Thank you for your interest in applying to The Sandon Sixth Form. We are pleased that you are considering your further education with us, as alongside the good quality teaching, The Sandon Sixth Form can provide you with many opportunities to gain experience that will enable you to take the next step in your future – wherever that may be.

The Sandon Sixth Form offers three pathways of study and a wide range of Level 3 courses to suit your individual needs; these are taught by highly qualified specialist staff. Guidance about the right pathway and courses for you begins in Year 11. As soon as you receive your GCSE results, you will be offered support in confirming your Level 3 choices. If you are a new student to The Sandon Sixth Form you will be enrolling with our existing students who will quickly help you find your feet in your new surroundings.

Your personal tutor will assist you in timetabling dedicated study time into your day to facilitate a positive work-life balance. Highly skilled teachers are also on hand to provide you with academic guidance, along with a dedicated pastoral team who can offer you personalised support and an independent careers advisor providing support for next steps into university, apprenticeships or the world of work.

Whilst a member of the Sixth Form you will have many opportunities to develop your personal skills, including participating in a full range of extracurricular activities, driving tuition, participation in Student Voice and leadership roles within the Head Student, Senior Prefect or Peer Support Teams. Students are encouraged to seize all the opportunities available to help them to develop into well rounded, independent young adults.

All this whilst enjoying the comfort of a dedicated Sixth Form common room, study room and canteen privileges.

This is what makes Sandon the best choice for you!
### Key Dates

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| January-February 2020 | Review of applications  
Interviews (if relevant)                                    |
| 27 February 2020   | Parents’ Evening (Sandon Year 11)  
Parents’ Evening (Sandon Year 11)                                    |
| February/March 2020| All conditional offers made                                          |

"Students work closely with their form tutors throughout the application process. From selecting subjects on taster day to filling out the application form, we support you every step of the way.”

Form teacher
Admission to the Sixth Form

As with all Sixth Forms and colleges, we have a few criteria we have to follow when deciding programmes of study for those entering The Sandon Sixth Form.

1. You meet the subject specific criteria (found at the back of this prospectus)
2. You achieve a minimum of 40 points from your best eight GCSEs
3. You achieve a grade 4 or above in mathematics and English

We understand there might be extenuating circumstances, and we will consider applications and interview students who don’t quite meet the criteria.

We will do our very best to accommodate all combinations of subjects, although this cannot be guaranteed.

If you start in the Sixth Form without a grade 4 or above in English and/or mathematics we expect you to re-sit the exams to achieve at least a grade 4.
Choosing the next step of your education journey is an incredibly difficult and daunting task. When choosing your path, it is important to consider what you want out of a Sixth Form. Support within our Sixth Form can be found in a range of places: heads of year, teachers and peers. Striking up a close relationship with your teachers is crucial to ensure success so that you can flourish in the academic environment. The teachers make building this relationship with students their priority by always being around to inspire your learning through the development or consolidation of ideas.

Amongst the array of student responsibility roles our Sixth Form offers, being a member of the Head Student Team is a role we have had the privilege to take on. Through this opportunity, we have been able to have a voice for the student body and push forward changes that the team are passionate about. We have been able to successfully reform areas of the school that we, and the student body as a whole, felt was needed; this includes adding a structure to the student council election system, helping with the development of student prefects and providing peer mentors with further training (led by a member of the Head Student Team). As well as this, we have been able to convey what we are passionate about into the school; this has been done by the addition of new clubs for students to take part in. The most successful addition this year has been that of an Eco Club in order to spread awareness of our changing world and instil a consciousness for the environment amongst zealous students.

“Although teaching within the classroom is incredibly important to me, the opportunities to shape yourself as a person through extracurricular activities at the Sixth Form are endless. Sandon, overall, has made me feel supported to develop into a well-rounded student and I have been able to take advantage of the opportunities in order to get the most out of my Sixth Form experience.”

Abigail McCann
Lead Head Student
“Everyone helps and supports each other”
Ofsted 2018

“Post-16 students make strong progress and achieve highly”
Ofsted 2018
External Student

I joined Sandon’s Sixth Form as an external student, after attending another school for the previous five years.

There were a few reasons why I chose Sandon as the place to do my A Levels – I was primarily interested in the social sciences such as Law, which was not offered at GCSE or as an A Level at my other school. Sandon gave me the opportunity to study something which I had a particular interest in, and would not have been able to do had I stayed at my old school.

When I attended the open evening, I saw that Sandon not only had great facilities, but a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, which helped me settle in at the beginning of my first year. Throughout Year 12 I had great support from all of my teachers, who have helped me with any concerns or questions I have had about my work, which in turn helped me gain confidence in myself and meet my potential. They have also given frequent information about careers and further education, such as universities and apprenticeships, to make students aware of all the options available to us after leaving school.

I am glad that I chose the Sixth Form at Sandon for the last two years of my secondary education, and encourage any prospective Year 12 students to look around the school and see what it has to offer.

Elora Moss

Transition

The step-up from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 is a big one. The work becomes more independent. This is a good thing, which gives you more freedom to learn things in your own personalised style. It can take a while to get used to this but there is a lot of support at Sandon to help students through the step-up to Key Stage 5. The teacher-student relationship is also so much stronger during A Levels than GCSEs. Smaller class sizes mean that you can have much more of an adult and personal relationship with the teachers, which really helps to mature students and prepare them for working life where they will be expected to do things independently.

The subjects I’m studying are the ones that I really enjoy and am interested in for a possible career path. Now that I only have to concentrate on 3 subjects it is easier to focus when I am revising content.

Independent Study Periods are also a new addition during A Levels which provide time during school to do any work that has been set, research ahead in the curriculum and get help from peers and teachers on content that you are unsure of.

Gordon Woods
### Sandon Pathways

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### Aiming high at Sandon

Sandon strongly supports every student wishing to apply to prestigious universities such as Oxford or Cambridge.

I have recently applied to study Geography at the University of Cambridge and I have been well assisted in the application process. Admissions to 'Oxbridge' can sometimes feel very intimidating – as well as an earlier admissions deadline, there are also additional assessments and interviews. However, I have received an abundance of personalised support, from one-to-one help with my personal statement to mock Oxbridge-style interviews, that has made the application process a lot less daunting.

Georgette Payne
Types of Course

All of the courses we offer are Level 3 courses and are considered by employers and universities as of equal merit. The method of assessment may be different, but the content is equally rigorous in both the A Level courses and the vocational courses. Both offer routes into university, higher level apprenticeships, sponsored degrees, and hold equivalent UCAS point values. Therefore, the focus should be on studying the courses you enjoy with an assessment style that suits you.

If you have a career in mind, or a route you would like to follow post-18, research your chosen university or career path.

Useful websites are:

www.UCAS.com
https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/

Whatever your plans post-18, there will be support here for you to realise your goal.

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Where Will Your Subjects Take You?

Careers and University guidance
Starting to look at post-18 pathways is an exciting task, but knowing where to begin can be quite difficult. Throughout Years 12 and 13 you will receive dedicated support from your personal tutor and our careers advisor. A full programme of advice on your options post-18, undergraduate and apprenticeship lifestyles, the financial implications and living away from home, is covered. In Year 13 you will be supported further to develop a CV, complete your personal statement or application forms for your preferred route. Visits to and from local universities will also be available to help with your decision making.

The majority of our students progress to universities, with most gaining their first choice place. Others secure higher level apprenticeships or move on successfully into the world of work.

‘Earn while you learn’
An apprenticeship pathway is a good option if you are clear on the career path you want to pursue. You can gain practical and firsthand experience in the relevant industry. Apprenticeships are available for you up to degree level.

The Sandon Sixth Form will support you through the application and interview process.

University destinations
A University pathway is a good option if you want to progress further in your academic studies. You can challenge your academic knowledge and learn new skills.

The Sandon Sixth Form will support you through the UCAS application process, including advising you on University choices and course.
Life in Sixth Form

Independent Study

Students are actively encouraged to develop independent learning skills and to manage their time effectively. Students allocate ISPs (independent study periods) into their own timetable, facilitating a personalised study pattern to suit their needs. Sixth Formers studying subjects that require access to specific equipment, resources or spaces are actively encouraged to use their ISPs in the correct environment. Our students can often be seen working away independently in Art rooms and Technology workshops, and practising performance pieces in Music and Performing Arts. Staff are always around to offer their support and guidance.

Personal Tutors

Sixth Formers are given a Personal Tutor whom they meet with daily. Small form groups ensure that students receive tailored support from staff who know them well.

Your tutor will guide you through the university and apprenticeship options available and will prepare detailed references to support your future applications.

Sandon Flip

We appreciate that making your subject choices part way through Year 11 can be very daunting, so during the first 4 weeks of term you can arrange to drop into other subject lessons to try them out and ensure that you have made the correct Level 3 choice.

“ISPs (Independent Study Periods) help you stay on top of work and have less to do at home”

Elaine Clarke
Taking Responsibility

The Sandon Sixth Form provides excellent role models for the rest of the school. They epitomise the Sandon ethos in their work ethic and conduct, and also by following the Sixth Form dress code.

The Sandon Sixth Form students support younger members of the school in a number of ways, including through the peer and academic mentoring systems. There is ample opportunity in the Sixth Form for students to benefit from additional responsibilities and opportunities outside of their studies, all adding value to personal statements and CVs.

The Sandon Sixth Form students are treated as young adults, and can benefit from a staggered start and finish time to their day, as their timetables and tutorials allow.

Sixth Form opportunities:
- Academic mentoring
- Volunteering work
- Paid work opportunities
- Head student team
- Senior prefect team
- Peer mentoring

“Students value the school’s strong community ethos”
Ofsted 2018
ART and DESIGN – FINE ART

critical, practical and theoretical study in Art and Design

What will I learn about?

- Contextual research and analysis
- Traditional and contemporary sources
- Media experimentation
- Photographic editing
- Recording from observation
- Technical development and refinement
- Presentation of resources

Exam board: Eduqas
Assessed via exams (40%) and controlled assessment (60%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Art and Design will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:

- Architecture
- Graphic design
- Fashion design
- Interior design
- Illustration
- Print–making
- Photography
- 3D Design and sculpture

Transferable skills

- Analytical skills
- Communication
- Visual and contextual awareness

Further information
BIOLOGY
the study of life and living organisms, their life cycles, adaptations and environment

What will I learn about?
- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Exchange surfaces
- Genetic information and variation
- Energy transfers in organisms
- Responses to changes in internal and external environment
- Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- Gene expression

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Biology will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Sports science
- Ecology
- Biotechnology
- Forensic science

Transferable skills
- Logical and abstract thinking
- Problem solving
- Mathematics
- Communication

Further information
BUSINESS

a study of management, HR, finance, marketing and business information management

What will I learn about?
- The business environment
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Personal and business finance
- Human resources

Exam board: Pearson
Assessed via exams (58%) and coursework (42%)
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

What can I use this qualification for?
Business will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Business management
- Retail management
- Finance/accountancy
- Marketing manager
- HR management

Transferable skills
- Cognitive and problem solving skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Intrapersonal skills
- Reflective skills

Further information
CHEMISTRY
the science of everything around us; it allows us to understand the universe by studying atoms and their activity

What will I learn about?
- Atomic structure
- Chemical bonding
- The Periodic Table
- Chemical equilibria
- Electrochemical cells
- Acids and bases
- Redox reactions

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Chemistry will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Biochemistry
- Sports science

Transferable skills
- Logical and abstract thinking
- Problem solving
- Mathematics
- Communication

Further information
https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/specifications/AQA-7404-7405-SP-2015.PDF
http://www.rsc.org/careers/future/index
COMPUTER SCIENCE

a study of how computer systems work, developing your own object orientated program

What will I learn about?
- Programming
- Data structures
- Algorithms
- Data representation
- Computer systems
- Networking
- Databases
- Big data
- Consequences of uses of computing

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams (80%) and NEA (20%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Computer Science will support you whether you are applying to continue studying at university or with an apprenticeship. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Software engineer
- Information systems
- Artificial intelligence
- IT security analyst
- Network engineer
- Games designer

Transferable skills
- Logical and abstract thinking
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Self-management

Further information
CRIMINOLOGY
a study of why people commit crime

What will I learn about?
- Changing awareness of crime
- Criminological theories
- Crime scene to courtroom
- Crime and punishment

Exam board: WJEC
Assessed via exams (50%) and controlled assessment (50%)
Applied Diploma

What can I use this qualification for?
Criminology will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Police officers
- Probation and prison officers
- Social worker
- Criminal justice sector

Transferable skills
- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking
- Communication skills

Further information
https://www.eduqas.co.uk/WJEC%20Applied%20Diploma%20in%20Criminology%20Specification.pdf?language_id=1
DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
PRODUCT DESIGN

*a creative and thought-provoking study of design, including history, CAD, materials and manufacturing*

What will I learn about?
- Identifying needs
- Product analysis
- Implications of issues
- Design thinking
- Communication skills
- Materials
- Technical content
- Manufacturing
- Viability of design
- Health and safety

Exam board: OCR
Assessed via exams (50%) and NEA (50%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Product Design is useful whether you are going to study at, university do an apprenticeship, or venture into the world of work.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Product design
- Graphic design
- Mechanical design
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Teaching

Transferable skills
- Logical and abstract thinking
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Time management

Further information
What will I learn about?
- Scarcity and choice
- Market failure and government intervention
- Revenues and costs
- Impact of globalisation
- Inequality and redistribution
- Risk and the financial sector

Exam board: Edexcel
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Economics is useful whether you are going to study at university, get an apprenticeship or venture into the world of work.

Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Chartered accountant
- Management consultant
- Economist
- Actuary
- Financial analyst
- Lawyer

Transferable skills
- Analytical and quantitative skills
- Critical thinking
- Appreciating a range of perspectives

Further information
ENGLISH LITERATURE
*a historicist approach to texts*

What will I learn about?

- How the theme of love is presented across the ages in all text types
- How texts can be connected
- That no text exists in isolation
- How to argue and show personal responses with critical preferences
- Literature from 1945 to the present day

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exam (80%) and NEA (20%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?

English Literature will enable you to progress on to university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Here are some career choices it could help with:

- Law/legal profession
- Journalism
- Film and script writing
- Most professional career pathways

Transferable skills

- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking
- Communication skills
- Writing skills

Further information
FILM STUDIES

learn how to make short films and explore feature films through a range of disciplines from philosophy to sociology

What will I learn about?
• Explore 11 feature films
• Making creative short films using Final Cut Pro X on Apple computers
• How films generate meanings and responses
• The social, cultural, political, historical and technological contexts of films
• Critical approaches to films
• Connecting theory with creative practice

Exam board: Eduqas
Assessed via exams (70%) and NEA (30%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Film Studies will enable you to progress on to a range of higher education degrees, vocational courses and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
• TV
• Media
• Producer
• Film critic
• Journalist
• Editor
• Writer

Transferable skills
• Creativity
• Critical thinking
• Communication skills
• Team work
• Leadership skills
• Analytical skills

Further information
FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

*a study of the science and techniques that underpin forensic and criminal investigations*

What will I learn about?

- Applications of science in the work place
- Scientific procedure and technique
- Scientific investigation skills
- Forensic investigation
- Forensic genetics
- Forensic fire investigation

Exam board: Pearson
Assessed via exams (41%) and NEA (59%)
BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

What can I use this qualification for?

Forensic Investigation (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels) is useful whether you are going to study at university, get an apprenticeship or venture into the world of work.

Here are some career choices it could help with:

- Forensic science
- Forensic and criminal psychology
- Laboratory work
- Police and probation

Transferable skills

- Independent research
- Study skills
- Communication
- Time management

Further information

FRENCH

a study of language, culture and history
to broaden horizons

What will I learn about?
• French society
• The media
• Education and work
• Politics
• France in WW2
• Film study
• Literature

Exam board: Edexcel
Assessed via exam only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
French will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships or employment.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
• Journalism
• Tourism/event management
• Business
• International aid
• Teaching
• Editing/publishing
• Diplomacy/politics
• Translation

Transferable skills
• Communication
• Logical and lateral thinking
• Analytical and problem solving skills
• Absorbing and retaining complex information

Further information
GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the subject that explains the past, illuminates the present and holds the key to our future; geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting to change.

What will I learn about?
- Water and carbon cycles
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Hazards
- Global systems and governance
- Changing places
- Population and the environment

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams (80%) and NEA (20%)
A-Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Geography is useful whether you are going to study at university, get an apprenticeship or venture into the world of work.
Here are some areas it could help with:
- Psychology
- Environmental Science
- Oceanography
- Geology
- Travel and tourism

Transferable skills
- Communication
- Literacy
- Working with others
- Problem solving
- Numeracy
- Multi-tasking

Further information
https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-7037-SP-2016.PDF
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

an in depth insight into UK and US politics and political ideas; it is a deeply relevant course

What will I learn about?
- Government and politics of the UK
- Government and politics of the US
- Political ideas such as Marxism, Feminism, Anarchism, Liberalism and Nationalism

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Politics will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Politics
- Journalism
- Advertising
- Work with international organisations
- Civil Service

Transferable skills
- Analytical skills
- Research skills
- To sustain debate about relevant issues such as Brexit.

Further information
# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

* a study of individual development and needs

## What will I learn about?
- Human lifespan and development
- Care values
- Meeting individual needs
- Supporting those with additional needs

## Exam board: Pearson
- Assessed via exams (58%) and coursework (42%)
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

## What can I use this qualification for?
Health and Social Care will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Public health
- Child care
- Mental health

## Transferable skills
- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking
- Communication skills

## Further information
HISTORY
an in depth study of the past, looking at the causes, consequences and significance of events

What will I learn about?
- America 1917-1996
- South Africa 1948-1994
- British experiences of warfare 1795-1918
- Coursework can be a subject of your choice

Exam board: Edexcel
Assessed via exams (70%) and coursework (30%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
History will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Law
- Journalism
- Civil Service
- Teaching
- Archaeology
- Museum/exhibit curator

Transferable skills
- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking
- Communication skills
- Making informed judgements

Further information
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*a broad study of the information technology, using software packages to complete a range of tasks*

What will I learn about?
- Computer systems
- Relational database systems
- Social media in business
- Web design
- Graphics editing

Exam board: Pearson
Assessed via exams (60%) and coursework (40%)
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

What can I use this qualification for?
Information Technology will support you in both the work place and further education.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Web design
- Database administration
- Social media content management
- Teaching
- IT project management

Transferable skills
- Creativity
- Problem solving
- Communication
- Self-management

Further information
LAW
a study of compulsory rules created by society

What will I learn about?
- Substantive areas of contract, criminal and tort law
- Process of law making and how the legal system works
- Law in society, reflected in morality and justice

Exam board: OCR
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Law will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.
Here are some areas it could help with:
- Solicitor, barrister, legal executive
- Police officers
- Probation and prison officers
- Licensed conveyancer
- Legal administrators

Transferable skills
- Analysis and reaching objective conclusions
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Application skills
- Communication skills

Further information
**MATHEMATICS**

This course provides a way of understanding, describing and solving problems about the world around us, as well as introducing logic and abstract analysis.

### What will I learn about?
- Pure maths: algebra
- Pure maths: geometry
- Pure maths: trigonometry
- Pure maths: calculus
- Statistics: presentation of data
- Statistics: hypothesis testing
- Statistics: probability
- Statistics: statistical distributions
- Mechanics: Newton’s laws
- Mechanics: dynamics
- Mechanics: statics

### Exam board: Edexcel
- Assessed via exams only
- A Level qualification

### What can I use this qualification for?
Mathematics will enable you to progress onto university, apprenticeships or employment opportunities. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Engineering and science
- Accountancy and finance
- Actuary
- Investment analysis
- Teaching
- Economics
- Data analyst

### Transferable skills
- Logical thought and reasoned argument
- Modelling problems and problem-solving
- Analytical skills
- Communication skills

### Further information
MUSIC
an exciting and practical course to engage you actively in the process of music study

What will I learn about?
• Advanced performance techniques
• Advanced composition techniques
• The Western Classical Tradition
• Rock and pop/musical theatre/jazz
• Music in the twentieth/twenty first century
• Set work analysis
• Music in its wider context
• Music technology

Exam board: Eduqas
Assessed via exams (40%) and NEA (60%)
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Music will enable you to progress onto study at university, get an apprenticeship in the industry or venture into the world of professional music making. Here are some career choices it could help with:
• Performing and writing
• Music therapy
• Music journalism
• Music education
• Recording and production
• Sound engineering

Transferable skills
• Creativity and reflection
• Both independence and collaboration
• Organisation and time management
• Multi-tasking

Further information
https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/music/as-a-level/eduqas-a-level-music-spec-from-2016-d.pdf
PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE
(ACTING)

a study of acting, styles of plays, the arts industry and performance opportunities

What will I learn about?

- Acting skills
- Performance styles (modern plays, classic plays, physical theatre, pantomime, musical theatre)
- Creating performance
- Performing for an audience
- The Performing Arts Industry

Exam board: Pearson
Assessed via 100% internal assessment
BTEC Level National Foundation Diploma

What can I use this qualification for?
The acting route (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels) will enable you to progress onto university, drama school, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Here are some career choices it could help with:

- Actor
- Director/playwright
- Teacher
- Drama therapy
- TV/film/presenter/media
- Other creative careers

Transferable skills

- Performance
- Communication
- Leadership
- Analysis
- Research
- Collaboration

Further information
PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE
(DANCE)

*a study of dance technique, dance styles, the arts industry and performance opportunities.*

What will I learn about?
- Dance skills
- Exploring styles (jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap, contemporary, musical theatre)
- Choreographing
- Performing for an audience
- The Performing Arts Industry

Exam board: Pearson
Assessed via 100% internal assessment
BTEC Level National Foundation Diploma

What can I use this qualification for?
The dance route (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels) will enable you to progress onto university, drama/dance school, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Dancer/TV/film/media
- Choreographer
- Teacher
- Dance development
- Dance therapy
- Other creative careers

Transferable skills
- Performance
- Communication
- Leadership
- Analysis
- Research
- Collaboration

Further information
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

the Physical Education syllabus is both practical and theoretical, covering anatomy and physiology, movement skills and contemporary studies in sport

What will I learn about?
- Applied physiology
- Biomechanics
- Skill acquisition
- Sports psychology
- Sport and society
- Technology in sport

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams (70%) and NEA (30%)  
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?  
Physical Education provides excellent progression for those wishing to study sports science at university or enjoy a sports related career path. Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Sport science
- Sport business and marketing careers
- Physiotherapy
- Diet and nutrition

Transferable skills
- Decision making
- Psychological understanding of people
- Independent thinking
- Problem solving and analytical skills

Further information
https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/pe/specifications/AQA-7582-SP-2016.PDF
PHYSICS

a study of the physical world from subatomic particles to the mechanics of our universe

What will I learn about?
- Particle physics and quantum mechanics
- Classical mechanics
- Material physics
- Waves
- Field theory
- Capacitors
- Nuclear physics
- Thermal physics
- Astrophysics

Exam board: AQA
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Physics is useful whether you are going to study at university, get an apprenticeship or venture into the world of work.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Architecture
- Engineering
- Financial services
- Medicine
- Physics
- Teaching

Transferable skills
- Logical and abstract thinking
- Problem solving
- Mathematics

Further information
PSYCHOLOGY
the study of the ways (and the reasons why) people think, act, react and interact

What will I learn about?
- Does the brain control us?
- Is aggression learned?
- Do psychopaths think differently?
- Why do we always do as we’re told? (Or not!)
- How does the media influence us?
- Why can’t adolescents resist temptation?
- Is schizophrenia inherited?

Exam board: OCR
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Psychology A Level can lead to university, further training or employment.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Clinical psychology
- Mental health work
- Teaching
- Forensic psychology
- Educational psychology
- Youth and social work
- Therapeutic care
- Counselling psychology

Transferable skills
- Problem solving, analysis, and evaluation
- Practical research design
- Time management and prioritisation
- Literacy and numeracy

Further information
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
a study of ideas on the important questions of our world and morality

What will I learn about?

- Philosophical debates and questions on the existence of God
- The problem of evil
- Critical analysis of scholars’ ideas
- Ethical theories
- Moral and ethical debates
- Contemporary moral issues e.g. medical ethics
- Historical background to Christianity and different interpretations of beliefs

Exam board: Edexcel
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?

Religious Studies will enable you to progress on to university, apprenticeships or employment.
Here are some career choices it could help with:
- Teaching
- Counselling
- Social work
- Journalism
- Police

Transferable skills

- Critical thinking
- Evaluation
- Interpretation of evidence
- Logical thinking
- Forming reasoned argument
- Assessing other ideas

Further information
SPANISH

enhancing Spanish language skills beyond GCSE using authentic texts and media

What will I learn about?
• Developing language skills and grammar
• How to analyse Spanish literature and film
• Communication skills
• Cultural understanding
• Deeper understanding of political situations
• Tourism

Exam board: Edexcel
Assessed via exams only
A Level qualification

What can I use this qualification for?
Spanish A Level is useful whether you are going to study at university or venture into the world of work. Here are some areas it could help with:
• International business
• Law
• Travel and hospitality
• Advertising and PR
• Translation/interpreting
• Education
• Politics
• Finance

Transferable skills
• Linguistic skills
• Analytical thinking skills
• Communication
• Time management
• Resilience

Further information
The Sandon School is committed to reducing paper usage, so has produced QR codes for you to access more information on Level 3 courses.

- Download a QR app (if required)
- Scan the QR code

This will navigate you to the correct exam board website for you to access the specification and further information for all the courses we offer.

Please note:
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