Feltham College

Course Guide

2027/2028

Overview

Here you will find all of the information that you need to make the most informed decisions regarding your journey at our sixth Form.

In addition to your chosen A Levels/BTEC qualifications, all students can also choose an additional qualification that is equivalent to an AS qualification. Students can choose from;
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or CISI.

Each course overview outlines the following:

- What you will study on the course
- What skills you will develop
- An outline of the content you will study
- How you will be assessed
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Please do get in touch if you have any questions using the contact information on each overview.

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BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

This qualification allows you to gain an in depth insight into the Health and Social Care sector. This is an applied qualification and is worth the equivalent of 3 A Levels. As part of your BTEC you will be required to undertake at least 100 hours of work experience in at least three different settings. This course will provide you with a clear grounding of the theory behind work in the health and social care sector, as well as practical skills and experiences!

There is also an option to study for a one A Level equivalent and for this you will study Units 1,2 5 and 10.

This course supports progression to any health and social care related degree, a related apprenticeship or employment. You can go on to study degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Social Policy and Health Studies at excellent universities such as Nottingham, Birmingham, Sheffield and Kings College London.

What skills will I develop?

- Knowledge and understanding of Health and Social Care
- Practical and technical skills
- Vocational behaviours and skills such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

What content will I cover?
You will study 8 mandatory units and 4 optional units. You will complete these over the two years.

How Will I be Assessed?
You will complete written examinations and set tasks.
42% of the course is externally assessed. The rest of your units are internally assessed as you complete the course.

What do I need to achieve?
You need at least 5 x Grade 5s or above including 5s in English and Maths.

Recommended Reading:

- Social Work: An introduction to contemporary practice – Sarah Banks
- A trick of the light – Lois Metzger
- Three Little Words – Ashley Rhodes Courter
- British Journal of Social Work

Mandatory Units	***Optional Units (4)***
1.Human Lifespan Development 2. Working in Health and Social Care 3. Anatomy and Physiology 4. Current research and issues 5. Meeting individual care needs 6. Work experience in Health and Social Care 7. Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care 8. Promoting Public health	9. Sociological perspectives 10. Psychological perspectives 11. Psychological disorders and their care 12. Nutritional health

Find out more about this course: email dawn.kiefer@reachacademy.org.uk

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business

This BTEC is an applied general qualification and is widely recognised by both industry and higher education. The content of the BTEC has been designed in collaboration with a range of employers and professional bodies and this ensures that your curriculum meets the needs of the sector. The curriculum is flexible and offers you a good balance of breadth and depth. This is an excellent option if you wish to pursue a career in business and provides ample opportunity for you to put your learning into practice through work experience opportunities.

This course supports progression to business related degrees, as well as apprenticeships or employment. You can go on to study degrees such as Business Administration, Management and Business Studies at universities such as Leeds, Liverpool, and Surrey.

The Diploma is designed to be the substantive part of a 16–19 study programme for learners who want a strong core of sector study. This programme may include other BTEC Nationals or A Levels to support progression to higher education courses in business areas before entering employment. The additional qualification(s) studied allow learners either to give breadth to their study programme by choosing a contrasting subject, or to give it more focus by choosing a complementary subject. This qualification can also be used to progress to Higher Apprenticeships.

This BTEC is equivalent to 2 A Levels or 720 guided learning hours.

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business

What skills will I develop?

- Knowledge and understanding of Health and Social Care
- Practical and technical skills
- Vocational behaviours and skills such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis

How Will I be Assessed?
You will study 8 units of which 6 are mandatory and 2 are chosen by the school.
3 of the 8 units are externally assessed via an examination. The other 5 units are assessed via assignments.
Mandatory content (83%); External assessment (45%).

What do I need to achieve?
You need at least 5 x Grade 5s or above including 5s in English and Maths.

Recommended Reading:

- The Google Story – David A. Vise
- How I made it: 40 successful entrepreneurs reveal how they made millions – Rachel Bridge
- No logo – Naomi Klein

What content will I cover?

Mandatory Units studied	***Optional Units studied***
1. Exploring Business 2. Developing a marketing campaign (**exam unit**) 3. Personal and Business finance (**exam unit**) 4. Managing an event 5. International business 6. Principles of management (**exam unit**)	a) Recruitment and selection process b) Pitching for a new business

Find out more about this course: email thomas.povey@reachacademy.org.uk

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business

This BTEC is an applied general qualification and is widely recognised by both industry and higher education. The content of the BTEC has been designed in collaboration with a range of employers and professional bodies and this ensures that your curriculum meets the needs of the sector. The curriculum is flexible and offers you a good balance of breadth and depth. This is an excellent option if you wish to pursue a career in business and provides ample opportunity for you to put your learning into practice through work experience opportunities.

This course supports progression to business related degrees, as well as apprenticeships or employment. You can go on to study degrees such as Business Administration, Management and Business Studies at universities such as Leeds, Liverpool, and Surrey.

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in business-related subjects. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

This BTEC is equivalent to 1 A Level or 360 guided learning hours.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business

What skills will I develop?

- Knowledge and understanding of Health and Social Care
- Practical and technical skills

Vocational behaviours and skills such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis

How Will I be Assessed?

You will study 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 1 is chosen by the school.

2 of the 4 units are externally assessed via an examination.
The other 2 units are assessed via assignments.
Mandatory content (83%). External assessment (58%).

What do I need to achieve?

You need at least 5 x Grade 5s or above including 5s in English and Maths.

Recommended Reading:

- The Google Story – David A. Vise
- How I made it: 40 successful entrepreneurs reveal how they made millions – Rachel Bridge
- No logo – Naomi Klein

What content will I cover?

Mandatory Units studied	*Optional Units studied*
1. Exploring Business 2. Developing a marketing campaign (**exam unit**) 3. Personal and Business finance (**exam unit**)	a) Recruitment and selection process

Find out more about this course: email Jonny Mitchell at thomas.povey@reachacademy.org.uk

A Level Mathematics - Edexcel (9MA0)

An A Level in mathematics introduces calculus and its applications (statistics and mechanics). It emphasises how mathematical ideas are interconnected and how mathematics can be applied to model situations mathematically using algebra and other representations, to help make sense of data, to understand the physical world and to solve problems in a variety of contexts, including social sciences and business. It prepares learners for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines involving the use of mathematics.

It encourages you to think and act mathematically, using mathematical skills and forms of communication to analyse situations within mathematics and elsewhere. Maths A-Level prepares you to study for most degrees. Maths, accounting, engineering, sciences, computing, finance and economics degrees are particularly appealing to students with maths A-level.

Find out more about this course:
Email Alice at alice.winson@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- **Understanding** of the mathematics that underpin many aspects of our lives
- **The ability** to apply a range of mathematical skills to different situations
- **Acute logical thinking and problem-solving abilities**
- **The ability** to process, interpret and analyse information.

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 7 in Maths at GCSE.

Recommended Reading:

- Seventeen Equations that Changed the World by Ian Stewart
- Professor Stewart's Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities by Ian Stewart
- From 1 to Infinity in 26 Centuries: The Extraordinary Story of Maths by Chris Waring

What content will I cover?

Paper	*Topics*	*Weighting*	*When?*
Paper 1 (2 Hours)	*Pure Mathematics*	*33% of A-Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 2 (2 Hours)	*Pure Mathematics*	*33% of A-Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 3 (2 Hours)	*Section A: Statistics* *Section B: Mechanics*	*16.6%* *16.6%*	*Year 13*

A Level Further Mathematics – Edexcel (9FMA0)

An A-level in Further Mathematics builds on the knowledge gained in A-Level maths as well as some new concepts. In Core Pure there is a heavy emphasis on theoretical mathematics and proof. Students will be introduced to the concept of Complex Numbers, Polar Coordinates and Hyperbolic functions. They will learn how to perform calculations with matrices, solve differential equations and model real life situations using vectors.

For the Applied portion of Further Mathematics, students will study Decision 1 and 2. The courses are an introduction to discrete mathematics , a branch of mathematics that focuses on understanding and making optimal decisions by strategically using algorithms and models.

An A-level is Further Mathematics prepares learner for further study and employment in any field that requires a high level of mathematical understanding. Just like Maths A-level, a Further Maths A-Level prepares you to study for most degrees. Further Maths is particularly important if you wish to study a degree with a large amount of pure mathematics involved, such as economics, computer science or maths itself!

Find out more about this course:
Email Alice at alice.winson@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- **Understanding** of the mathematics that underpin many aspects of our lives
- **The ability** to apply a range of mathematical skills to different situations
- **Acute logical thinking and problem-solving abilities**

The ability to process, interpret and analyse information.

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 8 in Maths at GCSE.
Studying L2 Certificate in Further Maths is useful but not necessary.

Recommended Reading:

- Fermat's Last Theorem, Simon Singh
- Things to Make and Do in the Fourth Dimension, Matt Parker
- Around the World in 80 Games, Marcus Du Sautoy

What content will I cover?

Paper	*Topics*	*Weighting*	*When?*
Paper 1 (2 Hours)	Markets and Business Behaviour (9ECO/01)	*35% of A-Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 2 (2 Hours)	The National and Global Economy (9ECO/02)	*35% of A-Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 3 (2 Hours)	Microeconomics and macroeconomics (9ECO/03)	*30% of A-Level*	*Year 13*

A Level Economics – Edexcel (9EC0)

Studying Economics at Reach Academy presents a wonderful opportunity for students to understand the real issues of the way that markets work within the global world, and how this affects the choices that governments make in terms of monitoring and stimulating economic growth. They will have a particular insight into the way that the UK functions within this paradigm, especially the way in which the public make choices in terms of employment and purchasing power, which affect supply and demand.

By learning about the historical context of key figures such as John Maynard Keynes, Adam Smith, Friedrich and Marx, we ensure that students are well rounded Economists such that if they wish to pursue the subject at degree level they have a solid foundation for extended studies.

Find out more about this course:
Email Tom Povey at thomas.povey@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- Prepare you for the challenges of working life such as investing for your retirement and assessing the value of goods and services.
- Develop tools to manage economic challenges
- Critically apply and evaluate knowledge of economic theories

How will I be Assessed?

Three exam papers

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 6 in English Language and Mathst GCSE.

Recommended Reading:

- The Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today (2018: Lindsay Yueh))
- Fifty Things that Made the Modern Economy (2018: Tim Harford)
- The Big Short (2010: Michael Lewis)
- **Pearson Edexcel A-level Economics A Student Guide by Hodder Education**

What content will I cover?

Unit	Topics	Weighting	When?
1)	*Othello*, Shakespeare *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Williams	30%	Year 13
2: Prose (Paper 2 - 1 Hour 15 Mins)	*Dracula*, Stoker *Beloved*, Morrison	20%	Year 13
3: Poetry (Paper 3 - 2 Hours and 15 Mins)	*Poems of the Decade*, modern poetry anthology Medieval Poetry, Chaucer's *Wife of Bath Prologue and Tale*	30%	Year 13
4: Non-examination assessment	Free choice of two texts	20%	Year 12/13

A Level English Literature - Edexcel (9ET0)

The English Literature A-Level course will develop your enjoyment of reading, teaching you to critically analyse texts, considering their contexts and possible meanings. As you progress through the course you will have the opportunity to explore a range of authors, genres, time periods and critical concepts. The NEA component will allow you to put the knowledge and skills you've gained into practice as you research and complete your own 2500-word comparative essay on texts and a topic of personal interest.

English Literature students will be expected to form and confidently share their own interpretations of the texts we read, as well as complete independent wider reading. English Literature is an A-Level extremely well-regarded by all universities and which will demonstrate that you are able to read widely and independently and develop your own interpretations of different texts.

Find out more about this course:
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What skills will I develop?

- Reading widely and independently
- Engaging critically and creatively
- Develop and apply knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation
- Explore the contexts of texts and others' interpretations of them

How will I be Assessed?

Three exam papers and one 2500-word essay.

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 7 in English Literature at GCSE.

Recommended Reading:

- The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Introduction to Critical Theory by Bennett and Royle
- A Little History of Literature by John Sutherland

What content will I cover?

Component	Texts	Weighting	When?
1: Drama (Paper 1 - 2 Hours and 15 Mins)	*Othello*, Shakespeare *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Williams	30%	Year 13
2: Prose (Paper 2 - 1 Hour 15 Mins)	*Dracula*, Stoker *Beloved*, Morrison	20%	Year 13
3: Poetry (Paper 3 - 2 Hours and 15 Mins)	*Poems of the Decade*, modern poetry anthology Christina Rossetti poetry	30%	Year 13
4: Non-examination assessment	Free choice of two texts	20%	Year 12/13

A Level Biology - AQA (7402)

Studying A Level Biology allows you to develop your knowledge of living organisms and their interactions. You will consider how complex ecosystems can be supported to maintain biodiversity and begin to understand the complexities of inheritance and genetic advances in medicine. During the course you will complete a wide range of practicals with opportunities to travel to Hampton School to access their equipment.

Biology is a key requirement for medicine and a multitude of other courses such as pharmacology, biochemistry, biomedical engineering, research science, microbiology, marine biology, conservation, and ecology, environmental management, food science, agricultural engineering and zoology.

Find out more about this course:
Email Anna Bardwell at: anna.bardwell@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- Essay writing skills to write a synoptic essay as part of paper 3 (a key skill for University study)
- Practical skills for which you will be awarded the 'practical endorsement'

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 7 in Biology at GCSE OR 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science Trilogy. A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics is preferred.

Recommended Reading:

- Sapiens - Yuval Noah
- The Selfish Gene - Richard Dawkins
- The Vital Question - Nick Lane
- New Scientist Magazine - varied articles about cutting edge science

What content will I cover?

Paper	*Topics*	*Weighting*	*When?*
Paper 1 (2 Hours)	*Biological Molecules* *Cells* *Exchange surfaces* *Genetic variation*	*35 %*	*Year 13*
Paper 2 (2 Hours)	*Energy transfers* *Homeostasis and response* *Genetics & Evolution* *Control of gene expression*	*35%*	*Year 13*
Paper 3 (2 Hours)	*All of above including an Essay*	*30%*	*Year 13*

A Level Chemistry - AQA (7405)

Studying chemistry allows you to understand what is happening in the world around you. Chemists are inquisitive and seek to understand and utilise Earth's natural resources in the most effective and efficient ways possible.

Studying chemistry gives you an excellent understanding of science and opens up a wealth of potential opportunities for further study or employment.

Chemistry is the subject you should study if you are interested in any of the following: materials science - could you design the next Kevlar?; pharmacology and drug design - could you invent the next wonder drug?; chemical engineering; medicine/veterinary science/dentistry.

Find out more about this course:
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What skills will I develop?

- Practical skills for which you will be awarded the 'practical endorsement'

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 7 in Chemistry at GCSE OR 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science Trilogy. A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics is preferred.

Recommended Reading:

- New Scientist Magazine - varied articles about cutting edge science
- A Short History of Nearly Everything - Bill Bryson
- Periodic Tales: The Curious Lives of the Elements - Hugh Aldersey-Williams
- The Science of Everyday Life - Marty Jopson
- It's Not Rocket Science - Ben Miller

What content will I cover?

Paper	*Topics*	*Weighting*	*When ?*
Paper 1: Inorganic and Physical Chemistry (2 Hours)	1. Relevant physical chemistry topics 2. Inorganic chemistry 3. Relevant practical skills	35 %	Year 13
Paper 2: Organic and Physical Chemistry (2 Hours)	1. Relevant physical chemistry topics 2. Organic chemistry 3. Relevant practical skills	35%	Year 13
Paper 3 (2 Hours)	1. Any content 2. Any practical skills	30%	Year 13

A Level Physics- AQA (7408)

A-level Physics allows students to appreciate how fundamental science works and to study optional topics that particularly interest them – including Astrophysics, Medical Physics and Applied Physics. A-level Physics builds on the concepts and skills developed in the Physics GCSE and is particularly suitable for students who have the skills and knowledge associated with a GCSE Additional Science course or equivalent.

Physics is a seriously useful subject for the majority of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)careers and you'll find physicists everywhere, in industry, transport, government, universities, the armed forces, the secret service, games companies, research labs and more. Ultimately an A level in physics can take you anywhere; it shows that you are hard-working and logical with an ability to clearly understand and grapple with complex problems, inside and outside of physics.

Find out more about this course:
email Navjot at navjot.kaur@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- **Knowledge and Understanding** of how things work in the world around you
- **Problem solving** applicable across a range of disciplines
- **Analysis and evaluation** of complex data
- **Structured and professional report writing,** transferable to any other area outside of physics

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a Grade 7 in Physics at GCSE OR 7-7 in GCSE Combined Science Trilogy. A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics is preferred.

Recommended Reading:

- New Scientist
- A Short History of Nearly Everything - Bill Bryson
- A Brief History of Time - Stephen Hawking
- Why does $E=mc^2$? - Brian Cox and Jeff Forshaw

What content will I cover?

Paper	***Topics***	***Weighting***	***When?***
Paper 1 (2 Hours)	*Periodic Motion*	*34 %*	*Year 13*
Paper 2 (2 Hours)	*Thermal Physics*	*34%*	*Year 13*
Paper 3 (2 Hours)	*Practical skills and data analysis + option choice*	*32%*	*Year 13*

A Level Psychology – AQA (7408)

If you are interested in understanding how people think, feel and behave then Psychology A Level is the course for you! Studying psychology provides an insight into human behaviour, giving you a better understanding of yourself and the individuals around you. Throughout your studies, you'll explore many aspects of psychology such as social, cognitive and developmental psychology. You will also learn research techniques and how to conduct and evaluate an experiment.

This A Level is excellent preparation for a degree in Psychology, the sciences and social sciences. Psychology can also lead to a wide range of careers including Occupational, Clinical, Educational and Forensic Psychology. Having studied Psychology will also make you highly employable in many different industries due to its excellent transferrable skills and adaptability such as Medicine, Counselling, Teaching and Advertising.

A Level Psychology- AQA (7408)

What skills will I develop?

- A01: Knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes, techniques and procedures
- AO2: Application of this knowledge in theoretical contexts, practical contexts, when handling data
- A03: Analysis, interpretation and evaluation of ideas and evidence to make judgements

What do I need to achieve?

A grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics and English is preferred. You must also meet the academic threshold for A Level Study.

Recommended Reading:

- The man who mistook his wife for a hat – Oliver Sacks
- The Lucifer effect- Philip Zimbardo
- One flew over the cuckoo's nest – K. Kesey
- Genie: a scientific tragedy – R. Rymer
- Obedience to authority- Stanley Milgram

What content will I cover?

Paper	*Topics*	*Weighting*	*When?*
Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology (2 Hours)	*a) Social influence b) Memory c) Attachment d) Psychopathology*	*33.3% of A Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 2: Psychology in Context (2 Hours)	*a) Approaches in Psychology b) Biopsychology c) Research methods*	*33.3% of A Level*	*Year 13*
Paper 3: Issues and options in Psychology (2 Hours)	*a) Issues and debates in Psychology b) Options: Relationships; Schizophrenia; Forensic Psychology*	*33.3% of A Level*	*Year 13*

Find out more about this course: email Francesca Williams - fran.williams@reachacademy.org.uk

A Level History – AQA (7402)

History is the study of past events. In History A Level you will learn about 2 periods of history in depth with one focusing on British history and the other focusing on world history. You will also have the opportunity to complete your own independent study of a period over 100 years. The study of history will not only inform you of past events but also help you understand why the world has developed in the way it has.

With History A Level you could go on to study a wide range of degrees, in particular politics, history, law, sociology, philosophy, ethics, advertising or journalism. History is also highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, accountancy, government, teaching, law and the civil service.

Find out more about this course:
Email Sarah Corrigan at sarah.corrigan@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- Knowledge and understanding of key events and periods within history.
- The ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate historical sources
- The ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate a range of historical interpretations

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a grade 7 in GCSE History.

Recommended Reading:

- The Tudor Century by I Dawson
- The triumph of Elizabethan Britain by M Tillbrook
- The Nazis: A Warning From History by L Rees
- Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1945 by R Whitfield

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
Paper 1 (2.5 Hours)	Breadth study - The Tudors (1485-1603)	40% of the A-Level	Year 13
Paper 2 (2.5 Hours)	Depth study - Germany: Democracy and Nazism(1918-45)	40% of the A-Level	Year 13
Historical investigation (NEA)	African American Civil Rights (1863-1981)	20% of the A-Level	Year 12

A Level Geography - AQA (7037)

Geography is the study of the world around us. It is a bridge between the STEM and essay subjects, with both human and physical geography studied in depth. You will have the opportunity to learn about a range of places and topics across the discipline. You will also be able to complete your own independent fieldwork on a topic that interests you!

With Geography A Level you could go on to study a wide range of degrees, in particular geography, economics, biology, law, sociology, philosophy, ethics, marketing or journalism. History is also highly regarded by employers in industries including environmental science, climate modelling, international organisations, the media, accountancy, government, teaching, law and the civil service.

Find out more about this course:
Email Sophie Bowden at sophie.bowden@reachacademy.org.uk

What skills will I develop?

- **Knowledge and understanding** of key processes that shape our world
- The ability to **evaluate** impacts, processes and differences around the world
- The ability to **investigate** the world around us

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve a grade 7 in GCSE Geography.

Recommended Reading:

- The Power of Geography by Tim Marshall
- National Geographic Magazine
- Globalization: A Very Short Introduction by Manfred Steger
- Portal: San Francisco's Ferry Building and the Reinvention of American Cities by John King

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
Paper 1 - Physical Geography (2.5 Hours)	Water and Carbon cycles Coastal Landscapes Hazards	40% of the A-Level	Year 13
Paper 2 - Human Geography (2.5 Hours)	Global systems and global governance Changing Places Contemporary Urban Environments	40% of the A-Level	Year 13
Independent Investigation (NEA)	Up to you!	20% of the A-Level	Year 12

A Level Spanish - AQA (7692)

In Spanish A Level you will study technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. You will study highlights of Spanish-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the Spanish-speaking world. You also explore the influence of the past on present-day Spanish-speaking communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of Spanish-speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. You will study a literary text and a film while also carrying out an independent research project on a topic of your choice.

Spanish is favoured by universities and employers alike as the language proficiency acquired provides a strong foundation for university studies, and the cultural awareness fosters a global perspective. Many young people who study Spanish go onto study languages, law, international relations, translation, diplomacy, tourism, business, and education, as it provides strong communication skills and cultural understanding.

A Level Spanish

What do I need to achieve?
You must achieve a grade 7 in GCSE Spanish.

Recommended Reading:

- https://historiaspodcast.org/
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m001c2mn/simon-reeves-south-america
- https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/?switch

What skills will I develop?

- Language proficiency: Enhanced speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in Spanish, including advanced grammar and vocabulary.
- Cultural awareness: Deeper understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures, history, and societal issues.
- Critical thinking and analysis: Ability to analyze texts, films, and cultural trends, while developing personal opinions and arguments in Spanish.

Themes	***Topics***
Social Issues and Trends	• *Modern family (e.g., marriage, divorce, relationships, and family structures)* • *Youth culture (e.g., social media, technology, music, and lifestyle)* • *Lifestyle choices and health (e.g., diet, exercise, drugs, alcohol, mental health)* • *Immigration and integration (e.g., social integration, multiculturalism, challenges)* • *The environment (e.g., climate change, environmental activism, sustainability)*
Political and Artistic Culture	• *Spanish and Latin American political systems (e.g., political parties, elections, key political figures)* • *Art, architecture, and cultural heritage (e.g., Spanish and Latin American art movements, famous artists, historical monuments)* • *Cinema and literature (e.g., Spanish and Latin American films, literature, and their influence on culture)* • *Popular culture (e.g., music, fashion, TV, sports)*
Social and Political Change	• The Spanish Civil War and its aftermath (e.g., Franco's dictatorship, the transition to democracy) • Latin American history (e.g., independence movements, revolutions, social and political change) • Spanish and Latin American identity (e.g., regional identities, national pride, indigenous cultures)
Key Themes in Spanish-speaking Countries	• *Spain's role in Europe and the world (e.g., Spain's position within the EU, its global influence in politics, economy, and culture)* • *Latin America (e.g., economic, political, and cultural issues across countries like Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, and Cuba)* • *Cultural diversity in Spanish-speaking countries (e.g., indigenous cultures, Afro-Latinx communities, regional differences)*

Find out more about this course: email Chloe Sides at chloe.sides@reachacademy.org.uk

A Level French – AQA (7652)

In French A Level you will study technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. You will study highlights of French -speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the French -speaking world. You also explore the influence of the past on present-day French -speaking communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of French -speaking countries and the issues and influences which have shaped them. You will study a literary text and a film while also carrying out an independent research project on a topic of your choice.

French is favoured by universities and employers alike as the language proficiency acquired provides a strong foundation for university studies, and the cultural awareness fosters a global perspective. Many young people who study French go onto study languages, law, international relations, translation, diplomacy, tourism, business, and education, as it provides strong communication skills and cultural understanding.

A Level French

What do I need to achieve?
You must achieve a grade 7 in GCSE French.

Recommended Reading:

- https://www.lemonde.fr/
- https://www.france24.com/fr/
- https://www.ilini.com

What skills will I develop?

- Language proficiency: Enhanced speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in French, including advanced grammar and vocabulary.
- Cultural awareness: Deeper understanding of French-speaking cultures, history, and societal issues.
- Critical thinking and analysis: Ability to analyze texts, films, and cultural trends, while developing personal opinions and arguments in French.

Themes	***Topics***
Social Issues and Trends	• *Modern family (e.g., marriage, divorce, relationships, and family structures)* • *Youth culture (e.g., social media, technology, music, and lifestyle)* • *Lifestyle choices and health (e.g., diet, exercise, drugs, alcohol, mental health)* • *Immigration and integration (e.g., social integration, multiculturalism, challenges)* • *The environment (e.g., climate change, environmental activism, sustainability)*
Political and Artistic Culture	• *Spanish and Latin American political systems (e.g., political parties, elections, key political figures)* • *Art, architecture, and cultural heritage (e.g., Spanish and Latin American art movements, famous artists, historical monuments)* • *Cinema and literature (e.g., Spanish and Latin American films, literature, and their influence on culture)* • *Popular culture (e.g., music, fashion, TV, sports)*
Social and Political Change	• The Spanish Civil War and its aftermath (e.g., Franco's dictatorship, the transition to democracy) • Latin American history (e.g., independence movements, revolutions, social and political change) • Spanish and Latin American identity (e.g., regional identities, national pride, indigenous cultures)
Key Themes in Spanish-speaking Countries	• *Spain's role in Europe and the world (e.g., Spain's position within the EU, its global influence in politics, economy, and culture)* • *Latin America (e.g., economic, political, and cultural issues across countries like Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, and Cuba)* • *Cultural diversity in Spanish-speaking countries (e.g., indigenous cultures, Afro-Latinx communities, regional differences)*

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A Level Politics - Edexcel (7692)

Students will investigate in detail how people and politics interact. They will explore the emergence and development of the UK's democratic system and the similarities, differences, connections and parallels between direct and indirect democracy. They will focus on the role and scope of political parties that are so central to contemporary politics, including the significance of the manifestos they publish at election time and their relevance to the mandate of the resulting government.

We live in a complex world with significant challenges, including global terrorism, poverty, economic instability, weapons proliferation, failing states and environmental degradation. These challenges require global co-operation if they are to be resolved. Global politics gives students an opportunity to develop an understanding of the local, national, international and global dimensions of political activity. It also gives them the opportunity to explore the political issues that affect all of us. Students will gain understanding of abstract political concepts through grounding them in contemporary real-world examples and case studies that will develop an international awareness and knowledge of multiple perspectives.

A Level Politics- Edexcel (7692)

What skills will I develop?

- Critical thinking and analysis
- Debate and evaluation
- Essay writing

What do I need to achieve?

You must achieve 6x grade 6s including a 5 in English and Maths

Recommended Reading:

- BBC News
- The Rest is Politics (podcast)

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics
Paper 1 **UK Politics & Core Ideas**	Democracy and participation Electoral systems Voting behaviour and\ the media Political parties Liberalism, socialism, conservatism
Paper 2 **UK Government and Nationalism**	Constitutions Parliament The executive Supreme Court Nationalism
Paper 3 **Global Politics**	IR Theories Globalisation Global governance Power and polarity Regionalism

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Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

EPQ is the Extended Project Qualification run by AQA. If you are interested in creating a project that explores a topic, question or problem that you are passionate about, then the EPQ is for you!

The EPQ is an opportunity to independently create, plan and manage a project that you want to find out more about. In the process you will be taught university-level research skills, get the chance to develop a professional relationship with a supervisor, and gain a qualification worth a whole AS level.

Previous, high-quality EPQs have addressed the influence of hip hop on gun crime in Chicago or whether new medical techniques can be used to edit the human genome. In some cases, EPQs have lowered University offers or provided crucial UCAS points for applications.

Your EPQ may inspire your post-sixth form choices as you research and write about a topic or problem that takes your interest. The academic writing and research skills you gain are useful for any University courses, and the EPQ qualification may supplement your A Level qualifications to help you secure an offer. Finally, your research for the EPQ will deepen your knowledge and give you concrete, relevant experiences to talk about during interviews after Sixth Form.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This course is designed to be taken alongside x3 full A Levels or equivalent.

What skills will I develop?

- *Ability to independently create and plan a project from scratch, managing it from start to finish*
- *Develop research skills*
- *Develop a professional relationship with supervisor*

What content will I cover?

During your taught EPQ sessions you will cover:
> Finding and evaluating sources critically
> How to form and develop a professional relationship with your supervisor
> How to project manage over a series of weeks and months

What do I need to achieve?

You need at least 5 x Grade 5s or above including 5s in English and Maths.

How Will I be Assessed?

In the EPQ you are assessed on the final project submission (the project itself and a presentation on the project) as well as your production log completed throughout the project. You are assessed on your ability to manage a project, obtain and select resources for your research, develop and realise a range of skills and to review and evaluate your own learning and performance.

Your EPQ could take the form of an Academic Report. You must produce a 5000-word for Academic Report .

Recommended Reading:

- The Google Story – David A. Vise
- How I made it: 40 successful entrepreneurs reveal how they made millions – Rachel Bridge
- No logo – Naomi Klein

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