spanish opens doors to a wide range of future opportunities. It provides a strong foundation for higher education in modern languages, international relations, business or the arts, while also preparing you for careers in diplomacy, journalism, teaching, translation or international business. With advanced language skills, cultural understanding and analytical ability, you will be well-equipped to engage confidently with the Spanish-speaking world and pursue a variety of academic and professional pathways.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **3 exams** When: **100% Year 13**

BTEC

COURSE GUIDE

International Level 3 BTECS @ NAS

A Different Way to Learn. The Same Ambition for Success.

At NAS, we believe there is no single route to success. Every student has different strengths, interests and ambitions, and our Sixth Form pathways are designed to reflect this. Alongside our established A-level programme, we are introducing Pearson BTEC International Level 3 qualifications, giving students the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence through a more applied and practical approach to learning.

BTECs bring subjects to life by connecting classroom learning with real-world challenges, industry practices and practical experiences. They encourage students to think independently, solve problems, work collaboratively and apply their knowledge in meaningful contexts. Whether you are passionate about science, engineering or business, a BTEC offers the opportunity to explore your interests in greater depth while developing skills that are highly valued by universities and employers.

What makes a BTEC different?

BTEC qualifications combine academic understanding with practical application. Rather than relying solely on traditional end-of-course examinations, students demonstrate their learning through a range of assessment methods, which may include assignments, projects, practical activities, presentations and externally assessed components, depending on the qualification.

This approach encourages students to take ownership of their learning, manage their time effectively and develop the confidence to research, investigate, create and communicate.

Skills for University, Careers and Beyond

A Level Further Mathematics develops advanced problem-solving, analytical and logical reasoning skills highly valued by universities and employers. It supports progression into mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science, economics and finance degrees. Students gain a strong foundation for careers in STEM, research, data analysis, finance and any field requiring high-level quantitative and critical thinking skills.

Build your own Post 16 Pathway!

Whether you choose a fully A Level programme, a vocational pathway or a combination of both, our aim is to help you build a Sixth Form experience that reflects your interests and aspirations.

Pathway	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3
Academic	A-level Mathematics	A-level Physics	A-level Chemistry
Vocational	BTEC Engineering	BTEC Applied Science	BTEC Business
Mixed – Engineering	A-level Mathematics	A-level Physics	BTEC Engineering
Mixed – Science	A-level Biology	A-level Chemistry	BTEC Applied Science
Mixed – Business	A-level Economics	A-level Mathematics	BTEC Business
Mixed – Flexible	A-level Psychology	BTEC Business	BTEC Applied Science

Where can a BTEC take you?

Pearson BTEC International Level 3 qualifications are recognised by universities and higher education institutions around the world, providing a valued route into higher education, either independently or alongside A levels. Universities value the combination of subject knowledge, practical application, independent research and transferable skills that BTEC students develop.

Our Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diplomas are equivalent in size to an International A level, allowing students to combine academic and vocational subjects within a balanced Sixth Form programme. We will support students in choosing the right combination of subjects to meet their university and career ambitions.

Assessment and grading

BTEC qualifications are graded through a combination of internally assessed assignments, practical work and externally assessed components, depending on the course. Students are awarded an overall grade of Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass, reflecting their achievement across the qualification.

A-level grade	BTEC International grade
A*	D* – Distinction*
A	D – Distinction
B	–
C	M – Merit
D	–
E	P – Pass

L3 BTEC in Applied Science

Entry requirements: 5 I/GCSEs at Grade 4 or above

Why study Applied Science?

Step into the fascinating world of science with our Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science, where curiosity, discovery and innovation come together to explore the world around us. This programme provides an engaging, applied introduction to science, developing the knowledge, practical laboratory skills and professional behaviours needed to succeed in an increasingly science-driven society.

Through a combination of theoretical learning and practical investigation, you will explore the fundamental principles of biology, chemistry and physics, discovering how scientific knowledge is applied to real-world challenges. You will develop laboratory techniques, plan and carry out investigations, analyse results and interpret data, while building an appreciation of accuracy, safety and scientific methods. You will also explore how advances in science and technology contribute to healthcare, environmental sustainability and modern industry.

By combining scientific understanding with practical investigation, analytical thinking and problem-solving, you will build a strong foundation for higher education and future opportunities across scientific and technical disciplines. Whether your ambitions lie in biomedical science, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, environmental science, laboratory research or other STEM fields, you will leave as a confident investigator, critical thinker and inquisitive learner, ready to explore the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Where can this course lead to?

Studying the Pearson BTEC in Applied Science opens doors to a wide range of future opportunities. It provides a strong foundation for progression to higher education in applied science, biomedical science, biological sciences, chemistry, forensic science, environmental science or related STEM disciplines, subject to university entry requirements. It can also support future careers in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, laboratory research, biotechnology, environmental management and scientific analysis. Through developing practical laboratory skills, scientific understanding and analytical thinking you will be well-equipped to pursue further study and explore the many exciting opportunities within the world of science and technology.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **100% coursework** When: **Ongoing**

L3 BTEC in Artificial Intelligence

Entry requirements: 5 I/GCSEs at Grade 4 and above

Why study Artifical Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence is transforming the way we live, work and solve problems, making it one of the most exciting and rapidly growing fields in the world today. From virtual assistants and recommendation algorithms to self-driving vehicles and medical diagnostics, AI is already shaping the future across a wide range of industries.

The BTEC Level 3 Artificial Intelligence course provides students with a practical introduction to the technologies driving this revolution. Through a combination of theory and hands-on project work, students develop an understanding of areas such as machine learning, data analysis, programming, natural language processing and the testing and evaluation of AI systems.
A key strength of the course is its focus on applying knowledge to real-world challenges. Students investigate how AI is used to solve problems, make predictions and support decision-making in sectors including business, healthcare, engineering, finance and technology. Alongside technical knowledge, students develop valuable transferable skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication and project management. With organisations across almost every sector investing in AI technologies, the ability to understand, analyse and apply artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly sought-after skill for the future workforce.

Where can this course lead to?

Throughout the course, students build a portfolio of practical work that demonstrates both creativity and technical expertise. This provides an excellent foundation for further study in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Data Science, Software Engineering, Business Analytics and Digital Technologies, as well as careers within the rapidly expanding technology sector. As AI continues to become an increasingly important part of modern society, this course equips students with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to thrive in a technology-driven future. Students may progress to degree courses in Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Data Science, Cyber Security or Digital Technologies. The course also provides a strong foundation for careers in emerging fields such as machine learning, data analytics, software development, automation, robotics and digital innovation.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **100% coursework** When: **Ongoing**

L3 BTEC in Business

Entry requirements: 5 I/GCSEs at Grade 4 or above

Why study Business?

Step into the world of business with our Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business, where enterprise, creativity and commercial thinking come together to shape the organisations and industries of tomorrow. This programme provides an applied introduction to the world of business, developing the knowledge, practical skills and professional behaviours needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive and global marketplace.

Through a combination of theoretical learning and practical application, you will explore how businesses are established, managed and developed, gaining an understanding of the key functions that drive successful organisations. You will investigate areas such as marketing, finance, business operations, human resources and enterprise, while developing the ability to analyse business challenges, evaluate opportunities and make informed decisions. You will also explore how businesses respond to changing consumer needs, technological developments and the wider economic environment.

By combining commercial awareness with analytical thinking, communication, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills, you will build a strong foundation for progression to higher education. Whether your ambitions lie in business management, marketing, finance, entrepreneurship or developing your own business venture, you will leave the course as a confident communicator, a creative problem-solver and an enterprising thinker.

Where can this course lead to?

Studying the Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Business opens doors to a wide range of future opportunities. It provides a strong foundation for university study in business management, marketing, finance, accounting, entrepreneurship or related disciplines, while also preparing you for careers in business administration, human resources, sales, digital marketing, project management or starting your own business. Through developing commercial awareness, communication, analytical and problem-solving skills, alongside an understanding of how organisations operate in a global business environment, you will be well-equipped to navigate the world of business and pursue a variety of academic and professional pathways.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **100% coursework** When: **Ongoing**

L3 BTEC in Engineering

Entry requirements: 5 I/GCSEs at Grade 4 or above

Why study Engineering?

Step into the exciting world of engineering with our Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Engineering, where creativity, innovation and practical problem-solving combine to shape the technologies of tomorrow. This programme provides an engaging, applied introduction to the engineering industry, developing the technical knowledge, practical skills and professional behaviours needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving sector.

Through a combination of theoretical learning and practical application, you will explore how engineering products are designed, developed and manufactured, while gaining an understanding of how engineering processes are delivered safely and effectively as part of a team. You will develop skills in technical problem-solving, design, manufacturing and the application of engineering principles, with opportunities to explore specialist areas such as mechanical engineering, electrical and electronic systems, computer-aided design and engineering projects.

By combining practical experience with technical understanding, independent thinking and collaborative working, you will build a strong foundation for progression to higher education and future opportunities across the engineering sector. Whether your ambitions lie in mechanical, electrical, aerospace, automotive, manufacturing or emerging engineering technologies, you will leave the course as a confident problem-solver, an innovative thinker and a technically capable learner, ready to contribute to the engineering challenges and opportunities of the future.

Where can this course lead to?

Studying the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Engineering opens doors to a wide range of future opportunities. It provides a strong foundation for higher education in engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, robotics, manufacturing or related technical disciplines, while also preparing you for careers in engineering design, aerospace, construction, automotive engineering or advanced manufacturing. Through developing practical technical skills, problem-solving abilities and an understanding of real-world engineering principles, you will be well-equipped to tackle industry challenges and pursue a variety of exciting academic and professional pathways.

Exam Board: **Pearson Edexcel** Assessment: **100% coursework** When: **Ongoing**



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