



Year 9 options

Chaigeley Educational Foundation



English (Compulsory)*



Maths (Compulsory)



Science (Compulsory)



Food Technology



Art & Photography



PE



Esports



Computing



Languages



Construction & Mechanics

English

Entry Level Certificate in English

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

(Compulsory)*



*It is compulsory to choose either the entry level certificate or the GCSE English Language course, however the GCSE English Literature course is optional.

English

Entry Level Certificate in English

Overview

Entry Level Certificates are nationally recognised qualifications that allow students to achieve a certified award. Assessments are designed to engage and motivate students, offering an appropriate level of challenge while ensuring accessibility for all learners.

This specification supports students in developing essential skills for reading and understanding a variety of texts, as well as writing clearly, coherently, and accurately using a broad vocabulary and varied sentence structures.

The qualification is adaptable to students' needs through two pathways: Silver Step and Gold Step. Silver Step is suited for entry 1 and entry 2 students, while Gold Step is designed for entry 3 students. The Entry Level Certificate can also offer clear progression routes to completing a GCSE in English Language.

Course Outline

This qualification includes a practical, non-exam assessment (NEA) to support Entry Level students in their learning. It is split into two parts - Silver Step and Gold Step, each covering reading, writing, and spoken language.

The course connects reading and writing through engaging themes, making learning enjoyable and relevant.

Component 1

Literacy Topics – Focuses on real-world writing, where students complete different tasks based on a theme.

Component 2

Creative Reading and Writing – Encourages students to explore stories and non-fiction texts, analyze them, and create their own writing.

English

GCSE English Language

Overview

The GCSE English Language course equips learners with essential reading, writing, and communication skills. It enables students to read a wide range of texts fluently and with good understanding, developing their ability to engage with and critically analyse different forms of writing.

Through exposure to various texts, learners enhance their own writing by applying knowledge gained from reading. They are encouraged to write effectively and coherently, using Standard English appropriately while demonstrating accurate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

The course also helps students expand their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of grammatical terminology and linguistic conventions in reading, writing, and spoken language.

Additionally, learners develop strong listening skills, enabling them to comprehend spoken language and use spoken Standard English effectively in different contexts.

Course Outline

In English Language, students will engage with a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, exploring different genres and text types. These include articles, speeches, letters, short stories, and extracts from influential literary works. The GCSE qualification consists of two components both assessed through formal examination.

Component 1

20th Century Reading Study and Creative Prose Writing

Reading - This section will test through structured questions the reading of an unseen extract from one 20th century literary prose text.

Writing - This section will test creative prose writing, giving opportunities to describe and narrate, and for imaginative and creative use of language.

Component 2

19th and 21st Century Non Fiction Reading Study and Transactional/ Persuasive Writing

Reading - This section will test through structured questions the reading of two high-quality unseen non-fiction texts, one from the 19th century, the other from the 21st century.

Writing - This section will test transactional, persuasive and/or discursive writing through two writing tasks.

Where can it Lead?

Studying English at GCSE builds essential skills for both academic and practical careers. Strong reading, writing, and communication abilities are crucial in healthcare, retail, trades and management, where clear explanations and coordination matter. They're also key in media, arts, and tech, where storytelling and client interactions are vital. No matter the field, expressing ideas clearly and understanding information is a valuable asset.

English

GCSE English Literature

Overview

GCSE English Literature is an excellent option for Key Stage 4 pupils. It develops, valuable skills that are essential for academic and personal growth. By studying a range of classic and modern texts, students develop critical thinking and analytical abilities, learning to interpret and evaluate different types of literature. This subject also enhances communication skills, as pupils are encouraged to articulate their ideas clearly through both written essays and oral discussions.

Furthermore, it fosters empathy and cultural understanding by exploring diverse perspectives, themes, and historical contexts within literature. The skills gained through English Literature, such as essay writing, argument construction, and effective analysis, are transferable and beneficial in a wide range of careers, making it a highly relevant and rewarding subject choice.

Course Outline

Texts on the GCSE English Literature Course have been chosen to allow a breadth of study, cultural capital and comprehension of literary heritage. Within English Literature across Years 10 and 11, students will study Shakespeare in the form of *Romeo and Juliet*, modern drama in Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers*, 19th Century fiction in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, and a vast range of poetry.

Assessment and Examinations

100% Written Exam

Paper 1:

Shakespeare and 19th century novel

Paper 2:

Modern prose or drama text, Anthology and an Unseen Poetry

Where can it Lead?

A GCSE in English Literature opens doors to A-levels, university degrees, and careers in writing, media, law, education, marketing, and more. The critical thinking, analysis, and communication skills gained are highly valued across industries, from publishing and journalism to advertising, public relations, and corporate roles.

Maths

Entry Level Mathematics

GCSE Mathematics



(Compulsory)

Maths

Entry Level Mathematics

Overview

For students who are working towards achieving a solid foundation in mathematics, the Entry Level qualification offers an accessible and supportive pathway. This qualification helps students build essential skills and understanding, enabling them to progress further in mathematics or other subjects. The Entry Level qualification is designed to be a stepping stone toward GCSE Maths or further education.



Maths

GCSE Mathematics

Overview

The GCSE Mathematics qualification offers a comprehensive and challenging curriculum aimed at students who wish to gain a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. GCSE Mathematics covers a wide range of topics across different areas of mathematics and is designed to help students develop problem-solving, analytical, and reasoning skills.

Course Outline

The GCSE Mathematics course is divided into several key topic areas, which include:

Number

- Understanding number systems, place value, and ordering.
- Arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).
- Fractions, percentages, and ratios.
- Powers, roots, and indices.

Algebra

- Simplifying expressions and solving equations.
- Linear equations and inequalities.
- Quadratic equations.
- Sequences and patterns (including arithmetic and geometric sequences).
- Functions and graphs.

Geometry and Measures

- Properties and transformations of shapes.
- Angles and geometric reasoning.
- Perimeter, area, and volume of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Coordinate geometry.
- Pythagoras' Theorem and trigonometry.

Statistics and Probability

- Data collection, representation, and interpretation (graphs and charts).
- Measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode).
- Probability theory and calculations.
- Statistical analysis and interpretation of data sets.

Ratio, Proportion, and Rates of Change

- Proportions, direct and inverse variation.
- Speed, density, and other rates of change.
- Scale factors and enlargement.

Assessment and Examinations

Entry Level Maths is assessed through external exams, focusing on problem-solving and practical application of mathematical skills.

GCSE Mathematics is assessed through two written examinations.

GCSE is split into two levels

Higher (GCSE grades 4 to 9)

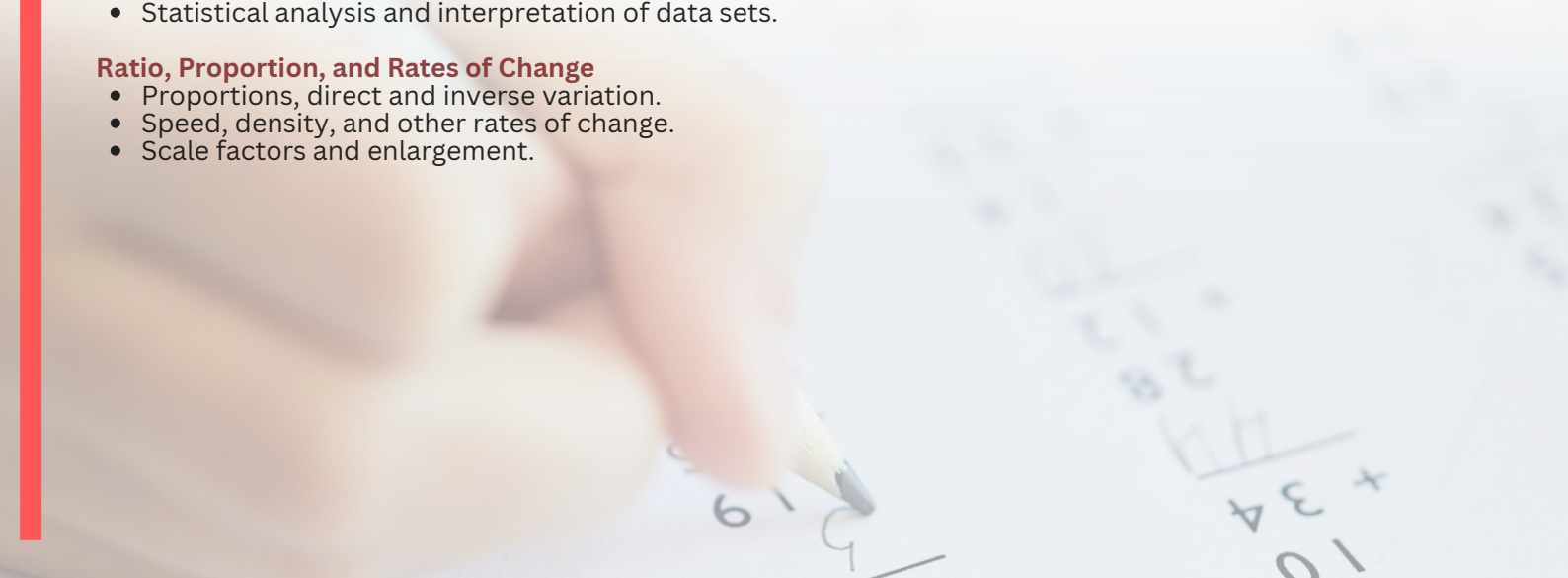
Foundation (GCSE grades 1 to 5)

Students will be entered for the relevant level depending on their performance.

Where can it Lead?

Mathematics is a core subject and is compulsory for all students to study as part of their education. Achieving a good grade in GCSE Mathematics is essential for a wide range of future opportunities, whether in further education, training, or employment. This qualification not only equips students with fundamental mathematical skills but also develops problem-solving, analytical, and reasoning abilities that are valuable in everyday life and various careers.

GCSE Mathematics provides the foundation for many academic and professional pathways, such as science, engineering, finance, and technology.



Science

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory in Applied Science
Pearson Edexcel Combined Science GCSE Level 2



(Compulsory)

Science

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory in Applied Science

Overview

The Level 1 BTEC in Applied Science is designed to provide learners with foundational knowledge and skills in the fields of biology, chemistry, and physics. This qualification serves as an introduction to applied science, focusing on both theoretical concepts and practical laboratory techniques. The course aims to prepare students for further studies in science or related vocational pathways.

Course Structure

The Level 1 BTEC in Applied Science typically consists of several units that cover essential topics within the scientific disciplines:

Being Organised

This unit helps students develop organizational skills necessary for effective study and work.

Developing a Personal Progression Plan

Learners create a plan outlining their educational and career goals.

Working with Others

This unit emphasizes teamwork and collaboration skills.

Researching a Topic

Students learn how to conduct research effectively on scientific topics.

Exploring Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

These units introduce fundamental concepts in each of the three sciences, providing insights into their practical applications.

Carrying out a Scientific Experiment

Students engage in hands-on experiments to apply their theoretical knowledge.

Practical Actions to Protect the Environment

This unit focuses on environmental science and sustainability practices.

Making a Chemical Product

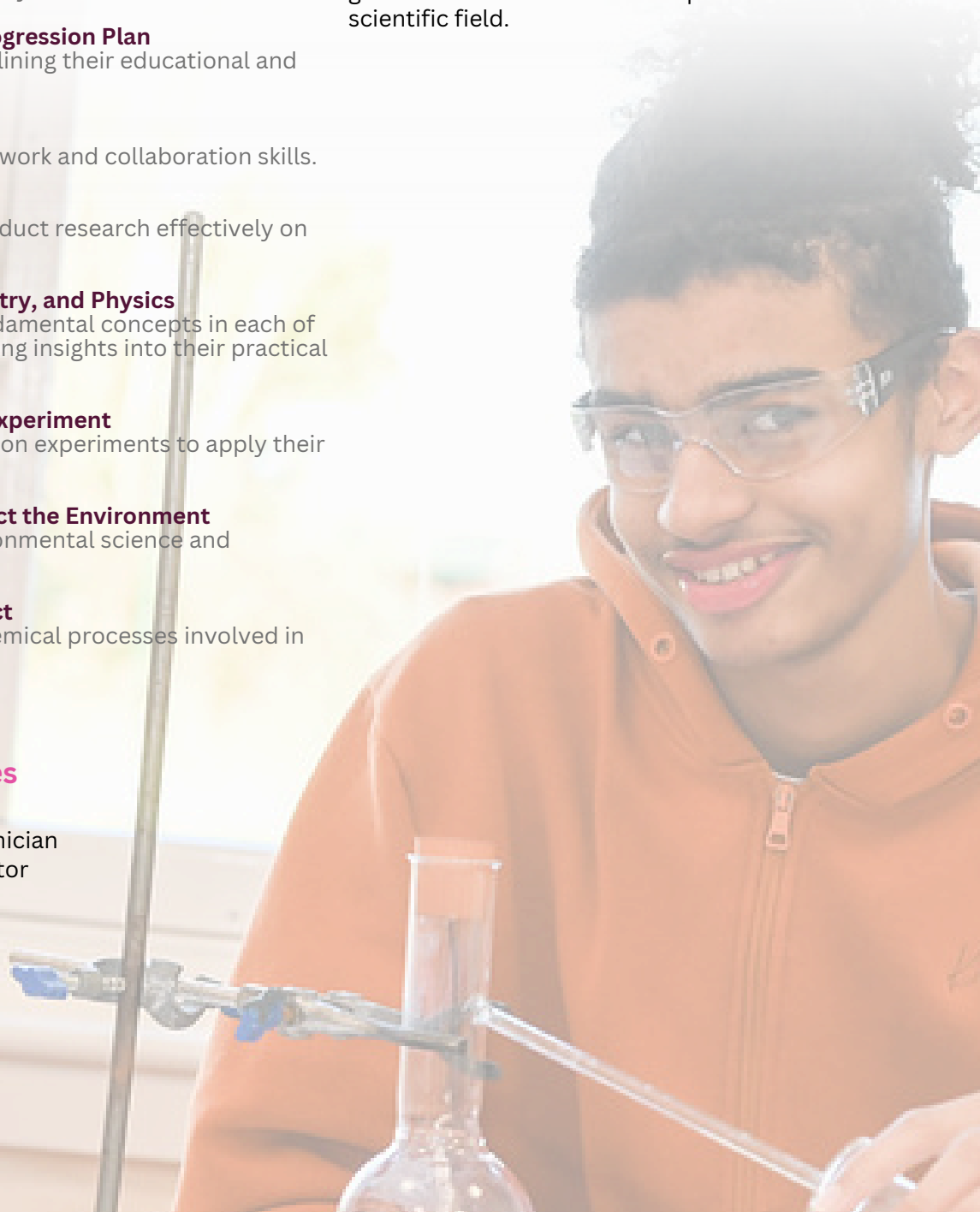
Learners explore basic chemical processes involved in product creation.

Where can it Lead?

This course sets out a foundational knowledge of Science and leads into further study upon successful completion of the Level 1 BTEC in Applied Science, students can progress to Level 2 qualifications or other study programs that further enhance their scientific knowledge and skills. This qualification lays the groundwork for various career paths within the scientific field.

Career Opportunities

- Laboratory Technician
- Forensic Science Technician
- Quality Control Inspector
- Food Technologist
- Health Care Assistant
- Animal Care Worker



Science

Pearson Edexcel Combined Science GCSE Level 2

Overview

In the Combined Science pathway, students study a blend of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics over six examination papers. This approach allows for an integrated understanding of scientific principles and their interconnections.

Biology

- Cell biology
- Organisation within living organisms
- Infection and response mechanisms
- Bioenergetics including photosynthesis and respiration
- Homeostasis and response systems
- Inheritance, variation, evolution, and ecology

Chemistry

- Structure and bonding in matter
- Chemical reactions and stoichiometry
- Acids, bases, and pH levels
- The periodic table and its elements
- Organic chemistry basics

Physics

- Energy transfers and transformations
- Forces and motion dynamics
- Waves properties including sound and light
- Electricity fundamentals including circuits
- Atomic structure and radioactivity

Where can it Lead?

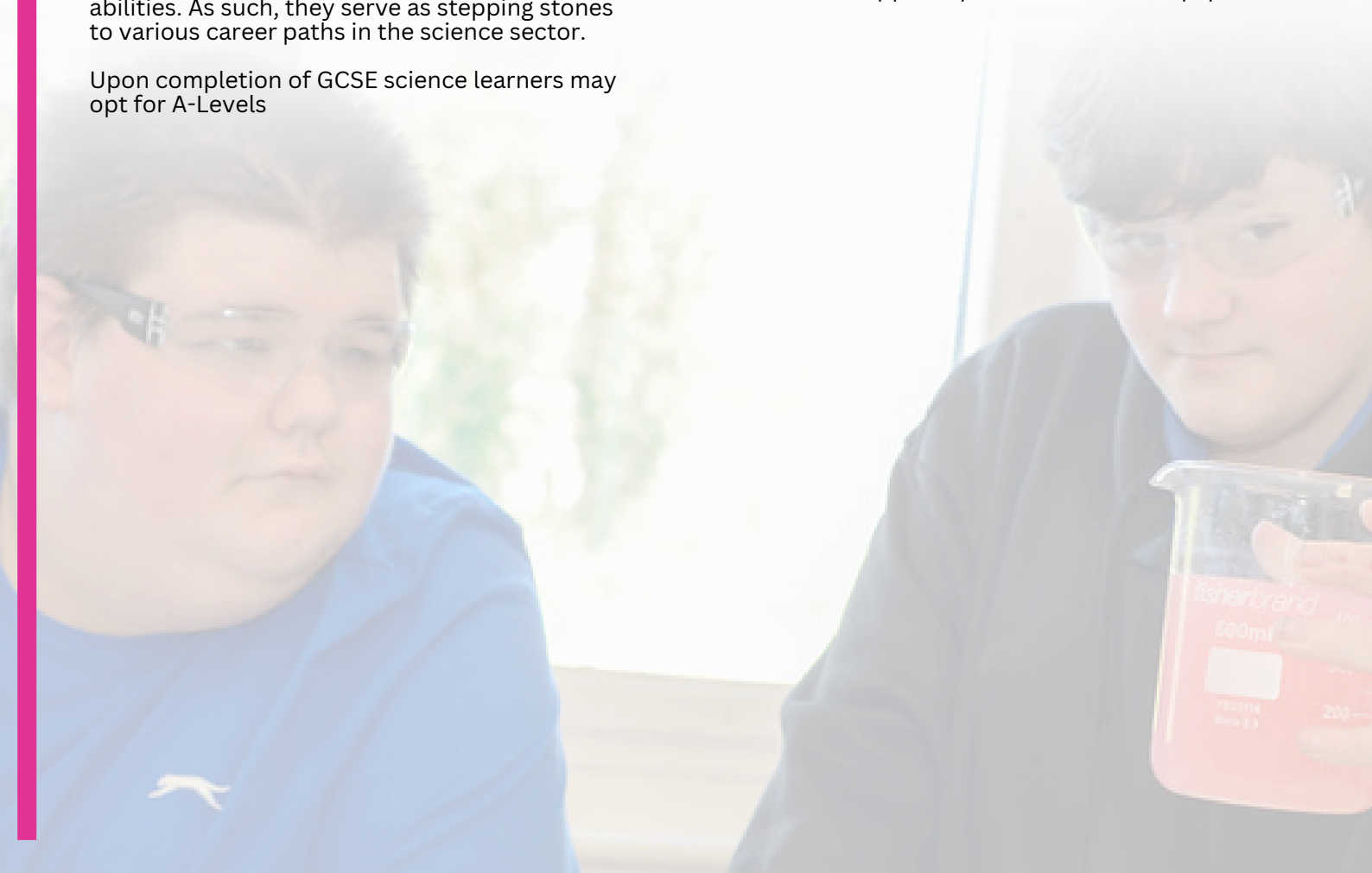
GCSE Science are foundational qualifications that provide students with essential knowledge and skills in scientific disciplines, including biology, chemistry, and physics.

These courses emphasize practical applications of science, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. As such, they serve as stepping stones to various career paths in the science sector.

Upon completion of GCSE science learners may opt for A-Levels

Career Opportunities from GCSE Science

- Nursing Assistant
- Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
- Research Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Public Health Educator
- Technical Support Specialist (Science Equipment)



Food Technology

BTEC ND in Home Cooking Skills

Level 2 Award in Hospitality & Catering



Food Technology

BTEC ND in Home Cooking Skills

Overview

This course is taken over two years and can begin in Year 9. The qualification equips learners with essential cooking skills to create delicious meals at home with confidence. Not only will participants learn how to plan nutritious meals on a budget, but they will also be encouraged to adapt these skills to various recipes.

Students will develop independence in cooking for themselves and their families, promoting a lifelong learning skill to make positive changes that enhance health and overall wellbeing through enjoyable and fulfilling cooking experiences.

Course Outline

Year 1: Level 1

You will:

Use cooking skills to make home-cooked food that does not use pre-prepared, ready-cooked food

Understand the value of passing on information about home cooking

Year 2: Level 2

You will:

Be able to plan a nutritious, home cooked meal using basic ingredients

Be able to prepare, cook and present a nutritious, home cooked meal using basic ingredients

Understand how to cook economically at home

Be able to pass on information about cooking meals at home from scratch .

Assessment & Examinations

Level 1 & 2 are 100% Coursework. This assessment is mostly practical with a small amount of written coursework each week.

Level 1

Learners will receive an assignment brief to plan and prepare a main meal

Level 2

Learners will receive an assignment brief to plan and prepare a two course meal, Starter, Main or Dessert

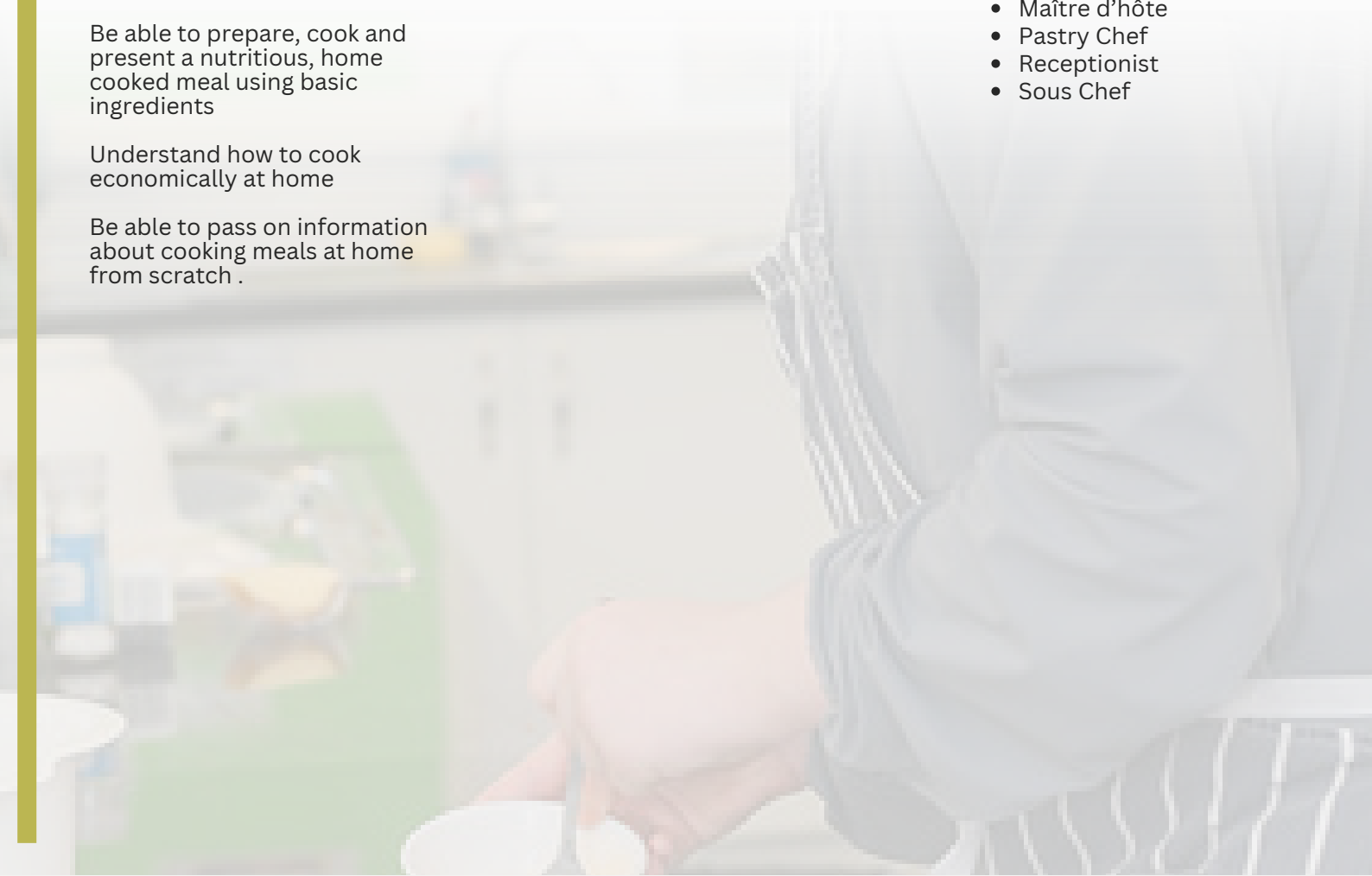
Where can it Lead?

Qualifications:

Level 1 / 2 Hospitality and Catering, Apprenticeship within the Food Industry

Possible careers within the food industry:

- Chef de Partie
- Commis Chef
- Concierge
- Executive Chef
- Front of House Manager
- Head Waiter
- Housekeeper
- Maître d'hôte
- Pastry Chef
- Receptionist
- Sous Chef



Food Technology

Level 2 Award in Hospitality & Catering

Overview

Ever wondered what it takes to work in a top hotel or restaurant? Does food and discovering new flavours in the kitchen inspire you? Maybe you're interested in developing the skills you need to work front of house?

You will develop a range of skills including: communication, confidence, learning, independence, organisation, problem solving, research, self-discipline, stamina, taking on responsibility and time management.

Course Outline

Unit 1: The Hospitality and Catering Industry

- Learn about the hospitality and catering industry, the types of hospitality and catering providers and about working in the industry.
- Learn about health and safety, food safety in hospitality and catering, as well as food related causes of ill health

Unit 2: Hospitality and Catering in Action

- Learn about the importance of nutrition and how cooking methods can impact on nutritional value.
- Learn how to plan nutritious menus as well as factors which affect menu planning. You will learn the skills and techniques needed to prepare, cook and present dishes as well as learning how to review your work effectively.

Assessment and Examinations

You are assessed via a written exam and an assignment.

Unit 1

This unit is assessed by exam, which is worth 40% of your qualification.

Unit 2

In this unit you will complete an assignment to plan and prepare a menu in response to a brief. This will be worth 60% of your qualification and will take 12 hours.

Where can it Lead?

A-level or BTEC Level 3 in Hospitality or an apprenticeship within the Food Industry.

Possible Careers

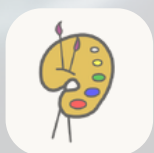
The hospitality industry offers a wide range of exciting opportunities which includes:

- Chef de Partie
- Commis Chef
- Concierge
- Executive Chef
- Front of House Manager
- Head Waiter
- Housekeeper
- Maître d'hôte
- Pastry Chef
- Receptionist
- Sous Chef

Art & Photography

GCSE Art, Craft & Design

GCSE Photography



Art & Photography

GCSE Art, Craft & Design

Overview

Art is a popular and successful subject at Chaigeley School with students achieving or exceeding their target grade.

Students become independent, creative thinkers and problem-solvers. Students refine their technical skills in drawing and use a range of mediums, such as paint, photography, clay, textiles, print and digital art.

Our Art students gain valuable observational skills, develop personal expression and build confidence making this subject an enriching choice for GCSE.

Course Outline

The Eduqas GCSE in Art, Craft and Design is an exciting, flexible course that encourages students to unleash their creativity and develop artistic skills.

At Chaigeley we timetable three lessons of Art per week and we work practically. Each lesson focuses on drawing, making and researching ideas to build an extensive portfolio in Year 10 and answer the exam question in Year 11.

Students embark on visits to galleries, museums and places of interest like railways or zoos to take photographs, create life drawings and enhance their personal portfolios. Visits also broaden students' knowledge of contemporary and historical artists and designers.

Assessment & Examinations

Unit 1: Portfolio

60% of qualification: 120 marks
A robust practical portfolio developed from a personal starting point.

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of qualification: 80 marks
Students explore a starting point to build a personal, creative response, culminating in a 10 hour exam to complete a personal presentation

Where can it Lead?

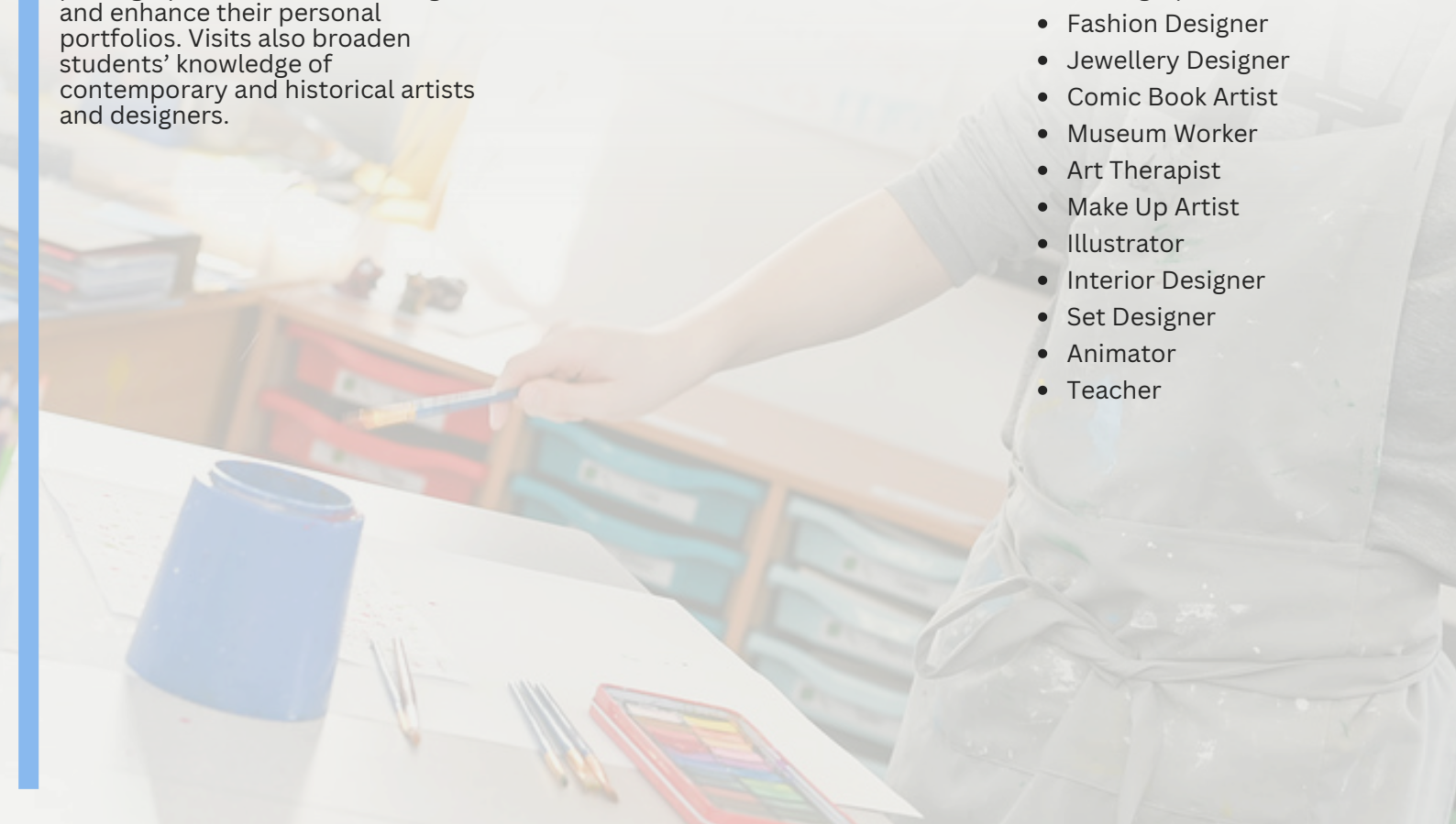
Qualifications:

A-Level or BTEC in Visual Arts based subjects

Possible careers:

Following a successful Foundation Course or Degree, students could develop a career within the art and design industry, in the following types of roles;

- Game Designer
- 3D designer
- Photographer
- Fashion Designer
- Jewellery Designer
- Comic Book Artist
- Museum Worker
- Art Therapist
- Make Up Artist
- Illustrator
- Interior Designer
- Set Designer
- Animator
- Teacher



Art & Photography

GCSE Photography

Overview

Photography is a new subject at Chaigeley School and is offered through the Art and Design department. It can be studied within Art and Design as a medium of art or as a standalone separate qualification. Students can study both if they wish.

Photography is defined as the practice of creating durable static or moving images by recording light with light sensitive materials such as photographic film or digitally.

GCSE Photography encourages students to think creatively and independently, using their camera as a powerful tool for self-expression and problem-solving. It's a fantastic subject to explore.

Course Outline

Students will delve into a range of photography styles, including documentary and studio photography, as well as photojournalism. The course will feature hands-on projects where they'll experiment with various techniques, explore experimental imagery, and learn about installation art. They'll also engage with moving image mediums such as film, video, and animation, ultimately enhancing their technical skills and artistic vision.

Studying photography means becoming a successful storyteller. You'll learn how to capture moments of inspiration, tension and emotion and build these into two portfolios over the two years.

Where can it Lead?

Qualifications:

A GCSE in Photography opens up a variety of pathways. Students can progress to;

- A-Levels in Art
- Media Studies
- Photography itself, where they can hone their skills further.

Possible Careers:

This foundation can lead to exciting careers in

- Photography
- Graphic design
- Fashion
- Advertising
- Social Media Management.

Many also pursue higher education degrees in Fine Arts or Visual Communication, setting the stage for a dynamic creative career.

Assessment & Examinations

Unit 1: Portfolio

60% of qualification: 120 marks

A major practical portfolio developed from a personal starting point.

Unit 2: Externally Set Assignment

40% of qualification: 80 marks

Students explore a starting point to build a personal, creative response, culminating in a 10 hour exam to complete a personal presentation.

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PE

**Sports Leadership Award
Duke of Edinburgh Award**



Sports Leadership Award

Overview

As an SEMH School, we know there are life-changing benefits for young people who participate in sports and physical activity. They tell us about the increase in their confidence, resilience, and the overall improvement to both their physical and mental health.

With Sports Leadership, we have the chance to use sports and physical activity as a way of supporting learners to develop the essential skills they need to plan, develop and deliver activities that bring these benefits to their communities.

Our three qualifications in Sports Leadership each offer a blend of theory and practical experience, giving learners multiple opportunities to put into practice the leadership skills they develop as part of the programme. Our school uses the programmes in a variety of ways from re-engaging those students who feel disenfranchised from the traditional curriculum, to training up a workforce of volunteers that can deliver inter-school tournaments and events for the benefit of the wider community.

Course Outline

Below you will find the names of the qualifications available under the Sports Leadership programme.

Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership

Level 2 Qualification in Community Sports Leadership

Level 3 Qualification in Sports Leadership (UCAS posts available on completion)



PE

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Overview

Leave your limits behind with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award is the perfect way to try new things, meet new people, discover new skills and talents, give to your community, feel more confident, recognise your potential, boost your wellbeing and know that nothing can hold you back.

What's Involved

There are three levels of Award

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

For each one you need to complete four sections

- Volunteering
- Physical Skills
- Expedition

For Bronze and Silver, you also need to complete a residential. What you do is up to you. From surfing to salsa dancing, coding to candle making, bee keeping to BMXing, it's your call.

Whose it For

Everyone!

DofE is non-competitive and everyone aged 14-24 is welcome, whatever your interests, background, and abilities. It's about finding the confidence to be yourself, and knowing that when things get tough, you can find a way through.

Esports

BTEC Esports



Esports

BTEC Esports

Overview

The BTEC Level 2 in Esports is an intermediate qualification for Key Stage 4 learners who want to specialise in a specific occupation, occupational area or technical role. It prepares learners for work or an Apprenticeship by giving them the opportunity to develop sector-specific knowledge, technical and practical skills, and to apply these skills in work-related environments.

Esports offers a unique opportunity to deliver a curriculum that teaches concepts in the context of multiple skills and subject areas at once. It provides an opportunity for alignment of social, physical, mental and financial skills into one qualification to deepen and expand learning, skills which are highly valued in the changing and fluid workplace.

What will I learn

Unit 1: Esports Games, Teams and Tournaments

Unit 2: Establishing an Esports Organisation

Unit 3: Streaming for Esports

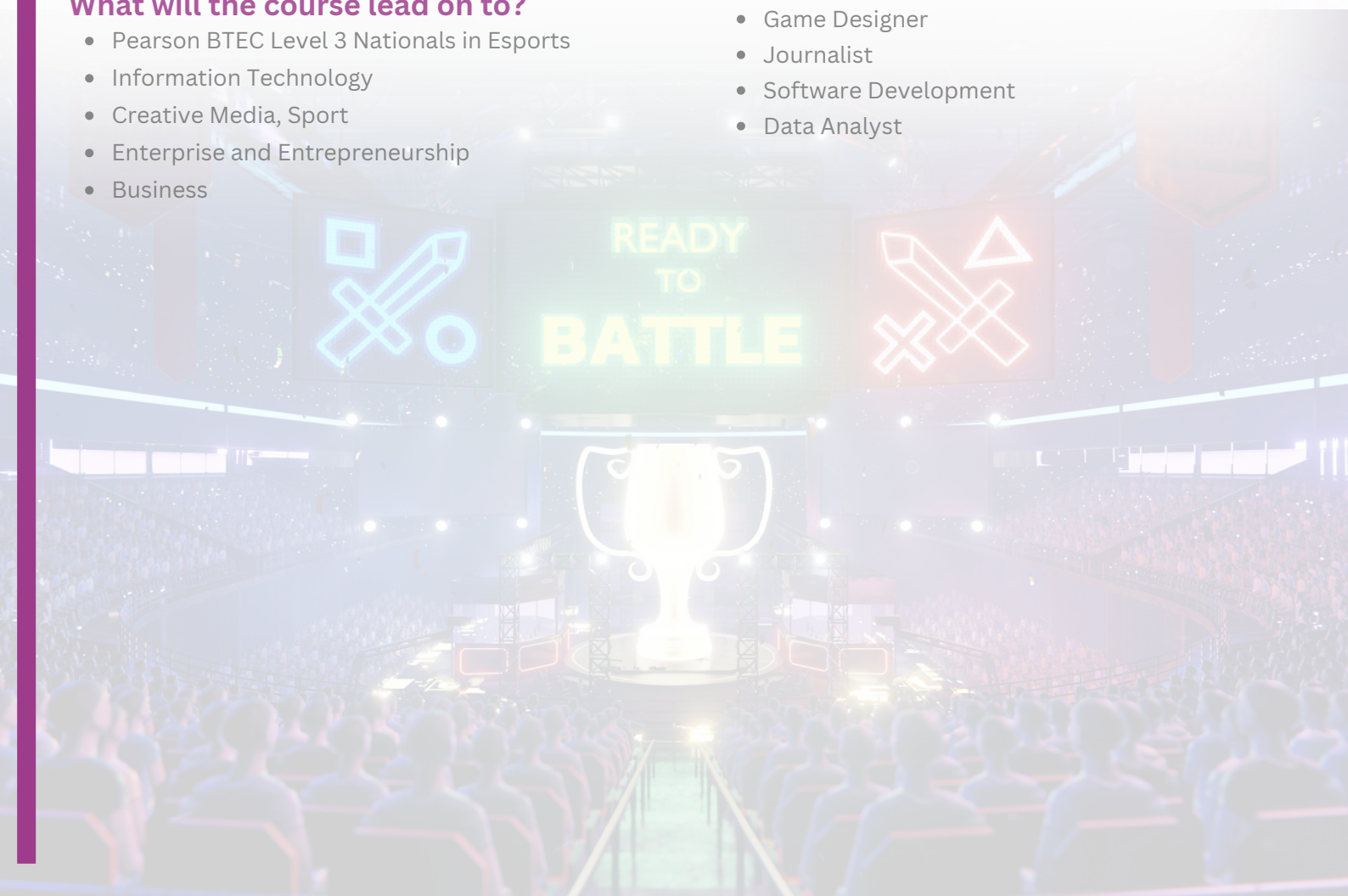
Unit 4: Plan an Esports Event

What will the course lead on to?

- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Esports
- Information Technology
- Creative Media, Sport
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Business

What jobs could the course Lead to?

- Esports Player
- Team Coach
- Events Organiser
- Shoutcaster and Presenter
- Video Production Editor
- Photographer
- Game Designer
- Journalist
- Software Development
- Data Analyst



Computing

Computing Functional Skills Level 1



Computing

Computing Functional Skills Level 1

Overview

Digital Functional Skills qualifications should fulfil the following purposes:

- Provide reliable evidence of a learner's achievements against content that is relevant to the workplace and real life.
- Provide assessment of a learner's knowledge and skills as well as their ability to apply these in different contexts.
- Provide a foundation for progression into employment or further education and develop skills for everyday life.

What will I learn

- Using devices and handling information
- Creating and editing
- Communicating
- Transacting
- Being safe and responsible online

What jobs could the course Lead to?

- Cyber Security
- Games Developer
- Software Developer
- Digital Marketing
- Web Designer
- AI and Robotics Development
- Teacher

What will the course lead on to?

Functional skills level 2 & 3 - Colleges offer:

- **Level 1** Digital Innovation
- **Level 2** Computing and IT
- **Level 3** Extended Diploma in Information Technology
- **Level 3** Data Technician Apprenticeship



Languages

GCSE German



Languages

GCSE German

Overview

Learning a new language can feel like a challenge, but at Chaigeley, we make it exciting and approachable! Our small group settings, personalised resources, and carefully paced lessons ensure that every student can build confidence while learning German, no prior experience necessary—just a passion for trying something new!

In our engaging lessons, you'll explore a variety of topics, from family and friends, schools, travel, and transport to future plans and the latest in technology. Plus, you'll get the chance to apply your new skills during a trip to Germany, where you can practice speaking the language first hand in the country itself!

What will I learn

Learning German opens up a world of benefits, far beyond just mastering a new language:

- **Boost Your Career Opportunities:** Colleges and employers often value language skills and may offer lower entry requirements for students who can show proficiency.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Connect with a rich and diverse culture, understanding the traditions, and perspectives that shape the German-speaking world.
- **Cognitive and Academic Benefits:** Learning a language improves memory, problem-solving skills, and overall academic performance.
- **Confidence & Communication:** As you engage in new conversations and discover different ways of thinking, your confidence and communication skills will soar.

What will the course lead on to?

At the end of your two-year journey, you'll have the opportunity to sit the German GCSE, which includes four exams: writing, reading, listening, and speaking. We also offer AQA certificates, so even if you're not taking the full exam, you can still showcase your ability to hold a conversation and understand basic German—an excellent way to demonstrate your language skills.

Construction & Mechanics

Work Related Learning



Construction & Mechanics

Work Related Learning

Overview

Work Related Learning is a varied and exciting option. Students are able to sample lessons focussing on construction, woodwork, plumbing, general maintenance and vehicle mechanics. The aim is to provide students with the skills they need to further their career in the areas of interest.

Once an area of interest has been established, focussed skills sessions allow students to gain the specific skills required to complete work to a high standard whilst always adhering to the strict health and safety guidelines.

What will I learn

Students will complete a variety of tasks and projects, from creating their own models using timber to fixing and maintaining dirt bikes and cars.

AQA unit awards are offered in the area of study which allows students to gain qualifications whilst completing practical work. A high proportion of AQA Unit Award evidence is collected and evidenced through photographs, cutting down the reliance on paperwork.

What will the course lead on to?

Courses can lead onto jobs and vocations in garages, mechanics workshops, jobs in plumbing firms, apprenticeships and further education courses.

Not only will this subject offer an opportunity to gain further qualifications, it gives students practical skills that can be applied to their everyday lives, such as fixing a door hinge or the changing spark plugs on their own car.

Jobs include:

- Plumbers
- Gas Engineers
- Carpenters
- Joiners
- Car and Bike Mechanics
- Tyre Fitters
- Valeting Operatives
- Mechanical Engineers
- Maintenance Contractors
- Self-Employment.



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