



SHIRE OAK ACADEMY

TURNING POTENTIAL INTO EXCELLENCE



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WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Options time is an important point in your education, as it is here that you get to choose some of the subjects that you will study for the next two years. We know that it can be a difficult time and can cause anxiety because there are questions that you might have:

- Which subjects are right for me?
- What if I don't know what I want to do at all?

Rest assured that we will help you to make choices about future learning that are right for you. This booklet and the options process are designed to make this time less worrying for you and your parents/carers. It will help you to start making decisions about your learning and to choose subjects that suit your aspirations, skills and needs, ensuring that you are successful in achieving great grades.

Please use all the information available to you: this booklet; advice from teachers; your tutors and your parents. All of these people know you in some way and may be able to suggest whether they think a subject would suit you as a learner. You will also be working on this in PSHE and may already have some firm ideas.

- Annabel Stoddart Headteacher



ANNABEL STODDART

Headteacher



I AM DETERMINED THAT SHIRE OAK ACADEMY BUILDS ON ITS LEGACY AND CONTINUES TO FLOURISH AND MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

TURNING POTENTIAL INTO EXCELLENCE

At Shire Oak we believe that traditional education is only one element of learning and that today's children are entering a rapidly changing world with new technologies and an evolving economic landscape which will affect them both professionally and in their roles as informed citizens, partners, parents, and members of their communities.

Every child has the potential to succeed and we encourage them to dream big and to be fully involved in school life. We promote qualities of selflessness, courage, honesty and respect, whilst developing confidence in all areas of school life. This will help each child fulfil their true potential for excellence and success.

By setting meaningful goals, promoting our ASPIRE values and ASPIRE character programmes we are creating an environment for every child to 'Turn Potential Into Excellence'.

A

ASPIRATIONAL

To inspire all of our students to dream big dreams which extend their horizons beyond their expectations.

S

SUCCESS

To learn from failure, challenge expectations and drive for success.

P

PARTICIPATION

To be fully involved in school life and to take an active part in lessons and make full advantage of the extra curricular opportunities provided.

I

INTEGRITY

To promote the qualities of selflessness, courage, honesty, respect, commitment and the importance of doing the right thing.

R

RESPONSIBILITY

To enable each student to develop confidence, self esteem and responsibility in all areas of school life.

E

EXCELLENCE

To strive for excellence and high achievement in everything we do.

50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 18³/₄

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| #1
Learn to play an instrument
 | #2
Visit a university
 | #3
Attend a concert
 | #4
Take part in a residential visit
 | #5
Be an ambassador for our academy
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| #6
Play an instrument or sing in a concert
 | #7
Play for a school sports team
 | #8
Have a part in a play or a show
 | #9
Complete some work experience
 | #10
Work alongside an expert
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| #11
Have a piece of artwork displayed for all to see
 | #12
Visit a foreign country
 | #13
Learn how to take a picture
 | #14
Attempt to beat a world record
 | #15
Visit a museum
 |
| #16
Take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award
 | #17
Camp under the stars
 | #18
Learn how to canoe
 | #19
Learn how to solve a Rubik cube
 | #20
Raise money for charity
 |
| #21
Walk in a stream
 | #22
Perform an act of community service
 | #23
Plant something
 | #24
Plan, design and make something with your hands
 | #25
Help make a decision that benefits the entire academy
 |
| #26
Stand on a volcano
 | #27
Take part in a sports competition
 | #28
Learn a new language
 | #29
Learn to ski
 | #30
Learn to cook a meal
 |
| #31
Paint something
 | #32
Join a school club
 | #33
Design a race car
 | #34
Meet an author
 | #35
Enter a school based competition
 |
| #36
Volunteer
 | #37
Enter a national competition
 | #38
Listen to a live orchestra
 | #39
Go climbing
 | #40
Speak to a professional about their job
 |
| #41
Achieve a first aid qualification
 | #42
Find your way on a map
 | #43
Visit a large city
 | #44
Attend a live sporting event
 | #45
Climb a mountain
 |
| #46
Do something positive for the environment
 | #47
Visit an art gallery
 | #48
Support other students
 | #49
Perform a random act of kindness
 | #50
Read a classics book
 |

ASPIRE character

As part of our ASPIRE character programme we encourage all students to take part in as many activities both inside and beyond the school, developing a 50 things to do before you are 18³/₄.

CHOICES AT SHIRE OAK ACADEMY

In Year 10 and Year 11 there are a number of subjects that are compulsory.

OVER A FORTNIGHT ALL STUDENTS WILL STUDY:



In the rest of your time you will study courses to fill four optional spaces on your timetable. Each option space has five lessons every fortnight. An increasing importance has been placed on the following facilitating subjects: Geography, History, Computing, and French.

WHAT IS THE ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE (EBACC)?

“The EBacc is not a new qualification in itself. It will recognise students achievements across a core of selected academic subjects in getting good passes in rigorous GCSEs. The English Baccalaureate will cover achievement in English, mathematics, sciences, a language and a humanities subject.” Secretary of State for Education.

At Shire Oak Academy we believe that education is not a ‘one size fits all’ system. We believe that all students need a curriculum which gives them a mix of academic, creative, practical and social skills to fit them for life in the fast moving world of the 21st century.

Our aim is such that each student can follow a personalised learning plan which is both broad and balanced both in terms of the range of subjects they study and also with regards to the type of qualification and the learning style involved.

The EBacc can be seen as one measure of students following a broad and balanced curriculum. However we believe that the arts, design and technology and other subjects are also just as important in achieving this balance.

We encourage all students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum and languages, humanities and computing play a part in this balance.

THE OPTIONS

As explained all students will study a combination of compulsory and options subjects. All students must study either double or triple science. Depending on pathway students will then be able to select up to 2 options from the open block of subject. Please see the diagram below which illustrates the range of pathways available.

	English Lit	English Lang	Maths	Ethics	AtoE	PE	Science & Choice 1		Choice 2	Choice 3
	Bucket 1		Compulsory			Bucket 2 'Facilitating subjects'		Bucket 3 'Open Group'		
Time	10		8	1	1	2	10	6	6	6
	English Literature & Language		Maths	Ethics	AtoE	PE	Triple Science		Free choice	Free choice
	English Literature & Language		Maths	Ethics	AtoE	PE	Double science	French, Geography, History or Computer Science	Free choice	Free choice

KEY STAGE 4 OPEN CHOICE SUBJECTS

- Art
- Retail business
- Child Development
- City & Guild (this counts as 2 choices)
- Computer Science
- Engineering Design
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- Hospitality & Catering
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Creative iMedia
- Music
- Physical Education
- Photography
- Psychology
- Performing Arts
- Religious Studies
- Statistics
- Sports Studies
- Textiles

PLEASE NOTE

- All subjects are offered based on viable numbers selecting it, courses failing to reach sufficient numbers may not run. Every effort is made to ensure all first choices are fulfilled however this is not always possible.
- If taking Physical Education GCSE you cannot also take the National Certificate in Sports Studies

ONLINE OPTION CHOICES

This year we have a new system in place where the students will be able to select their options directly on to the school system.

HOW IT WORKS:

- All Year 9 students will receive an email via their Shire Oak Academy email address inviting them to accept the 'Options Online' facility.
- Once they have clicked on the link in the email, this will highlight to the administration staff that the student is ready to select their options.
- Administration staff will then enable their account, this may take a few days, so it is essential that students activate the link as soon as they receive the email.
- Once the activation is complete students can complete their options choices directly onto the system.

As explained 'Bucket 1' - Core Subjects are allocated to students automatically, so the Options Online is for the additional subject choices.

'BUCKET 2' - FACILITATING SUBJECT

If students are wanting to study Triple Science they must select it in this section. If students are wanting to study Double Science they must select one of the four facilitating subjects in this section. The system will only allow one selection here.

'BUCKET 3' - FREE CHOICES

Here, the student needs to make 2 choices and a reserve subject.
(The reserve subject will only be needed if a problem arises when blocks are being created).

Students can only choose a subject once, so if they have selected a facilitating subject in 'Bucket 2' the system doesn't allow them to re-select that subject in Free Choices.

To make their free choices, students select from the list shown, they will then be able to change their choices into order of preference (1 being most important to them).

Until the deadline of Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 3pm, students have the facility to use the system to make changes to their option choices, should they need to. So we recommend that the online form is completed as soon as possible. Once the deadline has passed the system will be 'locked' and they will only be able to view their selections.

MAKING CHOICES & WHAT NEXT?

RESEARCH ALL YOUR OPTIONS BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION.

Don't fall into the trap of thinking that some courses are only for boys and some only for girls - this isn't true.

If you have a firm career idea, choose the options you need to meet the entry requirements for the post-16 opportunities that interest you - further education, higher education, an apprenticeship, a job with training.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING AN OPTION

GOOD ✓

- You're good at the subject.
- You think you'll enjoy the course.
- It fits your career ideas and plans.
- It goes well with your other choices.
- It helps to give you plenty of choice post-16.
- You think you might want to continue studying it post-16.
- Your research shows that it will interest and motivate you to learn.

BAD ✗

- Your friends have chosen it.
- You think it will be easy.
- You think it's a good option for a boy/girl.
- Someone else thinks that it's a good idea.
- You like the teacher that you have now.
- You didn't have time to research your options properly.

THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2022

OPTIONS INFORMATION LAUNCH

This is the start of your opportunity to get some more information about the options process and look at the subjects you are thinking of taking.

For more information visit the [Shire Oak Academy Website](#).

WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2021

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING OPTIONS ONLINE FORM

Online form must be completed in full and submitted by the deadline. More information on completing this form is shown on the next page.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

English is a core subject and a compulsory part of KS4 provision. The course involves students focusing upon fiction and non-fiction comprehension skills, alongside transactional writing. Elements of creative writing will also be covered. Furthermore, students will develop their spoken language skills through presentations, speeches and discussions.

WHY IS IT A CORE SUBJECT?

English Language is a course that offers something for everyone. Whether you enjoy reading or writing, fiction or nonfiction, literature or media, speaking or listening, this course will equip you with a wide range of skills that will be invaluable for your future, no matter what path you decide to take. Gaining good English qualifications opens up many doors in both education, training and the workplace. Being able to communicate clearly is a fundamental life skill.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You will achieve a GCSE which will be crucial for securing the next step in your life, whether it be sixth form, college or an apprenticeship, you will need GCSE English Language.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

More detailed information about this course can be found on the exam board website: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-language-2015.html> or contact a member of the English department, who will be happy to answer any of your questions.

EXAM

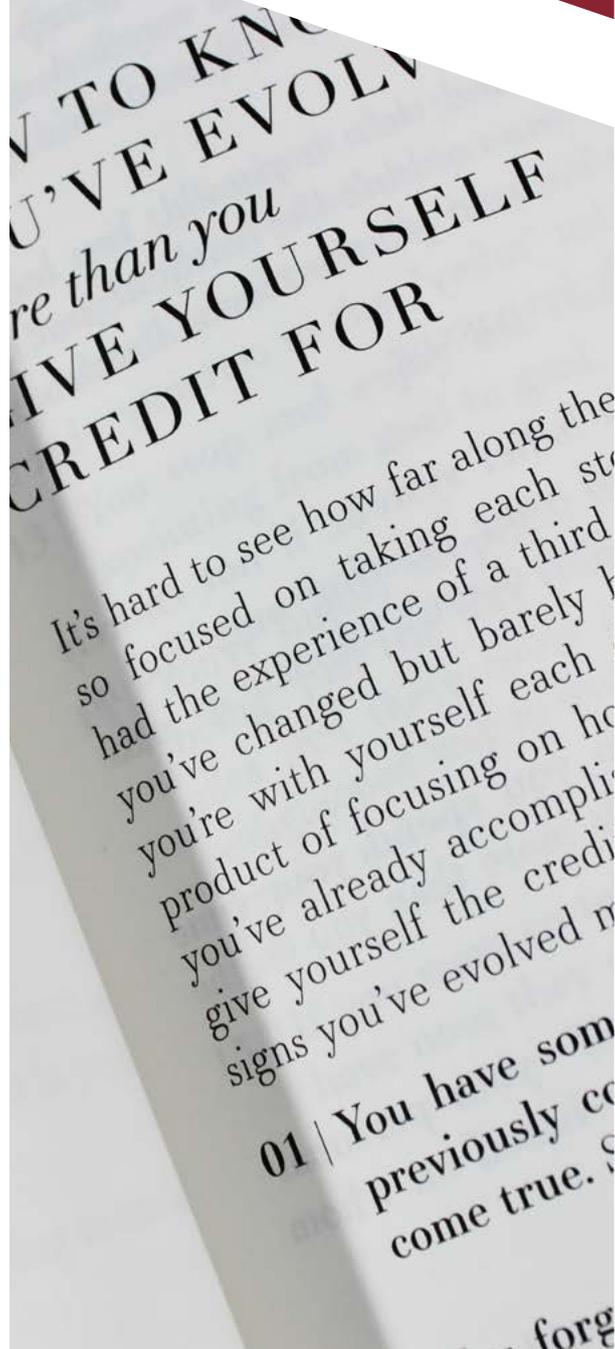
100%
Paper 1 - Fiction and Imaginative Writing - 1 hour 45 minutes - 40% of the total GCSE.
Paper 2 - Non-fiction and Transactional Writing - 2 hours 5 minutes - 60% of the total GCSE.

STUDENT QUOTES

"English Language is very personal - you can bring your own experiences to the lesson. It allows you to engage with the subject and relate it to real life."
"I enjoyed studying English language as you can be creative and imaginative."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

History



GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

At KS4, you will study English Literature as a core subject, which is taught alongside English Language. The course builds upon the skills taught during KS3, but develops these skills, reaching a more sophisticated level, ready to complete the end of course exams. A variety of texts will be studied, including poetry, prose and drama. Texts will include a Shakespearean play and a nineteenth century text, in addition to more modern examples.

WHY IS IT A CORE SUBJECT?

English Literature helps you to become creative, inquisitive and imaginative! It complements English Language and other areas of the curriculum, such as History, Philosophy and Performing Arts are all supported by English Literature. Studying English Literature will enhance your analytical skills, allow you to explore the impact of language techniques and consider the relationship between the text and context. It is acknowledged as being a challenging and respected qualification.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE English Literature will enable you to progress to further study at A-level, regardless of the subject. Many employers will also rely on prospective employees having good written and verbal communication skills, as well as a broadened knowledge of the world around them.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

More detailed information about this course can be found on the exam board website:
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-literature-2015.html> or contact a member of the English department, who will be happy to answer any of your questions.

EXAM

100%
Paper 1 - Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature - 1 hour 45 minutes.
Paper 2 - 19th-century Novel and Poetry since 1789 - 2 hours 15 minutes.

STUDENT QUOTES

"I enjoyed English Literature because it enables you to read between the lines and discover underlying plots in books."
"English Literature enables you to think outside the box and gives you a chance to argue your opinion!"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE History or GCSE RS



GCSE MATHEMATICS

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

GCSE Mathematics is grouped into six areas: Number; Algebra; Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change; Geometry and Measures; Probability and Statistics. Each area further develops mathematical knowledge and skills previously studied during Key Stage 3. In studying mathematics you will be expected to use mathematical skills and knowledge to solve problems, which can be applied outside of the classroom to solve real life problems.

WHY IS IT A CORE SUBJECT?

GCSE Mathematics covers many basic skills that you will need to use in different situations all through your life beyond the classroom and because of this it is a compulsory subject. Mathematics is widely used outside of the classroom by using the gained skills in problem solving in many different careers, from project management to nursing, hairdressing to computer programming.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Most colleges and sixth form courses require GCSE Mathematics as an entry requirement, as do many jobs, careers and apprenticeships. Mathematics is a must have if you are considering taking an A level course in Science and Computer Science, as well as Mathematics itself.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to your Mathematics teacher for more information. For information about the content of the course see www.mymaths.co.uk or www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk, or www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths. For ideas what Mathematics can do in careers see www.mathscareers.org.uk and www.futuremorph.org/14-16next-steps/followyour-favourite-subject/careers-from-maths

EXAM

100%
Consisting of 3 examination papers, with 1 being a non-calculator examination

STUDENT QUOTES

"Maths can be tough and challenging, but really rewarding when you get to the end of the course and can easily complete a GCSE exam paper."

"Although mathematics is hard work, in the end you come out with many useful skills, including thinking logically, problem solving skills and working independently. Skills appreciated outside of school."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Statistics
GCSE Geography
GCSE Computer Science



SCIENCE

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

In Biology you can expect to learn about our changing environment, cells, DNA and how living organisms acquire their energy either from the sun or by eating other organisms. You will gain an understanding of how our bodies function including the nervous system and hormones. Through Chemistry you will appreciate how we use the Earth's resources, covering the extraction and uses of metals, fuels and other materials. You will also cover more complex concepts such as atomic structure, the Periodic Table and chemical reactions. Physics will introduce you to studying the Universe, the electromagnetic spectrum and how electricity is generated; you will gain an understanding of the issues that face energy production in the future. Physics students will also look at electric circuits, forces and nuclear reactions.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

All pupils will follow a science curriculum which for most pupils will be the combined science GCSEs. Pupils that have a passion for science and wish to take science A levels should choose Triple science in option block A which leads to separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

In the sixth form you can study A level Biology, Chemistry and Physics or a level 3 vocational qualification in Medical science. You may also use your science qualifications to gain an apprenticeship in a science related career.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Patel, or Mrs Faulkner

EXAM

100%- 15% OF THE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO PRACTICAL SKILLS

STUDENT QUOTES

"Science teaches us about all of our lives outside the classroom, like how our mobile phones work"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE PE
GCSE Statistics
GCSE Psychology



GCSE ART

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Art is an exciting, creative subject. Where students get the opportunity and freedom to develop and explore an idea from a range of different starting points.

Pupils will develop their ideas and skills using a range of different materials and techniques. These include - Painting, drawing, printing, mix media work, ICT and an element of Art history research.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who want to be creative and have a particular love of art. All students who choose this course must be prepared to practise, refine and push themselves to achieve. Pupils need to be very motivated and be prepared to stay after school to complete some elements of their coursework if needed

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE art provides many opportunities, you could choose to continue your studies at A-level. GCSE provides excellent starting points for many creative industries. Through choosing GCSE Art, you will gain valuable skills, techniques, ideas and historical art knowledge.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See Mrs Collis or Mrs Evans

EXAM

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: 60%
EXAM: 40%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Art allows you to express yourself in different ways, that other subjects can't ."

"I'm glad I picked Art because your ideas are never wrong. It's very creative."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Photography
Textiles
Engineering



RETAIL BUSINESS

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

This vocational course will introduce you to one of the most important employment sectors in the UK. You will explore various aspects of retail businesses and investigate a range of physical store and online retailers such as JD Sports, Next, Amazon, Apple, Selfridges and John Lewis as well as independent and virtual stores. This course will enable you to understand why businesses operate in the way they do to attract customers to sell their products or services in order to make a profit and expand nationally and globally.

The three units you will study are:

- Customer Experience - (25%) Internally assessed through project tasks
- Retail Business - (25%) External examination, June each year
- Retail Operations - (50%) Internally assessed through project tasks

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

If you are interested in the business world and how it functions, then this subject is a good option for you. You must also be prepared to work independently when researching and completing assignment tasks.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

This course will be a good grounding for progression into the sixth form to study Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate in Business alongside many other subjects on offer. It also complements almost every subject in key stage 4.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Mrs Carter, email: carter.m@shireoakacademy.co.uk. You can also find out more about this course at: www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/retail-business-level-1-2

EXAM

Units 1 and 3 - These are project based units where you will be expected to research many areas of retail businesses and gather results from your own surveys. You will also be required to meet strict deadlines when completing project tasks.

Unit 2 - This is assessed by an external examination, this will take place in June of year 11.

The grades awarded for each of the 3 units, once completed, are Level 1 Pass, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Distinction *. (These grades equate to GCSE grades e.g. Level 2 Pass is equivalent to a GCSE grade 4). The grades achieved from each unit are then aggregated to give an overall grade for the qualification.

STUDENT QUOTES

'This course is very interesting as we learn about the business world and how it functions', 'Two of the units are project based therefore I don't have to worry about sitting a big exam, I receive a lot of help and support when completing project tasks independently'.



OCR LEVEL 2 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

You will be learning about all aspects relating to the needs and development young children. Child development is an interesting academically challenging subject and includes some of the following topics: parenting, pregnancy, diet, health and care of the child, development of the child, support for the parent and child .

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Anyone who has an interest in how children develop but also anyone interested working midwifery, nursing, teaching, early years, children's theatre, TV and radio.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can continue with your studies by either taking GCE 'A' Levels or Level 3 BTEC's. Child Development is especially useful in studying Level 3 BTEC Health and Social Care.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please come and see: Mrs Sanghera, N306. She will be happy to talk through all aspects of the course with you .

EXAM

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: 50%

EXAM: 50%

It is essential that you have access to a child under the age of 5 in order to complete your controlled assessment.

STUDENT QUOTES

"Child Development is a great subject .. It is enjoyable and interesting and can teach you a lot about babies. Stops you wanting one :)"

"Child Development is very helpful .. I've learnt so much and I really enjoy the lessons as the teacher is great which makes the lessons easier to understand"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

BTEC Health & Social Care
GCSE Biology



CITY & GUILDS

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

This course is ideal if you are thinking about moving on to an apprenticeship or college course once you have completed Year 11. You will study a wide range of employability skills that are often sought after by employers as well as developing essential life skills that will prepare you for employment in the future. Here are just a few of the topics you will be learning about during your two year course:

- How to search and apply for courses, apprenticeships and job vacancies.
- Creating your own Curriculum Vitae.
- The right way to fill out job application forms.
- Taking part in a practical skills project - you will work within a team to plan, carry out and evaluate a project of your choice.
- Developing an awareness of the importance of health and safety in the workplace.
- How to build good working relationships at work with colleagues and customers.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who enjoy practical activities and getting involved in projects outside the classroom. There will be no exam at the end of the course instead assessment will be through the completion of a portfolio of coursework which will be supported by internal quality assurance and external verification. The qualification is awarded by 'City & Guilds' an awarding organisation recognised by employers across all industries.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

By the end of your course you will have achieved a 'Level 2 Certificate in Employability Skills' which will set a firm foundation ready for you to progress onto further vocational qualifications and training.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions regarding the City & Guilds employability skills programme, please contact Miss N.Hallsworth (Programme Manager) via email st-hallsworth-n@shireoakacademy.co.uk

EXAM

100% assessed portfolio

STUDENT QUOTES

"City & Guilds has helped me to improve my confidence, boost my life skills and prepare for future employment"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

This is a unique programme looking at employability skills and as such any subject would work well alongside it.



GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

In Computer Science pupils are challenged to look beyond the graphical user interface and delve into the inner working of a program, how it is created and processes involved. They will learn more advanced theory like binary, the system lifecycle, cyber security and algorithms. It also allows pupils to build on learning from other subjects; pupils will practically apply maths skills to programming problems and understand how their learning will benefit them in real world situations.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who take Computer Science as an option should have a high level of computing ability and preferably be in sets 1 or 2 for Computing currently. Students in other sets are welcome to talk with their Computing teacher to decide if the option is suitable for them. It has a high theory content and would suit pupils who have a logical mind, who enjoy maths and programming and want to be challenged. Students who have enjoyed the Computer Science content in Key Stage 3 would find this course stimulating and interesting.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Computer Science GCSE can allow you to progress to A-Level Computer Science which is available at the Academy or onto other Level 3 Computing courses. It gives you the ability to go into a field of work related to computing or to further your own programming experience as a hobby.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to Mrs Adam or ask your Computing Teacher to see if the course is suitable for you

EXAM

EXAM: 100%
CONSISTING OF 2 PAPERS

STUDENT QUOTES

"Computer Science GCSE was incredibly interesting and fun. Learning a lot about the fundamentals of computing was intriguing, though what I enjoyed most was definitely the programming aspect of it. Discovering how to use Python and using it to create useful programs, games, and other basic programs was fantastic; seeing all of the lines of gibberish code turn into something like a noughts and crosses game with which you can interact and play was fascinating."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Statistics
Engineering Design

ENGINEERING DESIGN

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Studying this exciting and varied course will enable you to:

- Understand the design cycle and the relationship between design briefs and design specifications for the development of a new product.
- Understand wider influences on the design of new products.
- Know how commercial production methods, quality and legislation impact on the design of products and components.
- Be able to research existing products using a variety of sources including disassembly.
- Be able to generate design proposals using a range of techniques.
- Know how to develop designs using engineering drawing techniques and annotation.
- Be able to use Computer Aided Design (CAD) software and techniques to produce and communicate design proposals.
- Know how to plan the making of a prototype.
- Understand safe working practices used when making a prototype.
- Be able to produce a prototype and evaluate its success.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

- Students that are inquisitive and have a curiosity about the world around them.
- Students that are prepared for a challenge and to work hard both in and out of lessons.
- Students, both male and female that want to develop as independent learners through both written & practical units.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

When you have finished you will have gained valuable knowledge into how and why engineers around the world design and manufacture products specially suited to their use.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information about the course please contact Mr Fenton or search for J831 on <http://www.ocr.org.uk>

EXAM

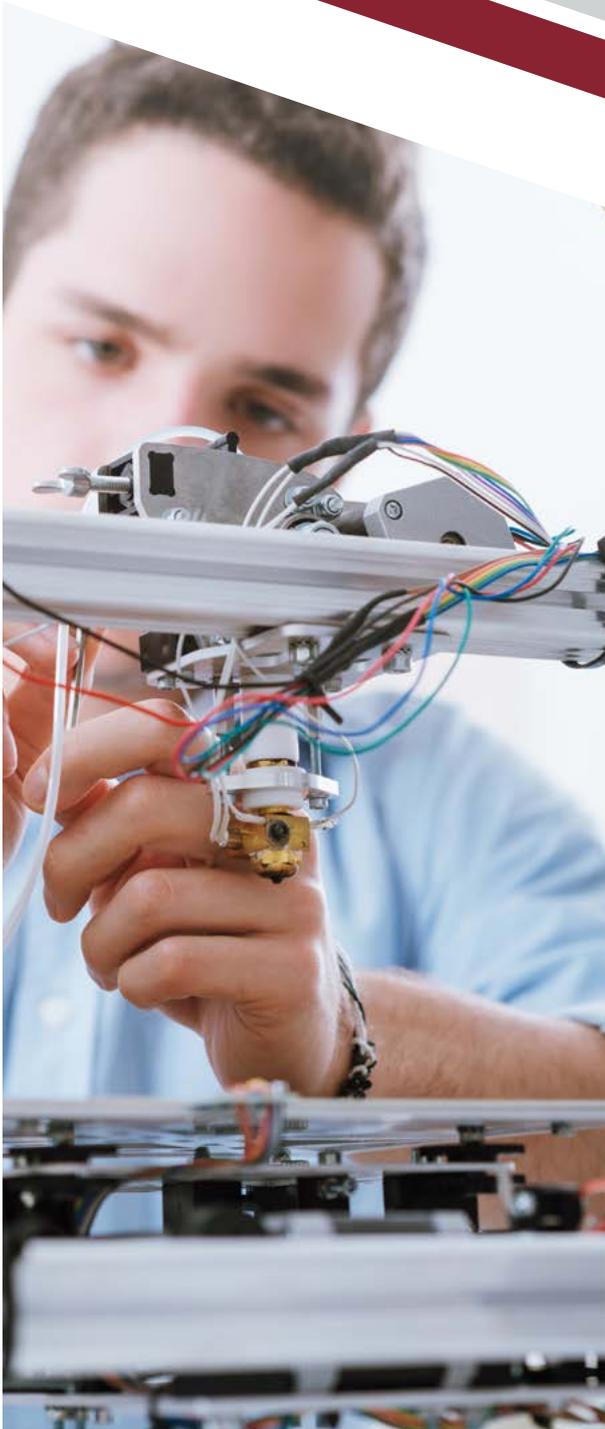
COURSEWORK: 75%
EXAM: 25%

STUDENT QUOTES

"This course has shown me that there is a lot more to Engineering than I thought. I didn't realise what engineering was all about or the jobs that it would lead to."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Art
Hospitality and Catering



GCSE FRENCH

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

You will learn about France covering the following themes:

- Identity and Culture.
- Local, national, international and global areas of interest.
- Current and future study and employment. You will practise listening, speaking, reading and writing in French and develop your ability to understand the language as well as express your own ideas and opinions about the topics. You will increase your vocabulary so that you feel more confident when talking and writing.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

If you are curious about different cultures, eager to encounter new experiences and want to gain a lifelong skill imperative for success in the world of work and beyond, then this would be a good choice for you.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can go on to take A level in French. You will be able to go on to study a degree in French or a combined degree such as Business and French or French with Law and Engineering with French. You will be able to go into a job where it is useful to speak a foreign language. These might include careers in international business, law, teaching, travel and tourism, politics and the media.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

You can find out more about GCSE French by speaking to the MFL staff.

EXAM

LISTENING EXAM: 25%
SPEAKING EXAM: 25%
READING EXAM: 25%
WRITING EXAM: 25%

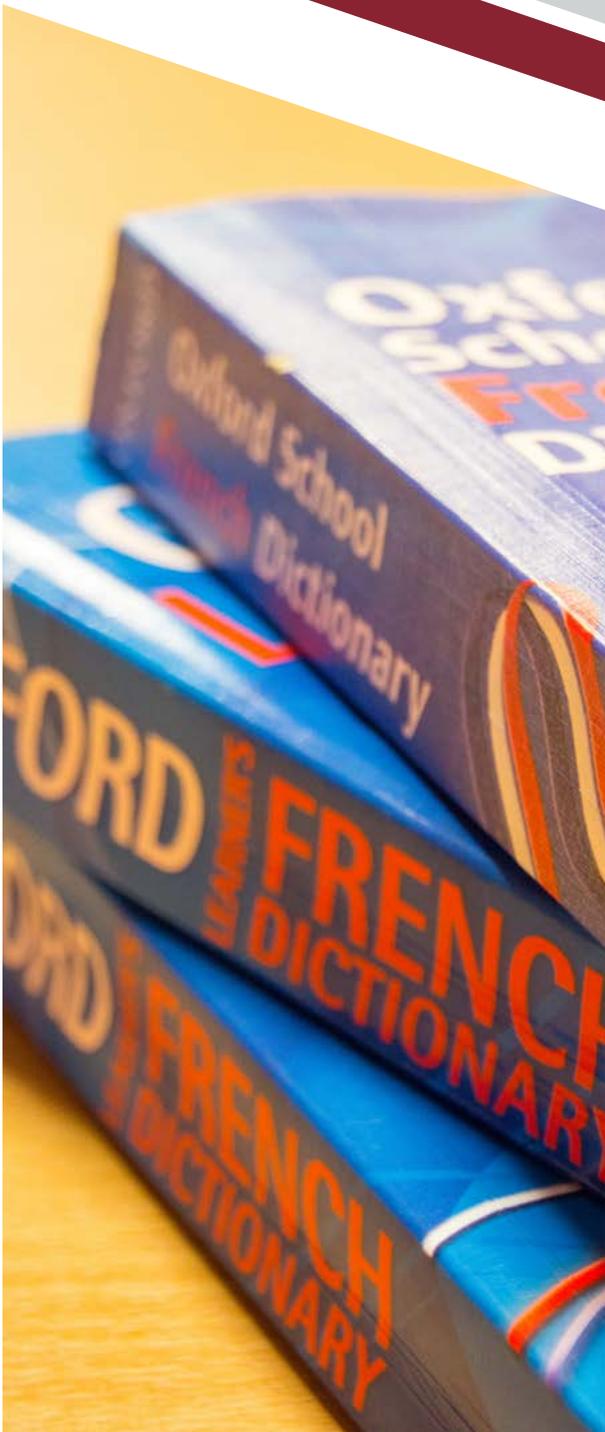
STUDENT QUOTES

"It is good to have a GCSE in French as many universities and employers look for a second language."

"French is challenging but rewarding. You learn skills that you will never forget."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE English



GCSE GEOGRAPHY

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Geography GCSE is a course that blends exciting new topics with a mix of more traditional geographical themes. Throughout year 10 and 11 you will be developing geographical skills such as map and fieldwork skills alongside the following key content:

- Living with the natural environment.
- Living with the human environment.
- Geographical skills and applications including fieldwork.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Geography is for any pupil keen to develop a skill set that will help them to be successful. Pupils taking the subject will be interested in how the world works in both a human and physical setting. Geography includes two days fieldwork as an essential part of the course. Geography is the most popular optional GCSE at Shire Oak. Why? This is because it is an exciting, innovative and challenging subject that is important, more than ever, in today's fast paced world

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE Geography is a must for anyone looking to progress to A-Level Geography. Due to the large variety of skills involved in the course there are plenty of future employment opportunities linked to the subject. Geography is a highly valued course by employers, universities and colleges. Geography will open doors for you!

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to your geography teacher- We are all happy to help!

EXAM

EXAM: 100%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Geography is a rewarding subject that looks great on your CV. There are opportunities to go on trips for the day which is rewarding for challenging work."

"Geography is great! You learn lots of different things and the subject provides great opportunities. Teachers are helpful and will push you to achieve more than your target grade! I love geography :)"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Statistics
Triple Science
GCSE History



BTEC TECHNICAL HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

What is Health & Social Care? Every person in the country uses health and care settings throughout their lives. In this course we learn about these needs and look at how we can care for people in different settings, including; Nurseries, Schools, Hospitals, Dentists, Care Homes, Doctors Surgeries, Opticians, Childminders, Home Help and Psychiatric Units.

What the course consists of:

- 3 Units of work completed over 2 years
 1. Human Lifespan Development
 2. Health and Social Care Values
 3. Health and Wellbeing
- 1 examination unit
- 2 coursework only units

Grading:

Pass equivalent to a GCSE grade C

Merit equivalent to a GCSE grade B

Distinction equivalent to a GCSE grade A

Distinction* equivalent to a GCSE grade A*

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Anyone interested in working in either the health or social care field, working with people, care or caring for others, babies, children or older people or helping others.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can continue with your studies by either taking GCE 'A' Levels or Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care is the natural progression from the Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Care.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information please come and see Mrs Sanghera in N306 or email st-sanghera-r@shireoakacademy.co.uk

EXAM

120 CREDITS TOTAL (60 CREDITS PER UNIT)
30 CREDITS EXAM, 90 CREDITS COURSEWORK

STUDENT QUOTES

"I enjoy health and social care a lot. I get to learn more about how to care for people and the different parts of a person's development"

"Health and Social care is very hard work but very interesting and enjoyable"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

OCR Child Development
GCSE Biology
GCSE Psychology



GCSE HISTORY

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

The course builds on some of the more popular topics you have learnt in years 7-9 with a few new and interesting areas for you to get your teeth stuck into. Our topics span from 1000-present day! These will include:

- Britain: health and the people: c1000 to the present day.
- Conflict and tension: the First World War, 1894–1918
- America, 1920–1973: Opportunity and inequality
- Elizabethan England, c1568–1603

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

If you are interested in learning about past events to develop your understanding of where we are today, then History is for you!

If you are looking for a subject that will provide you with lifelong transferable skills, then History is for you!

If you simply love the subject in Year 9 and want to continue to learn about events in more depth, then History is for you!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Taking History at GCSE allows you to go on to do anything! You can undertake A-Level History, but even if you don't think that's for you History is a great subject option. It can provide you with skills to undertake most professions, and is widely recognised by further education institutions and employers. You will gain the ability to question and argue - these skills are essential in most careers such as law, medicine, business, finance, accountancy, tourism, town planning, politics, journalism, research to name but a few!

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to Mrs Evans, or your History teacher.

EXAM

EXAM: 100%

STUDENT QUOTES

"I find history fun, engaging and interesting. I feel like I am studying a subject that will help me in a vast number of future careers. I am pleased I chose the subject."
"History is good because I enjoy learning about things such as 1920s America, it is surprisingly interesting and fun!"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Psychology
English



HOSPITALITY & CATERING

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

You will learn about:

- The different parts of the Hospitality and catering industry
- Types of establishments and job roles in the industry
- Front of house and kitchen operations
- The needs and requirements of customers
- Nutrition and food safety
- How to plan, prepare and cook a variety of nutritious dishes suitable for different customer needs and requirements

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Pupils that are able to:

- Work as part of a larger team
- Manage their time and deadlines with accuracy
- Have a high attention to detail
- Be creative in design
- Perform to the best of their ability in practical and written tasks

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

This qualification supports progression to a more specialised level 3 vocational or academic hospitality course, a level 3 Food Science course or an apprenticeship in Hospitality and Catering.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For more information refer to the WJEC website (Hospitality and Catering Specification) or speak to Mrs Tassell at the academy.

EXAM

40% External exam
60% Internal Assessment (coursework).

STUDENT QUOTES

"It really opens your eyes about the Hospitality Industry and teaches you things you never realised"
"This is a subject to choose if you want to learn all about the nutrition of food and how to prepare food safely for the public"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Retail business
Photography



CREATIVE IMEDIA

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia are media sector-focused, including film, television, web development, gaming and animation, and have IT at their heart. They provide knowledge in a number of key areas in this field from pre-production skills to creating interactive multimedia content. You will develop your graphics, multimedia, sound and animation editing skills using a variety of software packages. Once you have learnt the skills you will use them to produce products for specific businesses - graphics for a new vinyl album cover, an animated web advert for a new robot toy and a radio advert to promote a seaside resort. Some of these assignments will involve students taking photos/shooting video out of school to use in these products.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Anyone who likes researching, creating, editing and reviewing graphics, sound and video. Anyone who is interested in electronic media. You need to be good at communicating and explaining your ideas. You need to be good at working with other people and sharing ideas. You will learn to be a creative thinker, to create interesting products for given scenarios.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Progression to Level 3 qualifications such as BTEC Creative Digital Media Production. Apprenticeships in Media and/or ICT, employment in Media and/or ICT

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See Mr Eley, Mrs Bell or your computing teacher

EXAM

COURSEWORK: 75%
WRITTEN EXAM: 25%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Creative iMedia is as good as I thought it would be. We get to work in teams and I have developed advanced skills using industry standard products including Adobe Fireworks, Photoshop, Dreamweaver and Flash as well as sound editing skills using Audacity"

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Retail Business
GCSE Computer Science
GCSE Photography



GCSE MUSIC

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Solo performances skills - on any instrument or voice. To achieve a grade 4 for this unit of the GCSE you need to perform music from a recognised examination board (ABRSM, Rockschoo, Trinity) at least grade 4. Ensemble performance skills - groups of 3 or more performers performing published ensemble music at grade 4 and higher. Composition skills. You will compose 2 pieces of music. One composition is to a brief that is set by the exam board in year 11. The second composition is a free or pastiche composition which is started in year 10 and completed in year 11. All compositions will be published on specialist software (Sibelius). As the performance expectations of the examination board (Edexcel) are so high we expect students to have (or be working at the standard of) grade 3 of a recognised examination board to access this course.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who are learning to play a musical instrument who must be at least grade 2 standard at the start of the course.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can continue to study music at A level at Shire Oak or you can study BTEC music at college.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to one of the music teachers or your instrumental/ vocal teacher.

EXAM

PERFORMANCE: 30%
COMPOSITION: 30%
EXAM: 40% LISTENING & APPRAISING EXAMINATION

STUDENT QUOTES

"As a musician I am really impressed with the facilities and resources that the music department has to offer."
"I've always had a passion for music and have played instruments for a long time. GCSE music is fun but challenging in a practical and academic way."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Performing Arts



GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

You will:

- Develop your knowledge and practical skills in a range of sports.
- Examine the effects of exercise and how training can improve performance
- Develop your understanding of the skeletal, muscular, respiratory and circulatory systems.
- Find ways to improve your own performances as a player, official and leader. - Identify ways to develop and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle through participation in sport and physical activity.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

The course will appeal to you if you:

- Have a keen interest in sport and always look forward to your PE lessons
- Represent the academy in at least one sport or play sport outside of class time
- Want to know more about the benefits of sport and exercise
- Want to improve your own performance in a range of sports roles
- Enjoy Biology and Physics

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE Physical Education will help progression onto A level Physical Education and will help with any Level 3 courses that may include sport, recreation or sports coaching.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See Mrs Critchley, or speak to your PE teacher to see if this course would suit you

EXAM

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT AND PRACTICAL PERFORMANCE: 30%
EXAM: 70%

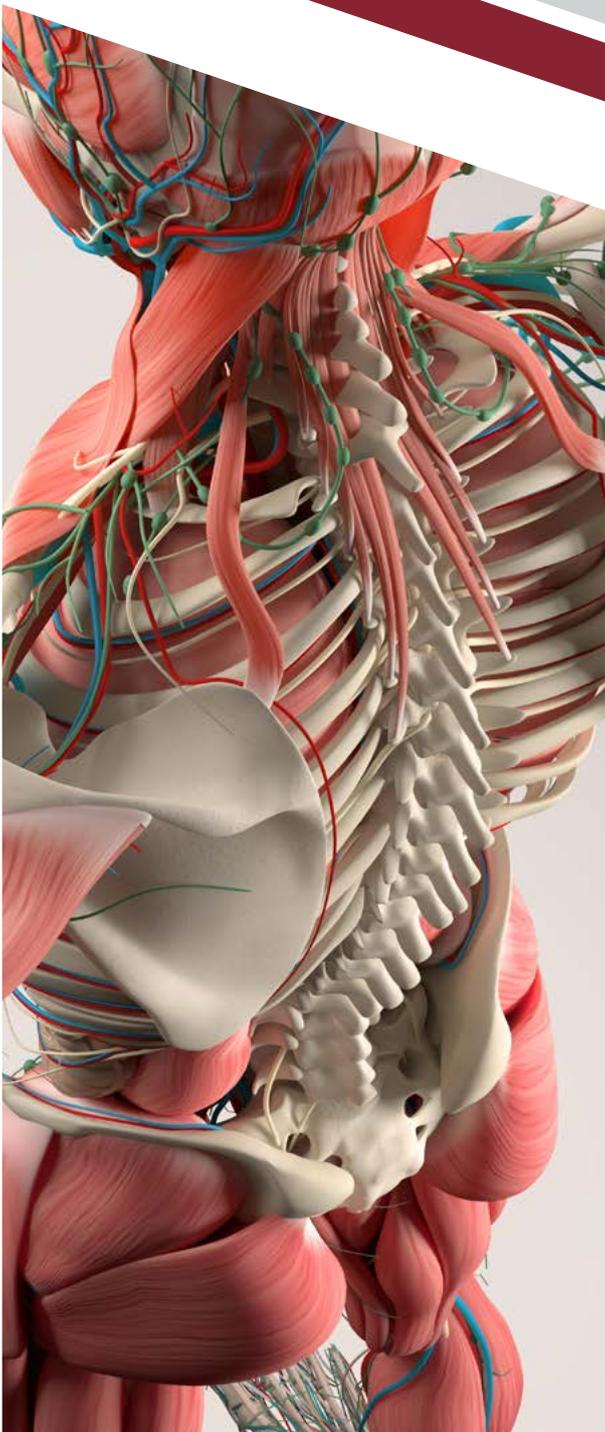
STUDENT QUOTES

"Out of all my options I chose, GCSE PE was the most challenging but enjoyable subject. The teachers were very good at getting the information across for the exam and the practical side is tough. Overall, this was an enjoyable subject but requires a lot of hard work."

"GCSE PE was the most interesting and beneficial courses I studied. The practical elements of the course were challenging and the theory exam was difficult. I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in sport."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Triple Science



GCSE FILM STUDIES

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

The British Film Industry is one of the most successful and respected in the world. This GCSE will introduce you to the analysis of films - applying the analytical skills such as those in GCSE English Literature to the moving image. In Component 1 (exam), you will study American Film from Classical and New Hollywood, as well as modern American independent film. In Component 2 (also an exam), you will look at film around the world, including British Film and films from places like South Africa, Australia and Germany. Component 3 covers coursework - students create their own storyboard for a film according to briefs set by the exam board, and evaluate their work to see what makes it a success.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Are you interested in how films are made? Perhaps you want to study films from different time periods and made in different places. You may also enjoy thinking about the ways filmmakers have designed their films to create a specific reaction or promote ideas to the audience. We go beyond your local cinema to find out why film is seen as the 'seventh art'.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

This course will be excellent preparation for progression into the Sixth Form to study A-Level Film Studies. It will also prepare students for textual analysis in subjects like A-Level English Literature, while thinking about audience responses will lead into studies in Level 3 BTEC Creative Digital Media.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See Miss Downes in S117

EXAM

EXAM: 70% (2 papers, each worth 35% of the GCSE)
COURSEWORK: 30%

STUDENT QUOTES

"I really enjoy Film Studies because it links to so many things I enjoy outside of school, so it is good to use them in school."

"I love the films we study. The Hurt Locker is one of my favourite films now."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Photography



BTEC PERFORMING ARTS

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Unit 1 - Exploring the Performing Arts. In this unit you will develop your understanding of the performing arts by examining practitioners work and the process used to create performance.

Unit 2 - Developing Skills and Techniques in Musical Theatre. In this unit you will develop your performance skills and techniques through rehearsal and preparation in script, song and dance from at least 2 different musicals. You will perform the final pieces in front of a live audience.

Unit 3 - Performing to a Brief. In this unit you will be given the opportunity to work as part of a group to create a workshop performance in response to a given brief and stimulus.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Anyone who enjoys singing and dancing and isn't afraid to perform to an audience

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can continue to study performing arts at Shire Oak on the Level 3 BTEC course or at college.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to one of the music teachers or come and see a concert or show to see the sort of performances you will be taking part in during the course

EXAM

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: 65%
EXAM: 35%

Preparation, rehearsal and performance. This is a live showcase performance of singing and dancing.

Examined unit. In this unit you will apply for a job in the performing arts industry and prepare an audition of 2 performances.

Optional unit - this can be performing music OR performing dance.

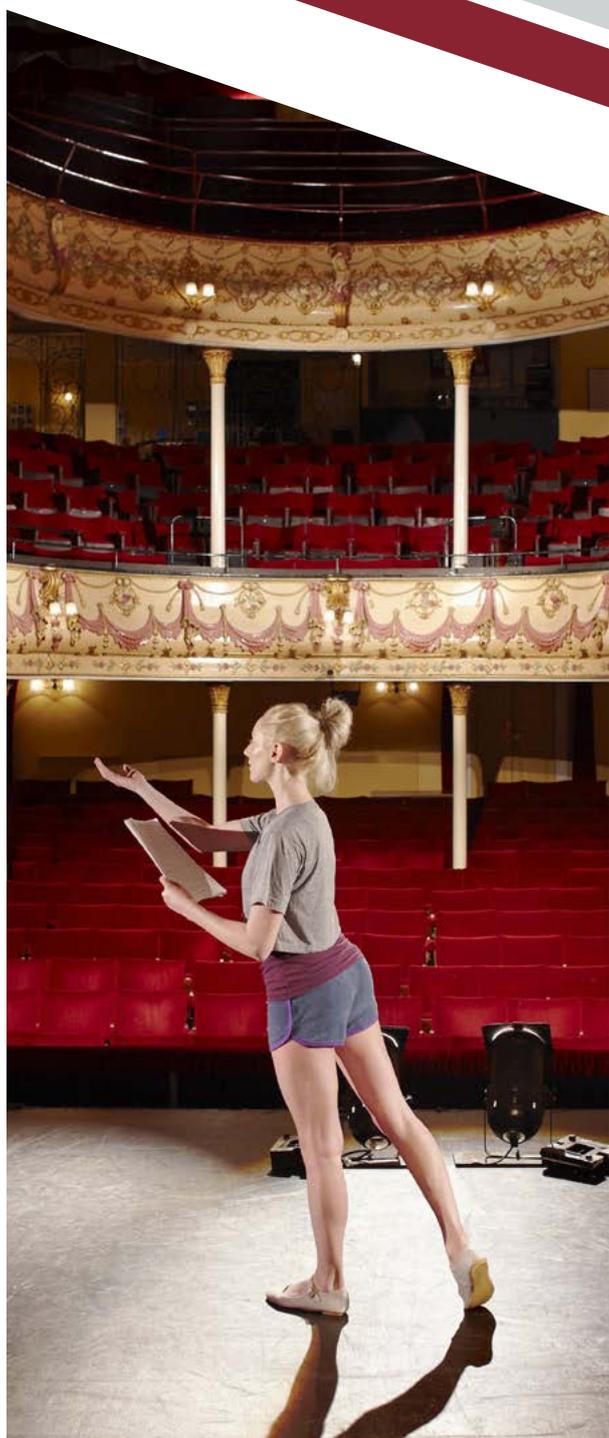
STUDENT QUOTES

"This course gives you the freedom to express yourself in all areas of performing arts."

"There are loads of opportunities available to perform and gain confidence."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Music



GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Photography is a developing and exciting GCSE subject for Shire Oak Academy.

The course is an Art based course which will provide you with new knowledge and understanding of how to capture the world around us in an interesting, creative and artistic manner.

The skills you will be developing during the course are:

- Photographic Composition.
- Image manipulation using Adobe Photoshop.
- Artist image manipulation. Artist and Photographer research.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Usually pupils that choose this option are students who are creative and who enjoy Art. Students that enjoy both computer work, practical art lessons and research.

Pupils need to be very motivated and be prepared to stay after school to complete some elements of their coursework if needed.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE Art Photography provides many opportunities, you could choose to continue your studies at A-level.

GCSE provides excellent starting points for many creative industries. Through choosing GCSE you will gain valuable skills, techniques, ideas and based around Photographic imagery.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please See Mrs Collis

EXAM

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT: 60%

EXAM: 40%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Photography is an amazing subject to take especially if you are creative and love Art. I really enjoy having the freedom to explore my ideas and present them using a range of techniques." "Photography is a lot harder than you think! It's not all about taking pictures, that's just a small part. There's a lot of coursework involved and complicated Art ideas and Photoshop work."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Art



GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

A totally new subject aimed at giving you an understanding of how the mind works and why people behave the way they do. You will study the following topics: criminal psychology, development, psychological problems, research methods, social influence, memory, sleep and dreaming

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

You, if you would like to broaden your mind, develop your thinking, learn new skills, develop skills of critical thinking, analysis and evaluation. If you would like to work in any of the following fields: psychology, psychotherapy, counselling, social work, nursing, journalism, marketing or any work involving other people.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

You can continue with your studies by either taking GCE 'A' Levels or Level 3 BTEC's. A natural progression is the GCE 'A' Level Psychology course.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please come and see: Mrs Thomas in N202 or Mr Kelly in N204. They will be happy to talk through all aspects of the course with you.

EXAM

2 exam papers: 100%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Psychology helps you look at things in a different way, it's very interesting and is unlike any other subject"

"Psychology is an interesting subject and you learn about a lot of things. It's very intriguing and makes you think."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE History
GCSE Religious Studies



GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

In RS, you will learn how to construct well-argued, well-informed, balanced and structured arguments about religious and moral issues in society today. These issues include Is there life after death? How did the world begin? Why is there evil and suffering in the world?

When considering religious viewpoints to these issues, you will be studying from a Christian and Jewish response. However, the aim of the course is to develop your knowledge and understanding of religious and non-religious beliefs as well.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

If you are interested in learning more about a range of major world religions, or are curious of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our cultural background. GCSE RS will challenge with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling you to develop your own attitudes towards religious issues.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

On completion of a GCSE in Religious Studies, you could progress to further education, notably taking Philosophy and Ethics at A Level. If you choose to look for a job, you will have an excellent qualification that is studied by all students, therefore, employers will have a good understanding of your ability to be reflective, empathise with others, consider other people's views and be able to evaluate situations from a variety of informed perspectives.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

You can find out more by visiting the WJEC website at www.wjec.co.uk. The BBC Bitesize website www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs does contain some key themes to the course. You could also speak to your RS teacher.

EXAM

100%

STUDENT QUOTES

"RS gives you a chance to explore your own opinions, as well as other people's, which most other subjects don't offer."

"RS teaches to express and debate different points of view, which helps us to see the world around us".

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE History
GCSE Psychology



GCSE STATISTICS

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Statistics is one of the areas of mathematics that is used all the time. The course builds on the Statistics work covered in KS3 Mathematics and develops some of the Higher GCSE mathematics by using more sophisticated techniques of statistics. The course covers the following areas:

- Collecting, presenting and analysing data
- Calculating statistical measures
- Probability & modelling
- Statistical errors
- Pictorial representation of data

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who take this option should have a high level of mathematical ability (preferably in Sets 1, 2 or 3 for Maths. Students from set 4 are welcome to choose Statistics, as suitability will be checked with your child's maths teacher) and have an interest in developing their expertise in statistics. Students should be organised in their approach to work, have an analytical mind and a desire to research themes by testing a hypothesis. The course complements many other key stage 4 study areas such as the sciences, geography and business studies.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

GCSE Statistics can help with progression onto A Level Mathematics, and will help with any Level 3 courses that may include representing and analysing data. Beyond the classroom, many businesses rely on statistics; medical research measures the chance of successes through probability; sports studies depend on the analysis of data.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to Mr Swann or Mr Khan. Also get advice from your Maths teacher to see if this course is suitable for you or not.

EXAM

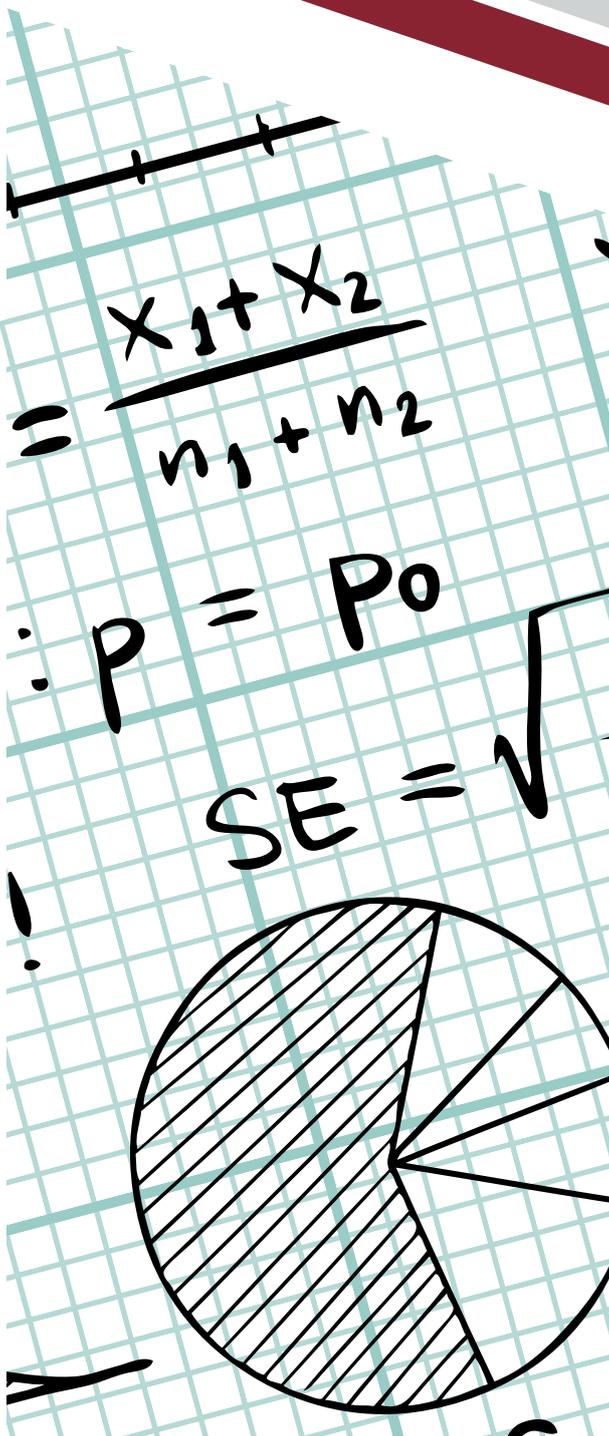
2 Exam papers: 100%

STUDENT QUOTES

"Statistics is a challenging but fun subject which can also help a lot with other subjects. I have enjoyed studying Statistics."
"Statistics is a subject that will mathematically challenge you but improve your maths skills at the same time."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

GCSE Geography
Triple or Double Science
GCSE Computer Science



OCR CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN SPORT STUDIES

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

This course is a new KS4 qualification specifically designed for 14 - 16 year olds to be taken alongside GCSE's.

The units covered are:

- Contemporary issues in sport
- Developing sports skills
- Sports leadership
- Sport and the media.
- Developing knowledge and skills in outdoor activities.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

Students who wish to develop their own performance through practical based learning.

Learners that want to gain knowledge about the national sports context and would be excellent preparation for roles such as sports development and/or sports leadership.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Learners completing this qualification may look to study a sports related Level 3 course. Sport is a high-profile and expanding industry and there is a growing need for qualified professionals and capable volunteers. There is a wide range of job roles to progress into such as Activity Leader, Sports Coach, Fitness Instructor and Leisure Assistant.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Speak to Mrs Critchley or email:
critchley.d@shireoakacademy.co.uk

Or get advice from your PE teacher to see if this course is suitable for you or not.

EXAM

WRITTEN COURSEWORK - 75%
EXAMINATION - 25%

STUDENT QUOTES

"You have to have an interest in sport to take this course, you have to develop your own sports skills and become involved in sports leadership as well as learn about the contemporary issues in sport. There is a lot of coursework to produce but the topics are really interesting."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

Biology



GCSE TEXTILES

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?

Design and Technology: Textiles is a subject that brings learning to life, requiring learners to apply their learning to real-life situations. This qualification aims to relate authentic real-world awareness of iterative design practices and strategies used by the creative industries. Learners will be required to use critical thinking, leading towards design innovation and producing prototypes that solve real and relevant problems.

By opting for the Textiles pathway you will gain the hands on experience of learning a range of decorative and constructive techniques that can then be used in the final project of your choice. Alongside the practical aspect, you will be producing a professional portfolio of work and will also explore the creative and manufacturing industries.

WHO WOULD ENJOY IT?

- Students that have an interest in fashion and textiles; design trends, styles and a passion for making quality products using fabrics and textile components.
- Students that are inquisitive and have a curiosity about the world around them.
- Students that are prepared for a challenge and to work hard both in and out of lessons.
- Students, both male and female that want to develop as independent learners through both written & practical units.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FINISH?

Learners progress from their learning from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4, developing critical thinking and practical skills that will serve them well in their futures, with A levels, Further Education, Higher Education or in the workplace. The department offer A Level Design & Technology in the 6th Form.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Edexcel GCSE Design and Technology

Visit: qualifications.pearson.com

Contact Mrs Reynolds st-reynolds-r@shireoakacademy.co.uk

EXAM

50% written exam paper (theory).

50% Coursework assessment (practical based).

STUDENT QUOTES

"I chose to study textiles because I loved textiles throughout KS3 DT lessons and it's so much fun. It's a great lesson with a helpful teacher and over the GCSE course you will eventually create your final design, alongside your coursework. Dream, believe, achieve... and you will achieve in textiles."

INTERESTED IN THIS, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT.....

OCR National Certificate Level 1 or 2 in Engineering Design.
Level 1/2 Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering.





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