



proud
to be
KGV

**Your complete
guide for 2027**



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a
great
future

It was wonderful to once again see so many KGV students achieving the highest possible grades. The class of 2026 made themselves and the college so proud with their outstanding results.

Many A-Level students had A* and A Grades and those studying T Levels and Vocational Extended Diplomas reached great heights too with a large number achieving Distinction* and Distinction.

Prestigious destinations

These fantastic results have enabled our 2026 students to successfully secure their first choice places at a host of prestigious universities around the country including The University of Cambridge, University of York, University of St Andrews, University of Liverpool, University of Bath and University of Durham.

Competitive courses

These students are now studying a range of highly competitive subjects such as Medicine, Natural Sciences, Pharmacy, Law, Psychology, Civil Engineering, Film Production, Fashion Communication, Marine Biology and Politics; to name but a few. Whilst 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. 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.

Our students
successfully
secure their
first choice
universities,
around the
country.

the principal

Welcome

Welcome to KGV Sixth Form College. I am delighted you are thinking of joining us for 2027. This prospectus will give you insight into life at KGV and help you to consider your subject choices and future plans. Many thanks to all our students who have agreed to be photographed and featured, their enthusiasm for the college and passion for their subjects speak for themselves!

There has been exceptional education for 100 years at KGV. As a Sixth Form College, we specialise in 16-18 education and all our staff are experts in that field. 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.

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 vocational Diplomas and T Levels. 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.

I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Michelle

Michelle Brabner
Principal
Southport Education Group

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 not just a number. We know you personally, you 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 events and taster programme are a perfect way to get a feel for the College, meet our teachers and let us show you why we're proud to be KGV!



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We're so proud and can't wait to see what you all achieve in the future!



Scholarships

The King's Scholarship

When applying to study at KGV, high achieving students are offered the opportunity to apply for our £1000 King's Scholarship, enabling them to excel at the very highest level in their academic endeavours.

Up to one scholar is chosen from each of our Southport Partner High Schools:

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

Plus up to five more Scholars will be selected from which-ever school they attend.

Objectives

Encouraging Academic Excellence

The primary objective of The King's Scholarship is to recognise and celebrate exceptional academic performance among students, 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 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.

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 extra-curricular activities, such as student government, clubs, sports, community service, or other relevant initiatives.

Scan to apply for a King's Scholarship.



kgv.ac.uk/scholarships

Current King's Scholars

Meet our First Years

We asked them how they planned to spend their scholarships.



Carys Boyes
Tarleton Academy
Work experience at Media City and sewing machine for my course.



Callum Byrne
Birkdale High School
A laptop to help with revision during national swimming competitions.



Jodie Hunter
Holy Family Catholic High School
Revision materials, plus university trips and visits.



Martha-Mae Hanley
Meols Cop High School
Silver & Gold DofE, 'Work Abroad' animal conservation placement.



Daisy Hopkins Lane
Meols Cop High School
An iPad and savings for a future business venture.



Isla Child
St Mary's College
An iPad to help my studies and trips to the law courts.



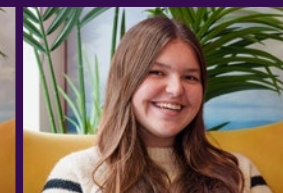
Maisy White
Christ the King Catholic High School
Essay competitions and a new laptop.

Meet our Second Years

See what they intend to use their scholarship funding for.



Megan Piper
Christ the King Catholic High School
Revision materials, textbooks and entries to poetry competitions.



Emma Jump
Maghull High School
Research materials for my Extended Project Qualification.



Isla Ramage
Greenbank High School
Revision materials and trips to Oxford and Cambridge.



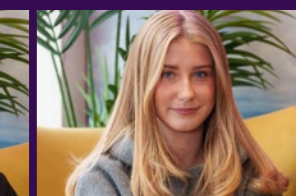
Matthew Blagbrough
Stanley High School
Field trips to Oxbridge & Imperial Universities and a laptop or tablet.



Brody Siddiqui
Greenbank High School
New computer for my Computer Science A-Level studies.



Luke Halsall
Birkdale High School
Gym equipment to send back to the school I worked on in Ghana.



Lily O'Brien
Meols Cop High School
A new iPad or MacBook to help with my studies.

We are grateful to the Educational Foundation Trust; a charitable group which exists to support students at KGV College and who fund the scholarship programme.

*Free travel passes

If you are aged 16-18 and live more than 3 miles away from KGV, then you may be eligible for a free travel pass; 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.

For more information, please contact the Student Information Team.

Please note, the distance is calculated using the shortest point-to-point walking distance as shown on Google Maps.

Our campus is easily accessible from Southport town centre.

free travel passes



By bus

There are buses from across the area that stop right outside the College. Don't forget to apply for your free travel pass*.

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 free 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.

When you pass your test, you can park for free at KGV!

Driving Theory Enrichment

Sign up with our Enrichment Team 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!

KGV
15 min cycle radius

Ainsdale
23 min on Bus 44

Tarleton
53 min on Bus 2 and 300

Burscough
35 min on Bus 300

Ormskirk
28 min on Bus 385

Latham
45 min on Bus 385

Formby
33 min on Bus 44

Maghull
35 min on Bus 300

Liverpool
49 min on the Train

We are proud to have been delivering academic excellence in Southport for 100 years.

100 1926-2026

It All Started in 1926

In 1926, special permission was granted by Whitehall to rename the Southport Municipal School for Boys in honour of the King. Later that year, the school moved into brand new buildings on Scarisbrick New Road and was officially reopened in October by Lord Derby as King George V Grammar School.

A century later, we are incredibly proud to be celebrating 100 years of educational excellence at KGV, honouring our rich history while continuing to look confidently towards the future.

Creating a College

In 1979, the grammar school was renamed to King George V College, with girls joining the sixth form. In 1982 a brand new modern campus was built and the college became purely a specialised Sixth Form provider, in the format it continues to this day.

Summer of 1997 saw another exciting chapter, when a new building was officially opened by the new Lord Derby. Today, this building is home to our Reception, Humanities Faculty and fantastic Study Hub.

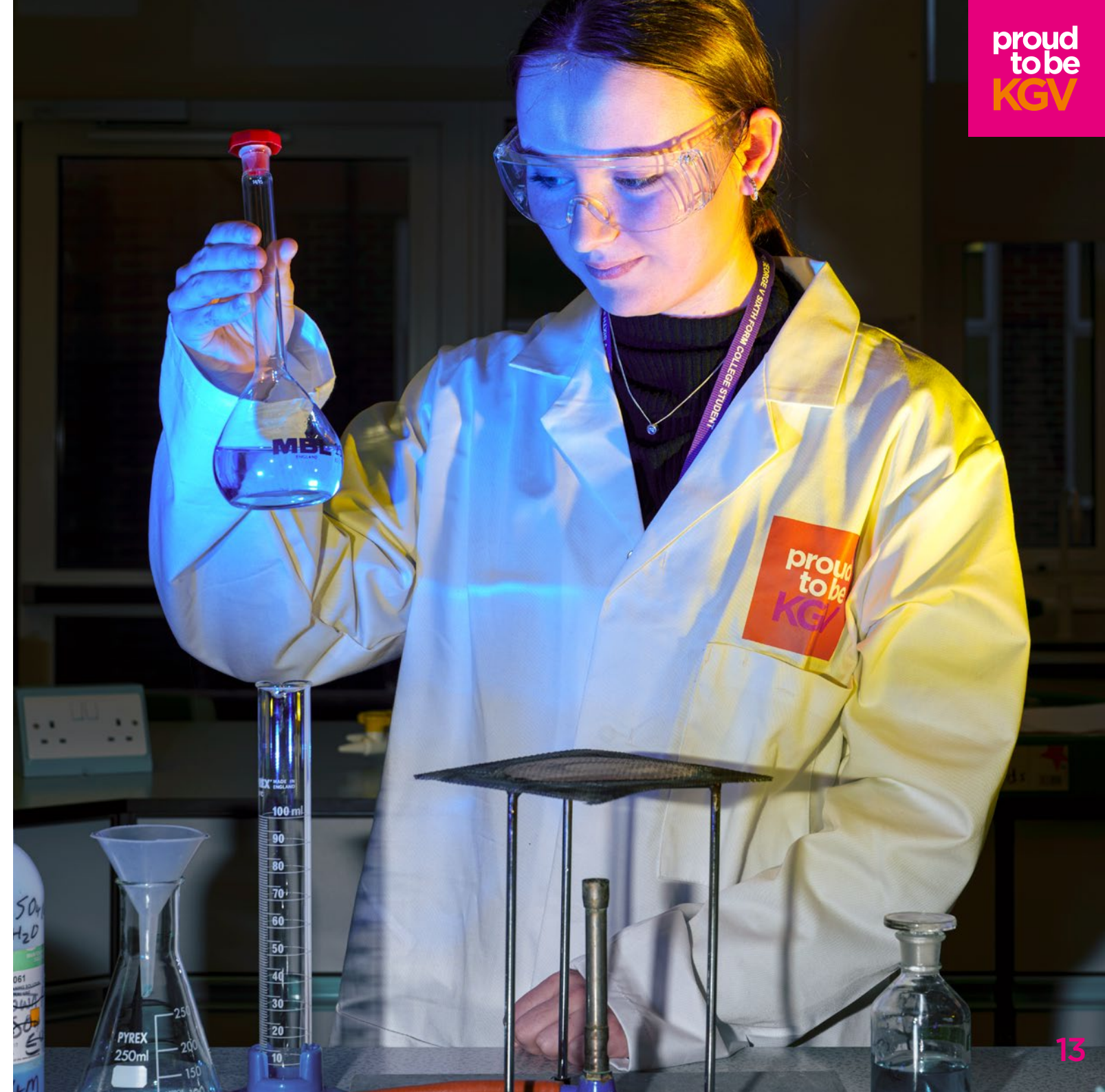
In June 2015, we proudly opened our wonderful Creative Arts building. Housing amazing studios for art, computing, graphic design, photography and textiles, plus a dark room, music suite, drama studio, dance studio and The George Theatre. It is also the proud home of our newest music and performing arts offering; The Academy.

Becoming KGV

For many years, we have been affectionately known as 'KGV'. So in 2022, we decided to make this official, becoming 'KGV Sixth Form College'. The change reflects our ambition to embrace the future, evolve and continually innovate with fresh ideas, while remaining proudly connected to our rich heritage.

Our history is part of who we are. We often have students whose parents and grandparents also studied here and we are proud to have members of staff who are 'Old Georgians' too.

We look forward to continuing our story and providing education excellence for the next 100 years and beyond!



student progression

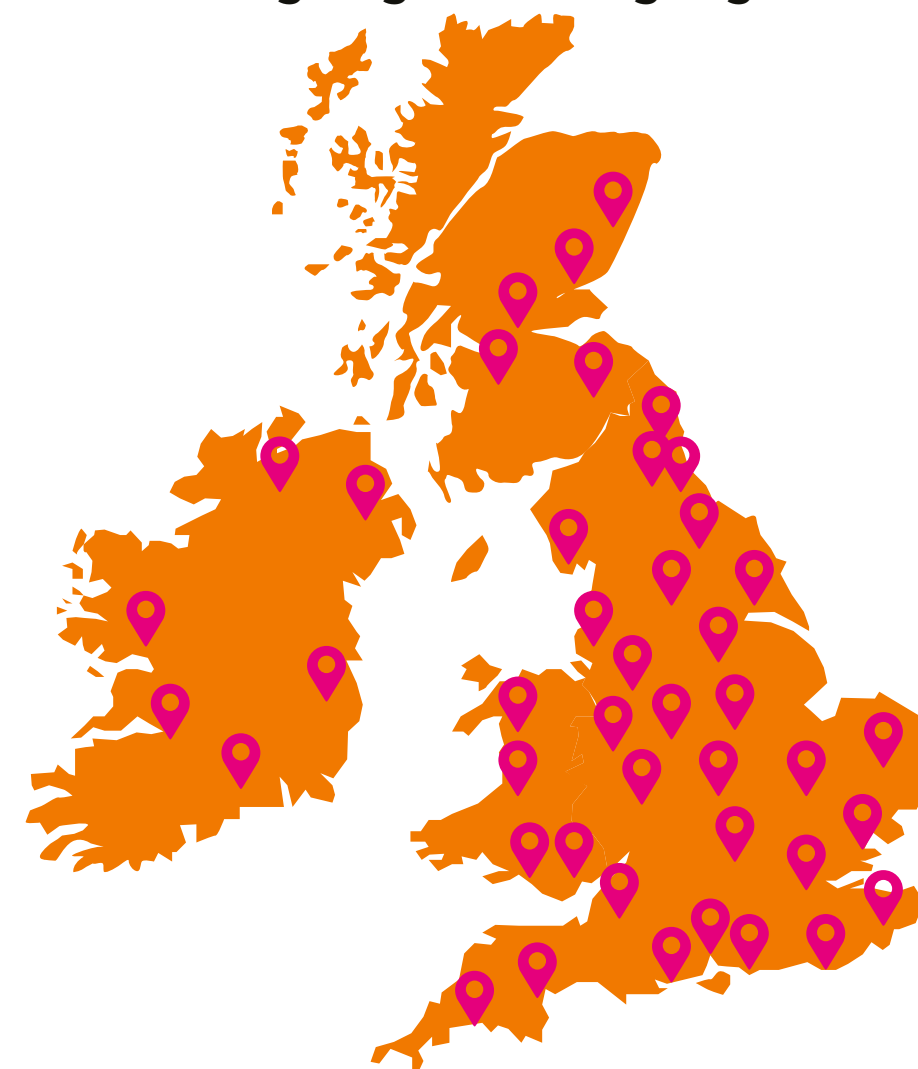
You will find KGV students at universities across the UK including many in the Russell Group. Some stay local, studying at Manchester, Liverpool or Edge Hill; whilst others venture far and wide, including St Andrews, Kings College London, Durham, Bath and Cambridge. Wherever they go, they choose an amazing range of exciting degrees.

- Accounting and Finance
- Ancient History
- Ancient History and Archaeology
- Animal Management with Zoology
- Archaeology
- Architectural Design and Technology
- Automotive Engineering
- Automotive Performance Engineering (Motorsport)
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Business
- Business and Economics
- Business and Marketing
- Business Management
- Business with Digital Marketing
- Business with Media Communications
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer Science & Mathematics
- Counselling and Mental Health
- Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Criminal Justice and Psychology
- Criminology

- Criminology and Law
- Criminology and Psychology
- Criminology with Sociology
- Digital Marketing
- Digital Media and Communications
- Digital Video Production and Marketing
- Early Childhood Studies
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literature
- English Multidiscipline
- Environmental Science
- Equine Training and Rehabilitation
- Fashion Communication
- Film Production
- Film Studies
- Fine Art
- Forensics, Policing and Investigations
- Games Design
- Geography
- Geography & Environmental Science
- Graphic Design and Illustration
- Heritage, Archaeology and History
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History and Politics

- International Relations
- International Relations and Politics
- Journalism
- Law
- Law with Criminal Justice
- Law with Politics
- Law with Professional Legal Practice
- Law, Business and Management
- Makeup, Hair and Prosthetics
- Marine Biology and Zoology
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Philosophy
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Media, Culture, Communication
- Medicinal Chemistry with Pharmacology with Research in Industry
- Medicine
- Medicine and Surgery
- Midwifery
- Multimedia Journalism
- Natural Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Nursing (Adult)
- Nursing (Children)

- Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Science
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Philosophy/Politics
- Physics
- Planning, Environment and Development
- Policing and Investigations
- Politics & International Relations
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- Primary Early Years Education with QTS
- Primary Education with QTS
- Psychology
- Psychology (Forensic and Investigative Specialism)
- Psychology in Education
- Psychology with Child Development
- Screenwriting with Film, Television and Radio
- Social Work
- Sport & Exercise Science
- Sport and Exercise Nutrition
- Sport Coaching
- Sports Therapy
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Ecology and Conservation
- Zoology





the student experience

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.

At KGV, you're not just a number. To us your personal experience is everything and we will support you every step of the way.

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 teachers 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 teachers are 100% there for you.

As a result, KGV students leave us confident and ready to face the world ahead of them. They progress to 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 with some students choosing to stay and work in the peace and quiet of the Study Hub and others preferring to work at home.

All our students finish half day on Fridays.

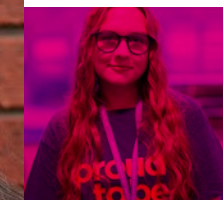
KGV Extras

- Our students also benefit from:
- Free travel passes (see page 10)
 - Free breakfasts
 - Free parking
 - Free gym

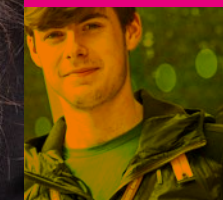
One of the best things about starting college is meeting lots of new people!

We have loads of chillout spaces where you can kick back, grab some snacks and hang out with friends between classes.

freedom



friendship



independence



discover





The first part of your experience as a KGV student is welcomefest and all students who have applied to come to KGV are invited. This is our VIP event held just after your GCSE's finish and is exclusively for those joining us in September. Welcomefest is a total must, loads of students say it really helped them for starting KGV and they had the best time too!

welcomefest

Fun and Welcoming

It's a really informative, fun-packed day, that's all about helping you feel confident and ready to start College. You'll get to meet your new teachers, get a taste of your courses and start making friends with your future classmates so by the time September rolls around, you'll feel totally prepped.

All you need to know

It's also a great chance to find out about free travel passes, student support, any kit you might need and if there's any prep or reading you can do to get ahead. Loads of staff will be here to answer your questions, show you around and help with anything you're unsure about.

Festival Vibe

There is a real festival vibe to lunch time with free BBQ-style eats, tunes from our very own Spark Radio presenter Andy Hilbert, plus some special guests; the adorable alpacas from Natterjack! Oh, and don't forget the ice cream van with free 99s, so make sure you grab one!



creative arts

music, dance, drama

fashion & textiles

fine art

theacademy at KGV Sixth
Form College
dancedramamusic

The wonderful George Theatre in our Creative Arts Building hosts a great range of industry standard shows that our students put on throughout the year.

You'll also find a sprung floor dance studio, rehearsal space, music suite and a fully equipped film studio.

Plus, check out our amazing, custom designed art studios including a dark room, loads of space to get creative and even a full-on photography studio too. On top of that, there's Apple iMacs and powerful PCs, all loaded with the latest pro editing software.

photography, film & media

graphic design

Postscience

After achieving A*s in Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths, Daniel Tierney is now at the University of Cambridge studying Natural Sciences.

Daniel was one of our King's Scholars and also won Student of the Year 2026 for Maths. He consistently achieved at the highest level, showing exceptional skill, dedication and commitment to his studies and we wish him every future success.



Whether you are studying Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Applied Science, when it's time to put the academic excellence you've developed into practice, our brilliant labs are fully stocked with all the equipment you need, so you're guaranteed to perfect your practical skills too.



explore

experiment



Oasis

The Oasis is the spot to chill, hang out with friends and grab a bite when you need a break. There's free breakfast each morning. There's a Costa Coffee too!



enjoy

meet up

the common room

There's also our great common room, think cosy sofas, gaming, table football, pool, crafting and more. It's open all day for everyone!



game on!

free breakfast



the link

The Link is right at the heart of KGV. Perfect for chilling with friends, working on a project or just recharging (you & your phone).

There are comfy seats, bright vibes and plug points everywhere.

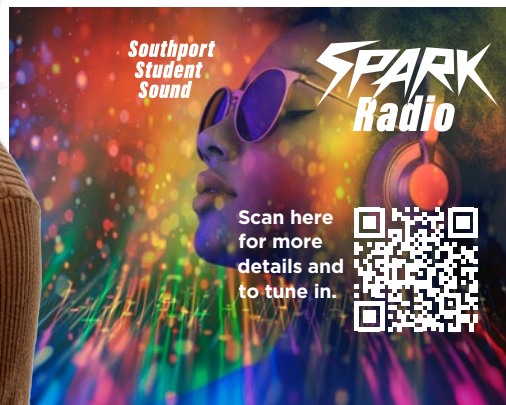
It's also home to Spark Radio, our very own student radio station.



Get involved!



Our very own real-life radio station, enables you to broadcast, create podcasts and learn all about radio production.





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

study hub

The bright and airy Study Hub, houses an extensive collection of online 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.

One-to-one support
All Level 3 students can access high quality one-to-one support or supervised study from our friendly trained professionals, if they need to. Your Progress Tutor or subject teacher can signpost you and an individually tailored programme can be created.

Knowledge Plus
To really accelerate your learning, you can take part in Knowledge Plus, where for every hour you learn in class, you also do an hour of independent study. The Study Hub is the perfect place to find a wealth of material and our friendly team of study mentors are there to guide you too.

Study Skills Mentors
Whether you need help with planning an assignment, referencing, essay writing or lots more besides, our friendly and experienced study skills team are just what you need. You'll find them in the Study Hub and they are always on hand to guide and support you.



co-curricular

enrichment

Our awesome enrichment team run a packed programme of student-friendly activities, perfect for relaxing, having fun, learning something new and making friends along the way.

Music Jam Hub	Spark Radio	Sports for fun including: volleyball, basketball, glow badminton, football, netball.
Craft & Chill	Create & Illustrate	Dungeons & Dragons
Driving Test Theory	Cineclub	LGBTQIA+ Dedicated group with: Student Ambassadors, community events and support.

Our co-curricular programme is here to boost your studies, level up your knowledge and add serious wow-factor to your UCAS statement or CV. There's loads to pick from, here's just a taste:

Extended Project Qualification	Latin Studies	Competitive Sports and Elite Sports Programme
The Symposium Debating Society	Oxbridge Programme	School of Medicine
Music Society	Drama Production	Duke of Edinburgh Gold

Join in!

Sign up to any of our fantastic activities during Welcome Week or ask your Progress Tutor for more information.



KGV Students who demonstrate exceptional talent or potential in various sports, can combine their academic subjects with top tier sports-training and support.



Join our Elite Sports Programme

Designed in partnership with TERA, this unique programme aims to nurture and develop sporting excellence through a combination of high-level coaching, access to superior facilities and tailored performance plans. You will also be paired with a highly qualified mentor from our Sports Team, offering guidance on technical skills, strategic career planning and personal development.

A Competitive Edge

Alongside her A-Levels, Megan Lloyd took part in professional competitive cycle racing for Simpson Nouvelles, a women's Under 23 Elite cycling team racing in UK & Europe.

Being part of our Elite Sports Programme gave Megan access to expert fitness and nutrition plans with TERA fitness and allowed her to take part in training and competitions during term time.

- Balance your education with your training and competition schedules.
- Dedicated Study Mentors to provide you with personalised academic support, helping you keep pace with your coursework.
- Access to on-site fitness facilities and expert coaching to enhance your athletic performance and reduce injury risks.
- Personalised nutritional advice for peak athletic performance.
- Sports psychology support to develop mental resilience and skills necessary to thrive under competitive pressures.
- Expert careers guidance to help navigate your dual career pathways in sports and other professional fields.
- Network with peers, alumni and professionals in the sports industry.
- Regular assessments to monitor your progress and adjust your training programme as needed.

SIMPSON
nouvelles
CYCLING



Whatever you are studying, staying fit is game on at KGV!



Football Facilities & MUGA

Brand new in 2026, designed and built in partnership with Southport Football Club, our extensive grounds now include fantastic football facilities, boasting a range of new pitches, modern changing rooms, a fully equipped gym and treatment rooms. Plus, our illuminated 4G Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is fantastic for all-weather sports and playing in the winter months.



Sport



Sports Hall & Fitness Suite

Our large sports hall has recently refurbished changing rooms and is the place for a whole host of sports, including basketball, volleyball and glow badminton, to name a few. Our brilliant Fitness Suite is available to all students as part of our enrichment programme and is also a central place for those students on our Elite Sports Programme.



medi

Exciting School of Medicine Programme to help you achieve a medical career.

Our prestigious School of Medicine runs in partnership with Biograd Education and NHS Mersey & West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, complements your A-Level studies and is a great way to demonstrate your passion for the medical field.

So if you want to pursue a career in health care or medicine, sign up to learn all about the human body, medical procedures and everything it takes to become a medical practitioner, as well as being a great way to forge new friendships and make your UCAS personal statement really stand out.

- Weekly School of Medicine co-curricular sessions
- Guaranteed work experience with medical and pharmaceutical professionals including working with Southport Hospital
- Intensive course in Emergency Medicine with BioGrad
- Regular guest speakers, including former KGV student, clinical lead at BioGrad, Dr Jamie Pawelec
- Comprehensive programme of medical seminars, trips and visits
- Bespoke sessions to prepare you for the UCAT University entrance exam, with ex KGV Student Dr Penny Simpson
- Dedicated Progress Tutor to support you with your pastoral and wellbeing needs



School of Medicine

NHS
Mersey and West Lancashire
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust



Duke of
Edinburgh Gold



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 and 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 admissions interview or speak to your Progress Tutor when term starts.

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

An EPQ will develop your independent study skills and will help you stand out when applying for university or a future career.

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.

To find out more, speak to your Progress Tutor or course teacher when term starts.

The Extended Project Qualification



EPQ

progress tutors

Every KGV student has their own Progress Tutor, providing support, advice and guidance, ensuring you have the opportunity to realise your full potential and achieve your dreams and ambitions. 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

Your personal Progress Tutor 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 one-to-one 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 staff

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.

application process

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

Once you've decided what to study, apply online at kgv.ac.uk

1 Look around

Our exciting Open Events are the ideal opportunity to get a feel for life at KGV and view our fantastic facilities. You will get to meet our friendly, experienced teachers, discover our huge range of courses and meet existing KGV students 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

Open Event Dates 2026-2027

Saturday
3 October 2026
10.00 - 2.00pm

Wednesday
11 November 2026
4.30 - 7.00pm

Wednesday
21 April 2027
4.30 - 7.00pm

2 Apply online

Once you've decided which subjects to study, you need to submit your application. This is done easily online and we advise you to do this as early as possible and before 31 January 2027, as many of our most popular courses do fill up fast.

5 Enrolment

Enrolment will be on campus from GCSE results day onwards. During the summer break you will be sent your pre enrolment link and individual enrolment date. 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 very straightforward and parents or guardians are welcome too.

3 Discuss your courses

You will then have an interview. This is to talk through the choices you've made and ensure that they are the right ones for any university or career plans you have. Parents or guardians are welcome to come with you if you want them to. Following a positive admissions interview, you will be offered a place at KGV.

4 A taste of College life

Throughout the year we have exciting taster workshops and masterclasses. These are an excellent opportunity to try different subjects and get a real feel for what studying at KGV could be like. The programme is ever evolving and details are available on our website and through your school careers team. You will also be invited to Welcomefest, our VIP summer event exclusively for students joining us in September.

We can help you with your college application and discuss your individual needs. Call us on 01704 530601.

support student

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

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

Our services include a Learning Support Hub, 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, 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.

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 all students and aim to make your transition from school to College as smooth as possible.



At KGV, we believe in an inclusive learning environment whereby all students are taught in mainstream classes but are offered additional support.

Vickie Hayes
Director of Learning Support
and Inclusion
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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. They're primarily assessed by exams at the end of two years of study. Each A-Level is worth up to 56 UCAS points depending on your final grade. These points can be used towards university entry. The majority of students choose to study three A-Levels, however if you achieve all 7s or above at GCSE, you may request to study four.

Entry requirements

- Five GCSEs at Grades 9 - 5 including 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

Level 3 Extended Diplomas and T Levels are vocational qualifications that will give you both theoretical and hands on practical experience. They are assessed through a mixture of coursework and external assessment and the qualification you receive is equivalent to three A-Levels and can be used for entrance to university.

Entry requirements

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

Mixed Study Programme

KGV is one of the few colleges in the region to offer mixed study programmes. This individually tailored option allows you to combine A-Levels with V-Levels and equivalents, playing to your strengths and interests.

Students choosing Music, Dance or Drama @ The Academy can combine 2 or 3 of these UAL subjects together or choose one as part of a broader A-Level programme.

V-Level and equivalent courses are each worth up to the same UCAS points as A-Levels (or 1.5 A-Levels in the case of UAL Dance, Drama or Music) and valued at universities across the country. Practical assessment features more predominantly throughout the course with fewer exams.

Entry requirements

- Two GCSEs at Grade 5 or above and three GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including maths or English.
- Students choosing Dance, Drama or Music will also need to pass a successful audition in their chosen subject(s).

A-Level Foundation Programme

A one year programme designed for students who aspire to study A-Levels but don't quite have the necessary GCSEs yet.

Entry requirements

- Four GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths or English, plus maths or English at Grade 3.

Level 2 Courses

A one year vocational course, designed to give you the qualifications to enable you to progress to the corresponding Level 3 Course or T Level.

Entry requirements

- One GCSE at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 3 including maths or English.

GCSE maths and English

To qualify for a study programme at you must achieve:

- At least a pass (Grade 4) in either GCSE maths or English and at least a Grade 3 in the other. To progress to university or employment you will need to have passed both.
- So, if when you join us you haven't quite managed this, we will enrol you on the relevant GCSE course alongside your study programme.

study programmes

discover

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.

At KGV Sixth Form College, we are proud to offer you the widest choice of A-Levels in the area, the option of a mixed study programme or one of our range of T Levels or BTEC Extended Diplomas, as well as a selection of Level 2 qualifications.

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.

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to be
KGV

your perfect advanced level study programme

We are proud to offer you the widest choice of A-Levels in the area.

Ancient History

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 looks at Ancient Greece with a period study which covers fifth century Greece, including causes and outcomes of the Greco Persian and the Peloponnesian Wars. We then switch to Imperial Rome and study the 5 Roman Emperors.

In the second year we look at Alexander the Great and the city of Macedon and then examine the fascinating Roman Republic, as it was, in greater depth.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Ancient History could help you progress to degrees in many fields. Recent students have progressed to Chester, Royal Holloway, Manchester and Leicester universities to study a variety of courses including Ancient History, Archaeology and Classics. Future careers can include heritage management, museum curation, archaeology and researcher.

Plus, with the skills you develop in questioning and building persuasive arguments, you can even progress to fields such as politics or law.

Classical Civilisation

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 high percentages of students regularly achieving Grades A*-C. 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 covers “*The Odyssey*”, which tells the tale of Odysseus. You will then delve into Greek Theatre and explore the beginnings of theatre using archaeological evidence and plays including “*Oedipus*”, “*Bacchae*” and “*Frogs*”.

The second year encompasses “*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 is not only great for progressing to a degree in Classics; it can also lead to a wider variety, such as Archaeology, History, Journalism and even unrelated fields like Medicine. You could progress to careers in law, business, journalism, politics, museum studies, teaching and much more



Previously at
Christ the King Catholic High School.
Now studying Ancient History
at Kings College London.

“I have aspirations to become an archivist and a Classics teacher in the future. I’ve had a really positive experience at KGV, the teachers are motivating, kind and communicative. It’s a great college and feel I’ve been very well supported. The atmosphere is very friendly, I made friends really quickly.”

Business

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in an essay based subject.

If you want the foundations for a commercial career or you dream of becoming the next Deborah Meaden or Steven Bartlett, by studying Business you can develop the fundamental skills that you need to succeed.

Why you should choose KGV

Our Business teachers at KGV Sixth Form College will provide you with exciting and rewarding lessons, bringing their own wide-ranging experience, both in teaching and in industry. Having all worked in successful businesses, they are able to expand and elaborate on the theoretical learning by applying it to real-life examples.

As a business student, you will also benefit from many opportunities for learning outside the classroom, with guest speakers and visits to working businesses.

Finally, with excellent pass rates, consistently high grades and valuable employability skills, it is no surprise that our students go on to do some wonderful things.

What you will study

Based on giving you a complete range and insight in to the business industry, the course covers four themes and is assessed by three exams at the end of the two years.

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

The four key themes are:

- **Marketing and People**
How customers relate to products
- **Finance and Resources**
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

University destinations and potential careers

An A-Level in Business can open doors to various careers, including becoming a Marketing Manager, Business Analyst, or Management Accountant. Our students have recently progressed to degrees in Business Management, Marketing and International Business at top universities such as Liverpool, Bristol and Durham.

Business

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

Choosing an A-Level Equivalent means you will undertake fewer exams as your overall grade will also be based upon coursework and practical assessments.

Why you should choose KGV

The content of the qualification is assessed by coursework, controlled assessment and an external exam. We develop your organisational and research skills as well as exploring a wide range of business concepts.

Real business case studies are used for each assignment and current world events are applied, discussed and debated. Teachers on the course have many years of teaching experience, but have also all worked in business previously, which provides a true perspective into the commercial world.

As part of your study programme, trips are built in so that you are able to experience companies such as Jaguar Land Rover and visit places like Liverpool One. In addition to this, regular guest speakers are invited in to provide an insight into real business activities and help demonstrate the career paths that could be available following on from college or university.

What you will study

This course is for students who are interested in learning about the business sector together with other fields of study. It involves units that examine business structures and the external environment, investigate personal and business finance and enable you to design a marketing campaign.

There is also the choice of optional units in areas involving human resources, market research, customer service or law. In conjunction with all topics, we will develop your interpersonal, communication and problem-solving skills.

University destinations and potential careers

Former students have gone on to impressive destinations. A high proportion have progressed to study business-related degrees at prestigious Russell Group universities, including the University of Liverpool and King's College London.

Other students have secured Higher Apprenticeships with top employers like the NHS and BAE Systems.



Previously at Stanley High School. Planning to study a degree in Geography with Economics after completing her A-Levels at KGV.

"I chose KGV because I could pick the perfect combination of courses to set me up for my dream degree. The teachers at KGV are really good, they make the subjects fun as well as interesting, combining their expertise with a sense of humour and they are always there to help and support you."

Business Management & Leadership

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in an essay based subject.

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.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our brand new business study zone and boardroom, designed to resemble a real office environment. There is specialist IT equipment to support your learning and help you submit assignments. With our industry experienced and highly qualified teaching team, you will also develop key personal skills, such as team working, research, organisation and communication.

What you will study

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 and 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. One T Level 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

This course creates a wealth of options and we have students who have chosen to study related degrees at prestigious universities; including Business Management, International Business and Disaster Management.

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

Economics

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Maths

Studying Economics will help you develop key skills in analysis, problem-solving and numeracy. By applying economic principles to real-world events, like global finance and policy, you'll prepare for a variety of careers in fields ranging from finance and business to government and research.

Why you should choose KGV

Our Business and Economics teachers pride themselves on providing an insightful and challenging experience. They achieve this because of their own extensive experience, both in teaching and in industry. Working in business environments prior to entering teaching enables them to expand and elaborate on the theoretical learning by applying it to many real-life examples that they have witnessed both in and out of the workplace and gives you real invaluable insight.

What you will study

Economics is the study of society through the behaviour of people, firms and governments, with the aim of understanding and improving well-being and wealth in society. A-Level Economics is divided into two parts: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.

Microeconomics studies the decisions of individuals and firms to allocate resources of production, exchange and consumption. Microeconomics deals with prices and production in single markets and the interaction between markets.

Macroeconomics focuses on the performance of economies, changes in economic output, inflation, interest and foreign exchange rates and the balance of payments. Poverty reduction, social equity and sustainable growth are only possible with sound monetary and fiscal policies

University destinations and potential careers

Economics prepares you for study at degree level, either for standalone Economics or as part of a joint degree with a wide range of other subjects. It can also lead to higher apprenticeships. Possible careers could include working in financial markets, business management and corporate law.

Ruby Bradshaw

Previously at Ormskirk School. Planning to study a degree in Politics after completing her A-Levels at KGV.

“I picked KGV as after looking around other colleges, I could really see myself here. It has lived up to my expectations, the teachers are very supportive and the courses are so interesting. It's such a positive environment here too, everyone from staff to students are always really friendly.”

Maths

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 7 in Maths

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 areas 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 our 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 60% pure mathematics, 20% statistics and 20% mechanics.

University destinations and potential careers

Our A-Level Maths students go on and study a variety of different subjects including accountancy, business, medicine, psychology, engineering and of course maths! They have then progressed onto a variety of careers including Engineer, Data Analyst-Statistician, Management Accountant, Medical Doctor and even an Airline Pilot.

Further Maths

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 8 in Maths

Choosing Further Maths means you will complete A-Level Maths in your first year and then Further Maths in your second year. You will develop skills on an even deeper level, ultimately gaining extremely sought after skills.

Why you should choose KGV

We believe that supporting you personally is key in attaining the grades you want, so that's why we ensure you will get high quality tailored support for your individual needs.

Our mathematics teaching team are highly experienced and experts in their field. They have a longstanding reputation for helping their students achieve high grades and go on to great things and they will pass on their passion for all things mathematical to you too!

What you will study

The A level Further Mathematics course is made of pure mathematics (algebra, graphs trigonometry and calculus) and a choice of two of the following: Mechanics, Statistics or Discrete Mathematics. Students wanting to study Further Maths, complete the standard A-Level Maths in their first year and progress to Further Maths in their second.

University destinations and potential careers

Mathematicians and statisticians are in demand across a range of sectors as well as a plethora of high level university courses, Further Maths A-Level can then lead to a wealth of employment opportunities including: engineering, finance, banking, accountancy, insurance, medicine, the oil and gas industry and even space science.

Previously at Stanley High School. Now studying Mathematics at Durham University.

"Choosing Further Maths meant doing the whole of A-Level Maths in my first year and the whole of Further Maths in my second year. Although tough, it wasn't as hard as it sounds, as you get double the amount of maths lessons with supportive, understanding teachers who are always willing to help and offer extra tuition too."

Statistics

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Maths.

A-Level Statistics builds on the Statistics and Probability components of GCSE Maths and is a great choice for students looking to complement subjects such as Business, Psychology, Biology, Geography or Sociology.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be taught by our experienced, engaging maths department, who are subject experts and tailor their lessons to suit your needs. Statistics is a fascinating A-Level and we are one of the few colleges locally that offer it. It will prepare you for a range of disciplines and give you highly sought after problem solving and analytical skills.

What you will study

The course is assessed with 3 exam papers at the end of the 2 years. Topics include:

- Numerical Measures, Graphs & Diagrams
- Probability & Intro to Probability Distributions
- Population and Samples
- Binomial Distribution
- Normal Distribution
- Correlation and Linear Regression
- Bayes Theorem
- Hypothesis Testing
- Goodness of Fit
- Experimental Design
- Exponential and Poisson Distributions

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Statistics opens the door to a range of degree courses including Business, Economics, Geography, Psychology or the Sciences. It also paves the way for a variety of rewarding careers, such as Actuary, Data Analyst, Investment Analyst, Market Researcher and Operational Researcher to name but a few.

Digital Systems & Data

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

Digital technology shapes almost every aspect of modern life and is transforming the way organisations operate. This exciting new qualification is ideal if you want to develop practical digital skills while keeping your future study and career options open.

Why you should choose KGV

You will investigate how digital systems work, explore the growing importance of data and learn how technology can be used to solve real-world problems. Through practical activities and workplace-related scenarios, you will develop valuable skills in analysis, communication, collaboration, logical thinking and problem-solving.

What you will study

The course combines theoretical understanding with practical application. You will examine how organisations use digital systems, data and emerging technologies to meet the needs of their users and support effective decision-making.

Areas of study will include:

- Digital Systems and Their Components
- Preparing, Analysing and Presenting Data
- Cyber Security Principles and Protocols
- Identifying and Responding to Security Concerns
- Artificial Intelligence and Automated Technologies
- Usability, Accessibility and Inclusive Design
- Ethical and Responsible Use of Digital Technology

You will learn how to prepare and analyse data from different sources, draw justified conclusions and communicate your findings to technical and non-technical audiences. You will also apply security controls, interpret system information and identify potential cyber security threats.

Depending on the pathway offered, you will then develop further practical skills in either:

- Preparing, Configuring and Testing Digital Systems or
- Designing and Creating Digital Solutions to Meet User Needs

University destinations and potential careers

This broad and applied qualification provides excellent preparation for university study, higher or degree apprenticeships and further training in areas such as computing, information technology, data science, cyber security and other digital disciplines.

Previously at
Meols Cop High School.
Now studying Computer Science
at Edge Hill University.

"I knew I wanted to study at KGV when I found out what the curriculum involved. The computers are much better than school and you can focus projects on your own interests. I like the work environment, I can get lots done and enjoy the freedom it gives me. I'd absolutely recommend KGV, it's getting me to where I want to be."

Politics

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! You will gain 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. Politics is the fastest growing A-Level subject in England and Wales 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.

Students also enjoy enriching trips and visits during their time here and may visit places such as London to visit Parliament and the Supreme Courts, giving primary context to the subjects they have chosen to study.

What you will study

The fascinating course covers a many aspects including:

- **UK Politics and UK Government**
'What powers does the Prime Minister have?'
'Why did Labour win a landslide in 2024?'
'Is Britain truly democratic?'
'What is Brexit all about and why did it happen?'
- **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 Western democracy?'

University destinations and potential careers

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

History

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, which is one of our most popular projects. 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 History degrees or 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 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.

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.

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.

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. 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 more about the rise of Thatcher and also New Labour under Blair. You will also continue the Russian unit, investigating life in Communist Russia and the leaderships of Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev.

There is also an independent research unit on the European Witch Craze, which is the Non-Examined Assessment.

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.

University destinations and potential careers

The department has an excellent record for supporting students with applications to study History at a range of top universities. Recently a number of our students have gained places at St Andrews, Sheffield, Lancaster and Liverpool.

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

Previously at
Meols Cop High School.
Now studying History at
Edge Hill University.

"KGV has been such a great place to study, the atmosphere is chilled and the teachers are always there to support you. I have really enjoyed studying Russian history and looking forward to moving on to study History in even greater depth at university."

Law

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

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

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.

At KGV you'll be taught by highly qualified staff, most of whom have also taught in universities. 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 our Law and Applied Law students go on to study law at university and progress to legal careers. Many go to their first choices, including the University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, Durham University and Edge Hill University.

Applied Law

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

An A-Level Equivalent means undertaking fewer exams as your overall grade is also based on coursework and practical assessments.

Why you should choose KGV

Applied 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.

You will be taught by highly qualified staff, who also have experience of teaching Law at university. Plus both our Applied Law teachers 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 teachers, 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.

Popular degree courses include:

- Criminology
- Criminal Investigation
- Politics

Studying Law at KGV can help you embark on a variety of careers, including Barrister, Solicitor and Police Officer.



Previously at Stanley High School. Now studying Law at Bangor University.

"I'd really recommend KGV because it's such a great place to go. It's in a nice area, it's welcoming and the staff are lovely. I'm planning on following a career in law and becoming a Barrister, so studying and seeing the real world implications of criminal law has been particularly enjoyable. The teachers really know their subjects and explain things so well."

Philosophy

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

Philosophy translates as ‘love of wisdom.’ 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. Plus, you will 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.

You will enjoy a wide breadth of resources and facilities. This includes conducting philosophical research in our fantastic Study Hub, reading the original texts of Western philosophers and reading articles in the Philosophy Today magazine.

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 and diverse careers.

Sociology

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. Plus 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.

Deea Military

Previously at Lathom High School. Planning to study a degree in Law or Politics after completing her A-Levels at KGV.

“I have always wanted a career in Law and Politics; Philosophy goes perfectly with these courses. It really helps you understand the way people think and their viewpoints. There is lots of support, the teachers are lovely and obviously enjoy their jobs. The timetabling is great too, with a good balance between studying, socialising and having time for yourself.”

Psychology

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in GCSE English Language (not Literature) and
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

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 places 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 teachers 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

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in GCSE Maths.

Choosing an A-Level Equivalent means you will undertake fewer exams as your overall grade will also be based upon coursework and practical assessments. Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. 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 teachers 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

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.

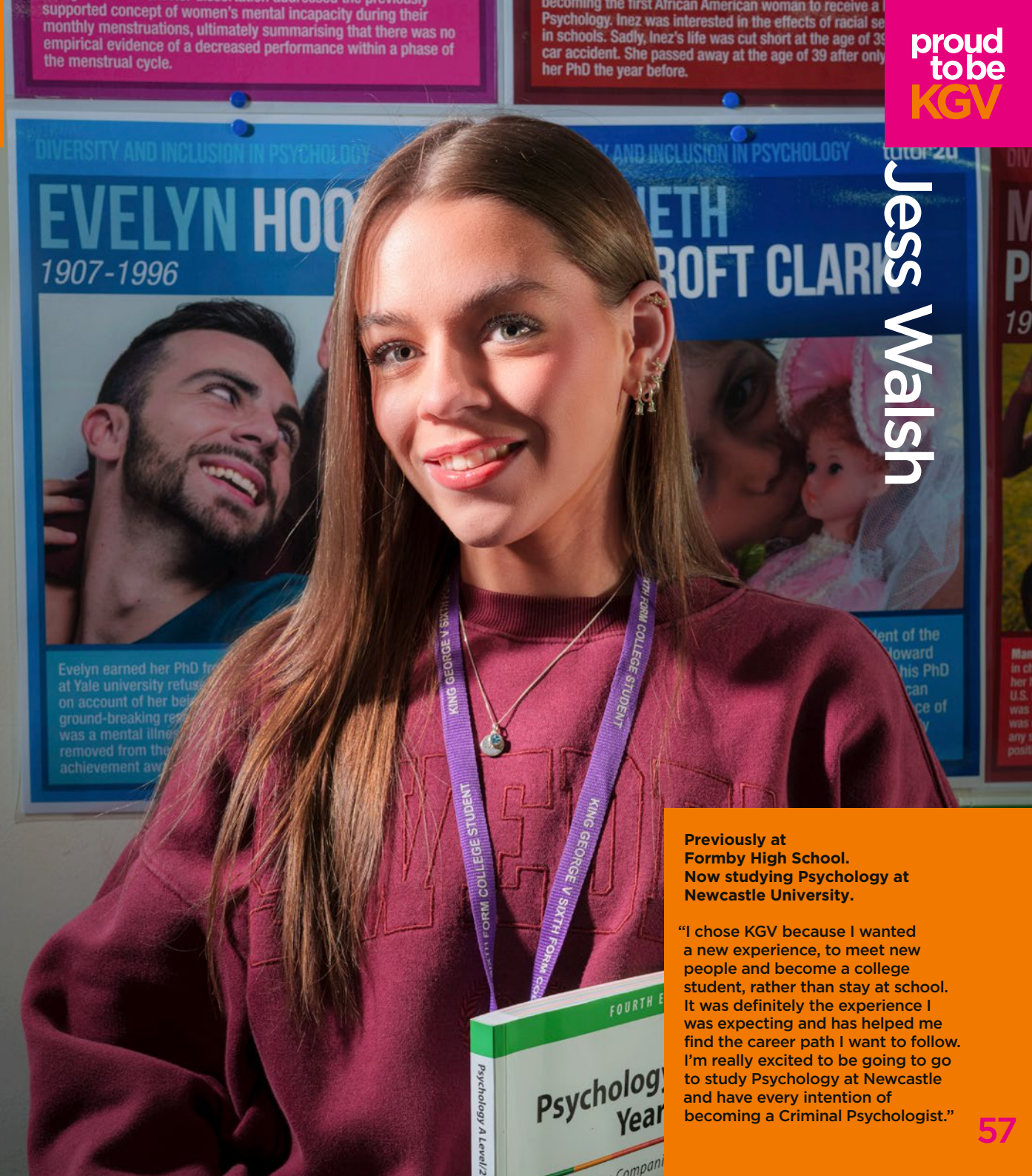
The course covers key psychology approaches, principles and practices. You will learn about social and cognitive psychology, the learning and the biological approach; as well as developing an understanding of how psychological research and concepts can be applied to gender, aggression and consumer behaviour. 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. The Criminal and Forensic unit explores the different theories and psychological approaches used to explain criminal behaviour and how this is applied in the criminal justice system.

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 to name but a few!**



Previously at
Formby High School.
Now studying Psychology at
Newcastle University.

"I chose KGV because I wanted a new experience, to meet new people and become a college student, rather than stay at school. It was definitely the experience I was expecting and has helped me find the career path I want to follow. I'm really excited to be going to go to study Psychology at Newcastle and have every intention of becoming a Criminal Psychologist."

UAL Dance

Entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at Grade 5 and three GCSEs at Grade 4 including English Language. You will also be required to perform a successful audition.

Whether you want to study Dance, Drama or Music, we have the perfect study programme just for you! UALs are 2 year courses which are the equivalent of completing 1.5 A-Levels each. They can either be combined with A-Levels or other UAL courses. They are taught in our fantastic provision 'The Academy'. Once you have applied, you will be invited to an admissions interview to discuss your chosen combination and be given an audition date.

Dance A-Level Equivalent

Developing intense discipline, stamina and professionalism, UAL Dance allows you to play to your strengths and refine your artistry. You will develop a foundation in technique and safe training, that will inform your studies and future ventures.

You will take part in extensive performances throughout your time at KGV, from showcases and competitions to full-scale productions, covering every aspect of dance creation. In terms of assessment, your progress will be marked individually for every project, whether as a solo performer, choreographer or group collaborator. The more confident and creative you can be on stage, the better.

Rather than exams, you are assessed in a variety of ways, including practical studio work, choreography and live performances. At the end of your studies, you will have a portfolio of training which will support your progression into higher education, conservatoires or industry.

Why you should choose KGV

Our fantastic Performing Arts department offers you a supportive and exciting environment to create. We are a welcoming and inclusive space, where you will have freedom to explore the subject that you are passionate about. The Academy, based in our amazing Creative Arts building has a homely feel and you will quickly be enveloped in the crazy world of performing arts.

UAL Drama

Entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at Grade 5 and three GCSEs at Grade 4 including English Language. You will also be required to perform a successful audition.

Drama A-Level Equivalent

The UAL Drama course stands apart from other courses, as you have a lot of control over your learning, allowing you to play to your strengths and find opportunities to develop. You will develop a foundation of knowledge of performing and production, that will inform your studies and future ventures.

You will take part in several productions throughout your time at KGV, beginning with a Christmas show and ending in a Final Major Project, covering every aspect of theatre creation. How are you assessed? Your progress will be marked individually for every project, whether as a performer, director, technician or stage manager. The more comfortable and creative you can be, the better.

Plus, there is no exam! You are assessed in a variety of ways, including workshops, presentations and performances. At the end of your studies, you will have a portfolio of work which will support your future studies and endeavours.

We also invite prestigious theatre companies such as Frantic Assembly and Shared Experience, to come in and provide masterclasses.

Throughout the year, students across the subjects will take part in public performances, on stage in The George Theatre, in pantomimes, summer showcases and other exciting events. As part of our UAL courses, you will have access to high-level training and take part in workshops with industry professionals, developing skills that are easily transferable to any aspect of life and give you insight into how different areas of the industry works.

UAL Music

Entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at Grade 5 and three GCSEs at Grade 4 including English Language. You will also be required to perform a successful audition.

Music A-Level Equivalent

UAL Music places a strong emphasis on live performance, allowing you to play to your strengths and build professional stagecraft. You will develop a foundation of knowledge in instrumental technique and music technology, that will inform your studies and future ventures.

You will take part in regular live gigs and showcases throughout your time at KGV, from ensemble performances to recording original studio projects, covering every aspect of music creation. How are you assessed? Your progress will be marked individually for every project, whether as a soloist, band member, songwriter or music technician. The more comfortable and creative you can be, the better.

Assessment is done in a variety of ways, including rehearsals, live performances and recorded work, which means no exams! At the end of your studies, you will have a portfolio which supports progression into education or the industry.

University destinations and potential careers

We have had students secure places at LMA, LIPA, Central School for Speech and Drama. Through these courses, you will have the opportunity to pursue performing arts at Higher Education and will develop skills that will serve you well as you enter this exciting industry.



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Form College
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The Academy is our inspiring performing arts provision, with expert teaching in our drama and dance studios, music rooms, The George Theatre and more.

Criminology

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

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

Why you should choose KGV

Your course teachers have many years experience and a real passion for the subject. Plus, you will benefit from dedicated teaching spaces, access to up-to-date IT facilities and a wealth of research materials.

There is an opportunity to progress to study a wealth of related degree subjects, or alternatively the qualification will allow you to gain the required understanding and skills needed for 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.

You will develop the 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.

English Literature

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

English Literature is a subject that has wide-ranging significance to the world beyond KGV. Studying literary texts encourages students to think analytically and look at ideas and issues from different perspectives. The diversity of the texts studied helps students to develop an understanding of a range of 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 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 knowledge of a range of genres from a broad period of time; from Shakespeare to Carol Ann Duffy. As part of the study of English Literature we interpret texts from a range of 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

In Year 1, you will study 4 texts: 2 of these will be the novels, Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro, two very different texts from differing time periods. You will study 1 play and this will be the American modern tragedy, A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. You will also study a collection of poetry called Meantime, by Carol Ann Duffy.

In Year 2, you will study a further set of texts A Shakespeare play, either Hamlet or The Tempest, a further play, The Duchess of Malfi by John Webster and a collection of poetry by Philip Larkin. Alongside this, you will be introduced to the skill of unseen poetry and prose extract analysis. Also in Year 2, you will undertake a personal investigation into 2 novels in order to produce the non-exam assessment unit for the course. At the end of your 2 years with us, you will sit 3 exams on the set texts and a selection of unseen 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, 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.

Previously at
Greenbank High School.
Now studying Adult Nursing at
Liverpool John Moores University.

"I've loved it here at KGV, everyone is so welcoming, friendly and inclusive, not just the teachers but all the students too. If you're ever stuck, there's always someone to guide you and they always make sure you understand. I'm really excited to start university and even though I'm the first one in my family to go, I feel well prepared."

English Language and Literature

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

English Language and Literature (Combined) is a unique and distinctive qualification. Students explore the richness of language and literature and cultivate their own critical responses. It involves the study of literary and non-fiction written and spoken texts. The course also enables students to develop their creativity and expertise by producing their own original writing. There is clear continuity from GCSE, but students explore texts of greater variety and challenge and learn to apply linguistic and literary concepts and methods to their analysis of texts.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our 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

You will study new ways of reading and writing about all kinds of text types. Twentieth century writers like Tennessee Williams and Arundhati Roy are read alongside non-fiction texts like letters, podcasts, blogs and graphic novel extracts. You'll explore William Blake's poetry in its historical and social contexts.

By examining new language concepts in action, you will learn how to become an accomplished writer of different kinds of literary and non-literary material.

In terms of assessment, there are three exams where you'll write about your set texts and produce some original writing. There is also one non-examined assessment. For the NEA you have more independence in selecting two texts to compare. You also create another original piece of non-fiction.

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.

English Language

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in English Language (not Literature).

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 and 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.

Previously at Greenbank High School. Planning to study a degree in Primary Education after completing her A-Levels at KGV.

"KGV feels homely and just the right size; each teacher knows you by name and you definitely don't feel like a just a number here. The English Language and Literature course has really strengthened my creative and analytical thought processes which will really help me in my ambition to become a primary school teacher."

Film Studies

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 filmmakers 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 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 Korean blockbuster 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. It can 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.

UAL Creative Media

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

Dreaming of a career in the dynamic world of media? The University of the Arts Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production is your launchpad. This isn't just a course; it's a hands-on journey where you'll blend practical media skills with theoretical knowledge, all while earning a qualification equivalent to one A-Level.

Why you should choose KGV

Get ready to dive into a series of exciting, project-based assignments that cover the entire media spectrum. You'll get to explore a variety of roles, from the initial spark of an idea in pre-production and research to the technical mastery of post-production and editing. If you're a natural in the spotlight, you'll even have the chance to be in front of the camera.

Our teaching approach is a mix of dynamic classroom learning and practical, hands-on activities that put theory into practice. We're here to help you develop your creative voice and prepare you for your next step, whether that's entering the professional world or continuing your studies at a higher education institution.

Plus, with opportunities to collaborate across other creative subjects, you'll be part of a thriving, interdisciplinary community.

What you will study

This course is all about helping you find your niche. Through a series of 5 to 6 projects, you'll explore a range of media disciplines and discover your strengths. Ever wanted to be a director, producer, editor, radio host, or video game designer? This is your chance to hone the skills that will lead you to your dream career.

Forget the stress of traditional exams, here your progress is assessed through practical projects and in-class presentations. The culmination of your two-year journey is a spectacular Final Major Project, where you'll independently showcase everything you've learned and developed.

University destinations and potential careers

Our students progress to 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.

Thomas Grindy

Previously at
Birkdale High School.
Now studying Film Production at
Salford University.

"I've really enjoyed my time here at KGV. Honestly, my favourite bits have been all the lessons, the subjects, the fantastic teachers and the great sense of community here. I couldn't have asked for any better support; I'd really recommend KGV."

Geography

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 consistently ranked one of the highest graduate employment rates.

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.

Students often go on enriching field trips for primary research on both human and natural environments. Trips include visits to places such as Liverpool Waterfront and Welsh Streets, Salford Quays, Hesketh Out Marshes and Little Woollen Moss.

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 new 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.

Spanish

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Spanish or Grade 7 in another foreign language.

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.

Your course teacher 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.

If you have not studied Spanish at GCSE, you can still take Spanish A-Level if you have a Grade 7 in another foreign language



Previously at Birkdale High School. Now studying Accounting and Finance at Edge Hill University.

"Meeting the teacher who is actually Spanish is one of the key reasons I chose KGV. A-Level Spanish is a brilliant course and is more about learning the culture and the history, not just how to get marks in a test. The teachers always help you, they go above and beyond and they are always so friendly."

Fashion and Textiles

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 & Textiles A-Level on successful completion of a set task.

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 iMac suites with all the latest Adobe Creative Cloud 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 dying 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.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in national competitions and live briefs which gives experience of working within and meeting real creative industry expectations.

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.

Fine Art

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 successful completion of a set task.

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 inspiring 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.

We also offer opportunities to take part in national competitions and live briefs, giving you experience of meeting real creative industry expectations.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Fine Art could help you progress to a variety of 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.

Previously at
St Bede's Catholic High School.
Now studying Fine Art at
Liverpool John Moores University.

"I love having the freedom to explore my own artistic vision and having access to the Art Studios to develop my skills. I'd recommend KGV because it allows you to be yourself, gain lots of skills, learn lots and gets you ready for university."

Graphic Design

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 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 fantastic Creative Arts building, where you will not only enjoy bright, airy, inspiring learning spaces, you will also benefit from all the latest technology including Apple iMacs and access to the entire Adobe Creative Cloud.

We believe that it is important for students to interact with artists' workshops, lectures and that field trips are an essential tool in teaching. You will have the opportunity to work on live briefs and enter national competitions, giving you experience of working to industry expectations.

There are annual research and gallery trips to places such as Paris, Barcelona, London, Manchester and Liverpool.

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Photography

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 throughout, in artists workshops and fascinating lectures. With live briefs and national competitions, you will get to experience working to and meeting industry expectations of working to a brief.

Expect gallery and exhibition research trips such as:

- **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 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

Our students have gone on to study Photography at destinations such as the University of the Arts London, De Montfort University, University of Westminster and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Photographers enjoy careers capturing imagery in fields such as media, advertising, events, sports, wildlife and much more.



Previously at Birkdale High School. Now completing an Apprenticeship in Social Media and Marketing with Stokers.

"The atmosphere is welcoming and relaxed and I loved having access to all the facilities even when not in lessons. My placement with Hatters Digital Agency, working on commercial social media, was such a great experience and I'm excited to now be progressing onto an Apprenticeship, doing something I really enjoy."

Animal Management

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in GCSE English, Maths and Science, plus an essay based subject.

The T Level in Animal Management is 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 a dedicated Animal Management centre with 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 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 315 hours of valuable work placement across the 2 years, 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 Ethics, Biosecurity, Health and Safety, Business and Equality.

You will also be expected to complete an investigative research project in a relevant topic and to complete the work placement in the animal sector.

Please note that the course mainly contains 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, Animal Behaviour, Veterinary Nursing and Conservation Science.

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

Uniformed Protective Services

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

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services 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, Police Powers, Criminal Investigation Procedures and Practice, plus 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.

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

Previously at
Christ the King Catholic High School.
Taking a gap year before studying
Veterinary Medicine at university.

"I'm passionate about animals, I have lots of pets and have worked with them on placement. I'm also interested in biology so this course is great as you get lots of practical experience with all the animals, plus you learn lots in the theory sessions. Students at KGV are mature and we have a great time whilst getting on with our studies."

Education

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

If you are dreaming of a career where you can make a real difference in children's lives this is an ideal option when choosing your courses at KGV. We know that working with children is such a rewarding career pathway and this course is a great start.

Why you should choose KGV

For students aspiring towards careers working with children, this subject perfectly complements a wide range A-Levels and/or A-Level Equivalents. Popular combinations include taking this alongside Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology or Biology.

Our highly supportive, subject-expert teachers get to know each student as an individual and are given every opportunity to excel. They go onto study degrees including Primary Education with QTS, Child Psychology, Child & Adolescent Mental Health & Wellbeing and Childhood & Youth Studies.

What you will study

This V-Level focuses on the children's education and care sector. It reflects the current environment and practices in industry and supports you to develop the skills required in the workplace, alongside theory to improve your knowledge development. The course allows students to engage in a broad investigation of the children's education and care sector.

Health and Social Care

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in Science.

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 Principles of Health and Social Care Practice.

In the second year, once again you will begin with an examined unit: Human Biology and Anatomy, finishing off with another assignment, this time on Promotion of Health Education, based on current health sector requirements.

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 work-place 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, diagnostic radiography and mental health nursing.



Previously at
Formby High School.
Now studying Early Childhood Development at
Edge Hill University.

"I chose to come to KGV because of the wide choice of courses, with many practical options, rather than just written work. The subjects I chose gave me opportunities to try things I'd never done before. There's loads of opportunities to meet new people and I've made lots of friends who don't even do the same courses as me."

Applied Science

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in a least one Science.

Applied 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.

Applied Science 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, healthcare, 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.

Biology

Grade 6 in Biology (or a 66 in Combined Science) and a Grade 5 in Maths.

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.

What you will study

The course comprises of 4 topics within the AS year and a further 4 topics during the second year of study. The practical elements are spread across the 2 years.

You study a fascinating range of biology topics including:

- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
- Energy transfers in and between organisms
- Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- The control of gene expression

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.



Thomas Meadows

Previously at Ormskirk School. Currently completing his A-Levels and plans to study Medicine at an Oxbridge University.

"I have had lots of support in choosing a career in Medicine. Alongside my A-Levels, I joined the School of Medicine, which included practising medical skills and many talks such as 'Life as a Doctor'. I've had work placements in Southport Hospital and with BioGrad, showing me the realities of working in the NHS and giving me confidence in pursuing a career in Medicine."

Chemistry

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 other careers available too including pharmacologist, chemical engineer, analytical chemist, forensic scientist or toxicologist. Modern growing developments such as Nanotechnology and Chemical Engineering also require A-Level Chemistry.

Physics

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 teachers 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.



Previously at
Christ the King Catholic High School.
Now studying Automotive
Engineering at Northumbria
University.

“I was thrilled to be chosen as a KGV scholar. The teachers here are all really helpful, you can ask them anything and they will give you exactly what you need. I am looking forward to studying Automotive Engineering, with a placement year and hope to become a Formula 1 engineer.”

Sport

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

Whether you choose an A-Level Equivalent or BTEC Extended Diploma, studying 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 areas such as health, fitness, leisure, outdoors, wellbeing, elite performance, coaching, teaching and media.

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.

Why you should choose KGV

You will have access to all the latest technology, used in our dynamic and collaborative lessons. This includes a fitness suite, sports hall, MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Plus, brand new for 2026; state-of-the-art football facilities, built in partnership with Southport Football Club, boasting a range of pitches and modern home and away changing rooms. There is a fully equipped gym and treatment rooms – all designed to support the development and wellbeing of both student athletes and club players.

Whichever learning style suits you best, we have a course option for you and the Sports 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!

Sport

Standard Entry Requirements:
Five GCSEs at Grade 9 - 4
including maths or English.

Sport BTEC Extended Diploma

A Sports Extended Diploma is a full time course, meaning you won't need to combine with any other subject. Equivalent to three A-Levels, it gives you a solid foundation in the sports sector.

It will enable you to develop the essential skills required for gaining employment, securing career progression, or progressing to the further qualifications and training required to achieve your goals.

Some of the units that you will study include, Principles of Anatomy & Physiology in Sport, Sports Coaching, Assessing Risk in Sport and Fitness Training & Programming. The majority of modules are examined by our teachers, however some of them will be externally assessed.

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!

Elite Sports Programme

KGV Students who demonstrate exceptional talent or potential in various sports, can combine their academic subjects with top tier sports-training and support. See page 28.

Previously at
Greenbank High School.
Now studying Psychology at the
University of Exeter.

“The teachers are passionate about their subjects and good at communicating. The interactive sessions means what you learn in class is used in the many practical sessions. I'm also in the Elite Sports Programme, giving me specific gym plans, nutritional guidance and time to attend golf competitions with Royal Birkdale and Lancashire Elite Women's Squad.”

If you don't quite achieve the entry requirements for your choice of A-Levels, T Levels or a BTEC Level 3, then our brand new A-Level Foundation Programme or one of our exciting Level 2 vocational courses could be the perfect stepping stone.

A-Level Foundation & Level 2 options

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A-Level Foundation Programme

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at Grade 4 including maths or English, plus maths or English at Grade 3.

Our A-Level Foundation Programme is designed for ambitious students who have achieved at least four GCSEs at Grade 4 (including English or Maths) and aspire to progress onto studying A-Levels but do not yet meet the standard entry requirements.

Why you should choose KGV

This one year programme will give you a supportive and structured pathway to enable you to build the skills, knowledge and qualifications needed for success at A-Level. You will be taught and mentored by our highly experienced and dedicated teachers, all passionate about inspiring you to do your best and to achieve your goals. Lessons will be tailored to your individual needs and are a fantastic stepping stone from GCSE teaching at school to A-Level study at KGV.

What you will study

This is a varied and interesting programme, created with each individual student in mind and allows you to play to your strengths and interests whilst also developing the skills you may have found more challenging at school.

As part of the programme you will complete the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ), this will enhance your independent research and academic writing skills, through exploring a topic of your own choice and personal interest. Alongside this inspiring project, you will also choose 3 additional subjects to study, from a list which may include GCSE Maths, GCSE English, Level 2 Science, GCSE Psychology and Level 2 Media.

Next Steps

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be well-prepared to transition onto A-Levels, Mixed Study Programme, T-Level or BTEC Extended Diploma, with confidence and a strong academic foundation.

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A-Level Foundation courses are tailor made, one year programmes giving you the qualifications you need.

They enable you to progress onto A-Level, T Level and BTEC Level 3 courses.

Sport

Standard entry requirements:
One GCSE at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 3 including maths or English.

Our Level 2 programmes are highly beneficial, bridging qualifications allowing you to achieve the entry requirements for Level 3 courses. You will be taught by the same teachers, in the same fantastic facilities as Level 3 students. These one year programmes will strengthen your foundation knowledge and you will develop essential practical skills and study habits, plus, give you lots of confidence to progress in your chosen subject.

Why you should choose KGV

Our superb sports facilities give you the opportunity to take part in physical activities all year round, whatever the weather. Our MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and brand new football pitches built in partnership with Southport Football Club mean there's plenty of space for all-weather field sports, plus our Sports Hall and Fitness Suite

What you will study

Our one year programme enables you to study a range of both theory-based and practical topics, allowing you to progress to Level 3 and ultimately commence working within the sports sector. This means you will enjoy sport every day of your working career!

The topics have all been designed to give you excellent skills for sporting careers and the units you may study include:

- Leading Sport Safely and Effectively
- Working in Sport and Activity Leadership
- Leading Sport and Physical Activity
- Coaching Sport
- Developing Sport & Activity Leadership Skills
- Getting Others Active Outdoors
- Delivering a Sports Activity Event

It really is a strong foundation for any student aspiring to progress to Level 3 and then to a degree at university. Former students who have taken this pathway have progressed onto degrees such as Physiotherapy, Sports Equipment Development and Leisure Activity Management.

Business

Standard entry requirements:
One GCSE at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 3 including maths or English.

Why you should choose KGV

Study in amazing facilities that simulate the real world of work, including our board room, digital centre and project management suite.

You will be taught by time-served, industry experienced teachers, who are passionate about the world of business and want every student to progress and succeed.

What you will study

The course covers a wide variety of topics which may include Customer Service, Working in Teams, Recruitment and Selection. Alongside these you will also study three mandatory units which include:

- Enterprise in the Business World
- Finance for Business
- Principles of Marketing

You will undertake a range of assignments, produce reports, presentations and essays and enjoy tasks which will encourage both team collaboration and independent working skills.

Fantastic Level 2 courses, making you ready to excel at Level 3

Uniformed Protective Services

Standard entry requirements:
One GCSE at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 3 including maths or English.

Why you should choose KGV

If you want a career focused on protecting, supporting or serving others, this course is a great place to start. You will gain an understanding of the public services while developing valuable skills in communication, leadership, teamwork and problem-solving.

Through practical activities and realistic scenarios, you will build the confidence, resilience and professional behaviours needed for further study or employment.

What you will study

This one-year programme provides an introduction to the public services and the important role they play within society. You will learn about different services, explore potential career opportunities and consider how public service organisations respond to the needs of individuals and communities.

The topics you may study include:

- The Role and Responsibilities of Public Services
- Working Skills in the Public Service Sector
- Citizenship, Society and the Public Services
- Crime and its Effects on Society and Individuals
- Employment in the Public Services
- Public Services and Community Protection

Assessment will take place through a range of practical activities and written assignments. You will work both independently and as part of a team, developing transferable skills that will support your future progression to Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services.

Animal Management

Standard entry requirements:
One GCSE at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 3 including maths or English.

Why you should choose KGV

Level 2 Animal Management has been developed in consultation with employers in the animal care sector to ensure it enables learners to develop the skills and behaviours that will give them the best opportunity to be successful when applying for work.

As well as fabulous theory sessions, you will get hands-on with all the creatures in our Animal Unit, including small mammals such as rabbits and rodents, plus lizards, snakes and invertebrates.

You will also take part in 75 hours of work placement over the year, in an animal setting. Our students have enjoyed placements ranging from aviaries to cattle farms, gaining exciting and valuable work experience alongside their studies.

What you will study

All the content of the qualification is mandatory and relates directly to the skills, knowledge and behaviours expected by employers in the animal care sector, including:

- Animal Behaviour Assessment
- Animal Biology and Health
- Animal Welfare
- Feeding, Accommodation & Moving Animals
- Practical Animal Health
- Safe Handling

You will also enhance your broader skills in literacy and numeracy, which will be invaluable in supporting progression in other areas.

In addition, your technical and practical skills in communication, research and project work will grow as well as developing strong problem solving skills.



Successfully completed Level 2 Animal Management and has now progressed to our Level 3 Animal Management course.

"I was really pleased that I had the ability to study Animal Management at KGV, with its own animals in college. I enjoy handling and learning all about all the animals and I love the rats and snakes. It's really hands on; there are practicals every week and I really enjoyed my work placement in an aviary."

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