

# CIRENCESTER COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS

# 2026



Cirencester  
College

**MORE CHOICE AT YOUR SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM**



# WELCOME

"Imagine a place where you can build yourself into an individual who can take on the world. Imagine a place that feels just like a mini university, where you're treated like a professional, where you can truly realise your potential, with the reassurance of a rock-solid safety net to support you while you develop. That place is outlined in this book.

Here at Cirencester College we have a well-earned reputation for developing confident, creative, enthusiastic and skilled learners, with superb results too. We pride ourselves on offering the widest range and combination of A-levels and T-levels in the region, within an environment where you're challenged and supported to be the absolute best you can be.

We believe in our learners. We have very high expectations of every learner that joins the Cirencester family and we set the standard high too. This is coupled with inspiring support from specialist teachers who are approachable and care about every individual in their charge. Our Pastoral Support is brilliant; the team provide guidance through your journey with us, and also help advise, mentor and support you as you progress and grow. While all this is topped off with individually valuable enrichment activities specially designed to broaden your personal, recreational and academic horizons.

I'm so proud of the fact that our College team generate such an extraordinary level of commitment and enthusiasm for learning. Every day young people get on a bus and travel over a 60-mile catchment area to learn with us. We have great facilities, resources and buildings, but we also have that extra factor that makes this a really special place to be; the bottom line is we are absolutely driven to do the best for you.

The information in your hands sets out our stall, and it's a very attractive offer. The fact you're reading it means you're searching for your next steps. Come and build your future."



**Matt Reynolds**  
Principal and CEO  
Cirencester College



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**Why our students**

**CHOOSE CIRENCESTER**



**Millie - Ridgeway**  
**Chemistry (A\*), Maths (A\*), Further Maths (A\*),**  
**Physics (A)**

"The support has been incredible and more than I could have hoped for. The staff truly do their best to help you succeed and are always willing to answer any questions and help however they can. I feel my experience has helped me grow academically, with my independence, and has allowed me to make friends who I will keep in touch with long after the end of college."

**Millie will be joining Cambridge University in**  
**Autumn 2025 to read Natural Sciences**





I want  
**MORE CHOICE**  
about what I study

I want to go to a  
**TOP**  
**UNIVERSITY**



I want to be taught by  
**SPECIALIST**  
**TEACHERS**

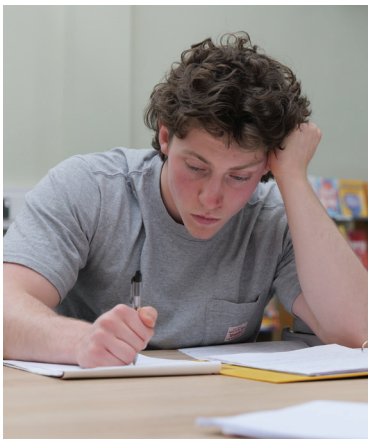


I am  
**AMBITIOUS**

I want to be a  
**HIGH ACHIEVER**



I would like a  
**FRESH START**  
and to meet new  
people



I want to be treated like  
**AN ADULT**

In two years I want  
to be an  
**APPRENTICE**  
or in employment

I want to be recognised as  
**AN INDIVIDUAL**

I want to study a  
**T-LEVEL**

I'm ready for more  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
but I still need support

I would like to join  
exciting new  
**CLUBS &**  
**SOCIETIES**





## Why our students

# CHOOSE CIRENCESTER

Cirencester College is a specialist Sixth Form College; our staff are experts in teaching your age group and this is where they excel. We provide tremendous subject choice, a supportive and ambitious pastoral system and great teaching.

### Student Approach to Learning

We strongly believe that students need the right approach and mindset if they are going to aim high and really push their aspirations and achievement.





# WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

At Cirencester College, the achievement, support, and enjoyment of our students are at the heart of everything we do. We understand that transitioning from school to a Sixth Form College is an exciting time. Sometimes this can feel a challenging experience, but we have an expert team dedicated to offering exceptional, age-appropriate support every step of the way. We are keen to ensure that students have the pastoral support and guidance to help them develop and achieve their academic and personal goals and that they remain on track throughout their journey at Cirencester College. (see page 8)

## Equality and Diversity

We value each student as an individual, fostering an environment that encourages respect and independence. Our focus is not only on academic excellence but also on developing students with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in both their studies and personal growth.

## Student Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of our students is paramount here at Cirencester College. Our Pastoral Team are on hand every day to support our students and help them overcome any barriers they may be facing. Throughout the academic year, we invite external agencies to deliver talks on essential topics which will benefit every student, ensuring they are able to reach their full potential. We also have an extensive Enrichment Programme and a designated Health and Wellbeing Week, with lots of opportunities to have fun.

# YOUR FUTURE

## Student Progression

At Cirencester College, we are committed to developing the skills and opportunities of every learner by providing continuous support, guidance, and inspiration at every step of the way. You will be in a tutor group, with lots of opportunities to take part in events and activities, such as our annual Employer and Higher Education Convention.

Our extensive network of employers are keen to share their experiences, offering valuable insights into relevant sectors and careers. You will gain inspiration to explore and choose a career path that excites you, and our Alumni are always eager to return and share their stories, offering advice and perspective on what lies ahead.

With expert careers guidance and dedicated tutors based in our Pastoral Hub, we ensure that advice and support are always available. Whether you're considering university, apprenticeships, or direct entry into the workforce, we provide tailored help for applications, as well as access to a 'job shop' for work experience opportunities to enhance your journey towards success.

## Our Careers Programme

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a series of programmes, workshops, lectures and mentoring that focus on developing employability skills, raising career awareness and enabling students to reach their full potential. All students are required to do work experience – either an in-person placement or an online experience - and, for programmes like T-levels and Foundation year for T-levels, work experience is essential to completing the course.

**We are here**

**FOR YOU**

## **Tutorial Programme:**

Each student will have a tutor, a progression/pastoral tutor and a pastoral lead. Each of these people are there to support your learning, wellbeing and progression.

Our tutorial programme is essentially designed to focus on your personal development, social skills, health and wellbeing, to prepare you for life after college. Therefore, we offer a wide-ranging programme of topics which will include money management, higher education talks, career progression and themed weeks such as Mental Health Awareness Week.

We will also look at current affairs in the news, looking at the different viewpoints, allowing you to articulate your thoughts and debate with your peers. All this will help you develop as a person and become a well-rounded individual, essential to future employers and universities.

Also, as part of the tutor programme, personal tutors will see you for:

- Tailored one-to-one conversations called Personal Development Plan (PDP) meetings, to talk about your progression plans
- Time to discuss and review personal targets
- Weekly tutorial sessions
- You will work with your tutor who will help you develop tools and skills to manage your wellbeing now, and in the future
- A safe space to share any concerns you or your tutor may have.

## **Pastoral:**

Broader pastoral and progression support will help you in many ways, such as:

- Personal/one-to-one guidance
- Target setting and academic monitoring
- Careers guidance
- Bursaries for financial support
- Academic support
- Working alongside parents where appropriate
- Exams support
- Applying to university or apprenticeships

Pastoral Leads steer the direction of our support and specialise in health, wellbeing, careers, tutoring and our Programme of Excellence.

## **Academic & Learning Support**

We welcome students with diverse abilities, learning difficulties, and disabilities. Working with students and parents, we make reasonable adjustments to support all learners, including apprentices, in achieving their goals.

We promote equality of opportunity across the College. All students are screened to identify individual learning needs. Where necessary, academic support tutors offer further assessment and create tailored support plans, working closely with subject teachers, tutors, and parents. Support may include one-to-one tuition or in-class assistance.







# HOW DO OUR STUDENTS PERFORM AFTER COLLEGE?

**193**

students gained a place at one of the 30 most selective universities (Russell and Sutton Groups).

Our students' unemployment rate is only 1% (1.3%) when they complete their programme.

A greater percentage of Cirencester College students gain either a first or upper second class honours degree than the state sector or the sixth form college sector. (See page 98).

**88%**

of high achieving students (with Grade 7s and above at GCSE), gained A\* to B, higher than some local grammar schools.





**95%**

of students gained their  
1st choice of university  
(compared to 82% nationally).

Law is our top  
university subject  
destination for students

**93%**

of our students go onto  
university, apprenticeship  
or full time work

The five most popular  
universities for Cirencester  
College students are:

University of Bristol, Cardiff  
University, University of  
Reading, UWE and the  
University of Gloucestershire

# HOW OUR STUDENTS LEARN

## 50:50 Learning

Cirencester College has adopted the 50:50 approach to learning. Which means, as a general rule, students will be expected to spend at least the same amount of time on independent study as they do in the classroom. This approach helps students become successful learners and develop their independent study skills. Students will be introduced to this way of learning from the start of their first year. Independent study has a real impact on success and is excellent preparation for those thinking of going on to university where there will be a lot less contact time with lecturers.

## Flipped Study

Another approach to successful learning that the College uses is Flipped Learning, which has proven to be an effective method for preparing students for lessons.

Each week teaching staff will set their classes Flipped Study tasks to complete, to help students prepare for their next lesson. Tasks could include reading ahead in a textbook, watching a YouTube video, carrying out some basic research or making brief summary notes. The overall aim is for students to engage in the content of the lesson before coming to the session so that they can ask further questions in class and develop greater understanding and confidence. Ultimately this enables the student to make faster progress in their subjects and achieve higher results at the end.

Students will see a 90 minute Flipped Study session appear on their weekly timetable and will log their 90 minutes, the subject they are focussing on, what task they are completing and where in College they are completing it. Completion of Flipped Study will be tracked and monitored by staff in a similar way to attendance.







# INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

The College is renowned for its rural setting and green fields, which is where you will find our students on a sunny day. The College is ambitious for its students which is why in the last few years the College has invested in cutting edge facilities to foster what is an exceptional learning environment.

New facilities have been created to meet the future skills requirements of both students and employers.

Starting with the Gloucestershire Digital Skills Centre. Digital skills are a major part of all that we do and this building, and its state-of-the-art Technology, will develop the skills of all our learners, not just those taking IT related courses.

The T-level Building provides sector specialist accommodation for our T-levels in Engineering; Health; Design; Planning and Surveying for Construction; Education and Early Years; Accounting; Management and Administration, and Marketing.

There are three spacious Engineering workshops, a small Training Hospital and an Early Years classroom which are designed to provide hands-on practical learning. In addition, our impressive Art Lofts offer our art students an inspiring and creative space to develop their talents.

Most recently, the investment in student experience has continued with the opening of our Avebury Building. This exciting addition features a bigger Pastoral Hub and additional refectory and social space.

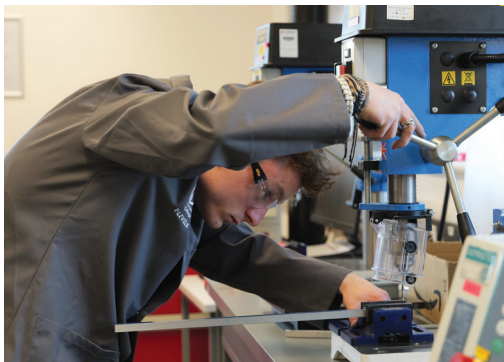


**New for September 2025** are our new award winning\* Zoo enclosures at the Animal Centre which this year have welcomed their new zoological collection, including genets, goats and exotic birds. The Animal Centre itself encompasses a vast collection of specialist animal enclosures which are home to a wide range of mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. Our expanding animal collection is made up of numerous exciting species such as a Sudan plated lizard, African pygmy dormice, bumble bee dart frogs, chickens, giant African land snails. Look out for animal updates on our social media platforms!

**Visit one of our open events and explore for yourselves!**

\*'People's Choice Award' at the Constructing Excellence South West Awards 2025





# INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

The Sundial Theatre is a fully functional professional theatre, it is also used by our Drama and Performing Arts students.

The practical learning facilities in our numerous modern science labs provide students with the perfect learning environment for scientific learning and discovery.

You don't need to be one of our sports students to use our multi-sports hall facilities. Our extensive enrichment programme means that all students can get involved in sport such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, netball, futsal and indoor cricket. Students will also have access to our Fitness Suite with spin bikes, treadmills, cross trainers, exercise bikes, weights equipment and rowing machines.

All students are encouraged to use our newly refurbished Library. This open and airy space supports student learning by providing a staffed and supervised independent learning environment. Sessions on information and digital literacy skills are regularly delivered to enhance research and study skills. Our experienced staff are always on hand to advise you on how to get the most out of our resources which include books, specialist magazines and our new online digital library. Students enjoy free Wi-Fi access from their own devices across the site.

As well as the Library, students will find lots of study areas available across the campus where they can drop in, utilise computers, catch up on their studies and prepare their Flipped Study (See page 12). Most of these spaces have facilities for students to charge their laptops and connect to larger screens.

Media and Music students benefit from access to state-of-the-art facilities, including a fully equipped Music Studio, Music Technology Suite, TV Studio, and Editing Suite.

The College has a number of catering outlets where students can buy a delicious homemade meal to a snack and coffee; these can be enjoyed in our brand new Refectory facilities, the Spotlight or our new Coffee Cabin serving Barista coffee and snacks.







# WHICH COURSES ARE RIGHT FOR ME?

## Building your study programme

In general a programme of study, needs 3 elements to it, known as chunks. An A-level is one element (one chunk), so you'll need 3 to make a full programme. A T-level or Extended Diploma is made up of three elements (three chunks) already, so these choices make full programmes in themselves.



The symbol label on each course will tell you how many elements/chunks the course has.

### A-LEVEL PROGRAMME

- I prefer courses which are mainly exam based
- I will achieve at least 5 Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs including English Language and Maths
- I want to study 3 subjects in-depth
- I want to keep my options open for employment, university or higher level apprenticeships.

A-LEVEL 1

A-LEVEL 2

A-LEVEL 3



OPTIONAL EPQ

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY

TUTORIAL

STUDY PERIOD/  
WORKSHOPS

### MIXED PROGRAMME

- I want to study a combination of A-levels and a vocational course
- I will achieve at least 5 Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs including English Language and Maths
- I want to keep my options open for employment, university or higher level apprenticeships.

A-LEVEL 1

A-LEVEL 2

VOCATIONAL  
QUALIFICATION  
(equivalent to 1 A-level)



OPTIONAL EPQ

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY

TUTORIAL

STUDY PERIOD/  
WORKSHOPS

(Students can choose 2 A-levels, plus a vocational qualification which is an A-level equivalent or choose an A-level to complement a vocational diploma, 2 A-level equivalent or 2 vocational certificates.)

### T-LEVEL PROGRAMME

- I would like to incorporate an industry placement in my study programme
- I want to keep my options open for employment, university or an apprenticeship
- I will achieve at least 5 Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs including English Language and Maths
- I want to study topics that will directly relate to a specific career that I have in mind
- I want to learn technical skills so I can go straight into work if I wish.

T-LEVEL

(Equivalent to 3 A-levels)

Including a minimum of 45 days work experience.



TUTORIAL

STUDY PERIOD/  
WORKSHOPS

(Students choose one T-level subject which is a full-time programme of study.)



## VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

- I want to study topics that will directly relate to a specific career I have in mind
- I will achieve at least 5 Grades 4-9 in my GCSEs including English Language and Maths
- I want to keep the option of going to university open
- I want the opportunity of work experience that will help to start my career.

**EXTENDED  
DIPLOMA OR  
DIPLOMAS AND  
CERTIFICATES**  
(equivalent to 3  
A-levels)



**OPTIONAL EPQ**

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY**

**TUTORIAL**

**STUDY PERIOD/  
WORKSHOPS**

## A-LEVEL PROGRESSION PROGRAMME

- I have just missed out on my grades
- I want to go on to study A-levels
- I may need to improve my English Language and/or Maths grades for A-levels. (See pages 26/27)

**TWO OF ARTS, HUMANITIES,  
LIFE AND EARTH SCIENCES,  
SOCIAL SCIENCE PATHWAYS**

**PROJECTS**

**PROFESSIONAL &  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

**GCSE MATHS / ENGLISH**



**TUTORIAL**

**ENRICHMENT  
ACTIVITY**

## FOUNDATION YEAR FOR T-LEVELS

- I will achieve at least 3 Grade 3s in my GCSEs, including English Language and Maths.
- I want to progress to a Level 3 T-level or vocational programme, employment, training or an apprenticeship
- I want to study a small Level 2 vocational programme whilst I work on my English and Maths.

**LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION**

**GCSE MATHS AND ENGLISH**

**TUTORIAL AND WORK SKILLS**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY**

(Students choose a technical subject, to be taken alongside GCSE English/Maths, assignments and work experience.)

## UPGRADE PROGRAMME

- I will achieve at least 3 Grade 2s in my GCSEs, including English Language and Maths
- I want to progress to a Level 2 Foundation Year for T-levels programme (See pages 24/25), employment, training or an apprenticeship. (See page 91)

**GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS FUNCTIONAL SKILLS**

**EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

**TUTORIAL AND WORK SKILLS**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY**

# YOUR APPLICATION JOURNEY



**Scan Here**

To apply for  
September 2026

**1**

## **Before starting your application:**

- Take a look at the courses in this prospectus and on our website - which will have the most up to date information.
- Attend an Open Event, meet the teachers and learn more about your chosen subjects. The dates of these are listed on the back page
- Speak to a member of our team at your school careers event
- Try out the careers quiz on our website and take a look at the Pathways careers information on the website course pages.

**2**

## **Ready to apply:**

- Visit the website, check the latest details and click Apply Now
- Login or Register to create your account and complete the Application Form - you will need your personal details, the contact details of your parent/ carer and your predicted grades
- Complete a personal statement about why you have chosen your subjects.

**4**

## **Accept your course offer:**

We hope to offer you a conditional place (conditional on your GCSE results and meeting the course requirements) for which you will receive a confirmation. Once you have this email you need to log back into your account and accept the offer - you can change your choices later if you like (subject to availability.)

**3**

## **What happens next:**

- You will receive an acknowledgement from us, so you know we have your application
- You will then be invited to book an admission call with one of our advisors.

### **What to expect on the call:**

This is a chance to speak with one of our advisors about your choices, current schooling, GCSEs and future plans. Your parent or carer can be on the call too if you like.





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**Induction Day:**

The first day of college is for our First Years only - a chance to meet your teachers, see your classrooms and make some new friends.

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**GCSE Results Day:**

Once you have your results, you are invited into the College for your enrolment appointment, when we can confirm your subject choices before you start college.

If you didn't get the results you expected, keep your appointment and speak to one of our advisors, together we can work out a plan to get you back on track.

6

**Flying Start work:**

Before you start at College there will be some assignments to complete for each of your subjects - this can be another really good way to check the course is right for you.

5

**Applicant Portal:**

Once you have accepted your offer you will be able to access our Applicant Portal which will keep you up to date with your application and news from College. We will also ask you to upload a photo for your student card and book your enrolment appointment.

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**Important information:**

Applications for **September 2026** open at the end of **September 2025**. In 2025 we had an exceptional number of applications which meant that we had to operate waiting lists. We will be closing applications on **30th June 2026**.



# T-LEVELS

## Welcome to the Next Level

T-levels have revolutionised post-16 education, and Cirencester College has been at the forefront of these pioneering new qualifications. As one of the first providers in the country, our staff have developed the expertise in these exciting, ground-breaking qualifications.

T-levels are two-year technical study programmes designed in partnership with employers to provide young people with a mixture of technical knowledge and skills specific to their chosen industry and occupation. T-levels ensure students acquire the knowledge and skills needed to progress into skilled employment or higher education.

A T-level is a full-time two-year course, equivalent to three A-levels and carries the same amount of UCAS points. T-levels combine cutting edge content delivered in the classroom and hands-on learning. Together with an extended 45-day industry placement, this will prepare students for work or higher education.

### Courses available in 2026

**Accounting**

**Animal Care & Management**

**Art: Fashion and Textiles**

**Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction**

**Digital**

- Cyber Security

- Software Development

**Education & Early Years**

**Engineering**

**Health & Science**

- Adult Nursing

- Supporting Mental Health Teams

**Legal Services**

**Management & Administration**

**Marketing**

**Media (Broadcast & Production)**

## T-LEVELS

**Our T-levels have a 96% pass rate compared with a 91% national pass rate.**





# FOUNDATION YEAR FOR T-LEVELS

## What is the Foundation Year for T-levels?

Our award-winning\* Level 2 Foundation Programme is ideal for those students who are not quite ready for a T-level Programme and will typically have a portfolio of mainly Grade 3s at GCSE level, including Grade 3 in English and Maths. The programme is tailored to each individual student to develop their skills, knowledge and experience to take them to the next level.

Successful completion of the Foundation Programme, including English and Maths at Grade 4 will guarantee progression to a T-level with us.

## The Programme is broken down into 5 parts:

### 1 Work Experience

As part of the programme, we expect you to complete 105 hours of work experience. There is some flexibility in how you can claim those hours and we encourage learners to seek out a variety of experiences. Knowing what you don't want to do is as important as being clear about what you do want to do next!

### 2 Level 2 Technical Qualification

You will be able to choose one subject specialism from the following technical qualifications:

- Animal Care
- Business
- Digital (ICT)
- Digital (Media)
- Equine Care
- Health

### 3 English and Maths Qualifications

Aside from the requirement for a GCSE in English Language and Maths at Grade 4 to progress – we know from employers that what they really want is literacy and numeracy skills for the workplace. For example: ratio is vital when mixing concrete, equally it is integral to looking at how many staff per child are required in a nursery. We will bring the 'real' use of English and Maths to life! Students will need Grade 4s to progress onto Level 3.

### 4 Tutorial and Work Skills

You will have individual tutorial support. Our experienced tutors provide excellent advice and guidance, leading to positive destinations. As well as supporting you through the programme, they will set your targets and prepare you for your next steps after this course. This could be the next level of qualification or straight into the workplace.

### 5 Route-Based Project

The Route-Based Project is an integral part of the T-level Foundation Year, offering students a hands-on opportunity to engage with real-world projects set by employers.

### 6 Enrichment

You will be able to choose activities to complement your programme from our extensive Enrichment Programme (See page 101).

\*Sixth Form College Association Award for Curriculum Innovation 2022





# A-LEVEL PROGRESSION PROGRAMME (APP)

## What is the APP?

This is the first year of a three-year full-time programme. The first year is designed to prepare students for A-levels. We help you to build academic and transferable skills, as well as subject-specific knowledge to ensure that when you start your A-levels, you can hit the ground running.

## Who is the APP for?

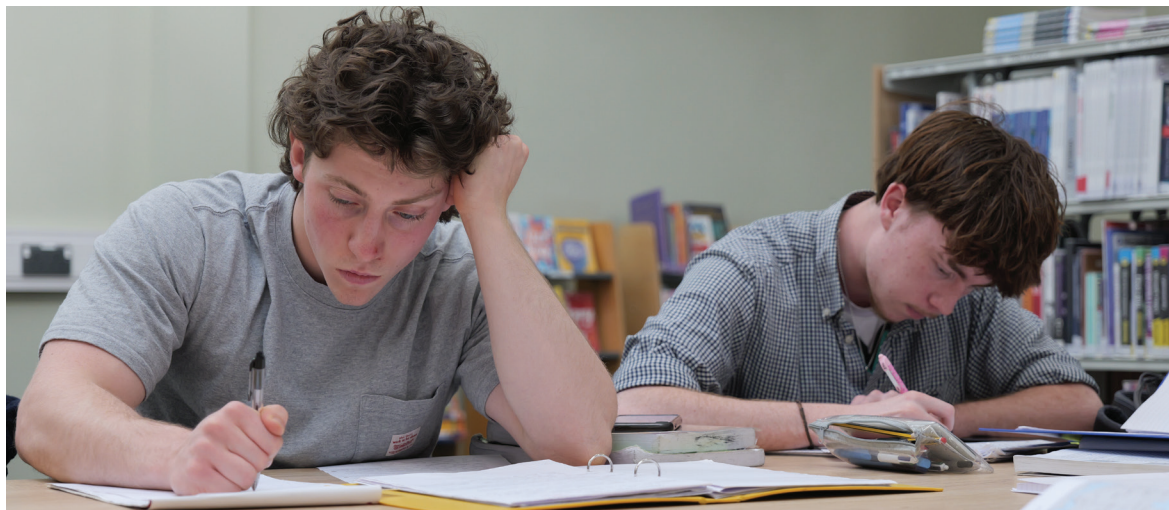
APP is for students who have just missed the entry requirements for a full A-level programme and may need to improve their GCSE grades in English and Maths to progress to their chosen subject or career aim.

## What Qualifications will I get?

You will work towards your Maths and English Language GCSEs and the English-Speaking Board Level 3 Certificate in Speech. All other courses are in-house assessments designed to check if you're ready to progress onto A-levels with us.

This course is designed to get you ready for A-levels or vocational level 3, but if you decide during the year that a T-level or apprenticeship are better destinations for you, that's fine! If you are looking to do A-levels in Chemistry, Physics or a foreign language, this may not be the right programme for you and can be discussed with our Admissions Team.

A Grade 4 is needed in GCSE English Language and Maths to progress to Level 3 courses.





## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### All do

#### CORE

- Tutor
- Communications Skills
- Enrichment

Total **2.5** hours/week

### Decided by prior attainment

#### GCSE

- Maths or Functional Skills
- English
- Enrichment (if not doing both GCSEs)

Total **6** hours/week

### Choose 2 options (on the right)

#### STRAND

- Life and Earth Sciences
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Arts

Total **9** hours/week

## What's in the Life and Earth Sciences Course?

This course focuses on the aspects of science needed for progression into level 3 courses in biology and sport sciences. It also includes some aspects of chemistry and physics which will help in those subjects.

#### Topics include:

- Energy & Supply
- Nutrition
- Genetics
- Movement
- Control
- Health & Disease
- Ecosystems
- Soil science
- Sustainable farming

For this course, a **Grade 3 in Maths** is required.

## What's in the Humanities Course?

This course focuses on the skills needed in A-level humanities, such as history, geography, religion and philosophy and many others!

#### Topics include:

- Mythology
- Culture of burial
- Civil rights
- Living the good life
- Globalisation
- Natural Disasters
- Deep Dive - India (coursework you choose the area of focus)

For this course, a **Grade 3 in Maths** is required.

## What's in the Social Sciences Course?

This course focuses on the skills in psychology and sociology.

#### Topics include:

- Crime
- Representation in the media
- Poverty and inequality
- Research project - you will design and carry out your own research, on a topic that interests you.

For this course, a **Grade 3 in Maths** is required.

## What's in the Arts Course?

This course is about getting you ready for A-levels in creative arts, such as graphic design, textiles, fine art or 3D design. You'll analyse a range of artists' work and learn how to express yourself in several different media. A series of guided mini projects to develop your skills will be followed by a self-directed project.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



## A-level

Students are required to gain at least five GCSEs at Grade 4, from the core subjects. This must include English Language and Maths GCSE\*.

## T-level

Students are required to gain at least five GCSEs at Grade 4, from the core subjects or Distinction at Level 2 in a relevant subject. These must include English Language and Maths GCSE\*.

## Level 3 Vocational Courses

Students are required to gain at least five GCSEs at Grade 4s or Distinction at Level 2, these must include English Language and Maths\*.

## A-level Progression Programme

A-level Progression Programme is for students who have just missed the entry requirements for a full A-level programme and may need to improve their GCSE grades in English Language and Maths to at least a Grade 4, to progress to their chosen subject or career aim.

## Foundation Year for T-levels

Students on the Foundation Year for T-levels will have gained three or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths. (See pages 24-25)

## Upgrade Programme

Students taking the Upgrade Vocational Course will require a minimum of three GCSEs at Grade 2, which must include Maths and English Language.

**\*Some A-level and T-level courses require a higher grade in specific subjects (please see individual courses in the course listing for details).**

## Core Subjects

Animal/Equine  
Art and Design  
Astronomy  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
Childcare  
Citizenship  
Combined Science  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Design and Technology  
Drama  
Economics  
Electronics  
Engineering  
English Language  
English Literature  
Enterprise & Marketing  
Film Studies  
Food Technology  
Foreign Languages  
Geography  
Geology  
Health and Social Care  
History  
IT/ICT  
Languages  
Law  
Mathematics  
Media Studies  
Music  
Physical Education  
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Each course shows the known student progression into further or higher education/employment and apprenticeships, from that individual course.





# ACCOUNTING

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

On the T-level Accounting course, you will be developing team and professional skills to get you ready for employment, as well as all the essential knowledge to be a successful accountant. A significant amount of the first year looks at the business environment and how businesses operate. You will also complete a work placement. Accounting is an exciting, dynamic and in-demand career - every organisation needs people who understand the numbers. If you enjoy maths, like solving problems, and have an eye for detail, accounting could be a great career choice for you.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Finance Officer
- Assistant Accountant
- Accounting Technician
- Payroll Administrator

## PROGRESSION:

33%

67%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION   ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Time management
- Communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Analytical thinking
- Digital Skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

The accounting industry contributes significantly to the economy generating an annual estimated revenue of approximately £37 billion which is driven by a workforce of over 353,000 professionals. UK accounting services is projected to grow by over 5% from 2023 to 2033.

## Marita - St Joseph's T-level Accounting

"I appreciate the combination of theory and practical work experience. This approach encourages professional thinking and provides opportunities to face challenges, engage in teamwork, deliver presentations, and participate in planning, among other activities. It has helped me gain a better understanding of the workplace and clarified how to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world situations."



# ACCOUNTING

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 6 Maths.



It is not all numbers as there are significant extended writing questions as part of the final assessment.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

A dynamic and interesting subject, with great career prospects at the end. Accounting enables you to problem-solve with numbers, interpret numerical data, produce financial reports and help business owners make informed decisions. During your studies, you will gain a solid foundation of knowledge in accounting to prepare you for employment or university.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Chartered Accountant
- Company Secretary
- Forensic Accountant
- Data Analyst
- Economist
- Corporate Finance

## PROGRESSION:

56%

44%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Communication skills
- Analytical thinking
- Time management
- Attention to detail
- Essay writing

# ANCIENT HISTORY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including Maths and Grade 5 English Language.



Studying GCSE History is recommended but not required. However, if taken, a Grade 4 or above is needed to take A-level Ancient History.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Explore the ancient world and understand how its legacy affects society today. We embark on a voyage of discovery that takes you first through the incredible stories of the clash between Greece and Persia, analysis of the war between Sparta and Athens and more in depth study of the Spartan politics and society. We cover the Roman Emperors from the first, Augustus, to Nero - whose reputations will be a focus of discussion - through to the invasion and Romanisation of Britain. Where better to study this fantastic period than Cirencester? An exciting and engaging A-level with straightforward assessment.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Archivist
- Heritage Master
- Law
- Museum/Gallery Curator
- Teacher
- Archaeologist

## PROGRESSION:

74%

26%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Research skills
- Critical evaluation
- Essay writing
- Cultural awareness

## DID YOU KNOW?

Graduates in ancient history gain transferable skills like critical thinking, research, and strong communication, valuable in fields such as education, heritage, publishing, and media.

# ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language, Maths and a 4-4 in combined Science.



A foundation level in Animal Care at Distinction level will also be accepted assuming you have successfully completed all elements of the foundation course including work experience.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Discover the exciting world of Animal Management and behaviour with our T-level programme at Cirencester College. This course offers a perfect blend of classroom learning and hands-on experience, in our state of the art animal centre, where you will learn to work with a huge array of species in new and purpose built enclosures. Gain in-depth knowledge and develop your practical skills in animal husbandry, health, welfare, and behaviour from our team of specialist lecturers and instructors. Our T-level also includes real-world experience and prepares you for a rewarding career or higher education in the field. Join us and take the first step towards a future dedicated to the care and well-being of animals. The animal industry is a highly varied, rewarding and a growing sector and we can't wait to teach you all about it!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Zoo Keeper
- Veterinary Nurse
- Rescue Centre Staff
- Conservation Officer
- Marine Biologist
- Animal Welfare Officer

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Record keeping
- Time management
- Adaptability
- Decision making



## DID YOU KNOW?

The animal industry in the UK is expanding, offering diverse career opportunities for those interested in working with animals, from hands-on care roles to positions in research, education and support. As the industry grows, there is also an increasing need for regulatory and support roles to ensure high standards of animal care and welfare.



# ANIMAL

## T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

1 YEAR



### LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher which must include English Language, Maths and Science.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

This exciting and active course will give you the chance to work with and study a variety of animals in both practical and classroom settings. This course will support you in developing a range of real employability skills, as well as the personal qualities and attitudes needed for success in a working life with animals. Following successful completion it will enable you to progress onto the T-level in Animal Care and Management and you will receive a certificate in employability skills.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Welfare Officer
- Veterinary Nurse

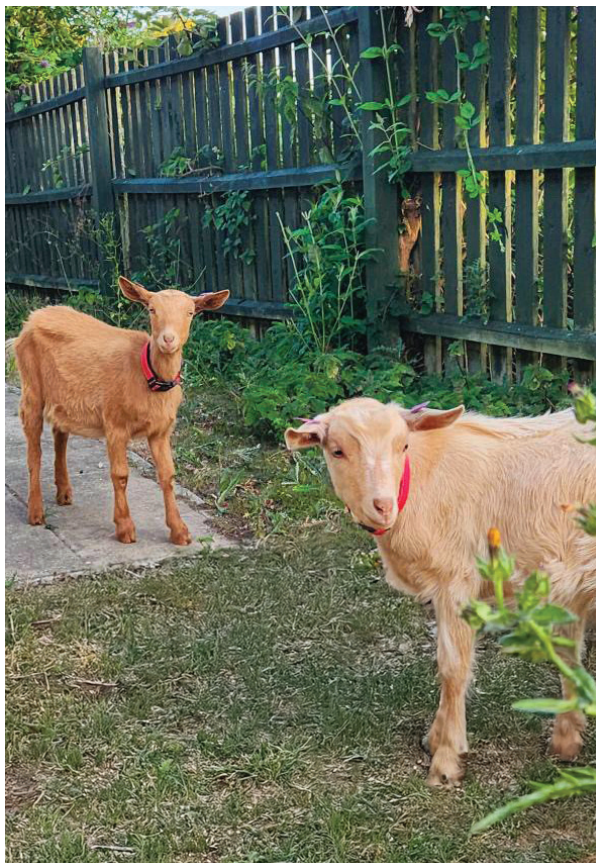
### PROGRESSION:

100%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Time management
- Communication skills
- Attention to detail
- Analytical thinking



# ART: FASHION & TEXTILES

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



If an art-based GCSE has not been taken, entry by completion of a portfolio is possible. Please contact Admissions for a portfolio assignment, to be completed and assessed prior to enrolment.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Creative Industries has seen significant growth in recent years, which has given rise to the T-level in Fashion & Textiles. The T-level is a key stepping stone to an apprenticeship, a career or higher education within a creative field. This two-year course will allow students to develop a sound understanding and awareness of running a creative business. Alongside theoretical knowledge of how individuals work within organisations of all sizes, whilst gaining a valuable work placement. The creative skills learnt will encourage students to develop their confidence in a wide range of materials, processes, design and making. All of the different elements of the T-level are delivered through project based learning with a mixture of hands on making, team work, employability skills, research and presentation opportunities.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

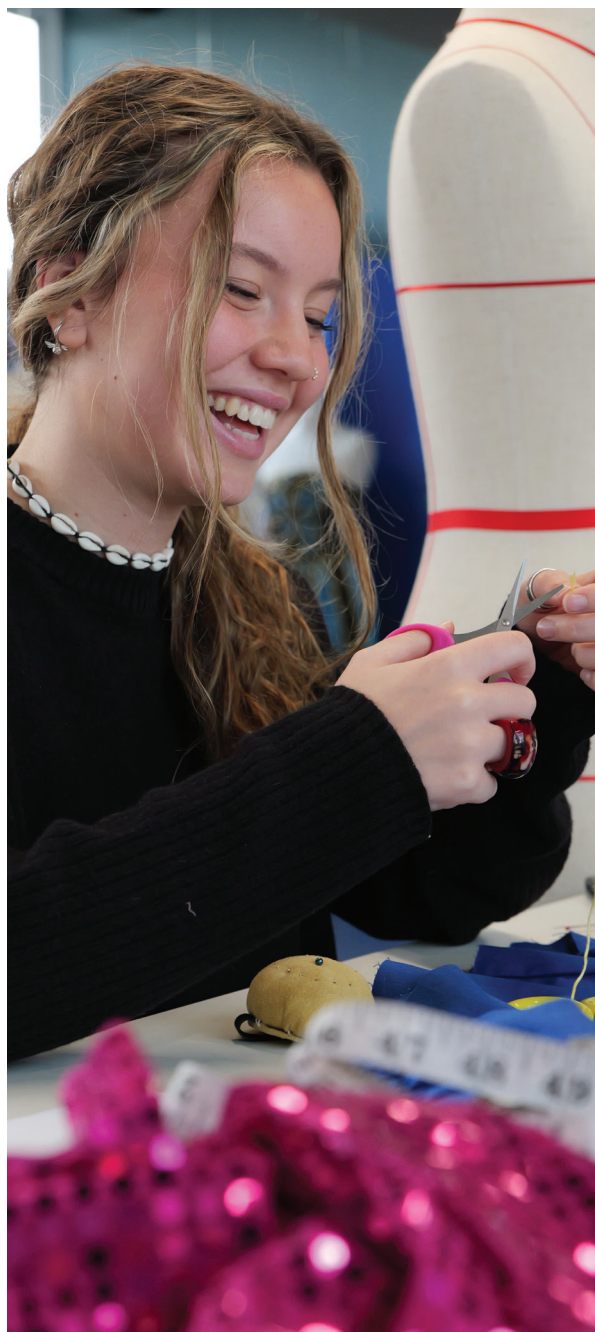
- Fashion Designer
- Retail Buyer
- Textile Designer
- Costume Designer
- Interior Designer
- Brand Marketing and PR

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Artistic expression
- Creative thinking
- Research and analysis
- Personal Promotion
- Project planning
- Attention to detail
- Design Communication
- Digital Design



## DID YOU KNOW?

The creative industries remain one of the UK's fastest-growing sectors. Between 2010 and 2023, it grew by approximately 35%, outperforming the average economy growth of about 22%.



# ART: 3D DESIGN

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, all from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths. Grade 4 in Art or a MERIT or DISTINCTION at BTEC Level 2 in an Art/Design subject.



If you have not studied a creative visual course at GCSE, entry may also be made via portfolio/ interview. You have the option of showing us the work you have done or there is a set project which you can undertake so that we can see your skills and gauge your enthusiasm to study this course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Art: 3D Design is distinguishable in this option by the emphasis placed upon the creative and functional response to a design brief or context and developing design ideas in a sketchbook. This course provides an exciting opportunity for learners to experiment with a range of materials and contexts, such as product design, body adornment, architecture and ceramics. Art: 3D Design will help you develop your own ideas and hands on modelling and product making opportunities to explore design communication and problem solving. Students are encouraged to design sustainably and incorporate three dimensional research, communication and analytical skills, including organisation and self-management, valuable to a huge range of creative careers.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Jewellery Designer
- Body Adornment
- 3D Fashion
- Architect
- Product Designer
- Model Maker/Props Film/TV

## PROGRESSION:

81%

19%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Research skills
- Analytical skills
- Project management
- Conceptualisation
- Digital & traditional methods
- Presentation skills





# BIOLOGY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects. Grade 6 in Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science. Plus Grade 5 in Maths and English Language. An average GCSE score of 5.5 is also required.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Do you want to make a difference in the world? The study of biology will prepare you for a variety of careers, from conservation to medicine, where you can do just that. The course is delivered by a team of enthusiastic, knowledgeable and approachable lecturers who will introduce you to the wonderful diversity of the biological sciences. Have you ever wondered how your heart is able to beat on its own? How exactly does your immune system protect you from constant attack? Could GM crops reduce world hunger? These are just some of the areas we will explore. Throughout the course you will also carry out a range of investigations to improve your practical skills, problem solving ability and confidence, applying your knowledge to new and different contexts. We think Biology is an awe-inspiring subject and we hope you will too!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Health
- Conservation
- Lab Technician
- Nursing
- Physiotherapist

## PROGRESSION:

82%

18%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Scientific enquiry
- Critical thinking
- Research and data analysis
- Analysis
- Observation

## DID YOU KNOW?

Biology can lead to a diverse range of career paths. This includes Environment and Conservation, Sport and Fitness, Medicine and Healthcare, Science and Research and Agriculture.

## Aoife - Swindon Academy

### A-level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology

"The course is very rewarding and has broadened my understanding of living things in the time I've been studying here so far. The lab facilities are really nice (we even have an axolotl!), the practical skills we develop there are also really beneficial into further understanding our learning by actually doing the things we talk about. There are a lot of opportunities such as trips, the Biology Olympiad and workshops that can help support you on subjects you struggle with."



# BIOLOGY

## (HUMAN BIOLOGY)

2 YEARS



### EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language, Maths and Science. (either 4-4 in Combined or a 4 in Biology)

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Are you fascinated by how the human body works? Do you want to learn more about this incredible machine? If so our exciting Human Biology course is perfect for you! Have you ever wondered exactly how the body is able to control and maintain different internal conditions? Why do some people's immune systems attack their own cells? How do bacteria, viruses and other pathogens specifically cause disease? These are just some of the questions you will explore the answers to. The course is delivered by experienced and approachable lecturers who are there to support you throughout your learning. Human Biology is an enthralling subject and we look forward to sharing our enthusiasm for it with you. Students progress onto University with majority of students studying Biomedicine, Physiotherapy or Adult Nursing.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Health
- Conservation
- Lab Technician
- Nursing
- Physiotherapist
- Bio Medicine

### PROGRESSION:

61%

39%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Scientific enquiry
- Critical thinking
- Research and data analysis
- Analysis
- Observation

# BUSINESS

T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

1 YEAR



### LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher which must include English Language and Maths.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Foundation Year helps you develop a broad range of knowledge, skills, and behaviours to prepare you for success in your chosen T-level route. In addition to honing key skills, you'll be introduced to the world of business and gain practical work experience, providing a deeper understanding of business operations. Learning is centred around completing projects and assignments based on realistic workplace scenarios, activities, and demands. This course is designed for learners who would benefit from extra study time and preparation, maximising your chances of progressing onto your chosen T-level and completing it successfully.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Apprenticeship
- Business Administration
- Retail
- Business

### PROGRESSION:

62%

38%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Critical evaluation
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership skills

### Business related T-levels:

Management and Administration T-level - see page 70  
Marketing T-level - See page 69



## ALUMNI

**Bethan (Kingshill) - 2021 - 2023**

**A-level Business (A\*), Psychology (A\*),  
English Literature (A), EPQ (A)**

"The best thing about Cirencester College is the unparalleled quality of teaching and academic support provided, whilst also having the ability to gain a sense of independence with your friends."

### Next Step:

"I am currently studying Business and Management at the University of Exeter. Throughout my first year of University I had a freelance marketing role alongside my studies."

## BUSINESS STUDIES

**2 YEARS**



### A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths.



A Grade 5 in English Language is recommended. GCSE Business is not required.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Business is a fascinating subject and looks at real world problems such as: How can businesses maximise profits? How do you grow a business? How do businesses create products which customers want? How do businesses motivate their staff? The course provides an engaging curriculum whether you are thinking of a future as an entrepreneur, senior manager or even specialising in a business field such as marketing or finance! The course provides an excellent academic grounding as well as the added value of developing knowledge and skills which will be useful throughout your career such as budgeting, leadership and problem solving.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Business Management
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Business Strategy
- Finance

## PROGRESSION:

**64%**

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

**36%**

■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Critical evaluation
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

Business students play a vital role in the UK's economy. At the end of 2024, Companies House listed about 5.41 million registered companies. Giving lots of opportunities for both apprentices and graduates.



# CABIN CREW

1 YEAR



## LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE

[No UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



This is a Level 2 course which can be taken alongside any Level 3 course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Our Cabin Crew course is designed to equip you with the essential skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the airline industry. From safety procedures and customer service excellence to in-flight operations and emergency protocols. With hands-on training and insights from industry professionals, you'll be fully prepared for this exciting industry.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Cabin Crew
- Airline Customer Service Agent
- Airport Baggage Handler
- Travel Agent

## PROGRESSION:

71%

29%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Customer service
- Multitasking
- Communication skills
- Conflict management
- Teamwork

## DID YOU KNOW?

Employment of flight attendants is projected to grow by 21% from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for most occupations.



# CHEMISTRY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above all from the core subjects including English Language. Average GCSE Grade 6, Grade 6 in Maths and Grade 6 in Chemistry OR Grade 6-6 in Combined Science.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Chemistry is everywhere, from the reactions happening in your body keeping you alive, to the shampoo you use to wash your hair, or even the fuel needed to heat your home or run your car! Studying Chemistry involves an exploration of matter at a molecular level. It is often seen as the 'central' science providing insights into a variety of interlinking physical and biological phenomena. Have you ever wondered: What makes perfume smell? How fireworks have so many different colours? How new drugs are discovered? These are just some of the questions you will be able to answer by studying Chemistry.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Chemist
- Forensic Scientist
- Toxicologist
- Doctor
- Healthcare

### PROGRESSION:

87%

13%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Scientific enquiry
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Data analysis
- Research skills

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Royal Society of Chemistry forecasts a 6.5% growth in chemical sciences jobs over the next decade. Around 314,000 professionals work in chemical sciences, with another 1.4 million employed in chemistry-based industries in the UK.

## Ellie - Highworth Warneford

### A-level Chemistry, Biology, and Psychology

"A-level Chemistry is a fascinating course, and I particularly enjoy how it combines theory with practical work. I really enjoy the hands-on approach that this course offers as it allows for me to see the concepts in action through exciting lab experiments, and understand how they apply in real-world scenarios. The subject is very rewarding and motivating, and it gives me a deeper appreciation for the world around me. I also believe that it provides you with many skills that are necessary in so many areas of life."



# CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths. Grade 4 in History (if taken at GCSE).



A Grade 5 in English Language is strongly recommended.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Classical Civilisation (often just called 'Classics') is the original humanities subject; it will immerse you into an exciting cultural study that focuses on the ancient civilisations of Greece, Rome and Persia. This fascinating subject is multi-disciplinary and very highly-regarded by universities. The overarching cultural focus that Classics provides lends itself to important debates about identity and our place in the world which are of vital importance to us today.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Public Relations
- Archaeologist
- The Civil Service
- Teaching
- Museum/Gallery Curator
- Law

## PROGRESSION:

79%

21%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical analysis
- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Attention to detail
- Essay writing
- Textual interpretation

## DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst some students will pursue careers directly related to classical studies, classics graduates have versatile skills that are applicable to a wide range of fields. Some of the most popular are in education, archaeology, museum and heritage sector, publishing, writing and journalism. An average qualified teacher salaries typically hover around £39k–£41k across England and Wales.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 6 Maths.



If taken, a Grade 4 is required in GCSE Computer Science if not an average GCSE Grade of 6.5 is required.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Computer Scientists are changing the world all of the time. They dream up creative, practical solutions and work with other smart, inspiring people to invent, design, and create things that matter. Through theoretical analysis and hands-on practical work, you will learn the core principles of computing and programming and how to apply them.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Software Engineer
- Computer Systems Engineer

## PROGRESSION:

69%

31%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problems solving
- Critical analysis
- Logical thinking
- Project management
- Analytical thinking



## Xavdryn - Stroud High A-level Computer Science, Chemistry, Maths

"I like how our booklets are structured to help us review the work after class to ensure we understand it"



# DESIGN, SURVEYING & PLANNING FOR CONSTRUCTION

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

Students with a Grade 4 in Maths will be enrolled on Maths GCSE (Higher Tier) to help you with the course.



The course is aimed at those who wish to pursue a career in a technical aspect of construction. Practical elements of the course include 3D design and surveying which run alongside theoretical academic content like project management and sustainability.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This dynamic T-level programme, developed in collaboration with leading industry professionals, offers students a robust foundation in the construction and built environment sector. With a focus on the Design and Surveying specialism, the course combines in-depth theoretical knowledge with skills that local employers have told us they want. A key feature of the programme is the 315 hour industry placement, providing real-world experience and valuable insight into the world of work. This qualification is ideal for students aspiring to pursue a career in the design, surveying or planning field of construction or progress to higher education in related subjects.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Building Surveying
- Design & Development Engineer
- Architect
- Town Planning & Architectural Technologist
- Quantity Surveying
- Construction Project Manager

## PROGRESSION:

50%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

50%

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Project planning
- Design
- Communication
- 3D Modelling



## DID YOU KNOW?

Projections show there to be further expansion in housing starts and infrastructure investment through 2026. With the construction industry experiencing a skills shortage there are lots of opportunities for students.

# DIGITAL MEDIA

1 OR 2 YEARS



## TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

[28 UCAS points available]

OR



## EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The media industry is changing rapidly with advances in technology and online platforms allowing the distribution of content to become instant and global. You will learn about how the media operates and get a practical and theoretic introduction to the knowledge, skills and understanding of the digital media industry. This course is designed to develop an understanding of how different media institutions operate to create products for specific target audiences. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of media pre-production, planning and production processes. You will develop transferable skills such as planning, communication, adaptability and leadership.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- TV Producer
- Journalist
- Video Editor
- Radio Producer

## PROGRESSION:

59%

41%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Branding and identity
- Attention to detail
- Project management
- Client interaction
- Creative problem solving



## DIGITAL (ICT OR MEDIA) T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

1 YEAR



### LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher which must include English Language and Maths

## ICT

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Foundation Digital ICT is designed for progression onto our Digital T-level Cyber Security pathway. For the Software Development pathway students are recommended to also take Higher Maths GCSE to achieve the Grade 5 in Maths required. You will be offered a variety of experiences including a full Level 2 Digital qualification, industry appropriate work experience opportunities and project work designed to teach research and development skills.

## MEDIA

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Foundation Digital Media is a creative gateway to the T-level Broadcast Media or the Level 3 Digital Media courses. Students will gain an introduction to the world of digital media creation. Students will cover pre to post production skills across a variety of units as well as having the opportunity to use the college high quality studio and production equipment. By the end of the course students will have a solid grounding in digital media and be confident in the creative production process.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Web Design
- Design Development
- Digital Production
- IT Technician

### PROGRESSION:

20%

80%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Critical thinking

## DIGITAL

2 YEARS



### T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths for the Software Development pathway.



If you have completed GCSE computing we would expect at least a Grade 4 to show interest in the industry.

**For the Digital T-level there are two pathways to choose from, Cyber Security or Software Development.**

## CYBER SECURITY

All organisations, both private and public, rely on information technology and networks for communication and information exchange. But what happens when these systems go down? Cyber threats and technical issues can cause significant disruptions, leading to data breaches, profit losses, and reputation damage. Working in digital security is both exciting and rewarding, as you'll learn the latest techniques to stay ahead in this ever-changing industry. This course will equip you with the skills to identify and prevent cyber threats, monitor threats in real time, and find innovative solutions to intercept them. This is an exciting time to join the Cyber and IT security industry which this course will prepare you for. If you are interested in becoming an IT or digital technician, this course will provide you with the necessary skills and experience in a career where AI and tech is changing the world of work, and you'll be at the forefront of managing this change in the industry.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Network Analyst
- IT Technician
- IT Project Manager
- Infrastructure Technician

### PROGRESSION:

17%

83%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP





## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Do you enjoy coding and solving problems? If so, this T-level course is for you. Programming and problem-solving are some of the most sought after skills in the ever-growing digital industry. Whether you enjoy solving problems or coding for apps and games, this course can open the gate for you into this fantastic rapidly expanding industry. In this qualification you will learn to code in a range of different languages and understand how organisations develop software within the industry.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Programmer
- Web Design Professionals
- IT Project Managers
- Research and Development (R&D) Managers

### PROGRESSION:

43%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

57%

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Project management
- Adaptability
- Decision making

### DID YOU KNOW?

The digital sector contributed £153.5 billion to the UK economy in 2023, this indicates a robust and growing digital economy, driven by advancements in technology and increased adoption of digital services.

#### Susan - The Dean Academy T-level Cybersecurity

"I like how we learn about the digital side of legislation, security and business context as it is a combination between 2 of my favourite interests - digital and business/law. I have improved my communication skills as well as teamwork skills as we always have to work together as a team to solve a problem and have to communicate with each other and outsiders to explain the problems and solutions."

# DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Drama and Theatre Studies is an exciting, practical and innovative course for anyone with a real interest in theatre who wants to know more. You will explore plays both practically and theoretically, gaining an understanding of a range of styles and genres of theatre. The great thing about this course is the focus on practical work and the development of skills in a range of theatre roles, including performer, designer and director. This course is an excellent base of learning for students wanting to study drama in higher education and just a fantastic opportunity to study a subject that you love and find fascinating.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Actor
- Community Arts Worker
- Dancer
- Drama Therapist
- Theatre Director
- Teacher

## PROGRESSION:

68%

32%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Collaboration
- Creative problem solving
- Public speaking
- Presentation skills
- Writing skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

The performing arts remain a vital part of the UK's cultural sector, and there are opportunities for employment across various roles within the industry. The music, performing and visual arts sub sector contributes £11-12 billion annually to the UK economy.



## Dani - Cirencester Kingshill

### A-level Drama & Theatre Studies, Music Production, Electronics

"I love the mix in Drama and Theatre Studies of practical exploration and examination and written work. I have gained skills in directing and set design as well as developing my performance skills."

# ECONOMICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Our A-level in Economics equips you with the skills and confidence to explore more on how resources are allocated in the world around us. It leads on from GCSE and provides an excellent basis for further study at university or the apprenticeship route. By learning how to explain and evaluate economic problems and possible solutions, you will acquire a way of thinking as economists and develop a logical approach to thinking and reasoning.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Economist
- Statistician
- Investment Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Investment Banker
- Environmental Agencies

## PROGRESSION:

75%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

25%

□ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Critical Evaluation
- Data interpretation
- Decision making
- Logical reasoning

## DID YOU KNOW?

The skills and insights provided by economists are valuable across various sectors, including government, banking, finance and consultancy. The UK economy's growth, particularly in retail and construction, suggests a need for economic analysis and policy development, which economists are well-equipped to provide.



### Ellie - Katharine Lady Berkeley's A-level Economics, Accounting, Psychology

"My favourite part of the course is learning about the way economics affects real life and how economics can be applied to scenarios to help you understand them. I have also learned how to answer long essay questions."



# EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



This course requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. We will be asking students to bring the necessary details to their enrolment appointment to complete this.

Primary schools or nurseries, also ask that we check the student's suitability to work with young children. Therefore, we will be requesting a reference from a student's current school.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This innovative two year programme, equips you with the knowledge and practical skills necessary for a rewarding career in education and childcare. You will explore a wide range of aspects of learning and development alongside practical experience, this course will help you prepare for a career as an Early Years Practitioner, Primary School Teacher and many more.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Early Years Practitioner
- Play Worker
- Primary School Teacher
- Special Educational Needs Assistant
- Teaching Assistant

## PROGRESSION:

53%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

47%

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Communication skills
- Problem solving and teamwork
- Observation
- Reflective practice
- Adaptability



## ALUMNI



### Amelia - Severn Vale T-Level Education & Childcare (Distinction)

"I have enjoyed my time here at Cirencester as it allowed me to meet new friends and grow as an individual to be able to pursue my chosen career. I've learned valuable skills and knowledge which I can take into the workplace."

#### Next Step:

Working at a PreSchool.

# ELECTRONICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, all from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths plus an Average GCSE score of Grade 5.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Are you curious about how modern gadgets work? A-level Electronics offers a fascinating journey into the world behind today's technology. Students gain a strong foundation in electronic principles, systems and real-world applications. You'll explore how circuits function, how programmable systems are used to automate processes, and how electronic technologies are shaping our future - from robotics to clean energy and communications. Learning combines theory with hands-on practical work. you will build circuits, write simple code, and use simulation software and lab equipment to bring ideas to life.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Electronics Engineer
- IT Consultant
- Network Engineer
- Aerospace Engineer
- Design Engineer
- Systems Analyst

## PROGRESSION:

75%

25%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Troubleshooting and problem solving
- Project management
- Data analysis
- Research skills
- Collaboration

## DID YOU KNOW?

The volume of electronics jobs has been increasing over the last decade. Our demand for personal consumer technology products from smart washing machines, mobile phones to video recording doorbells has exploded over the past 10 year. The average salary for electronics engineers in the UK is around £42,000–£45,000 per year.



# ENGINEERING

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths. Students will also enrol on Higher GCSE Maths unless already have Grade 7 or above.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Do you have an eye for design and a curiosity to how things work? You might have the right skills to become an engineer. This course explores how materials, the environment, and practical engineering influence design and development. You'll learn to solve real-world problems, explore career opportunities, sustainable green engineering, and commercial applications. The Engineering T-level at Cirencester College offers specialisms in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, and Manufacturing Engineering, with each culminating in a relevant project-based exam.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Design Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Manufacturing Design Engineer
- Green Retrofit Engineer
- Material Technologist
- Production Engineer
- Project Management

### PROGRESSION:

38%

62%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Project management
- Problem solving
- Creativity management
- Adaptability
- Teamwork

### DID YOU KNOW?

The engineering industries are in desperate need of talented, skilled graduates who are committed to innovating for the future. The field is known for its good prospects, competitive salaries, and opportunities for innovation and development.





# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1 YEAR



## GCSE

[No UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Below Grade 4 in GCSE English Language, improvers welcome.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The GCSE course in English Language will involve writing stories, letters and newspaper articles as well as reading extracts from novels and journalism, some of which will be from the 1800s. We aim to make you more confident with your writing and discussing ideas in class. The speaking and listening element is marked separately and you can, if you want, just keep your score from your previous school. If you are having to re-take English, you may not feel happy about it. However, we really do our best to make it interesting by looking at exciting topics. Of course, we also help you to develop the core skills you need to pass.

## PROGRESSION:

46%

54%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Writing skills
- Analytical skills
- Creative expression
- Attention to detail

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including Maths and Grade 5 in English Language.



A Grade 5 in English Literature is recommended.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Is 'rizz' a 'real word'? Does it matter that language varies and changes? If you have a view, then you'd find this course rewarding. This course is the 'science of English', and a world away from what you studied at GCSE: we study the kaleidoscope of the many varieties of language as it's used in the real world. As well as the study of a wide range of written and spoken datasets (collections of texts) we also engage with current debates around language by writing as journalists.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Journalism
- Publishing
- Public Relations
- Civil Service
- Teaching
- Copy Writer

## PROGRESSION:

79%

21%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Writing skills
- Analytical skills
- Creative expression
- Attention to detail

## DID YOU KNOW?

A-level English subjects can provide a strong foundation for university studies in a variety of subjects, not limited to English literature or language studies. The versatility of the A-level English qualification allows students to keep their career options open and explore different paths based on their interests and skills.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including Maths and Grade 5 in English Language.



A Grade 5 in English Literature is recommended.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

English Language & Literature A-level is perfect for students passionate about all aspects of English. This course inspires a love of reading, analysing, and writing both written and spoken words. You'll apply linguistic concepts to poems and literary tools to adverts, exploring a wide variety of texts. We value all language forms, from online blogs to published novels, and emphasise the importance of reading and writing skills. Following Philip Pullman's advice to "Read like a butterfly, write like a bee," you'll engage in creative writing and gain versatile reading skills. Our students have excelled in national writing competitions, and an English A-level is highly respected in higher education and valued by employers for developing effective communicators.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Journalism
- Publishing
- Public Relations
- Civil Service
- Teaching
- Marketing

### PROGRESSION:

86%

14%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### KEY SKILLS GAINED FROM AN ENGLISH A-LEVEL

- Critical thinking
- Writing skills
- Analytical skills
- Creative expression
- Attention to detail

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including Maths and Grade 5 in English Language.



A Grade 5 in English Literature is recommended.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

The A-level English Literature course offers the opportunity to read, discuss and analyse a diverse range of English and American texts, which explore themes such as love and death, truth and deception, gender and relationships, disillusionment and despair. You will gain clear, critical insights into these works, polish your analytical and essay-writing skills and develop your grasp of literary techniques and terminology, enhancing your ability to evaluate both set texts and 'unseen' prose and poetry. If you really enjoy reading literature and then exploring the moral, philosophical and emotional issues which arise, this is the course for you.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Journalism
- Publishing
- Public Relations
- Civil Service
- Teaching
- Copy Writer

### PROGRESSION:

81%

19%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP



### Ellie - Cokethorpe A-level History, Geography, English Literature

"I enjoy the open discussions in class and how the course links to my history course."

# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, all from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths plus an Average GCSE score of Grade 5.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Environmental Science A-level provides students with a comprehensive understanding of environmental issues, challenges, and solutions. To express and convey your passion for the environment and conservation by backing up your beliefs and ideologies through sound scientific understanding of the bigger planetary processes. If you want to save the world, you need to know how it works. Excellent opportunity to study a wide range of topics including the living and physical environment, energy resources, pollution, biological resources and sustainability.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Manager
- Marine Biologist
- Recycling Officer
- Sustainability Consultant
- Waste Management Officer

## PROGRESSION:

67%

33%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Scientific enquiry
- Data analysis
- Research skills
- Problem solving

## DID YOU KNOW?

Green jobs in the UK are not just increasing, they are expanding significantly faster than the rest of the labour market. From 270,000+ job adverts to nearly 700,000 FTE positions, the green economy is forging ahead, especially within energy, construction, and technical services.



### Jacob - Highworth Warneford Environmental Science, Geography, Psychology

"I really like how relevant Environmental Science is to the modern world- every topic has a link to real life, such as the issues of climate change and pollution. I have also gained lots of scientific skills from this course, such as how to conduct effective research and use many different types of equipment."



## EPQ (EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION)

1 YEAR



**EPQ**

[28 UCAS points available]



This qualification starts at the end of Year 1 and is completed in Year 2.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a Level 3 qualification that allows students to undertake an independent research project, typically alongside their A-Levels or other Level 3 courses in college. It offers students the chance to delve into a topic of their choice, developing valuable skills in research, planning, and independent learning. The EPQ can be in the form of a written report, an artefact (like a piece of artwork or a musical composition), or a project with a substantial written component.

The EPQ is valued by many of the most prestigious universities as excellent preparation for undergraduate study and career development.

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Industry knowledge
- Problem solving
- Project management
- Teamwork
- Research skills
- Writing skills



#### **Jakub - St Josephs** **EPQ, A-level Business, Graphic Communication, Economics**

The subject of Jakub's EPQ was his own restoration of a retired Championship go kart. The kart is now restored to its original specification to make the project as authentic as possible.

This shows the breadth and diversity of the topics that a student can choose for their EPQ. Other topics have included:

"Should British Sign Language be taught as part of education in England for under 18s?"

"Do internal beliefs and practices or external perceptions play a greater role in distinguishing a cult from a religion?"

## EQUINE T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

1 YEAR



**LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE**



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher which must include English Language, Maths and Science.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

We are exploring exciting new curriculum developments in equine study to ensure that it aligns with the latest skills need and industry requirements. As a college we want to ensure that we are offering a qualification that offers the most relevant and up to date information with appropriate advice and guidance for progression therefore this course offer is under review and may change.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Equine Care
- Animal Breeder or Trainer
- Riding Instructor
- Stable Manager

### PROGRESSION:

**100%**

**FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION** **EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP**

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Industry knowledge
- Problem solving
- Event management
- Teamwork
- Coaching skills

### DID YOU KNOW?

The UK equine sector is a £4.7–5 billion-year industry, employing around 230,000 people. The UK is recognized globally for equine expertise, with exports valued at over £500 million, particularly in bloodstock and racing services.



# EQUINE MANAGEMENT

2 YEARS



## ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

[112 UCAS points available]

OR



## EXTENDED DIPLOMA

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The horse industry is an exciting and dynamic work place with many different career paths. Wherever your interest in horses lies there will be many opportunities to promote a life long career that will be fulfilling, exciting and fun. You can choose to go into the horse industry upon leaving college or go on to study at higher education. You may choose to forge a career working with the horse directly or indirectly. You may choose to work in the UK or even travel and pursue a career in horses abroad. The opportunities are endless. You will be taught by a range of industry specialists who are enthusiastic about helping you achieve your goals. Some of the topics covered are: biological systems, food and nutrition, behaviour and welfare, horse fitness, equine health, rehabilitation, stable and yard operations. You will receive a certificate in employability skills.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Equine Veterinarian
- Riding Instructor
- Animal Breeder or Trainer
- Stable Manager

## PROGRESSION:

60%

40%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Industry knowledge
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Coaching skills
- Event management

# ESPORTS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Esports is one of the fastest growing industries in the UK. This course has been designed to enable students to learn and develop the required skills and knowledge needed to progress onto University or into employment in this exciting industry. This course provides an indepth study of the sector, and you will study areas such as: Coaching, Health and Fitness in the Esports industry, Enterprise and Creativity, Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Esports Events and Practical Gaming.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Game Designer
- Sports Coaches, Instructors and Officials
- Event Manager
- Graphic and Multimedia Designers
- Sport Psychologists
- Marketing

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Strategic thinking
- Leadership
- Time management
- Project management
- Data analysis
- Communication

## DID YOU KNOW?

The UK Esports industry is on an upward trajectory, characterised by increasing revenues, expanding user engagement, and growing institutional support.



# FILM STUDIES

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



With the extensive essay writing involved a Grade 5 in English Language GCSE is recommended.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Film is a powerful medium. If you love to explore the deeper meanings of films and consider the ways they can captivate us, then this is the subject for you. Studying Film at A-level will offer you the opportunity to engage with a wide variety of inspiring and challenging films. You will also explore the creative process of film-making and will apply this understanding to the production of your own short film or screenplay. In short, studying Film offers both an academic and creative challenge and is designed for anyone with a passion for film.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Marketing
- Editor
- Film Event Organiser
- Set Designer
- Programme Researcher
- Location Manager

## PROGRESSION:

69%

31%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical skills
- Research skills
- Critical thinking
- Visual literacy
- Teamwork

## DID YOU KNOW?

The UK film industry is showing strong growth bolstered by significant international investment, government incentives, and a resurgence at the box office.



# FINE ART

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects including English Language and Maths. Grade 5 in Art or a MERIT or DISTINCTION at BTEC Level 2 in an Art/Design subject.



If you have not studied a creative visual course at GCSE, entry may also be made via portfolio/ interview. You have the option of showing us the work you have done or there is a set project which you can undertake so that we can see your skills and gauge your enthusiasm to study this course.



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Being a Fine Art student provides you with a unique and exciting opportunity to explore, discover and develop highly personal and creative ideas in response to the world around you. This course will introduce you to a broad variety of materials, techniques and processes. You will engage with extensive research, experimentation and development work to enable you to make final outcomes that successfully combine skill, aesthetics and concept.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Fine Artist
- Curator
- Illustrator
- Printmaker
- Teacher
- Art Therapist

## PROGRESSION:

65%

35%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Communication skills
- Research Skills
- Project management
- Problem Solving
- Creative independent thinking
- Presentation skills



# FRENCH

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths and Grade 6 in French.



If you have not completed GCSE French but have an equivalent or higher command of the language, you may be eligible to enrol on this course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." In an increasingly globalised world, learning a second language will open many doors. Not only will you become a confident speaker of French, but you will also develop an understanding of a different culture and understand the importance of challenging stereotypes and prejudices. The breadth and depth of the A-Level, which includes literature, film, politics and culture, will also equip you with communication and critical thinking skills which are in demand by employers.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Diplomatic service
- Teacher
- Marketing
- Interpreter/translator

## PROGRESSION:

67%

33%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research skills
- Presentation skills
- Analytical thinking
- Listening skills
- Creative writing



## ALUMNI

**Anna (Highworth Warneford) - 2019 - 2021**

**A-level French (A), English Language (A), Law (A), Mathematics (B)**

"I loved that college felt like good preparation for university. We had self-directed study time, assignments and research projects, which I think set me up well for university."

### Next Step:

"I went to study Modern Languages (French) and Linguistics at the University of Oxford, with a year abroad, living in Paris. I have recently graduated from the University of Oxford with a 2:1 in BA Modern Languages and Linguistics. I am due to start a graduate training contract as an Audit Associate with Grant Thornton, where I will be studying towards the ACA qualification."



# GEOGRAPHY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The study of geography is about more than memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exist across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together. Our mission is to cultivate a passion amongst our students towards having a critical understanding of the world in the 21st century. As a team, we want to take students on a journey of discovery and intrigue, immersing them in a range of different real-life examples from their local neighbourhoods up to and including global problems such as climate change. Geography is a wide-ranging A-level that brings together the importance of human societies and their culture, economy and politics at a global, national and a local level.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Market Researcher
- Planning Consultant
- Environmental Consultant
- Landscape Architect

## PROGRESSION:

67%

33%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research skills
- Analytical skills
- Critical thinking
- Sustainability
- Problem solving

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is a significant demand for geoscientists in the UK, driven by their essential role in various industries and the country's commitment to addressing environmental and energy challenges.





# GEOLOGY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, all from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths plus an Average GCSE score of Grade 5.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Geology is the study of the planet at a scale that you will have never worked at before. Years are insignificant, a thousand years is the blink of an eye, we must look at millions and billions of years to understand the Earth. With this frame of mind in place we look to how geology will help us develop as a society as we collect resources, manage natural disasters and look to the future of human kind.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Geochemistry
- Environmental Consultant
- Hydro Geologist
- Drilling Engineer

### PROGRESSION:

81%

19%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Scientific enquiry
- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Scientific writing
- Data interpretation

### DID YOU KNOW?

Geology graduates in employment in the UK are doing various jobs. The top four include geologists, meteorologists, environment professionals and civil engineers. A geologist can earn between £24,000 and £118,000.

# GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, all from the core subjects including English Language and Maths. Grade 4 in Art or a MERIT or DISTINCTION at BTEC Level 2 in a creative subject.



If an art-based GCSE has not been taken, entry by completion of a portfolio is possible. Please contact Admissions for a portfolio assignment, to be completed and assessed prior to enrolment.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

We are creative, we are visual and we are everywhere. Graphic Communication is vast in its scope, from books and movies to fashion and video games, we offer opportunities to explore it all. We are a course that straddles the line between academic and professional development. On this course, you'll be free, to expand your knowledge, learn from the specialists and embrace your curiosity. We're looking beyond the structure of education into the vast realms of possibility found in the real world. Imagination is our fuel and you will need it from the very beginning. It is common that this is the place, the course, the time, to find yourself.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Graphic Designer
- Architect
- Animator
- Web Designer
- Illustrator
- UX Designer

### PROGRESSION:

65%

35%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Visual communication
- Project management
- Presentation skills
- Creative problem solving
- Communication
- Adobe software
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Aesthetics



# HEALTH

## T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

1 YEAR



### LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher which must include English Language, Maths and Science.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Foundation for T-level Health course is designed to offer students a pathway to the Level 3 T-levels in Health. This programme includes a technical component which is a Level 2 Health and Social Care qualification and weekly work experience.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Health Care
- Care Industry
- Apprenticeship

### PROGRESSION:

50%

50%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Communication skills
- Record keeping
- Teamwork
- Organisational skills
- Research skills



# HEALTH

2 YEARS



### T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and Science.



This course requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, we will be asking students to bring the necessary details to their enrolment appointment to complete this.

You may be required to have additional vaccinations to work in the hospitals.

## ADULT NURSING

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Are you interested in becoming a nurse, midwife, or paramedic? This innovative course provides a pathway into these rewarding careers, complete with hands-on learning in our state-of-the-art hospital ward. Focusing broadly on nursing, healthcare best practices, and an understanding of the NHS, this course is valuable for various healthcare roles. A major placement with patients and health professionals is a core component, giving you real-world experience. This course also prepares you for university studies in nursing or healthcare. You'll develop essential team and professional skills, equipping you with the knowledge needed for your chosen healthcare sector.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapist
- Midwifery
- Paramedic
- Radiography

### PROGRESSION:

76%

24%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP



**Laura - Malmesbury**  
**T-level Health (Adult Nursing)**

"Having the ward at the college means that when we do practical in it, it makes it more real and fun having all the equipment. I gained so many nursing skills both theory and practical work. Being in a hospital environment is such a good experience to see what it's really like and you get to communicate with a variety of different patients with different needs."



## MENTAL HEALTH

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Psychological wellbeing and mental health are at the forefront of society. Are you interested in gaining insights into mental health practice and theory? This course is perfect for those looking to work in the health and wellbeing sector. It covers core adult nursing knowledge and skills, best practices in healthcare, and an understanding of the NHS. With a specific focus on supporting mental health teams, you will undertake a major placement, working with patients and health professionals to develop your knowledge and skills. Over two years, you'll build team and professional skills, preparing you for employment and providing essential knowledge for your chosen sector. This course also sets a strong foundation for university studies in mental health nursing.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Mental Health Therapist
- Psychologist
- Mental Health Nurse
- Welfare Officer
- Social Worker
- Human Resources

### PROGRESSION:

**50%**

**FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION**

**50%**

**EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP**

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Organisational skills
- Research skills
- Sector skills

### DID YOU KNOW?

The UK healthcare sector employs over 3.6 million individuals when combining NHS staff and social care workers. The UK healthcare sector is a significant and a growing part of the economy, with substantial government investment and a burgeoning private sector.

# HISTORY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including Maths and a Grade 5 in English Language.



Studying GCSE History is recommended but not required. However, if taken, a Grade 4 or above is needed to take A-level History.

**For the History A-level there are four pathways to choose from, depending on which era of history interests you.**

## CONQUEST, CONTROL & RESISTANCE

This pathway takes you on a thrilling journey in history by delving into the violent end of Anglo-Saxon England following the Norman Conquest, the exciting upheaval in the Middle East during the first four Crusades, and the dramatic reign of the Tudor dynasty. Hone in on your critical thinking and analytical skills, preparing you for higher education and many diverse career opportunities.

## DEMOCRACIES IN CHANGE

In many parts of the world, democracy is under threat. This course focuses upon how two of the leading democratic countries developed during the 20th century. The first explores the huge range of political, social, economic and cultural changes in Britain that took place as a result of major events such as the two World Wars, while your second unit explores the boom, bust and recovery period of the USA, from the glamorous years of the 1920s to the rock and roll years of the early 1950s.

## DICTATORSHIP & DEMOCRACY

If you enjoy modern history then this could be the course for you as we focus on the struggles that led eventually to greater democracy in two European nations: Germany and Italy. You'll explore the turbulent years in Italy and Germany that saw the collapse of democracy and the creation of fascist dictatorships, then in second year learn about the struggles of ordinary people in 19th and early 20th century Britain as they fought for the right to vote, decent wages and greater freedom.

# REVOLUTION & REFORM

If your interest is in revolutions and turbulent times, then you will love this option. We move from the events and characters involved in the Russian Revolution and the victory of the first Communist regime, to the violent upheavals of 17th century Britain when the world was turned upside down with two revolutions in one century, before finally exploring the nature of the witch craze that took hold in the late sixteenth century and the changing attitudes to magic and sorcery that eventually contributed to its decline. A fascinating revolutionary course!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Historian
- Conservation Officer
- Law
- Museum Curator
- Archaeologist
- Heritage Manager
- Historic Buildings Inspector
- Teaching Professional

## PROGRESSION:

71%

29%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research skills
- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Essay writing
- Communication skills



**Ellie - Cokethorpe**

**A-level History, Geography, English Literature**

"I enjoy the fun teaching style and overlap with my other subjects, as well as developing on my GCSE subjects in more depth."



# HISTORY OF ART

**2 YEARS**



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including Maths and a Grade 5 in English Language.



Studying GCSE History is recommended but not required. However, if taken, a Grade 4 or above is needed to take A-level History of Art.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

History of Art at Cirencester College will help learners to develop their understanding of the relationship between society and art. We will study art historical terms, concepts and issues alongside the influence of cultural, social and political factors on art and architecture. Learners will also explore developments in materials, techniques and processes of both art and architecture over time, using a rich variety of art and architectural works from across the world: Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Archivist
- Conservationist
- Teaching
- Gallery Curator
- Heritage Manager
- Journalist

## PROGRESSION:

**100%**

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research skills
- Visual analysis
- Critical thinking
- Essay writing
- Artistic contextualisation

**Zoe - Thomas Keble**

**A-level History of Art, Ancient History, English Literature**

"History of Art is perfect for academic and creative people, I get to appreciate the arts without the worry of replicating their talent."



# LAW

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

What do Margaret Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto, Barack Obama and Mahatma Gandhi have in common? Interestingly, they are world leaders who studied Law. For some, to study law is to uphold justice, a noble call that is most commendable. Law is not just for lawyers or in the courtroom as it affects all aspects of society; from the protection of life and liberty to corporate or international relations. Law students are capable of doing many important roles in a variety of professions.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Barrister
- Company Security
- Legal Executive
- Paralegal
- Solicitor
- Accountant

## PROGRESSION:

76%

24%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research
- Analytical skills
- Public speaking
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking

## DID YOU KNOW?

Law graduates will be entering a high-paying industry with competitive salaries offered across varying specialties. On average, UK lawyers are paid £68,700 per year with some salaries reaching as high as £200,000 later in lawyers' careers.

## Grace - Kingsdown T-level Legal Services

"My lecturers are fantastic and make sure that the topic is understood completely and thoroughly, they make sure the course is exiting and make even the most challenging topics interesting creating fun ways to learn . They encourage all of us and always try to push us to our full potential and go above and beyond to give us opportunities. the actual T-level course itself is brilliant and covers lots of topics such a business and accounting , not just law , which is great as it broadens our view on law from the beginning and how law interconnects with other areas."



# LEGAL SERVICES

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



Given the academic rigour of this program, we highly recommend having a solid range of GCSE passes to ensure you're well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Discover the dynamic world of the legal sector with a Legal Services T-level. This two-year course provides a robust foundation for ambitious learners, equipping you with essential knowledge and practical skills for an exciting career or higher education. You'll gain hands-on experience with a 315-hour industry placement, develop key employability skills, and explore our specialised pathway focussing in Crime, Criminal Justice, and Social Welfare. Explore how legal firms operate, master industry-specific language, and develop crucial skills like negotiation, problem-solving, and commercial awareness. Join us to become a confident, resilient, and industry-ready professional. Embrace the future of legal services today!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Barrister
- Law
- Legal Counsellor
- Solicitor
- Accountant
- Marketing Executive

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research
- Analytical skills
- Public speaking
- Problem solving
- Critical Thinking
- Negotiating

# MARKETING

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

If you are interested in a career in marketing then the Marketing T-level at Cirencester College is the course for you. This cutting-edge, two-year programme, developed with input from industry leaders, provides you with a comprehensive understanding of marketing principles, digital strategies, and consumer behaviour. Combining classroom learning with an extended industry placement, you'll gain practical experience and valuable insights into real-world marketing challenges. Whether you're planning to enter the workforce or pursue higher education, this T-level equips you with the skills and knowledge to excel in the fast-paced marketing sector.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Digital Marketer
- Events Manager
- Marketing Researcher
- Marketing Assistant
- E-Commerce Manager
- PR Manager

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Critical evaluation
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership skills

# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Management and Administration T-level offers young people a fantastic opportunity to gain hands on experience and important theoretical knowledge of how businesses operate, including how they can have a meaningful impact when they enter the workforce. You will be developing team and professional skills to get you ready for employment, as well as all the essential knowledge needed for the sector. You will study different types of business, analyse what works and what doesn't and understand how they innovate and respond to challenges. As well as a robust work experience element of the course, each student will study Team Leadership/Management as a specialism.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Business Support
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Personal Assistant
- Sales Administrator
- Office Manager

## PROGRESSION:

22%

78%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Analytical thinking
- Critical evaluation
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership skills

## Edward

### T-level Management and Administration

"The content is interesting and the information is relevant and connected to my goals. Through this course I have gained skills in finance, business etiquette and how to operate a business."





# MATHEMATICS FOUNDATION & HIGHER

1 YEAR



## GCSE

[No UCAS points available]

## FOUNDATION



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 3 in GCSE Maths.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Whether you are working in an office, restaurant, beauty salon or on a farm or construction site, it is likely that good numeracy will help you do your job well. Since numerical skills are so important in the workplace, the government require students to keep studying Maths until they achieve a Grade 4. Hence, students who attained a Grade 3 in GCSE Maths at school must study GCSE Maths until they attain at least a Grade 4. You won't be on your own: we will provide all the support we can to help you achieve that coveted Grade 4.

## HIGHER



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 in GCSE Maths.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

GCSE Maths Higher is for students who are targeting a Grade 6 or higher. The entry requirement is a Grade 4 in Maths, but students are also accepted onto the course if they are entering UK mainstream education from either home educated backgrounds, foreign schools or Steiner schools, if appropriate. The main reasons that students take this course are either to meet university entry requirements, to supplement BTEC and T-level qualifications, or to enable progression onto A-level courses requiring GCSE Maths at Grade 6 or above. If you have a Grade 4 and are aiming for a Grade 5, you could achieve this by re-sitting the Foundation exam in November, or you could join this Higher course.

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Data analysis
- Analytical skills
- Attention to detail

### PROGRESSION:

41%

59%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

# MATHEMATICS FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

1 YEAR



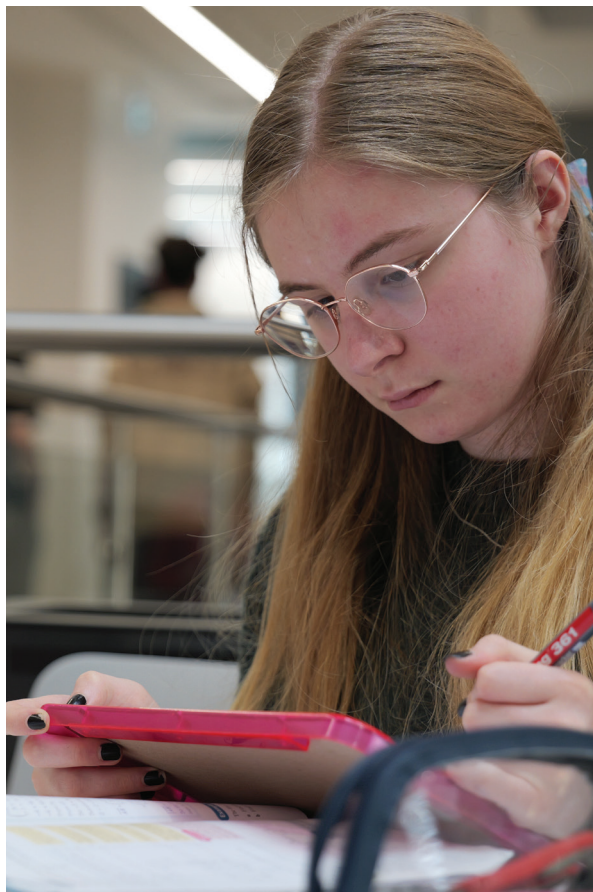
Functional Skills Level 1 Maths is required for students who have previously gained a Grade 1 or 2 in their GCSE Maths exam.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Functional Skills Maths is about problem solving, where questions are set in a contextual situation. Students are then required to decide what mathematical skills are required to progress. This will require students to develop their numeracy skills, being able to understand what information is necessary from what is given to them.

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Analytical skills



# MATHEMATICS CORE MATHS

2 YEARS



## LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

[28 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Core Maths looks at the methods and techniques needed to analyse real world situations. The course teaches practical skills for personal finance such as calculation of tax, national insurance and student loan repayments. Students will critically analyse data presented in the news for accuracy, bias and information as well as using graphs to describe and analyse real-life situations. There are two different pathways available, and both are one year courses. Statistical Techniques complements subjects like Psychology, Geography and Biology. Graphical Techniques complements subjects like Chemistry and Economics. Two-thirds of the course are completely identical. This is a great course to take alongside a programme of 3 A-levels (or equivalent) because you'll finish it in one year and improve your maths skills for your other subjects, while learning some excellent 'maths for life!' Completion in Year 1 means you can focus on your other subjects in Year 2.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Financial and Accounting Technicians
- Chartered and Certified Accountants
- Data Analysts
- Programmers

## PROGRESSION:

58%

42%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Time management

## DID YOU KNOW?

The analytical and problem-solving skills honed through studying mathematics are highly valued in fields such as data science, finance, engineering, technology, and research.

# MATHEMATICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects including English Language. GCSE Grade 7 in Maths and coverage of the whole of the Higher Maths GCSE course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

A-level Maths is the single most popular A-level in the country. This A-level extends many of the topics you have met at GCSE, as well as introducing some very new ideas. You'll work on developing your problem solving and analytical skills as well as looking at real life and abstract problems. This A-level is designed to support study in areas of science, economics and computing as well as stats-heavy areas of psychology, biology and geography.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Data Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Statistician
- Accountant
- Financial Manager

## PROGRESSION:

76%

24%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Analytical skills



## Niamh - Deer Park A-level Maths, Biology, Environmental Science

"The textbooks are very useful and have everything you need to know. Any part that confuses you, your lecturers are always there to answer any questions you have, and go through it with you."

For A-level Statistics see page 87

**Tokuma - Ridgeway**  
**A-level Maths (for Further Maths),**  
**Geography, Economics**

"Maths is a very flexible A-level for anyone who wants to keep their options open in the future and it is also very useful for day to day life. It has improved my problem solving skills and helps me with my other A-levels as well as being a break from written work. I like the weekly support sessions hosted by teachers, they are very helpful for catching up. Teachers are very supportive and helpful, nothing is too much of an ask."



# MATHEMATICS

## FURTHER MATHEMATICS

**2 YEARS**



### A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects including English Language. GCSE Grade 7 in Maths and coverage of the whole of the Higher Maths GCSE course.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

If you are planning on a career or university course in the areas of Maths, Physics, Engineering or Computer Science – or if you just really love learning maths – then the Maths and Further Maths two A-level package might be for you. This means you will study the "normal A-level in Mathematics" followed by a specialist "Further Maths A-level" aimed at bridging the gap to careers and university courses with very large maths content. This A-level contains a lot of maths that most other students will never even need to think about, but forms an essential part of higher study. If you are looking at STEM courses at the most selective Russell Group Universities then this may even be required as part of your offer, or just a highly desirable subject to support your application.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Data Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Statistician
- Accountant
- Financial Manager

### PROGRESSION:

**69%**

**31%**

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Data analysis
- Time management



# MEDIA STUDIES

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The media plays a central role in contemporary culture, society and politics. They shape our perceptions of the world through the representations, ideas and points of view they offer. This course offers learners the opportunity to develop a thorough and in-depth understanding of these key issues through application of theoretical approaches, reflection, analysis and debate. We ask questions like, What is the impact of fake news? How are our ideas about gender and ethnicity influenced by the media? How has digital technology shaped how we interact with and consume media? In addition, you will be taught technical expertise and have the chance to create your own media production.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Video Editor
- Journalist
- Radio Producer
- Feature Film Producer
- Television Producer
- Cinematographer

## PROGRESSION:

62%

38%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Communication skills
- Teamwork
- Presentation skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

The UK entertainment and media sector is experiencing significant growth and is poised to become the largest in Europe by 2028. According to PwC's Global Entertainment & Media Outlook 2024–2028, the UK market is expected to surpass £100 billion in 2024 and reach £121 billion by 2028, reflecting an annual growth rate of 4%.



# MEDIA: BROADCAST & PRODUCTION

2 YEARS



## T-LEVEL

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## CONTENT CREATION & PRODUCTION

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

The media industry is changing rapidly with advances in technology and online platforms allowing the distribution of content to become instant and global. You will learn about how the media operates and get a practical and theoretical introduction to the knowledge, skills and understanding of the digital media industry. You will develop an understanding of how to use graphics, video and sound to create products for specific target audiences including basic web creation. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of media pre-production, planning and production processes. You will develop transferable skills such as planning, communication, adaptability and leadership. Put your current creative and technical impulses to use and develop a platform of new skills across a range of media arts practices within our extensive production facilities and with our highly experienced, industry-focused teaching team.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Video Editor
- Journalist
- Radio Producer
- Feature Film Producer
- Television Producer
- Cinematographer

### PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Communication skills
- Teamwork
- Presentation skills





# MUSIC PERFORMANCE

2 YEARS



## EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



In addition, you will be invited to attend an audition.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This course is designed for singers, guitarists, drummers, keyboardists or bass players, with a focus on popular genres such as pop, rock, funk, country, jazz music performance and the music industry. Students will develop their technical ability, stage presence, and collaborative musicianship through regular rehearsals and live performances. Ideal for those with several years of experience performing various musical styles, this course aims to enhance both your practical skills and overall music knowledge. This course is perfect for those looking to deepen their musical understanding, refine their performance craft, and prepare for higher education or work in the creative industries. We look forward to supporting each student's musical growth and seeing them thrive in a professional and inspiring learning environment.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Musician
- Producer
- Promoter
- Performer
- Marketer
- Agent

## PROGRESSION:

81%

19%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Event planning
- Audience engagement
- Problem solving
- Self-discipline
- Stage presence





# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

2 YEARS



## EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This dynamic and hands-on qualification designed for students with a passion for music, technology and creativity. Whether you're an aspiring producer, sound engineer, performer, or simply curious about how music is made in today's digital world, this course offers an exciting introduction to the professional techniques and tools used across the music industry. Students will explore the art of music production, sound design, mixing and mastering, and studio recording. Using industry-standard software and equipment, they will learn how to create original tracks, work collaboratively, and develop a strong technical skill set alongside their musical creativity. This course aims to enhance both your practical skills and overall music knowledge.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Musician
- Producer
- Promoter
- Performer
- Marketer
- Agent

## PROGRESSION:

65%

35%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Event planning
- Audience engagement
- Problem solving
- Self-discipline
- Stage presence

## DID YOU KNOW?

The UK music industry is experiencing healthy growth, underpinned by digital innovation, a strong live music scene, and the global appeal of British music. This positive trend is expected to continue as the industry adapts to new technologies and consumer behaviours.



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

2 YEARS



## EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 and above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Are you looking for an exciting and practical course as part of your studies? Do you enjoy the outdoors, adventurous activities, and aspire to become an outdoor instructor or broaden your skillset? If so, the Outdoor Adventure course is perfect for you. You'll explore the principles of outdoor adventure, understand careers in the sector, and learn about the importance of a healthy, active lifestyle. You'll also develop and test your skills in both land and water-based activities. This course, equivalent to one A-level, provides matching UCAS points and opens up new horizons.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Data Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Statistician
- Accountant
- Financial Manager

## PROGRESSION:

29%

71%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Data analysis
- Time management
- Outdoor pursuit skills





# PERFORMING ARTS **2 YEARS**



## DIPLOMA

[112 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This is an acting focussed course, developing skills in many styles of acting such as Classical, Realism and Expressionism. This course is for people who love performing and want to pursue a career in acting. The course is hugely practical, with focus on professional standard performance training to prepare you to apply to drama school, dance school, university and auditions to become a professional performer.



## EXTENDED DIPLOMA

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This is our triple threat course and is for people who love performing and want to pursue a career in the performing arts industry. The course is hugely practical, with focus on professional standard performance training which will prepare you for drama school, dance school, university and auditions to become a professional performer. Every term you are assessed in skills workshops, rehearsals and performances, with written work linked to practical development of performances. You will evaluate your skills, developing skills and knowledge as a performer. On the course you will train in acting, singing and dance.



### Kath - Malmesbury Performing Arts, A-level Sociology

"I like that Performing Arts has allowed me to share my love of Musical Theatre with the people around me who are similar minded and share the same passion and excitement."

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Actor/Singer
- Music Theatre Performer
- Director
- Choreographer
- Teacher
- Playwright

## PROGRESSION:

**70%**

**FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION**

**30%**

**EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP**

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Stage presence
- Analytical skills
- Leadership skills
- Communication skills





# PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



Examinations are essay based so a good standard of English is required.

There is no expectation that you have studied any RE GCSE course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Western philosophy includes discussions on the arguments for and against the existence of God, religious experience, the nature of the mind and body and what implications this has for a possible life after death. In Ethics, you will compare and contrast different ethical theories and apply them to ethical dilemmas such as euthanasia, animal testing and sex. You will also study the philosophy of ethical language and the role of personal responsibility in moral decision making.

**For the Philosophy and Religion A-level there are two pathways to choose from:**

## BUDDHISM

You will explore Buddhism which is considered by many to be an Eastern philosophy rather than a religion. You will look at teachings on the nature of reality and human life, wisdom, morality and meditation.

## PROGRESSION:

93%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

7%

## DID YOU KNOW?

Religious studies and philosophy courses develop a range of valuable skills including research, logical reasoning, critical thinking, analytical and ethical reasoning, which are applicable in many professional contexts including law, journalism, public relations and many more.

# CHRISTIANITY

The Christianity pathway involves the study of the ways in which Christianity has responded to various issues, including scientific advances, secularism, religious pluralism and sex and gender issues.

## PROGRESSION:

94%

6%

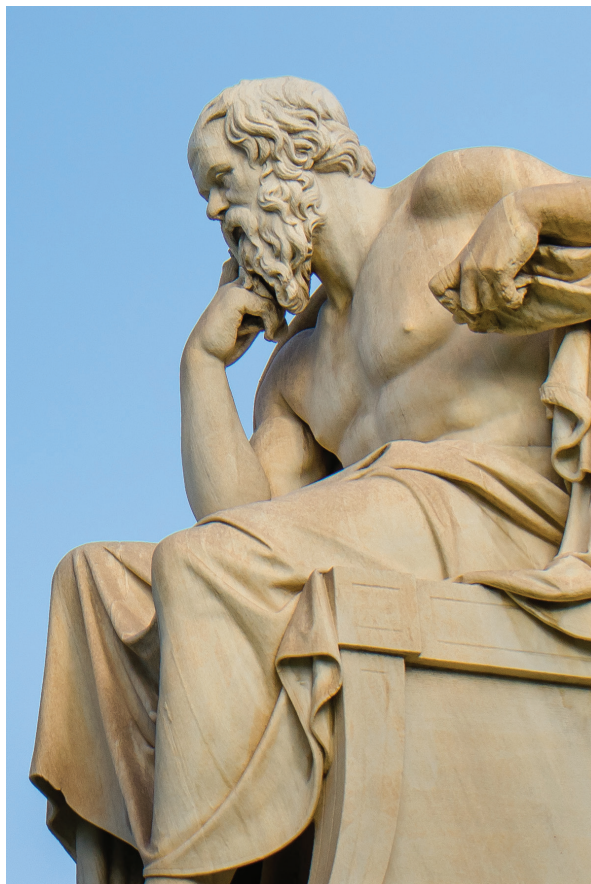
☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Charity Worker
- Counsellor
- Archivist
- Newspaper Journalist

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Essay writing
- Debate skills
- Communication skills



# PHOTOGRAPHY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This exciting hands-on course offers you the knowledge and skills to become highly inventive in the creation of eye-catching, thought-provoking imagery. The course follows both traditional and digital techniques, with emphasis upon the research and study of historical and contemporary photographers. We are one of the few institutions that still provides specialist dark room facilities, as well as digital software.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Advertising Art Director
- Press Photographer
- Magazine Features Editor
- Graphic Designer
- Photographer
- Stylist

## PROGRESSION:

76%

24%

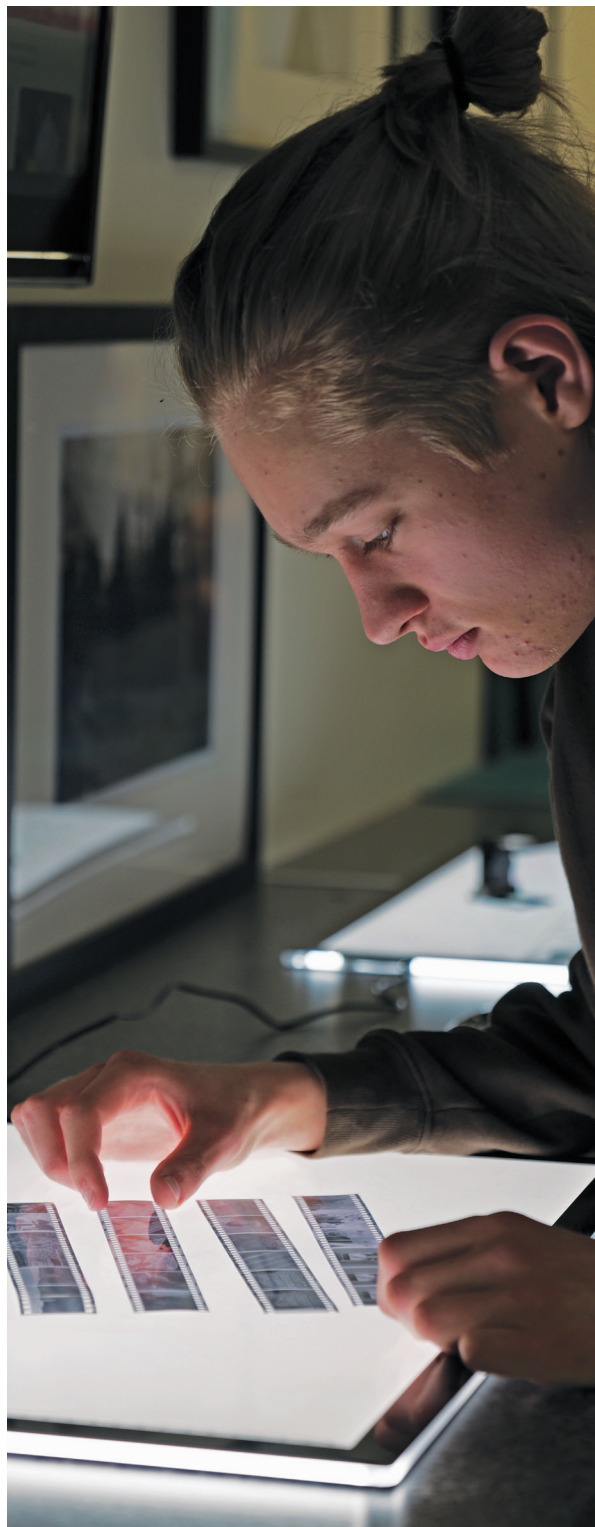
■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical analysis
- Research skills
- Presentation skills
- Self-critique
- Project management

## DID YOU KNOW?

The number of people employed in photography in the UK is estimated to be around 86,000. This figure includes professional photographers working in various sectors, such as commercial photography, portrait photography, journalism, event photography, and more.



# PHYSICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects. Grade 6 in Physics or 6-6 in Combined Science. Plus Grade 7 in Maths and Grade 5 in English Language.



We strongly recommend that you take A-level Maths alongside Physics.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Why does light travel through glass and not through metal? If you like asking questions like this and want to find out about the answers then perhaps you should consider studying A-level Physics. Building on your GCSE experiences, we continue the journey of discovery, bringing mathematical skills together with physical principles to predict and model the future.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Physicist
- Nano-technologist
- Geophysicist
- Investment Analyst
- Nuclear Engineer
- Meteorologist

## PROGRESSION:

76%

24%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Analytical skills
- Data interpretation
- Teamwork

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is a recognised shortage of skilled professionals in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, including physics. This shortage enhances job prospects and often results in competitive salaries and career advancement opportunities for physics graduates. The versatility of a physics degree and the strong analytical, problem-solving, and quantitative skills it imparts make physics graduates highly employable.

## Shawn - St Joseph's Catholic College A-level Physics, Maths (for Further Maths), Computer Science

"I like that A-level Physics has a lot of new and detailed content compared to GCSE, so I'm actually learning instead of constantly revising. It is quite challenging but that makes it more fun in my opinion."





# POLITICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including Maths and Grade 5 in English Language.

**All students study British politics and political ideologies in year one, in year two you can select to specialise in either American Politics or Global Politics.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

In this rapidly changing world, politics has become more important than ever. Politics is all around us and if you are interested in current affairs, ideas, and how the country and the wider world is run, then this is the course for you. A-level Politics offers you the opportunity to become empowered by gaining an in-depth understanding of national and international political issues and structures, whilst also exploring the big questions that political ideas such as conservatism, socialism and feminism seek to answer.

## GLOBAL

If you decide to study Global Politics, this part of the course broadens the focus to include international relations. Here you will look at the big issues that are currently threatening the world, such as terrorism, globalisation and climate change. You will also find out about how the international community attempts to deal with such issues through global and regional organisations such as the UN, NATO and the EU, and evaluate how effective this is. The changing dynamic with Russia and the Ukraine; the perceived threat of China and her human rights record and concerns with the environment are all key issues that you will be able to discuss.

## PROGRESSION:

87%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

13%

## DID YOU KNOW?

Politics graduates often pursue careers in public policy, government, media, consulting, and business sectors. They frequently secure roles such as policy advisers, research officers, civil servants, management consultants, public affairs assistants, and communications officers.

# USA (AMERICAN POLITICS)

American Politics examines the workings of the American political system. Here you will find out why America is often seen as a 'beacon of democracy' and examine if this is accurate. Debates surrounding racial politics and democracy, America as a world power, the role of the Supreme Court, and the power of the US President. Controversial issues such as abortion, the right to vote as well as American foreign policy will all be debated.

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Charity Officer
- Public Affairs Consultant
- Government Social Research Officer

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Essay writing
- Analytical skills
- Statistical literacy

## Henry - Malmesbury

### A-level Business, Politics, Sociology

"The course is heavily focused on current affairs, allowing me to be up to date with what is going on within the political world. I have developed my ability to form in depth analysis on contemporary examples and infer information from sources."



# PSYCHOLOGY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Grade 5 in Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

If you have ever wanted to explain other people's behaviour (or even your own), if you are unsure about how we can know for sure what another person might be thinking, or if you are considering a career in counselling, social care, mental health or working with people in general, then this could be the course for you. This course provides you with an introduction to the psychology sector; focusing on research, theories and including the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required to succeed.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Psychology
- Counsellors
- Support Workers
- Social Work
- Lawyers
- Police

## PROGRESSION:

70%

30%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Research skills
- Problem solving
- Statistical literacy

## DID YOU KNOW?

There are approximately 55,000 to 60,000 psychologists employed in the UK including in both the NHS and the private sector. The demand for psychologists in the UK has been growing, driven by increasing awareness of mental health issues and the need for psychological support in various sectors.

# SOCIOLOGY

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.



A Grade 5 in English Language is recommended.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Barack Obama once said: 'The world has never been healthier, wealthier or less violent'. Despite this, nearly 1 billion people in the world today live in poverty, over 14 million of whom live within the UK. Do you ever wonder why inequality continues to exist in the world? Have you considered how gender, religion, and ethnic backgrounds open or close opportunities in your life? Sociology makes you look at things in new ways and helps you better understand the world in the 21st Century.

## CRIME

The Crime pathway explores theories associated to crime and deviant behaviour; exploring how and why crime rates in the UK vary based on class, gender, ethnicity and age. How can crime be measured and how accurate is crime data?

## PROGRESSION:

65%

35%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WORLD

The World Sociology pathway explores global inequality, traditional gender roles and cultural practices as well as how globalisation is changing the level of inequality across Africa and Asia.

## PROGRESSION:

72%

28%

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION □ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Psychology
- Counsellors
- Support Workers
- Social Work
- Lawyers
- Police

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Data analysis
- Critical thinking
- Debating
- Problem solving
- Statistical literacy
- Writing skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sociology provides a versatile foundation that can be applied to a wide range of sectors. The skills developed through a sociology degree are highly valued and can lead to rewarding careers in various fields.



**Kath - Malmesbury**

**A-level Sociology, Diploma in Performing Arts**

"I like how this course allowed me to learn about the world I live in and open my eyes to how I have been brought up and socialised in the world around me."

# SPANISH

**2 YEARS**



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language, Maths and Grade 6 in Spanish.



If you have not completed GCSE Spanish but have an equivalent or higher command of the language, you may be eligible to enrol on this course.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This engaging course will immerse you in the rich language, literature, film, politics and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Not only will you become a confident speaker of Spanish but you will also develop an understanding of a different culture and understand the importance of challenging stereotypes and prejudices. This is the perfect course if you are keen to broaden your horizons, study at university or join a variety of different careers.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Diplomatic Service
- Marketing
- Teacher
- Interpreter/translator

## PROGRESSION:

**69%**

■ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

**31%**

■ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Research skills
- Analytical thinking
- Creative writing
- Presentation skills
- Listening skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

Speaking another language can significantly improve your job prospects and boost your pay. Research shows that a linguist's salary can be anything from 8-20% higher than those without language skills.



# SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

2 YEARS



## LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

[112 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language, Maths and Biology/Science.



A qualification in PE and a Grade 5 in Science is also recommended.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Are you looking for a science-based learning opportunity that could fulfil a job in the sports sector and allow you to progress into higher education? If the answer is yes, then this could be the ideal course for you. Sport and Exercise Science combines theory and practical sessions to cover core elements of anatomy, physiology, psychology and biomechanics. These elements together will make you a much more confident and competent practitioner who is able to take on considerable responsibility in the workplace. Please note that to do well on this programme you must have a genuine interest in science.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Sport Psychologist
- Biomechanist
- Physiologist
- Nutritionist
- Physiotherapist
- Strength & Conditioning Coach

## PROGRESSION:

64%

36%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Research skills
- Presentation skills
- Analytical/Evaluation skills

## DID YOU KNOW?

As of 2024, the UK sports and leisure sector employed approximately 878,000 people, accounting for about 3.5% of the total UK workforce. This encompasses a broad range of roles across various sub-sectors, including professional sports, fitness, recreation, and leisure activities.



### Ruby - Bradon Forest Sport and Physical Activity

"I chose Sport and Physical Activity as I am looking to further my education and career in sport. I have thoroughly enjoyed every practical lesson and loved the trips so far as they are so beneficial. I've got to try new activities like skiing and spinning and I love how this course fits in with netball training & matches at college."

# SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 2 YEARS



## EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]

OR



## LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language, Maths and Biology/Science.



A qualification in PE is preferable but not compulsory.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Sport and Physical Activity course has a wide ranging set of units that allow students to explore how to teach, coach, lead and organise sport and physical activity for a variety of ages, abilities and physical needs. The course combines examined and coursework-based assessment, whilst providing students with many opportunities to develop their coaching and leadership skills through a number of community activities with local partners. It is suited to those interested in careers in sports development, sports coaching, teaching, leisure and health and fitness.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Leisure Manager
- Gym Instructor
- Sports Coach
- PE Teacher
- Performance Analyst
- Personal Trainer

## PROGRESSION:

43%

57%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Organisation
- Customer service
- Event Planning
- Communication

# STATISTICS

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English and Grade 6 Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

With the power of modern computers, it has perhaps never before been so important to really understand what different statistical measures and tests are telling us. If you want to try to investigate whether a new medical treatment has had positive results; how would you do it? You may want to investigate whether there is a relationship between the size of town you grow up in and your annual salary at the age of 30; how would you do it? In both of these cases, you would need to use a particular Statistical Test. A good understanding of Statistical Tests is essential in many social science-based degree courses, e.g. Psychology. Whilst you will be taught the relevant statistics on your degree course, if you have studied A level Statistics beforehand you will find the numerical side of your degree is so much more familiar.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Data Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Statistician
- Accountant
- Financial Manager

## PROGRESSION:

# NEW COURSE

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Analytical skills
- Data analysis
- Time management

# TEXTILES

2 YEARS



## A-LEVEL

[56 UCAS points available]



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths. Grade 4 at GCSE or a MERIT or DISTINCTION at BTEC Level 2 in an Art or Design subject.



If you have not studied a creative visual course at GCSE, entry may also be made via portfolio/ interview. We would love to see examples of your work, so make sure you have photographs on your phone that we can have a look at to help you choose the best creative course for you.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Do you have a passion for fashion or an artistic flair and love to create new and exciting designs? From 3D hand-beading and laser-cutting for appliqué, to screen-printing, this course will allow you to learn how to create textile samples and transform them into innovative final outcomes in fashion, interiors or textiles art. As long as it fits in the textiles room you can make it.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Textiles Design
- Fashion
- Costume Design
- Clothing and Textile Technology
- Interior Designer
- Tailor

### PROGRESSION:

72%

28%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

### WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Creativity
- Entrepreneurship
- Problem solving
- Presentation skills

### DID YOU KNOW?

Textiles students are in demand across multiple sectors, including fashion, sustainability, healthcare, and industrial applications. Their skills are valuable in developing new materials, ensuring quality, and contributing to innovative solutions in various industries.





# TRAVEL AND TOURISM

2 YEARS



## LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]

OR



## LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

[112 UCAS points available]

OR



## LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA

[168 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The UK travel and tourism industry contributed around £286 billion to the economy in 2024 and supports about 3.8 million jobs, making it one of the country's largest employment sectors.



## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Travel and tourism is one of the most dynamic industries so why not become part of it? If you have dreamed of working abroad then studying travel and tourism will help that dream come true! We can help you gain the skills and qualities needed to work in the industry. Not only do we investigate the opportunities of work overseas, but we look at a variety of topics that will help you in many walks of life.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Tour Guide
- Holiday Rep
- Tourism Officer
- Cabin Crew
- Event Manager
- Hotel Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Travel Advisor

## PROGRESSION:

28%

72%

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION    EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Customer service
- Event planning
- Communication skills
- Research skills
- Negotiation skills

## Eve - Malmesbury

### Travel and Tourism, A-level Maths

"I like that it is assessment based, it covers relevant topics and has allowed me to meet some amazing people that are interested in the same things as me."

# UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES - POLICE

2 YEARS



## NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Uniformed Protective Services at Cirencester College provides the ultimate preparation for a career in the Police service, including progression into careers in law, the prison service, and voluntary or private security sector. This course is steered towards those interested in a career in the police, legal services, or has an interest in Criminology.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Front-line Police
- Emergency Services
- Criminologist
- Armed Forces
- Lawyers

## PROGRESSION:

## NEW COURSE

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Crisis management

## DID YOU KNOW?

Careers in the UK's uniformed services encompass a diverse range of roles dedicated to public safety, national security, and community welfare. These services offer structured career paths, comprehensive training, and opportunities for advancement.



### Jasmine - Bradon Forest Uniformed Protective Services

"It really opens your eyes and prepares you for a later career in the protective services. The practicals are also very hands on and show you what tasks are like while working in such. I have developed my skills in Leadership, Communication, Stress management, Physical fitness, Team building and overall performance!"

# UNIFORMED SERVICES

2 YEARS



## EXTENDED DIPLOMA

[56 UCAS points available]



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5+ GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, from the core subjects, including English Language and Maths.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Uniformed Protective Services at Cirencester College provides the ultimate preparation for a career in the Armed Forces, Emergency and Rescue services (Fire, Police, etc.), UK border force, as well as non-uniformed roles, civil service, voluntary or private security sector. This course will challenge you, take you out of your comfort zone and put you one step ahead of the rest. Students will explore criminology, public service disciplines, careers in the sector, participate in adventurous activities, learn and practice leadership and communication skills alongside much more.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Armed Forces
- Outdoor Adventure Centres
- Emergency Services
- Social Work
- Lawyers
- Police

## PROGRESSION:

32%

68%

☒ FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION ☐ EMPLOYMENT/APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT KEY SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Crisis management

# UPGRADE STUDY PROGRAMME

1 YEAR



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3+ GCSEs at Grade 2, including English Language and Maths



Places will be offered following a satisfactory interview. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to a particular vocational pathway.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

Upgrade is a study programme designed to give students the confidence and Grades at GCSE level to be able to progress to their chosen pathways whether here at Cirencester or at another college, undertake an apprenticeship or get a job with training.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Upgrade programme has three progression aims. Students can progress to a Level 2 course of their choice, subject to meeting the entry requirements. We have a huge success rate for students to progress onto Level 2 and even Level 3 apprenticeships. We support students to find an apprenticeship that suits their career aims, or a full-time job. As a College, we work with students to find work in an industry that they enjoy.



# APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a full-time job with a blend of 'on' and 'off the job' training that provides you with the skills you need for your chosen career, whilst also earning a wage. Apprenticeships are available across a wide range of industry sectors and are an excellent way of gaining nationally recognised apprenticeship skills, knowledge and behaviours, whilst working and gaining real workplace experience.

It is important that you consider what type of apprenticeship you want to do and when it is the right time for you to make the move from full-time education to full-time work.

We have a fantastic Apprenticeship Team here at the College, who will work with you to help you find the right apprenticeship for your goals and interests.

Apprenticeships are delivered at different levels reflecting the scope and responsibility of the job role and not the academic ability of the apprentice. The skills and competencies expected in the workplace become increasingly more complex through the levels. There is the chance to progress to higher levels where the job responsibilities allow.



## **George - Acorn Community Bank Business Administrator Level 3**

"Apprenticeships are an excellent way for young people to enter the workforce.

If you're unsure about your plans after finishing sixth form or college, and you're uncertain about going to university, consider looking into an apprenticeship. With an apprenticeship, you'll gain valuable on-the-job experience across a variety of sectors."

The 'level' of apprenticeship offered will entirely depend on the job role. We will advise you on the relevant apprenticeship programme and then agree which apprenticeship level is appropriate.

### **Level 2 - Intermediate**

Likely to be a process driven role, typically without responsibility for staff, projects or wider decision making. The role may develop into these areas as the apprentice progresses. This apprenticeship normally takes a year and the apprentice may be able to progress on to an advanced apprenticeship in their second year.

### **Level 3 - Advanced**

A role with some responsibility and greater levels of complexity and autonomy. An apprentice may use their own initiative and be able to make appropriate decisions. They may already have achieved an intermediate apprenticeship and this role is allowing them to develop and progress. The course takes 12-18 months.

### **Levels 4-7 - Higher, Degree & Masters**

These apprenticeships will include strategic and management responsibilities or will be a role requiring a high level of technical expertise and responsibility. A degree apprenticeship will include gaining a degree as part of the apprenticeship training and will be a minimum of three years duration.



Archaeology

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN**

**LEVEL 3**



Business  
Support

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

**LEVEL 3**

**HR SUPPORT**

**LEVEL 3**

**LOGISTICS AND WAREHOUSE**

**LEVEL 2**



Customer  
Service

**CUSTOMER SERVICE PRACTITIONER**

**LEVEL 2**

**CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST**

**LEVEL 3**



Digital  
& IT

**DIGITAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN**

**LEVEL 3**

**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN**

**LEVEL 3**

**IT TECHNICAL SALESPERSON**

**LEVEL 3**

**SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TECHNICIAN**

**LEVEL 3**

**DEVOPS ENGINEER**

**LEVEL 4**



Marketing  
& Media

**CONTENT CREATOR**

**LEVEL 3**

**EVENT ASSISTANT**

**LEVEL 3**

**MULTI-CHANNEL MARKETER**

**LEVEL 3**

**JUNIOR PRODUCTION COORDINATOR**

**LEVEL 4**

**MARKETING EXECUTIVE**

**LEVEL 4**

**POST PRODUCTION TECHNICAL OPERATOR**

**LEVEL 4**

**PR & COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT**

**LEVEL 4**



Teaching &  
Learning

**EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER**

**LEVEL 2**

**EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR**

**LEVEL 3**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

**LEVEL 3**

**TEAM LEADER OR SUPERVISOR**

**LEVEL 3**

Full details of apprenticeship pathways and qualifications for each sector, and information on any new programmes can be found at:  
[www.cirencester.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

If you are a parent, who is an employer, and interested in taking on an apprentice please contact the Apprenticeship Team:

**01285 626259 OR [apprenticeships@cirencester.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@cirencester.ac.uk)**



## Kavita - Pic PR

### PR & Communications Assistant Level 4

"My apprenticeship journey has been enjoyable, I've developed a number of skills which you're not open to in a classroom.

I would recommend an apprenticeship to anyone who is unsure what to do, more specifically an apprenticeship route with Cirencester College. The apprenticeship team are continuously caring, devoted and supportive in their roles, ensuring I have everything I need to complete the apprenticeship to the best of my ability."

# RESULTS

**LOIS**  
(Bradon Forest)



**A\* A\* A\* A**

**A-level Biology, Chemistry, Maths, AS level Further Maths**

"I feel excited and Relieved with my results! A highlight from my college experience was the support that I recieved from my tutors and teachers."

**NEXT STEP:** Medicine at Exeter

**HARRY**  
(Bradon Forest)



**A\* A A A**

**A-level Maths, Biology, Chemistry, AS level Further Maths**

"I feel relieved with my results! Cirencester College has been great fun, hard work, but I wouldn't change any of my choices."

**NEXT STEP:** Medicine at Hull York Medical School

**MOLLY**  
(Rednock)



**A\* A B**

**Ancient History, Art History, English Lit, EPQ**

"I'm so happy knowing 2 years of hard work has paid off! I've had an incredible time getting to study subjects that weren't available at secondary school. Everyone at Cirencester is extremely welcoming and friendly."

**NEXT STEP:** History and University of Edinburgh

**JAMAL**  
(Dorcan Academy)



**A B A**

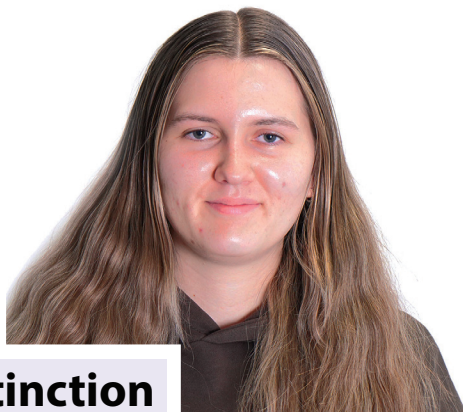
**Law, Psychology, Religious Studies**

"My greatest joy at Cirencester was getting out of my comfort zone experiencing many enrichment activities and experiences I may not have tried otherwise such as DofE Gold."

**NEXT STEP:** Gap Year, apply to university to study Law next year. I'm hoping to become a solicitor.



**MADDIE**  
(Westonbirt)



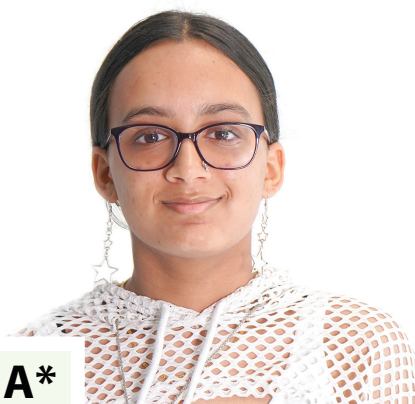
## Distinction

### T-level Education and Early Years

"I am happy as it shows how much work I put into the course. It was a mixture of fun and hard work but it has given me the experience to thrive in future years."

**NEXT STEP:** Norland College to study Early Childhood, Education and Care.

**TARA**  
(Bradon Forest)



## D\* A\* A\*

### Digital Media, Graphic Communication, Criminology

"So happy I'm shaking! I'm just waiting for the butterflies to calm down. College has allowed me to make good friends and have the freedom to learn and develop as a person."

**NEXT STEP:** History at University

**SAM**  
(Deer Park)



## Distinction

### T-level Management and Administration

"I'm really surprised at my score because I was predicted a merit so to get a distinction is astounding. I have made a whole new friendship group whilst at College"

**NEXT STEP:** I'm going to Oxford Brookes University to study International Business Management

**LILLY-ELEXIA**  
(New College)



## DDD\*

### Animal Management Level 3

"I'm feeling really happy and excited for the next chapter. Cirencester College has incredible staff and I have made wonderful memories with friends."

**NEXT STEP:** Zoology at Exeter University

# ACCESS TO CAREER MATCHING TOOLS



The national government website for apprenticeships has all of the up-to-date vacancy information. You don't have to be actively looking for an apprenticeship to register. You can sign up and keep an eye on vacancies in the area to get an idea of the possibilities locally to help plan for the future.

**[www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships](http://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships)**



UCAS is the University and Colleges Admissions Service. They hold all the information about university courses on their website and if you apply to university you will make an application through this service. The website has lots of careers information, including a quick careers quiz, which is an easy way to begin to generate some ideas.

**[wwwucas.com](http://wwwucas.com)**



WHAT UNI? Allows students to register and research university courses and provides a tool for comparing universities as well as some useful guidance articles.

**[www.whatuni.com](http://www.whatuni.com)**



The Russell Group's guide 'Informed Choices' provides students with information, advice and guidance about their post-16 subject choices.

**[www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk)**



PROSPECTS is an excellent site designed for people already at university, with information on opportunities for graduates. For example, you might think 'What job could I do if I studied a particular subject?' This site will give you good ideas on careers you could do if you had a particular degree subject, following A-levels. It can be a good starting point if you have subjects you are interested in at A-level, but don't know where they might lead.

**[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)**

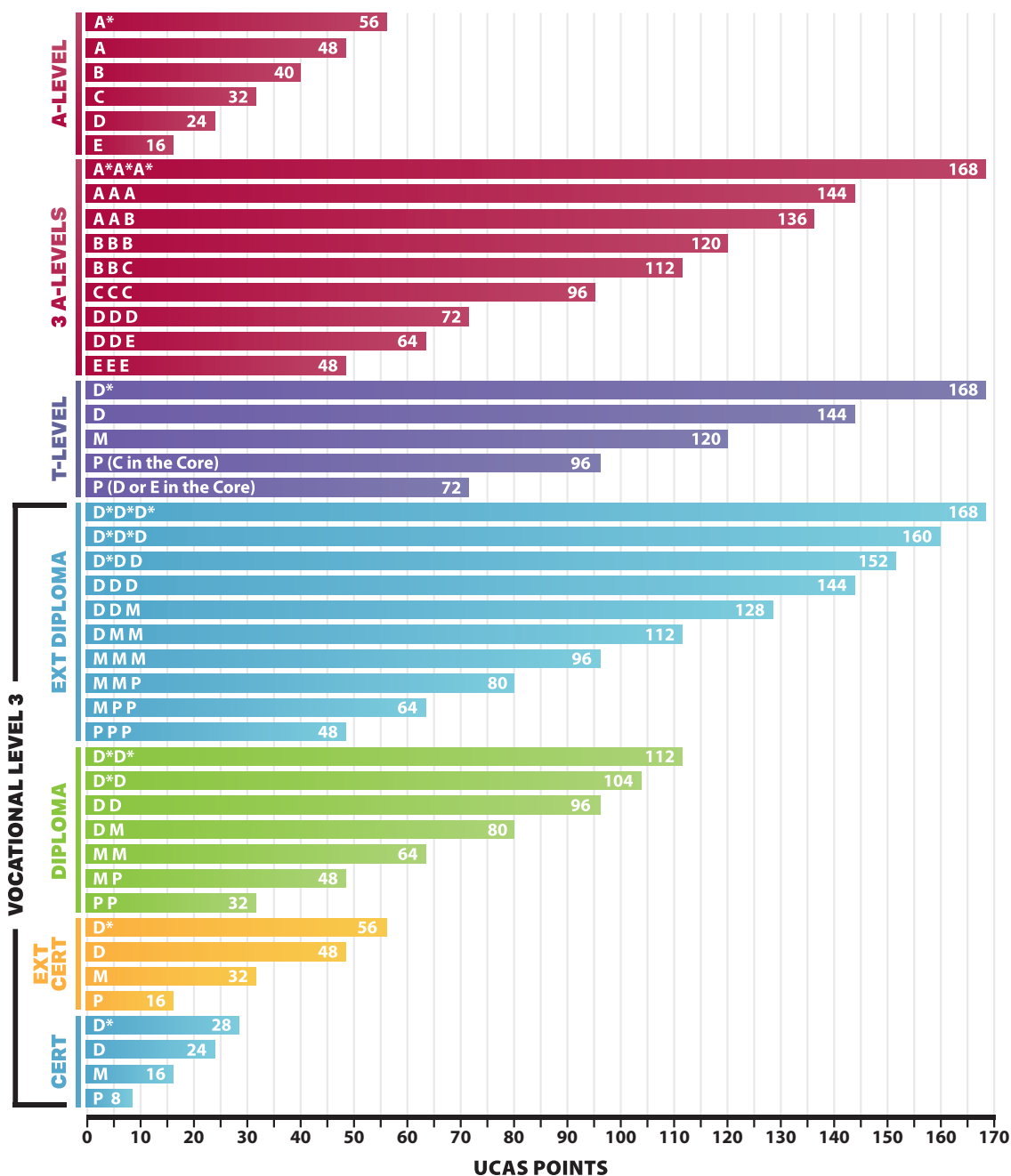


Unifrog is an online platform that offers students impartial guidance on all post-college options. It allows them to compare every UK undergraduate course, explore international opportunities, and access the most comprehensive list of apprenticeships, including higher and degree levels. Students can also keep draft application materials like CVs in one place. All our students have access to Unifrog, reflecting our commitment to excellent careers guidance and personalised support.

**[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)**

## UCAS POINTS. HOW DO THEY WORK?

Each qualification accumulates UCAS points which count towards your entry requirements for university. The table below shows how the points accrue according to your achievement grade in each qualification.



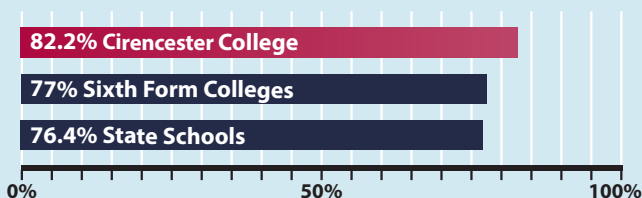


# FANTASTIC RESULTS FROM CIRENCESTER COLLEGE STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY

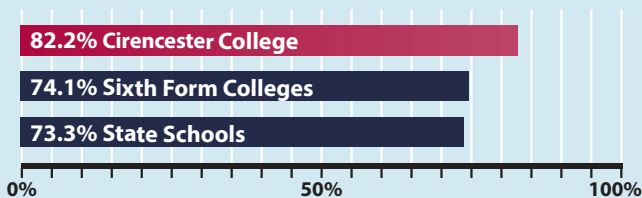
According to The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), Cirencester College students go on to perform extremely well at university.

**82.2% of our students graduating from university, achieved either a first class or upper second class honours degree.**

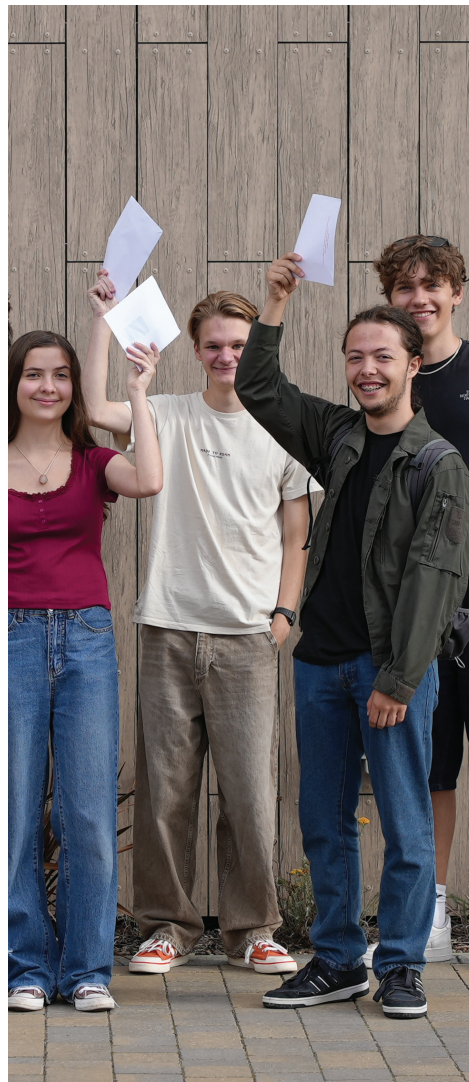
This shows that Cirencester College students are consistently performing better than the average for the state sector (76.4%) and sixth form colleges (77%).



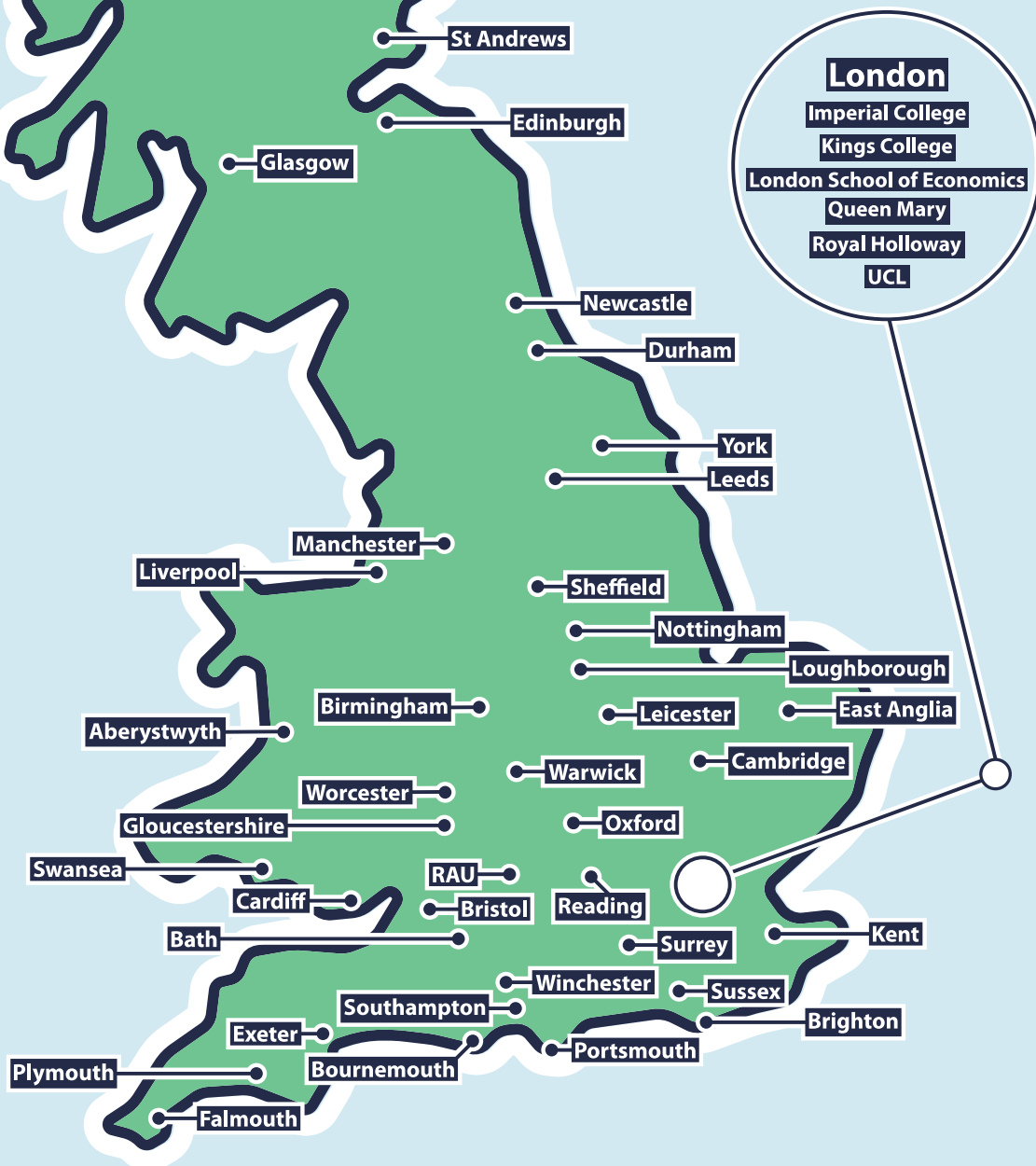
Percentage of students gaining first class and upper second class honours whose parents do not have higher education qualifications:



Source: The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)  
Report 2023/24



# WHICH UNIVERSITIES DO OUR STUDENTS PROGRESS TO?



# ENRICHMENT

At Cirencester College, we are committed to helping you achieve your full potential before you take the next step in your education or career. Our enrichment programme is designed to challenge and inspire you to develop the skills, confidence and experiences that will help you become a stand out candidate for universities and employers. From the moment you join us, we will endeavour to tailor a bespoke package that complements your individual learning ensuring your time with us is both academically enriching and personally rewarding!

## Our Enrichment Programme:

- Programmes and events e.g. University & Careers Convention, guest lectures, career guidance.
- Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Week.
- Learning focused support e.g. revision sessions, support workshops, and work experience.
- Wellbeing focused activities such as sport or creative opportunities.
- Extra qualification courses such as an Extended Project Qualification or Emergency First Aid.
- Non-qualification programmes e.g. professional practice, sports development squads, Duke of Edinburgh or Young Enterprise.
- Subject related enrichment e.g. Law Society, Debating Society and STEM activities.

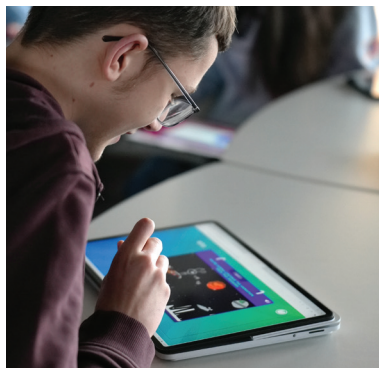
With a wide range of opportunities available through our Enrichment Programme, we encourage you to consider your strengths and future goals. Together, we help you select the elements that best complement your study programme. Whether it is A-Levels, vocational courses, or both, we will endeavour to create a personalised enrichment package that supports your aspirations and enhances your overall experience.

## Jacob - Highworth Warneford Environmental Science, Geography Psychology (Crime and Environmental)

"Being a Student Ambassador has been a great experience for me- because I really enjoy my time at Cirencester College. I love being able to talk about it positively at open days and school events as well as sharing my own opinion on subjects and activities at college."







# ENRICHMENT: CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## The Law Society

The Law Society is closely integrated into study programmes for students studying Law and/or Criminology, particularly those aspiring to careers in the legal profession. As part of the programme students have the opportunity to undertake work placements with prestigious law firms. Students will complete a portfolio of learning objectives, evidencing their learning and development of skills needed to work in the field and to demonstrate their skills in client care. Those successful with a placement will also evidence their learning and development from the experience on the placement, build on their skills such as interpersonal skills, teamwork, organisation, and time management. Students will take part in mooting discussion, where they can participate in mock trials complete with legal arguments, court etiquette and a judge.

## The Debating Society

Join the College's Debating Society to explore a diverse range of topics that will stimulate the mind, broaden your horizons and deepen your understanding of the world around you. From politics and current affairs to ethics and philosophy, you will develop critical thinking and communication skills in a supportive environment. Students begin by debating with peers at college before taking on their skills to local debating groups, gaining confidence, insight and experience along the way.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

A nationally recognised qualification for young people in the UK, it is designed to encompass and develop the key features in young people that are most looked for by employers and universities. Over the course of 12-18 months, students have the opportunity to gain new skills, improve their physical wellbeing, contribute to their community through volunteering, and embrace adventure and independence via an expedition and residential.

At Cirencester Sixth Form College, students can enrol onto either the Gold or Silver award, available to those aged 16-25. We are proud to be the highest achieving state college in Gloucestershire for both award levels. For more details, visit our website.





## Ethics Cup

This philosophical discussion group encourages respectful and thoughtful dialogue on ethical and societal concerns. Unlike a traditional debating tournament, the focus is not on winning arguments but on collaboratively advancing discussions with insight and civility. Students will have the opportunity to enter the Ethics Cup where the final takes place at St Andrew's University, which is a great addition to a student's CV when applying for next progression pathways and continue their personal development.

## Professional Practice

Our industry bespoke workshops and professional practice sessions are designed to equip students with essential transferable employability skills. Covering topics such as professional conduct in the workplace to personal management, these sessions prepare students for work experience placements and future full-time employment. Students also benefit from guest speakers from a variety of industries who help provide valuable insight into real-world practices. These experiences help ensure that students leave college feeling confident, capable and career ready.



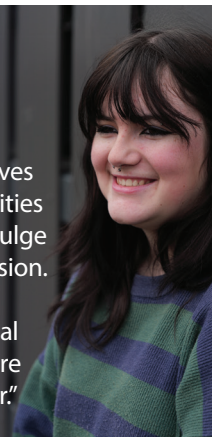
## Sundial Theatre Company

The Sundial Theatre Company enrichment offers students to get involved in both on and off the stage. Whether you are interested in acting, directing, designing or working behind the scenes, there is something for everyone and you don't have to be studying Drama or Performing Arts to get involved!

Students can audition for roles, rehearse and perform up to three major productions each year, or develop technical theatre skills such as lighting, sound, and stage management. Weekly workshops cover a range of performance disciplines and roles, helping you build skills and confidence in all areas of theatre. You can also join the Student Theatre Board, where you will help plan events and shape the creative direction of the programme. If you like theatre, you'll love this.

### Sophie (Stroud High) Drama & Theatre, Media Studies, Human Biology

"I am currently a part of the Sundial Theatre Company. I have enjoyed this significantly as it gives me extra opportunities to perform and indulge in my dramatic passion. I am particularly enjoying the musical project where we are performing Shrek Jr."





## Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

While the physical benefits of exercise are well known, regular physical activity also plays a vital role in supporting mental health such as helping to reduce exam stress, anxiety and boost overall wellbeing.

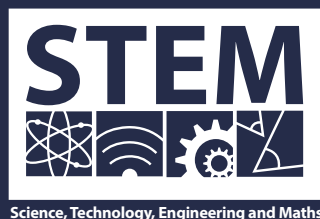
Our aim is to support students of all abilities and backgrounds in improving their physical, emotional, social and nutritional wellbeing. Physical activity can also help develop valuable life skills such as leadership, communication, teamwork and resilience that will prove beneficial for both mental health and future employment. Through our strong partnerships with local clubs and community organisations, we offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities including coaching and referee qualifications, volunteering, participation and wellbeing workshops. We are committed to helping students making informed, sustainable decisions about leading a healthy holistic lifestyle.

If you have ideas you wish to share, our Enrichment Team is always keen to hear and support new initiatives.



Cirencester Sixth Form College has a state-of-the-art STEM centre, including well equipped labs with the latest technology and focus on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths core subjects.

STEM students are highly sought-after by employers and Cirencester College's STEM centre is a response to these priorities both locally and nationally.



**STEM at Cirencester College also has a thriving enrichment programme where students can develop employability skills and demonstrate commitment to future employers, including:**

### **Vets and Medics**

Students who are interested in becoming a doctor, a vet or a dentist will face strong competition when applying for a place at university. We provide extensive advice, guidance and support and have developed a programme involving specialist and experienced staff.

### **The IRIS Project**

The IRIS project aims to enable our students to conduct real scientific research, allowing them to experience the practical problem-solving demands of research, spark their interest in science and its applications but also how to work together to achieve more. The IRIS project is an excellent opportunity to stretch and challenge students as well as giving them invaluable experience of the world of research.

### **STEM Activities**

STEM students get the opportunity to visit university lectures, museums/royal societies, field trips in geology, biology, sector-specific trips such as engineering, digital and construction. We also have throughout the year regular visiting speakers from universities and industry to complement their subjects and highlight future careers.

### **STEM Competitions**

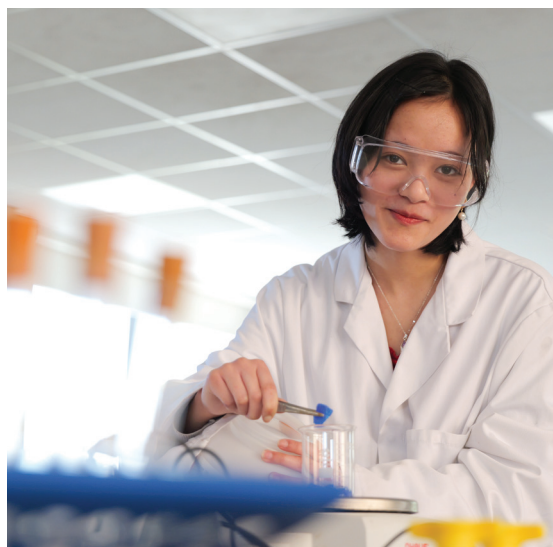
Our students take part in national competitions such as Olympiads in specialist subjects, a National Geology competition which we have reached the final in for the last 2 years.

### **Engineering Workshop**

Students will attend workshops getting involved with a variety of engineering activities.

### **Summer Schools/Work Experience**

STEM students will be encouraged and supported to take part in Summer Schools including Nuffield, Sutton Trust and Villiers Park, as well as gaining important work experience in career-related areas.



# PROGRAMME OF EXCELLENCE

We believe every student has incredible potential, and we're here to help you unlock it. Our Programme of Excellence (POE) is designed to inspire and challenge you beyond your regular studies, preparing you to make confident, competitive applications to selective universities.

Through the POE, you'll explore new ideas, stretch your academic interests, and develop your critical thinking in exciting and supportive ways. Whether your passion lies in the Arts, Sciences, or Humanities, this programme offers opportunities to dive deeper, think bigger, and grow your abilities.

You might not immediately see yourself as a high achiever, but if you're predicted to earn seven or more Grade 7s at GCSE, the Programme of Excellence is a fantastic chance to join a community of motivated students who are passionate about learning and eager to reach their full potential.

**4** students gained a place at Oxbridge Universities.

**10** students secured their places on medical and veterinary at university.



**88%**

of high achieving students (grades 7+ at GCSE) gained A\*B grades, higher than most local grammar schools.



# PROGRAMME OF EXCELLENCE

**Students can take advantage of the following through the POE enrichment programme, making themselves stand out from other applicants and be successful in their applications:**

- Mock Interviews
- University Visits
- Guest Lecturers
- Specialist Oxbridge Advice and Guidance
- Weekly 'Programme of Excellence' Sessions
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their A-level programme
- The majority of POE students gain places at Russell Group/Sutton Trust Universities, of which 90% gain their first choice
- Advice on Admissions Tests
- Debating Society; Vets, Medics and Dentists Group; Law; STEM Club, Duke of Edinburgh Award and much more
- Becoming a student ambassador, peer mentor or volunteering in the community
- Nuanced information, advice and guidance on applying to selective universities and courses
- Invitations to attend Bristol Universities Pathways Programme (eligibility criteria apply) and pathways to Birmingham Programme

## **Aoife - Swindon Academy A-level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology**

"The Programme of Excellence has allowed me to learn more about different Universities around the UK and consider what I want to do after leaving college, and explore all of my options in regards to future studies, personal statements and EPQs. This will be incredibly useful when I get to completing my UCAS and university applications."



## **Tokuma - Ridgeway A-level Maths (for Further Maths), Geography, Economics**

"The Programme of Excellence is very useful if you check the session weekly and attend ones which are relevant to what you want to do in the future - they also post links to so called "super curricular" opportunities which are helpful as finding them yourself can be difficult - also keep an eye out on the CCO news feed for other work experience/insight opportunities."



# SPORT AND EXERCISE

We are committed to offering a range of sports and fitness classes that will suit everyone, whatever their abilities. Whether you are someone who likes to compete or just want to join in for fun, you should find something that suits you.

For those keen to stay in competitive sports and participate in weekly training sessions, we have our own renowned Football Academy and Sports Development Squads. If you would like to play sport for fun or are interested in your own fitness, health and wellbeing, there is something for everyone.

## Sports Development Squads

With significant investment in sports facilities, the College has created a centre for sports in the region that nurtures both performance and coaching talent. For those students who are keen to take an active part in sport, the development squads are an ideal solution. They sit within the student's programme of study, which will include training sessions and competitive matches.

### Students also get the opportunity to:

- Improve the standard of their own individual performance
- Enhance their career prospects
- Become involved with coaching or leadership
- Develop a personal portfolio with their coach
- Detailed improvement action plan
- Take individual fitness testing and monitoring
- Free membership of the College's Fitness Centre
- Gain entry into the AOC sport national championships



### Ruby - Bradon Forest Sport & Physical Activity

"I enjoy being on the netball team as the training is to a high standard and we have a great team that play regular weekly matches."



# FOOTBALL ACADEMY

## Men's Academy

Cirencester College Men's Football Academy is focused on the development of talented students. The Academy provides students at the College a high quality training and games programme, utilising the excellent facilities at Cirencester Town FC, whilst also allowing students to follow their own pathways through clubs outside of their College commitments.

The programme is made up of two weekly training sessions, weekly fixtures, match analysis and strength and conditioning sessions. This is delivered by a current semi-professional footballer, allowing students the opportunity to benefit from mentoring and support into the semi-professional and professional game. The programme is open to all students at the College, on any programme of study and is integrated into the student's timetable, ensuring that academia and sport go hand-in-hand.

## Women's Academy

The Women's Team train twice a week, utilising the excellent facilities at Cirencester Town FC, and play fixtures in the AOC West Midlands League.

The programme also involves friendlies, match analysis and gym sessions. The team is open to female students from across the College from all programmes of study, providing prospective students with a unique opportunity to develop their footballing ability whilst being able to access the courses available at the college.



**Football Trials will take place during the first week of term.**

### Previous Cirencester College football students are currently in:

- Careers in professional football and semi-professional football.
- Football refereeing.
- Further and higher education competing in university football BUCS leagues.
- Work in sports and/or leisure related areas.
- Football coaching worldwide.
- Overseas scholarships in the USA.

### Our team takes part in:

- AOC Midlands League.
- ESFA Knockout Cup.

22 players have gained international honours in both British colleges and British school teams.



### Ciaran - Carterton Community College Sport & Physical Activity

"The football academy, I enjoy how well the facilities are at the club and how professional the academy is run. In the future, I would like to be working full time in the sport industry as a football coach."



# EMPLOYABILITY AND WORK EXPERIENCE

## Work Experience

We are expecting all students in their first year to complete and record at least one virtual work experience by February half-term. In addition to this, students are encouraged to gain relevant in-person experiences of the workplace to prepare them for their future.

Students should plan to undertake work experience activities in the holidays and through regular part-time work and enrichment activities, where their timetable allows. The College allocates a week in February for first year students to undertake a block work experience placement over four days.

As a College, we provide advice and guidance and a range of opportunities via our careers service and tutorial programme for students in the run up to February. We have a large number of students from a wide geographical area, so input and support from parents in making the most of this work experience week will also be invaluable.

Students on a T-level and a vocational study programme will undertake work experience as part of their course.

## Employability

Developing skills which will help you to thrive in the workplace is key to your future success. To support you in developing these skills we have a comprehensive programme of activities and events. When you join us, you will work with your tutor on a skills audit via Unifrog where you will rate your confidence in a set of core skills. We will then signpost you to activities and events to help you to develop your skills and confidence in the relevant areas.

Periodically, you will be asked to re-rate your skills confidence levels, which may go down as well as up as you become more aware of what is involved. Our ultimate goal is to help you present yourself professionally and confidently to an employer, having found the job for you and completed an amazing CV and application. We will introduce you to a range of employers and networking opportunities relevant to your studies to help you on your way.





← sundial theatre

FREEDOM

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# ADULT EDUCATION

Many parents of our students often tell us, "I wish college had been like this when I was younger." With that in mind, we've created an Adult Education programme that blends the enjoyable, sociable aspects of college life with practical, career-enhancing qualifications. Whether you're looking to learn for leisure or take steps towards a new career, there's something for everyone.

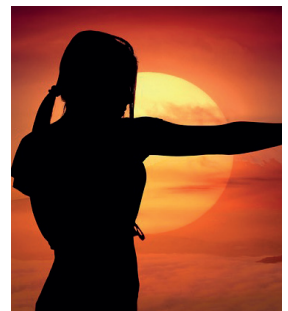
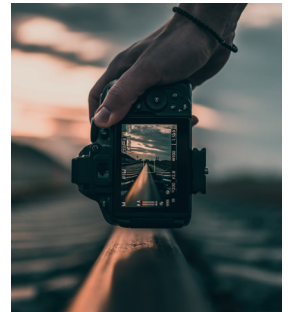
## Leisure and Wellbeing Courses

Our leisure programme offers a wide variety of engaging courses designed to help you explore a new hobby, meet like-minded people, and enhance your wellbeing. Whether you want to get creative, try something new, or simply have fun, we have a course for you.

Choose from an exciting range of topics, including:

- **Creative Arts & Crafts:** Ceramics, Collage Club, Crochet for Beginners, Watercolour & Wine, Silver Stacking Rings, Sea Glass Jewellery, and more.
- **Languages:** German and Italian for Beginners, Introduction to British Sign Language.
- **Lifestyle & Wellbeing:** Yoga for Everyone, Change Your Mind – Change Your Life, Introduction to Counselling.
- **Seasonal Specials:** Festive Wreath Making, Baubles & Bubbly, Festive Polymer Clay Earrings, Printed Christmas Stockings, No-Sew Fabric Baubles.
- **Music & More:** Guitar for Beginners, Guitar Blues, Cocktail Masterclass, Personal Finance, Short Stories Social, and many more.

No matter your passion, we aim to inspire and support your learning journey in a relaxed, welcoming environment.





## Tailored Learning Courses

Our Tailored Learning courses are non-accredited, flexible programmes designed to meet a wide range of participant needs and goals. Each course focuses on a specific outcome, such as:

- Building confidence and engagement
- Preparing for further learning opportunities
- Getting ready for employment
- Improving essential skills – including English, ESOL, Maths, and Digital
- Supporting parents/carers to help their children learn
- Promoting health and well-being
- Strengthening community connections

We offer a variety of these courses throughout the academic year. Course details are shared on our website and social media channels at different times - so keep an eye out for updates!

### Interested in Collaborating?

If you run a group or organisation and would like to partner with us, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you have an idea for a course or see an opportunity for collaboration, get in touch and let's explore how we can work together.



## Business and Professional Qualifications

Looking to boost your career or transition into a new profession? We offer nationally recognised qualifications tailored for adult learners:

- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (Teaching Assistant courses) - various levels on offer.
- Diploma in Education and Training - ideal for those aspiring to teach in the post-16 sector.

## English and Maths for Adults

We offer flexible, supportive English and Maths courses from entry level through to GCSE, with most classes held one evening a week to accommodate busy schedules.

We also provide ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, ranging from beginner to Level 2. These classes focus on improving reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills, and are available during both the day and evening.

All learners complete a short assessment to ensure placement in the right level class.

### Previous Adult GCSE Maths Student

"I was relieved to see that the class had a wide range of ages from different backgrounds and men and woman, all wanting to achieve their Maths qualifications for different reasons.

Our tutor, from the minute we met, was amazing, she made everyone feel so relaxed and made lessons fun. Never did I think that I would find Maths as simple as I did. That is massively because of the tutor and the way she teaches."

## Interested in Teaching Adults?

Do you have a skill or passion you'd love to share? We're always on the lookout for enthusiastic and knowledgeable tutors to join our team and help us expand our adult education offerings.

### Find Out More

Follow us on social media or sign up to our mailing list to hear about our new courses:



@cirencolladult



adult.education@cirencester.ac.uk

Visit our Adult Education page for full course listings and enrolment details:

[www.cirencester.ac.uk/about-adult](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk/about-adult)

# PARENT ZONE

To help parents and guardians support students, Cirencester Sixth Form College has built Parent Zone, a dedicated part of the website where parents can access key data about their young person's progress as well as important dates and other useful information.

Parent Zone is where parents and guardians will find the latest information, together with news updates, mailing list sign up and the opportunity to feedback positively and negatively on how we're doing.

We believe that parents make a real difference to the success of a young person. Even if you don't know anything about the subjects that they have chosen, there are many ways that you can help, from a quiet space to work to positive encouragement.



Timetables



Contact information  
& biographical detail



Exam entries & exam  
timetables



Attendance data



Wisepay, the college's  
online payment portal



How to support your  
young person



Target grades



FAQs



Current performance  
grades

## HOW TO GET TO US

Cirencester College is served by an extensive bus network connecting students from Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Swindon, Oxfordshire and South Gloucestershire directly to the College.

We understand that transport costs can be a potential barrier for students, so the College helps by heavily subsidising 'Go South Coast' annual passes. In addition, Stagecoach public buses serving routes, 51, 51X, and 882 also support our network.

### Current Pick Up Points:





# GALLERY



**HERE ARE A FEW PIECES OF OUR  
INCREDIBLE STUDENTS WORK!**





Cirencester College offers a wide range of creative courses; from 3D Design to Textiles, Fine Art to Graphic Design. All of these specialist courses allow students to try their hand at different techniques using specialist equipment and resources, with the aim of creating really unique pieces of work that students can be proud of. To see more of our students' work, take a look at our online gallery: [www.cirencester.ac.uk/art-gallery](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk/art-gallery).



## Stay up to date with the College

Here at Cirencester College, we know how important it is for our students and staff to feel connected. Our website has a great news feed to keep readers up-to-date with what's going on in the College, but we also love to keep in touch with people via our social media channels. In an increasingly digital world, social media is an important tool we use to collaborate, network and share, with the overall aim of raising people's awareness of Cirencester College and everything our students get up to here.

Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok, Threads and YouTube are all platforms we use regularly to keep our community up-to-date with what's going on at College. It's great to see all the fantastic things our students do, you could even say we like to show off about how brilliant our students are! It's a great way to keep up-to-date with upcoming events in College and also celebrate fellow students' successes.

But we don't pretend to know everything about social media and its ever-changing trends, which is why we encourage our students to get involved. Students are encouraged to take part in our campaigns as much as possible, whether this be via videos or photos, Instagram stories or boomerangs, hashtags or retweets.

**If you're considering coming to Cirencester College, we encourage you to take a look at our social media platforms. Hopefully they give you a taste of what life at Cirencester College is like for students!**

### FOLLOW US ON:

 [www.cirencester.ac.uk](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk)



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@cirencoll



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**Youtube**  
/cirencestercollege



**Facebook**  
/cirencester college



**LinkedIn**  
Cirencester College



**Threads**  
@cirencoll



# WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS SAY



**Parent**

"The teachers and staff are really personable"

**Student**

"The College is very welcoming, within a week I felt comfortable to speak to people around college."

**Parent**

"We appreciate all the care and kindness that we have experienced at Cirencester College and the time that staff have given us."

**Student**

"It's the best decision I made coming here it's a very open college as I can be myself without anyone judging me, you make such good friends".

**Parent**

"Everyone is welcoming, cheerful and helpful."

**Student**

"I really enjoy the enrichments available as it allows me to have some creative time."

**Parent**

"All the teachers are really passionate about their subjects, and they know lots"



The information contained in this prospectus is believed to be correct at the time of production, September 2025.

Cirencester Sixth Form College continually updates and reviews its provision to ensure that it meets the needs of the community. Therefore the right to amend, change or delete learning programmes or accreditation routes is reserved at all times. Some of the courses we currently offer are under review by the new government, this could give new opportunities and more choice. The most current list of courses will be listed on our website [www.cirencester.ac.uk](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk).

Cirencester Sixth Form College is committed to creating a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for all learners, both socially and academically.

Cirencester Sixth Form College provides open access to a comprehensive range of high quality education and training courses for people over the age of 16, regardless of race, class, belief, language, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, previous educational attainment or particular circumstances.



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## OPEN DAYS

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