

LOWESTOFT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE 2017/18 WWW.L6FC.ORG



Lowestoft Sixth Form College and East Norfolk Sixth Form College Partnership

As you may be aware, the college participated in a pioneering area review in 2015 where we considered how best to protect and develop local provision. As a result of these discussions we have begun to explore a new partnership with East Norfolk Sixth Form College.

We believe this exciting initiative will better enable us to retain our distinctive sixth form college ethos and preserve and enhance the Lowestoft Sixth Form College offer to our students. As sister sixth form colleges, Lowestoft and East Norfolk have much in common; student achievement is high, the quality of our provision is good, our curriculums are similar and we are both fully committed to

achieving an outstanding educational experience for all our students. We believe by working together we will both be stronger and able to enrich our student experience still further with increased opportunities and a broader curriculum. We are at an early stage of discussion and hope to share a full consultation document during the course of 2016/17.

Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering Lowestoft Sixth Form College for your next step.

Our students are very successful because our teachers are truly committed subject specialists, because we believe every student is unique and we provide just the right level of support. Our facilities for learning are exceptional too.

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is now five years old! That's a five on our front cover to celebrate.

We are now a well-established College offering an excellent student experience. We are delighted that our recent Ofsted report showed inspectors agree. We achieved an award of GOOD across all categories inspected, making this the best Ofsted rating of any sixth form college in the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft area.

We truly value our students and listen to their contributions. In return we ask that you commit to your studies and work hard. Our teachers are passionate about your learning. They want you to enjoy their subject and to succeed.

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is a special place, we are big enough to provide lots of subject choices and small enough to nurture every student to achieve their goals, whatever they may be.

We have so much to offer you. I hope we meet soon.

Best wishes,
Yolanda Botham
Principal

We Promise

We are ambitious for you.

We want you to leave Lowestoft Sixth Form College proud of what you have contributed and achieved; ready to do more.

We will support you when you need it, provide honest feedback about your progress and really care about your goals.

Your Promise

That you want to learn; that you are willing to work hard and invest the time and effort in your future.



That's a roman numeral five (V) you can see on the front cover. We are very happy to be celebrating five years since the college opened. Five years of success, achievement and hard work by both our students and staff. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead!

Find out more about our 99% pass rate (A Level) on our website **WWW.L6FC.ORG**

Some of our many, many successful students



Bethaney Littlewood
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy (formerly Denes High School)
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Studying Forensics, University of Wolverhampton**

Jennifer Stephens
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy (formerly Denes High School)
 Studied: A Level English Language, Government & Politics, Maths
 Destination: **Japanese Studies at SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), University of London**

Karl Casteleiro
 Previous School: East Point Academy (formerly Kirkley High School)
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 ICT (+GCSE English)
 Destination: **Studying Computing Science with a year in industry, University of East Anglia (UEA)**



Lauren Day
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy (formerly Denes High School)
 Studied: History, English Language, English Literature, Drama & Theatre Studies
 Destination: **Studying Drama & English Literature, University of Birmingham**



Liam Jackson
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy (formerly Denes High School)
 Studied: A Level Economics, History, Government & Politics
 Destination: **Studying History and Politics, University of Warwick**



Sam Fenn
 Previous School: East Point Academy (formerly Kirkley High School)
 Studied: A Level Biology, Further Maths, Chemistry, Maths
 Destination: **Studying Maths, University of Durham**



Rachel Johansson
 Previous School: East Point Academy (formerly Kirkley High School)
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Gap year, volunteering in Stockholm, Sweden**



Emma Connolly
 Previous School: East Point Academy (formerly Kirkley High School)
 Studied: A Level Maths, Chemistry, Biology
 Destination: **Apprenticeship at James Paget Hospital, has sat her UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) and onto Medical School (2015)**



Mehran Azizi
 Previous School: East Point Academy (formerly Kirkley High School)
 Studied: A Level Economics, Further Maths, Government & Politics, Maths
 Destination: **Studying Law at the University of Cambridge**



Sam Adams
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: A Level Geography, Maths, Physics
 Destination: **Studying Engineering, University of Warwick**



Jessica Beech
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic) (+GCSE English)
 Destination: **Studying Forensic and Archaeological Science, University of Kent**



Mia Smith
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Studying Nursing (Children), University of East Anglia (UEA)**



Abigail McCaghey
 Previous School: Hobart High School
 Studied: A Level Music History, English Literature, Drama & Theatre Studies
 Destination: **Studying Music and Musical Theatre, University of Chichester**



Paul Youngs
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: A Level Geography, Government & Politics, Music Technology
 Destination: **Professional Music Performance at ACM (The Academy of Contemporary Music, Guildford)**



Mohammed Ahmed
 Previous School: Sir John Leman High School
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Sport and Sport & Exercise Science (+GCSE Maths)
 Destination: **Studying Sports Science, Anglia Ruskin University**





Hayden Clifford
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: A Level Chemistry, Maths, Physics
 Destination: **Studying Maths, University of Bath**



Chanelle Woods
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: A Level English Language, Health & Social Care (Applied Double)
 Destination: **Apprenticeship - Dental Nursing**



Michael Hindes
 Previous School: East Point Academy
 Studied: A Level Economics, ICT, Maths
 Destination: **Studying Economics, University of East Anglia (UEA)**



Lucy Quantrill
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: A Level English Language, Drama & Theatre Studies, BTEC Level 3 Business
 Destination: **Studying Marketing & Eastern Language (Japanese), University of Hertfordshire**



Mercedes Wright
 Previous School: Cliff Park Ormiston Academy (formerly Cliff Park High School)
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Studying Forensic Science & Criminal Investigation, University of Central Lancashire (Preston campus)**



Danny Cook
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: A Level Business, Media, IT, PE
 Destination: **Studying Football Business & Media, The University and College of Football Business (UCFB Wembley)**



Arianna-Louise Lloyd
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Apprenticeship - Sports Coaching**



Joseph Barber
 Previous School: East Point Academy
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 ICT
 Destination: **Studying Computer Games Programming, University Campus Suffolk (UCS)**



Rafna Muslim
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Business, A Level Art & Design (+GCSE Maths)
 Destination: **Studying Architecture, Bexley College**



Daniella Harrison
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: A Level Drama & Theatre Studies, Psychology, English Literature
 Destination: **Studying English & Drama, Queen Mary University of London**



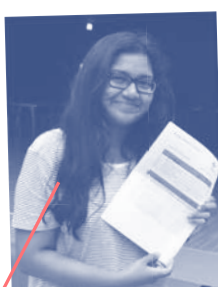
Alice Brown
 Previous School: Sir John Leman High School
 Studied: A Level History, ICT, Psychology
 Destination: **Apprenticeship - Business Systems**



Emily Stevenson
 Previous School: Flegg High School
 Studied: A Level English Language, Psychology, English Literature
 Destination: **Employment - Primary School Teaching Assistant, plans to study with the Open University**



Phoebe Howlett
 Previous School: East Point Academy
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 Applied Science (Forensic)
 Destination: **Studying Psychology with Forensic Psychology, University of Lincoln**



Bethany Moore
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: A Level English Language, Government & Politics, English Literature
 Destination: **Studying Culture, Literature & Politics, University of East Anglia (UEA)**



Sarah-Louise Concannon
 Previous School: Benjamin Britten High School
 Studied: BTEC Level 3 ICT (+GCSE Maths)
 Destination: **Studying Business Information Systems, University of Greenwich**



Stuart Davison
 Previous School: East Point Academy
 Studied: A Level History, Sociology, English Language
 Destination: **Studying Archaeology, University of Winchester**



Anika Mahbub
 Previous School: Ormiston Denes Academy
 Studied: A Level Biology, Further Maths, Chemistry, Maths
 Destination: **Studying Biological Sciences, University of Warwick**

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Media Studies 33
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**‘Students
enjoy their
studies
in a culture of
mutual trust
and respect’
–Ofsted**

Vocational Level Three Courses (BTECs)

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Why Choose Us?

Making your choice about what and where you want to study next is a very significant decision; it could change your life.

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is a very friendly and welcoming place. We are bigger than a school sixth form so can offer many courses and combinations whilst we are small enough to offer real, individual attention and support. With us you will gain vital qualifications and something extra too: the confidence and inspiration to excel.



Our Results

Good grades create exciting futures. Our latest Ofsted report judged our outcomes as GOOD across all areas:

- Good – Outcomes for learners
- Good – Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Good – Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Good – Overall effectiveness.

Our Student Feedback

We are very proud that our students rate their college experience very highly indeed and would advise others to complete their studies with us. In the most recent student satisfaction survey (Summer 2016) benchmarked nationally by the University of Durham, Lowestoft Sixth Form College student feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Our Specialist Teachers

As a Sixth Form College we are specialists, we educate 16-19 year olds only. This allows our teachers to truly focus on your needs. Our teachers understand young people; they are friendly, approachable, committed and qualified specialists in their subject area.

Our Outstanding Facilities

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is a £25 million purpose-built college. Our science laboratories, art rooms, music and multi-media suites and performance spaces have all been specially designed to support your learning. Additionally, over £1.3 million has been invested in the IT infrastructure and equipment alone to provide an exceptional service. We have full WIFI coverage.

Our Vast Choice

We offer over 50 different qualifications including A Levels, vocational BTECs and GCSEs, which allows many varied combinations of subjects to suit your talents and interests.

Our mission is to enable our students to excel and progress beyond expectation in an outstanding learning environment in the heart of Lowestoft.

‘Enthusiastic teachers have high expectations of what students can achieve’

–Ofsted

Our Excellent Close Individual Support

Every student is unique and our support is designed to meet your needs. Transition from school can seem a little scary but you will have a Student Achievement Mentor who you will meet every week to support you. You will work alongside your teachers and your Student Achievement Mentor to agree your targets which will be continually monitored throughout the year and which you can track on our Dashboard. We offer a host of other support services all to enable you to achieve the best you can.

Our Mature Learning Environment – very different to school

There are no bells and no uniform. You will be supported to take responsibility for your learning, which will provide an excellent foundation for your next step to university or into employment.

Our Opportunities and Fun

We offer you many, many opportunities beyond your studies including our Plus More Programme. You will make friends, develop new interests and have a fresh start. These experiences will not only enrich you and your time at Lowestoft Sixth Form College but also enhance your CV and support your university application.

‘Outcomes for students are good’

–Ofsted

‘Well-qualified teachers convey their subject with passion’

–Ofsted

‘Students value highly work experience and enrichment activities’

–Ofsted



Find Out More

We would love you to visit and find out about the exciting opportunities we have to offer:

Visit: WWW.L6FC.ORG
Email: INFO@L6FC.ORG
Call: 01502 537000

 Like us: Lowestoft Sixth Form College

 Follow us: @L6FC

- Call us anytime to book a campus tour
- Open Evening Wednesday 28 September 2016 (6-8.30pm). No registration required
- Open Evening Wednesday 8 March 2017 (6-8.30pm). No registration required
- School Roadshows during October and November 2016
- Taster Day June 2017

Deciding which course(s) to take is a vital step in your future. If you have any questions throughout the process please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

1 Application Form

Complete an application form online at: WWW.L6FC.ORG You can apply in Y10 too. If you experience any difficulties please ring our friendly Admissions team on: 01502 537000. We are happy to receive applications from September 2016.

2 Course Advice

As soon as we have your application form we will invite you to meet with a member of our Admissions team. This meeting is a relaxed, informal discussion about your goals and aspirations, your course choices and, more generally, your future. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and discuss anything related to your college application that you are unsure about.

3 Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is 5 March 2017. Applications after this date will only be considered if we have places available and a waiting list may operate.

4 Accepting Your Offer

Please be ready to accept or decline the offer of a place at Lowestoft Sixth Form College on receipt of your offer letter. Once you've accepted your offer we will keep you updated with what's going on in your chosen subject and invite you to some special events.

5 GCSE Results

We will be available on GCSE Results Day 24 August 2017 to give advice at local partner schools and at College. Call us if you have any questions or concerns about your programme.

6 Enrolment

We will send you a letter with your individual enrolment appointment by 21 July 2017.

7 Classes Begin

Lessons begin early September 2017.

**NO NEED
TO WAIT!
APPLY IN
YEAR 10.**



**'Classrooms,
learning areas and
resources are of
a high standard and
are very well-equipped
with modern technology
and specialist
resources'**

–Ofsted





World Class Facilities

Award Winning Inspirational Design

Atkins, one of the world's largest architectural firms with design studios across the globe, designed Lowestoft Sixth Form College. Our architect, Richard Christmas, has created a dynamic, innovative place to learn. The atrium space with suspended break out Pods, creates a dramatic, central meeting area with access to all four floors. The atrium has full WIFI coverage and has seen some exciting College productions in its vast space. The Pods provide alternative venues for students to learn individually or collaboratively in an inspiring setting.

We Offer:

- State-of-the-art science laboratories
- Music recording studio, soundproofed rehearsal rooms and music technology editing suite
- Contemporary theatre and specialist dance and drama studios
- Specialist art/design and photography studios
- Teaching classrooms all equipped with the latest technology
- A partnership with Waterlane Leisure Centre giving students free access to: a 25 metre heated swimming pool and fitness suite (allocated times) with the six badminton court Sports Hall and other facilities used in sports lessons and for clubs. View the facilities at: www.waterlaneleisure.co.uk
- Our Barnards Centre Point venue provides a superb 3G football pitch
- Welcoming café with WIFI access.

IT Access

Technology is at the heart of Lowestoft Sixth Form College. We have invested over £1.3 million in the infrastructure and latest equipment. You will experience a high speed internet connection, wireless networking and 24 hour access including the use of College software from home. We welcome you using your own devices at College. We offer many ways for you to use IT: in lessons with laptops and notebooks, in the Learning Resource Centre, in the Pods, in one of our three Mac suites or in our vast open access IT Centre.

Supporting You To Succeed

Individual Care

At Lowestoft Sixth Form College you will be treated as an adult and offered all the support you need to succeed. You will have both a Director of Faculty and a Student Achievement Mentor to support you. You will meet with your Student Achievement Mentor from the very beginning of your first week in college and they will help you settle in. You will then meet weekly to get the support you need to achieve and progress. Your Director of Faculty will meet regularly with your Student Achievement Mentor to keep an overview of your progress and at times they may want to meet with you too. Student Achievement Mentors and Directors of Faculty can be contacted at any point throughout the college year with any queries or concerns.

Learning Support

The support on offer is varied and tailored to your individual needs. It could range from additional teaching by a specialist, to dyslexia support, arranging extra time for exams, to the loan of a laptop computer and access to specialist software. You may find that we can provide support that was not offered to you at school. We have a full range of assistive technology available in a calm and quiet environment. We can also offer support with a personalised transition programme from school to college. Students will need to meet general entry requirements.

Please tell us as early as you can how we can support you. As soon as we know what you need we can arrange your specific support. The details you give us will always be dealt with in confidence.

Provision for disabled access has been considered with care and integrated into the building design to ensure convenient and comfortable access to all areas.

Equality and Diversity

Lowestoft Sixth Form College welcomes applications from learners with additional needs.

We have a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all.

We take our commitment to Equality of Opportunity seriously and base our relationships in the College on mutual respect and appreciation of difference. We will not tolerate any discrimination or harassment. We support wholeheartedly the aims of the Equality Act 2010 and we will make all reasonable adjustments to ensure your requirements are met.

Partnership With Home

College is a time students need to be given some independence and responsibility for their own learning in order to prepare them for their next steps onto university or employment. We provide this freedom in a very supportive context with close monitoring and guidance.

We believe it is essential that as parents/carers you should be kept fully informed and up to date about your daughter/son's progress whilst at College.

We will keep you involved through a variety of methods including: Consultation Evenings to discuss academic progress with subject teachers, progress reports and online access to attendance data and current targets via our online Parents' Portal. We ask that you keep in contact with Student Achievement Mentors, phone the College in the case of absences and do not go away on holiday in term time. We ask too that you support us to help your son/daughter find the right balance between social life, paid work and study.



Counselling

A professional, confidential counselling service is available for those times when you may want some extra help and to share concerns whether College-related or not.

Safeguarding

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students and has a designated Safeguarding Team. Access to the College is by ID pass only.

Financial Support

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is designed to help support those young people who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education or training post-16. Eligibility information and application forms are available via: WWW.L6FC.ORG or call our Finance Team on: 01502 537000 for further advice.

Fees

Tuition is free to all full-time 16 to 18 year olds who are British nationals, EU citizens or who have residence qualifications in the UK. Fees for adults and other nationals are available on request.

**‘Monitoring
of students’
progress
is good’**

–Ofsted

Your Future: A real career focus

We give a high priority to advising students about the options open to them when they finish their courses and leave College. Our specialist Careers Advisor, Directors of Faculty and Student Achievement Mentors all contribute to this important process.

Advice on Higher Education

- Full support with the higher education application process from initial guidance on choosing universities to help with personal statements, open days, mock interviews, test preparation and completion of application forms
- A whole College visit to the annual Higher Education Convention at the University of East Anglia
- Financial advice around fees and living costs for university
- Help with specialist Further and Higher Education options
- Applications to specialist art, music and performing arts colleges
- Information about conferences and taster courses e.g. medicine, veterinary science, law and engineering
- Advice and support for applications to specialist summer schools.

Advice on Careers and Employment Opportunities

- A College Careers Fair with a range of employers to meet
- A College Careers Advisor
- Information and organisation of work placements, internships and volunteering with local companies and organisations
- Visits by representatives from specialist careers such as the Armed Services to give presentations to interested students
- Assistance with job and apprenticeship applications through advice on finding vacancies, CV development, completing application forms, preparing and practising for interviews
- Opportunities to develop employability skills and take additional qualifications.

Suffolk Scholars

Turn great grades in to a £500 Suffolk Scholarship. If you have been predicted at least 2 A*s and 5 As at GCSE and are enrolling here at College then you can apply for scholarship. £500 to use as you please to enrich your studies through travel, materials and research.

You can apply online: WWW.L6FC.ORG



Our Career Partners

Thank you for all your support this year with placements, visits and more:

Accountancy/Banking/Finance

Barclays Bank Plc
Lovewell Blake

Business/Consulting/Management

Connect Education and Business
Lowestoft Rising
Talk Enterprise

Community/Charity/Voluntary

Access Community Trust
Age UK
Barnardos
Community Action Suffolk
Lowestoft Record Office (Suffolk County Council)
National Citizen Service (NCS)
RNLI
Salvation Army Charity shop
Uplands Community Centre

Creative Arts/Design

Barkers Photographic
Ferini Media
Seagull Theatre
Special Design Studio

Energy/Environment/Utilities

EDF Energy
Deeside Crewing Services Ltd (Vroon Offshore Services Ltd)
Seajacks
SMS Autocare
Snave Engineering Services
SSE (Gabbard Offshore Winds Ltd)

Engineering/Manufacturing/ Construction/Infrastructure

3Sun Engineering Group
Abacus FM Engineering Consultancy
AMEC
Atkins Global Ltd
British Sugar
Harrod UK
International Boatbuilding Company
Morgan Sindall
Nexus Engineering
Sembmarine SLP Engineering
SMS Autocare

Healthcare/Medical

East Coast Community Healthcare
East Norfolk Medical Practice
HealthEast/Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
James Paget University Hospital
Shrublands Health Centre
Physiotherapy

Information Technology

CDS -KAS Computers Ltd

Law

The Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx)
Nicholsons Solicitors LLP
Great Yarmouth Magistrates
The University of Law

Leisure/Sport/Tourism/Hospitality

The Hatfield Hotel
Hoseasons
The Hotel Victoria
Nirvana Fitness
Oulton Broad Water Sports Centre
Pakefield Riding School

Potters Leisure Resort
Robert Owen
Waterlane Leisure Centre (Sentinel Leisure Trust)

Marketing/Media/PR

Archant (Lowestoft Journal)

Civic/Public Services

3aaa
Army Medics
Job Centre Plus
Suffolk Apprenticeship Services
Suffolk Constabulary
Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils

Recruitment/HR

Hales Group Ltd

Retail/Sales

Adnams
ASDA
Currys PC World
Poundland
Tesco
Take Note Music Company

Social Care

The Ark Children's Centre Nursery
Barchester Care
Busy Bees Nursery
Care Careers Suffolk
Marlborough House (Ambre Care Ltd)
Lilac Lodge
Rainbow Day Nursery
Seashore Day Nursery
St Margaret's Playgroup
Trinity Playgroup
Open Minds

Teaching/Education

Benjamin Britten Academy of Music and Mathematics
Bungay High School
Corton VC Primary School
East Point Academy
Gunton Primary Academy
Meadow Primary Academy
Ormiston Denes Academy
Loddon Primary School
Pakefield High School
Pakefield Primary School
Poplars Community Primary School
St Margaret's Primary Academy
St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School
The Ashley School Academy Trust
Warren School
Westwood Primary School
Woods Loke Primary School

Veterinary Services

Haven Veterinarian Surgeons
Pakefield Veterinary Clinic

We are fortunate to work with many universities.

With special thanks to: University of Cambridge, University of Suffolk, University of East Anglia (UEA), University of Lincoln, Anglia Ruskin University and DanceEast.

The Edge – Support for entry to Competitive Courses: Medicine, Oxford University, Cambridge University and more

We encourage all students to aim high and we want the very best for you whilst you are at Lowestoft Sixth Form College and in the future. This means all your teachers will support you every step of the way with lots of different opportunities to enable you to excel.

- We will encourage you to take part in courses to support your learning at College and for your university applications, such as the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme, University of Oxford residential programmes, Sutton Trust Summer Schools, Villiers Park residential courses, Gap Medics and Voluntary Work Overseas
- Additionally, we can help you with a variety of work experience placements, for example, at the James Paget Hospital or local GP surgeries to support your UCAS application for medicine or nursing
- There will be lots of opportunities to broaden your horizons through trips and university visits throughout your time with us. Through the Plus More enrichment programme you can get involved in a variety of different opportunities to pursue an existing interest or to develop new skills and talents
- You will meet regularly with the Director of Teaching and Learning for one to one academic tutorials to discuss your progress
- You will receive invaluable information advice and guidance throughout years 12 and 13 about study and revision strategies, time management and independent learning. This personalised support will help you develop approaches to learning that work for you and can maximise your chances of high grades
- You will receive one to one support to help make your university course selection, complete the application and write your personal statement
- You will have support with additional specialist entry requirements, mock interview practice and application workshops from Oxbridge professors.

Student Life – Plus More



College is a great time to make new friends, challenge your thinking and try something new! Our Plus More Programme offers so many opportunities for you to get involved and add more to your College experience as well as providing excellent material for your job and university applications. The programme is launched with a Plus More Fair and includes:



Sport

We have a wide range of sporting options for you. Whether you are a serious sports performer with aspirations to play professionally, for enjoyment or whether you just want to stay fit, we have the expertise and facilities to make it happen. With free use of Waterlane Leisure Centre, the multi-use games area (MUGA) as well as the excellent 3G pitch at Barnards Centre Point, you will have the chance to play your sport at the level that is right for you. Our students compete in sport at county level and national level, with local clubs, play matches against the teaching staff, co-ordinate sports days with local primary schools including a swimming gala, take part in Schools Sports Challenge and raise money for Sport Relief. A large grant from Sport England support has added to our offer and students can try Zumba, Pilates, water sports, rock climbing as well as netball, football and rugby.



**SPORT
ENGLAND**

Performing Arts

Our fantastic performance space provides the perfect setting for all future stars to shine be they actors, costume team, lighting crew or set designers or stage managers. Our music and dance teams are always keen to spot new talent to perform at our seasonal concerts, put on a show or to represent the College at local festivals and public events. The Big Gig, Shakespeare in the Park and the Dance Showcase (in partnership with local schools) are just a few of the dates in the calendar to see our talented students in action.

Our purpose-built acoustic rehearsal booths and recording studio are great for band practice and cutting your first disc. We run our own record label and are happy to produce your music.

Sports Academies

In addition to your studies at the college you have an option to join one of our sports academies. These are set up to allow any student, of any ability to commit time to improve their fitness and skills within a particular sport. You will have timetabled sessions totalling four hours a week, dedicated to developing your personal fitness and improving your skills within your chosen sport.

You will receive coaching and support from Level 2 (UKCC) qualified coaches and experienced players themselves. Additionally, you will be expected to represent the college in fixtures throughout the year. There are two academies available at present within the college, open to both men and women:

- Football Academy
- Rugby Academy

There will also be the possibility of other sporting academies becoming available in the future.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Try the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. It provides an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development. It is a great way to make new friends and your teamwork and leadership skills will impress future employers and universities. We are really proud of all our students who've achieved their DofE Gold Award.



Volunteering

The College offers a range of opportunities to become a volunteer. Our local community is eager to work with you. Do bring your volunteering ideas with you. Zoe Parker went to Lesotho in Africa, staying for ten weeks with the charity Skillshare International and Zara Anderson spent the summer in New York and then Buffalo for two months with Camp America. Both these projects were supported by the L6FC Governors' Travel Bursary.

Work Experience and Internships

The College has a team who can help provide work experience opportunities with a range of local employers and organisations. Placements could be weekly throughout the year or for a shorter period of time. We can also help with organisation of internships during College holidays.

See page 17 for a list of our current career partners.

Trips and Visits

The College offers many different trips and visits to help support your studies and add more to your College experience. Students have been on art trips to galleries in London as well as to Prague and Paris, theatre trips to London and Norwich, cycling in Thetford Forest, fieldtrips to Norfolk beaches and camping in Yorkshire.

Student Voice

Student views matter and we work hard to listen. All full-time students automatically become members of the Student Council. Elected representatives become members of the College's Governing Body representing the voice of the student body to College leaders. The Student Council organise student and charity events such as Red Nose Day and are ambassadors at College events and Open Evenings.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Higher Project Qualification Level 2

This is an opportunity for advanced level study in a specialised subject area, either from one of the subjects you are currently studying, or have studied in the past, or in an area that you are particularly interested in and want to explore further. You will carry out independent research and demonstrate the results of your inquiry through a dissertation, report, performance or artefact guided by a project mentor who will be allocated to you at the start of the course. It is basically an apprenticeship in academic research and writing. There is a taught element to ensure that you have advanced skills in researching a topic, formulating an argument and presenting your ideas.



How Do I Get Here?

Check our website for the latest travel information to/from college WWW.L6FC.ORG

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is situated on Rotterdam Road with excellent local public transport links.

Bicycle

The College is adjacent to National Cycle Route 1 (Fakenham to Harwich and passing through Felixstowe, Ipswich, Lowestoft and Beccles). We have 100 sheltered and secure bike racks available with lockers for storage.

Bus

Lowestoft Bus Station is approximately 10 minutes walk from the College. There are frequent bus services throughout the area that terminate in Lowestoft.

Visit: www.firstgroup.com and www.anglianbus.co.uk for further information.

Car

Lowestoft Sixth Form College is located on Rotterdam Road. Visitor parking is available but spaces are very limited.

Train

Lowestoft Train Station is situated in the town centre (about 12 minutes walk from the campus) and has frequent connections to Norwich (on the Wherry Lines), Ipswich and London (on the East Suffolk Lines). The station is staffed 7 days a week. Trains from Lowestoft Station stop at Brampton, Beccles, Cantley, Darsham, Ipswich, Haddiscoe, Halesworth, Melton, Norwich, Oulton Broad, Reedham, Saxmundham, Somerleyton and Woodbridge.

Visit: www.abelliogreateranglia.co.uk and www.eastsuffolkline.co.uk for further information.

Motorbike and Moped

A limited number of designated parking bays are available and large lockers for storage.

Financial Support For Transport

Suffolk Students

Living over three miles from College? You may be eligible for subsidised travel. You will need to complete a Suffolk County Council Travel Form.

Further information is available online at: www.suffolkonboard.com (select *Home to School Transport*) or call: 0345 606 6171

Norfolk Students

Living over three miles from College? You may be eligible for subsidised travel. You will need to complete a Norfolk County Council Travel Form. Further information is available online at:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/post16transport or call: 0344 800 8020

16-19 Bursary Funds may be used for transport costs see page 15.

Bus Routes

The following bus services run to/from Lowestoft and drop off within easy walking distance of the College. You can find further travel information and links to timetables on the college website.

1/1A

Operator 'First'
Great Yarmouth > Gorleston >
James Paget Hospital > Hopton >
Corton > Lowestoft Bus Station

X1

Operator 'First'
Great Yarmouth > Gorleston >
Hopton > Lowestoft Bus Station

X2/X22

Operator 'First'
Norwich Bus Station > Beccles >
Lowestoft Bus Station

99

Operator 'First'
Kessingland > Pakefield >
Lowestoft Bus Station

101

Operator 'First'
Gunton > Lowestoft Town Centre
> Gordon Road > Hollow Grove

102

Operator 'First'
Lowestoft Town Centre, Gordon
Road > Oulton Village > Rock
Estate > Lowestoft Town Centre,
Gordon Road

103

Operator 'First'
Carlton Colville > Lowestoft Bus
Station

105

Operator 'First'
Lowestoft Town Centre, Gordon
Road > St Peter's Street > Oulton
Rock Estate

103

Operator 'First'
Carlton Colville > Lowestoft Bus
Station

106

Operator 'First'
Lowestoft Bus Station > Oulton
Broad

61

Operator 'Anglian Bus'
Southwold > Lowestoft > Great
Yarmouth

Loddon Area Bus

The transport is subsidised by
Lowestoft Sixth Form College
and services the route:

Chedgrave > Thurton > Loddon
> Hales > Thurton > Haddiscoe
> Somerleyton > Blundeston >
Lowestoft Sixth Form College

Pick up times are various/at
designated along the route stops
arriving at college in time for the
start of classes. Return journey
leaves the college at 4.15pm.

For further information about
seat availability/cost/stops etc.
please call Student
Services: 01502 537000.

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A Levels

A Levels

These short subject entries give you a flavour of each course, further information is available online: WWW.L6FC.ORG
Please see our A level standard entry requirements on page 44 (choosing your course).

Art and Design

Do you enjoy being inventive and making work that is personal and unique? Do you want to develop your imagination and creativity? Do you have an enquiring mind about ideas, techniques, the work of others and the world you live in? Are you able to work independently and manage your study time effectively? If you can answer yes to these questions, Art and Design is an ideal subject for you. We offer a broad-based course that will give you the opportunity to experience a range of specialisms including Fine Art, Design, Sculpture and Photography before making informed choices about the areas in which you would like to focus. The emphasis throughout the course will be on developing your own ideas and creativity with constant reference to contemporary art practice and culture.

In your first year, we will introduce you to a variety of artistic and design techniques before embarking on a thematic project and a final examination unit. In the second year you will develop a sustained body of work on your chosen personal theme supported by a 1000-3000 word essay. You will be assessed through a mixture of coursework and end of year exam projects.

You will benefit from being taught by professional artists in an outstanding Art and Design department. You will learn how to manage your time effectively and work independently in preparation for further study. You will visit galleries, meet artists and prepare yourself for work or Further and Higher Education in arts courses. You will have the opportunity to exhibit your work both in college and in local galleries.

What Can I Do With Art and Design After College?

Art and Design is the perfect course if you want to go on to study art, crafts and design in subjects such as fine art, graphic design, illustration, 3D design, fashion and textiles, photography, film, animation or architecture.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade C in GCSE Art (or related GCSE)

Biology

Have you ever thought about any of the following issues?

- Cloning humans
- Animal experimentation
- Finding the cure for AIDS
- How to save our environment.

If you have, you will find Biology really exciting! Biology is the study of life – it affects everyone and everything on the planet. It is the perfect choice for anyone who wants to explore the way living things work and live together on earth. You will study a range of interesting topics, such as cell structure, exchange and transport systems in animals and plants, biochemistry, biodiversity, the nervous system, food and health, ecology and evolution. There will be lots of opportunities for laboratory practicals and fieldwork.

There will be opportunities for field-trips and day trips to enrich your learning. In addition, you will be able to attend conferences, university workshops and to hear from guest speakers about current biological issues. You will work in laboratories at College benefiting from the most up-to-date technology and equipment.

What Can I Do With Biology After College?

Biology A Level will allow you to go to university to study a wide range of subjects. Career options include working in the microbiological field, pharmaceutical industry, hospital laboratories, nutritional industries, working with animals, research laboratories and environmental areas. If you wish to study medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, physiotherapy or other medical-related degrees, you will need a very good grade in Biology.

Additional subject entry criteria: To take Biology alongside other A Level courses, you need to meet standard College entry criteria and will need a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (core) and a B in Additional Science or GCSE Biology.

To follow a Science A level Programme, one that includes any two of these courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, you will need an average GCSE score of 5.5 plus a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (Core) and B in Additional Science (or B in GCSE Biology/ Chemistry/Physics.)

Business Studies

Can you see yourself as Alan Sugar's next 'apprentice'? Are you a potential Richard Branson? Have you considered running your own business? If so, Business Studies may just be the course you are looking for. The world of business is all around us, whether it is the issues surrounding the 'credit crunch' or the rising price of petrol. You will find Business Studies to be a challenging, relevant and rewarding subject, which will teach you the day-to-day practices of businesses, along with the study of the strategies used to succeed in an increasingly competitive market. Business Studies is a subject with a focus on problem-solving and making business decisions.

In the first year, you will be introduced to how businesses are started and how they work. We will look at real world business news and case studies to develop your understanding of business problems and issues. In addition, you will explore business enterprise and discover how to manage a small business. We will look at several areas of Business, including marketing, operations management and accounting/finance. In the second year, we will consider larger businesses and the strategies they use to succeed. We will study how political, legal, social and technological issues affect businesses and there will be lots of opportunities to explore your interests from the first year in more detail.

Business Studies students will enjoy a range of trips and visits to a variety of businesses in the UK to see business in action. The College will be active in strengthening students' appreciation of enterprise and understanding about being an entrepreneur. In addition, you will be able to attend business conferences and have the opportunity to take part in business competitions.

What Can I Do With Business Studies After College?

Business Studies will allow you to go to university to study a wide range of subjects. Careers in finance, accounting, marketing and other business-related areas are possibilities for students who have studied this subject.



A Levels



Chemistry

Are you fascinated by chemical reactions? Do you want to explore the world of atoms and molecules? If so, then Chemistry will really suit you. Touch anything in life and you will be touching Chemistry. From medical discoveries to microscopic organisms, chemistry is central to our understanding of the universe. The subject is essential if you want to pursue a career in medicine, pharmacy or forensic science.

The course will focus on:

- Atoms, bonds and molecules
- Moles, formulae and equations
- Chains, rings and polymers
- Equilibria, energetics and kinetics
- Practical skills and chemical analysis.

You will be working in laboratories with excellent facilities and equipment. Students studying Chemistry will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities to assist career choices in medicine, forensics, chemistry and veterinary science.

What Can I Do With Chemistry After College?

A qualification in Chemistry allows access to university courses in areas such as medicine, chemical engineering, forensics, environmental science, food and textiles sciences, pharmacy and biochemistry.

Additional subject entry criteria: To take Chemistry alongside other A Level courses, you need to meet standard College entry criteria and will need a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (core) and a B in Additional Science or GCSE Chemistry.

To follow a Science A level Programme, one that includes any two of these courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, you will need an average GCSE score of 5.5 plus a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (Core) and B in Additional Science (or B in GCSE Biology/Chemistry/Physics.)

Economics

Have you ever heard that money makes the world go round? Why do many footballers earn more than the Prime Minister? What caused the 'credit crunch' and the Greek debt crisis? Given issues like these, there isn't a more exciting time to study Economics. When you read the newspapers or watch television you are presented with economic issues daily because Economics is all around us. If it involves money or resources and how to use them, then it is an economic problem and understanding these problems is central to understanding worldwide issues such as congestion, unemployment, poverty, transport and much more. Economics is a highly respected and highly valued subject and opens up excellent opportunities for those who choose to study it. Economists are highly sought after – in fact, they are the second highest paid graduates!

You will study topics such as unemployment, recession, inflation and discover the theoretical principles to help you to answer important and fascinating questions regarding a variety of social and economic issues such as poverty, the environment, developing countries, transport and European politics. Not only will you benefit from outstanding teaching and excellent facilities, you will also get the opportunity to visit financial institutions in the UK. You will be able to attend conferences and have the chance to hear from excellent guest speakers.

What Can I Do With Economics After College?

All universities appreciate how valuable Economics is as a subject. Those who have a good understanding of the economy will find

rewarding occupations in banks and financial institutions, manufacturing and service companies, the media, government and international organisations.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade C in GCSE Maths.

An average GCSE score of 5 is advisable.

English Language

Have you ever wondered where English came from and where it is going? What is text messaging doing to our language? How did we learn to speak? If any of these questions interest you, you will enjoy this course. English Language offers the opportunity to explore the way language works by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of written and spoken texts.

The first year will include the study of two components: Language and the Individual – to introduce you to the way language is shaped by, and reflects, its audience, purpose, genre, mode and representation through the study of a wide range of texts. To enable you to identify and describe features of language and their effects, we will explore a variety of language methods with the aim of equipping you with a firm set of skills and an appropriate vocabulary for language analysis.

Language Varieties – you will study language as it relates to its wider social and geographical contexts, considering attitudes to, and debates about, the way language is used by particular groups, in specific settings and whether or not we can say that elements of language use are gender specific.

The second year consists of three components which will utilise much of the learning undertaken during the first year. Of the three, two will be examined at the end of the second year and the third will be assessed on an independently researched and written language investigation and a piece of original writing with an accompanying commentary. Language, the Individual and Society – you will study written and spoken language use in a range of texts, exploring the way it is informed by, and reflects, genre, purpose, audience, medium (written, spoken, electronic etc.), time and place.

Language Diversity and Change – The aim of this area of study is to allow you to explore language diversity and change over time. You will study the key concepts of audience, purpose, genre and mode and will explore language in its wider social, geographical and historical contexts. This part of the subject content will require you to study social attitudes to, and debates about, language diversity and change.

Language in Action – Here you will be supported to produce two pieces of writing. The first will involve you designing and conducting an investigation into a particular aspect of language. Possible areas for investigation might include:

- regional dialect
- gendered talk
- the language of new communication technologies
- children's language use
- norms and variations in usages of different kinds.

The second allows you to create a piece of original writing, using what you have learned about language methods to write in a specific genre for a specific audience and purpose.

What Can I Do With English Language After College?

English Language prepares you for careers that require good communication skills such as publishing, journalism, management, the legal profession, teaching and many others.

A Levels

English Literature

Do you love reading? Do you have a questioning mind and enjoy discussions? If so, English Literature will more than satisfy, offering, as it does, the opportunity for you to read a rich and wide range of prose, drama and poetry from antiquity to the present day.

Prose: Starting with Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, a nineteenth century novel that, in its day, was seen as a radical, ground-breaking exploration of a young girl's physical and psychological journey toward womanhood. As well as analysing the novel's powerful use of language, you will examine the influence of Bronte's life and times on the attitudes and values it expresses.

The second novel will be either Jean Rhys' prequel to *Jane Eyre*, *Wide Sargasso Sea*, or Kazuo Ishiguro's *The Remains of the Day*. Again, the focus of study will be on the way language is used to create meaning and feeling, as well as what a text tells us about the time, place and author from which it sprang.

In the second year you will range more freely, exploring an exciting array of prose texts produced during the interwar years, 1918-1939, focusing on the way texts reflected and informed the considerable social and political upheavals characteristic of this period.

Poetry: You will focus on the inspirational work of either Seamus Heaney or Carol Ann Duffy, in the first year, and another poet, Owen Sheers or Philip Larkin, in the second, comparing and contrasting the way each muses on topics such as love, family, place, belonging, childhood, aging and death.

During the second year, you will also explore a wide range of poetry from different periods and traditions, equipping you with a strong appreciation of the ways in which poets use language, structure and form to conjure meaning and feeling.

Drama: In the first year you will study the thought-provoking *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe, a play about a man who sells his soul to the devil in return for twenty four years of power and pleasure. In the second year you will compare and contrast this with Lucy Prebble's play, *Enron*, named after an American company whose 1990s culture of arrogance and greed precipitated the economic crash we are still reeling from today.

In the second year, you will also study a Shakespeare play – *King Lear* or *The Tempest*, exploring the rich world and characters conjured by Shakespeare's use of language and stagecraft.

Coursework – Prose Study: This second year component offers you the opportunity to explore and develop skills acquired during the first year in a more independent way. You will choose two prose texts, one pre-2000 (including a novel studied in the first year, if you so wish), and one post-2000, and compare and contrast them in any way that you find relevant and interesting.

What Can I Do With English Literature After College?

English Literature is highly regarded in universities and is considered to be a very valuable subject, which offers skills for any degree course. English Literature can be studied at university and can lead to careers such as journalism, teaching, law and politics.

Film Studies

Do you enjoy watching films and then discussing them in detail? Do you like thinking about the story, the performances, the camera work and the soundtrack? Do things like who directed, scripted or even produced a film fascinate you? If so, Film Studies may be for you. Films are not just about entertainment – they are works of art that make us think. This course will also give you the opportunity to think about and script a short film based on your studies.

In the first year, the focus will be on films from Britain and America. You will analyse three films and then from these films choose your own film clip to analyse for coursework. You will also produce your initial ideas for a film script into a step outline. In addition you will also study the film industry, looking at topics including the Hollywood studio system, how films are marketed and how films have been consumed differently throughout history to present day.

In the second year, the focus shifts to include films from different parts of the world. Your coursework will involve doing research into a topic of your own choice, such as the films of a particular director, production company, genre etc. You'll also produce a short film script or a segment of a screenplay. Finally you will finish the year off with a module that will encompass all of the knowledge and skills gained where you will take part in a close study of a film looking at how it's made, where it's made, representation and the context. There will be opportunities to join our film club; you will also have access to the latest technology in live studio work and editing.

What Can I Do With Film Studies After College?

This subject can lead to a wide range of degree programmes in film studies, media studies, scriptwriting, film and television production, journalism or any other humanities-based degree.

Modern Languages: French

Did you know that people who study languages have some of the lowest unemployment rates in the country? In other words, people who can speak more than one language are in very high demand by employers. The study of a modern language at A Level will, quite simply, allow you to be able to speak, write, read and understand your chosen language at a high level. In addition, you will explore the societies, cultures and current affairs of the countries where your chosen languages are spoken. A modern language at A level combines well with many courses of study – sciences, English, history and mathematics, for example, and a modern language is well considered by universities.

All modern language courses involve:

- Language skills (writing, speaking, reading and listening)
- The study of a country's culture and traditions such as festivals, music and the arts
- The study of history, politics and current affairs
- Contemporary issues such as youth culture, health and fitness, education and employment
- A strong emphasis on spoken language practice and skills.

Students of all modern language courses will have access to excellent facilities, including the latest recording, editing and listening technology to allow you to practise the language(s) you choose to study. In addition, there will be a wide range of up-to-date newspapers, magazines and recordings for you to use. The interactive resource

'Kerboodle' which accompanies the course books provided for each student, gives ample opportunity to extend your skills and knowledge as well as chances to work independently to build and deepen your understanding and command of the language. There may be opportunities to visit the countries where your language is spoken, including residential trips, exchanges and twinning projects with schools/colleges in other parts of the world. You will also be given the opportunity to practise your conversation skills with native speakers.

What Can I Do With Modern Languages After College?

Languages can be studied on their own for careers such as translating, interpreting and teaching. Studying a language is also extremely useful if you want to work in business, marketing, journalism, law or any career demanding good communication. You will find that being able to speak another language will give you the edge when applying for jobs as many companies have contact offices abroad. You can combine a modern language successfully with almost any other degree course.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade C at GCSE in the language(s) you have chosen to study.

Further Mathematics

Do you want to develop your talents in Maths even further? This is a highly challenging and stimulating course for excellent mathematicians who have got an A/A* at GCSE. Not only will this course improve your performance in A Level Maths, but it is also designed to let you study a wide range of further options in Pure Mathematics, Mechanics, Statistics and Decision Mathematics in much more detail. This course is more difficult than A Level Mathematics and you must be a very keen mathematician and study both subjects together.

You will cover topics such as matrices, complex numbers and curve sketching and you will be able to experience a wide range of applied modules: mechanics, statistics and decision maths. Students of Further Maths will benefit from outstanding teaching facilities and equipment, including the latest technology to help you with your studies. In addition, there will be enrichment opportunities that will be of interest to maths students, including the opportunity to participate in local and national maths competitions.

What Can I Do With Further Mathematics After College?

Further Maths fits well with almost any combination of subjects and offers wide progression opportunities to university or careers. If you are considering a degree in mathematics, physics, engineering or computing at a highly competitive university you are strongly advised to study Further Mathematics.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade A/A* at GCSE Maths and select A Level Mathematics as another of your subject choices.

For further details
about these courses
visit our website
WWW.L6FC.ORG

Geography

Studying Geography will help you understand how the environment works and how humans' interactions affect it. For example, what is happening to the local coast and how will climate change affect it? What makes a place? How do global patterns of resource use affect us? A Level Geography combines both science (Physical Geography) and social science/humanities (Human Geography) and so it goes well with other courses; Maths, Physics and Biology as well as with Economics and History.

The course involves a good balance between physical and human geography and some of the main topics covered include:

- Global plate tectonics and their associated hazards
- Ecosystems under threat e.g. tropical rainforest and arctic tundra
- Where we live and place making processes
- Threats to areas of global governance e.g. Antarctica
- Understanding physical environments e.g. coastal regions
- Resource insecurity e.g. energy and water crises
- Climate change.

The course also integrates a number of practical fieldwork days. Students will be given the opportunity to undertake an independent investigation on a topic of particular interest, through this they will learn how to apply their geographical knowledge, collect appropriate data, analyse and draw conclusions from their data.

Geography offers you a range of fieldwork and practical experiences. There will be a residential field course to the Lake District as well as a number of one-day field visits in Norfolk and Suffolk. Fieldwork is compulsory for all students. You'll also have the chance to hear talks from experts on issues ranging from coastal management to town planners who have involved our students in planning how to bring urban regeneration to derelict parts of Lowestoft.

What Can I Do With Geography After College?

Many students follow A Level Geography with a subject related degree such as geography, geology, environmental science, oceanography, meteorology, civil engineering. Because Geography gives a wide range of analytical skills it is also highly valued in career areas such as chartered surveying and estate agency, tourism and recreation management, officer entry into the armed services, local government as well as businesses in the insurance and energy sectors.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade B in GCSE Geography and a grade C in GCSE Maths.



A Levels



Government and Politics

Have you ever wondered how much power the Prime Minister has and whether the Queen still has any? What does an MP actually do? Are there real differences between the political parties, how do you choose who to vote for? Politics shapes everything we do. Politics is responsible for the wars we fight, the amount of money we earn, the quality of education we receive. This is a dynamic and highly topical course where you will gain an understanding of how political decisions are made and who has the power and authority to make those decisions.

You will examine the British democratic system by considering whether people have a 'fair say' in the decisions taken in this country. The course will cover issues concerning elections, pressure groups and political parties and new developments such as e-democracy and the increasing influence of the European Union. You will also learn how the different parts of the political system work, examining the roles of Parliament, the Prime Minister and the judiciary. In your second year you will examine the ideas that underpin political debate including Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Multiculturalism and Feminism. During the course, there will be many opportunities for trips and visits to places such as the Houses of Parliament. Not only will you benefit from outstanding teaching resources, you will also be given the chance to hear from expert guest speakers.

What Can I Do With Government and Politics After College?

This subject is a pathway to a career in broadcasting, journalism, the legal profession, the police force and to becoming civil servants or clerks in the House of Commons. The subject combines well with a variety of other subjects including history, law, sociology and psychology.

Health and Social Care (Applied)

Are you looking for a career in health work, early years or social care? This course has been designed to give you a broad understanding of Health, Social Care and Early Years working environments. You will develop realistic knowledge, understanding of a very diverse sector and learn the practical skills to help you succeed. The course is worth two A Levels for the double award and one for the single award. Topics will include:

- Promoting good health – this will include carrying out a health promotion campaign
- Working in Early Years care and education
- Communication in care settings – visit a local primary school and work with the pupils
- Caring for people with additional needs
- Health and safety in care settings
- Health as a lifestyle choice
- Care practice and provision
- Understanding human behaviour
- Child Development – design, make and market a toy/activity
- Mental health issues
- Research methods in Health and Social Care
- Social trends.

There are also several opportunities throughout the course to enable you to gain valuable work experience to put theory into practice.

What Can I Do With Health and Social Care After College?

Students can progress to careers in the health service, early years settings and social sectors. You could also continue to Higher Education to further your studies and gain employment in areas such as occupational therapy, speech therapy, youth work, podiatry, primary school teaching, paramedics, nursing, health visitor, counselling and much more.

History

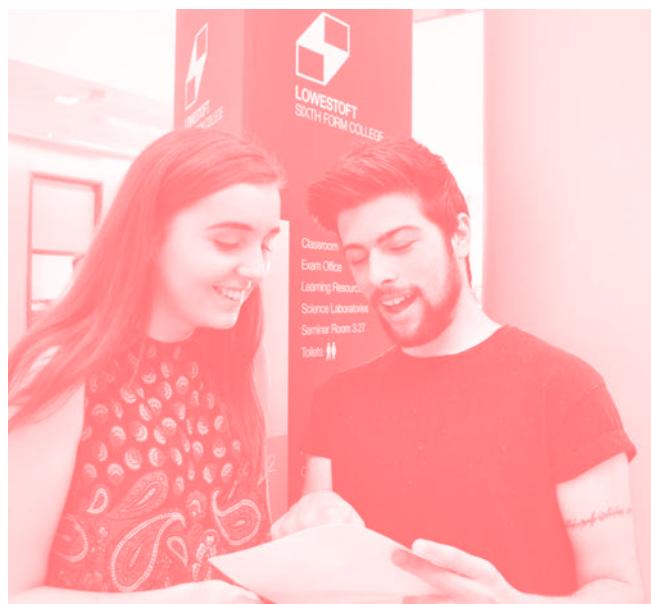
Are you fascinated by the past? Do you have an inquiring mind? Do you want to search for reasons why things happened the way they did? History combines the excitement of exploration and discovery with the sense of reward born of gaining an understanding of complex evidence and problems. Finally, a study of the past helps you to better understand the world we live in today.

The course will focus mainly on the Twentieth Century, studying how countries such as Britain, Russia and Germany developed over time. You will examine the significance of key figures, for example, Churchill, Lenin and Hitler and the impact of different political systems such as democracy, communism and fascism. A major part of the course will concentrate on how ordinary people were affected by change depending on their gender, ethnic origin or social class. You will also consider how these developments affected the world with a study of the clash of the two superpowers, the USA and Russia, during the Cold War.

History is not simply learning facts about the past however. To be a historian you have to engage in some 'detective' work, piecing together the evidence from sources such as newspapers, speeches and letters written at the time as well as consulting other historians' works. The course will also focus on helping you to develop these research skills so that you can find out things for yourself.

What Can I Do With History After College?

An advantage of studying History is that it is a very broad subject. Students can go onto university to continue with History or on to any number of different subjects. The study of history provides skills and understanding that are invaluable in any career.



A Levels

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Do you want to know more about the development of things such as iPods, PCs, PDAs, CDs, DVDs and mobile phones? No one can deny that these are all very exciting creations but what will the future hold? Very few aspects of our lives have gone untouched and none will remain untouched by the development of ICT. This course will develop your skills through academic and practical study, giving you an understanding of technical aspects of ICT and allowing you to discover what impact new technologies have made in business, education, health and the home.

You will study topics such as using ICT for communication, how organisations implement and use ICT and the technical aspects of hardware, software and networks. The majority of your lessons will involve using computer software to solve tasks. During theory lessons, you will acquire technical knowledge of software, hardware and operating systems. In the second year, you will get the opportunity to undertake an ICT project based on developing a database linked to a website.

All students of ICT will work in leading edge ICT suites, equipped with the latest technology and facilities. In addition, there will be enrichment classes in computing and computer games for you to take part in and the opportunity to understand more about the IT industry and impact of new technologies upon business and the home.

What Can I Do With ICT After College?

You will find that your career opportunities are wide and varied ranging from technical support, installation of equipment, software design, network management, systems analysis and project management. Other career areas such as science, engineering, transport planning, music and the arts, film and television, all call on ICT to a greater or lesser degree.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade C in GCSE Maths.

Law

Do you enjoy arguing your case? Do you know your legal rights? The study of Law can give you more power over your life and provide information on your rights, giving you the confidence in your dealings with others. Law regulates all of our lives no matter who or what we are. Not only will you be looking at a wide range of high profile real life cases, you will also find out about the offences themselves, how they came to court, how the judge can sentence a convicted criminal and how the solicitors, barristers, magistrates and juries interact. You will gain understanding of how laws are made and how they are passed in parliament, the powers of the police, criminal and civil courts and the European courts.

During the first year you will be introduced to the English legal system. Individual topics will focus on the Criminal Justice System, the Civil Justice System, sources of Law and Law and morality. In the second year the course will cover criminal law and the Criminal Justice System focusing on police powers and sentencing. Topics here include murder, manslaughter, GBH, ABH and common assault and general defences such as self-defence, diminished responsibility, insanity, intoxication and automatism. Studying Law will provide you with an extensive vocabulary, and enable you to develop excellent analytical and problem-solving skills.

Students of Law will be able to access visits to local courts. There may be opportunities to take part in a mock trial competition with other schools and colleges.

What Can I Do With Law After College?

The skills you develop on this course are highly valued and will be useful for many university degree courses and employment areas. Many students go on to study Law at university. Others develop careers as paralegals or join government agencies such as the police or the Crown Prosecution Service.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade B in GCSE English Language preferred. An average GCSE score of 5 is advisable.



Mathematics

Did you enjoy Maths at school? Do you enjoy solving problems? Do you feel confident with the work you have met so far at GCSE? If so, you should seriously consider A Level Maths. Maths is a demanding and challenging subject but it can be an extremely rewarding one if you are prepared to put in the time and effort. Mathematics is the application of a limited number of methods to a never-ending number of problems. It can be used to solve many practical problems in a variety of areas such as architecture, business and science. Maths has wide applications in industry, business, finance, science, technology and many others. Maths qualifications can lead to excellent future careers. In fact, there is currently a national shortage of qualified mathematicians and so this course will give you a competitive edge with future employers.

You will study a combination of pure mathematics, statistics, mechanics and decision maths. There will be some choice for students in the types of maths topics they choose to develop further in the second year. The pure maths topics include Algebra, co-ordinate Geometry, polynomials, Trigonometry, Calculus, differentiation and integration techniques, partial fractions, vectors and differential equations. Students of Maths will benefit from outstanding teaching facilities and equipment including the latest technology to help you with your studies. In addition, there will be enrichment opportunities that will be of interest to Maths students including the opportunity to participate in local and national Maths competitions.

What Can I Do With Mathematics After College?

Maths is a highly regarded subject, which complements almost all other subjects. Many students go on to pursue careers in areas such as medicine, research and development, engineering, statistics, operational research, computing, accountancy, actuarial work, business management, insurance, financial services and teaching. If you are hoping to pursue a course in science, mathematics or engineering at university, Maths is compulsory and we would also recommend that you take Further Mathematics.

Additional subject entry criteria: You will need at least an average GCSE score of 5 and to have studied the higher tier at GCSE Maths and achieved a grade B or above.

If adding to a Science programme you will need an average GCSE score of 5.5. You need to have studied the higher level tier of Mathematics GCSE and achieved a grade B or above.

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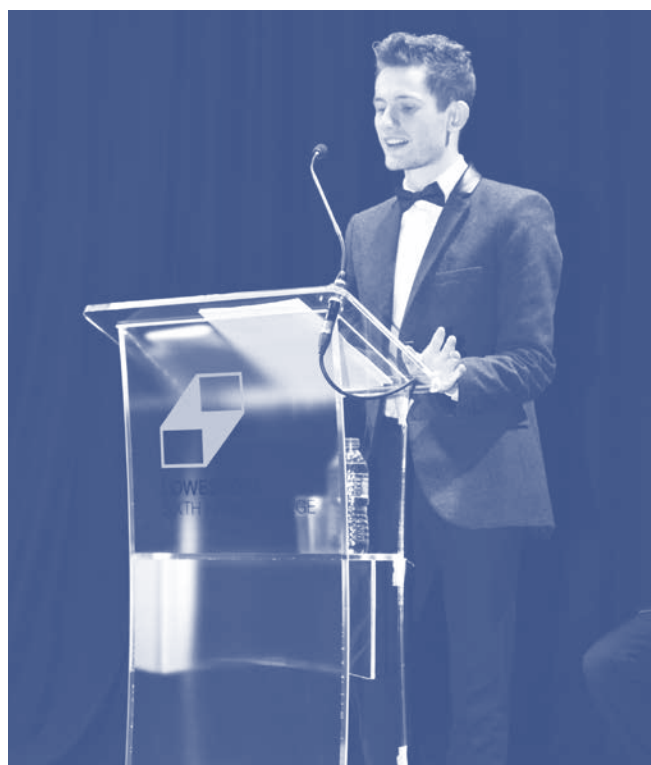
Media Studies

The world of the media is the world we work and dream in. Wherever we turn all types of media surround us and this subject questions what meaning these everyday experiences communicate to us. Media Studies focuses on how the media – television, film, advertising, radio, magazines, the internet, music and the newspapers – affects the way we view the world. The media is the most powerful industry in the world and this course is both challenging and thought provoking. If you enjoy subjects that have both a theoretical and a practical side and involve high levels of creativity and analysis, you will enjoy Media Studies.

You will study a range of topics relating to different types of media. In Media Studies you will learn to understand film, television, print images, advertising and documentaries; how films and TV programmes are structured and who creates these media products; how audiences are targeted and the way that different groups are represented in the media. In the second year, you will develop your understanding of certain critical perspectives relating to the media, with an emphasis on how the media is an increasingly powerful force in the world. In both years, you will spend time planning and making your own media product. You will be working with first-class facilities, technology and equipment, including a specialist editing/recording suite/TV Studio. In addition, there may be opportunities for trips/visits that illustrate media activities. There will also be enrichment activities, run for and by students themselves.

What Can I Do With Media Studies After College?

You can go on to university to study for a degree in media, cultural studies, film and TV, advertising or a wide range of degree programmes related to Media Studies. Your career choices will also include a wide range of design and creative industry opportunities; some of which are still developing or as yet not available, as they could be started by you!



Photography

As well as being an exciting and creative subject Photography gives students the opportunity to develop their practical skills, their understanding of wider art culture and to express themselves. By exploring a particular theme through investigations and experimentation students will be encouraged to develop and articulate their ideas to produce images that reflect their own personal point of view.

Students will not only learn how to use the cameras, photographic studio and digital editing software, but will also be encouraged to develop an understanding of wider artistic practice within the field through contextual analysis and artist research. You will have access to and learn how to use the College's dark room. Students will also be shown how to use Adobe Photoshop software and traditional experimental techniques to develop their ideas or concepts. In the second year you will demonstrate your understanding of photography through a 2000 word written study alongside two practical units.

You will benefit from outstanding photographic processing facilities as well as outstanding resources to help you succeed. You will be working with enthusiastic and dedicated staff who will aim to support you in developing to your optimum potential. As well as this, during the course you will visit various galleries and participate in practical field trips to develop your own photographic skills.

What Can I Do With Photography After College?

Photography combines well with fine art, graphics, textiles, media, film, sociology and ICT. It is a perfect subject to study if you want to consider a career in photojournalism, advertising or fashion photography. It is also very suitable for those who wish to progress to Art College after their A Levels.

Additional subject entry criteria: Grade C in GCSE Art or Photography.

Physics

Physics will allow you to study the world around you at every level – from the smallest particle to galaxies remote in space and time. At the same time, you will consider how Physics plays its part within medicine, industry and cosmology. You will get the opportunity to develop logical problem solving skills, carry out practical work, and apply your knowledge to the real world.

You will study a range of topics, which expand on your GCSE work. Topics include:

- Forces and motion
- Electrons and photons
- Waves
- Newtonian Physics
- Fields, particles and space
- Astrophysics.

What Can I Do With Physics After College?

Physics students are sought after by industry and universities for the excellent skills they have. Most students progress to university to take degrees in scientific subjects, engineering, medicine, electronics, architecture and physical sciences. Physics is also a useful foundation for subjects such as law, finance, business and IT.

Additional subject entry criteria: To take Physics alongside other A Level courses, you need to meet standard College entry criteria and will need a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (core) and a B in Additional Science or GCSE Physics.

Students are strongly advised to study Maths at A level to support their Physics studies.

To follow a Science A level Programme, one that includes any two of these courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, you will need an average GCSE score of 5.5 plus a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (Core) and B in Additional Science (or B in GCSE Biology/Chemistry/Physics.)



Psychology

What is normal? Are you normal? How do psychiatrists know whether someone is mentally ill or not? Why do you obey? Why do you conform? Is it your genes? Do you have 'faulty' thoughts? Have you completed your psychosexual stages successfully? Can you change a person's behaviour? Do you want to understand why we do what we do?

If you would like to be able to answer these types of questions with scientific answers, you will love Psychology! Psychology is about the way our mind works and students of Psychology will study how our thoughts, feelings and body interact to explain what we do. You will cover a range of exciting and interesting topics during the course, which will include different approaches to Psychology (e.g. cognitive, behavioural, physiological, social) and areas such as relationships, memory, attachment, mental health, aggression and anomalous psychology. You will also be given the opportunity for independent research in an area of Psychology that interests you. We provide constant feedback and communication to support your learning. The chance to develop the confidence to discuss and participate, to be able to reflect and become independent enquirers.

What Can I Do With Psychology After College?

A high proportion of Psychology students will go on to study Psychology or a related degree at university. Many others will go on to work in fields of employment where psychology is an advantage e.g. teaching, nursing, physiotherapy or social work. Psychology also links well to any career where you need to understand how people think, e.g. business, advertising, the police or the media. Psychology can lead to some very well paid and exciting careers.

Additional subject entry criteria: An average GCSE score of at least 5 and grade C in GCSE Maths.

Sociology

If you are interested in finding out how society works then you should consider Sociology. At a basic level, Sociology is the study of the society around us and our place within it. Whilst everyday life may appear to be random and hectic, behind this it is possible to identify patterns of behaviour. Studying Sociology will make you more aware of the society you exist in and enable you to gain a valuable insight into human social behaviour. For many students this will be a new and exciting subject.

We will study a wide range of interesting and exciting Sociology topics over the two years. Examples of the topics we will be studying are:

- Families and households – this will involve investigating a variety of issues from divorce to teenage pregnancy to cohabitation to single parent families
- Education – such as the recent phenomenon of girls improving educational achievement compared to that of boys and investigating the merits and weaknesses of comprehensive schools over independent education
- Religion – investigating why religious cults and sects emerge and why people join them and issues such as religion's role in an increasingly less religious or secular society
- Crime and deviance – examining why men commit more crimes than women and why some people steal and riot and others don't. You will have opportunities to take part in some genuine research and get to grips with some of the big ideas or theories about how society works.

Students of Sociology will benefit from outstanding teaching resources and access to a wide range of study materials. In addition, there will be opportunities for trips and visits in the UK and to have visiting speakers who will give you a closer insight into different societies. You will also learn different skills through creative group tasks that will build your confidence.

What Can I Do With Sociology After College?

Sociology is a pathway to many careers in teaching, journalism, criminology, nursing, social work, business, the legal profession and the forces; in fact any profession where you have to deal with people and consider their backgrounds. Sociology combines well with many subjects such as psychology, English, media studies, law, politics, history, languages and art.

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- ▲▲ BTEC Level 3 Diploma = Equivalent to 2 A Levels
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Business BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲ Business BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

Are you interested in recruitment and selection and business ethics, managing people, market research, relationship and internet marketing? Want to know more about starting your own business and looking after your finances?

If you are looking for an advanced course, which will give you the opportunity to develop essential work-related skills, then the BTEC Level 3 course in Business could be for you. To enhance your learning we interact with a variety of organisations that visit the College and welcome us into their workplaces. The course lasts for two years and is vocational in nature, which means that it is coursework-based and all assignments relate to real aspects of work. We will also develop your knowledge and understanding of the way in which businesses are organised, financed and operated within local, national and international contexts. The course will suit students who have good writing skills and enjoy carrying out independent research.

This Business course can be mixed with the Level 3 IT BTEC Subsidiary Diploma and possibly an A Level course of your choice. This allows for a flexible and individualised programme of study. Business Studies students will enjoy a range of trips to a variety of organisations as well as benefit from visiting speakers. You will be working in excellent facilities and have access to the most up-to-date technology. We will work closely with the Chamber of Commerce and other experts to develop your entrepreneurial skills.

What Can I Do With Business After College?

Business Studies will allow you to go to university to study a wide range of subjects. Careers in finance, accounting, marketing and other business-related areas are possibilities for students who have studied this subject.

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Creative Media Production (Television and Film) BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

Creative Media Production (Television and Film) BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

Are you interested in television journalism, scriptwriting, directing, working in the film and television industries or going on to university? Do you want to learn how to edit, produce and write your own projects on top of the range equipment? The College has excellent facilities: a range of professional video cameras and audio recording equipment and sound proof booths, a television studio with a green screen and a dedicated Mac room with full Adobe editing programmes.

This course will provide you with a fantastic foundation for university or a career in the broadcast industries as you will study film, television and media production across a range of genres, as well as producing your own short dramas, promos, music videos and documentaries. Creative Media Production is a practical course which will allow you to build a show reel to get you started on your broadcast career. In your first year you will produce your own film. You will go through the production process from initial idea to screening. You will work closely with your peers as well as guest industry professionals. Your second year will involve three separate projects which will include a music video, advertisements, promo videos and film magazines. You will also look in detail at writing for television and at the film industry.

What Can I Do With Creative Media Production (Television and Film) After College?

You could progress to a degree in a media-related subject or gain entry into the industry at junior level. At the end of the course you will have knowledge and skills to enable you to build a career in hundreds of different jobs in the film, television and media industries: producer, screenwriter, director, cinematographer, camera operator, sound mixer, editor – to name only a few of the better known roles.

Forensic Science BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma ▲▲▲

Forensic Science BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

Forensic Science BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

If you are interested in helping to solve crime or in finding the answers to questions through scientific means this subject is for you. Forensic Science is simply the application of science to the law. Some forensic scientists search for and examine traces of material, which might either establish or exclude an association between a suspect and a victim or a crime. These traces might include: blood, saliva, paint, glass, footwear and tyre impressions. Others analyse drugs, specimens of tissue for poisons and blood or urine for alcohol. Many forensic scientists present the results of their examination, as evidence, in the form of a written report, which may be read to a law court on behalf of both prosecution and defence.

This course aims to develop an appreciation of the competencies, skills and knowledge required for Higher Education and employment in science-based careers. You will collect and examine samples taken from simulated crime scenes in some of the more specialised units, such as a murder scene, fire scene and crash scenes.

You will also analyse blood spatter, dust and compare fingerprints, study fire patterns, damage to vehicles, compare DNA samples, learn what makes a criminal, analyse crime statistics and carry out research. Team building and problem solving investigations will enable you to be an effective scientist.

Your practical assignments will be supported fully by Biology, Chemistry and Physics theory required for you to understand analysing techniques. The course is modular and equivalent to 3 A Levels. Assessment is through assignments and projects and involves a large element of practical work.

You will have access to a wide range of study materials, developed with the assistance of experts within their specialised field. Lessons will have a vibrant, friendly atmosphere while you are working as a forensic team. In addition, there will be opportunities for trips, to Courts, Constabulary headquarters and also guest speakers from within the forensic spectrum, such as scenes of crime officers and fire investigators.

What Can I Do With Forensic Science After College?

This course can lead directly to careers at technician level. Alternatively, further study at a higher level will lead to jobs in areas such as criminal psychology, criminology, biomedical science, forensic science, police force or management positions in the forensic science field. Many universities, including the University of East Anglia, now offer a Paramedic Science degree also.

Games Development (Creative Media Production) BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

Games designers are highly trained experts in their chosen fields. How did they start? By developing their interest in the new and exciting medium from a young age. Are you a creative person? Do you have a vivid imagination? This course will give you the academic knowledge needed to break into the industry and serves as a university preferred route towards Computer Game Design degrees.

This course is particularly suitable if you are interested in working in the fields of Games Design and Development. Knowledge and abilities in Art, Music, ICT and English are preferred but not strictly essential. A firm grasp of Maths will help tremendously as the course progresses. The Games Development Subsidiary can be studied alongside A Levels and BTECs however you may not take this course alongside any other Media BTEC.

Depending on the route you decide you will study a range of topics including:

- Pre-production techniques for creative media
- Communication skills for creative media production
- 3D environments
- 3D modelling
- Research techniques for creative media industries
- Computer game design
- Flash for computer games
- Developing computer games.

We have excellent facilities with hi-spec hardware and close links to the University of Essex and University of East Anglia (UCS) as well as a vibrant, friendly atmosphere working as a development team. In addition, there will be opportunities for trips, for example to appropriate universities.

What Can I Do With Games Development (Creative Media Production) After College?

BTECs are widely accepted at most universities and this course would make a great starting step for anyone looking into Game Design/ Production related degrees as well as into the wider industry such as game journalism and marketing. In addition to the game industry many graduates will find pathways into the IT industry as well as project management and even teaching!



Vocational Level Three Courses

Information Technology (IT) BTEC Level 3 ▲▲▲

If you are looking for an advanced course that will give you the opportunity to study a wide range of IT topics, then the BTEC Level 3 course in IT/Computing could be for you. IT is an exciting and fascinating field of study, where you will learn about the theory behind the modern world of IT and immerse yourself in practical study. You will develop an in-depth understanding of the fundamental principles of IT such as the operation and maintenance of common computer systems along with optional units dealing with the rise of social media in business and programming.

Not only will you benefit from outstanding teaching from experienced staff using modern state-of-the-art facilities. In addition, there will be opportunities for trips and visits in the UK and collaborative work with local universities.

You will complete a combination of examinations and coursework; at the end of the course you will be confident that you can apply the knowledge you've learnt to succeed in the workplace or to continue on to further studies.

The course has been designed to meet the needs of employers and higher education and you can choose from a range of course sizes to suit your college study programme:

- Certificate (equivalent to half an A level)
- Extended certificate (equivalent to one A level) ▲
- Foundation diploma (equivalent to one and a half A levels)
- Diploma (equivalent to two A levels) ▲▲
- Extended diploma (equivalent to three A levels) ▲▲▲

What Can I Do With IT After College?

You will find that your career opportunities are wide and varied ranging from technical support, installation of equipment, software design, network management, systems analysis and project management. Other career areas such as science, engineering, transport planning, music and the arts, film and television, all call on IT.



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Medical Science BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma ▲▲▲

Medical Science BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

Medical Science BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

'Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.' Are you going to be the one to discover it? Medical science has proven time and again that when the resources are provided, great progress in the treatment, cure, and prevention of disease can occur. Have you ever wanted to know more about the human body and the way in which systems within the body work together to allow it to function correctly? This course introduces all of these ideas as well as more vocationally linked topics.

Medical Science provides an alternative route to university to study a variety of science or health based degree courses or serves to prepare you for the world of work in the medical industry. This course is particularly suitable if you are interested in working in the fields of pathology, biomedical science, mental health nursing, midwifery, child and adult nursing, paramedic science, pharmaceuticals as well as radiology, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science, veterinary nursing and laboratory technicians.

Depending on the route you choose you will study a range of topics including:

- Physiology of the human body (researching structure and function of organs and lymphatic system)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Maths for science
- Genetics
- Clinical psychology
- Counselling
- Biomedical science
- Physiological investigations (involving diagnosing patients)
- Diseases and infections.

We have excellent facilities with hi-spec laboratories, access to a wide range of the latest medical science study materials as well as a vibrant, friendly atmosphere working as a Medical team. In addition, there will be opportunities for trips, for example to hospital, laboratories and also guest speakers from within the wide ranging medical professions.

What Can I Do With Medical Science After College?

Scientific skills are in real demand now. You can progress onto a wide range of careers, including working in hospital laboratories, research laboratories, school or college laboratories or quality control laboratories (for example in the food and drink industry). The course can also lead to a variety of science based courses at Higher Education including chemical and biological sciences, biomedical science, radiography, food and nutrition, pharmaceutical science, adult nursing, child nursing, midwifery, mental health nursing, paramedic science (a degree now offered at many universities including the University of East Anglia), radiology, medical science and veterinary nursing.

Music Technology (Production) BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

Music Technology (Production) BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

You love music. It's the soundtrack to your life. You know everything about your favourite artists and always have their latest tracks on your iPod. Live shows are incredible and if you could, you'd be at the front of every gig. If you don't make the gig, then at least you always know when the next one is.

Is this you? Then apart from this, you will have questions: 'How is music recorded?', 'What is that effect on the guitar called?', 'What does a sound engineer do?' and 'How do record deals work?' If it's answers to these questions you seek, then this is the course for you. As well as having all your questions answered, you will have the opportunity to learn and practice all aspects of music production, including sequencing music on Apple iMacs, recording in our studio as well as planning and managing your very own live events.

During this widely practical course, you will develop the necessary skills to create musical products for various occasions. This may include studio recordings, music for film and television and organising music for live events. You will become confident with using music production software like Logic 9 Pro, using it to record and edit musical ideas. Recording and production skills will be taught in our studio using state of the art digital technology. You will learn about microphones, mixing and develop essential listening skills.

In your second year, you will have the opportunity to plan and manage your very own music event, taking on a specific role within a production team and seeing it through from start to finish. You will learn all the considerations necessary to make a successful event.

During the major music product unit, you will learn about the different roles within the record industry, assuming one as you deliver a music product to professional standards. This may comprise of an EP/demo of contemporary music, a portfolio of soundtracks for movies or video games. You will be taught by experienced, enthusiastic experts with industry experience and study within state of the art facilities. You will have opportunities to visit local music businesses and talk to professionals within the industry.

We Offer Two Different Pathways:

- Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to one A Level)
- Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels).

What Can I Do With Music Technology (Production) After College?

This BTEC course will give you the skillset needed to start your career in the highly competitive, yet fascinating world of music. The course is recognised by universities and will act as a fantastic foundation from which to continue your studies in music production at degree level.

Vocational Level Three Courses

Performing Arts BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

Performing Arts BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

Our Performing Arts programmes are practical and performance based. You will develop the skills and knowledge you need to work in the performance industry or progress on to further study.

We offer two specialist pathways that can be studied separately as either a Subsidiary Diploma or Diploma in Performing Arts: Dance or a Performing Arts Subsidiary Diploma or Diploma: Acting. Alternatively both subsidiaries can be combined to create a Diploma in Performing Arts.

Dance students – The dance pathway is a two year programme that involves the study of a range of dance techniques, performance skills, choreography and the theoretical aspects of the art form.

Acting students – The acting pathway is a two year programme that covers all aspects of actor training. You will study a range of acting techniques from Stanislavski and Brecht to improvisation and stand-up, as well as classical and contemporary theatre practices. This is a practical course that is underpinned with theory and business skills. You will have the opportunity to become fully involved in the process of performance from directing and writing to critical evaluation.

Technique classes and rehearsals take place in our state of the art dance and drama studios which are fully equipped with sprung floors, mirrors, rigging for stage lights, curtains and sound equipment. The College is fully equipped with a TV studio, large performance space and sound proof music practice booths which are available to you for both rehearsal and performance. You will also benefit from being involved with the films and videos made by students following the Creative Media courses. In addition you will be able to take part in a range of performance workshops with visiting industry specialists as part of our Plus More programme with the opportunity to develop and lead your own workshops.

During the first year you will join like-minded creative students in practical workshops exploring core performance skills including:

- Acting techniques
- Dance techniques
- Movement and choreographic principles
- Specific styles of performance such as musical theatre, physical theatre and site-specific performance
- Rehearsing for performance
- Performing to an audience
- Dance performance
- Principles of acting
- Special subject investigation
- Classical theatre performance
- Contact improvisation.

The second year builds on the first with a more in depth exploration of either acting or dance (depending on your chosen pathway) units include:

- Approaches to directing theatre or dance appreciation
- Contemporary dance technique or audition for actors
- Classical theatre/Street theatre
- Contemporary dance technique and choreography.
- Performing arts business – you will learn how to set-up and run arts and community projects, get funding and manage your own arts practice.

What Can I Do With Performing Arts After College?

University – On completion of BTEC Performing Arts students will have a variety of university courses available to them. These may specialize in performance or be combined with a large variety of subjects, from business to childhood studies, from English to psychology, events management to film studies. All University courses accept BTEC Performing Arts as a relevant course for a degree in Dance and some combined honors degrees would require a combination of BTEC subjects (depending on the combination). Routes from university include choreographer, performer, teacher, film maker, dance artist, theatre actor, stand-up comic, community dance artist, dance practitioner, starting up a dance/theatre company, dance movement therapists, events managers.

Performing Arts Colleges – A BTEC in performing arts is a great platform from which to progress to a specialist performing arts college offering an intensive vocational programme such as Trinity Laban, Central School of Speech and Drama and the Royal Academies of Dance and Dramatic Arts.

Work – You will have gained the vocational skills both practically and theoretically to set up as a freelance performing artist with a professional CV, knowledge of which unions to join and experience of creating professional work that will hold up at auditions.



Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness) BTEC Level 3 Diploma ▲▲

BTEC Sport (DCF) is a practically based course designed to prepare you for a role within the sports industry. The course is focused around developing knowledge, skills and understanding within the coaching/leading field, sports development work and fitness training/instructing areas. The hands on nature of the course allows students to leave us confident in their abilities to carry out work within these areas.

You will develop knowledge, skills and understanding within the areas of:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Coaching and Leadership
- Health and Safety
- Sports Development
- Fitness Instruction
- Employment within the Sports Industry

Sports leadership is an integral part of the course and helps to develop coaching skills, organisation, problem solving and communication skills. You will support the college in leading and delivering activities for college students, local schools and community groups. Additionally, you will be expected to participate in at least one of the college's sports clubs, to support your learning and achievement in the course.

You will complete a combination of examinations and coursework. You will need to apply the theoretical knowledge you develop throughout your course to set practical scenarios. You'll also produce a variety of evidence to support your learning throughout your course.

Students of BTEC Sport will benefit from outstanding facilities, equipment and technology, including access to indoor and outdoor sport and fitness facilities at Barnards Centre Point and Waterlane Leisure Centre. In addition, there will be a wide range of sports options and trips available as enrichment activities. Students with outstanding sporting ability will be able to participate in College sports teams.

What Can I Do With Sport (DCF) After College?

- Progress directly into employment, for example as an activity leader, leisure assistant or fitness instructor.
- Choose to access an advanced level apprenticeship in coaching, leisure management or exercise and fitness.
- Progress onto university and study one of a variety of sports courses; including Sport and Physical Education, Sport Coaching, Sport Science, Sports Development and Leisure Management – to name a few.

Individualised sports pathways are possible.
Talk to us about different combinations.

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Sport and Exercise Science BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma ▲

If you are interested in human anatomy, physiology, psychology, nutrition and biomechanics this course is for you. Sport and Exercise Science is an exciting and fascinating field of study, where you will learn about the theory behind sporting performance. The course is academically demanding and requires students to combine a high level of theory with a love of sport. You will develop an in-depth understanding of theoretical aspects including Functional Anatomy, Sport and Exercise Physiology, Sport Psychology, Field and Laboratory Testing, Research Methods, Coaching for Performance, Biomechanics. You will conclude your course by completing a research project within a chosen field of study.

You will be expected to complete a combination of examinations and coursework to complete your course. Your theoretical knowledge will be assessed during the course through two exams and a number of scenario-based coursework assessments; which you will be required to produce a variety of evidence for.

Students of BTEC Sport and Exercise Science will benefit from outstanding facilities, equipment and technology, including access to indoor and outdoor sport and fitness facilities at Barnards Centre Point and Waterlane Leisure Centre. In addition, there will be a wide range of sports options and trips available as enrichment activities. Students with outstanding sporting ability will be able to participate in College sports teams.

What Can I Do With Sport and Exercise Science After College?

- Combined with other subjects BTEC Sport and Exercise Science can help you to access a Higher Education course including Physiotherapy or Sport Therapy, for example: combined with A Level Sociology could lead on to a degree in Sport and Social Science combined with A Level Biology could lead onto Sports Rehabilitation combined with A Level Maths you could follow a career in teaching and coaching.
- Lead onto an apprenticeship within the sport science field.
- Lead directly into employment within the sports industry.

If you choose to combine BTEC Sport (DCF) and BTEC Sport and Exercise Science you will also have access to our FOOTBALL AND RUGBY ACADEMIES (including professional coaching hours).



Choosing Your Course and Entry Requirements

We will be revising our entry requirements during 2016/17 to take account of the new changes to GCSEs grading as well as significant reforms to both A level and BTEC qualifications.

We will ensure we explain any changes we make when we talk through your course choices with you and visit your school. If your goal is to study A levels you should be aiming to achieve a grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.

We have included last year's entry requirements below as broad guidance.

With so many subjects to choose from making a selection can be daunting, our advice is to choose:

- Subjects you enjoy,
- Subjects you are good at,
- Subjects you need for a specific career aim.

Evidence shows that GCSE grades are a good guide when considering which subjects and what level of study are most suitable. Our Admissions Team will explore this with you once you've made your application and again at enrolment to help build a programme that is right for you.

Our study programmes are flexible and you can mix and match, combining A levels with BTEC courses and GCSEs to suit your interests and career aims.

Entry Requirements

A Levels

These are two-year courses similar to GCSEs but at a higher level in a varied range of subjects. Most students select three or four. You are assessed by a mixture of coursework and exams. With A Levels you can progress to university or into employment.

In order to study a GCE FOUR A Level programme, students need to have achieved:

- At least 5 A*-C grades at GCSE in one sitting, including 2 B grades
- An average GCSE score of at least 5 (Work out your score – next page)
- GCSE English (Language preferred)
- Meet any subject specific criteria.

In order to study a GCE THREE A Level programme, students need to have achieved:

- At least 5 A*-C grades at GCSE in one sitting
- An average GCSE score of at least 5 is strongly advisable
- GCSE English (Language preferred)
- Meet any specific subject criteria.

To follow a Science A level Programme, one that includes any two of these courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, you will need an average GCSE score of 5.5 plus a minimum B in Maths and a B in Science (Core) and B in Additional Science (or B in GCSE Biology/ Chemistry/Physics.)

BTEC Extended Diploma

This is a full-time course of study over two years. A good option if you have done well at GCSE but want something more vocational to suit your career choice. You are assessed on coursework, which will range from practical work, presentations, assignments as well as work experience, there are no exams. The Extended Diploma is the equivalent of three A Levels and you can take a GCSE alongside as well. With a BTEC Extended Diploma you can progress to university or into employment.

BTEC Level Three Diploma & BTEC Subsidiary Diploma

These are full-time courses of study over two years. Both are coursework based qualifications, there are no exams. The Diploma is the equivalent of two A Levels and the Subsidiary Diploma the equivalent of one A Level so you will need to combine these courses with each other or with A Levels to make a full programme. With a BTEC Level Three Diploma and A Levels/BTEC Subsidiary you can progress to university or into employment.

To study a BTEC Extended Diploma, Diploma or Subsidiary Diploma you will need to have achieved:

- 4 A*-Cs at GCSE or a Merit in a full Level 2 BTEC Diploma
- If you want to add an A Level with your BTEC, you will need to meet the entry criteria for 4 A Levels.

BTECs Explained – 2 Year Course

- ▲▲▲ BTEC Extended Diploma = Equivalent to 3 A Levels
- ▲▲ BTEC Level 3 Diploma = Equivalent to 2 A Levels
- ▲ BTEC Subsidiary Diploma = Equivalent to 1 A Level

Gateway Courses

Our Gateway programmes get you ready for higher level courses or for the world of work. Classes are friendly and supportive; you will improve your English, Maths and ICT skills. We also help you to become more confident.

GCSE Fast Track

This is a package of five GCSEs (English, Mathematics and Science as well as Media and Photography), which is a full-time programme. You could progress to Level 3 courses or go on to employment. For information about work experience/placements and more see page 16.

To start the GCSE programme you need to have achieved:

- At least 4 GCSEs at grade D, including a D in GCSE English.

Legal and Law BTEC Level 2 (Duration: 1 Year)

You will study this qualification as part of a Level 2 package. You will cover units that include the Criminal Law, the Police and their powers as well as a comprehensive look at the English Legal system and the personnel within it. The course focusses on the operation of the Criminal Justice System, the role of judges, magistrates, solicitors, barristers within it and the powers of the police.

During the course students visit Great Yarmouth Magistrates' Court/Norwich Crown Court and have the opportunity to meet legal personnel within the local area. Visitors will include people working locally as magistrates, solicitors, the police and

in the probationary service and the Crown Prosecution Service. Links with local law firms could also mean that students who have a particular interest in law could undertake work experience.

This qualification allows students to progress into employment or progress onto Level 3 study.

Outstanding students may progress to BTEC Level 3 Legal and Law in year.

BTEC Fast Track (Duration: 1 Year)

This is a full-time one year course which will allow you to develop the skills needed to successfully enter employment as well as enabling you to progress to a suitable Level 3 vocational qualification at Lowestoft Sixth Form College. You will develop skills that will prepare you for employment and training. Students will also tackle a range of units which equip you for the challenge of the modern business world such as planning and running an enterprise activity. You will study at college for 4 days a week and be on a meaningful work placement for one day a week. You will be assessed through coursework and will produce a portfolio of evidence based around your placement, presentations, practical and written work.

100% of the students on this programme progressed to meaningful destinations last year including higher level courses, apprenticeships and employment.

To study BTEC Fast Track you need to have achieved:

- 5 GCSEs grade E or above or a Merit in a full Level 1 BTEC Certificate.

How To Work Out Your GCSE Score

Each GCSE grade is given a number of points as outlined here:

- A* = 8 points
- A = 7 points
- B = 6 points
- C = 5 points
- D = 4 points
- E = 3 points
- F = 2 points
- G = 1 point
- U = 0 point

Write down the GCSE subjects you have taken and the results that you have achieved or hope to get. Then add the points together and divide by the number of subjects you have taken.

For instance:

English – B = 6, Maths – C = 5, History – B = 6, Art & Design – A = 7, Geography – D = 4, Drama – C = 5

TOTAL 33 points. Divided by number of subjects (6) = 5.5 average GCSE score

What our students say



'So glad I went to Lowestoft 6th because I can't imagine not meeting the people I know now.'

– Via Twitter

'I am enjoying my current courses and find them beneficial towards my future career and plans.'



'I love the setup of the building and the great services available.'

– Taster Day Attendee 2016

'Overall incredible, I can't wait to start!'

– Taster Day Attendee 2016

'Had a great day at the @L6FC Taster Day 😊 The staff were very friendly and made sure that everyone felt welcome.'

– Via Twitter





'The teachers are incredibly supportive and offer extra help whenever you need it.'

'...good opportunities and lots to do if you want it.'

'...the friendliness and professional atmosphere of the college. The teachers and students will not hesitate to help you when you are struggling on a certain section or topic.'



'The teachers are brilliant, they care about their students and they want them to do well.'

'You get treated like an adult and help is always available.'



For further insights into student experiences visit our website WWW.L6FC.ORG

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