



Hazelwick Sixth Form

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Hello and welcome to Hazelwick Sixth Form,

The Sixth Form at Hazelwick is an integral part of the school. Whilst Sixth Form students have their own distinct area, with multiple study spaces, a canteen area and a common room, our Sixth Formers move across the site for their lessons and are instantly recognisable with their smart black uniform.

Our Sixth Form is a community that recognises and supports every student. With a dedicated Head of Year team, we are proud to know our students and understand them, with a view to supporting each individual to develop, grow and move onto the next stage of education or employment that is right for them. Hazelwick Sixth Form has a well-earned reputation for supporting and guiding students to achieve outstanding exam results. This success is gained by the hard work of students and by the high quality of teaching, together with detailed and well-developed individual target-setting and support systems.

Teaching staff also go above and beyond to support students, with students telling us that staff support makes a real difference in their learning across Years 12 and 13. Our 2023 Ofsted report stated that 'Those in the sixth form also achieve highly in national examinations and are incredibly well prepared for their next steps.'

The Sixth Form at Hazelwick offers a range of opportunities to be involved in the wider life of the school. Being a member of the Student Leadership Team or a House Captain offers the chance to develop personal skills and to exercise leadership. Charity fundraising events, such as Festive Friday and Culture Day, are great fun, very popular and well supported by Sixth Form students. Opportunities to be involved in music or drama productions, or the chance to mentor a younger student, offer hugely positive experiences that have been literally life-changing, at times leading to a complete change in choice of degree subject or a deep sense of a vocation for working with people.

Ofsted recognised this, stating: 'Sixth formers are excellent role models for younger pupils, playing a vital part in the life of the school and learning about the best ways to help younger pupils get the most out of their education.'

Hazelwick Sixth Form is a place that supports students to become creative, independent-minded and driven young adults. We value initiative, application and enterprise. We offer an environment in which students can develop as informed and positive members of our communities, where they can work on their own ideas and plan their future with the support of an experienced and highly-skilled Sixth Form team. As a Sixth form student said to the Ofsted Lead Inspector 'if you make the effort, the staff will support you every step of the way'.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

Mr Leadbitter





Every student in Hazelwick Sixth Form is, rather than simply a passing student, perceived as an individual. The diversity here is immediately apparent – with students from all walks of life mixing and thriving together, each is encouraged to express their individuality. As a result, not only does Hazelwick foster a cohesive community, but also a greatly tolerant one.

The strong student-teacher relationships, and the encouragement that one receives from one's peers within the Sixth Form has resulted in students flourishing and fulfilling their potential. The opportunities provided to map out our own paths have brought about student-founded and driven clubs, aiming to strengthen the confidence and organisation skills of those involved. Every student is aware that they have the opportunity and support to help shape their community and pursue their interests here at Hazelwick.

Hazelwick Sixth Form is not only a large and vibrant community but also consistently successful academically. We expect all those who choose to enter the Sixth Form in September 2026, whether from Hazelwick or elsewhere, to have a strong commitment to the school and to the wider community of which the school is a part. The Sixth Form is committed to helping all its students to maximise their potential and achieve academic excellence. At the same time, we also provide a wealth of opportunities for personal development and leadership in academic, sporting, artistic and social contexts, and we look to our Sixth Form to play a major part in the school's continuing achievements.

Mr Joe Hillier

Assistant Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form

What are the advantages of studying at Hazelwick Sixth Form?

Hazelwick has a proven record of extremely high academic success in the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form offers a broad and balanced education and an opportunity to develop a more mature outlook on life. Part of the process of sixth form education is the constructive argument and debate that characterises study in the company of others, together with the development of a fuller and more responsible role in the life of the school and the local community. A year in the Sixth Form can also be a rewarding experience for students following one-year Level 2 courses, as well as providing a pathway either to a wide variety of careers or to Level 3 courses at Hazelwick, or other vocational courses at college. There are several new courses available to students: they should be examined carefully as they may open up further interesting career opportunities. Whether or not you currently intend to go on to university or take on an apprenticeship, strong results in the Sixth Form will add to your employability in an increasingly competitive job market.

Will I get into the Sixth Form?

Generally speaking yes, so long as you have a good school record of high attendance, good behaviour and hard work and you achieve the GCSE qualifications required for your chosen courses. The key considerations are whether you will last the course, whether you will obtain useful pass grades in the subjects that you plan to take, whether you will actively enjoy sixth form work and whether you have the determination and motivation to make a real commitment to your studies. Students who wish to enrol on courses at Hazelwick Sixth Form must show that they have the capacity and the willingness to make successful use of their time spent at advanced study. All students who apply to the Sixth Form will be interviewed and have an opportunity to ask questions.



When must I decide?

You will be asked to make a provisional choice during the Spring Term so that we can plan the Sixth Form timetable based on your choices. The deadline for applications is Friday 30th January. We fully understand that your decision to enter the Sixth Form and your choice of subjects may be provisional at this stage: for some, examination results in the summer will determine courses and for others, alternative careers may still be under consideration. Final adjustments to your choices can be made after the publication of GCSE results in late August and you may at this stage need to rethink one or more of your subjects in light of your GCSE grades. To help you, a copy of the Sixth Form timetable and last-minute guidelines will be sent out prior to results in August. In addition, Mr Hillier and the Assistant Heads of Sixth Form will be available in school for an Advice Day for intending Sixth Formers near the end of the summer holiday (Provisionally Friday 21st August) so that you can discuss your plans in light of your results. You will then be asked to come into school with your results on provisionally Monday 4th September, before the full start of the Autumn Term, in order to finalise your choices and enrol formally to Hazelwick Sixth Form.

Hazelwick welcomes applications from external students. If you are an external applicant, you will be asked for a copy of your most recent school report, and details of qualifications that you expect to achieve by August 2026, once we have received your application. Students without any formal qualifications by August 2026 will be required to complete some assessments at Hazelwick in order to determine whether you meet the course requirements for the subjects that you are applying for.

How should I decide which courses to follow in the Sixth Form?

Have you decided on a future career? – if so, find the key entry qualifications. Which subjects do you enjoy studying or which new courses are you interested in taking? – one or two years following a course you do not like can seem a very long time. Which subjects will you be qualified to do? – check the GCSE entry requirements for each subject. Which subjects are preferred by the more selective universities? Ask form, subject and careers staff for advice: consult your Head of Year. Talk it over with your parents/carers and other relatives or friends who can give you valuable advice. Examine in detail the courses offered in the Sixth Form (especially in subjects new to you) and obtain any relevant departmental information.



Facilities

The Octagon is a supervised private study area for the exclusive use of the Sixth Form. The Octagon also has networked PCs for student use. In addition, individual workstations in the computer rooms are always available for the use of Sixth Formers. The Sixth Form has sole daytime use of a 'common room' complete with canteen, which is being refurbished. This new facility is adjacent to East Hall, which is another area reserved for Sixth Form use for silent private study.

Tutor Groups

Every Sixth Former is a member of one of the seventeen tutor groups in the Sixth Form. Sixth Form tutors have many similar responsibilities to form tutors in other areas of the school. They also play an important role in offering guidance and support to students about methods of study, career decisions and applications to further and higher education. References required for entry to employment as well as to further and higher education are drafted by form tutors. Relations between form tutors and Sixth Formers are always very positive and constructive allowing for highly personalised support and references for our students.



Leadership and Enrichment opportunities

Year 12 students have the opportunity to apply for the position of one of the eighteen House Captains. The House Captains have the important task of running one of the six Houses alongside the House Leaders. Within the Sixth Form, House Captains, alongside the Student Leadership Team and other students, will form additional committees for example; improving Sixth Form facilities, fundraising, coordinating the annual karaoke concert, organising a year book and leavers' ball, and generally representing Sixth Form views. We recognise the importance of character development before you move on to university or into employment. We actively encourage student to take part in work shadowing and work experience. Your two years in the Sixth Form allow you to get involved in any or all of the following:

Mentoring, Hazelwick Enterprise scheme, Voluntary work, Sixth Form Committees, Debating Society, Charity events, Trips and conferences, Higher Education and career support in the Sixth Form, Expert and personalised help with university application (UCAS), Apprenticeship applications, University conferences and open days, Higher Education Conference residential to Exeter University and Heads of Sixth Form support and guidance.



Student Leadership Team

Hazelwick is a community that is bursting with opportunities and especially in the Sixth Form. The support given by the Sixth Form Team and teachers is extraordinary. Being part of the Student Leadership Team has enabled us to develop our public speaking skills through talking to prospective sixth form students both currently studying at Hazelwick and also further afield.

This position has given us the chance to appreciate all the work that is done for Hazelwick students and we would encourage anyone wanting to become part of the Students Leadership Team or any House Captain roles to make every effort as the responsibility is very fulfilling and will reflect well for your higher education.



Matthew - External Student.

Joining Hazelwick sixth form, a completely new environment, had made me nervous at first, thinking that it would be difficult for me to fit in and make new friends, all while maintaining the determination to achieve good A-level grades. I can say that all these worries are not needed as one month into the new environment, I am really enjoying life as a sixth former and have already made lots of great friends. Everyone in the community is so welcoming and was so nice to me when I first joined. The decision to join Hazelwick as my next step was certainly a correct one!



Nilaya - External Student.

As an external student I wasn't aware how significant the change was moving from a girls' secondary school to Hazelwick, but I can wholeheartedly say that it is all worth it; the teachers and students are amazing here and everyone supports each other no matter what. I'm really happy with the choice I made attending here this school provides everyone with outstanding quality of education and care I am glad I joined this Sixth Form!



Nuha - External Student.

Joining Hazelwick has been one of the best decisions of my life. I chose to join Hazelwick solely because of its incredible academic record for A level, making it an ideal place for my studies. Academically, the school and the teachers are incredibly supportive to students both in and out of lessons. However, this was not only why I know Hazelwick is the right choice for me. As an external student, I was extremely surprised about the welcoming nature of the sixth form community. Settling in was extremely comfortable and easy due to the friendly nature of this sixth form community, helping me bond with good friends in such a short time. The diverse student body offers a real sense of community allowing to easily form connections and friendships. Life in Hazelwick is so much more than just studies and I am here for it. I am so glad I joined!





Example Extra-Curricular Activities

Hazelwick Sixth Form prides itself on the range of extra curricular activities that are available to students. Bringing together a sense of fun and social responsibility, the students raise money for a variety of charities. Festive Friday and the Charity Walk raise money for charities, such as St Catherine's Hospice, Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal. Be ready to join in!

Debate society is run by students and will often have large numbers gathering over lunch to debate a variety of current issues. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills and learn how to structure an argument.

The Hazelwick Higher Education Conference at the University of Exeter is an opportunity to spend a week in residence at one of the country's leading universities. Lectures, outdoor pursuits and cultural activities give the students a chance to experience the opportunities and independence gained through university studies. Creating memories that last a life time, it is a week that focuses ambitions and prepares students for their final year of study in school.

The Leavers' Ball is a fantastic way of celebrating the end of an era. Students and staff alike don their finest and head to Stanhill Court Hotel to dance the night away. It's definitely a night to remember and is undoubtedly the social event of the year.

Another highlight is the annual Staff v Year 13 student rounders and football matches. This is an opportunity for the students to watch a friendly game where the students have normally lost to the staff!



Privilege and Responsibility

The Sixth Form has a large number of privileges as well as responsibilities and not all of a student's day is timetabled in formal lessons. Students are given considerable flexibility about their use of 'Private Study' time. Discussion, academic, vocational and community work (both within and outside the school) all play a vital part in sixth form life. Students in the Sixth Form play a leading role in school functions and extra-curricular activities. As the senior members of the school community, all Sixth Form students will be expected to conform to the general routine of the school, to attend regularly, to be punctual and to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code (full details on website).

Financial Support

Some students may be eligible for financial support through the Hazelwick Bursary Scheme. Details can be found on the school website.



A level Entry Requirements

Students wishing to take A level courses need to obtain at least 9 to 4 grades at GCSE, with at least grade 6 (usually) in their chosen subjects. It is possible to take some subjects not studied in Year 11, although in this case it will usually be necessary to have achieved grade 6 or higher in a related or comparable GCSE subject. Most students will opt for three A level subjects, the maximum allowed is four.

Level 3 Applied Entry Requirements

Students wishing to study applied courses at Level 3 need to have achieved at least five 4 grades at GCSE.

One-year Level 2 Courses

The one-year Level 2 courses are designed to boost a student's qualifications. They can also provide a stepping-stone to Level 3 courses. These courses are suitable for those who have achieved middling GCSE grades (at least two 4 grades plus two 3 grades).

The Courses

A Level

Art, Craft & Design
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama & Theatre
Economics
English Language
English Literature
French
Further Maths
Geography
History
Law
Maths
Media Studies
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Product Design
Sociology
Spanish

Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification

One-year courses

Core Maths

Two-year courses

Application Development
AAQ Business
Food Science & Nutrition
Health & Social Care
Travel & Tourism

There may be some changes to this offer following the governments planned Post-16 review. It should be noted that if a course does not recruit a sufficient number of students, that course will be withdrawn. Applicants will be notified of any course changes. This may happen in March, after we have received all of the applications, or in September after students have actually enrolled on their chosen courses. Applicants will be notified of any course changes as soon as possible.



One-year Level 2 options

English Language GCSE & Maths GCSE (if required)
Citizenship Studies GCSE, Health & Social Care OCR and Biology GCSE

Please note this course is only available to students currently in Year 11 at Hazelwick.

Art and Design

Why study Art and Design?

Studying Art and Design develops important transferable skills and creates confident, communicative, lateral thinkers and creative problem-solvers. A Level Art at Hazelwick is focussed upon providing an exciting curriculum that offers students the opportunity to experience a wide range of creative visual disciplines.

What skills will I gain from studying Art and Design?

This is a practical course giving you the opportunity to study a diverse range of disciplines including drawing, painting, graphic design and illustration, digital media, textiles and ceramics. Experimentation and creativity are actively encouraged and emphasis is placed upon personal development and tailoring a creative pathway to suit each individual student, allowing you to develop as an artist throughout the course.

Biology

Why study Biology?

Biology is exciting, relevant to daily life and challenging. The course will extend your understanding of how animals and organisms work, how we evolved and the things that can make us sick or improve our health. You would be able to apply this knowledge to a variety of biological situations; trying to stop the spread of disease, tracking down natural resources, improving public health, animal care and conservation and working out the true impacts of things like pollution.

What skills will I gain from studying Biology?

As with the other sciences, biology helps you to build up research, problem solving, organisation and analytical skills. Practical work is built into the course and all practical work is recorded in a lab book, developing your ability to communicate scientific understanding. You are likely to find yourself working on group projects, which will help you build your teamwork and communication skills too. Communicating biological concepts are also developed for the longer answer questions and an essay.



Business

Why study Business?

In Business you will gain an understanding the range of decisions that all businesses face. This involves an in-depth study of the following areas: management and leadership; marketing; operations and human resources. You will also study many topics, issues and developments that are relevant in today's society such as digital technology, impact of business on the environment, business ethics, modern workplace practices and globalisation.

What skills will I gain from studying Business?

You will develop the knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions – all skills that are needed for further study and employment. A Level Business will also help you develop your organisation, communication, numeracy and literacy skills.



Chemistry

Why study Chemistry?

Chemistry is sometimes known as the “central science” because it helps to connect physical sciences, like maths and physics, with natural sciences, like biology and medicine, and applied sciences such as engineering. You will develop imaginative, logical and critical thinking skills. You will then demonstrate the wider application of chemical knowledge, showing appreciation for social, environmental, economic and technological contributions to society.

What skills will I gain from studying Chemistry?

Chemistry is an academically challenging subject but it integrates theory with experimental work. You will develop investigative and manipulative skills. You are encouraged to develop your scientific communication skills through research, discussion and written work. Chemistry helps you to challenge ideas and show how you worked things out through logic and step-by-step reasoning. Chemistry often requires teamwork and communication skills too, which is great for project management.

Computer Science

Why study Computer Science?

You will have engaging and challenging insight into the world of Computer Science. You will further your coding skills across different languages and create a fully functioning program from a selection of briefs, be that an application, utility or, educational video game.

What skills will I gain from studying Computer Science?

You will be taught to code in several high level languages and develop your own understanding and logical thought processes in computer science. You will build up an understanding of algorithms and their use within the computing industry together with computer systems, how they work and operate as well as how they are built and structured. This extended project is completed across Year 12 and Year 13 and is worth 20% of your final grade. Within this project you will follow industry standard design methodologies to design, create and test a product for a specified user. This project offers you the chance to create a mobile app or a game.

Drama & Theatre

Why study Drama and Theatre?

The skills honed during the Drama and Theatre course are essential to all further education and career prospects. After all, what jobs are there that don't require you to work productively and effectively as part of a team, communicate effectively, solve problems creatively, and take leadership roles? You do not have to plan to be an actor or stage technician to want to take Drama and Theatre, you just need to have a desire to work with others, be independent and want to take part in a creative and engaging style of learning.

What skills will I gain from studying Drama and Theatre?

As well as improving your acting, design and directing skills on this course, you will also: improve your communication skills; increase your confidence; improve your creative thinking skills; improve your group-working skills; learn how to formulate balanced arguments; how to analyse; evaluate and justify; learn how to manage your own time and learning effectively; develop creative writing skills; gain an understanding of producing a full-length production and to appreciate live theatre.



Economics

Why study Economics?

Economics will help you appreciate the problems that all societies face. What should be produced? How should it be produced? Who should receive what is produced? What can generate economic growth? What problems does economic growth create? What causes a recession? The solutions to economic problems have great implications for all of us. Today, more than ever, economies are affected not just by internal changes but by what is happening elsewhere in the world. A global outlook is essential for the success of any economy.

What skills will I gain from studying Economics?

Studying economics will encourage you to develop your skills as an independent learner, critical thinker and decision-maker– all personal assets that can make you stand out as you progress to higher education and/or the workplace. Economics encourages you to ‘think as an economist’ and develop the appropriate range of analytical, questioning and reasoning skills to achieve this objective.

English Language

Why study English Language?

English Language is an essential subject in today’s world. It teaches you to understand and interpret communication in the world around you. It celebrates diversity through exploration of the language used by many different social groupings, such as: gender groupings, age, sexuality, regional dialect and accent and use of language across the world; always enquiring into how that language has developed and how it is used to craft identity. You learn about how quickly we learn to speak as children and how language acquisition happens. You will also learn the skills of identifying and understanding bias in media texts, empowering you in the face of the manipulation that language can achieve on a daily basis. It is a subject that you can really own: it is about you; your language; where that language has come from; and where it is going.

What skills will I gain from studying English Language?

It is a subject about communication: understanding accuracy in texts, the construction of different kinds of functional (as well as creative) texts, and both analysing and producing texts throughout the course. You learn the tools to break down language through the six linguistic structures (inc. grammar, lexis and semantics and discourse structure) and then you use those tools to create your own texts. You learn to write in various different styles: reports, analyses, comparisons, discursive and also more imaginative and creative forms. You will have the opportunity to contribute to the study of linguistics through an independent investigation into language, as part of your Non-Exam Assessment (NEA), which is completed in the form of a scientific experiment.





English Literature

Why study English Literature?

Through the study of literature, you will gain insight into the lives, experiences, hopes, dreams and passions of people from across the world and throughout history. You will gain insight into how writers have used words to record and express all of the experiences that make us human. You will develop the ability to investigate language in a thoughtful and precise way, using analytical skills to see how the crafting of language influences our perception of the world. You will learn how to fashion your own thoughts into interpretations that use evidence to advance compelling arguments.

What skills will I gain from studying English Literature?

English Literature students become logical readers of complex and sometimes challenging texts. You will gain the ability to balance differing interpretations of viewpoints about literary texts and become adept at the process of arriving at understanding through informed discussion. You will develop a depth and breadth of insight into history, culture and society and become familiar with important intellectual movements (such as feminism) that shape our world today. You will become skilled in effective academic writing and capable of independent research and original thought.

French

Why study French?

French is spoken by 74 million people across the world with a projected 750 million speakers by 2050, notably in France and former French territories. Being able to speak French can provide you with travel and work opportunities as many UK businesses look for employees who can speak French, meaning studying the language will be a huge asset to your career.

What skills will I gain from studying French?

Studying French at A Level, not only improves your language skills, but it provides you with insights into France's history and culture. You will be able to understand French speakers, and their style of speech, read books in their original form, as well as newspapers, magazines and online news sites, and write in the target language in different styles. You will also expand your vocabulary in English and gain essay writing, summary and presentation skills. At Hazelwick we offer individual sessions with our native French assistant, study a film based on France during the Occupation and a novel based on the difficulties faced by immigrants in contemporary France.

Further Maths

Why study Further Maths?

Further Maths will deepen your enjoyment of Maths by discovering surprising links across the worlds of algebra, calculus, mechanics and algorithms. You will extend your Maths skills to a sophisticated level. You will equip yourself for university courses across a wide selection of subjects.

What skills will I gain from studying Further Maths?

Your mathematical skills will enable you to solve a wide range of problems in a huge variety of contexts. Your ability to link ideas together across the subject will be strengthened. You will develop your confidence to tackle unfamiliar problems.

Geography

Why study Geography?

Are you interested in understanding how the world works and how we can manage the environmental challenges of the 21st century? Geography allows you to see and understand the world from an expanding variety of viewpoints including culturally, temporarily and spatially. Geography will give you skills to promote economic development, improve our stewardship of natural resources and to protect the environment.

What skills will I gain from studying Geography?

Geography will help you develop a number of skills individually and within teams. You will undertake research and analysis to develop critical analysis. Investigating global issues, you will communicate this to a variety of audiences in different ways. You will gain the ability to interpret natural phenomena and to judge evidence. You will also develop specialist and transferable skills including statistical, spatial and environmental analysis alongside other quantitative and qualitative skills.





History

Why study History?

History is full of the most amazing stories of human courage, sacrifice, greed or weakness. The study of History will allow you to develop an awareness of the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in history. You will discover the theories of historians and the language that they use to discuss their ideas, comprehend the nature of historical evidence and develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted. This course will appeal to you if you: have an interest in the way that the world has developed; enjoy investigation and discovery; relish debate and argument; want to improve your analytical skills; want to study a subject which encourages you to make up your own mind.

What skills will I gain from studying History?

Students who study A Level History will develop a wide range of skills. You will learn how to research, evaluate and analyse information, weigh up historical evidence and develop an ability to express your own ideas confidently and effectively.

Law

Why study Law?

Law A level allows you to understand the significance the subject has in all aspects of our lives and gain a good understanding of three fundamental areas of substantive law- criminal, tort and contract. The course will enable you to know and understand the changing nature of law and its interaction with morality, justice and society. It is a very useful subject to take if you are considering studying Law at degree level, while of benefit for any undergraduate study and future careers.

What skills will I gain from studying Law?

Studying Law A level will make you a problem-solver! The specification allows you to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the structure, personnel and functions of the legal system. You will develop the ability to analyse legal rules and principles and then apply them to factual scenarios to reach a reasoned, legally valid conclusion. The course will enable you to construct persuasive legal arguments and to evaluate the strength of such arguments in a coherent, relevant and logical way. In addition, you will develop the ability to think critically about the laws we have.



Maths

Why study Maths?

You will become a more sophisticated problem-solver. You will learn how the worlds of chance, data, motion and stillness can be described using Maths. Relive the pioneers of Mathematical discovery by understanding logarithms and calculus. Develop knowledge of how technology can be used to solve Maths problems.

What skills will I gain from studying Maths?

You will become better at manipulating algebra. You will appreciate how to apply your mathematical knowledge. You will realise that complex mathematical problems can be solved in varied ways.

Media Studies

Why study Media Studies?

UNESCO has commented that “we live in a world where the media are omnipotent”. There is no question that it is also extremely influential. This enjoyable course offers you the opportunity to become an active viewer by understanding and analysing texts in a range of media. It gives you the opportunity to question the media products that influence people in society.

What skills will I gain from studying Media Studies?

You will gain skills in evaluation and analysis of all media texts. You will learn film-making skills and how to use Adobe Premier and After Effects Pro as well as Adobe Photoshop and InDesign. You will also learn how to manage a project from start to finish.

Photography

Why study Photography?

A Level Photography at Hazelwick is a broad-based course that provides flexibility in content and approach. You can explore and create work in a range of photographic processes, styles and media.

What skills will I gain from studying Photography?

A Level Photography at Hazelwick is a practical course giving you the opportunity to explore and create work in a range of photographic styles and media including both digital and analogue processes. Digital editing, lighting and studio photography and working in the darkroom are all part of our exciting curriculum. Experimentation and creativity are encouraged and emphasis is placed upon personal development and tailoring a creative pathway to suit each individual.

Physical Education

Why study PE?

Studying A Level Physical Education will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the non-examined assessment component, you will also mix the combination of physical performance and academic challenge.

What skills will I gain from studying PE?

You will develop the ability to link key sporting ideas with practical performance and gain insight into the relationships in team environments. You will develop transferable skills including; decision making, psychological understanding of people, independent thinking, problem solving and analytical skills as well as thinking and acting under pressure.



Politics

Why study Politics?

There are few subjects you can study at A Level and truly say you can change the world. Politics, however, is all about changing the world. In Politics we aim to make sense of the world around us; in the UK, Europe and the USA we look at ideas which have shaped the world. Politics is also a stimulating, challenging and rewarding subject because it is part of our everyday lives and expectations and because of its close relationship with contemporary issues, events and problems. The study of Politics equips you with the communicative skills and knowledge of contemporary issues which are highly valued by leading universities and employers alike. Quite simply study Politics because it affects everything you do!

Physics

Why study Physics?

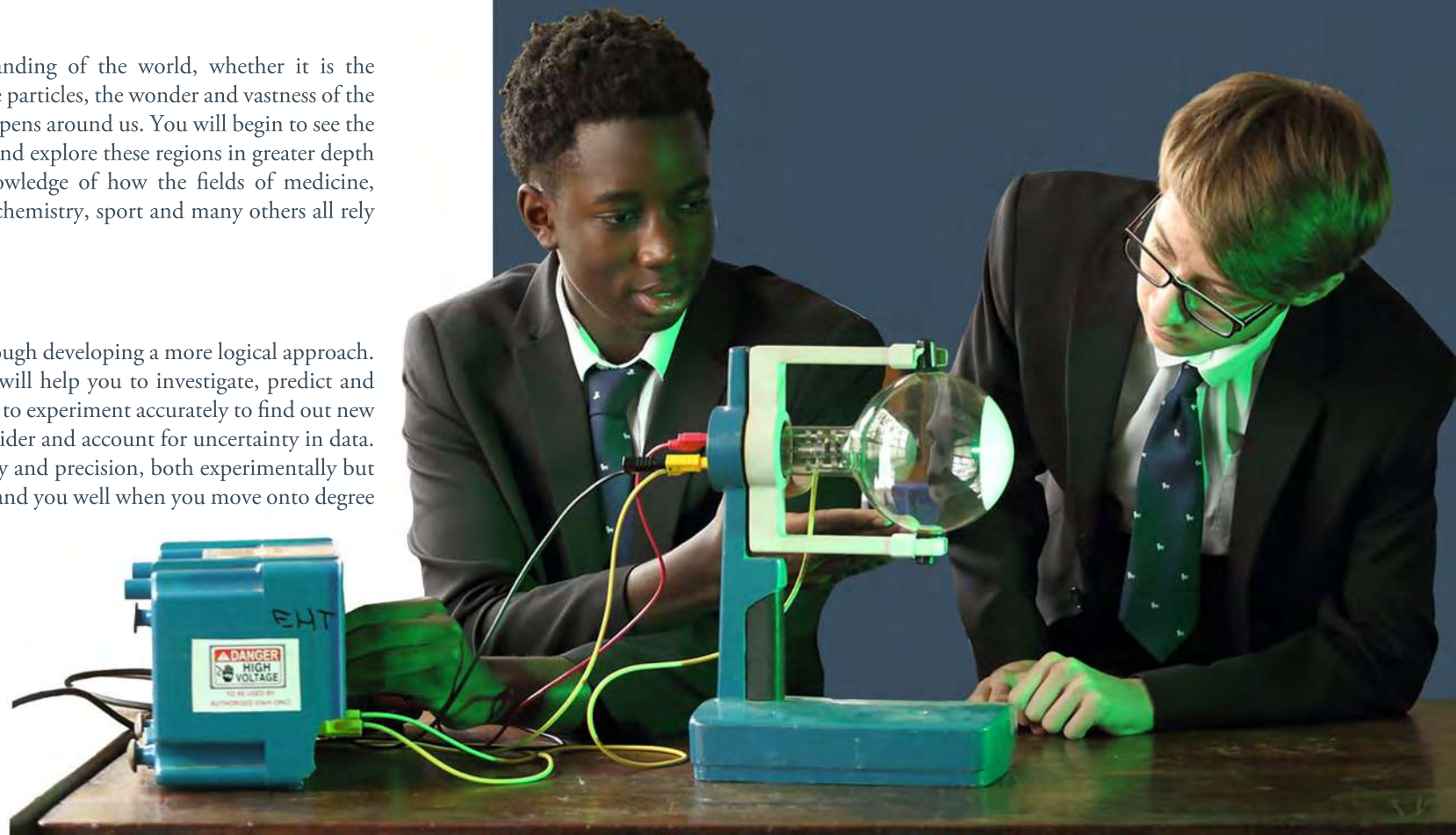
Physics will allow you to develop your understanding of the world, whether it is the fundamental phenomena of the smallest imaginable particles, the wonder and vastness of the universe at large or the everyday behaviour that happens around us. You will begin to see the links between these seemingly unconnected scales and explore these regions in greater depth and complexity. You will also gain a greater knowledge of how the fields of medicine, engineering, electronics, computing, the military, chemistry, sport and many others all rely on the use Physics.

What skills will I gain from studying Physics?

You will develop your ability to solve problems through developing a more logical approach. You will gain and develop analytical skills, which will help you to investigate, predict and analyse a range of different data. You will learn how to experiment accurately to find out new ideas and test theoretical predictions as well as consider and account for uncertainty in data. You will be challenged to develop a greater accuracy and precision, both experimentally but also when communicating your ideas, which will stand you well when you move onto degree level study.

What skills will I gain from studying Politics?

The study of Politics will allow you to develop a critical awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between political ideas, institutions and processes; what the structures of power are within the political systems of the UK and USA; what the rights and responsibilities of individuals are within society; how to develop a critical awareness of political events and issues and an understanding of different political viewpoints; how to develop the communication skills required to argue a case with relevance and coherence. This course will appeal to you if you: enjoy debating current affairs; like doing a subject that affects your daily life and is ever-changing; like to make up your own mind; want to improve your analytical skills.





Psychology

Why study Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Psychologists develop theories or explanations about why people behave the way they do and test these theories using a range of investigative techniques. Studying Psychology will allow you to try to understand what motivates, challenges or changes us and use this understanding to help us tackle personal and social problems. Psychology at A-level will appeal to you if you have an interest in helping others; in developing your analytical and investigative skills and if you enjoy finding answers to how and why we are the way we are.

What skills will I gain from studying Psychology?

The study of Psychology develops a wide variety of valuable skills such as scientific enquiry and the evaluation of research studies and theories which will complement a wide range of other subjects. You will have opportunities for your own research where you can practise the process of conducting psychological research collecting and working with data while following scientific protocol.

Product Design

Why study Product Design?

Design is everywhere; from the products we use, to the clothes we wear, everything we interact with has been designed in one way or another. This creative and thought-provoking qualification recognises the diversity of the creative industry and enables you to explore the areas within this sector. Studying Product Design is challenging but rewarding, equipping you with an ideal combination of design awareness, the ability to communicate ideas, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers. Especially those in the creative industries.

What skills will I gain from studying Product Design?

You will develop proficient skills in design communication, design theory, digital design and manufacture, the application of maths and science within design practical, the ability to work with a range of materials and enhance your ability to work with clients. You will develop your design research skills and develop hand drawing techniques to produce original ideas. Your presentation skills will develop as will your ability to effectively convey information through your designs. You will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put your learning in to practice by producing prototypes of your choice. You will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer, alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers.

Spanish

Why study Spanish?

An A Level in Spanish will be a highly valuable qualification whether you are considering higher education or employment. You will benefit from a fortnightly conversation class with our excellent native language assistant and you will have the opportunity to take place in insightful Spanish Day courses in London to understand better the film and literary book studied at A Level.

What skills will I gain from studying Spanish?

You will acquire more advanced translation skills and confident, effective conversation skills in Spanish. You will be trained to take initiative and formulate opinions about topical worldwide issues and you will gain a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities worldwide where Spanish is spoken.

Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is an exciting subject and we cover lots of interesting topics including gender stereotypes, racism, the causes of crime and the function of religion within society. Lessons are varied and include discussions about contemporary events, debates, group work, written work, reading and discussing media footage. In Sociology you touch on wide variety of subjects from Politics, Psychology, Health and Social Care, Law, Citizenship, Geography and History to name just a few!

What skills will I gain from studying Sociology?

Sociology is valued as a subject within higher education institutions because of the development of higher-level skills within the subject. You will develop your critical and analytical thinking, essay writing, research, and self-awareness. All of these skills are transferrable and valued by universities and employers alike.





Applied Level 3 Courses

The following courses are not traditional A levels but do have equivalent UCAS points. They are all graded as Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass. As they are not traditional A levels they are more suited to students who would benefit from a course that has external assessment through out the two years, unlike the traditional A levels where all the assessments are at the end of 2 years.

Mathematical Studies - Core Maths

Why study Core Maths?

Core Maths aims to help you retain, deepen and extend your mathematical skills and understanding through the use of meaningful and relevant problems, better preparing you for university, employment and life. This is a course for those who want to keep up their valuable maths skills but are not planning to take A Level Mathematics.

What skills will I gain from studying Core Maths?

You will develop mathematical and thinking skills. You will apply these to real - world problems. You will analyse data critically and present logical and reasoned arguments in context. You will communicate mathematical approaches and solutions in a variety of ways, including using ICT.

AAQ Business

Why study a vocational Business course?

Vocational Business qualifications are designed with the workplace in mind and provide a good alternative to A Levels. A vocational Business course will develop your core skills and understanding of the requirements of the business sector. You will gain hands-on experience and have the opportunity to focus on specific topics such as human resources, marketing and accounting & finance.

What skills will I learn from studying a vocational Business course?

Studying a vocational Business course will enable you to develop the fundamental skills recognised as most important by higher education and employers. This qualification offers you the chance to develop a range of transferable skills such as problem solving, communication, teamwork and research as part of your learning. Assessment will involve coursework as well as examinations so effective time management skills will also be developed.



Application Development

Why study Application Development?

AAQ in Computing is the new IT vocational A Level course. It is a fun and forward-thinking course that allows you to develop a passion for IT and Computer Science, while allowing you to develop valuable practical skills in a wide range of IT related fields.

Whether you have studied IT before or not, this course will open your eyes to the ever-changing world of IT and how we have come to depend on it in every walk of life. With links to industry, you will have the opportunity to develop skills that will be required to work in any career.

What skills will I gain from studying Application Development?

You will learn about the fundamentals of IT, application design and development, games design and prototyping and web design. You will also spend time learning both the theoretical and practical considerations taken into account when developing User Interface and User Experience solutions, and how these can be applied in game development, website design and app prototyping. You will learn skills in planning, management, business, ecommerce, networking and infrastructure, along with various software packages, making sure that once you have completed this qualification you have skills that are desirable to any employer.

Applied Food Science and Nutrition

Why study Food Science and Nutrition?

The Food industry is Great Britain's largest industry and largest employer, with an annual turnover of £80 billion. It employs over three million people in jobs that use a wide range of skills in a huge variety of positions. If you have a strong interest in any aspect of food production and development, this subject could lead you into a challenging and progressive career. The course involves practical work to assist the understanding of theoretical concepts.

What skills will I gain from studying Food Science and Nutrition?

You will develop skills required for independent learning and development, and the ability to ensure your own dietary health and well-being. You will learn a variety of generic and transferable skills such as the ability to solve problems and undertake project based research, development and presentation. You will also improve your ability to apply mathematical and ICT skills, as well as your ability to apply learning in vocational contexts.



Health and Social Care

Why study Health and Social Care?

Health and Social Care is a great course to study if you want to work with people and make a difference in people's lives. The qualification will help you develop independence and confidence in using skills relevant to the sector as well as prepare you for the progression to university courses. Lessons are varied as you will study a combination of coursework and examined units. Activities include discussion, research, practical activities wherever possible to bring the content alive, completing coursework, group work and much more.

What skills will I gain from studying Health and Social Care?

Health and Social Care helps you to develop the skills and knowledge required to work in Health and Social Care careers. Completing the coursework units will help you to develop skills in research, writing, organisation and referencing. You will also be assessed on practical skills such as communication and collaboration which are needed to succeed within a variety of future careers. In addition, other skills you will develop include creating and presenting information, recommending care and support for individuals and problem-solving health and social care issues for future service users.

Travel & Tourism

Why study Travel and Tourism?

The travel and tourism industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the UK. The value of tourism to the UK economy is expected to be worth over £257 billion by 2025. The sector currently employs around 3.96 million people. Travel & Tourism will give you the opportunity to study this industry in depth.

What skills will I gain from studying Travel and Tourism?

In addition to the travel and tourism sector-specific content, the requirements of the qualification will mean that students develop transferable and higher-order skills, which are well-regarded by higher education providers and employers. You will develop skills such as problem solving, team working and communication.

Level 2 Courses (1-year)

Why study Level 2 courses?

Hazelwick's package of one-year Level 2 courses is designed for students who have just missed out on 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above. Only available to current Hazelwick students the year after they finish Y11. The Level 2 course will boost the qualifications that you achieved in Year 11. By choosing the Level 2 courses the year can either provide a stepping-stone to further education, employment or Level 3 courses.

The structure of the course

You will study a combination of level 2 courses. You will combine these courses with a work experience placement on one day per week. You will be expected to find your own work experience, however, the Sixth Form team will support you with this. You must study English and Maths if you have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above at GCSE.

English Language and/or Maths GCSE

The key purpose of this course is to improve your Year 11 GCSE grade to a 4. You will re-sit the exam in November or June.

Citizenship Studies GCSE

This GCSE motivates and educates students to become thoughtful and active citizens who engage intelligently and enthusiastically with public life. Students will gain knowledge of democracy, government, law and life in modern Britain from this course. Communication skills are increasingly sought after by employers and the active citizenship project that students take part in will enhance students' public speaking skills as well as giving the students the opportunity to promote positive changes in their school or local community.

Health & Social Care – OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate

This specification in health and social care will encourage you to be inspired, moved and changed by following a broad, coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study and gain an insight into related sectors. It should prepare you to make informed decisions about further learning opportunities and career choices.

Biology GCSE

Biology GCSE gives students the opportunity to gain a science qualification that is different to the combined Science GCSE they have studied. Students will gain a deeper understanding of biology while continuing to develop their practical skills.

