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complete
guide
for 2024

KGV

Exciting range
of courses.

Fantastic
facilities
and expert
teachers.

Your stepping
stone to
University.

A centre
of academic
excellence

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SIXTH FORM
COLLEGE

Welcome to KGV Sixth Form College.

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Open evenings

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At KGV Sixth Form College, we offer the widest choice of A-Levels and BTEC courses in the area. Our students have the option of studying three or four A-Levels, selecting a combined study programme of two A-Levels and a BTEC A-Level equivalent, or going for a full BTEC Extended Diploma or T Level. It all depends on your personal learning preferences.

Your study programme will be individually tailored to you and our excellent guidance team are here to help you make the right choices to achieve your dreams and ambitions.

Our teaching staff are all experts in their field and provide a challenging yet nurturing learning environment and our Learning Support Team are second to none.

Plus our co-curricular programme is packed with career boosting activities, from the Medical Society and Duke of Edinburgh, to drama productions, Sports Academy and our 'Oxbridge Programme.'

No wonder we're the number 1 choice sixth form in Sefton!

Read on to find out more!

We are proud to be the number 1 sixth form college in Sefton.

(See website for details).

A message from the Principal



Welcome to KGV Sixth Form College. I am delighted you are thinking of joining us for 2024. This prospectus will give you insight into life at KGV and help you to consider your subject choices and future plans. As a Sixth Form College, we specialise in 16-18 education and all our staff are experts in that field.

We are small enough to have a real sense of care, community and belonging; but we also offer the largest range of A-Levels in the area with an excellent range of BTEC and T Level courses too.

Your study programme will be built around you, your individual needs and your career ambitions and you will also develop a range of work and personal skills to equip you for success in the rest of your life.

At KGV, we have an excellent national reputation for achievement. Our subjects regularly achieve pass rates of 100% and we have a track record of the majority of these passes being at the highest levels, from A* in Advanced Levels to Distinction* in BTEC Diplomas. These fantastic results are achieved through outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional support, coupled with the very best in care and guidance provided by our expert team of support staff. Our vibrant, modern and spacious facilities ensure everyone has the space to be successful in their chosen areas of study.

We have high expectations of you and will challenge and support you in equal measure, a dynamic combination that ensures a fulfilling and successful two years of study.

Being a student at a sixth form college offers you new opportunities, freedoms and responsibilities and you will make unforgettable memories as well as new friends at KGV. Our students are at the heart of everything we do and the staff and leadership team are committed to helping you realise your potential and build a fantastic future.

Read all you need to here, take a look at our website, then please come in and see us. Our open evenings are a perfect way to get a feel for the College, explore the campus and meet our tutors.

Our varied taster programmes are a fantastic opportunity to try out the subjects you are interested in.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Michelle Brabner

fantastic

It was wonderful to see so many KGV students achieve the highest possible grades once again this year. The class of 2023 made themselves and the college so proud by achieving outstanding results. Many A-Level students had A* and A grades and those studying BTEC Extended diplomas achieved great heights too, with a large number achieving Distinction* and Distinction.

Prestigious Destinations

These fantastic results have enabled our 2023 students to successfully secure places at a host of prestigious universities around the country, including Oxford, St Andrews, Durham, Loughborough, Salford, Lancaster and Heriot-Watt.

These students are now studying a range of highly competitive subjects such as Medicine, Civil Engineering, Law, Archaeology, Neuroscience, Film Production, and Clinical Psychology to name but a few, and others have progressed onto much sought after higher apprenticeships and employment opportunities with some of the UK's top companies.

KGV is a stepping stone to the exciting world of university or high level employment and we are delighted that once again this year almost all our students gained a place at their first choice destination.

We are very proud of all our students and wish them every success. Rest assured that whatever destination you choose, KGV will offer you the support and knowledge you need to build a strong, happy and successful future.

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Our Scholarships



The King's Scholarship Please note: If you are applying from a high school outside of Southport, our KGV Scholarships are available to all.

When applying to study at KGV, pupils from Southport schools are offered the opportunity to apply for our brand new £1000 King's Scholarship, enabling them to excel at the very highest level in their academic endeavours.

To be eligible, you must be an applicant from one of our following partner high schools:

- Birkdale High School
- Christ the King High School
- Greenbank High School
- Meols Cop High School
- Presfield High School
- Stanley High School

King's Scholarships



The King's Scholarship Objectives

Encouraging Academic Excellence
The primary objective of The King's Scholarship is to recognise and celebrate exceptional academic performance among students in Southport's high schools, inspiring a culture of academic excellence.

Recognising High Achievers

These scholarships serve as a prestigious recognition of outstanding academic achievements and provide encouragement and support to students who have demonstrated exceptional and commitment to their studies.

Strengthening Community Bonds

The introduction of scholarships linked to each high school in Southport aims to foster stronger connections between KGV Sixth Form College and the local community. By investing in the educational future of local students, we aim to build lasting relationships with high schools, parents, and the broader community, demonstrating our commitment to supporting the aspirations of Southport's youth.

Value

Each scholarship is valued at £1000, disbursed in four equal instalments throughout the academic year.

Eligibility Criteria

To ensure fairness and transparency in the selection process, applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Academic Excellence:** Applicants must have consistently demonstrated exceptional academic performance throughout their high school education.
- **High Achievements:** Applicants should have a track record of outstanding accomplishments in their academic pursuits, such as winning academic competitions, receiving subject-specific awards, or participating in advanced academic programmes.
- **Leadership and Extracurricular Involvement:** Applicants should have actively engaged in leadership roles or demonstrated significant involvement in extracurricular activities, such as student government, clubs, sports, community service, or other relevant initiatives.

Apply for a King's Scholarship If you would like to be considered for a King's Scholarship, please complete the online application form. www.kgv.ac.uk/scholarships

£1000 Scholarships and equipment support for our high achievers.

The KGV Scholarship

Whilst studying at KGV, high achieving students, irrespective of which secondary school they went to, can apply for a KGV Scholarship at any stage during their time at college.

These prestigious awards recognise the successes of our most talented students and enable them to continue to do great things whilst they are with us. Each scholarship is worth up to £1000 and can be used to purchase specific items or cover the cost of things like training, masterclasses or competition entries as they occur throughout the year.

We are delighted to have been able to award scholarships to many talented students and in recent years they have been awarded to students who excel in:

- Sports
- Science and maths
- Humanities
- Creative arts

Recent Scholarships have been spent on:

- Altitude Training Camp - Athletics student
- Trainers
- Textbooks
- Printer
- iPad and iPencil
- Hard Drive
- Galaxy Tablet
- Competition Swimming Trunks
- Hammer (Field Events)
- Laptop



Kiera Lonie

Chemistry, Biology, History.



Amelia Kool

Computer Science, Maths, Further Maths, Physics.

Apply for a KGV Scholarship To apply for a scholarship please tick the box on your college application form. This will then form part of your course discussion and be considered by our scholarship panel.

Student travel



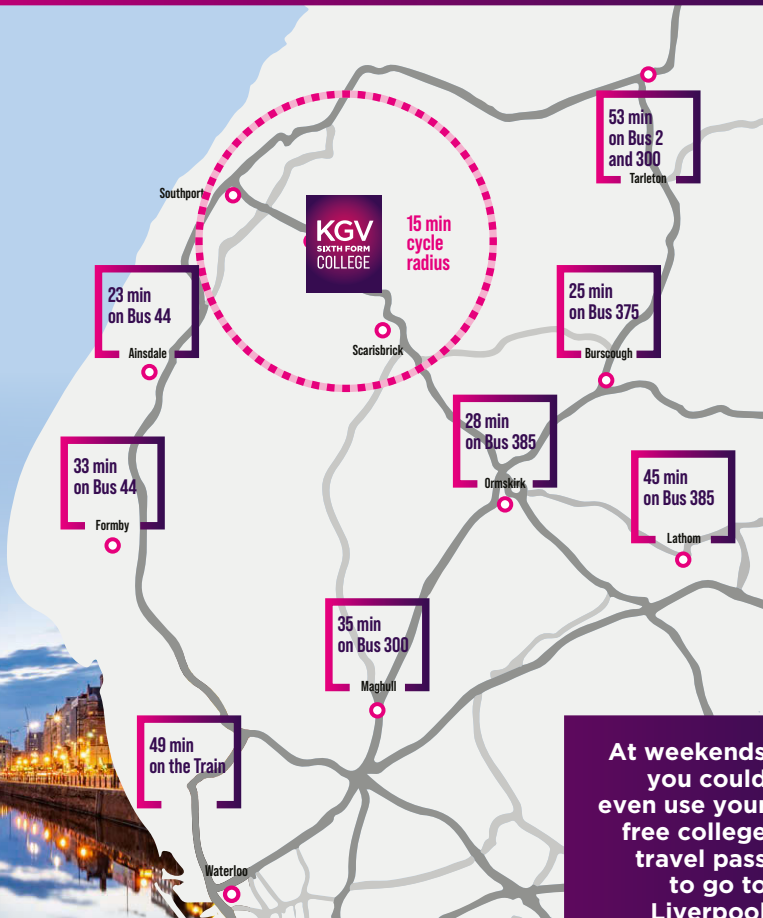
Don't forget to apply for your free 7 day per week travel pass*

KGV is located on Scarisbrick New Road, just 1.4 miles from Southport Town Centre and is very easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike or on foot.

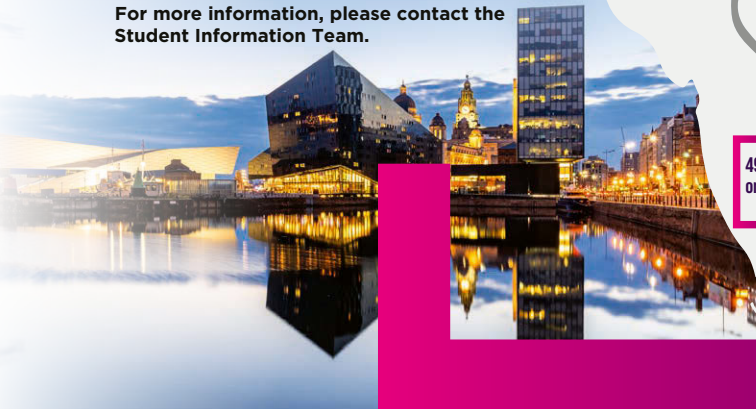
Free travel passes*

If you are aged 16-18 and live more than 3 miles away from the College site, then you are eligible for a free travel pass that can be used 7 days a week, you just need to apply. If you live 1 to 2.9 miles away you may still be eligible, please contact us for more information. The College may also allocate a Trio pass where daily use of multiple transport providers is unavoidable.

For more information, please contact the Student Information Team.



At weekends, you could even use your free college travel pass to go to Liverpool



However you choose to travel, our large leafy campus is just 1.4 miles from Southport Town Centre and is easily accessible.



By car

Learning to drive is an important milestone for many of our students and if once you have passed your test you are fortunate enough to have your own car, then you will be pleased to know we have onsite student parking available to all.

You just need to contact the Student Information Team to get your parking permit.



By bike

Cycling is a brilliant way to get to college, environmentally sound, low cost and a fab workout at the same time! Almost the whole of Southport and out as far as Scarisbrick can be reached from College within 15 minutes by bike and so lots of our students travel this way, particularly during the spring and summer months.

We have a number of bike sheds around the campus for you to store your bike and as always, we recommend that all bikes are secured with a good quality locking system.



By motorbike

Students are welcome to ride their mopeds/motorbikes to College. You will need to complete a parking form so that we have your details on record, but you're not required to display a permit.

Driving Theory Enrichment Activity

Sign up and discover everything you need to know for your driving theory test. All information comes straight from the Driver & Vehicles Standards Agency and the course is completely free of charge! It is not marked or time pressured and is your learning tool to complete in your own time, at a pace that suits you.

What a great way to jump start learning to drive!



One of the best things about coming to college is all the new people you meet.

The KGV student experience is a perfect blend of inspiration, support and freedom. It's a wonderful environment and whilst working hard and discovering new skills, you will also be having fun, making countless memories and forming friendships to last a lifetime. We will support you every step of the way, whether you have a specific requirement, need practical advice or just want to talk something through. Our academic staff are second to none, highly qualified and passionate about their subjects, they thrive on sharing that passion and in-depth knowledge with you.

Preparation

Life at KGV is also about preparing you for university and the exciting future that lies beyond.

It's a step change from school life. From the little things like being able to choose what you wear each day and calling the staff by their first names to much bigger things too.

Independence

There is a lot more discussion in your classes, with your tutors keen to hear your opinions and philosophies.

There may be opportunities for independent or group projects but if you need help or support with something, the tutors are 100% there for you.

There are a vast array of chill out spaces on campus with something to suit all tastes, giving you the perfect environment outside of lessons, to wind down, grab a bite to eat or catch up with friends.

As a result, KGV students leave us confident and ready to face the world ahead of them. They apply for and are accepted at prestigious universities all around the country, quickly settle in, thrive and go on to achieve fantastic things.

As long as you attend your timetabled lessons, you have the freedom to come and go as you please. You may have longer to submit your assignments and how you plan and prepare for them is up to you, with some students choosing to stay and work in the peace and quiet of the Study Hub, others preferring to work and at home.

The student experience

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The student experience.

Creative Arts building

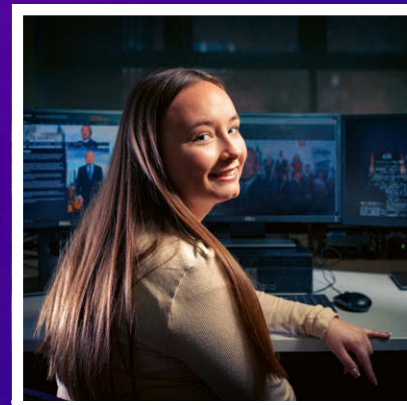
creative

Our recently built impressive Creative Arts Building houses a whole host of fantastic facilities.

1 Make your way upstairs to find our fantastic music studios, bespoke art studios, which include a dark room, spacious work areas and a photography studio. Alongside these quality learning spaces, students also get a chance to use high spec computers which are installed with the very latest professional editing programmes.



G Starting on the ground floor you'll discover our wonderful performance theatre with retractable seating accommodating up to 120 people. Continue exploring and you'll find a sprung floor drama work space, a specially equipped film studio and a number of top spec IT suites.

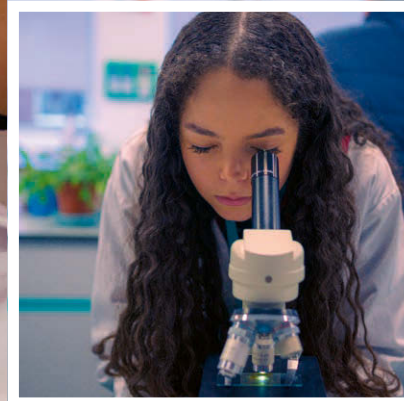
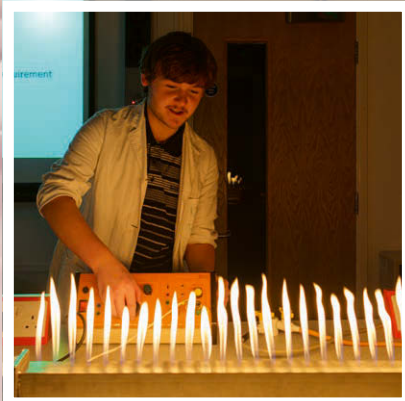


The student experience.

Science Labs

Being a science student at KGV is a fantastic experience.

Our newly refurbished and spacious science laboratories are kitted out with all of the equipment you will need for those exciting experiments. Whether you are studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Forensics, access to these advanced facilities are guaranteed to develop your practical skills with a realistic experience of the science industry.



The Refectory

If you want relax and chill, meet up with your friends and grab a bite to eat, the refectory is a great place!

The Refectory

This is an ideal place to relax and refuel during lunch and free periods. With lots of comfortable seating and two food outlets, it offers students a variety of affordable meals, drinks and snacks, from sausage and bacon rolls at breakfast, to pizza, pasta and hot wraps for lunch.

There's also a free to use games zone, games consoles, table football and more!



The student experience.

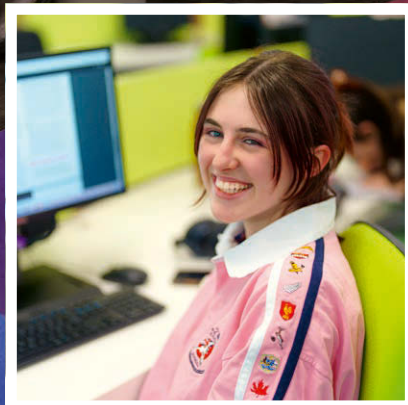
Study Hub

Get ahead with homework, coursework, research or extra reading.



The bright and airy Study Hub, which recently underwent a £1.2 million facelift, houses an extensive collection of on-line and paper resources, in addition to over 100 computer stations. Our friendly staff are always on hand to help too.

This is the ideal place for you to get ahead with homework, coursework, research or extra reading.



Sports and Fitness

Physical health and fitness is important and at KGV we provide all the facilities you need.



The MUGA

Our new multi-use games area.

This flood-lit pitch is ideal, as it is suitable for playing lots of sports in all weathers!

We also have plenty of fantastic grass pitches where we host our competitive football, rugby and hockey matches, just one of the advantages of being on such a large spacious site.



The Sports Hall

Our sports hall has recently benefited from refurbishment which includes a new lighting system and refurbished changing rooms and we mustn't forget to mention our superb Fitness Suite.

Available free of charge for all students. Perfect for staying fit and improving physical health.

Co-Curricular Programme

Add that wow factor to your UCAS personal statement or CV.

Alongside your chosen courses, at KGV Sixth Form College we have an exciting enrichment and co-curricular programme.

This is designed to amplify your studies and really add that wow factor to your UCAS personal statement or CV.

It's a great way to extend your subject knowledge, learn new skills, make new friends and boost your career potential, all whilst challenging yourself and having lots of fun!

Which ones will you choose?



Southport Student Sound

Get involved with our very own real-life radio station. Broadcast, create podcasts and learn all about radio production. Scan here for more details and to tune in.



Extended Project Qualification

Latin

Med-Soc Medical Society

The Symposium Debating Society

Oxbridge Programme

We are also proud to offer a fantastic Oxbridge programme, with individually tailored guidance, tuition and application support for students who are looking to progress their studies at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Sports Academy

Music Society

Teachers of Tomorrow

Duke of Edinburgh Gold

The Sports Academy

Join the KGV Sports Academy and combine studies with your favourite sport!

Did you know that at KGV you can join our Sports Academy and combine your advanced level studies with your favourite sport?

We offer a vast range of competitive college sports teams, which include Football, Netball, Rugby, Hockey, Badminton and Basketball. Alternatively there is also the opportunity for students to play and learn new sports on a social level.

Our College sports teams offer a great opportunity for you to train and compete in your favourite sport at the same time as completing your studies. And of course, joining a sports team also enables you to build great friendships, develop your leadership qualities and strengthen your physical health.

At KGV, each of our competitive sports teams are partnered with top sporting professionals and organisations in order to deliver high quality specialist coaching.

Being a sports team member you'll receive other benefits such as:

- Regular fixtures in AoC leagues
- Advanced level coaching
- Priority places on external qualifications
- Individual sports science analysis
- Personalised strength and conditioning programmes
- Support and guidance for future career pathways, e.g. USA scholarships



Co-Curricular Programme

Med-Soc Medical Society

Sophie Witterick

If you are hoping to work in medicine, be it as a doctor, vet, paramedic, nurse, or one of the many other rewarding careers available in the health sector, then Med Soc is just what the Doctor ordered!

Great Visiting Speakers

Benefiting from a wide variety of NHS practitioners as visiting speakers, this society is a great co-curricular programme that will really improve your knowledge of the health and medical fields.

You will learn all about the human body, medical procedures and everything it takes to become a medical practitioner, as well as gaining valuable first aid skills. Med Soc is a great way to demonstrate your passion for all things medical which will really help when applying for these competitive fields at university.

In addition to the specialist knowledge and practical skills, you will also benefit from help from specialist tutors when writing your personal statement and preparing for university interviews, giving you a real chance to stand out.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an opportunity to expand your learning by embarking on a self-directed project on a topic of your own choice.

It can help you achieve up to an additional 28 UCAS points on top of your results.

To acquire this formal qualification, you need to plan, research and develop an initial idea into a project which will take form in a research based written report. This can be accompanied by a production (charity event, fashion show, sports event, etc) or an artefact (piece of art, computer game, etc).

The EPQ gives students the chance to be creative and curious.

Although your project may be directly related to your main study programme, it doesn't have to be and you can explore concepts outside your course choices.

This develops your independent study skills and will help you stand out when applying for university or a future career.

Find out more at your course discussion, or speak to your progress or course tutors when term starts.

Past students have completed projects on a range of different areas, including The French Revolution; Fracking; and Representations in Ancient Cultures.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award



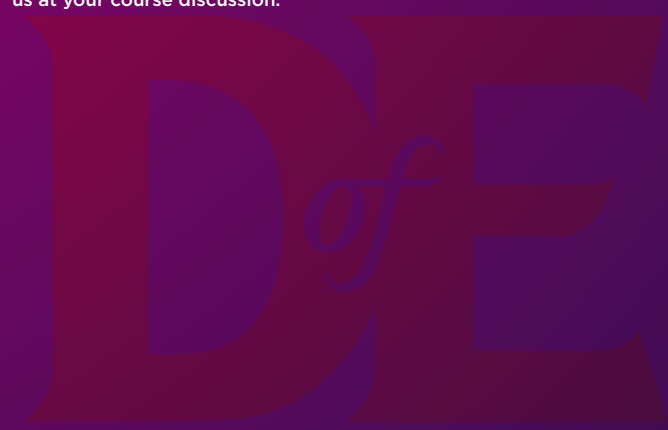
We are thrilled to be continuing to work with the D of E, giving our students the opportunity to have an amazing adventure and go for gold!

It will take you to a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences, build your confidence, resilience, skills and friendship groups and have a brilliant time doing it.

You'll be making a difference to other people's lives and your community, feel fitter and healthier, all whilst making new friends and countless memories.

If you'd like to find out more about this fantastic opportunity at KGV Sixth Form College, ask us at your course discussion.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a recognised mark of achievement and respected by universities and employers all over the world.



Student support

We will make every effort to ensure your time at KGV is the best it can be.

As well as academically challenging our students, we are very proud of our fully supportive and inclusive environment. Every member of staff across the College works together to ensure students have everything they need to succeed at KGV Sixth Form College.

Learning Support

Our Learning Support Team at KGV is made up of specialist Learning Support Tutors and Facilitators, who have a positive and proactive working relationship with all staff across the College.

Our services include a Learning Support Suite, fully equipped with specialist facilities for students. This includes computer software programmes along with access to laptops which are available on loan to students with an identified need. Individual exam arrangements can also be made for students where appropriate, dependent on identified need, evidence and application to the exam board.

We aim to support all students with difficulties or disabilities and we will make every effort to ensure your time at KGV is the best it can be. When applying to us, we encourage students to be completely open about any learning support needs and to supply as much information as possible. This will ensure that we can respond to your individual needs in the best way.

Learning Support is here to help students with learning difficulties and disabilities realise their individual potential whilst studying at the College and progress on to Higher Education or employment.

We welcome applications from any student wanting to study at advanced level and aim to make your transition from school to College as smooth as possible.

We believe in an inclusive learning environment whereby all students are taught in mainstream classes but are offered additional support where appropriate to their needs and wishes, so that they can work to the best of their ability when they come to KGV.

LGBTQ+ support

At KGV, we are passionate about equality and diversity, ensuring that we are inclusive and supportive of all students.

"In February 2020, we were the first College in the country to be awarded the Rainbow Flag Award, which recognises our commitment to supporting our LGBTQ+ community."

"There is a dedicated LGBTQ+ student group and College recruits LGBTQ+ Student Ambassadors each academic year who represent the community at various events across the year. We also host a number of parent/carer LGBTQ+ information sessions each academic year."

Vickie Hayes
Head of Learning Support and Inclusion
01704 392872
vickie.hayes@southport.ac.uk



Contact us The Learning Support Team are available to help you with your College application or to discuss your individual needs. This can be done over the phone, video chat or face to face. Call us on 01704 530601. We will be happy to arrange this for you.

Pastoral support

Our students progress to some fantastic destinations.

The Progress Staff are your first choice for support, advice and guidance as we want to ensure that every student gets the chance to realise their full potential and go on to achieve their dreams and ambitions.

Our Progress sessions cover a wide curriculum over the academic year including a variety of topics.

Whether it's looking at current events, topical issues or planning for future careers, each week brings new opportunities to build our students up and prepare them for their future.

Progress staff

Our progress staff know all their students personally and will support you during your time at KGV, to ensure you successfully complete your chosen programme of study. They are here to motivate you, challenge you and encourage you, through monitoring your academic progress and attendance at all classes. They will arrange invaluable 1:1 sessions with you to discuss your progress and will support and guide you with applications for university or higher apprenticeships.

What's more, as part of your individual study programme there are weekly group sessions where the progress staff will deliver a series of work related life skills.

At KGV we know that happy students are successful students, so if you ever have an issue with your course or a concern about your future, your progress tutor is here to help.

Careers service

Our students progress to great destinations and fantastic careers and we are proud to help them on this important journey. So, here at KGV, we are committed to providing all our students with an outstanding level of careers education, information, advice and guidance, tailored to their individual needs.

Our career services include one to one appointments; information sessions delivered by university and employment professionals; employability workshops and university or job application guidance sessions.

Whether you have an idea of what you want to do after your time at KGV or not, making the decision is never easy. Whatever path you choose to take next, our approachable and friendly staff have the experience and expertise to guide and help you succeed in your choice.



Ben Dyer
College Chaplain

"Hi, my name is Ben and I'm the new chaplain at KGV."

"You may be wondering what a chaplain is (it is a good question). A chaplain is someone who is there to listen and support students and staff with whatever is going on in their life."

"Sometimes that can be chatting about those deeper life questions, sometimes that is a moan about a situation, or sometimes it's that you just need to hear a pretty rosey dad joke to cheer yourself up. I'm a curate in the Church of England but I'm here to listen to anyone, whether you have a faith or not."

"Other things about me: I'm married with two young girls. I have a massive phobia of crabs (most crustaceans freak me out). I support Manchester United. When I was at college I wanted to be a lifeguard in Hawaii (things don't always work out the way you planned)."

"Do stop by and say hello - I'm always available to have a chat."

Application process

Applying to KGV Sixth Form College couldn't be easier.

Applying to study at KGV couldn't be easier. Once you've decided what to study apply online at kgv.ac.uk. We'll then ask you to book an appointment to discuss your course choices and find out everything you need to.

We can't wait to hear from you!

Look around

Our exciting Open Events are the ideal opportunity to get a real feel for life at KGV and view our fantastic facilities.

You will also get to meet our friendly, experienced tutors, discover more about the huge range of courses we offer and hear from existing KGV students about their experiences too.

There are also lots of other chances to visit the College throughout the year. Check out www.kgv.ac.uk/events for the latest updates.

Discuss your courses

After we receive your application, we will invite you to a course discussion. This is to discuss the choices you've made and ensure that they are the right ones for any university or career plans you may have. Parents or guardians are welcome to come with you if you want them to.

Following a positive course discussion you will be offered a place to become a KGV student.

Get a taste of College life

Throughout the year we put together a range of exciting taster workshops and masterclasses for prospective students. These sessions are an excellent opportunity to try different subjects and to get a real feel for what studying at KGV could be like. The programme is ever evolving and details of what's on next are available on our website and through your school careers team so do keep an eye out.

Enrolment

During the summer break all applicants will be sent a link to our application portal. This enables you to check all your details are correct and you've given us all the information we need. You will then be sent your individual enrolment date and time. This will usually be for either the day of or the day following GCSE results and takes place on campus. You will need to bring proof of your results, then you complete your enrolment and collect your college ID badge, ready for term to start. It's quick and simple and parents or guardians are welcome too.

Please note that all course details are correct at the time of going to print, but we reserve the right to add or remove courses as may be necessary.

#welcomefest

Once your GCSEs are over, you will be invited to join us for our annual #welcomefest. This popular event is a fun and informal day, where you can get to know your tutors and fellow students, enjoy some course related activities and join us for lunch and an ice cream or two!



Apply online Once you've attended our Open Event and decided which subjects to study, you need to submit your application. This is done easily online and we advise our students to do this as early as possible and before 31 January 2024, as many of our most popular courses do fill up fast!

Programmes of study

Your study programme is individually tailored to you.

At KGV we offer you the biggest choice of advanced level courses in the area and the opportunity to build a study programme of qualifications individually tailored to your future aspirations and preferred method of learning.

A-Levels

A-Levels are academic qualifications that are highly valued by universities and employers and are usually completed over two years. They are primarily assessed by examinations completed at the end of your two years of study. Each A-Level that you complete will be worth up to 56 UCAS points depending on the grade you achieve. These points can be used towards university entry requirements. The majority of students choose to study three A-Level courses, however if you achieve all 7s or above at GCSE, you may request to study four subjects.

Entry requirements

- Five GCSEs at grades 9 - 5 and/or English Language or maths at grade 4 or above.
- Some courses also have additional requirements. Please see the individual course pages for details.

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma and T Level

A BTEC Extended Diploma or a T Level is a Level 3 vocational qualification that will give you both theoretical and hands on practical experience within an area of study. They are assessed through a mixture of coursework and external assessment and the qualification you receive is equivalent to three A-Levels.

Entry requirements

- Five GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 including maths or English.
- Please note that if you have only achieved a grade 9 - 4 in either English language or maths, you must have a minimum of grade 3 in one of the other subjects.

Mixed Study Programme

KGV is proud to be one of only a few colleges in the region to offer students the possibility to choose a mixed study programme. This individually tailored option allows you to choose three subjects from a combination of A-Levels and BTEC A-Level Equivalent Qualifications (two A-Levels and one BTEC).

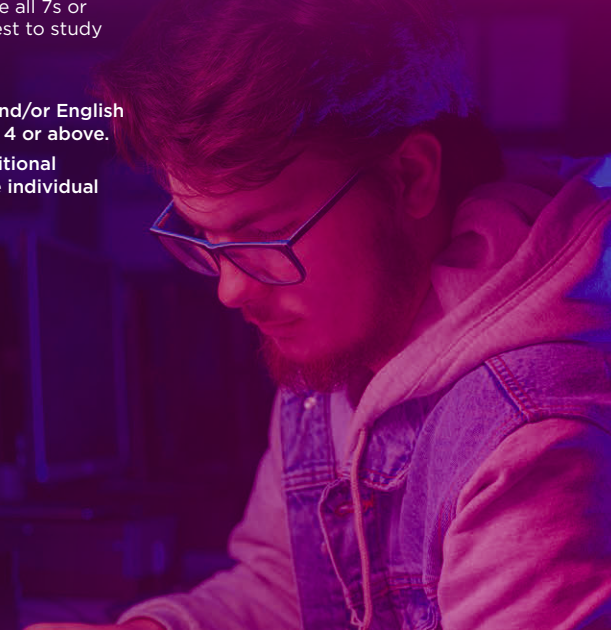
It is a flexible programme that encourages students to choose a range of courses that play to their strengths and interests and takes two years to complete. BTEC courses are Level 3 advanced qualifications equivalent to one A-Level (widely recognised and valued at universities across the country). Practical assessment features more predominantly throughout the course and you can expect fewer exams.

Entry requirements

- Two GCSEs at grade 5 or above and three GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths or English.

GCSE maths and English

To qualify for a study programme at KGV you must achieve at least a pass (grade 4) in either GCSE maths or English. However, to progress to university or employment you will need to have passed both. If when you join us you haven't quite managed this, we will enrol you on the relevant GCSE course alongside your full time study programme.



**Discover
your perfect
advanced level
study programme
today!**

Our courses

At KGV Sixth Form College, we are proud to offer you the widest choice of A-Levels in the area, as well as the option of a mixed study programme or one of our range of BTEC Extended Diplomas.

Whatever you choose to study, you will be taught by highly experienced staff, who tailor their lessons to your needs, are passionate about their subject and will support you as an individual, every step of the way.

But don't just take our word for it; as you read on, some of our recent students will explain why they chose KGV, what was special about their course and where it has helped them progress to.

**widest
choice**

A centre of academic excellence.

Bee Smith

The Student Experience



Recent KGV students studying Ancient History, have progressed to read Classics at some of the country's most highly regarded universities, including Oxford, Durham, St Andrews and King's College London.

Greenbank High School
Progressing to
Swansea University
to study Classics.

I feel like I'm respected by the teachers, they listen to me if I say I have an issue. I've had a lot of support over the last two years.

Classical Civilisation A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Classical Civilisation is the study of Greek and Roman culture, history, society and religion, explored through literature, drama, art and architecture. This fascinating course provides a great mixture of mythology, religion, poetry, philosophy, social history, archaeology and art history. The societies of these great civilisations still have a big impact on our lives today, influencing our legal system and politics, as well as the basis of many popular films and computer games.

Why you should choose KGV

We have one of the longest established Classics courses in the North of England and continually achieve some of the best results in the country, with 93% of students achieving A*-C grades. Plus all our Classics students have membership to the "Southport and Birkdale Classical Association" enabling you to attend talks by leading historians, authors and archaeologists.

What you will study

Each year you study 2 modules:
The first year

These are "*The Iliad*"; the oldest piece of Western literature and tells of the anger of Achilles during the Trojan War; and Greek Theatre. Which explores the beginnings of theatre using archaeological evidence and plays including "*Oedipus*", "*Bacchae*" and "*Frogs*".

The second year

They are "*The Aeneid*" and "*Love & Relationships*". The "*Aeneid*" was written by Virgil, to rival Homer's *Iliad* and please Emperor Augustus and tells the story of Aeneas seeking asylum for his people in Italy.

For "*Love & Relationships*" we read the works of Sappho, Plato, Seneca and Ovid; which cover lesbian love-poetry; a manual to help Romans pick potential partners and philosophical discussions about the place of love within society.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Classical Civilisation could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Journalist, Conservator or Archaeologist.

Ancient History A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Ancient History is the fascinating study of the political, military and social history of ancient Greece and Rome, from which much of the concepts of the modern world were developed: including imperialism, democracy, nationalism and "the state". The course uses archaeological evidence, such as coins, statues, buildings and inscriptions, as well as studying the works of Greek and Roman historians including Herodotus, Thucydides and Plutarch.

Why you should choose KGV

Our Ancient History course is one of the longest established in the North West and over the years has won several awards for excellent teaching and outstanding results. All our Ancient History students have membership to the "Southport and Birkdale Classical Association" enabling you to attend talks by leading historians, authors and archaeologists. Plus our excellent links with the Atkinson Museum enable you to enjoy exclusive behind the scenes tours and can help you gain work experience on archaeological digs.

What you will study

The first year

The first year focuses on Ancient Greece. There is a period study which covers fifth-century Greece, including causes & outcomes of the GrecoPersian and the Peloponnesian Wars; and a depth study that investigates the society and politics of ancient Sparta and how a state with no money and tiny population became the most powerful and respected military force in Greece.

The second year

In the second year, we switch to Imperial Rome, exploring how it changed from a republic to an empire ruled by a single man, and examining the Roman colonisation of Britain, considering the reasons for the invasions and how the Britons resisted.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Ancient History could help you progress to various careers, including Museum Curator, Archaeologist or, because of the skills you will develop in questioning and building persuasive arguments, careers in fields such as politics or law.



A centre of academic excellence.

Finlay Finch

Studying Business could help you progress in a variety of careers, including Marketing, HR, Project Management, Business Analysis, Event Organising or Financial Advice.

The Student Experience



The Business course has helped me a lot, Marketing and Finance are useful modules. I finished college on the Friday and started at Mercedes Benz on the Monday!

Stanley High School
Progressing to a career with Mercedes Benz.

Business A-Level

Standard entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at Grades 9 - 5 and/or English Language or maths at Grade 4 or above.

Whether you want the foundations for a varied commercial career or you dream of becoming the next Deborah Meaden or Elon Musk, studying Business can develop the fundamental skills that you need to succeed and at KGV we offer three different ways to study Business.

Why you should choose KGV

You can choose the A-Level or the A-Level Equivalent, which are studied alongside two or three other subjects. Or you can opt for the new T Level, equivalent to three A-Levels and which would be your only subject.

Whichever path you choose, our tutors will provide you with exciting lessons, bringing their own wide-ranging experience and expertise. Having all worked in successful businesses, they will provide a true insight into the commercial world, so you can expand your theoretical learning by applying it to real life examples. You will also benefit from guest speakers and a wide range of trips and visits.

We have a brand new Business study zone and boardroom, designed to resemble a real office environment, plus specialist IT equipment to support your learning and submit assignments. We also develop key personal skills, such as team working, research, organisation and communication.

Business A-Level

This course is assessed by three exams at the end of the two years.

There are four key themes:

- **Marketing and People**
How customers relate to products
- **Managing Business Activities**
Finance and resource management
- **Business Decisions and Strategy**
Profitable business and market competitiveness
- **Global Business**
How globalisation affects international markets and multinational corporations

You will also develop the skills you will need to succeed with the demands of undergraduate study and the world of work.

Business A-Level Equivalent

Standard entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at Grade 5 and three GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths or English.

Business A-Level Equivalent

This course is assessed by a combination of coursework, controlled assessments and one external exam.

You will explore a wide range of business concepts and develop organisational, communication, research and problem solving skills. Real case studies are used for each assignment and current world events are applied and discussed.

The course includes units that examine business structures and the external environment, investigate personal and business finance and enable you to design a marketing campaign. There are also optional units in HR, market research, customer service and law.

Management and Leadership T Level

Standard entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at Grade 9 - 4 including maths or English.

Management and Leadership T Level

The new T Level is developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares you for a successful career.

This fascinating course deals with how real life businesses are making decisions today and focuses on genuine case studies. You will cover how businesses operate, people management, finance, leadership, team building, change and project management; as well as looking at the legislation that impacts organisations. You will gain an understanding of all elements involved in running a business, as well as the depth of knowledge to start your career.

The T Level mixes classroom learning and "on-the-job" experience, with all students undertaking a valuable industrial placement for a minimum of 315 hours over the duration of the two year course. It is the equivalent of three A-Levels and will give you the skills and UCAS points needed to study a related subject at university, as well as the foundations to pursue a career in a wide range of business functions.

University destinations and potential careers

Many of our students choose to study related degrees at prestigious Universities; including Business Management, International Business and Disaster Management.

Others have secured employment or Higher Apprenticeships with organisations such as the Civil Service, PWC and BAE Systems.

We have a brand new Business study zone and boardroom, designed to resemble a real office environment, plus specialist IT equipment to support your learning and submit assignments. We also develop key personal skills, such as team working, research, organisation and communication.

New for 2024
We will also have a one year Level 2 Business course. Enquire for more details.

History A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

In modern History we study three key periods. Russia/ USSR 1855-1964, Modern Britain 1951-2007 and for the Non-Examined Assessment we consider the events surrounding the European Witchcraze 1550-1660. We will teach you how to build persuasive arguments, evaluate contemporary sources and analyse historical interpretations.

Studying History A-Level allows you to develop vital skills such as, research, literacy and statistical analysis. It is a great launch pad for a whole range of related humanities based degree subjects.

Why you should choose KGV

Come and be part of a thriving, lively and successful department at KGV Sixth Form College and learn about events that have shaped the world you live in and the people and circumstances that influenced these events. A-Level Modern History is a fascinating yet challenging subject.

With reference to Britain, in year one we look at the establishment of the post-war consensus between 1951 and the rise of Thatcher in 1979. The second year covers part two of each unit and incorporates the independent research on the European Witchcraze, which is the Non-Examined Assessment.

You will be looking at fundamental changes/events and analyse why they happened. It is not just an account of the past but an investigation of why things happened the way they did.

These fascinating eras provide so much for us to learn and apply to our modern culture. This makes for an interesting dynamic within the classroom, with lots of opportunity to discuss and debate different ideas.

At KGV Sixth Form College, our teachers have over 20 years of teaching and examining experience, so they know exactly how to make sure you get the most out of the course and also the best possible grade.

The department has an excellent record for supporting students with applications to read History at a range of top universities.

What you will study

The first year delivers part one of the Russia/USSR unit covering the period of the Russian Tsars from 1855-1917 ending with the rise of the Bolsheviks in November 1917.

Recently a number of our students have gained places at St Andrews, Sheffield, Lancaster and Liverpool.

A-Level History could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Historian, Journalist or Legal Executive.

Politics A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Politics is in a constant state of flux. It affects everything in our society and life and is how, why and to whom resources are allocated. Power and decision making are at the heart of politics, and if you are interested, intrigued or frustrated by the way the world is run then Politics is for you!

This course will give you an insight into the nature of politics and how people engage in the political process in the UK and beyond. It encourages you to explore your own views and be challenged by the views of others, and complements subjects such as Sociology, History, Law, Philosophy, English and Geography.

Why you should choose KGV

You will study highly current topics and themes, which will help you explore and understand the significant changes that impact our lives. Through discussion and debate you will enhance your ability to interpret, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics. You will deepen your understanding of our shared world, acquire knowledge of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom and be encouraged to think more widely about how other political systems may differ and respond to their own challenges.

What you will study

The fascinating course covers a wide variety of aspects including:

- **UK Politics and UK Government**
‘What is Brexit all about and why did it happen?’ ‘What powers does the Prime Minister have?’ ‘Why was the result of the 2017 General Election such a surprise?’ ‘Is Britain truly democratic?’
- **Political Ideas**
Liberalism, Socialism and Conservatism; and the influence of key political thinkers such as Karl Marx, Mary Wollstonecraft and Edmund Burke.
- **Global Politics**
‘Can democracy survive global warming?’ ‘Does China’s rise question the West’s democratic example?’

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Politics is a great platform for studying Law, Philosophy, International Relations, Economics, or History at University; and a well as a political career can offer further career pathways to research, diplomacy, law and journalism.



Student profile

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Liam Southern

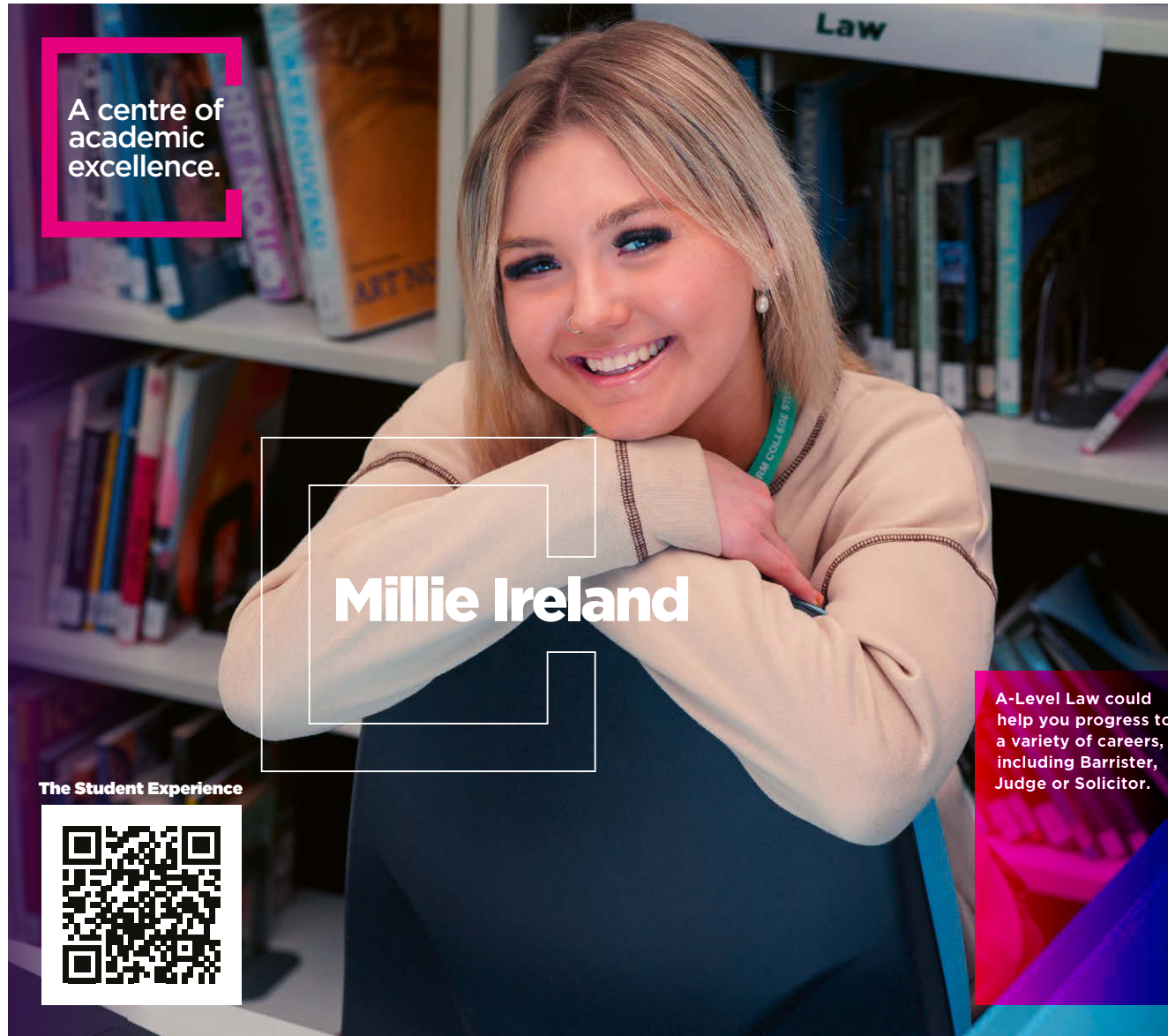
Careers in this sector can range from civil service, to policy advisors, political analysts, or even diplomatic roles within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. A-Level Politics can add another layer to your understanding of Government and Public Service.

The Student Experience



My teacher really loves the subject and you can tell it through his teaching. He is so enthusiastic, it's incredible!

Chesterfield High School
Planning to study
Financial Mathematics at
Heriot-Watt University.

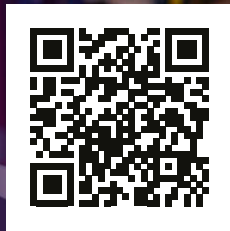


A centre of academic excellence.

Millie Ireland

A-Level Law could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Barrister, Judge or Solicitor.

The Student Experience



The lessons are just so engaging, it's just very discussion based, it's your own opinion rather than being told what to know and say.

Greenbank High School
Planning to undertake a Law Apprenticeship.

Law A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English Language. This is required because there is a significant amount of extended writing.

Law is everywhere. You can see it when you go to your local supermarket, when you use your phone and even when you go to College. Every item you buy, every agreement you make, every relationship you enter into is regulated by a country's laws.

Our society is governed by laws that supposedly benefit our lives, by studying Law you will learn all about laws, analyse case studies and you will learn to question everything. Studying A-Level Law will let you explore the relationship between Law, Society and the individual in the United Kingdom.

Why you should choose KGV

At KGV you'll be taught by highly qualified staff, most of whom have taught in Higher Education establishments. Most notably we have a senior examiner of A-Level Law that teaches on our course. Our staff are knowledgeable and approachable and will teach you the foundations of questioning, a skill which is essential when progressing onto university.

What you will study

If you study A-Level Law at KGV you will have the opportunity to study both public and private law. This means you will study a variety of different crimes and case studies to give your knowledge a real backing from the past. Along with this you will learn about two areas of civil law; contract and tort. You will also consider the bigger picture, examining questions such as 'should law enforce morality?' or 'does law achieve justice?'

University destinations and potential careers

A significant proportion of A-Level Law students go on to study law at university. Popular destinations include the University of Leeds, the University of Liverpool and Edge Hill University. Other popular courses include Criminology, Policing and Criminal Investigation degrees.

Applied Law A-Level Equivalent

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Appplied Law allows you to discover how law impacts every aspect of society. You'll consider how laws are made, interpreted and how they affect everyday life.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be taught by highly qualified staff, who also have experience of teaching Law at University. Plus both our Applied Law tutors are also examiners for the awarding body Pearson. During the course there is a fascinating trip to the London Central Criminal Court (the Old Bailey) and the Supreme Court of England and Wales, as well as lots of extra-curricular activities including competitions run by leading law firms and visits to local courts too.

What you will study

The course is equivalent to an A-Level and attracts the same UCAS points. The majority of modules are examined by our tutors, however some of them will be externally assessed. It is therefore ideal for students who want to want to study using an element of applied learning, rather than purely exam based assessment.

The course covers a variety of different types of law and includes a range of different crimes, including murder, manslaughter and theft offences; as well as negligence and family law. It provides an introduction to the study of the legal sector. And also allows you to develop transferable skills which are highly regarded by higher education institutions and employers.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study Law at Liverpool University, Politics at Winchester, Business at Lancaster and Criminology at Edge Hill.

Applied Law could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Barrister, Legal Executive or Police Officer and opens up a wealth of degree possibilities.

Sociology A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English
(Language or Literature).

Sociology is the study of how human societies shape the lives of the people who live in them and how these people act, react and interact. The value of a sociological imagination is that the subject opens up the world to you; it aims to challenge and change your thinking. Sociology is a critical and reflective subject grounded in meaningful questioning for why specific institutions and groups are the way they are. If you like to question, debate and delve deep into understanding human relationships and behaviour, then sociology is for you.

Why you should choose KGV

Sociology at KGV enhances your learning in many ways, using a wide range of techniques such as presentations, one-to-ones, group work, documentaries, video clips, creative sessions and personal ICT based research. You will be supported throughout the course enabling you to be successful in your essay writing skills, your ability to develop appropriate and balanced arguments and to critically assess theoretical views. We offer a range of trips and guest speakers to enhance the course, along with additional support sessions to expand students' knowledge and exam technique as well as giving you access to a wide array of sociology books in the Study Hub.

What you will study

You will explore sociological themes and perspectives, politics, social policy and roles within a number of areas including education, families and households, beliefs in society and crime and deviance. We offer Sociology discussion sessions to help you develop your knowledge of the subject and exam technique.

University destinations and potential careers

Many students have gone on to study Sociology degrees at a range of Universities, including Lancaster, Liverpool and Leeds. Others have studied related subject areas such as Criminology at Chester and International Disaster Management at University of Manchester, both of which include a significant proportion of sociological knowledge and skills.

A-Level Sociology prepares you for a diverse range of careers such as Business and Management, Social Work, or the Police Force.

Philosophy A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English
(Language or Literature).

Philosophy translates as 'love of wisdom.' Popularly defined as 'thinking about thinking,' Philosophy delves into ordinary opinions and convictions on a range of different topics. Philosophy will give you the skills to think logically and critically, skills that are crucial for an examined life. You will be taught, not what to think, but how to think.

Why you should choose KGV

Philosophy at KGV is known for its outstanding performance and high levels of student enjoyment. You can also join the Philosophy Symposium, a weekly debating opportunity, where you can discuss current affairs. You will also have the chance to attend the Philosophy and Religious Studies conference at Lancaster University. This is a great opportunity to listen to experts in different areas of Philosophical interest.

Furthermore, you will enjoy a wide breadth of resources and facilities. This includes conducting philosophical research in our state-of-the-art Study Hub, reading the original texts of Western philosophers and reading articles in the Philosophy Today magazine, for which the College has an annual subscription.

What you will study

Philosophy lessons are characterised by insightful debates which students not only enjoy but also find very thought provoking.

In year one you study:

- **Epistemology**
Do we experience the world as it is or is human perception merely an interpretation of the world? What is knowledge? What can we know and how do we know that we know?

Moral Philosophy

Is there objective moral reality? Are our moral claims mere expressions of our subjective feelings about situations or are they descriptive of a moral reality.

In year two you study:

■ Metaphysics of God

What is God? Is there a God? Are the attributes of God logically coherent, e.g. can they be reconciled with the existence of evil in the world? Is Religious language meaningful?

■ Metaphysics of Mind

What is mind? What is the relationship between the mental and the physical? Are the mind and the body separate and can either exist without the other?

University destinations and potential careers

Our previous students have gone on to study a variety of degree courses, with many opting to study PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics). However, studying A-Level Philosophy prepares you for the kind of rigorous thinking and critical analysis valued in a wide variety of fields of study.

A centre of academic excellence.

Scarlett Knollys

A-Level Philosophy could also help you progress to a variety of careers, including Law, Journalism, Politics or the Civil Service.

The Student Experience



Everyone talks to you, the teachers treat you like adults rather than children and it's really nice and welcoming.

Christ the King Catholic High School
Planning to study
Multimedia Journalism at University.



A centre of academic excellence.

Dean Aindow

Recent students have been inspired by the forensic and mental health aspects of the course and have gone on to study degrees in Psychology and Criminology at Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds Universities.

The Student Experience



We've done long and short term memory, maternal deprivation and attachment studies, it's all been quite interesting.

Birkdale High School
Planning to start a career as a performer.

Psychology A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Psychology combines scientific methods to study human behaviour and thinking. Combining research, literacy, statistical analysis and critical evaluation skills. Psychology allows you to gain insights about peoples' motivations, perceptions and behaviour. This gives you a different perspective on why people react in the ways they do and can help you to further understand people.

Why you should choose KGV

Teaching takes place in our dedicated psychology classrooms, where you will also find an array of relevant books and resources. Our students enjoy exciting trips and great guest speakers to bring the course to life and our expert tutors offer additional support sessions to perfect your exam technique.

What you will study

The course covers three key topics; an introduction to psychology; psychology in context and issues and options in psychology.

There are also various fascinating sub topics too. Amongst other things you will study memory and consider if juries are reliable; psychopathology, which includes the causes and treatments for mental health disorders and you will look at children's attachment to their caregivers and the impact this can have if it does not occur.

You will gain insight into research methods used by psychologists, including the use of experiments, observations and questionnaires used to understand human behaviour. So if you enjoy finding out about why people behave the way they do then this subject is for you.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Psychology could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Clinical Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Occupational Therapist or Mental Health Nurse. Recent students have been inspired by the forensic and mental health aspects of the course and have gone on to study degrees in Psychology and Criminology at Liverpool, Manchester and Leeds Universities.

Applied Psychology A-Level Equivalent

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. It combines literacy, research, statistical analysis and critical evaluation and gives insight into motivations, perceptions and behaviours. If you are fascinated about why people behave the way that they do then this is an ideal course for you.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be taught by highly experienced supportive tutors who are all experts in their field and offer extra sessions to expand your knowledge and encourage independent research. There are inspiring guest speakers and interesting visits, to really bring the content to life. Plus you will benefit from learning in our well-equipped psychology classrooms, with a plethora of fascinating books and publications.

What you will study

The course covers key psychology approaches, principles and practices. You will learn about social and cognitive psychology, the learning and the biological approach; as well as developing an understanding of how psychological research and concepts can be applied to gender, aggression and consumer behaviour. You will study topics including memory, aggression, stress and addiction that can be applied in the everyday world.

You will discover how to conduct psychological research and you will have the opportunity to conduct your own small investigation.

With Health Psychology you will explore psychological approaches, theories and studies related to lifestyle choices and unhealthy behaviours and discover ways to encourage positive behavioural change. Whilst the Criminal and Forensic unit explores the different theories and psychological approaches that can be used to explain criminal behaviour and how this is applied in the criminal justice system.

Applied Psychology is a BTEC qualification and is equivalent to one A-Level. There are four units, two of which are assessed by external examinations. You will take one exam and one coursework unit at the each year.

University destinations and potential careers

Applied Psychology has the equivalent UCAS points of an A-Level and opens up many different options at University including forensics, criminology and clinical psychology.

You can then progress to a range of careers, from clinical psychologist or occupational therapist to detective.

A centre of academic excellence.

Pippa Clarke

The Student Experience



Guest performers

To further your experience and knowledge, we also invite prestigious theatre companies such as Frantic Assembly and Shared Experience, to come in and provide masterclass sessions.

Greenbank High School
Progressing to
Salford University
to study Theatre and
Performance Practice.

Drama and Theatre Studies A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English
(Language or Literature).

Are you curious about how drama is made and have a creative instinct for communicating your views? Perhaps you have aspirations of one day working on Broadway or the West End? Then Drama and Theatre Studies is for you! This vibrant course will see you acting, writing and directing. Not only that, you will also be able to engage in the visual and technical side of theatre, with regular trips to see professionally produced theatre productions.

Why you should choose KGV

The drama team nurture and encourage our students to take control of their learning and support them to become the best they can be. We strive to create an environment that is inclusive, safe and welcoming. We are like a family; supporting one another to not only achieve our best academically, but also develop as a person as well. Furthermore, as a KGV Sixth Form College Drama student, you will also take part in tours and workshops given by LIPA and Edge Hill University.

What you will study

The vast and intriguing range of work will involve practical performance; devising and working from scripts; writing about theatre you have seen and plays you have read; and the theory and practice of practitioners, playwrights and directors.

Over the two years of the course, you will study three examined units. Across these units, you will practice and develop your drama skills, explore the work of differing practitioners and even devise an original piece of drama.

University destinations and potential careers

Drama and Theatre Studies open up a wealth of opportunities. Former students have gone on to study performing arts, theatre studies and drama at university or some of the country's most prestigious drama schools, including Guildford, LIPA and Central School of Speech and Drama; and then taken up careers in performing, directing, Stage Management, and even Drama Therapy.

English Literature A-Level

Grade 5 in both English Language and Literature.

English Literature is a subject that has wide-ranging significance to the world beyond KGV. Studying literary texts encourages students to be able to think analytically and look at ideas and issues from a range of different perspectives. The diversity of the texts studied for English Literature A-Level also help students to develop an understanding of a range of different historical periods and other cultures. These skills are important for so many different careers and especially for undergraduate study.

Why you should choose KGV

English Literature at KGV Sixth Form College will allow you to experience a plethora of literary texts in an in-depth way. The set texts have been chosen by the teachers to offer a diverse learning experience, which helps students to develop their understanding of a range of genres from a broad time period: from Shakespeare to Carol Ann Duffy. As part of the study of English Literature at KGV Sixth Form College, we also interpret texts from a range of thought-provoking perspectives such as Marxist, Feminist and Psychoanalytical. All of which helps students to develop valuable critical and analytical skills, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of some of the most prominent writers and genres in English Literature.

What you will study

There are two examined elements of the English Literature A-Level course and one non-examined assessment.

Unit 1 'Love through the Ages'

This explores Shakespeare's romantic tragedy 'Othello' and Emily Bronte's powerful love story 'Wuthering Heights', as well as fourteen post-1900 love poems.

Unit 2

'Texts in shared contexts: modern times: 1945 to present day'.

As part of this unit, you will study texts such as Tennessee Williams' tragic melodrama 'A Streetcar Named Desire', Arundhati Roy's post-colonial novel 'The God of Small Things' and Carol Ann Duffy's poetry collection 'Feminine Gospels'.

The non-examined assessment is essentially a coursework unit, which is largely independent and allows students the opportunity to research their own literary interests by comparing two texts.

University destinations and potential careers

Students who study English Literature at KGV Sixth Form College have gone on to study a wide range of courses at university, such as English at Oxford and Lancaster, Law at Liverpool and Classical Studies at St Andrews.

A-Level English Literature could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Publisher, Magazine or Newspaper Editor or Creative Writer.

All the teachers and staff are very supportive, you feel like you can talk to them about a course or topic you're struggling with or anything really.

English Language A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in English Language.

There has never been a better time to study the significance of language. Language can represent who we are and what we value. Our recent past and present tells us that language can be used in very powerful ways. We use it to create our identities, to include others or exclude them, to create unity or destroy it. From the sounds of our accents to the choices we make in sending Instagram messages, we cannot escape the hold that language has over us nor our involvement in the way it is being shaped for the future. This makes studying English Language at A-Level completely different from GCSE.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying English Language at KGV Sixth Form College will give you the confidence to explore, analyse and evaluate the world around you. You will develop your knowledge and skills using leading research and the most up-to-date resources. You will have the opportunity to meet and learn from the people who are at the leading edge of the subject and who write the textbooks. Furthermore, you will meet linguists from all over the world who will explain their work on diverse topics such as New Zealand English, Scouse, Multicultural Urban British English and accent prejudice.

What you will study

The course is made up of three assessments: two examinations and a piece of coursework.

For the first exam paper on the Individual and Society, you will be taught language levels of lexis, semantics, grammar and pragmatics to enable you to analyse and compare representations of topics across a range of different text types.

In the second paper on Diversity and Change, you will learn how age, region, gender, sexuality, occupation, social group and ethnicity can influence language. You will also study English as a global language and the ways in which language changes. The final aspect is a non-examined assessment that comprises a language investigation and a piece of original writing.

University destinations and potential careers

English Language A-Level is recognised by every university as an excellent step towards further study. Courses in Language or Linguistics are natural progressions, with potential career paths in Forensic Linguistics, Marketing Speech and Language Therapy.

Recent students have gone on to study a diverse range of subjects such as: Copywriting and Publishing, Journalism, Law and Criminology at prestigious universities that include Oxford, Leeds and King's College London.

English Language and Literature A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Literature and Language).

English Language and Literature is a unique course in its own right, that explores how writers and speakers use language to tell stories, in novels, plays or poems. This course explores how plots are created and will develop your vocabulary and terminology to critically analyse it all. You will also improve your skills of comparison and evaluation, presentation, essay writing and teamwork. Furthermore, you will improve your own creative writing becoming more effective in terms of style, audience and purpose.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our recently built, wonderful creative arts building; with bright spacious classrooms equipped with all the technology you will need. This fantastic learning environment is backed up and supported by the passion of the highly experienced teachers, who captivate and inspire their students, encouraging them to not only develop in the subject, but also as a person. Through this nurturing and aspirational environment you will be able to achieve your dreams and ambitions.

What you will study

One of the most engaging aspects of the course is the chance to study *'The Handmaid's Tale'*, which has been made into a major, global television sensation. If ever there was a story told, to make us think again about the world in which we live and how we treat people who are not like us, this is it.

In a more detailed sense, the course is split into three assessments; two exams and a 3000 word piece of coursework that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary texts.

University destinations and potential careers

English Language and Literature opens up many degree courses and recent students have progressed to prestigious universities including Oxford, Durham and Liverpool to study subjects such as Linguistics, Marketing, Law, Journalism and Criminology. Following on from University the career possibilities are endless, and include Speech Therapist, Technical Author, Journalist & Publisher.

A-Level English Language and Literature could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Marketing Manager, Technical Author or Journalist.

Greenbank High School
Planning a career in
Journalism.

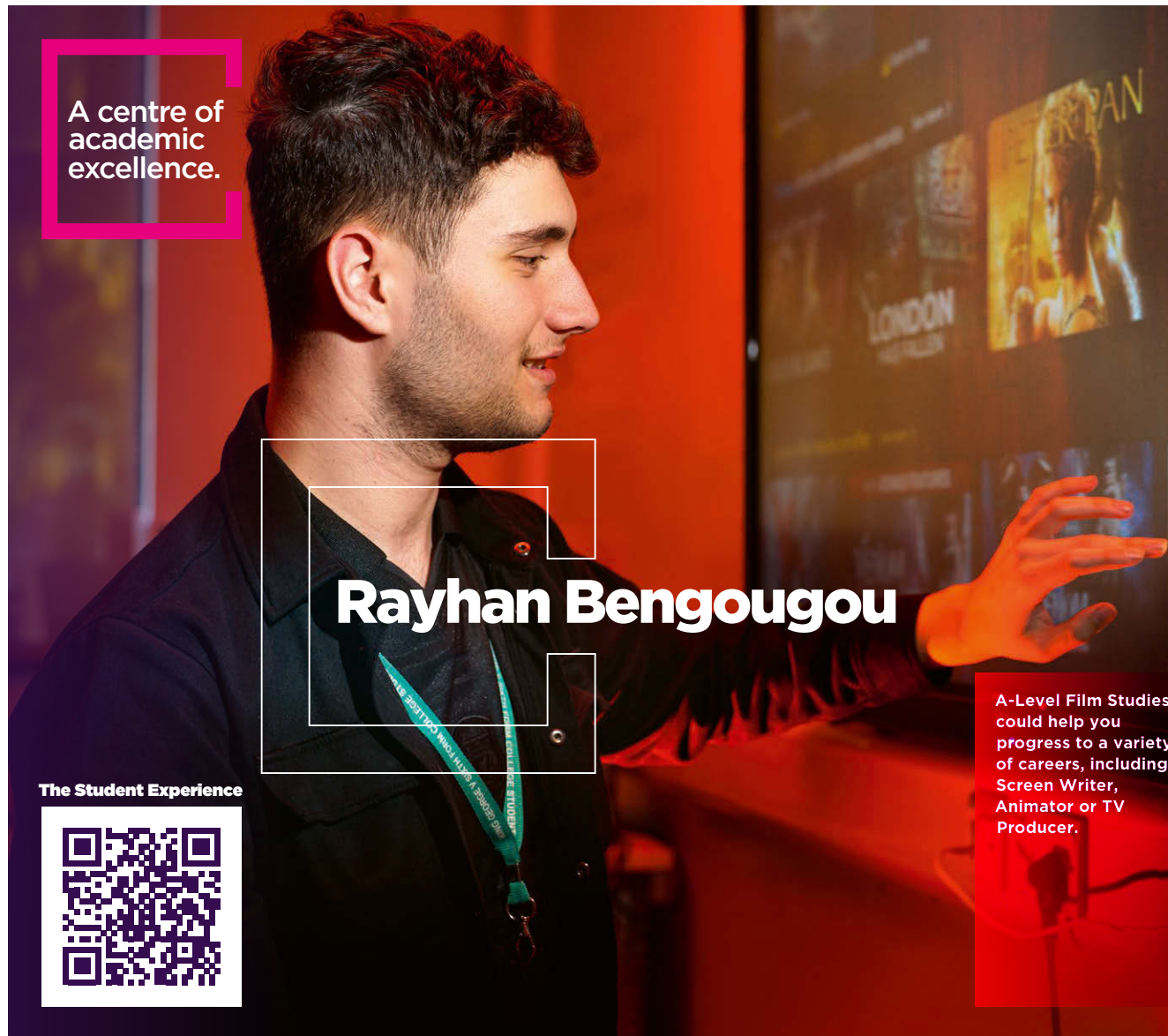
Flora Smith

A centre of academic excellence.

The Student Experience



We've studied really good texts, from a range of writers from different backgrounds.



A centre of academic excellence.

Rayhan Bengougou

The Student Experience



A-Level Film Studies could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Screen Writer, Animator or TV Producer.

Stanley High School
Progressing to
Liverpool John Moores
to study Sports Journalism.

Film Studies A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English
(Language or Literature).

Film making is often an inspiring escape from reality and is a culturally significant medium. It is a means of expression, often a filmmaker's artistic take and commentary on the world in which they live. Nowadays, films are incredibly influential in shaping our society, they often carry a hidden meaning, a meaning which you can learn to uncover if you study Film Studies.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying Film at KGV will give you the foundations needed to create films and the knowledge needed to produce them. We offer the highest quality of teaching and support which is shown through the excellent results our students attain each year.

Film studies is taught in our recently built fantastic creative arts building, where you will enjoy spacious, bright, learning spaces equipped with all the latest technology aspiring film makers need, including computers, video editing software and equipment. During your time with us you'll also have access to the Adobe Creative Cloud applications, for use in college and at home. In short we'll give you all the essentials to kick start your creativity and a career in film!

What you will study

This fascinating course explores the various stories and techniques filmmakers use in order to portray their message. You will learn about mise en scène, cinematography and all it takes to produce a film. What is more, you will get to produce your very own film too!

You will be assessed through a range of different methods. There are two exam based components which will cover film movements ranging from contemporary mainstream film, silent films of the 1920s, or Brazilian gangster films. You will also produce a piece of coursework where you will be required to create your very own short film or screenplay.

University destinations and potential Careers

Studying Film can take you down a variety of pathways and is a great subject to accompany the majority of subjects and help you progress to a range of degree courses and fascinating careers, including Screen Writing, Animation and TV Production. We have recent students now studying at Russell Group Universities and others pursuing specialist Film Courses at Salford & Leeds.

Media Studies A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English
(Language or Literature).

Media Studies is a subject that is truly contemporary and relevant to everyone. It is intellectually challenging but extremely rewarding. Media provides a pathway for students to progress onto higher education, whilst also teaching students skills that will be incredibly useful in the media industry and beyond. As the media becomes more and more ubiquitous in our lives, it is extremely important for students to be able to analyse and critique the media that surrounds them, so that they can question and try to understand what is happening in society.

Why you should choose KGV

Students at KGV have access to quality video editing software and camera equipment. We have a dedicated media room that students can use to create videos, including using our green screen.

You will learn how to operate specialist equipment and how to create content which will give you the knowledge and skills which will set you apart from others at university. Moreover, our dedicated and experienced staff ensure our students have the support and quality teaching to achieve great results.

What you will study

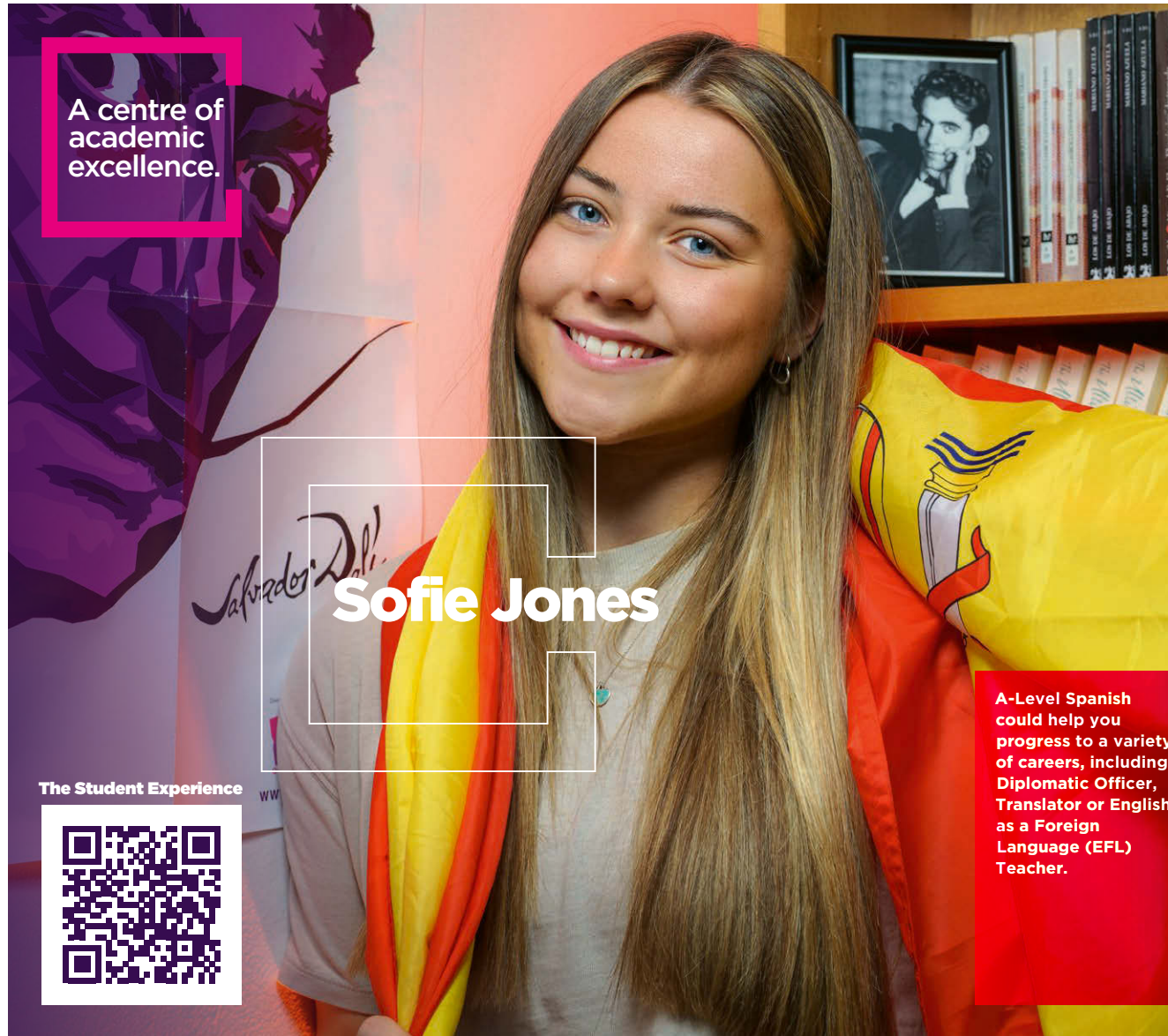
The course is broken down into three components, two of which are exam based. The two exams cover different media forms, ranging from contemporary YouTube and TV series to advertising/marketing techniques of the 1950's, looking at how the products demonstrate the role that media has had in our society. Your third component will be your coursework which requires you to produce a multi-form production, an exciting project where you will create video, print and website content.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Media students go on to study at a wide variety of universities, ranging from redbrick universities such as Manchester, to more creative institutions such as Salford and Leeds.

Our students have progressed to a variety of careers, including Social Media Manager, Advertising Manager and TV Producer.

There's something special about KGV.
The community is just so good,
it's really wonderful.



A centre of academic excellence.

Sofie Jones

A-Level Spanish could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Diplomatic Officer, Translator or English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Teacher.

The Student Experience



I enjoy having a teacher that's from Spain, he has his own ideas and background that he can share and relate to what we are studying.

Greenbank High School
Progressing to
University of Liverpool to study
Mathematics with Ocean and
Climate Sciences.

Spanish A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Spanish.

The political climate throughout the world has changed dramatically in recent years. Consequently, employers in both UK and international job markets need candidates with a clear understanding of different cultures and the ability to communicate confidently and effectively within those cultures. Learning Spanish, the second most spoken native language in the world and the third in terms of total number of speakers, can only boost your job prospects; it provides you with international experience and an empathetic view on the outside world – just the skills many employers are looking for.

Why you should choose KGV

At KGV Sixth Form College you will benefit from learning in a variety of ways and settings, using authentic materials and current media. There is also an opportunity to visit Spain where you will immerse yourselves in the culture, as well as practicing speaking the language.

Your Course Tutor is a native Spanish speaker. This opportunity is not to be missed, as the conversation sessions that take place are a fantastic environment to practise and learn in. Furthermore, our fantastic Study Hub provides you with a wide variety of audio books, graded readings adapted to learners of the language, comics and films so that you can explore and learn independently with the resources of your choice.

What you will study

As well as the language, you will explore the history, character and way of living in Spain. You will have the opportunity of studying elements of their art and culture, their traditions, their ideas, but also the tensions and challenges they face as a community in a global world.

The assessment criteria is broken down in to three components, with Speaking weighted 30%, Listening, Reading and Translating worth 50% and Critical Response in Writing making up the remaining 20%.

University destinations and potential careers

With Spanish A-Level, you can move on to study languages at university and many of our students do, but you will also be equipped with skills that employers across the board find invaluable: communication, relationship building, research and analysis.

Geography A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Geography is a broad based academic subject which will open up many options for you in your future. As a subject linking the arts and the sciences it is highly flexible in terms of what you can combine it with at A-Level. Geography is highly valued by universities as an A-Level choice and is the fastest rising major A-Level subject in terms of numbers taking it.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying A-Level Geography at KGV Sixth Form College will deepen your understanding of our shared world.

You will study current topics and themes to help you explore and understand the significant changes that are beginning to impact our lives, from climate change and Brexit to the friction between the USA and China.

Fieldwork and study trips are an essential part of KGV Geography that will accompany course content and broaden your knowledge. When studying this course, you will take part in several trips, including exploring Liverpool's dockland regeneration and visiting areas where rewilding schemes are taking place.

The course is taught by a highly qualified lecturer, with post graduate research experience and expertise in a number of key course topics.

What you will study

We study 8 topics over the two years such as, tectonic processes and hazards, coastal landscapes and change, globalisation, regenerating places, water cycle and water insecurity, carbon cycle and energy security, superpowers and migration, identity and sovereignty.

You will also produce a piece of original research about a theme that you are interested in. Recent titles initiated by students include: 'The impact of Everton's proposed stadium redevelopment on Walton residents' and 'An investigation into the threats to and management of, Sefton's coastline'.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have progressed on to study at top Universities including Durham, Lancaster, Leeds and Liverpool studying courses such as Geography, Environmental Management and Environmental Science.

A-Level Geography could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Meteorologist, Town Planner or Environmental Consultant and is valued by employers requiring data analysis skills.

Fine Art A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4
in an Art and Design based subject.

Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Fine Art A-Level on production of a relevant portfolio.

The visual arts are a major part of British industry. This course will give you a head start in developing the creative problem solving skills that you will need. Choosing to study Fine Art will give you the opportunity to work in an expressive and personal way, whilst engaging with both social and cultural issues. Throughout the course you will be expected to develop an open and exploratory approach to your work and to develop your own informed opinions, with an increasing awareness of contemporary issues and industry level practice.

Why you should choose KGV

The art department is in our newly built creative arts building and gives you two fabulous spacious and bright fine art studios to work in both during and outside of your lessons. There is also a photography studio, darkroom and a fashion and textile studio as well as multiple Mac suites kitted out with the latest editing software available to you. Our talented and passionate art team are always available to guide and inspire you to establish your own inimitable style and create your very best work.

What you will study

This two year A-Level course will cover a broad base of Fine Art, introducing you to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as an artist. As well as painting and drawing, you will be able to explore and experiment with other media including printmaking, sculpture, photography, digital manipulation and appropriate combinations of media. Many of the skills you will learn will also provide you with a good basis for other visual art areas such as Interior Design, Product Design and even Art History.

University destinations and potential careers

Many of our past students have gone on to become successful full time fine art practitioners having studied at Glasgow School of Art and the London College of Art.

On the other hand, many have used what they learnt on this A-Level course to progress to Architecture, gallery curation, creative media, television production, illustration and the graphic design industry. Recent university destinations have included Edinburgh University, Leeds College of Art, University of Central England and Manchester Metropolitan University.

A-Level Fine Art could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Illustrator, Gallery Curator or Fine Art Practitioner.

Fashion and Textiles A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4
in an Art and Design based subject

Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Fashion and Textiles A-Level on production of a relevant portfolio.

Textiles is a practical and creative subject and you will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of disciplines including printed textiles, fashion, surface pattern and constructed textiles (creative embroidery and knit). You will be introduced to a range of textile processes, technology and resources concerning textile design and textile arts alongside the history of fashion and textile studies.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our fantastic creative arts building, which has all the facilities and specialist equipment you will need to create amazing professional pieces and is available for you to use both during and outside your specific lesson times. There is a spacious, bright fashion and textile studio, amazing art rooms, photography studio and dark room, plus multiple mac suites with all the latest editing software. The team are all highly experienced, talented professionals and love seeing their students develop their skills and personal style.

What you will study

Working within a professional environment, you will experience fashion and textiles first hand, exploring techniques such as silk screen printing, fabric dyeing and embellishment, machine embroidery, batik, devoré, fabric painting and repeat pattern. You will learn how to approach art and design analytically, with research and investigation playing a key role within the A-Level experience.

As part of your assessed portfolio you will curate your own independent fashion show, cat walk experiences and gallery settings. Textile students also have the opportunity to work alongside visiting professional and established artists from the fashion and textile industry.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students who have studied Textiles at KGV Sixth Form College have gone on to study at Royal College of Art London, Manchester Met, Leeds College of Art, Glasgow School of Art and Goldsmiths London.

A-Level Fashion and Textiles could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Textile Designer, Fashion Designer or Interior Designer.

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Visits Abroad

As well as visits to Liverpool, Manchester and London; you will also have the opportunity to attend an annual trip to international workshops and galleries. These have previously included Berlin, New York, Paris and Barcelona.

Litherland High School
Planning to follow a career
in fashion and textiles.

Jessica Knox

A centre of academic excellence.

The Student Experience



I like it a lot better than school, there's far more freedom and there's different people. The campus is really nice and modern.



A centre of academic excellence.

Jacob Sawyer

A-Level Photography could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Digital Marketer, Photographer or Graphic Designer.

The Student Experience



The atmosphere is great, it's not a massive campus or huge class sizes, so the learning is often on a one-to-one basis.

Burscough Priory Academy
Planning to start a career in Canada, working with nature.

Photography A-Level

Additional entry requirements: Grade 4 in an art and design based subject.

Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Photography A-Level on successful completion of a set task.

Photography at KGV, gives you the opportunity to work in an expressive and personal way and to engage with social and cultural issues. You will be expected to develop an open and exploratory approach to your work and to develop informed opinions, with an increasing awareness of contemporary issues and industry level practice, as well as exploring commercial and artistic avenues.

Why you should choose KGV

You will receive hands on learning! We deliver artists workshops, lectures and field trips throughout the academic year.

You will also visit BA (Hons) Degree exhibitions and MA exhibitions across the region. You can expect annual trips for gallery and exhibition research which may include:

- **Barcelona:** Picasso Museum, Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art
- **Berlin:** Käthe Kollwitz Gallery, Amerika Haus, Topography of Terror, Museum of Photography
- **Liverpool:** Tate Liverpool, The Walker Art Gallery, Blue Coat, Open Eye Gallery
- **London:** Tate Modern, White Cube, Tate Britain, Royal Academy of Art, National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery, London Fashion Week
- **Manchester:** Whitworth Gallery, Manchester City Gallery
- **Paris:** Musée d'Orsay, Centre Pompidou, Musée du Louvre, European House of Photography, Paris Fashion Week

What you will study

This two year course covers a broad base of lens based disciplines. You will be introduced to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as a creative photographer. You will get the chance to work on both film and digital formats, shooting on location and in the studio.

You will also be able to explore and experiment with other media, including scanography, digital manipulation and appropriate combinations of media. You will be introduced to a broad range of skills which will be an essential tool when progressing with your photography in the future.

University destinations and potential careers

Previous students have gone on to study Photography at establishments such as the University of the Arts London, De Montfort University, Falmouth University, University of Westminster, University of Central England and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Graphic Design A-Level

Additional entry requirements: Grade 5 in English (Language or Literature).

Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Graphic Design A-Level on successful completion of a set task.

Graphic design at KGV allows you to use current cultural and social issues, develop your own informed opinions and express them in your own personal and creative way. The course gives you the opportunity to explore many different forms of graphic design across a wide range of platforms. What's more, early on in the course you will be introduced to a range of disciplines through brilliant workshops, designed to help you make an informed decision about which aspects you would like to study and explore in more depth as the course progresses.

Why you should choose KGV

Graphic design is taught in our recently built fantastic creative arts building, where you will not only enjoy bright, airy, inspiring learning spaces, but you will also benefit from all the latest technology including Apple Macs and the entire Adobe Creative Suite. We believe that it is important for students to interact with Artists' workshops and lectures and that field trips are an essential tool in teaching. You will get to visit Degree and MA exhibitions. As well as annual trips and visits to places such as Paris, Barcelona, London, Manchester and Liverpool for gallery and exhibition research.

What you will study

You will be introduced to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as a designer, which can range from brand identity to advertising, marketing campaigns to children's books. You will participate in workshops that include practice in design processes such as using the industry software and learning hand rendered techniques.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study at Manchester Metropolitan University, Glasgow School of Art, London College of Art, Edinburgh University, Leeds College of Art and University of Central Lancashire.

A-Level Graphic Design could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Product Designer, Illustrator or Graphic Designer.

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Uniformed Public Services BTEC Extended Diploma

Five GCSEs at grade 9 - 4
including
maths or English.

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services and is ideal for students wishing to pursue a career in a wide variety of uniformed Public Service roles. As well as studying elements of law, psychology, politics and policy making, you will also develop the skills, knowledge and experience to help you pursue a career in the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Service, Prison Service, Immigration Service and more.

Why you should choose KGV

This exciting course will be taught by a highly experienced department, passionate about their subjects and keen to share their real-life knowledge gained from working in a variety of relevant roles, including Law, the Armed Forces and the Police Service.

The department has links with the armed forces, police and fire service which means students can experience valuable insight into the sector they are interested in.

During the course, students take part in trips and activities including outdoor pursuits, gain valuable work experience in relevant sectors and hear from visiting speakers from a range of uniformed services.

What you will study

During this interesting and varied course you will study a host of relevant topics, including; Citizenship and Diversity; Behaviour and Discipline; Global Affairs and the Media; Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing; Government and the Protective Services; Teamwork, Leadership and Communication; and Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents. There are also a variety of optional units including: managing security threats, skills for outdoor activities, police powers and the law, criminal investigation procedures and practice and many more!

University destinations and potential careers

This course is ideally suited to progressing on to study a variety of degree courses including Outdoor Leadership, Policing Studies, Criminology and Law.

Uniformed Public Services Extended Diploma could lead to a host of careers including Fire Fighter, Police Officer, Customs Officer or Military personnel.

Animal Management BTEC Extended Diploma

Five GCSEs at grade 9 - 4
including
maths or English.

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Animal Management a two year study programme designed for students interested in a career working with animals, or the wider animal industry.

Why you should choose KGV

We have brand new Animal Management classrooms and a fantastic purposely created animal unit, which is currently home to a great selection of small mammals and reptiles including rabbits, guinea pigs, bearded dragons, leopard geckos, giant African land snails, red knee tarantulas and royal pythons to name but a few.

Our in house facilities will give you plenty of day to day practical experience with our animals, but we also have close links with lots of external animal centres and businesses, to ensure that you gain regular hands on experience with a wide variety of other animals and animal settings too.

What's more, during the course, you will not only take part in numerous trips and visits and hear from a plethora of interesting speakers from animal focused services, but you will also complete 150 hours of valuable work experience each year, ensuring you finish your course with the skills and experience needed for further study or employment in this highly competitive field.

What you will study

During this fascinating and varied course you will study animal breeding and genetics; animal biology; animal welfare and ethics; practical animal husbandry; animal behaviour and animal health and diseases. You will also be expected to complete an investigative research project in a relevant topic and to undergo a work placement in the animal sector.

Please note that the course does contain some externally assessed units.

University destinations and potential careers

This course is ideally suited to progressing on to study a variety of animal-related and science degrees such as zoology, zoo management and animal behaviour.

Animal Management Extended Diploma could lead to a variety of careers including Veterinary Nurse, RSPCA Officer; Zoo Keeper or Animal Sanctuary Manager.

New for 2024

We will also have a one year Level 2 Animal Management course. Enquire for more details.

With 150 hours of work experience each year this course really enables you to get a hands on approach to animal management.

Courtney Clarke

A centre of academic excellence.

The Student Experience



Animal management is great, it gives you lots of experience and you get a wide choice of careers to go into.

Greenbank High School
Progressing to
the University of Chester
to study Zoology.

Health and Social Care A-Level Equivalent

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English
(Language or Literature).

If you want to make a difference to people's lives, are interested in a challenging and rewarding career and are a highly organised, caring and supportive person, then working in health and social care could suit you and this course would be an ideal starting place.

Why you should choose KGV

We have built a track record of outstanding learner success because this course; which is equivalent to one A-Level and combines well with a range of other courses; provides a stepping stone to a range of careers, including nursing, social work, occupational therapy, support work and paramedic practice, to name just a few. Our staff are friendly and approachable, supporting you to achieve and develop a wide range of beneficial skills. What's more you will get the opportunity to meet a range of professionals who will come into College to talk about their work; and exciting trips and visits to local universities and relevant conferences will also be arranged.

What you will study

The subject is broken down into two components: Assignment/coursework based units and examined units. You will begin the course with the examined unit: Human lifespan development, finishing the first year with an assignment based unit on meeting individual care and support needs.

In the second year, once again you will begin with an examined unit: Working in health and social care, finishing off with another assignment based unit which is selected with your interests in mind.

Learning methods are varied, including independent research projects, practical work-related study, class discussions, talks from visiting speakers and group work. Your assignments are based on realistic workplace situations and activities.

University destinations and potential careers

Our students progress on to a range of university courses and subsequent rewarding careers including nursing, midwifery, social work, psychology, occupational therapy, childhood studies and teaching.

Biology A-Level

*Grade 6 in Biology
(or a 66 in Combined Science)
and a Grade 6 in Maths.

*Please note, if you are taking foundation maths you can still apply but we will discuss this with you at your course discussion

Biology A-Level is a dynamic and exciting subject that provides insight into many aspects of our modern world. We investigate and learn about a wide range of topics that include cells, membranes, transport systems, disease, immunity, biodiversity, physiological regulation, genetics and ecosystems. The course gives you a solid foundation for a wide variety of University courses and career paths. What's more, you will receive training in a host of practical Biology skills which allow you to achieve a separate practical endorsement as well.

Why you should choose KGV

We are a friendly, approachable team of experienced subject specialists and are keen to share our experience and enthusiasm of Biology. We strive to meet individual needs while providing an excellent learning environment and our new equipment and modern, spacious labs ensure that all our students can develop the practical skills that go hand in hand with the theory too.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Biology is the perfect subject to take if you are thinking of pursuing Healthcare, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Conservation, Ecology, Sports Science or Physiology. It is highly regarded by universities and employers because of the wide variety of skills and knowledge that students obtain.

What you will study

The content is split into six modules. You will study module 1 over the two years. Modules 2, 3 and 4 are covered in the first year and modules 5 and 6 in the second.

- Module 1 Development of practical skills in biology
- Module 2 Foundations in biology
- Module 3 Exchange and transport
- Module 4 Biodiversity, evolution and disease
- Module 5 Communication, homeostasis and energy
- Module 6 Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

Recent KGV Biology students have gone on to study Medicine, Physiotherapy, Marine Biology and Pharmacy at universities including Oxford, St Andrew's, Nottingham and Liverpool.

Formby High School
Progressing to
Manchester Metropolitan University
to study Biomedical Science.



A centre of academic excellence.

Kaja Kosciolowska

The Student Experience



I'm interested in DNA and Genetics Biology. There's a lot of support from the teachers and there's a good community in college.



A centre of academic excellence.

Kiera Lonie

Applied Science A-Level Equivalent could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Pharmaceutical Rep, Research Scientist or Biotechnologist.

The Student Experience



“ You have more independence but you still get lots of support. Teachers make lessons really interesting as they are really passionate about their subjects. ”

Sacred Heart Catholic College
Progressing to
Lancaster University
to study Biochemistry.

Applied Science A-Level Equivalent

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in a least one Science, Grade 4 in maths or Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Appplied Science is a brilliant course if you are interested in the scientific principles of biology, chemistry and physics. The course focuses on the fundamental concepts and practical skills of science and then builds your understanding of how they are utilised within the industry. It can be studied alongside both science and non-science subjects, but to further support your subject knowledge, it is recommended that you combine this course with either Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

Why you should choose KGV

With newly refurbished, spacious subject specific laboratories, our facilities enable students to really understand what it's like to be a scientist. With specialist teachers who are passionate about the endless possibilities within the world of science, you are guaranteed to be inspired every day. In addition, during the second year, our teachers will tailor the modules to your individual interests, allowing you to gain further knowledge into your preferred subject area.

What you will study

The Applied Science course is equivalent to one A-Level and is both exam and coursework based, with content from all three sciences. Over the two years, you will study units that develop your knowledge and understanding of key concepts in science and how they are applied in the medical, health-care, food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. There is also lots of practical work, to reinforce your knowledge and develop practical skills suitable for the real world!

University destinations and potential careers

Applied Science alongside another science A-Level will give you a great advantage when starting your career in the science industry.

In recent years we have had students go to study biological, forensic and sports science and then progress to a variety of careers including Pharmaceutical Rep, Research Scientist And Biotechnologist

Chemistry A-Level

If you are taking foundation maths you can still apply but we will discuss this with you at your Course Discussion.

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Chemistry (or a 66 in Combined Science) and a Grade 6 in Maths.

Chemistry is a fascinating subject that investigates how and why chemical phenomena occur. As you delve deeper, you will build your problem solving skills and enhance your understanding of the world around you. Regular experiments develop your practical skills and ensure your understanding of how chemistry is applied.

Why you should choose KGV

Our supportive, experienced teachers tailor each lesson to their individual students; so you can broaden your understanding and realise your potential from day one. Our fantastic facilities and advanced, spacious labs mean you have the best equipment at your fingertips and give you a realistic experience of working in the chemical industry.

What you will study

Chemistry is such a varied subject that no two lessons are the same. Some are entirely investigative, and others allow you to use problem solving and arithmetic skills to explore high level chemistry concepts.

We delve into the world of organic chemistry to understand the way that atoms and electrons behave on the molecular level and also study inorganic chemistry looking at the reactions these colourful complexes can undergo.

As we explore these phenomena, we will not only be concerned with what reactions are taking place, but also at the conditions needed for these reactions and how they can be manipulated to give the most desirable outcomes.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level chemistry is essential if you want to become a doctor, surgeon or dentist and is also recommended for those wanting to become a vet. Many of our recent students have gone on to study for such careers at prestigious universities including: Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester. You will find that many universities and employers seek out A-Level Chemistry students because of the skills and higher-level thinking they develop on the course.

There are a host of careers available too including pharmacist, chemical engineer, analytical chemist, forensic scientist or toxicologist. Modern growing developments such as Nanotechnology and Chemical Engineering also require A-Level Chemistry.

A centre of academic excellence.

Amelia Kool

Recent students have gone on to study subjects such as Astrophysics at the University of Sheffield, Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester and Architecture at the University of Bath.

The Student Experience



Pinefield Centre
Progressing to
University of Liverpool
to study Theoretical
Physics.

The lessons are consistent and engaging. We have interactive lessons, where we can work with our peers but also we have a lot of independence.

Physics A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Physics (or 66 in Combined Science) and Grade 6 in maths.

Physics opens many doors to a successful career and can lead to opportunities in fields as diverse as Engineering, Cosmology, Medicine or even Law. Achieving a good grade demonstrates to potential employers you have a logical mind and are able to solve complex problems. A good comprehension of physics helps to develop new technologies and understand our place in the universe.

Why you should choose KGV

Physics is taught in our modern spacious, well-equipped labs. Our experienced and supportive tutors will provide you with a deeper understanding of the concepts studied at Physics GCSE and help you make clearer links between everything in the physical world.

We encourage you to become an independent and proactive learner and place a greater emphasis on developing problem solving skills and analysis rather than simply a regurgitation of knowledge.

Everything is tailored to you, so should you need a bit of extra help, small group sessions are always available and if you wish to extend your knowledge beyond the curriculum, then we also run sessions to provoke your thinking and present you with more challenging problems to solve.

What you will study

Physics involves studying the composition and laws of the universe that surrounds us, from the atom to galaxies!

The diverse course covers a variety of modules, including:

- Particles and Radiation
- Electricity
- Thermal Physics
- Nuclear physics

The course also includes a practical endorsement where to assess your skills and understanding in relation to practical work, specific tasks must be completed across the two years.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Physics is the gateway to many science related university courses and a wide variety of careers, including Engineer, Nuclear Physicist, Geophysicist, Astrophysicist, Cosmologist, Robotics Engineer and Sports Scientist. Recent students have gone on to study Astrophysics at the University of Sheffield, Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester and Architecture at the University of Bath, to name just a few.

Maths and Further Maths A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Maths - Grade 6 in Maths (although a 7 is recommended).
Further Maths - Grade 7 in Maths.

Mathematics is all around us. We use it for measurements, money, analysing data and problems involving motion and forces, so pretty much everything. At A-Level you will focus more on algebra rather than numerical Mathematics and branch out into the realms of Calculus which is an essential skill for industries such as Engineering, Business Studies and Economics.

Why you should choose KGV

KGV offers fantastic mathematics teaching delivered by highly experienced positive and passionate staff who are experts in their field and we will provide you with all the individually tailored support you need to excel! We encourage you to work in pairs or bigger groups so as to improve your team working and collaborative skills and both our maths and further maths students achieve high grades and go on to achieve great things.

What you will study

A-Level Maths is made up of three main topic areas:

- Pure Mathematics (Algebra, Graphs, Trigonometry and Calculus)
- Mechanics
- Statistics

The final exams are at the end of the two years and are made up of 2/3 Pure Mathematics and 1/6 Statistics and 1/6 Mechanics.

If you also wish to study Further Maths, you will complete your Maths A-Level in the first year and progress to Further Maths in the second year.

You will build upon the knowledge that you will gain from A-Level Mathematics and take your skills that little bit further. The Further Maths course is made up of pure Mathematics (algebra, graphs, trigonometry and calculus) and a choice of two from mechanics, statistics or discrete Mathematics.

University destinations and potential careers

Our Maths and Further Maths students go on and study a wide variety of subjects at University including Accountancy, Business, Science, Medicine, Psychology, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Music and Art. The list is endless!

They then progress to a host of different careers, ranging from Finance and Insurance to Medicine, Engineering and even Aviation. The skills are highly transferable and mathematicians and statisticians are in demand across the board!

Criminology A-Level Equivalent

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English
(Language or Literature).

A-Level equivalent in Applied Criminology is a fascinating qualification with elements of psychology, law and sociology that complements studies in other humanities based subjects perfectly.

Why you should choose KGV

You'll be taught by highly qualified staff, who have many years' experience and bring a real passion for the subject.

You will benefit from dedicated teaching spaces but also have access to up-to-date IT facilities and a wealth of research materials to help complete your assignments.

Criminology opens up the opportunity to progress to study a wealth of related degree subjects, or alternatively the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within the criminal justice system including the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

What you will study

Year 1 comprises 2 units. The first will focus on understanding different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Following this, in Unit 2, you will gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what you have covered in Unit 1.

In year two you will study a further 2 units. The first is 'Crime Scene to Courtroom', which provides an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.

As part of this, you will develop understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases. Your final unit 'Crime and Punishment' focuses on applying your understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

The 'applied' focus of this qualification makes it exciting, helping to broaden your mind as all learning is applied to real life situations and case studies on a national and global level.

Each year comprises one internal controlled assessment and one examination.

University destinations and potential careers

Criminology is an ideal subject for students looking to progress on to a wide variety of degree courses, including:

- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Law
- Sociology

Criminology also opens up a range of career paths including: Solicitor, Probation Officer or Police Officer.

Computer Science A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in maths
or Computer Science.

Computers are an intrinsic part of daily life, allowing us to solve problems, be more creative and try out new ideas. Computer Science is a more scientific, technical subject than IT and will teach you about programming and develop your understanding of how computers work, as well as looking at topics and asking questions that have the potential to change how we view the world.

Why you should choose KGV

You will learn in fully equipped, up-to-date computer laboratories, with the latest application development software and interactive learning material. All our class resources are accessible from any computer or tablet through Microsoft Teams. Our highly experienced, supportive tutors operate an open door policy so that you can use the facilities and get the support you need, achieve your potential and have a really positive learning experience.

What you will study

There are three core elements to the course: two exams and a research project. The first exam will test your programming skills as well as your theoretical knowledge of data structures, algorithms and the theory of computation. The second uses a range of short-answer and extended-answer questions covering nine main themes: Data Representation, Computer Systems, Computer Architecture, Consequences of using Computer Systems, Networking, Databases, Big Data and Functional Programming. The independent coursework project gives you an opportunity to develop skills that are not necessarily part of the course specification and then apply them to the programming environment.

University destinations and potential careers

Computer Science can lead to a wealth of degree courses and skilled careers. Many of our recent students have chosen to study pure computer science at prestigious universities such as York and Leeds. However, because Computer Science is so integral to the latest technological advancements, one recent student progressed to the University of Portsmouth to study Underwater Photography supported by computer science, so the possibilities really are endless!

A-Level Computer Science could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Software developer, IT Security Manager or Computer Analyst.

Formby High School
Progressing to
Aberystwyth University
to study Computer Science.



Reema Fraser

A centre of academic excellence.

The Student Experience



We went on a trip to Bletchley Park and saw the Enigma Machine which was very interesting.



A centre of academic excellence.

Joe Evans

The Student Experience



Past students have gone onto study a wide range of courses including Sports Therapy, Physiotherapy, Sports Science, Sports Coaching and Biomechanics.



I'm going to America to do a football scholarship. I'll be out there for 4 years, studying for a Sports Management Degree while playing football full-time.

Sacred Heart Catholic College
Progressing to
Bryant and Stratton College,
USA on a Soccer Athletic
Scholarship.



Physical Education A-Level

Additional entry requirements:
30% of the course is based on practical performance, so you might need strong sports skills.

Sport A-Level Equivalent

Standard entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at Grade 5 and three GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths or English.

Sports Coaching or Sports Science BTEC Extended

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in science for Sports Science.

Whether you choose the A Level, A-Level Equivalent or BTEC Extended Diploma route, studying PE or Sport at KGV can open up a wealth of opportunities.

The sports industry contributes billions of pounds each year to the UK economy and is a continuously growing sector. The industry employs more than 400,000 people in a range of areas, including health, fitness, leisure, outdoors, well-being, elite performance, coaching, teaching and media.

Why you should choose KGV

We have a recently built, state-of-the-art centre with all the latest technology perfect for our dynamic and collaborative lessons. There is also our fantastic fitness suite, sports hall, grass pitches and new MUGA.

Whichever learning style suits you best, we have a course option for you and the Sports and PE team are all highly qualified, friendly and ready to support you in any way you need both with the theoretical knowledge and practical side. We have great links with the local sports teams and clubs and also have a range of guest speakers throughout each year, who give an insight into career paths such as fitness instructors, physiotherapists, sports development officers and many more!

A-Level Physical Education

A Level PE is studied through a range of different contexts and considers the impact of sport on everyday lives. You will study reasons we do things and why some outperform others, mentally and physically. You will look at the ethics of performance-enhancing drugs and the influence of modern technology on physical activity and sport.

Our expert teaching staff share your sports passion and will ensure you have numerous employer related experiences integrated into your course, including coaching and leadership qualifications and related trips and visits. You can also plan and lead some of our sports enrichment and work with local employers to gain hands-on experiences of the industry.

Sport A-Level Equivalent

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport is equivalent to one A-Level. It allows you to cover the fundamentals of the sports sector alongside other fields of study. You will be taught by expert staff who also work for the awarding body as examiners/ moderators and will have the opportunity to join college teams and compete in regional and national tournaments.

In year one you will study Anatomy and Physiology and Practical Sport. In year two you will study Fitness Training & Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being as well as Professional Development in the Sports Industry.

You will also complete a personal skills audit, career action plan and practical interview assessment activities.

Level 2 Sport at KGV

We also offer a Level 2 Sport course. This one year course covers coaching sport, delivering a sports activity, leading sport safely and effectively and getting others active outdoors. Entry requirements are a minimum of 1 GCSE at Grade 4 and 2 GCSE's at Grade 3 including English or maths.

Sports Science or Sports Coaching BTEC Extended

The BTEC Sports Extended Diploma is a full time course, equivalent to three A-Levels and will give you a solid foundation in the sports sector. There are 2 pathways to choose from; Sports Science or Sports Coaching. Both offer a mix of practical and theory with a variety of teaching methods and assessments and both are very hands on with involvement in practical sport from the start.

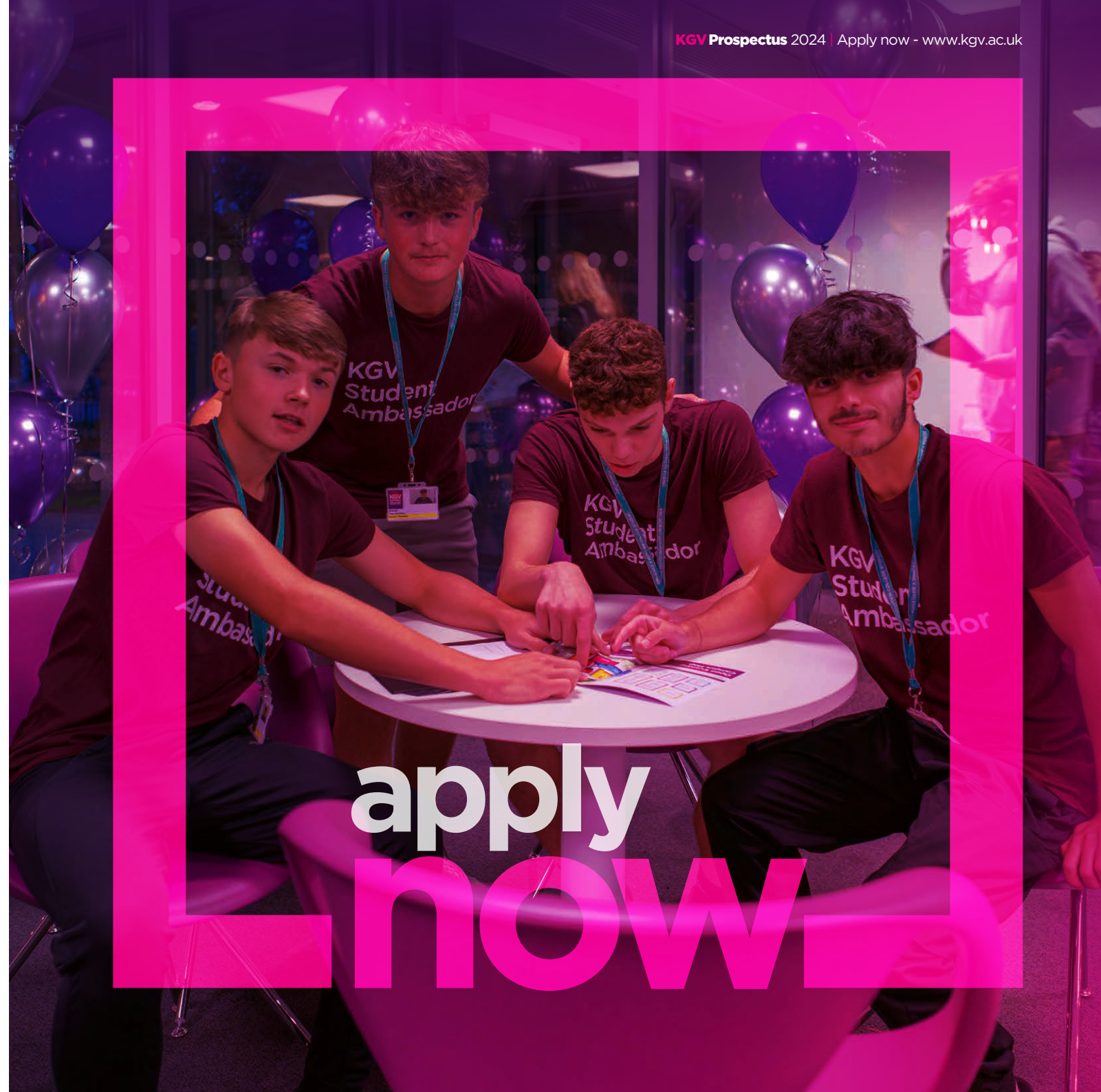
The Sports Science Pathway is an ideal route to a Sports Science Degree and various careers including physiotherapy, strength and conditioning coaching or sports analysis. Units studied include Sport & Exercise Physiology, Sport & Exercise Psychology, Coaching for Performance and Fitness, Nutrition for Sport & Exercise Performance.

The Sports Coaching Pathway opens up various sports degree and career options, including becoming a PE teacher or professional coach and units studied include Principles of Anatomy & Physiology in Sport, Sports Coaching, Assessing Risk in Sport and Fitness Training & Programming.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study subjects such as sports psychology, bio mechanics and physiotherapy at top sporting universities including Loughborough and Bath. Others have progressed to exciting careers including Sports Scientist, Health Club Manager and Team Coach. We even have a student studying at Wembley Stadium!

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