

KGV
SIXTH FORM
COLLEGE

**proud
to be
KGV**

WELCOME

100%
pass rate
across 35
subjects.

99%
A-Level
pass rate.

100%
BTEC
Foundation
pass rate.

99%
BTEC
Extended
pass rate.

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the principal

Welcome to KGV Sixth Form College. I am delighted you are thinking of joining us for 2025. This prospectus will give you insight into life at KGV and help you to consider your subject choices and future plans. As a Sixth Form College, we specialise in 16-18 education and all our staff are experts in that field.

Your study programme will be built around you, your individual needs and your career ambitions and you will also develop a range of work and personal skills to equip you for success in the rest of your life.

At KGV, we have an excellent national reputation for achievement. Our subjects regularly achieve pass rates of 100% and we have a track record of the majority of these passes being at the highest levels, from A* in Advanced Levels to Distinction* in BTEC Diplomas.

These fantastic results are achieved through outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional support, coupled with the very best in care and guidance provided by our expert team of support staff. Our vibrant, modern and spacious facilities ensure everyone has the space to be successful in their chosen areas of study.

We have high expectations of you and will challenge and support you in equal measure, a dynamic combination that ensures a fulfilling and successful two years of study.



Being a student at a sixth form college offers you new opportunities, freedoms and responsibilities and you will make unforgettable memories as well as new friends at KGV. Our students are at the heart of everything we do and the staff and leadership team are committed to helping you realise your potential and build a fantastic future.

Read all you need to here, take a look at our website, then please come in and see us. Our open evenings are a perfect way to get a feel for the College, explore the campus and meet our tutors.

Our varied taster programmes are a fantastic opportunity to try out the subjects you are interested in.

I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Michelle Brabner



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Fantastic results

It was wonderful to see so many KGV students achieved the highest possible grades once again this year as the class of 2024 made themselves and the college so proud by achieving outstanding results.

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

Prestigious Destinations

These fantastic results have enabled our 2024 students to successfully secure places at a host of prestigious universities around the country including Loughborough, Bath, Lancaster, Manchester, York and LIPA. These students are now studying a range of highly competitive subjects such as Pharmacy, Law, Forensic Psychology, Politics, Zoology, Sports Broadcasting and Software Engineering to name but a few and others have progressed onto much sought after higher apprenticeships and employment opportunities with some of the UK's top companies.

KGV is a stepping stone to the exciting world of university or high level employment and we are delighted that once again this year almost all our students gained a place at their first choice destination.

Rest assured that whatever destination you choose, KGV will offer you the support and knowledge you need to build a strong, happy and successful future.

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and wish
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proud of all
every
our students
success!



The Class of 2024
produced absolutely
fantastic results!

This wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. It was great to see so many smiles on campus as we celebrated your success and waved you off as you take your next steps. We're so proud and can't wait to see what you will all achieve in the future!

#ResultsDay #Classof2024
#ProudToBeKGV

Scholarships

The King's Scholarship

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

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

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

Plus up to five more Scholars will be selected from whichever school they attend.

The King's Scholarship Objectives

Encouraging Academic Excellence

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

Recognising High Achievers

These scholarships serve as a prestigious recognition of outstanding academic achievements and provide encouragement and support to students who have demonstrated exceptional and commitment to their studies.

Strengthening Community Bonds

The introduction of scholarships linked to each high school in Southport aims to foster stronger connections between KGV Sixth Form College and the local community. By investing in the educational future of local students, we aim to build lasting relationships with high schools, parents, and the broader community, demonstrating our commitment to supporting the aspirations of Southport's youth.

King's Scholarships



Value

Each scholarship is valued at £1000, disbursed in four equal instalments throughout the academic year.

Eligibility Criteria

To ensure fairness and transparency in the selection process, applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Academic Excellence:** Applicants must have consistently demonstrated exceptional academic performance throughout their high school education.
- **High Achievements:** Applicants should have a track record of outstanding accomplishments in their academic pursuits, such as winning academic competitions, receiving subject-specific awards, or participating in advanced academic programmes.
- **Leadership and Extracurricular Involvement:** Applicants should have actively engaged in leadership roles or demonstrated significant involvement in extracurricular activities, such as student government, clubs, sports, community service, or other relevant initiatives.

Meet some of our King's Scholars for 2024



Trystan Mallorca

"Before KGV I went to Christ the King Catholic High School where I was Head Boy.

I am really proud of myself for getting a King's Scholarship and I'm planning on using it for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and to buy additional books to amplify my studies."



Daniel Tierny

"Prior to joining KGV I attended Birkdale High School. I'm planning on spending the scholarship money on revision materials to help with my studies and there's a physics trip to Geneva that sounds amazing, so I'd like to use it for that too."



Francesca Iddon

"Before coming to KGV I went to Stanley High School where I was the Head Girl and I can't wait to see where college takes me.

I am hoping to spend my scholarship money on a new MacBook or iPad to help further my studies and also to put some towards dance lessons to enable me to continue with that too."



Ola Robinson

"I did my GCSE's at Meols Cop High School and at KGV I am studying Psychology, English Literature and Modern History. I am hoping to put my scholarship money towards my EPQ and also to use it for work experience in History."



Laura MacGregor

"Before starting at KGV I was at Christ the King Catholic High School where I was the Deputy Head Girl. I am delighted to have been chosen to be a King's Scholar and I am planning to spend my scholarship money on a new tablet to help with my revision."

student

travel

However you choose to travel, our large leafy campus is just 1.4 miles from Southport Town Centre and is easily accessible.



KGV is located on Scarisbrick New Road, just 1.4 miles from Southport Town Centre and is very easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike or on foot.

By car

Learning to drive is an important milestone for many of our students and if once you have passed your test you are fortunate enough to have your own car, then you will be pleased to know we have free onsite student parking available to all.

You just need to contact the Student Information Team to get your parking permit.

By bike

Cycling is a brilliant way to get to college, environmentally sound, low cost and a fab workout at the same time! Almost the whole of Southport and out as far as Scarisbrick can be reached from College within 15 minutes by bike and so lots of our students travel this way, particularly during the spring and summer months.

We have a number of bike sheds around the campus for you to store your bike and as always, we recommend that all bikes are secured with a good quality locking system.

By motorbike

Students are welcome to ride their mopeds/motorbikes to College. You will need to complete a parking form so that we have your details on record, but you're not required to display a permit.

Free travel passes*

If you are aged 16-18 and live more than three miles away from the College site, then you are eligible for a free travel pass that can be used 7 days a week, you just need to apply.

If you live 1 to 2.9 miles away you may still be eligible, please contact us for more information.

The College may also allocate a Trio pass where daily use of multiple transport providers is unavoidable.

For more information, please contact the Student Information Team.



At weekends, you could even use your free college travel pass to go to Liverpool



Driving Theory Enrichment Activity

Sign up with our Enrichment Team and discover everything you need to know for your driving theory test. All information comes straight from the Driver & Vehicles Standards Agency and the course is completely free of charge!

It is not marked or time pressured and is your learning tool to complete in your own time, at a pace that suits you.

What a great way to jump start learning to drive!



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KGV
15 min cycle radius

Ainsdale
23 min on Bus 44

Formby
33 min on Bus 44

Liverpool
49 min on the Train

Maghull
35 min on Bus 300

Ormskirk
28 min on Bus 385

Burscough
35 min on Bus 300

Latham
45 min on Bus 385

Tarleton
53 min on Bus 2 and 300

the **experience** student

The KGV student experience is a perfect blend of inspiration, support and freedom. It's a wonderful environment, and whilst working hard and discovering new skills, you will also be having fun, making countless memories and forming friendships to last a lifetime.

We will support you every step of the way, whether you have a specific requirement, need practical advice or just want to talk something through. Our academic staff are second to none, highly qualified and passionate about their subjects, they thrive on sharing that passion and in-depth knowledge with you.

Preparation

Life at KGV is also about preparing you for university and the exciting future that lies beyond.

It's a step change from school life. From the little things like being able to choose what you wear each day and calling the staff by their first names to much bigger things too.

Independence

There is a lot more discussion in your classes, with your tutors keen to hear your opinions and philosophies.

There may be opportunities for independent or group projects but if you need help or support with something, the tutors are 100% there for you.

As a result, KGV students leave us confident and ready to face the world ahead of them. They apply for and are accepted at prestigious universities all around the country, quickly settle in, thrive and go on to achieve fantastic things.

As long as you attend your timetabled lessons, you have the freedom to come and go as you please. You may have longer to submit your assignments and how you plan and prepare for them is up to you, with some students choosing to stay and work in the peace and quiet of the Study Hub and others preferring to work at home.

One of the best things about coming to college is all the new people you meet.

There are a vast array of chill out spaces on campus with something to suit all tastes, giving you the perfect environment outside of lessons, to wind down, grab a bite to eat or catch up with friends.



welcomefest

The first part of your student experience is welcomefest and all students who have applied to come to KGV are invited. This is our VIP event held just after your GCSE's finish and is exclusively for those joining us in September.

Fun and Relaxed

It's a fun filled, relaxed day, designed to help you feel happy and confident about starting at College. It's a chance for you to get to know your new teachers, have a flavour of your new courses and meet up with your new class mates.

Find out all you need to know

It's also the perfect time to find out about our free travel passes, student support, any special equipment you need and any preparation or reading that could be recommended for your course. There's lots of staff on hand to welcome you, answer questions and show you around and if you need any advice and guidance on the courses you have chosen, our team will be happy to help you.

Festival Vibe

There is a real festival vibe to lunch time with lots going on inside and out!

There's free BBQ themed food, music from our very own Spark Radio DJ Andy Hilbert and this year we were joined by our furry friends from Natterjack Alpacas too! We also always have an ice cream van on campus that day, so don't miss out on grabbing your free '99 or two too!

Welcomefest is definitely not one to miss, with students telling us how much they enjoyed it and how helpful they found it in preparing them for September, so look out for your invitation in the summer term and don't forget to RSVP!



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fun filled

festival vibe



creative

the student experience

Discover the wonderful George Theatre on the ground floor of our Creative Arts Building, with retractable seating for up to 120 people. Continue exploring and you'll find a sprung-floor drama workspace, a specially equipped film studio and a number of top spec IT suites.



Find out what's on when and book tickets to our student performances

Theatre
George



Make your way upstairs to find our fantastic music studios and bespoke art studios, which include a dark room, spacious work areas and a photography studio.

Alongside these quality learning spaces, students also get a chance to use high spec computers which are installed with the very latest professional editing programmes.

Our Creative Arts Building houses a whole host of fantastic facilities.



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science labs

Our newly refurbished and spacious science laboratories are kitted out with all of the equipment you will need for those exciting experiments. Whether you are studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Applied Science, these advanced facilities are guaranteed to develop your practical skills with a realistic experience of the science industry.



the refectory

This is an ideal place to relax and refuel during lunch and free periods. With lots of comfortable seating and two food outlets, it offers students a variety of affordable meals, drinks and snacks, from sausage and bacon rolls at breakfast, to pizza, pasta and hot wraps for lunch.



If you want relax and chill, meet up with your friends and grab a bite to eat.



Common Room

There's also our brand new brilliant common room with comfy sofas, games consoles, table football, and so much more. It's a great space, open all day and available to all.



studyhub



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

The bright and airy Study Hub, which recently underwent a £1.2 million facelift, houses an extensive collection of online and paper resources, in addition to over 100 computer stations. Our friendly staff are always on hand to help too. This is the ideal place for you to get ahead with homework, coursework, research or extra reading.

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



One-to-one support
Whenever you need extra support we are here for you. Level 3 students can access high quality one-to-one support or supervised study from our friendly trained professionals. Your progress tutor or subject teacher can signpost you and an individually tailored programme can be created.

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



sportsfitness



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

The MUGA
Our new multi-use games area is a great all weather space. It forms a key part of the practical sessions for those students studying PE or Sports and is also available for any students who like to play sports outside of lesson time too. So whether you are keen to play competitively for one of the college teams or you just fancy a game for fun as part of our wide enrichment programme, there will be something on the MUGA to suit you.

The Sports Hall and Fitness Suite
Our large sports hall has recently benefited from refurbished changing rooms and is the place for a whole host of sports, from basketball and volley ball to glow badminton, to name but a few. The building is also home to our brilliant Fitness Suite, which is available free of charge to all students as part of our enrichment programme and is also a central place for those students on our Elite Sports Programme.





enrichment & co-curricular

Co-curricular


This is designed to amplify your studies, extend your knowledge and really add that wow factor to your UCAS personal statement or CV.

There's lots to choose from and here are just a few!

Extended Project Qualification	Latin Studies	Competitive Sports	  <p>Get involved with our very own real-life radio station. Broadcast, create podcasts and learn all about radio production. Scan here for more details and to tune in.</p>
The Symposium Debating Society	Oxbridge Programme	School of Medicine	
Music Society	Drama Production	Duke of Edinburgh Gold	

Enrichment

Our friendly enrichment team have an ever evolving programme of student centric activities that are all designed to help you relax and have fun whilst you learn new skills and make lots of friends too!

Back Stage Theatre Production	Spark Radio	Sports for fun including: volleyball, basketball, glow badminton, football and netball.	
Craft Club	Art Club	Meditation	
Driving Test Theory	Film Club	Sign up during welcome week or ask your progress tutor for more information	

Join our Elite Sports Programme

Designed in partnership with TERA, this unique programme aims to nurture and develop sporting excellence through a combination of high-level coaching, access to superior facilities and tailored performance plans. You will also be paired with a highly qualified mentor from our Sports Team, offering guidance on technical skills, strategic career planning, and personal development. You could also choose to apply for a college scholarship to assist with expenses such as equipment, travel, and training needs, ensuring financial barriers do not hinder your athletic or academic progress. Find out more at your course discussion or ask your progress tutor once term begins.

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

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



Exciting Pre-Med Programme designed to help you achieve a career in medicine.

Our brand new prestigious School of Medicine runs in partnership with Biograd Education and NHS Mersey & West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, complements your A-Level studies and is a great way to demonstrate your passion for the medical field. So if you want to pursue a career in health care or medicine, sign up to learn all about the human body, medical procedures and everything it takes to become a medical practitioner, as well as being a great way to forge new friendships and make your UCAS personal statement really stand out.

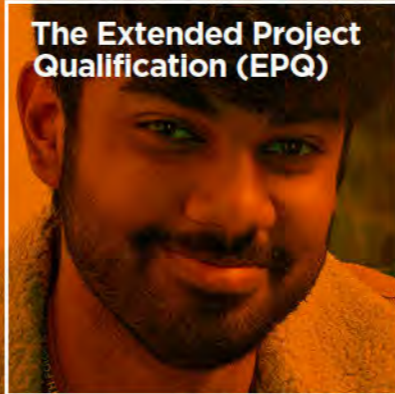


School of Medicine

NHS
Mersey and West Lancashire
Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust



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



The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an opportunity to expand your learning by embarking on a self-directed project on a topic of your own choice.

It can help you achieve up to an additional 28 UCAS points on top of your results.

To acquire this formal qualification, you need to plan, research and develop an initial idea into a project which will take form in a research based written report. This can be accompanied by a production (charity event, fashion show, sports event, etc) or an artefact (piece of art, computer game, etc).

The EPQ gives students the chance to be creative and curious.

Although your project may be directly related to your main study programme, it doesn't have to be and you can explore concepts outside your course choices.

This develops your independent study skills and will help you stand out when applying for university or a future career.

Find out more at your course discussion, or speak to your progress tutor or course teacher when term starts.



Duke of Edinburgh Gold



We are thrilled to be continuing to work with the D of E, giving our students the opportunity to have an amazing adventure and go for gold!

It will take you to a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences, build your confidence, resilience, skills and friendship groups and have a brilliant time doing it.

You'll be making a difference to other people's lives and your community and feel fitter and healthier, all whilst making new friends and countless memories.

If you'd like to find out more about this fantastic opportunity at KGV Sixth Form College, ask us at your course discussion.

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

student support

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

Learning Support

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

Our services include a Learning Support Suite, fully equipped with specialist facilities for students. This includes computer software programmes along with access to laptops which are available on loan to students with an identified need. Individual exam arrangements can also be made for students, dependent on identified need, evidence and application to the exam board.

We aim to support all students with difficulties or disabilities and we will make every effort to ensure your time at KGV is the best it can be. When applying to us, we encourage students to be completely open about any learning support needs and to supply as much information as possible. This will ensure that we can respond to your individual needs.

Learning Support is here to help students with learning difficulties and disabilities realise their individual potential whilst studying at the College and progress on to Higher Education or employment.

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

We believe in an inclusive learning environment whereby all students are taught in mainstream classes but are offered additional support.

We can help you with your college application and discuss your individual needs.

Call us on
01704 530601



LGBTQIA+ support

"At KGV, we are passionate about equality and diversity, ensuring that we are inclusive and supportive of all students.

"In February 2020, we were the first College in the country to be awarded the Rainbow Flag Award, which recognises our commitment to supporting our LGBTQIA+ community.

"There is a dedicated LGBTQIA+ student group and College recruits LGBTQIA+ Student Ambassadors each academic year who represent the community at various events across the year. We also host a number of parent/carer LGBTQIA+ information sessions each academic year."

Vickie Hayes
Head of Learning Support and Inclusion
01704 392872
vickie.hayes@southport.ac.uk

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

Whether it's looking at current events, topical issues or planning for future careers, each week brings new opportunities to build our students up and prepare them for their future.

Progress staff

Our progress staff know all their students personally and will support you during your time at KGV, to ensure you successfully complete your chosen programme of study. They are here to motivate you, challenge you and encourage you, through monitoring your academic progress and attendance at all classes. They will arrange invaluable 1:1 sessions with you to discuss your progress and will support and guide you with applications for university or higher apprenticeships.

What's more, as part of your individual study programme there are weekly group sessions where the progress staff will deliver a series of work related life skills.

At KGV we know that happy students are successful students, so if you ever have an issue with your course or a concern about your future, your progress tutor is here to help.

Our students progress to great destinations and fantastic careers and we are proud to help them on this important journey. So, here at KGV, we are committed to providing all our students with an outstanding level of careers education, information, advice and guidance, tailored to their individual needs.

Our career services include one to one appointments; information sessions delivered by university and employment professionals; employability workshops and university or job application guidance sessions.

Our progress staff know all their students personally and will support you during your time at KGV.



College Chaplain

"Hi, my name is Ben and I'm the chaplain at KGV.

"You may be wondering what a chaplain is (it is a good question). A chaplain is someone who is there to listen and support students and staff with whatever is going on in their life.

"Sometimes that can be chatting about those deeper life questions, sometimes that is a moan about a situation, or sometimes it's that you just need to hear a pretty rosey dad joke to cheer yourself up. I'm a curate in the Church of England but I'm here to listen to anyone, whether you have a faith or not.

"Do stop by and say hello - I'm always available to have a chat."

Ben Dyer
College Chaplain

application

process

Once you've decided what to study, apply online at kgv.ac.uk. We'll then ask you to book an appointment to discuss your course choices and find out everything you need to. We can't wait to hear from you!

Look around

Our exciting Open Events are the ideal opportunity to get a real feel for life at KGV and view our fantastic facilities.

You will also get to meet our friendly, experienced teachers, discover more about the huge range of courses we offer and hear from existing KGV students about their experiences too.

There are also lots of other chances to visit the College throughout the year. Check out www.kgv.ac.uk/events for the latest updates.

Discuss your courses

After we receive your application, you will need to book a course discussion. This is to discuss the choices you've made and ensure that they are the right ones for any university or career plans you may have. Parents or guardians are welcome to come with you if you want them to.

Following a positive course discussion you will be offered a place to become a KGV student.

A taste of College life

Throughout the year we put together a range of exciting taster workshops and masterclasses for prospective students. These are an excellent opportunity to try different subjects and get a real feel for what studying at KGV could be like. The programme is ever evolving and details of what's on are available on our website and through your school careers team.

As a KGV applicant you will also be invited to Welcomefest, our VIP summer event exclusively for students joining us in September.

Enrolment

During the summer break all applicants will be sent a link to our application portal. This enables you to check all your details are correct and you've given us all the information we need. You will then be sent your individual enrolment date and time. This will usually be for either the day of or the day following GCSE results and takes place on campus. You will need to bring proof of your results, then you complete your enrolment and collect your college ID badge, ready for term to start. It's very straightforward and parents or guardians are welcome too.

Please note that all course details are correct at the time of going to print, but we reserve the right to add or remove courses as may be necessary.

Apply online

Once you've attended our Open Event and decided which subjects to study, you need to submit your application.

This is done easily online and we advise our students to do this as early as possible and before 31 January 2025, as many of our most popular courses do fill up fast!

Open Evening Dates 2024-2025

Wednesday
9th October 2024
Tuesday
12th November 2024
Thursday
24th April 2025

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

programmes

study

At KGV we offer you the biggest choice of advanced level courses in the area and the opportunity to build a study programme of qualifications individually tailored to your future aspirations and preferred method of learning.

A-Levels

A-Levels are academic qualifications that are highly valued by universities and employers and are usually completed over two years. They are primarily assessed by examinations at the end of your two years of study. Each A-Level that you complete will be worth up to 56 UCAS points depending on the grade you achieve. These points can be used towards university entry requirements. The majority of students choose to study three A-Level courses, however if you achieve all 7s or above at GCSE, you may request to study four subjects.

Entry requirements

- Five GCSEs at Grades 9 - 5 and/or including English Language or maths at Grade 4 or above.
- Some courses also have additional requirements. Please see the individual course pages for details

Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma and T Level

A BTEC Extended Diploma or a T Level is a Level 3 vocational qualification that will give you both theoretical and hands on practical experience. They are assessed through a mixture of coursework and external assessment and the qualification you receive is equivalent to three A-Levels.

Entry requirements

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

Mixed Study Programme

KGV is proud to be one of only a few colleges in the region to offer students a mixed study programme. This individually tailored option allows you to choose three subjects from a combination of A-Levels and BTEC A-Level Equivalent Qualifications (two A-Levels and one BTEC).

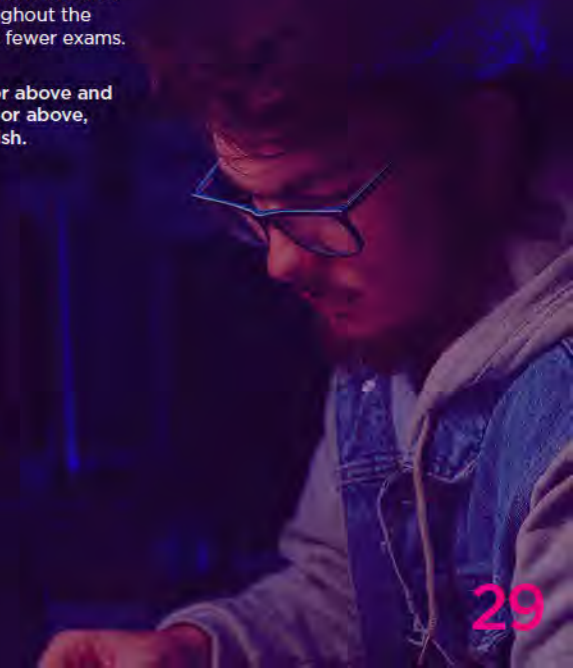
It is a flexible programme that encourages students to choose a range of courses that play to their strengths and interests and takes two years to complete. BTEC courses are Level 3 advanced qualifications equivalent to one A-Level (widely recognised and valued at universities across the country). Practical assessment features more predominantly throughout the course and you can expect fewer exams.

Entry requirements

- Two GCSEs at Grade 5 or above and three GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including maths or English.

GCSE maths and English

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



Discover your perfect advanced level study programme today!

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

Whatever you choose to study, you will be taught by highly experienced staff, who tailor their lessons to your needs, are passionate about their subject and will support you as an individual, every step of the way.

But don't just take our word for it; as you read on, some of our recent students will explain why they chose KGV, what was special about their course and where it has helped them progress to.

Two brand new courses for 2025

A-Level Economics, which perfectly complements a wide range of our other subjects and is a great foundation for many degrees. Plus, T Level Media Broadcast and Production, a fascinating course preparing students for exciting careers in the media industry. See page 68 for more details.

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Classical Civilisation

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

Classical Civilisation is the study of Greek and Roman culture, history, society and religion, explored through literature, drama, art and architecture. This fascinating course provides a great mixture of mythology, religion, poetry, philosophy, social history, archaeology and art history. The societies of these great civilisations still have a big impact on our lives today, influencing our legal system and politics, as well as the basis of many popular films and computer games.

Why you should choose KGV

We have one of the longest established Classics courses in the North of England and continually achieve some of the best results in the country, with high percentages of students regularly achieving Grades A*-C. Plus all our Classics students have membership to the "Southport and Birkdale Classical Association" enabling you to attend talks by leading historians, authors and archaeologists.

What you will study

Each year you study 2 modules: **The first year** These are *"The Iliad"*; the oldest piece of Western literature and tells of the anger of Achilles during the Trojan War; and Greek Theatre. Which explores the beginnings of theatre using archaeological evidence and plays including *"Oedipus"*, *"Bacchae"* and *"Frogs"*.

The second year

They are *"The Aeneid"* and *"Love & Relationships"*. The *"Aeneid"* was written by Virgil, to rival Homer's Iliad and please Emperor Augustus and tells the story of Aeneas seeking asylum for his people in Italy.

For *"Love & Relationships"* we read the works of Sappho, Plato, Seneca and Ovid; which cover lesbian love-poetry; a manual to help Romans pick potential partners and philosophical discussions about the place of love within society.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Classical Civilisation could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Journalist, Conservator or Archaeologist.

Ancient History

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

Ancient History is the fascinating study of the political, military and social history of ancient Greece and Rome, from which much of the concepts of the modern world were developed: including imperialism, democracy, nationalism and "the state." The course uses archaeological evidence, such as coins, statues, buildings and inscriptions, as well as studying the works of Greek and Roman historians including Herodotus, Thucydides and Plutarch.

Why you should choose KGV

Our Ancient History course is one of the longest established in the North West and over the years has won several awards for excellent teaching and outstanding results. All our Ancient History students have membership to the "Southport and Birkdale Classical Association" enabling you to attend talks by leading historians, authors and archaeologists. Plus our excellent links with the Atkinson Museum enable you to enjoy exclusive behind the scenes tours and can help you gain work experience on archaeological digs.

What you will study

The first year The first year focuses on Ancient Greece. There is a period study which covers fifth-century Greece, including causes & outcomes of the GrecoPersian and the Peloponnesian Wars; and studies of Alexander the Great and the city of Macedon.

The second year

In the second year, we switch to Imperial Rome, exploring how it changed from a republic to an empire ruled by a single man, and examining the Roman republic as it was, at greater depth.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Ancient History could help you progress to various careers, including Museum Curator, Archaeologist or, because of the skills you will develop in questioning and building persuasive arguments, careers in fields such as politics or law.



"I've always had a love for history, the idea to go back in the past and visualise the events that have happened, getting to know how the world was shaped and formed for us with all the battles and events that went on, fascinates me."



See the full interview

Charlie McCluskey

Previously at:
Meols Cop High School
Progressing to:
Edge Hill University to
study Sport & Exercise
Science

A-Level

Business

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

Why you should choose KGV

You can choose the A-Level or the A-Level Equivalent, which are studied alongside two or three other subjects. Or you can opt for the new T Level, equivalent to three A-Levels and which would be your only subject.

Our tutors will provide you with exciting lessons, bringing their own wide-ranging experience and expertise. Having all worked in successful businesses, they will provide a true insight into the commercial world, so you can expand your theoretical learning by applying it to real life examples. You will also benefit from guest speakers and a wide range of trips and visits.

We have a brand new Business study zone and boardroom, designed to resemble a real office environment, plus specialist IT equipment to support your learning and submit assignments. We also develop key personal skills, such as team working, research, organisation and communication.

Business A-Level

This course is assessed by three exams at the end of the two years.

There are four key themes:

- **Marketing and People**
How customers relate to products
- **Managing Business Activities**
Finance and resource management
- **Business Decisions and Strategy**
Profitable business and market competitiveness
- **Global Business**
How globalisation affects international markets and multinational corporations

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

A-Level Equivalent

Business

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

Business A-Level Equivalent

This course is assessed by a combination of coursework, controlled assessments and one external exam.

You will explore a wide range of business concepts and develop organisational, communication, research and problem solving skills. Real case studies are used for each assignment and current world events are applied and discussed.

The course includes units that examine business structures and the external environment, investigate personal and business finance and enable you to design a marketing campaign. There are also optional units in HR, market research, customer service and law.

Level 2 Business

This one year course offers the perfect transition programme for students looking to progress to level 3 in the future. Students will cover topics that include the purpose of business, financial forecasting, customer relations and the marketing plan.

Entry requirements are a minimum of one GCSE at Grade 4 and 2 GCSE's at Grade 3 including English or maths.

T Level

Management and Leadership

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

Management and Leadership T Level

The new T Level is developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares you for a successful career.

This fascinating course deals with how real life businesses are making decisions today and focuses on genuine case studies. You will cover how businesses operate, people management, finance, leadership, team building, change and project management; as well as looking at the legislation that impacts organisations. You will gain an understanding of all elements involved in running a business, as well as the depth of knowledge to start your career.

The T Level mixes classroom learning and "on-the-job" experience, with all students undertaking a valuable industrial placement for a minimum of 315 hours over the duration of the two year course. It is the equivalent of three A-Levels and will give you the skills and UCAS points needed to study a related subject at university, as well as the foundations to pursue a career in a wide range of business functions.

University destinations and potential careers

Many of our students choose to study related degrees at prestigious universities; including Business Management, International Business and Disaster Management.

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

We have a brand new Business study zone and boardroom, designed to resemble a real office environment, plus specialist IT equipment to support your learning and submit assignments. We also develop key personal skills, such as team working, research, organisation and communication.

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"The teachers have lots of enthusiasm here and I like all my subjects. In my free time, I can go up to the Study Hub to catch up on my coursework. I recommend KGV because it's such a nice place to be around."



Find out more

Henry Baumber

Previously at:
Meols Cop High School
Planning to:
Study Sports Management
or Coaching at university

Politics

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

Politics is in a constant state of flux. It affects everything in our society and life and is how, why and to whom resources are allocated. Power and decision making are at the heart of politics, and if you are interested, intrigued or frustrated by the way the world is run then Politics is for you! This course will give you an insight into the nature of politics and how people engage in the political process in the UK and beyond. It encourages you to explore your own views and be challenged by the views of others, and complements subjects such as Sociology, History, Law, Philosophy, English and Geography.

Why you should choose KGV

You will study highly current topics and themes, which will help you explore and understand the significant changes that impact our lives. Through discussion and debate you will enhance your ability to interpret, evaluate and comment on the nature of politics. You will deepen your understanding of our shared world, acquire knowledge of the structures of authority and power within the political system of the United Kingdom and be encouraged to think more widely about how other political systems may differ and respond to their own challenges.

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

What you will study

The fascinating course covers a wide variety of aspects including:

- **UK Politics and UK Government**
‘What is Brexit all about and why did it happen?’ ‘What powers does the Prime Minister have?’ ‘Why was the result of the 2017 General Election such a surprise?’ ‘Is Britain truly democratic?’
- **Political Ideas**
Liberalism, Socialism and Conservatism; and the influence of key political thinkers such as Karl Marx, Mary Wollstonecraft and Edmund Burke.
- **Global Politics**
‘Can democracy survive global warming?’ ‘Does China’s rise question the West’s democratic example?’

University destinations and potential careers

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

History

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

In modern History we study three key periods. Russia/USSR 1855-1964, Modern Britain 1951-2007 and for the Non-Examined Assessment we consider the events surrounding the European Witchcraze 1550-1660. We will teach you how to build persuasive arguments, evaluate contemporary sources and analyse historical interpretations. Studying History A-Level allows you to develop vital skills such as, research, literacy and statistical analysis. It is a great launch pad for a whole range of related humanities based degree subjects.

Why you should choose KGV

Come and be part of a thriving, lively and successful department at KGV Sixth Form College and learn about events that have shaped the world you live in and the people and circumstances that influenced these events. A-Level Modern History is a fascinating yet challenging subject.

You will be looking at fundamental changes/events and analyse why they happened. It is not just an account of the past but an investigation of why things happened the way they did.

At KGV Sixth Form College, our teachers have over 20 years of teaching and examining experience, so they know exactly how to make sure you get the most out of the course and also the best possible grade.

What you will study

The first year delivers part one of the Russia/USSR unit covering the period of the Russian Tsars from 1855-1917 ending with the rise of the Bolsheviks in November 1917.

With reference to Britain, in year one we look at the establishment of the post-war consensus between 1951 and the rise of Thatcher in 1979. The second year covers the rise of New Labour under Blair and also the independent research on the European Witch Craze, which is the Non-Examined Assessment.

These fascinating eras provide so much for us to learn and apply to our modern culture. This makes for an interesting dynamic within the classroom, with lots of opportunity to discuss and debate different ideas.

University destinations and potential careers

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

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



“I’d definitely recommend KGV, I’ve found that the teachers have been really helpful and supportive. The topics we study in each course are really well thought out and interesting. I’ve really enjoyed studying everything here.”



See the full interview

Archie Singleton

Previously at:
Meols Cop High School
Planning to:
Study History at university

Law

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

Law is everywhere. You can see it when you go to your local supermarket, when you use your phone and even when you go to College. Every item you buy, every agreement you make, every relationship you enter into is regulated by a country's laws.

Our society is governed by laws that supposedly benefit our lives, by studying Law you will learn all about laws, analyse case studies and you will learn to question everything. Studying A-Level Law will let you explore the relationship between Law, Society and the individual in the United Kingdom.

Why you should choose KGV

At KGV you'll be taught by highly qualified staff, most of whom have taught in Higher Education establishments. Most notably we have a senior examiner of A-Level Law that teaches on our course. Our staff are knowledgeable and approachable and will teach you the foundations of questioning, a skill which is essential when progressing onto university.

What you will study

If you study A-Level Law at KGV you will have the opportunity to study both public and private law. This means you will study a variety of different crimes and case studies to give your knowledge a real backing from the past. Along with this you will learn about two areas of civil law; contract and tort. You will also consider the bigger picture, examining questions such as 'should law enforce morality?' or 'does law achieve justice?'

University destinations and potential careers

A significant proportion of A-Level Law students go on to study law at university. Popular destinations include the University of Leeds, the University of Liverpool and Edge Hill University. Other popular courses include Criminology, Policing and Criminal Investigation degrees.

Applied Law

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Applied Law allows you to discover how law impacts every aspect of society. You'll consider how laws are made, interpreted and how they affect everyday life.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be taught by highly qualified staff, who also have experience of teaching Law at university. Plus both our Applied Law tutors are also examiners for the awarding body Pearson. During the course there is a fascinating trip to the London Central Criminal Court (the Old Bailey) and the Supreme Court of England and Wales, as well as lots of extra-curricular activities including competitions run by leading law firms and visits to local courts too.

What you will study

The course is equivalent to an A-Level and attracts the same UCAS points. The majority of modules are examined by our tutors, however some of them will be externally assessed. It is therefore ideal for students who want to want to study using an element of applied learning, rather than purely exam based assessment.

The course covers a variety of different types of law and includes a range of different crimes, including murder, manslaughter and theft offences; as well as negligence and family law. It provides an introduction to the study of the legal sector. And also allows you to develop transferable skills which are highly regarded by higher education institutions and employers.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study Law at Liverpool University, Politics at Winchester, Business at Lancaster and Criminology at Edge Hill.

Applied Law could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Barrister, Legal Executive or Police Officer and opens up a wealth of degree possibilities.



"It's a really good College, I would definitely recommend. The teachers are absolutely brilliant, if I need help, they are always there. At KGV you feel like you know everyone and it's a relaxed atmosphere; it's a really nice campus."



See the full interview

Madeline Irlam

Previously at:
St Bede's Catholic
High School
Progressing to:
University of Liverpool to
study Criminology

Philosophy

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

Philosophy translates as 'love of wisdom.' Defined as 'thinking about thinking,' Philosophy delves into ordinary opinions and convictions on a range of different topics. Philosophy will give you the skills to think logically and critically, skills that are crucial for an examined life. You will be taught, not what to think, but how to think.

Why you should choose KGV

Philosophy at KGV is known for its outstanding performance and high levels of student enjoyment. You can also join the Philosophy Symposium, a weekly debating opportunity, where you can discuss current affairs. You will also have the chance to attend the Philosophy and Religious Studies conference at Lancaster University. This is a great opportunity to listen to experts in different areas of Philosophical interest.

Furthermore, you will enjoy a wide breadth of resources and facilities. This includes conducting philosophical research in our state-of-the-art Study Hub, reading the original texts of Western philosophers and reading articles in the Philosophy Today magazine, for which the College has an annual subscription.

What you will study

Philosophy lessons are characterised by insightful debates which students not only enjoy but also find very thought provoking.

In year one you study:

- **Epistemology**
Do we experience the world as it is or is human perception merely an interpretation of the world? What is knowledge? What can we know and how do we know that we know?

- **Moral Philosophy**
Is there objective moral reality? Are our moral claims mere expressions of our subjective feelings about situations or are they descriptive of a moral reality.

In year two you study:

- **Metaphysics of God**
What is God? Is there a God? Are the attributes of God logically coherent, e.g. can they be reconciled with the existence of evil in the world? Is Religious language meaningful?
- **Metaphysics of Mind**
What is mind? What is the relationship between the mental and the physical? Are the mind and the body separate and can either exist without the other?

University destinations and potential careers

Our previous students have gone on to study a variety of degree courses, with many opting to study PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics). However, studying A-Level Philosophy prepares you for the kind of rigorous thinking and critical analysis valued in a wide variety of fields of study.

Sociology

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

Sociology is the study of how human societies shape the lives of the people who live in them and how these people act, react and interact. The value of a sociological imagination is that the subject opens up the world to you; it aims to challenge and change your thinking. Sociology is a critical and reflective subject grounded in meaningful questioning for why specific institutions and groups are the way they are. If you like to question, debate and delve deep into understanding human relationships and behaviour, then sociology is for you.

Why you should choose KGV

Sociology at KGV enhances your learning in many ways, using a wide range of techniques such as presentations, one-to-ones, group work, documentaries, video clips, creative sessions and personal ICT based research. You will be supported throughout the course enabling you to be successful in your essay writing skills, your ability to develop appropriate and balanced arguments and to critically assess theoretical views. We offer a range of trips and guest speakers to enhance the course, along with additional support sessions to expand students' knowledge and exam technique as well as giving you access to a wide array of sociology books in the Study Hub.

What you will study

You will explore sociological themes and perspectives, politics, social policy and roles within a number of areas including education, families and households, beliefs in society and crime and deviance. We offer Sociology discussion sessions to help you develop your knowledge of the subject and exam technique.

University destinations and potential careers

Many students have gone on to study Sociology degrees at a range of universities, including Lancaster, Liverpool and Leeds. Others have studied related subject areas such as Criminology at Chester and International Disaster Management at University of Manchester, both of which include a significant proportion of sociological knowledge and skills.

A-Level Sociology prepares you for a diverse range of careers such as Business and Management, Social Work, or the Police Force.



"I'd more than recommend KGV, it feels very upbeat, everybody's always happy here and it's just a great atmosphere. There are great teachers, great courses and everyone gets to give their opinions and thoughts."



See the full interview

Oliver Kitt

Previously at:
Meols Cop High School
Progressing to:
University of Liverpool to
study Philosophy

Psychology

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

Psychology combines scientific methods to study human behaviour and thinking. Combining research, literacy, statistical analysis and critical evaluation skills. Psychology allows you to gain insights about peoples' motivations, perceptions and behaviour. This gives you a different perspective on why people react in the ways they do and can help you to further understand people.

Why you should choose KGV

Teaching takes place in our dedicated psychology classrooms, where you will also find an array of relevant books and resources. Our students enjoy exciting trips and great guest speakers to bring the course to life and our expert tutors offer additional support sessions to perfect your exam technique.

What you will study

The course covers three key topics; an introduction to psychology; psychology in context and issues and options in psychology.

There are also various fascinating sub topics too. Amongst other things you will study memory and consider if juries are reliable; psychopathology, which includes the causes and treatments for mental health disorders and you will look at children's attachment to their caregivers and the impact this can have if it does not occur.

Applied Psychology

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. It combines literacy, research, statistical analysis and critical evaluation and gives insight into motivations, perceptions and behaviours. If you are fascinated about why people behave the way that they do then this is an ideal course for you.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be taught by highly experienced supportive tutors who are all experts in their field and offer extra sessions to expand your knowledge and encourage independent research. There are inspiring guest speakers and interesting visits, to really bring the content to life. Plus you will benefit from learning in our well-equipped psychology classrooms, with a plethora of fascinating books and publications.

What you will study

The course covers key psychology approaches, principles and practices. You will learn about social and cognitive psychology, the learning and the biological approach; as well as developing an understanding of how psychological research and concepts can be applied to gender, aggression and consumer behaviour. You will study topics including memory, aggression, stress and addiction that can be applied in the everyday world.

You will discover how to conduct psychological research and you will have the opportunity to conduct your own small investigation.

With Health Psychology you will explore psychological approaches, theories and studies related to lifestyle choices and unhealthy behaviours and discover ways to encourage positive behavioural change. Whilst the Criminal and Forensic unit explores the different theories and psychological approaches that can be used to explain criminal behaviour and how this is applied in the criminal justice system.

Applied Psychology is a BTEC qualification and is equivalent to one A-Level. There are four units, two of which are assessed by external examinations. You will take one exam and one coursework unit at the each year.

University destinations and potential careers

Applied Psychology has the equivalent UCAS points of an A-Level and opens up many different options at university including forensics, criminology and clinical psychology.

You can then progress to a range of careers, from clinical psychologist or occupational therapist to detective.



"I would definitely recommend KGV, it has a really welcoming atmosphere and the facilities are great. I've really enjoyed my courses and the teachers and study mentors are all so dedicated to helping you achieve."



See the full interview

Joshua Green

Previously Home Schooled
Progressing to:
Cardiff University to study
Psychology

Drama and Theatre Studies

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

Are you curious about how drama is made and have a creative instinct for communicating your views? Perhaps you have aspirations of one day working on Broadway or the West End? Then Drama and Theatre Studies is for you! This vibrant course will see you acting, writing and directing. Not only that, you will also be able to engage in the visual and technical side of theatre, with regular trips to see professionally produced theatre productions.

Why you should choose KGV

The drama team nurture and encourage our students to take control of their learning and support them to become the best they can be. We strive to create an environment that is inclusive, safe and welcoming. We are like a family; supporting one another to not only achieve our best academically, but also develop as a person as well. Furthermore, as a KGV Sixth Form College Drama student, you may also take part in tours and workshops given by external companies.

What you will study

The vast and intriguing range of work will involve practical performance; devising and working from scripts; writing about theatre you have seen and plays you have read; and the theory and practice of practitioners, playwrights and directors.

Over the two years of the course, you will study three examined units. Across these units, you will practice and develop your drama skills, explore the work of differing practitioners and even devise an original piece of drama.

University destinations and potential careers

Drama and Theatre Studies open up a wealth of opportunities. Former students have gone on to study performing arts, theatre studies and drama at university or some of the country's most prestigious drama schools, including Guildford, LIPA and Central School of Speech and Drama; and then taken up careers in performing, directing, Stage Management, and even Drama Therapy.

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

English Literature

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

English Literature is a subject that has wide-ranging significance to the world beyond KGV. Studying literary texts encourages students to think analytically and look at ideas and issues from different perspectives. The diversity of the texts studied also help students to develop an understanding of a range of different historical periods and other cultures. These skills are important for so many different careers and especially for undergraduate study.

Why you should choose KGV

English Literature at KGV Sixth Form College will allow you to experience a plethora of literary texts in an in-depth way. The set texts have been chosen by the teachers to offer a diverse learning experience, which helps students to develop their understanding of a range of genres from a broad time period: from Shakespeare to Carol Ann Duffy. As part of the study of English Literature, we also interpret texts from a range of thought-provoking perspectives such as Marxist, Feminist and Psychoanalytical. All of which helps students to develop valuable critical and analytical skills, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of some of the most prominent writers and genres in English Literature.

What you will study

There are two examined elements and one non-examined assessment.

Unit 1

'Love through the Ages'
This explores Shakespeare's romantic tragedy 'Othello' and Emily Bronte's powerful love story 'Wuthering Heights', as well as fourteen post-1900 love poems.

Unit 2

'Texts in shared contexts: modern times: 1945 to present day'.

As part of this unit, you will study texts such as Tennessee Williams' tragic melodrama 'A Streetcar Named Desire', Arundhati Roy's post-colonial novel 'The God of Small Things' and Carol Ann Duffy's poetry collection 'Feminine Gospels'.

The non-examined assessment is essentially a coursework unit, which is largely independent and allows students the opportunity to research their own literary interests by comparing two texts.

University destinations and potential careers

Students who study English Literature at KGV Sixth Form College have gone on to study a wide range of courses at university, such as English at Oxford and Lancaster, Law at Liverpool and Classical Studies at St Andrews.

A-Level English Literature could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Publisher, Magazine or Newspaper Editor or Creative Writer.



"My course choices worked really well together. Psychology links in very well with Drama as it helps with understanding the mind of a person and how you could play a character who's feeling a certain way or emotion."



See the full interview

Dean Aindow

Previously at:
Birkdale High School
Progressing to:
Edge Hill University to
study Musical Theatre

English Language and Literature

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

English Language and Literature is a unique course in its own right, that explores how writers and speakers use language to tell stories, in novels, plays or poems. This course explores how plots are created and will develop your vocabulary and terminology to critically analyse it all. You will also improve your skills of comparison and evaluation, presentation, essay writing and teamwork. Furthermore, you will improve your own creative writing becoming more effective in terms of style, audience and purpose.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our recently built, wonderful creative arts building; with bright spacious classrooms equipped with all the technology you will need. This fantastic learning environment is backed up and supported by the passion of the highly experienced teachers, who captivate and inspire their students, encouraging them to not only develop in the subject, but also as a person. Through this nurturing and aspirational environment you will be able to achieve your dreams and ambitions.

What you will study

One of the most engaging aspects of the course is the chance to study *'The Handmaid's Tale'*, which has been made into a major, global television sensation. If ever there was a story told, to make us think again about the world in which we live and how we treat people who are not like us, this is it.

In a more detailed sense, the course is split into three assessments; two exams and a 3000 word piece of coursework that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary texts.

University destinations and potential careers

English Language and Literature opens up many degree courses and recent students have progressed to prestigious universities including Oxford, Durham and Liverpool to study subjects such as Linguistics, Marketing, Law, Journalism and Criminology. Following on from university the career possibilities are endless, and include Speech Therapist, Technical Author, Journalist & Publisher.

English Language

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in English Language.

There has never been a better time to study the significance of language. Language can represent who we are and what we value. Our recent past and present tells us that language can be used in very powerful ways. We use it to create our identities, to include others or exclude them, to create unity or destroy it. From the sounds of our accents to the choices we make in sending Instagram messages, we cannot escape the hold that language has over us nor our involvement in the way it is being shaped for the future. This makes studying English Language at A-Level completely different from GCSE.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying English Language at KGV Sixth Form College will give you the confidence to explore, analyse and evaluate the world around you. You will develop your knowledge and skills using leading research and the most up-to-date resources. You will have the opportunity to meet and learn from the people who are at the leading edge of the subject and who write the textbooks. Furthermore, you will meet linguists from all over the world who will explain their work on diverse topics such as New Zealand English, Scouse, Multicultural Urban British English and accent prejudice.

What you will study

The course is made up of three assessments: two examinations and a piece of coursework.

For the first exam paper on the Individual and Society, you will be taught language levels of lexis, semantics, grammar and pragmatics to enable you to analyse and compare representations of topics across a range of different text types.

In the second paper on Diversity and Change, you will learn how age, region, gender, sexuality, occupation, social group and ethnicity can influence language. You will also study English as a global language and the ways in which language changes. The final aspect is a non-examined assessment that comprises a language investigation and a piece of original writing.

University destinations and potential careers

English Language A-Level is recognised by every university as an excellent step towards further study. Courses in Language or Linguistics are natural progressions, with potential career paths in Forensic Linguistics, Marketing and Speech and Language Therapy.

Recent students have gone on to study a diverse range of subjects such as: Copywriting and Publishing, Journalism, Law and Criminology at prestigious universities that include Oxford, Leeds and King's College London.



"I have really loved studying English and my teacher has been brilliant. Everything about the course has exceeded my expectations, I would definitely recommend KGV, all the teachers are so passionate about their subjects."



See the full interview

Havin Basanmay

Previously at:
Greenbank High School
Planning to:
Study teaching
at university

Film Studies

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

Film making is often an inspiring escape from reality and is a culturally significant medium. It is a means of expression, often a filmmakers artistic take and commentary on the world in which they live. Nowadays, films are incredibly influential in shaping our society, they often carry a hidden meaning, a meaning which you can learn to uncover if you study Film Studies.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying Film at KGV will give you the foundations needed to create films and the knowledge needed to produce them. We offer the highest quality of teaching and support which is shown through the excellent results our students attain each year.

Film studies is taught in our recently built fantastic creative arts building, where you will enjoy spacious, bright, learning spaces equipped with all the latest technology aspiring film makers need, including computers, video editing software and equipment. During your time with us you'll also have access to the Adobe Creative Cloud applications, for use in college and at home. In short we'll give you all the essentials to kick start your creativity and a career in film!

What you will study

This fascinating course explores the various stories and techniques filmmakers use in order to portray their message. You will learn about mise en scène, cinematography and all it takes to produce a film. What is more, you will get to produce your very own film too!

You will be assessed through a range of different methods. There are two exam based components which will cover film movements ranging from contemporary mainstream film, silent films of the 1920s, or Korean blockbuster films. You will also produce a piece of coursework where you will be required to create your very own short film or screenplay.

University destinations and potential Careers

Studying Film can take you down a variety of pathways and is a great subject to accompany the majority of subjects and help you progress to a range of degree courses and fascinating careers, including Screen Writing, Animation and TV Production. We have recent students now studying at Russell Group Universities and others pursuing specialist Film Courses at Salford & Leeds.

Media Studies

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

Media Studies is a subject that is truly contemporary and relevant to everyone. It is intellectually challenging but extremely rewarding. Media provides a pathway for students to progress onto higher education, whilst also teaching students skills that will be incredibly useful in the media industry and beyond. As the media becomes more and more ubiquitous in our lives, it is extremely important for students to be able to analyse and critique the media that surrounds them, so that they can question and try to understand what is happening in society.

Why you should choose KGV

Students at KGV have access to quality video editing software and camera equipment. We have a dedicated media room that students can use to create videos, including using our green screen.

You will learn how to operate specialist equipment and how to create content which will give you the knowledge and skills which will set you apart from others at university. Moreover, our dedicated and experienced staff ensure our students have the support and quality teaching to achieve great results.

What you will study

The course is broken down into three components, two of which are exam based. The two exams cover different media forms, ranging from contemporary You Tubers and TV series to advertising/marketing techniques of the 1950's, looking at how the products demonstrate the role that media has had in our society. Your third component will be your coursework which requires you to produce a multi-form production, an exciting project where you will create video, print and website content.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Media students go on to study at a wide variety of universities, ranging from redbrick universities such as Manchester, to more creative institutions such as Salford and Leeds.

Our students have progressed to a variety of careers, including Social Media Manager, Advertising Manager and TV Producer.

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for our new
T Level in Media
Broadcast and
Production

PULP FICTION



"Film Studies has been a brilliant course. We have studied such a wide range of films from almost every genre you can think of. I would say that Casablanca, Pulp Fiction and La La Land have been my favourites."



See the full interview

Finn Salters

Previously at:
Range High School
Progressing to:
Lancaster University to
study Film, Media and
Cultural Studies

Geography

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

Geography is a broad based academic subject which will open up many options for you in your future. As a subject linking the arts and the sciences it is highly flexible in terms of what you can combine it with at A-Level. Geography is highly valued by universities as an A-Level choice and is the fastest rising major A-Level subject in terms of numbers taking it.

Why you should choose KGV

Studying A-Level Geography at KGV Sixth Form College will deepen your understanding of our shared world. You will study current topics and themes to help you explore and understand the significant changes that are beginning to impact our lives, from climate change and Brexit to the friction between the USA and China.

Fieldwork and study trips are an essential part of KGV Geography that will accompany course content and broaden your knowledge. When studying this course, you will take part in several trips, including exploring Liverpool's dockland regeneration and visiting areas where rewilding schemes are taking place.

The course is taught by a highly qualified lecturer, with post graduate research experience and expertise in a number of key course topics.

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

What you will study

We study 8 topics over the two years such as, tectonic processes and hazards, coastal landscapes and change, globalisation, regenerating places, water cycle and water insecurity, carbon cycle and energy security, superpowers and migration, identity and sovereignty.

You will also produce a piece of original research about a theme that you are interested in. Recent titles initiated by students include: 'The impact of Everton's proposed stadium redevelopment on Walton residents' and 'An investigation into the threats to and management of, Sefton's coastline'.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have progressed on to study at top universities including Durham, Lancaster, Leeds and Liverpool studying courses such as Geography, Environmental Management and Environmental Science.

A-Level Geography could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Meteorologist, Town Planner or Environmental Consultant and is valued by employers requiring data analysis skills.

Spanish

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Spanish.

The political climate throughout the world has changed dramatically in recent years. Consequently, employers in both UK and international job markets need candidates with a clear understanding of different cultures and the ability to communicate confidently and effectively within those cultures. Learning Spanish, the second most spoken native language in the world and the third in terms of total number of speakers, can only boost your job prospects; it provides you with international experience and an empathetic view on the outside world – just the skills many employers are looking for.

Why you should choose KGV

At KGV Sixth Form College you will benefit from learning in a variety of ways and settings, using authentic materials and current media.

Your Course Tutor is a native Spanish speaker. This opportunity is not to be missed, as the conversation sessions that take place are a fantastic environment to practise and learn in. Furthermore, our fantastic Study Hub provides you with a wide variety of audio books, graded readings adapted to learners of the language, comics and films so that you can explore and learn independently with the resources of your choice.

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

What you will study

As well as the language, you will explore the history, character and way of living in Spain. You will have the opportunity of studying elements of their art and culture, their traditions, their ideas, but also the tensions and challenges they face as a community in a global world.

The assessment criteria is broken down in to three components, with Speaking weighted 30%, Listening, Reading and Translating worth 50% and Critical Response in Writing making up the remaining 20%.

University destinations and potential careers

With Spanish A-Level, you can move on to study languages at university and many of our students do, but you will also be equipped with skills that employers across the board find invaluable: communication, relationship building, research and analysis.



"I have loved KGV, the lessons have been inspiring, the atmosphere is great and all my teachers are so supportive. The Study Hub has been excellent too - it really is a great environment to be able to press on with your work and the staff there are brilliant."



See the full interview

Eleanor Connolly

Previously at:
Range High School
Progressing to:
University of Leeds to study
Business with Marketing

A-Level

Fashion and Textiles

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in an Art and Design based subject

Textiles is a practical and creative subject and you will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of disciplines including printed textiles, fashion, surface pattern and constructed textiles (creative embroidery and knit). You will be introduced to a range of textile processes, technology and resources concerning textile design and textile arts alongside the history of fashion and textile studies.

Why you should choose KGV

You will be based in our fantastic creative arts building, which has all the facilities and specialist equipment you will need to create amazing professional pieces and is available for you to use both during and outside your specific lesson times. There is a spacious, bright fashion and textile studio, amazing art rooms, photography studio and dark room, plus multiple mac suites with all the latest editing software. The team are all highly experienced, talented professionals and love seeing their students develop their skills and personal style.

What you will study

Working within a professional environment, you will experience fashion and textiles first hand, exploring techniques such as silk screen printing, fabric dyeing and embellishment, machine embroidery, batik, devoré, fabric painting and repeat pattern. You will learn how to approach art and design analytically, with research and investigation playing a key role within the A-Level experience.

As part of your assessed portfolio you will curate your own independent fashion show, cat walk experiences and gallery settings. Textile students also have the opportunity to work alongside visiting professional and established artists from the fashion and textile industry.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students who have studied Textiles at KGV Sixth Form College have gone on to study at Royal College of Art London, Manchester Met, Leeds College of Art, Glasgow School of Art and Goldsmiths London.

A-Level Fashion and Textiles could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Textile Designer, Fashion Designer or Interior Designer.

A-Level

Fine Art

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in an Art and Design based subject

The visual arts are a major part of British industry. This course will give you a head start in developing the creative problem solving skills that you will need. Choosing to study Fine Art will give you the opportunity to work in an expressive and personal way, whilst engaging with both social and cultural issues. Throughout the course you will be expected to develop an open and exploratory approach to your work and to develop your own informed opinions, with an increasing awareness of contemporary issues and industry level practice.

Why you should choose KGV

The art department is in our newly built creative arts building and gives you two fabulous spacious and bright fine art studios to work in both during and outside of your lessons. There is also a photography studio, darkroom and a fashion and textile studio as well as multiple Mac suites kitted out with the latest editing software available to you. Our talented and passionate art team are always available to guide and inspire you to establish your own inimitable style and create your very best work.

What you will study

This two year A-Level course will cover a broad base of Fine Art, introducing you to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as an artist. As well as painting and drawing, you will be able to explore and experiment with other media including printmaking, sculpture, photography, digital manipulation and appropriate combinations of media. Many of the skills you will learn will also provide you with a good basis for other visual art areas such as Interior Design, Product Design and even Art History.

University destinations and potential careers

Many of our past students have gone on to become successful full time fine art practitioners having studied at Glasgow School of Art and the London College of Art.

On the other hand, many have used what they learnt on this A-Level course to progress to Architecture, gallery curation, creative media, television production, illustration and the graphic design industry. Recent university destinations have included Edinburgh University, Leeds College of Art, University of Central England and Manchester Metropolitan University.

A-Level Fine Art could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Illustrator, Gallery Curator or Fine Art Practitioner.



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"I initially chose this course because I felt it would give me the most opportunities to get into the uni I wanted, and I am so glad I did. I have loved the course and the facilities here at KGV are fantastic."



See the full interview

Daisy Peterson

Previously at:
Sacred Heart Catholic
College
Progressing to:
Leeds Art University to
study Fashion Design

A-Level

Photography

***Additional entry requirements:**
Grade 4 in an art and design based subject.

*Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Photography A-Level on successful completion of a set task.

Photography at KGV, gives you the opportunity to work in an expressive and personal way and to engage with social and cultural issues. You will be expected to develop an open and exploratory approach to your work and to develop informed opinions, with an increasing awareness of contemporary issues and industry level practice, as well as exploring commercial and artistic avenues.

Why you should choose KGV

You will receive hands on learning! We deliver artists workshops, lectures and field trips throughout the academic year.

You will also visit BA (Hons) Degree exhibitions and MA exhibitions across the region. You can expect annual trips for gallery and exhibition research which may include:

- **Barcelona:** Picasso Museum, Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art
- **Berlin:** Käthe Kollwitz Gallery, Amerika Haus, Topography of Terror, Museum of Photography
- **Liverpool:** Tate Liverpool, The Walker Art Gallery, Blue Coat, Open Eye Gallery
- **London:** Tate Modern, White Cube, Tate Britain, Royal Academy of Art, National Portrait Gallery and the National Gallery, London Fashion Week
- **Manchester:** Whitworth Gallery, Manchester City Gallery
- **Paris:** Musée d'Orsay, Centre Pompidou, Musée du Louvre, European House of Photography, Paris Fashion Week

What you will study

This two year course covers a broad base of lens based disciplines. You will be introduced to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as a creative photographer. You will get the chance to work on both film and digital formats, shooting on location and in the studio.

You will also be able to explore and experiment with other media, including scanography, digital manipulation and appropriate combinations of media. You will be introduced to a broad range of skills which will be an essential tool when progressing with your photography in the future.

University destinations and potential careers

Previous students have gone on to study Photography at establishments such as the University of the Arts London, De Montfort University, Falmouth University, University of Westminster, University of Central England and Manchester Metropolitan University.

A-Level

Graphic Design

***Additional entry requirements:**
Grade 4 in an art and design based subject.

*Students who are not currently taking an art or design related GCSE may still be accepted for Graphic Design A-Level on successful completion of a set task.

Graphic design at KGV allows you to use current cultural and social issues, develop your own informed opinions and express them in your own personal and creative way. The course gives you the opportunity to explore many different forms of graphic design across a wide range of platforms. What's more, early on in the course you will be introduced you to a range of disciplines through brilliant workshops, designed to help you make an informed decision about which aspects you would like to study and explore in more depth as the course progresses.

Why you should choose KGV

Graphic design is taught in our recently built fantastic creative arts building, where you will not only enjoy bright, airy, inspiring learning spaces, but you will also benefit from all the latest technology including Apple Macs and the entire Adobe Creative Suite. We believe that it is important for students to interact with Artists' workshops and lectures and that field trips are an essential tool in teaching. You will get to visit Degree and MA exhibitions. As well as annual trips and visits to places such as Paris, Barcelona, London, Manchester and Liverpool for gallery and exhibition research.

What you will study

You will be introduced to a wide variety of possibilities which will help you develop your own practice as a designer, which can range from brand identity to advertising, marketing campaigns to children's books. You will participate in workshops that include practice in design processes such as using the industry software and learning hand rendered techniques.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study at Manchester Metropolitan University, Glasgow School of Art, London College of Art, Edinburgh University, Leeds College of Art and University of Central Lancashire.

A-Level Graphic Design could help you progress to a variety of careers, including Product Designer, Illustrator or Graphic Designer.

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"I love how creative I get to be and how there are no restrictions with what I want to do. Everyone's project is individual to them and the teachers encourage you to try out different ideas and ways of working to really challenge yourself."



See the full interview

Oliver Charleson

Previously at:
Tarleton Academy
Progressing to:
Staffordshire University
to study Concept Art for
Games and Film

Animal Management

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

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Animal Management a two year study programme designed for students interested in a career working with animals, or the wider animal industry.

Why you should choose KGV

We have brand new Animal Management classrooms and a fantastic purposely created animal unit, which is currently home to a great selection of small mammals and reptiles including rabbits, guinea pigs, bearded dragons, leopard geckos, giant African land snails, red knee tarantulas and royal pythons to name but a few.

Our in house facilities will give you plenty of day to day practical experience with our animals, but we also have close links with lots of external animal centres and businesses, to ensure that you gain regular hands on experience with a wide variety of other animals and animal settings too.

What's more, during the course, you will not only take part in numerous trips and visits and hear from a plethora of interesting speakers from animal focused services, but you will also complete 150 hours of valuable work experience each year, ensuring you finish your course with the skills and experience needed for further study or employment in this highly competitive field.

What you will study

During this fascinating and varied course you will study animal breeding and genetics; animal biology; animal welfare and ethics; practical animal husbandry; animal behaviour and animal health and diseases. You will also be expected to complete an investigative research project in a relevant topic and to undergo a work placement in the animal sector.

Please note that the course does contain some externally-assessed units.

University destinations and potential careers

This course is ideally suited to progressing on to study a variety of animal-related and science degrees such as zoology, animal behaviour, veterinary nursing and conservation science.

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

Level 2 Animal Management

This one year course offers the perfect transition programme for students looking to progress to level 3 in the future. Students will cover topics that include an introduction to animal biology and health, animal welfare and safe handling.

Entry requirements are a minimum of one GCSE at Grade 4 and 2 GCSE's at Grade 3 including English or maths.

Uniformed Public Services

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

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services and is ideal for students wishing to pursue a career in a wide variety of uniformed Public Service roles. As well as studying elements of law, psychology, politics and policy making, you will also develop the skills, knowledge and experience to help you pursue a career in the Armed Forces, Police, Fire Service, Prison Service, Immigration Service and more.

Why you should choose KGV

This exciting course will be taught by a highly experienced department, passionate about their subjects and keen to share their real-life knowledge gained from working in a variety of relevant roles, including Law, the Armed Forces and the Police Service.

The department has links with the armed forces, police and fire service which means students can experience valuable insight into the sector they are interested in.

During the course, students take part in trips and activities including outdoor pursuits, gain valuable work experience in relevant sectors and hear from visiting speakers from a range of uniformed services.

What you will study

During this interesting and varied course you will study a host of relevant topics, including; Citizenship and Diversity; Behaviour and Discipline; Global Affairs and the Media; Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing; Government and the Protective Services; Teamwork, Leadership and Communication; and Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents. There are also a variety of optional units including: managing security threats, police powers, criminal investigation procedures and practice and many more!

University destinations and potential careers

This course is ideally suited to progressing on to study a variety of degree courses including Outdoor Leadership, Policing Studies, Criminology and Law.

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



"The course was fantastic and the department has lots of animals to care for and learn how to handle, I would thoroughly recommend it. I now am going to study Zoology at university, then follow a career in conservation."



Find out more

Finnley Devitt

Previously at:
Holy Family Catholic
High School
Progressing to:
Bangor University
to study Zoology

Biology

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

*Please note, if you are taking foundation maths you can still apply but we will discuss this with you at your course discussion

Biology A-Level is a dynamic and exciting subject that provides insight into many aspects of our modern world. We investigate and learn about a wide range of topics that include cells, membranes, transport systems, disease, immunity, biodiversity, physiological regulation, genetics and ecosystems. The course gives you a solid foundation for a wide variety of university courses and career paths. What's more, you will receive training in a host of practical biology skills which allow you to achieve a separate practical endorsement as well.

Why you should choose KGV

We are a friendly, approachable team of experienced subject specialists and are keen to share our experience and enthusiasm of Biology. We strive to meet individual needs while providing an excellent learning environment and our new equipment and modern, spacious labs ensure that all our students can develop the practical skills that go hand in hand with the theory too.

What you will study

The content is split into six modules. You will study module 1 over the two years. Modules 2, 3 and 4 are covered in the first year and modules 5 and 6 in the second.

- Module 1 Development of practical skills in biology
- Module 2 Foundations in biology
- Module 3 Exchange and transport
- Module 4 Biodiversity, evolution and disease
- Module 5 Communication, homeostasis and energy
- Module 6 Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Biology is the perfect subject to take if you are thinking of pursuing Healthcare, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Conservation, Ecology, Sports Science or Physiology. It is highly regarded by universities and employers because of the wide variety of skills and knowledge that students obtain.

Health and Social Care

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

If you want to make a difference to people's lives, are interested in a challenging and rewarding career and are a highly organised, caring and supportive person, then working in health and social care could suit you and this course would be an ideal starting place.

Why you should choose KGV

We have built a track record of outstanding learner success because this course; which is equivalent to one A-Level and combines well with a range of other courses; provides a stepping stone to a range of careers, including nursing, social work, occupational therapy, support work and paramedic practice, to name just a few. Our staff are friendly and approachable, supporting you to achieve and develop a wide range of beneficial skills. What's more you will get the opportunity to meet a range of professionals who will come into College to talk about their work; and exciting trips and visits to local universities and relevant conferences will also be arranged.

What you will study

The subject is broken down into two components: Assignment/coursework based units and examined units. You will begin the course with the examined unit: Human lifespan development, finishing the first year with an assignment based unit on meeting individual care and support needs.

In the second year, once again you will begin with an examined unit: Working in health and social care, finishing off with another assignment on physiological disorders, based on current health sector requirements.

Learning methods are varied, including independent research projects, practical work-related study, class discussions, talks from visiting speakers and group work. Your assignments are based on realistic workplace situations and activities.

University destinations and potential careers

Our students progress on to a range of university courses and subsequent rewarding careers including nursing, midwifery, social work, psychology, occupational therapy, diagnostic radiography and mental health nursing.



"The facilities at KGV are excellent. Outside of lessons, there are lots of spaces to socialise and relax, which is great. I also really like the Study Hub, which is a nice quiet space to revise or work on assignments."



See the full interview

Sam Watson

Previously at:
Meols Cop High School
Progressing to:
Liverpool University to
study Biology

A-Level
Equivalent

Applied Science

Additional entry requirements:

Grade 4 in a least one Science, Grade 4 in maths or Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

Applied Science is a brilliant course if you are interested in the scientific principles of biology, chemistry and physics. The course focuses on the fundamental concepts and practical skills of science and then builds your understanding of how they are utilised within the industry. It can be studied alongside both science and non-science subjects, but to further support your subject knowledge, it is recommended that you combine this course with either Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

Why you should choose KGV

With newly refurbished, spacious subject specific laboratories, our facilities enable students to really understand what it's like to be a scientist. With specialist teachers who are passionate about the endless possibilities within the world of science, you are guaranteed to be inspired every day. In addition, during the second year, our teachers will tailor the modules to your individual interests, allowing you to gain further knowledge into your preferred subject area.

What you will study

The Applied Science course is equivalent to one A-Level and is both exam and coursework based, with content from all three sciences. Over the two years, you will study units that develop your knowledge and understanding of key concepts in science and how they are applied in the medical, health-care, food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries. There is also lots of practical work, to reinforce your knowledge and develop practical skills suitable for the real world!

University destinations and potential careers

Applied Science alongside another science A-Level will give you a great advantage when starting your career in the science industry.

In recent years we have had students go to study biological, forensic and sports science and then progress to a variety of careers including Pharmaceutical Rep, Research Scientist And Biotechnologist

A-Level

Chemistry

Additional entry requirements:

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

Chemistry is a fascinating subject that investigates how and why chemical phenomena occur. As you delve deeper, you will build your problem solving skills and enhance your understanding of the world around you. Regular experiments develop your practical skills and ensure your understanding of how chemistry is applied.

Why you should choose KGV

Our supportive, experienced teachers tailor each lesson to their individual students; so you can broaden your understanding and realise your potential from day one. Our fantastic facilities and advanced, spacious labs mean you have the best equipment at your fingertips and give you a realistic experience of working in the chemical industry.

What you will study

Chemistry is such as varied subject that no two lessons are the same. Some are entirely investigative, and others allow you to use problem solving and arithmetic skills to explore high level chemistry concepts.

We delve into the world of organic chemistry to understand the way that atoms and electrons behave on the molecular level and also study inorganic chemistry looking at the reactions these colourful complexes can undergo.

As we explore these phenomena, we will not only be concerned with what reactions are taking place, but also at the conditions needed for these reactions and how they can be manipulated to give the most desirable outcomes.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level chemistry is essential if you want to become a doctor, surgeon or dentist and is also recommended for those wanting to become a vet. Many of our recent students have gone on to study for such careers at prestigious universities including: Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Liverpool, Leeds and Manchester. You will find that many universities and employers seek out A-Level Chemistry students because of the skills and higher-level thinking they develop on the course.

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

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"KGV is a friendly place to be. It's quite a big transition from high school; you have a lot of independence and it's more focused on you. The teachers are nice and give you a lot of support and feedback."



See the full interview

Sasha
Hookham

Previously at:
Greenbank High School
Progressing to:
University of Portsmouth
to study Operating
Department Practice

Physics

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Physics (or 66 in Combined Science)
and Grade 6 in maths.

Physics opens many doors to a successful career and can lead to opportunities in fields as diverse as Engineering, Cosmology, Medicine or even Law. Achieving a good grade demonstrates to potential employers you have a logical mind and are able to solve complex problems. A good comprehension of physics helps to develop new technologies and understand our place in the universe.

Why you should choose KGV
Physics is taught in our modern spacious, well-equipped labs.

Our experienced and supportive tutors will provide you with a deeper understanding of the concepts studied at Physics GCSE and help you make clearer links between everything in the physical world.

We encourage you to become an independent and proactive learner and place a greater emphasis on developing problem solving skills and analysis rather than simply a regurgitation of knowledge.

Everything is tailored to you, so should you need a bit of extra help, small group sessions are always available and if you wish to extend your knowledge beyond the curriculum, then we also run sessions to provoke your thinking and present you with more challenging problems to solve.

What you will study

Physics involves studying the composition and laws of the universe that surrounds us, from the atom to galaxies!

The diverse course covers a variety of modules, including:

- Particles and Radiation
- Electricity
- Thermal Physics
- Nuclear physics

The course also includes a practical endorsement where to assess your skills and understanding in relation to practical work, specific tasks must be completed across the two years.

University destinations and potential careers

A-Level Physics is the gateway to many science related university courses and a wide variety of careers, including Engineer, Nuclear Physicist, Geophysicist, Astrophysicist, Cosmologist, Robotics Engineer and Sports Scientist. Recent students have gone on to study Astrophysics at the University of Sheffield, Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester and Architecture at the University of Bath, to name just a few.

Maths and Further Maths

Additional entry requirements:
Maths - Grade 6 in Maths (although a 7 is recommended).
Further Maths - Grade 7 in Maths.

Mathematics is all around us. We use it for measurements, money, analysing data and problems involving motion and forces, so pretty much everything.

At A-Level you will focus more on algebra rather than numerical Mathematics and branch out into the realms of Calculus which is an essential skill for industries such as Engineering, Business Studies and Economics.

Why you should choose KGV

KGV offers fantastic mathematics teaching delivered by highly experienced positive and passionate staff who are experts in their field and we will provide you with all the individually tailored support you need to excel! We encourage you to work in pairs or bigger groups so as to improve your team working and collaborative skills and both our maths and further maths students achieve high grades and go on to achieve great things.

What you will study

A-Level Maths is made up of three main topic areas:

- Pure Mathematics (Algebra, Graphs, Trigonometry and Calculus)
- Mechanics
- Statistics

The final exams are at the end of the two years and are made up of 2/3 Pure Mathematics and 1/6 Statistics and 1/6 Mechanics.

If you also wish to study Further Maths, you will complete your Maths A-Level in the first year and progress to Further Maths in the second year.

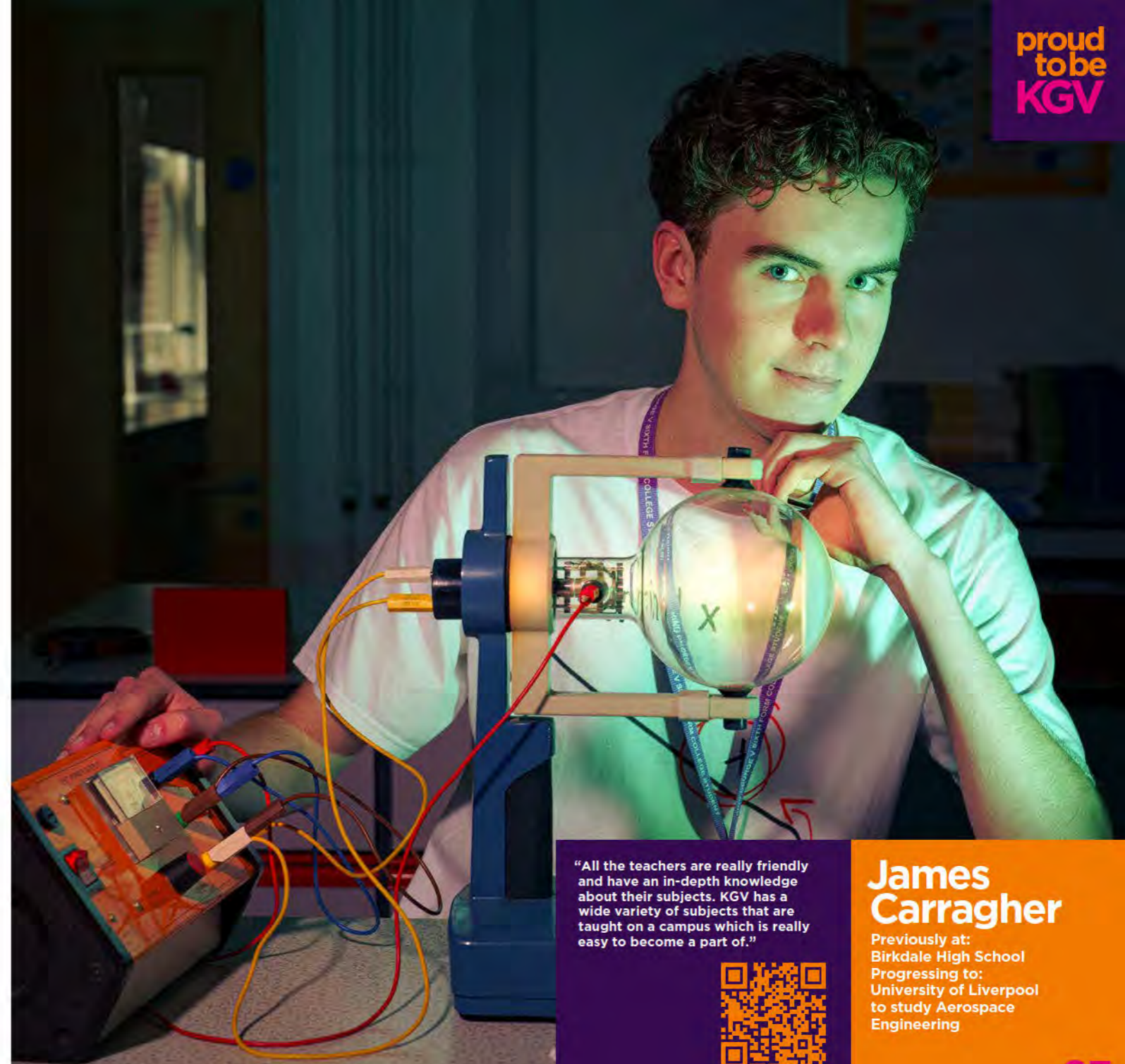
You will build upon the knowledge that you will gain from A-Level Mathematics and take your skills that little bit further.

The Further Maths course is made up of pure Mathematics (algebra, graphs, trigonometry and calculus) and a choice of two from mechanics, statistics or discrete Mathematics.

University destinations and potential careers

Our Maths and Further Maths students go on and study a wide variety of subjects at university including Accountancy, Business, Science, Medicine, Psychology, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Music and Art. The list is endless!

They then progress to a host of different careers, ranging from Finance and Insurance to Medicine, Engineering and even Aviation. The skills are highly transferable and mathematicians and statisticians are in demand across the board!



"All the teachers are really friendly and have an in-depth knowledge about their subjects. KGV has a wide variety of subjects that are taught on a campus which is really easy to become a part of."



See the full interview

James Carragher

Previously at:
Birkdale High School
Progressing to:
University of Liverpool
to study Aerospace
Engineering

Computer Science

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 5 in maths or Computer Science.

Computers are an intrinsic part of daily life, allowing us to solve problems, be more creative and try out new ideas. Computer Science is a more scientific, technical subject than IT and will teach you about programming and develop your understanding of how computers work, as well as looking at topics and asking questions that have the potential to change how we view the world.

Why you should choose KGV

You will learn in fully equipped, up-to-date computer laboratories, with the latest application development software and interactive learning material. All our class resources are accessible from any computer or tablet through Microsoft Teams. Our highly experienced, supportive tutors operate an open door policy so that you can use the facilities and get the support you need, achieve your potential and have a really positive learning experience.

What you will study

There are three core elements to the course: two exams and a research project. The first exam will test your programming skills as well as your theoretical knowledge of data structures, algorithms and the theory of computation. The second uses a range of short-answer and extended-answer questions covering nine main themes: Data Representation, Computer Systems, Computer Architecture, Consequences of using Computer Systems, Networking, Databases, Big Data and Functional Programming. The independent coursework project gives you an opportunity to develop skills that are not necessarily part of the course specification and then apply them to the programming environment.

University destinations and potential careers

Computer Science can lead to a wealth of degree courses and skilled careers. Many of our recent students have chosen to study pure computer science at prestigious universities such as York and Leeds. However, because Computer Science is so integral to the latest technological advancements, one recent student progressed to the University of Portsmouth to study Underwater Photography supported by computer science, so the possibilities really are endless!

Criminology

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in English (Language or Literature).

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

Why you should choose KGV

You'll be taught by staff, who have many years' experience and bring a real passion for the subject and will benefit from dedicated teaching spaces and also have access to up-to-date IT facilities and a wealth of research materials.

Criminology opens up the opportunity to progress to study a wealth of related degree subjects, or alternatively the qualification allows learners to gain the required understanding and skills to be able to consider employment within the criminal justice system including the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the National Offender Management Service.

What you will study

Year 1 comprises 2 units. The first will focus on understanding different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported. Following this, in Unit 2, you will gain an understanding of why people commit crime, drawing on what you have covered in Unit 1.

In year two you will study a further 2 units. The first is 'Crime Scene to Courtroom', which provides an understanding of the criminal justice system from the moment a crime has been identified to the verdict.

You will develop understanding and skills needed to examine information in order to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases.

Your final unit 'Crime and Punishment' focuses on applying your understanding of the awareness of criminality, criminological theories and the process of bringing an accused to court in order to evaluate the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy.

The 'applied' focus of this qualification makes it exciting, helping to broaden your mind as all learning is applied to real life situations and case studies on a national and global level.

Each year comprises one internal controlled assessment and one examination.

University destinations and potential careers

Criminology is an ideal subject for students looking to progress on to a wide variety of degree courses, including:

- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Law
- Sociology

Criminology also opens up a range of career paths including: Solicitor, Probation Officer or Police Officer.



"My siblings came here and really rated it and I'm so glad I did too! All my courses have been excellent and the teachers are always so supportive. It's a really friendly environment to be in and everyone is so calm and focussed."



See the full interview

Joel Moore

Previously at:
Christ the King Catholic
High School
Progressing to:
Edge Hill University to
study Software Engineering

A-Level

Physical Education

Additional entry requirements:
30% of the course is based on practical performance, so you will need strong sports skills.

Whether you choose the A-Level, A-Level Equivalent or BTEC Extended Diploma route, studying PE or Sport at KGV can open up a wealth of opportunities. The sports industry contributes billions of pounds each year to the UK economy and is a continuously growing sector. The industry employs more than 400,000 people in a range of areas, including health, fitness, leisure, outdoors, well-being, elite performance, coaching, teaching and media.

Why you should choose KGV

We have a recently built, state-of-the-art centre with all the latest technology perfect for our dynamic and collaborative lessons. There is also our fantastic fitness suite, sports hall, and new MUGA.

Whichever learning style suits you best, we have a course option for you and the Sports and PE team are all highly qualified, friendly and ready to support you in any way you need, both with the theoretical knowledge and practical side. We have great links with the local sports teams and clubs and also have a range of guest speakers throughout each year, who give an insight into career paths such as fitness instructors, physiotherapists, sports development officers and many more!

A-Level Physical Education

A-Level PE is studied through a range of different contexts and considers the impact of sport on everyday lives. You will study reasons we do things and why some outperform others, mentally and physically. You will look at the ethics of performance-enhancing drugs and the influence of modern technology on physical activity and sport.

Our expert teaching staff share your sports passion and will ensure you have numerous employer related experiences integrated into your course, including coaching and leadership qualifications and related trips and visits. You can also plan and lead some of our sports enrichment and work with local employers to gain hands-on experiences of the industry.

A-Level Equivalent

Sport

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

Sport A-Level Equivalent

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport is equivalent to one A-Level. It allows you to cover the fundamentals of the sports sector alongside other fields of study. You will be taught by expert staff who also work for the awarding body as examiners/moderators and will have the opportunity to join college teams and compete in regional and national tournaments.

In year one you will study Anatomy and Physiology and Practical Sport. In year two you will study Fitness Training & Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being as well as Professional Development in the Sports Industry.

You will also complete a personal skills audit, career action plan and practical interview assessment activities.

Level 2 Sport

This one year course offers the perfect transition programme for students looking to progress to level 3 in the future. Students will cover topics that include coaching sport, delivering a sports activity, leading sport safely and getting others active outdoors.

Entry requirements are a minimum of one GCSE at Grade 4 and 2 GCSE's at Grade 3 including English or maths.

BTEC Extended Diploma

Sports Coaching or Sports Science

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 4 in science for Sports Science.

Sports Science or Sports Coaching BTEC Extended

The BTEC Sports Extended Diploma is a full time course, equivalent to three A-Levels and will give you a solid foundation in the sports sector. There are 2 pathways to choose from; Sports Science or Sports Coaching. Both offer a mix of practical and theory with a variety of teaching methods and assessments and both are very hands on with involvement in practical sport from the start.

The Sports Science Pathway is an ideal route to a Sports Science Degree and various careers including physiotherapy, strength and conditioning coaching or sports analysis. Units studied include Sport & Exercise Physiology, Sport & Exercise Psychology, Coaching for Performance and Fitness, Nutrition for Sport & Exercise Performance.

The Sports Coaching Pathway opens up various sports degree and career options, including becoming a PE teacher or professional coach and units studied include Principles of Anatomy & Physiology in Sport, Sports Coaching, Assessing Risk in Sport and Fitness Training & Programming.

University destinations and potential careers

Recent students have gone on to study subjects such as sports psychology, bio mechanics and physiotherapy at top sporting universities including Loughborough and Bath. Others have progressed to exciting careers including Sports Scientist, Health Club Manager and Team Coach. We even have a student studying at Wembley Stadium!

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"I'm in the GB Development Team for GB Taekwondo and College is really supportive of this, allowing me time for training and events. KGV has a good atmosphere, everyone is really committed to their courses."



See the full interview

Ruby Mackay

Previously at:
Greenbank High School
Progressing to:
Edge Hill University to
study Sports Therapy

Economics

Additional entry requirements:
Grade 6 in Maths

Why you should choose KGV

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

What you will study

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

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

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

University destinations and potential careers

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

Media Broadcast and Production

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

Why you should choose KGV

This T Level is designed in association with production companies such as ITV Studios and Into Film and gives students the opportunity to develop their skills in preparation for a career within the media sector. This qualification prepares students for a huge range of careers including TV and film directing, sound assistant, researchers and video editors just to name a few. With this qualification students are able to progress into employment, higher education or a high level apprenticeship.

What you will study

The theoretical part of the course covers a range of different topics which students will engage and develop an understanding in. These include audience and consumer needs, the creative economy, the individual in the creative industries, creative planning and communicating ideas. Students will have the opportunity to develop and showcase their learning through a range of both practical and theoretical activities.

Alongside the classroom learning, students also complete a 45 day work placement where they will be able to work with creative professionals in the area of media or film they are most interested in. During this time students are not only developing their skills for a career within the media but also gaining a vital understanding of professionalism in the workplace and the ability to work with others in a workplace environment.

University destinations and potential careers

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the media, broadcast and production sector. You may choose to go to university and specialise in one of many fields that lead to career options including Studio Sound Engineers, Audio Visual Technicians, TV or Film Producer, Director plus many more.



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