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Why A levels?

The traditional post-GCSE qualification, A levels are an excellent stepping stone between college and the next stage of your journey, whether that be university, higher apprenticeships or employment.

Choose what interests you. Unlike at GCSE, there are no subjects that you have to take. You may want to choose subjects you studied at GCSE in order to deepen your knowledge of that subject, or to pursue a specific path following your sixth form years. You may, however, want to choose a new subject, something you haven't studied before, that piques your interest. The choice is yours!

Prepare for university. A levels not only take you further into a subject, exploring it in more detail and elevating the way you think about that subject, they are also a great preparation for university. Most A level subjects will encourage wider reading, independent study and sophisticated questioning, all of which will stand you in good stead when you get to university.



Why A levels at Keighley College?

With our industry connections, modern facilities and work placements, our sixth form centre is the perfect place to get a sense of what working in your chosen sector could look like.



Business

A level Business will give you an understanding of how businesses start, how they evolve through the making of successful decisions, and how they adapt to an ever-changing world.

You will gain a strong understanding of business by studying topics such as business objectives and strategy, entrepreneurship, global business, marketing, finance, human resources and operations management. You will also look at how and why a business is set up and how external variables influence success.

You will be introduced to business operations and look in depth at the various functional areas needed for a business to succeed. Theory will be related to real-life and case study scenarios.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English.

You will also need a grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Many students may go on from A level to study business-related degrees, such as business management, business and finance, logistics and supply chain management, events management and enterprise. This course can also provide a useful foundation from which to pursue business-related careers and interests, including entrepreneurship and setting up your own business.



Core Maths

Core maths sees the consolidation and development of knowledge and skills acquired at GCSE.

You will further your understanding of maths, developing quantitative and statistical skills which will prepare you for further mathematical study.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English.
You will also need a grade 9-6 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

Maths is a widely respected subject and studying it beyond GCSE paves the way for study at university. Career options are plentiful and include data analysis, digital marketing and finance.



English Language

A level English Language explores how language has evolved over the centuries, how we learn it and how it is used.

Through analysis of different texts you will explore the richness of the English language, develop your writing skills and learn how to adapt text to different mediums.

Exploring the history of the language, you will learn how English has changed since its origin in around 500 AD. The study of gender, accent and dialect, as well as conversations generated by modern technology, will enhance your understanding of how language has developed. Looking at the works of renowned linguists such as Noam Chomsky and B.F. Skinner, you will study language acquisition, focusing on how children learn to speak, read and write.

Studying English Language will not only improve your written confidence but will develop your ability to critically analyse texts, skills which will have a positive benefit across all your subjects and for further study.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English and maths.

Progression routes

With A level English Language, you will find you can study a wide range of subjects at university. The transferable skills developed at A level make this an attractive qualification to universities and employers alike. University study could range from the humanities to social sciences, while career areas include journalism, creative writing and marketing, to name a few.



English Literature

A level English Literature introduces you to a wide range of authors from Shakespeare to contemporary writers.

You will learn how to analyse text, explore critical theory and express your evaluation with clarity and precision.

Combining the study of various genres of fiction with critical theory, you will broaden your understanding of literature within its historical and cultural context. Exploring important theory, including Marxism and feminism, you will learn to contextualise as well as evaluate fiction. This course encourages independent study and as such, you will increase your ability to research beyond the classroom.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English and maths.

Progression routes

Equipping you with the ability to analyse and contextualise, as well as developing your independent study skills, A level English Literature is an excellent foundation for further study. Given its depth and complexity, it is a highly respected qualification and will prepare you for further study at university where it can be read as a single subject or combined with languages or other humanities subjects. Career routes include journalism, marketing and teaching, however, this is such a well-regarded qualification, the career options are plentiful.



Law

A level Law provides you with the opportunity to gain a real insight into our legal system, the framework that underpins our society, and how this affects ordinary citizens.

You will gain an understanding of where our laws originate and how multiple legal cases reach a verdict.

In the first year of study, you will be given an introduction to criminal law and tort law. You will also study negligence and occupiers liability. In the second year, you will deepen your understanding of tort law by looking at vicarious liability and defences.

In addition to this, you will study either human rights or look in depth at the nature of law in a wider context. This will develop your understanding of how the law interacts with morality, justice, society and technology.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE maths.

You will also need a grade 9-5 in GCSE English.

Progression routes

Many students study law at university and access careers in the legal system and the education and law enforcement sectors. Law also develops critical thinking skills relevant to further study and employment.



Maths

A level Maths builds on the fundamentals of maths taught at GCSE and explores the different branches of maths, equipping you with the knowledge you need to pursue this subject at a higher level.

The course comprises six units. Four pure maths units make up two-thirds of the qualification and will see you learn algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus. The remaining two units cover statistics, mechanics and decision maths.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English.
You will also need a grade 9-6 in GCSE Maths.

Progression routes

A level Maths equips you with the skills needed to pursue maths at a higher level. The study of maths is vital for our ever-evolving society and can open doors to careers in engineering and technology development, as well as roles in finance and specialist scientific areas, such as genome modelling.



Psychology

Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour. A level Psychology introduces psychological approaches, theories, concepts and methods.

Through case studies you will learn how to draw parallels between their findings. You will also be introduced to important issues and debates within psychology as applied to contemporary psychological topics.

In your first year you will learn about major approaches to psychology, including exploring key items of research, learning about important studies related to that topic, and finding out how research is conducted in that area of psychology. You will learn to use statistical tests to help interpret data collected in class exercises.

Year two gives you an opportunity to study some uses of psychology in the real world. You will discover how the approaches you have learned about come together to explain human behaviour.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English and maths. You will also need a grade 9-4 in two science subjects.

Progression routes

A level Psychology can lead to degree courses including psychology, pharmacy, business, personnel and teaching. Possible career routes include specialist areas of psychology, such as forensic, occupational and health.



Sociology

Are you naturally inquisitive about the society we live in? Have you ever wondered how society has developed?

How influential is the media on our life choices? Why are men more likely to commit a crime? Is educational failure or success a result of intelligence or is there more to consider?

A level Sociology will address some of these questions and will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all. It examines the impact of our social class, gender and ethnicity on our futures.

You will learn various skills, including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts and critical thinking. You will develop a knowledge of society, alongside the ability to critically evaluate and analyse information. The relevance of sociology to everyone makes your learning relevant to everyday life.

Entry Requirement

Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English and maths.

Progression routes

A level Sociology can lead to degree courses, such as social science and humanities. The study of sociology can lead to many careers from public relations, teaching, government, management and business to journalism, social work, probation service, youth and community work, or nursing.

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