



WETHERBY  
SENIOR SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS  
2022-23

## HERITAGE



A proud member of the prestigious Wetherby family - which includes Wetherby School, Wetherby Prep, Wetherby Kensington, and Wetherby-Pembridge - Wetherby Senior was founded in 2015. Our Sixth Form opened in 2018 and our alumni are now studying at top universities across the UK, continental Europe and North America.

Our School occupies two beautiful buildings in W1, with state-of-the-art facilities on-site for science, art, music, drama, sport and more, plus dedicated study rooms and a common room for our sixth formers.

Keep up-to-date with our latest news and events by following Wetherby Senior on social media - search for Wetherby Senior on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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## WELCOME FROM OUR HEADMASTER

I am delighted that you are considering Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form for your A Level studies.

Our supportive and successful Sixth Form will prepare you for future study and employment, combining academic excellence with guidance on applying to universities in the UK and overseas, a rich careers programme and array of co-curricular activities, state-of-the-art facilities, and strong pastoral support.

Within our Sixth Form, we remain academically ambitious for our young people. Our rigorous and rewarding curriculum is taught by dynamic and experienced staff, and class sizes are kept small, so boys are guided towards the highest levels of attainment and future success.

I am particularly proud of our bespoke advice and support which ensures our sixth formers meet their individual university ambitions. Each Wetherby Senior sixth former is provided with a personal university advisor to guide them through applying to universities in the UK and across Europe, while our two US Advisors provide one-to-one support, and weekly group sessions, on applications to study in North America.

The success of our university support is reflected in the results of our young people - our Class of 2022 held over 120 offers, across 35 subjects, at universities around the UK, including Russell Group institutions, top universities in France, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands, and colleges across North America, including NYU, Berkeley, UPenn, Babson, Northeastern, Notre Dame, and Toronto. Indeed, in just three years, our sixth formers have received forty offers to study in the USA and Canada, including institutions like Georgetown, UCSD, University of Chicago, and UCLA, as well as a D1 Football Scholarship to Akron.

I appreciate that choosing the right sixth form is an important decision, so I hope that this prospectus and our website will provide you with further information. If you have any questions, then please contact our Registrar on telephone: 0207 535 3533 or email: [registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk](mailto:registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk)

**Joe Silvester**  
Headmaster



## WELCOME TO OUR SIXTH FORM

Year 12 marks a vibrant, exciting and rewarding moment in your education.

Within Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form, while some of our boys study four A Levels, most take three A Levels and their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), a highly respected independent research project that involves writing an extended essay on a topic of their own choosing. Our highly skilled teachers are all subject specialists and class sizes remain small.

Our Sixth Form facilities include study rooms and a common room, while further School facilities comprise high-tech science laboratories supported by full-time lab technicians, a well-resourced art rooms (with printing presses, a kiln, a laser cutter, and two computer suites with Adobe Creative Suite software), extensive computing laboratories, a language laboratory, music practice rooms, and a music tech suite.

Alongside your studies, you can continue with existing hobbies or develop new ones, through our amazing range of co-curricular clubs and activities. For example, our most popular Sixth Form options include Young Enterprise with Queen's College, London, and Model UN. There are also leadership opportunities that you can apply for, like Head Boy and prefects roles.

Located in Marylebone, our Sixth Form is close to Oxford Street and Mayfair, and a short walk from landmarks like Hyde Park, Regent's Park and the Wallace Collection. Transport links enable smooth commute, as we are well served by a number of bus routes and our nearest tube stations are Baker St, Bond St or Oxford St (Bakerloo, Central, Jubilee, Victoria, Hammersmith and City, Circle, and Elizabeth lines).

Our central London location means you can go beyond your A Level subjects by attending workshops or lectures with leading experts, by participating in conferences or research programmes at top universities, or by visiting the many museums, galleries, theatres, exhibitions and more across London.

Wellbeing underpins all that we do. The relatively small size of our Sixth Form means that my deputies and I get to know each boy as an individual, which is vital when writing those all-important university reference letter.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

**Mrs Dena Deedat**  
Head of Sixth Form



## ACHIEVEMENT

Our Sixth Form will encourage your higher education ambitions with bespoke guidance and support. Each boy is assigned a university tutor to help with higher education planning, and our two US Advisors assist with North American applications.

By June 2022, our Year 13 held over 120 offers, across 35 subjects, at universities around the UK and in North America, France, Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. This reflects the strong performance of our recent alumni, as shown in the table below:

### Destinations of our alumni in 2021

Location	Institution	Number
London	Brunel	1
	City	2
	City and Guilds Art School	1
	Imperial	1
	King's College	6
	MetFilm	1
	Queen Mary	1
	Royal Holloway	1
UK	UCL	3
	Bath	1
	Bristol	1
	Cardiff	1
	Durham	1
	Exeter	4
	Glasgow	2
	Harper Adams	1
	Loughborough	3
	Manchester	1
	Sussex	1
	Overseas	ESSEC, International Business School, France
Bucknell, USA		1
Georgetown, USA		1

### Destinations of our alumni in 2020

Location	Institution	Number
London	Brunel	1
	City	2
	Imperial	1
	King's College	2
	LSE	2
	SOAS	1
	St Mary's	1
	UCL	1
UK	Cambridge	1
	Cardiff	1
	Durham	2
	Exeter	1
	Lancaster	1
	Liverpool	1
	Manchester	1
	Newcastle	1
	Reading	1
	Warwick	2
Overseas	KU Leuven, Belgium	1
	IE Business School, Spain	1
	Pompeu Fabra, Spain	1
	McGill, Canada	1
	Akron, USA	1
	Chicago, USA	1
	Notre Dame, USA	1
	Wake Forest, USA	1

## AMBITION

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We maintain high aspirations for our sixth formers, providing specialist advice and guidance to enable future success at university and in the workplace.

### Higher education

Our Sixth Form will encourage your university goals, offering bespoke support on applying to study in the UK, across Europe and in North America. We encourage our ambitious and talented sixth formers via:

Your **personal university advisor**, who will guide and empower your higher education planning. Our new initiative, launching in autumn 2022 and unique to Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form, means each boy is assigned a personal university advisor to help prepare the academic journey after A Levels. Together, our team of university advisors have over 100 years' experience of offering higher education support, across the UK and worldwide, meaning your university advisor will fully equipped to guide you.

Our two **US Advisors**, who support applications to study in North America. Their expertise is reflected in our Sixth Form's fantastic results - in just three years, our sixth formers have received forty offers to study in the USA and Canada. Our US Advisors provide one-to-one guidance on the North American application process, plus weekly group sessions on preparing application essays.

Our **programme of talks, workshops and events** to help with university applications. Running throughout your years in our Sixth Form, this includes twilight seminars to parents on university options, workshops with sixth formers on US admissions and on applying through UCAS, and talks by invited university representatives.

Our **annual university fair**, held in conjunction with nearby Queen's College, London, provides a valuable opportunity to talk with over 20 representatives from institutions across the UK and beyond, learning more about higher education opportunities.

**Visits to universities**, so you can see what student life is like, receive advice on degrees from university staff, and speak to current undergraduates.

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Wetherby Senior fully supported all my university ambitions. In Year 12, each week, we had a lesson dedicated on applying to the United States, where an expert explained how we should approach writing our common application essay and our supplemental essays. I was also able to send this advisor my supplemental essays, before I submitted them, in order to get further feedback.”

Robert will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read environmental sciences and sociology at University of Notre Dame in Indiana.



### Employability

Our Sixth Form careers programme will support you in making informed choices about your future employment, helping develop your employability as you learn more about the wide range of available career options.

Working closely with our Head of Sixth Form and invited external industry experts, our Careers Department provides up-to-date advice to prepares you for the future world of work. Our Careers Department will improve your skills, knowledge and understanding for career planning and management via:

**One-to-one careers meetings** with our Head of Careers, where you can explore career options, develop your CV, and receive support with applications for internships, apprenticeships, volunteering or gap year opportunities. This includes writing cover letters and practising interview skills for university admission or job interviews.

Our **Meet the Professional talk series**, which runs throughout the year and covers a range of industries, offer an insight into different careers. Past talks have included representatives from law, medicine, banking, artificial intelligence, and data science.

Our **annual careers fair**, with Queen's College, London, provides a brilliant chance to meet and talk with a range of industry representatives, gathering information on the skills and aptitudes needed for success in your future career.

Our Sixth Form's **PSHE programme** includes career development, with Morrisby testing, to help you understand the opportunities available after your studies.



## LIFE IN OUR SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form capitalises on our prestigious Marylebone location and we work hard to enrich the education of our sixth formers.

Our central London home makes it possible to invite outside speakers to give talks or run workshops, for our sixth formers and for our parents. As part of our plans to support the higher education ambitions of our young people, we run a series of inspiring talks to both sixth formers and parents on applying to study at universities in the UK, as well as across Europe and North America.

Our sixth formers are further inspired by our bi-monthly Monday Lecture Series, run in conjunction with girls from nearby Queen's College, London. With talks given by eminent guests on a wide range of topics, these lectures introduce fascinating subjects that are of interest to our young people, as well as supporting topics within PSHE, careers and wellbeing.



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“My A Level studies have been extremely eye-opening – in addition to improving my study skills, they have allowed me to develop a greater passion for my subjects. Having joined Wetherby Senior in 2015, I feel I have been able to grow alongside the school itself, making lifelong friends along the way. Wetherby Senior's relatively small size means there is an incredibly strong sense of community, amongst both pupils and staff.”

William will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read civil engineering at University of Leeds.



In 2021-22, our Monday Lecture Series included:

- Reflections on UK Politics - Henry Zeffman, Chief Political Correspondent of *The Times*
- I am 10,000 - Celebrating Maths and Poetry - Harry Baker, World Poetry Slam Champion
- Working in Public Law - Fiona Scolding QC
- Campaigning for the Rights of the Non-Religious - Andrew Copson, CEO of Humanists UK
- A Conversation About Difference - Ola Adesanoye, Diversity Coordinator at CISV London
- Prison Reform - Erwin James, Editor of *Inside Time*, national newspaper for prisoners

Being located in the heart of London enables a safe and smooth commute for all to our Sixth Form. Yet it also means we can easily undertake trips to museums, galleries, theatres, exhibitions, lectures and more, across and outside of London.

Twice a year, our boys take part in a Field Day, where they go beyond their usual academic curriculum, extending learning and knowledge in an enjoyable and memorable manner. Our staff plan inspiring and enjoyable Field Day activities, with 2021-22 seeing sixth formers hiking across the Chiltern Hills for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, visiting university campuses to learn more about higher education options, and touring the Supreme Court to understand some of the biggest events in Britain's recent history.

## EXPERIENCE

Our rich co-curricular programme aims to develop confidence, teamwork and leadership skills, while enabling you to make friends and enjoy your time in our Sixth Form. Below are some options that are particularly popular amongst our sixth formers.

*The Barometer* is our entirely pupil-led magazine, published every half-term, featuring news from our School and the wider world. It provides a fantastic opportunity for any keen writers, journalists, editors, critics, photographers, illustrators or designers, amongst our Sixth Form, to see their work in print.

**Model United Nations (MUN)** is an educational simulation in which young people learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations, while building valuable skills like research, public speaking, debating, and writing. In 2021-22, our sixth formers have particularly enjoyed taking part in MUN conferences in Manchester and in London, working as the representative of a country to solve a problem with other sixth formers from across the UK.

**Young Enterprise** involves our sixth formers working with peers at Queen's College, London, to create their own company, gaining valuable business skills and real-life experiences. In 2021-22, our Year 12 participants made the most of the cold winter with a successful beanie hat selling business!

**Music** remains a vibrant dimension of life, with our Music Department providing tuition in a number of instruments, as well as boasting numerous music ensembles and an active Choir. Concerts and recitals take place every term, enabling our boys to demonstrate their musical talent and gain public performance experience.

Our **Drama Department** produces three large scale productions a year with many opportunities to get involved, from performing on stage to behind-the-scenes work in set design, lighting and costumes. For example, our Autumn Term production involves collaboration with girls from Queen's College, London and Francis Holland, Regents Park, as our sixth formers work with professional set, lighting and costume designers from the West End to put on a show at RADA.



**Sport** is timetabled for all year groups and, behind the trademark red doors of our Marylebone Lane building, lies a treasure trove of sporting facilities and equipment. This includes a fully-equipped strength and conditioning suite, a superb spin studio, an excellent boxercise studio, and space for yoga. Our central London location also makes it possible to use nearby state-of-the-art facilities, like Regent's Park's and Ealing Trailfinders, which our boys visit several times a week, using equipment and pitches for professional rugby union, rugby league and cricket teams

Within our Sixth Form, you can develop your existing interests or try something completely new! Every Friday afternoon, time is set aside to take part in **co-curricular activities**, with further opportunities before- and after-school, and over lunch, during the week. To develop leadership and teamwork, most of our sixth formers run their own co-curricular club.

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“I really loved my time at Wetherby Senior. Academically, I enjoyed my A Level subjects and did not regret choosing any of them, even when I had a lot of homework! Socially, I always enjoyed inter-Trib competitions, particularly if it involved an afternoon of sport, while taking part in drama productions was always fun, as it was exciting to see your hard work come together on stage.”

Nico will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read liberal arts at University of California, Berkeley.



## GLOBAL CITIZENS

At Wetherby Senior, we strive to develop our sixth formers beyond their academic studies, to ensure all contribute positively to society.

Our central London location means sixth formers can take part in valuable and important volunteering opportunities to help the local community or people across the city. In 2021-22, this included our sixth formers visiting nearby Marylebone Library to help older people learn how to better use digital devices, supporting children's learning at London primary schools, and hosting an afternoon tea at Marylebone Lane for members of the immediate community.

Participation in the well-respected and challenging Duke of Edinburgh Award remains popular amongst our sixth formers. From volunteering in the local community to hiking across the English countryside, the Duke of Edinburgh Award provides an excellent opportunity for our young people to enhance their teamwork, organisation and leadership skills.

There are numerous leadership responsibilities within our School, which enable you to support life across our School whilst developing important transferable skills needed in any future career, like public speaking. On the following page are some of our available and most popular opportunities.



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Well done to all boys and staff who participated in our first Wetherby Senior School Sponsored Spin. As a School, over 100 different participants collectively cycled over 1,000 miles in our Marylebone Lane spin studio, raising over £5,000 for our chosen charities.”

Mr Thornton, Wetherby Senior teacher, who co-ordinated our charitable cycling challenge, that saw each participant cycle a half hour slot in a 12-hour period, in a race to be the first Trib to cycle 346km (the length of the River Thames).



Our **School Council** consists of representatives from all year groups, who meet every half-term to make important decisions around community service, such as agreeing on the charities our School will support through fundraising activities. In 2021-22, our chosen charities were Save the Children, West London Mission and Crisis, with events like a sponsored cycle ride in our School's spin studio enabling our boys to raise money, learn more about issues facing the world today, and have fun.

Our **Year 12 academic mentors** are trained to help younger pupils with different subjects. Working with Heads of Department, you will be assigned a younger pupil to support each week, which could mean helping to boost a pupil's performance in class, supporting their understanding of their prep, or extending and challenging their learning to a higher level.

Our **Year 12 peer mentors** undertake training to support younger pupils and act as a 'big brother' role model. You may meet your mentees regularly or on a more ad-hoc basis. You would receive training to ensure you can approach discussions seriously and sensitively, as issues discussed could vary, from school to home life.

Our **prefect posts** include Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and prefects, and you apply during Year 12 for these exciting opportunities to provide leadership, manage teams, and act as role models to younger boys, with responsibilities ranging from helping with open events to assisting with life across Wetherby Senior. In recognition of the honour of being a prefect, you have access to a Prefect Office at Hannah House, are awarded a prefect tie and different shirt, and can attend our Prefect Dinner at the end of Year 13.

## WELLBEING

Our Sixth Form offers a friendly atmosphere and a supportive community, with each boy known as an individual by our dynamic Sixth Form team.

Our outstanding pastoral system is overseen by experienced staff and includes dedicated support for wellbeing, university applications and careers planning.

Alongside form tutors, our Sixth Form team includes:

Deputy Head Academic	Ms Bainbridge
Deputy Head Pastoral	Ms Pheiffer
Head of Sixth Form	Mrs Deedat
Deputy Head of Sixth Form	Ms Mendes
Deputy Head of Sixth Form	Mr Hayes
Head of Careers	Ms Holmes
Head of Scholarship	Ms Zaman
University Advisor	Mrs Deedat
University Advisor	Ms Gagnon
University Advisor	Mr Hayes
University Advisor	Ms Holmes
University Advisor	Mr Leverage
University Advisor	Ms Mendes
University Advisor	Ms Twomey
University Advisor	Ms Zaman
US University Advisor	Ms Gagnon
US University Advisor	Dr Smith
Wellbeing Coach	Ms Leonello
Wellbeing Counsellor	Mr Goodwin

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Wetherby Senior is a small community, and that is something that I relished during my time here – being part of a tight-knit year group and with teachers who are proactive and passionate, making learning engaging and enjoyable.”

Maxime will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read geography at University of Edinburgh.

## CHOOSING YOUR A LEVELS

Wetherby Senior School's Sixth Form offers A Levels that are challenging, exciting and rewarding. All can lead to fantastic university courses, and future careers.

In our Sixth Form, you will be able to specialise, taking A Level courses in subjects that interest you and in which you can enjoy success. If you already have a specific university course or career in mind, then you need to ensure your A Levels support your ambitions. Make sure to do your research and select the right subjects.

When thinking about your A Level options, try to choose subjects that:

- You enjoy – we all work harder if we enjoy what we are doing
- You believe you will do well in – know your own strengths and weaknesses
- You think will help you in the future – if you know what you want to study at university, or what career you would like, ensure your A Levels will enable you to enter that university course or field of employment. If you are unsure, then try to select A Levels that give you flexibility in the future

Please note that, if less than three boys sign up for an A Level, it is liable not to run.



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“I chose my degree because I found my A Level Economics so fascinating and want to bring my studies in this subject to a higher level. My A Level studies were very enjoyable, thanks to the great teachers in Wetherby Senior’s Sixth Form, and I am particularly grateful to the staff who helped me when applying to both Bocconi and to UK universities.”

Alexander will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read international economics and management at Bocconi University, Italy.



## ART AND DESIGN

### Why study A Level Art and Design?

A Level Art and Design is the course for you, if you have an imagination and a dedicated work ethic, and if you want to explore a range of disciplines and give visual form to their thoughts, feelings, observations and ideas.

### How is A Level Art and Design structured?

Just like GCSE, our A Level is split into two components:

**Personal investigation (coursework):** You will be required to identify an area of particular interest and formulate a personal challenge you wish to investigate. You will research, evaluate, analyse and establish coherent and sustainable links between your own artwork and that of historic and contemporary references. You will also write an extended essay that explores the themes you have chosen to investigate.

**Externally set assignment (exam):** An externally set question paper will be released in February of Year 13. You will produce preparatory studies (research, written analysis, artwork) over eight weeks, culminating in the production of an unaided final piece completed within 15 hours under examination.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Edexcel specification:

Personal investigation (60%)	Externally set assignment (40%)
<p><b>Overview of content:</b> You will generate and develop ideas for your own concept, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes, and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcomes which address each of the assessment objectives.</p> <p><b>Overview of assessment:</b> A portfolio of development work and outcomes based on themes and ideas developed from personal starting points A 'personal study' which is a 1,500 to 3,000 word dissertation that demonstrates your ability to interpret the work of other artists and designers, and make links with your work.</p>	<p><b>Overview of content:</b> You will generate and develop ideas, research primary and contextual sources, record practical and written observations, experiment with media and processes, and refine ideas towards producing personal resolved outcome(s) in response to an externally set theme.</p> <p><b>Overview of assessment:</b> Incorporates two major elements: preparatory studies and the 15-hour exam. Preparatory studies will comprise a portfolio of practical and written development work. Final outcomes(s) produced during your exam.</p>

### Where can A Level Art and Design lead?

The creative industries are a fast growing part of the economy and as diverse as they are fascinating. A Level Art and Design can set you on a path to many careers: an artist, a graphic designer, a product designer, a design engineer, an industrial designer, an architect, a career in advertising or marketing, or a film maker, to name but a few.

## BIOLOGY

### Why study A Level Biology?

Are you captivated by the animals on BBC nature programmes? Do you want to understand the causes of cancer or the potential uses of stem cells in medicine? Are you concerned about the impacts of our ever increasing population on the environment? If so, A Level Biology is for you. Biologists want to understand how living organisms function and interact, so they can help solve problems of the future.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Biology?

You will gain a broad knowledge of biological processes, from the micro to the macro level, and how they relate to each other. You will also develop an understanding of scientific methods, including the ability to research, plan and execute scientific investigations. You will learn a variety of different practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills, as well as gain an appreciation of how biology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Edexcel A Level Biology (Salters-Nuffield) specification:

	Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
Paper 1	The Natural Environment and Species Survival	- Genetics, Health and Lifestyle - Biodiversity and Natural Selection - Photosynthesis and Decomposition - Immunity, Infection and Forensics	Exam	33.33%
Paper 2	Energy, Exercise and Co-operation	- Genetics, Health and Lifestyle - Biodiversity and Natural Selection - Respiration and Exercise - The Brain, Communication and Co-ordination	Exam	33.33%
Paper 3	General and Practical Applications in Biology	- A synoptic paper where you can be assessed on any topic in the course, as well as experimental design. - You will also be assessed on your understanding of a scientific article released eight weeks prior to exams.	Exam	33.33%

### Where can A Level Biology lead?

A Level Biology is a fascinating and demanding subject, and highly regarded by universities. If you are considering a career in: medicine, veterinary science, pharmacology, optometry, dentistry, zoology, sports science, physiotherapy, microbiology or environmental science, then A Level Biology is often a necessary or desirable subject. However, regardless of whether you are going to study a biology-related degree, you will gain a range of transferable skills through A Level Biology that will prove very useful in any workplace.

## BUSINESS

### Why study A Level Business?

Business is a field that is undeniably important to society, with businesses and business leaders having been the key architects of the digital age and the globalised world we inhabit.

The challenge of managing finite resources in a way that satisfies a network of stakeholders is perhaps greater and more exciting than ever, while the ability to critically engage with businesses and the commercial world equips you with the tools to excel in your career, and make a meaningful contribution to the progression of society.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Business?

Business is a live subject, which means you are required to apply your knowledge to current business situations. It is also a written subject, allowing you to develop strong analysis and evaluation skills, as well as develop the ability to interpret and analyse quantitative data.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Eduqas A Level Business specification:

	Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
Component 1	Business Opportunities and Functions	- Business Start Ups, Small and Medium sized Enterprises, and Multi-National Corporations - Marketing, Finance, HR, and Operations Management	Exam	33.33%
Component 2	Business Analysis	- How to Analyse Business Performance - Business Strategy - Decision-making Models	Exam	33.33%
Component 3	Business in a Changing World	- Risk Management - Business Ethics - International Trade and Globalisation	Exam	33.33%

### Where can A Level Business lead?

There are a wide range of business-related university degree options, including joint honours with another subject. These are particularly valuable in the modern business world as they include an international dimension in the form of an internship abroad. However, the theory taught in A Level Business is useful in all walks of life, as most of us work as employees, while an understanding of how businesses operate is always helpful in assessing the prospects of particular firms, and can aid career planning.

## CHEMISTRY

### Why study A Level Chemistry?

Chemistry is sometimes known as the central science, as it connects physical sciences (eg mathematics and physics) with applied sciences (eg biology, medicine or engineering). A Level Chemistry provides an opportunity to study the amazing variety of substances that make up our world, as you appreciate why they are the way they are, why they behave as they do, and how they can be adapted and used in modern life.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Chemistry?

You will explore a body of chemical theories and facts, which enables you to identify the patterns and themes fundamental to chemistry. A Level Chemistry puts emphasis on the importance of the scientific method, helping you to design, carry out and evaluate experiments. Through this, you develop chemical knowledge, skills and understanding that teaches you to problem-solve in a wider context. In addition, you develop an appreciation for how chemistry has social, industrial, technological, environmental and economic consequences for our world.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the OCR A Level Chemistry specification:

Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
1 - Periodic Table, Elements and Physical Chemistry	- Development of Practical Skills in Chemistry - Foundations in Chemistry - Periodic Table and Energy - Physical Chemistry and Transition Elements	Exam	37%
2 - Synthesis and Analytical Techniques	- Development of Practical Skills in Chemistry - Foundations in Chemistry - Core Organic Chemistry - Organic Chemistry and Analysis	Exam	37%
3 - Unified Chemistry	- A unified paper where you can be assessed on any topic in the course, as well as experimental design. All topics from above will be examined.	Exam	26%

You must complete a minimum of 12 core practicals from the Practical Activity Groups (PAGs) during your A Level. You are assessed against the OCR's Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC) and receive a 'pass' if you demonstrate the required standard.

### Where can A Level Chemistry lead?

A Level Chemistry can complement arts subjects, and is an excellent base for degrees in healthcare (eg medicine, pharmacy and dentistry), or the biological sciences, physics, mathematics, pharmacology and analytical chemistry. It is taken by many law or finance applicants, as the problem-solving skills gained are useful and it shows that you can cope with difficult concepts. Future career opportunities include the chemical, manufacturing, and pharmaceutical industries, or areas like forensics, environmental protection, and healthcare.

## DRAMA

### Why study A Level Drama?

A Level Drama is a vastly enjoyable course that focuses on creativity, academic reading, teamwork and performing, as you write your own plays, act in plays, and review professional productions. Top universities appreciate that A Level Drama applicants have strong skills in literature, leadership and public speaking, yet it is also an excellent option if you wish to take a balanced array of subjects. It also looks good on university applications when taken alongside subjects that require different skills, since it proves your well-roundedness as a scholar.

### What skills will I gain with A Level Drama?

A Level Drama involves writing plays, acting, essay writing and performance analysis, so you will develop exemplary skills in leadership, management, creativity and collaboration. Alongside our studio and classroom lessons, we collaborate with theatre companies to master playwriting skills and establish advanced theatrical skills.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Edexcel A Level Drama specification:

Component/content	What is assessed?	Weighting
1 - Devising (Devising an original performance piece and creating a supporting portfolio)	- Devising an original performance piece - Using a key extract of performance text as a stimuli - Portfolio must justify research and rationale - Piece of theatre to be 'advanced' and 'highly creative'	40%
2 - Texts in Performance (Scripted acting)	- Group performance from a scripted play - Monologue from a scripted play - No written work in this module, which is marked entirely on creativity and acting	20%
3 - Theatre Makers in Practice (Written exam)	- Live theatre evaluation (multiple theatre trips take place during the course) - Writing about dramatic literature from the perspective of an actor - You will 're-imagine' a production and create ideas for how this will be communicated to a contemporary audience, writing about staging as if you are the director with a new concept	40%

### Where can A Level Drama lead?

Do **not** think you should only study A Level Drama if you want to be an actor! As workplaces highly value creative thinking and entrepreneurial skills, A Level Drama is appreciated by a diverse range of employers. Those who have studied A Level Drama can go into any career involving leadership, literature and creativity, which can range from being a lawyer, a journalist or a business manager, to careers in the arts, publishing, advertising or politics.

## ECONOMICS

### Why study A Level Economics?

What caused the global economy to crash in 2008? How will the rise of AI affect your future? How bad for the UK is 9% inflation? Why has the cost of living increased so much? Is the NHS the best way to provide healthcare for the UK? Is inequality growing and should we care? By studying A Level Economics, you will gain the tools to tackle these questions, as well as examine the questions that will define our current and future generations.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Economics?

Economics is a quantitative social science, so you will learn how to analyse and interpret quantitative data. However, as A Level Economics is primarily a written subject, not a mathematical one, there is a strong emphasis on the quality of your written communication, thus developing your written analysis and evaluative skills. In addition, as A Level Economics is a live subject, you will also deepen your knowledge and understanding of current affairs.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Eduqas A Level Economics specification:

	Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
Component 1	Economics Principles	Every paper assesses the entirety of the A Level content, with the A Level split into three topic areas. Microeconomics - Scarcity, Demand and Supply in Product Labour Markets; Market Structures; Market Failures. Macroeconomics - Economic Growth; Inflation; Unemployment; Fiscal Policy; Monetary Policy; Government Debt; Exchange Rates. Global Economics – International Trade; Globalisation; EU/Eurozone; Non UK Economies; Economic Development.	Exam	30%
Component 2	Exploring Economic Behaviour		Exam	30%
Component 3	Evaluating Economics Models and Policies		Exam	40%

### Where can Economics lead?

A Level Economics develops both quantitative and written skills, preparing you for a broad range of university degrees. It can lead to a wide range of university options, since it is a common subject in joint honours courses with mathematics, politics, management, a language or finance. Graduates in economics rank top or near the top of charts for average earnings and employment rates in comparison to other degree courses.



## ENGLISH LITERATURE

### Why study English Literature?

One of the best ways to develop a greater understanding of both yourself and others is through the careful study of literature, which can act as a gateway into the broadest possible range of lives, places and experiences. By reading and studying works of literature, you are able to explore bold ideas, travel in strange and fascinating worlds, and experience more than you could ever hope to in just one lifetime. While, hopefully, all of that sounds challenging and rewarding, perhaps the best reason to study A Level English Literature is that reading, discussing and writing about literature can simply be really good fun!

### What will I study in A Level English Literature?

Here is an outline of the OCR course components and a selection, by no means prescriptive, of the texts which you would have the opportunity to explore: Shakespeare (eg *Hamlet*); Drama and Poetry Pre-1900 (eg Ibsen's *A Doll's House* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*); and Comparative and Contextual Study of a Genre: American Literature, The Gothic, Dystopia, The Immigrant Experience (here, you select one of these genres and independently explore a range of texts within it, complementing a class set text). There are three components of coursework which are all based on texts of your choosing, including a piece of creative writing, a close reading of a passage, and a comparative essay.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the OCR English Literature specification:

	% of A Level
Comparative and Contextual Study exam paper	40%
Drama and Poetry exam paper	40%
Coursework	20%

### Where can A Level English Literature lead?

The short answer is: wherever you want to go! A Level English Literature is a highly-respected qualification and, regardless of what you want to study after school, universities will appreciate the skills of analysis, creativity and communication you have developed. Whether you choose to study A Level English Literature alongside other essay-based subjects (like A Level History, Economics or Geography), or see it as a way to complement further study of A Level Mathematics or, indeed, as an option to sit alongside creative subjects (like A Level Art or Drama), it will stand you in excellent stead for the two years of our Sixth Form and beyond.

## FRENCH

### Why study A Level French?

More than 220 million people speak French on five continents and France is a key economic global player, with French being the other language of international relations widely used, alongside English, in the UN, the EU, UNESCO and NATO.

### What will I study in A Level French?

As well as studying one literary text and one film in French, you will explore artistic culture, current trends and issues in society, and aspects of political life in the French speaking world. Examples of topics include: 'French diverse society, immigration and racism', 'Cinema, music, architecture and gastronomy', 'Impact of scientific and technological progress' and 'Causes of poverty in Europe and developing countries'. Whilst there are many more topics, these give you a flavour of what you will learn.

### What skills will I gain through A Level French?

In your A Level language lessons, unlike at GCSE, you will be exposed to a wider range of linguistic skills, including essay writing, debating and translation. As part of your oral exam, you will be required to give a presentation on a subject of your choice that you will have researched, allowing you to pursue something which personally interests you, whilst gaining independent research skills. You will learn to use language to discuss concepts, rather than just facts.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level French specification:

Component	Involves	What is assessed?	Weighting
Paper 1	Listening, reading and writing	- Current trends of French-speaking society - Artistic culture in the French world - Current issues in French-speaking society - Aspects of political life in the French-speaking world	50%
Paper 2	Writing	- Knowledge of one literary text - Knowledge of one film - Knowledge of grammar	20%
Paper 3	Speaking	Individual research project and discussion of sub themes	30%

### Where can A Level French lead?

As well as complementing other A Level subjects, A Level French is well respected by universities and can lead to an exciting range of future careers.

## FURTHER MATHS

### Why study A Level Further Mathematics?

A Level Further Mathematics is aimed at those who enjoys mathematics, as it provides a challenge and a chance to explore new and/or more sophisticated mathematical concepts. As well as being highly regarded by universities, those who take A Level Further Mathematics often find that the additional time spent studying mathematics boosts their marks in A Level Mathematics.

### What skills will I gain?

A Level Further Mathematics is a separate A Level, taken in addition to A Level Mathematics. Three quarters of the course is Further Pure Mathematics and the remainder is Decision Mathematics. A Level Further Mathematics introduces new topics, like matrices and complex numbers, that are vital in many STEM degrees.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Edexcel Further Mathematics specification:

Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
Core Pure Mathematics	- Proof - Complex Numbers - Matrices - Further Algebra and Functions - Further Calculus - Further Vectors - Polar Coordinates - Hyperbolic Functions - Differential Equations	Exams	50%
Further Pure Mathematics	- Further Vectors - Further Differential Equations - Further Calculus	Exams	25%
Decision Mathematics	- Algorithms - Linear Programming - Graphs and Networks	Exams	25%

### Where can A Level Further Mathematics lead?

If you are planning to take a degree such as engineering, sciences, computing, finance/economics etc, or perhaps mathematics itself, you will benefit enormously from taking A Level Further Mathematics. Young people who have studied A Level Further Mathematics find the transition to such degrees is far more straightforward.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Why study A Level Geography?

Geographers are excited about the world in which they live and develop a valuable understanding of the physical and human processes which shape our planet. If you want to answer questions such as, 'What are the issues caused by unequal flows of international trades?', 'How will the world cope with a projected population of 10 billion?', or 'How would a supervolcano eruption affect our planet?' then A Level Geography is the subject for you.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Geography?

Geographers are numerate, literate, and good team workers. You will develop a knowledge of social, economic and physical processes, and be able to plan, research, develop and test hypotheses, and write reports. You will learn to think analytically and critically, and develop valuable computer skills. You will practice a variety of fieldwork skills via the range of trips we offer, which have included Greece, the Azores, Italy and Croatia.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level Geography specification:

Module	Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
1	Physical Geography	- Water and Carbon Cycles - Coastal Systems and Landscapes - Ecosystems and Processes	Exam	40%
2	Human Geography	- Global Systems and Global Governance - Changing Places - Population and the Environment	Exam	40%
3	Independent Investigation	- Independent investigation which may be human or physical or a combination of both. - Fieldwork over four days (there will be an additional charge for this trip but it will be in the UK, so costs will be kept to a minimum).	Written (3,000-4,000 words)	20%

### Where can A Level Geography lead?

Not only is A Level Geography a vital subject in its own right, it is also unique in providing a bridge between the sciences and the arts. A Level geographers go on to read a huge range of subjects at university, from medicine to law and engineering to English. Indeed, many science degrees recognise and include A Level Geography as a science, and it can be a useful alternative to traditional sciences, like chemistry or physics. In addition, the broad range of skills learnt through A Level Geography makes you highly employable in practically every career field.

## GERMAN

### Why study A Level German?

Globally, around 132 million people speak German as a first or second language and learning German will open the door to exciting opportunities in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the UK, as Germany is one of Britain's biggest trade partners with strong financial service and business ties.

### What skills will I gain through A Level German?

In A Level German, you will be exposed to a range of linguistic skills, like essay writing, debating and translation, that are incredibly important and will aid your study of other subjects at A Level and at university. In your speaking exam, you will complete an independent research project, allowing you to pursue topics that interest you, giving you a flavour of the independence you will enjoy when at university. Studying German will boost your CV, give you valuable transferable skills, and offer all the benefits that come with learning another language – experiencing the world through another language broadens your horizons, heightening your understanding of what it means to live in a global community of diverse cultures, traditions and histories.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level German specification:

Paper	Title	What is assessed?	Questions	Weighting
1	Listening, reading and writing	- Aspects of German-speaking society - Artistic culture in the German-speaking world - Multiculturalism in German-speaking society - Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world - Grammar	Reading Listening Summary writing Translation	40%
2	Writing	- Knowledge of one literary text ( <i>der Vorleser</i> ) - Knowledge of one film ( <i>das Leben der Anderen</i> ) - Knowledge of Grammar	Essay on literature Essay on film	40%
3	Speaking	- Individual research project and discussion of sub-themes, eg Germany in the EU, digital technology, immigration	Sub-themes Presentation Discussion	20%

### Where can A Level German lead?

German is an exciting language to learn, will complement any subjects studied at A Level, and is viewed highly by universities. German remains the highest language in demand by British businesses, and *The Independent* ranked it the number one language to learn for the best paid jobs.

## GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

### Why study A Level Government and Politics?

If you want to know where power lies, how parties operate, and how governments work, then A Level Government and Politics is for you. Politics has an enormous impact on our lives, and A Level Government and Politics will equip you with a strong understanding of how power is exercised, in this country and internationally. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills to play a full part in the political process.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Government and Politics?

A Level Government and Politics is an exciting and intellectually challenging subject with an emphasis on debate, discussion and argument. While the ability to look at different perspectives, and critically analyse them, is of fundamental importance, you will also develop other important qualities like critical thinking and effective writing skills.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level Government and Politics specification:

Module	Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
1	Government and Politics of the UK	- Structure of British Government - Elections and Participation - Political Parties and Pressure Groups	Exam	33.33%
2	Government and Politics of the USA	- Structure of US Government - Electoral Process - Political Parties and Pressure Groups - Comparative Politics	Exam	33.33%
3	Political Ideas	- Liberalism - Conservatism - Socialism - Either Nationalism, Feminism, Multiculturalism, Anarchism or Ecologism	Exam	33.33%

### Where can A Level Government and Politics lead?

A Level Government and Politics is highly regarded by both universities and employers, due to the critical thinking skills you develop and due to its analytical and discursive nature. It fits well with a variety of other subject areas, including economics, history and English. Furthermore, it provides an excellent academic foundation for careers in the media, teaching, law, social work, the civil service, local government, and research.



## HISTORY

### Why study A Level History?

History is the study of humanity in all of its chaotic complexity. While there is a real pleasure to be derived from delving into the narrative of our past for its own sake, history is not just about chronicling the past. It is an ongoing dialogue, between academics, who use empirical evidence to explain why events unfolded as they did. The breadth of evidence available makes history a truly multidisciplinary subject. When historians investigate the past, they have to use an array of relevant skills in order to come to the fullest understanding possible of the period. For example, if you were studying the British Empire, you would need a working knowledge of chronology, geography, economics, sociology, literature, art and science (to name but a few) to stand a chance of developing a convincing interpretation of your own. Studying history will not help you avoid the mistakes of your predecessors but a solid grounding in history is the best preparation for understanding and dealing with the problems of the present, and anticipating those of the future.

### What will I study?

Here is an outline of the components that make up the OCR A Level and the topics you will study: British Period Study and Enquiry (Britain 1930-97 with an enquiry of Churchill 1930-51); Non-British Period Study (American Revolution 1740-96); Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations (Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992); Topic-based Essay (3,000-4,000 word independent study).

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the OCR A Level History specification:

Component	Mark	Duration	Weighting
British Period Study	50	One hour 30 minutes	25%
Non-British Unit	30	One hour	15%
Thematic Study	80	Two hours 30 minutes	40%
Topic-based Essay			20%

### Where will A Level History take me?

History remains a rigorous and well respected academic discipline, since it places a firm emphasis on the construction of well reasoned arguments and interpretations, based upon carefully researched evidence from a wide array of sources and disciplines. As such, it is a valuable subject for all kinds of university degrees and careers. Aside from continuing with the subject itself, A Level historians are equipped to study courses like law, economics, geography and English, or more scientific degrees like physics and medicine, where A Level History is seen as a good way to add breadth to your skills and interests. In career terms, the perspective and understanding gained from the study of A Level History is almost custom made to help you aspire to be a leader of the future.

## LATIN

### Why study A Level Latin?

A Level Latin offers an insight into one of the greatest ancient civilisations of the western world. Not only will you continue to develop your linguistic skills, you will use these skills to read and analyse some of the finest pieces of literature written. Such texts are wonderful to read in themselves but it is very gratifying to read them in the original language, knowing over 2,000 years separates you from the author.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Latin?

You will further enhance your knowledge of grammatical structures, so you are able to read unabridged versions of Latin texts by authors like Livy and Ovid. You will develop your analytical and essay writing skills, as you study prose and verse literature in depth. In addition, through your study of literature, you will learn about the historical context of the end of the Roman Republic and early imperial Rome.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the OCR A Level Latin specification:

Title	What will I need to do?	Assessed by	Weighting
Unseen Translation	- Translate a passage of unseen Latin prose (written by Livy) into English - Translate a passage of unseen Latin verse (written by Ovid) into English	Exam	33%
Prose Composition or Comprehension	- Translate a passage of unseen prose OR - Answer comprehension, translation and grammar questions on a passage of unseen prose	Exam	17%
Prose Literature	- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a prose set text (author examples: Cicero and Tacitus) - Questions will require you to translate, analyse literary style and write an essay	Exam	25%
Verse Literature	- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a verse set text (author examples: Virgil and Catullus) - Questions will require you to translate, analyse literary style and write an essay	Exam	25%

### Where will A Level Latin take me?

A highly academic subject, Latin is very well regarded by universities and employers, with Latin scholars respected for their wide variety of skills - a highly developed sense of logic, the ability to appreciate and critically analyse literature, and the ability to form clear and persuasive arguments. With such skills, those who have studied Latin can find themselves in diverse career fields, ranging from the civil service to accountancy, and from law or business to the media.

## MATHEMATICS

### Why study A Level Mathematics?

A Level Mathematics is a good option, regardless of your desired future university study. It develops concepts that you first learnt in IGCSE Mathematics and introduces many new ones, to allow you to solve problems with more complexity.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Mathematics?

Through solving problems, you will develop resilience and be able to think creatively and strategically. The writing of structured solutions, proof and justification of results will help you to formulate reasoned arguments. Importantly, you will build excellent numeracy skills, plus the ability to process and interpret data.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the Edexcel GCE Mathematics specification:

Title	Topics	Assessed by	Weighting
Pure Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proof</li> <li>- Algebra and Functions</li> <li>- Coordinate Geometry in the (x, y) Plane</li> <li>- Sequences and Series</li> <li>- Trigonometry</li> <li>- Exponentials and Logarithms</li> <li>- Differentiation</li> <li>- Integration</li> <li>- Numerical Methods</li> <li>- Vectors</li> </ul>	One hour 30 minutes	66.67%
Statistics and Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statistics</li> <li>- Statistical Sampling</li> <li>- Data Presentation and Interpretation</li> <li>- Probability</li> <li>- Statistical Distributions</li> <li>- Statistical Hypothesis Testing</li> <li>- Mechanics</li> <li>- Quantities and Units in Mechanics</li> <li>- Kinematics</li> <li>- Forces and Newton's Laws</li> <li>- Moments</li> </ul>	One hour	33.33%

### Where can A Level Mathematics lead?

While the mathematical skills learnt in A Level Mathematics are of great benefit to other A Level subjects (like physics, chemistry, biology, computing, geography, psychology, economics and business studies), A Level Mathematics is well-respected by employers and a "facilitating" subject for higher education. For many university courses, it is important to have strong mathematics skills, while most science, technology, engineering and mathematics degrees require A Level Mathematics.

## PHILOSOPHY

### Why study A Level Philosophy?

Philosophy is concerned with ideas: ideas about the world, ideas about the self, ideas about others, ideas about right and wrong, and ideas about the beyond. Philosophy pulls these ideas apart and forms them anew.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Philosophy?

A Level Philosophy is stimulating, challenging and thought-provoking. It is an essay-based subject requiring a certain amount of intellectual curiosity and a willingness to reflect on the big questions of life. While a logical mind is a good starting point, you will also develop a range of transferable skills that are applicable far beyond the study of philosophy. For the study of A Level Philosophy, there are no pre-requisites but a willingness to read, write, research and discuss is expected.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level Philosophy specification:

	% of A Level
Epistemology	25%
Moral Philosophy	25%
Metaphysics of God	25%
Metaphysics of Mind	25%

### Where can A Level Philosophy lead?

Traditionally speaking, A Level Philosophy has been viewed as excellent for those thinking of studying subjects like law or politics at university and thinking of a future career in these fields. However, it is becoming increasingly popular in the business sector. Fundamentally, A Level Philosophy is not only enjoyable and highly regarded on its own, it also enhances studies in other areas, including science or mathematics, as well as humanities.

## PHYSICS

### Why study A Level Physics?

Physics is a subject for curious minds. It aims to provide a fundamental understanding of our world, from the large scale structure of the universe to the behaviour of sub-atomic particles. Aside from the simple joy of finding things out, physics plays a central role in a wide range of practical applications. Whether you want to develop a *Theory of Everything* or make your e-scooter more efficient, A Level Physics will help build the skills you need.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Physics?

Those who study A Level Physics become creative, analytical thinkers, good at applying their knowledge and understanding to novel situations in order to solve problems. Through theoretical and practical work, you learn the value of rigour, independence, collaboration, risk-taking, effective communication and asking good questions.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level Physics specification:

	All modules examine	Assessed by	Weighting
Paper 1	Measurements and their errors, particle physics, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity, and periodic motion	Exam	34%
Paper 2	Thermal physics, fields, and nuclear physics	Exam	34%
Paper 3	Section A: practical skills and data analysis Section B: you can choose a topic of study from astrophysics, medical physics, engineering, turning points in physics, or electronics	Exam	32%
The practical endorsement is non-examined and is a continuous monitoring of your skill in experimental physics. This is recorded in a lab-book which will provide evidence of your competence.			

### Where can A Level Physics lead?

For universities, A Level Physics is highly regarded and can lead to studies in other sciences or in financial or medical disciplines. Graduates in physics are extremely employable and, in a recent report published by Russell Group universities, A Level Physics was listed as one of the top three most valuable 'facilitating subjects', showing its flexibility, popularity, and huge potential.

Physicists in the past have split the atom, landed on the moon and invented the World Wide Web. Physicists in the future will help solve the problems of climate change, the risks of an asteroid strike, and the continued exploration of our solar system.

## SPANISH

### Why study A Level Spanish?

It is estimated over 437 million people speak Spanish as a native language, making it the second most spoken language in the world! Being able to understand Spanish not only makes travel abroad easier, it also opens up an exciting range of opportunities. In an increasingly global market, speaking Spanish will help you communicate with international clients, negotiate business deals, and collaborate with experts from across the globe. In addition, language skills are important for professional success in the current business climate, and can help you learn about other cultures and your own!

### What will I study?

Your core themes will be aspects of Spanish society, artistic culture in the Hispanic world, multiculturalism in Hispanic society, and aspects of political life in the Hispanic world. So you may enjoy topics like: 'The evolution of the monarchy in Spain', 'Latin American dictatorships', 'Franco, Spain and the Civil War', and 'Peru and the Incas'. You also study one literary text and one film in Spanish.

### What skills will I gain through A Level Spanish?

In your A Level language lessons, unlike at GCSE, you will be exposed to a wider range of linguistic skills, including essay writing, debating and translation. As part of your oral exam, you will be required to give a presentation on a subject of your choice that you will have researched, allowing you to pursue something which personally interests you, whilst gaining independent research skills.

### How will I be assessed?

We follow the AQA A Level Spanish specification:

Paper	Title	Topics	Questions	Weighting
1	Listening, reading and writing	- Aspects of Hispanic society - Artistic culture in the Hispanic world - Multiculturalism in Hispanic society - Grammar	Reading Listening Translation into English Translation into Spanish	50%
2	Writing	- Knowledge of one literary text - Knowledge of one film - Knowledge of grammar	Essay on literary text Essay on film	20%
3	Speaking	- Individual research project and discussion of sub-themes	Sub-themes Presentation Discussion	30%

### Where can A Level Spanish lead?

As well as complementing other A Level subjects, A Level Spanish is well respected by universities and can lead to an exciting range of future careers.



## SCHOLARSHIP

At Wetherby Senior, we remain academically ambitious for our sixth formers, so provide every opportunity for our boys to excel and achieve future success.

Alongside our Sixth Form's bespoke guidance on university applications and careers, our Head of Scholarship oversees preparation for the most competitive degrees and universities, with dedicated programmes for boys considering options like medicine, dentistry or veterinary science, or planning to apply to Cambridge or Oxford. This includes specialist workshops to help with the application process, talks by experts and support in arranging work experience.

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Our sixth formers undertake an EPQ, which allows you to work on an independent project, on an academic topic of your choosing, that is relevant to your future plans. Worth half an A Level, the EPQ is highly valued by universities as it offers evidence of your ability to carry out in-depth research and presentation skills, and proof of strong independent study skills.

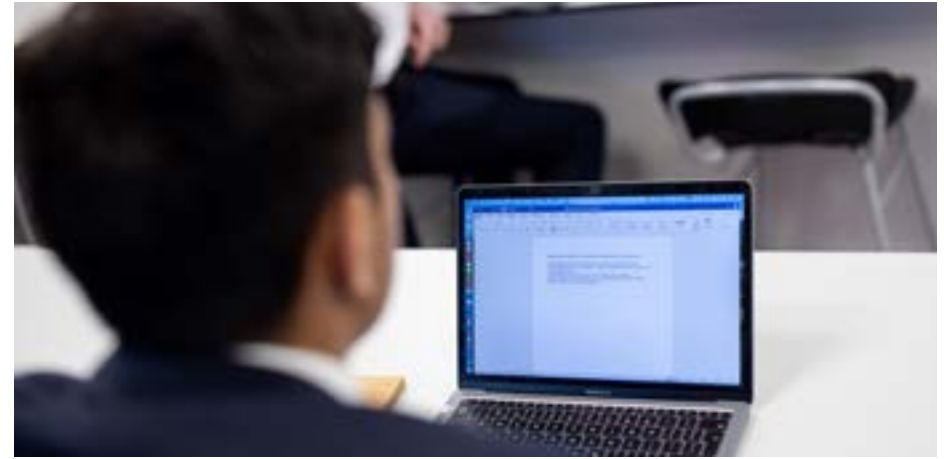
Your EPQ may be a research-based report, an event like a show or charity fundraiser, or the creation of an artefact (eg a piece of art or a play). EPQs submitted by our sixth formers in 2022 included:

- The Viability of Space Travel
- The Legacy of Apartheid
- Law and Social Media
- Managing Retirement From Sport
- Where Should Almond Production Move?
- Breakthroughs in Treatment for Tourette's Syndrome
- The Positive Effects of Gaming
- Is CTE a Defence for Murder?
- Causes and Consequences of the Iranian Revolution
- Cryptocurrency as a Form of Investment
- The Dot.com Crash

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“During my time at Wetherby Senior, staff were fantastic – full of support and patience. Within the Sixth Form, they always went the extra mile to support sixth formers with their studies and university ambitions, from general advice and guidance, to handbooks and one-to-one talks, and more.”

Ahmad will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read economics at Queen Mary, University of London.



### Liberal Studies

Our Sixth Form's Liberal Studies options are designed to help you extend your learning beyond your usual A Level curriculum, building valuable skills and knowledge for future study and the workplace. Through our Liberal Studies options, you may explore subjects linked to a university course that interests you or examine a topic linked to your A Level studies.

Our Liberal Studies programme changes each year but, in recent years, has included:

- A Brief History of America
- Ancient Ideas and Modern Society
- Anthropology
- Art Appreciation
- Careers in Medicine and Science
- English and the Environment
- German for Business
- Minorities in Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sports and Nutrition
- Understanding Music

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“While Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form staff were incredibly helpful throughout my university application process, my A Level studies was a great experience, as I examined subjects, that I am genuinely interested, in much greater detail.”

Faris will complete his A Levels in summer 2022 and has an offer to read liberal studies at New York University.

# ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

We welcome applications to join our successful and dynamic Sixth Form.

Most of Wetherby Senior's Year 11 cohort remain with us for their A Level studies, and are joined by up to 15 external sixth formers. Our current boys receive guidance from staff and follow a separate application procedure.

If you are an external applicant, please follow the below schedule, while in Year 11:

June to October	<b>Enquire</b> about Sixth Form study at Wetherby Senior by contacting our Registrar on telephone: 0207 535 3533 or email: <a href="mailto:registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk">registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk</a> . <b>Visit</b> our Sixth Form by booking a private tour or attending our School's Open Day in early October. <b>Apply</b> online at: <a href="http://www.wetherbysenior.co.uk">www.wetherbysenior.co.uk</a> .
November	<b>Attend</b> our assessment day where you will be interviewed and examined in the subjects you wish to study for A Level.
December	<b>Receive</b> your offer to join Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form (conditional on your GCSE results).
August	<b>Inform</b> us of your GCSE results, so we can confirm your place in Year 12 of our Sixth Form.
September	<b>Join</b> our Sixth Form induction day at the start of term, to help you settle in, make new friends, and feel part of our community. <b>Begin your academic journey in Wetherby Senior's Sixth Form.</b>

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“An energetic, forward-looking school with a traditional core but thoroughly modern approach to caring for boys and helping them succeed academically – and in life.”

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