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# Welcome



Thank you for considering studying at Newcastle Sixth Form College. Selecting the best college for you is an important decision and you should take every opportunity to research the right courses and the right place to continue your studies. This prospectus should provide you with key information needed to start to make those decisions but I recommend that you join us at one of our open events so that you can get to meet our staff and students and get a sense of what we have to offer. Newcastle Sixth Form College offers outstanding facilities for students intending to follow an academic programme and by choosing us you will be joining students from over one hundred schools who have chosen to come to us to work towards successfully completing their A Levels.

At Newcastle Sixth Form College, you will have access to nearly 30 subjects, one of the widest selection in the region. Our highly qualified and enthusiastic staff will support and guide you through your studies, with inspirational lessons, regular assessment and feedback and regular opportunities to further develop your interest and curiosity in the subjects you study.

A Levels open doors to higher education and employment and in some cases they are the only way to access academic courses at university. We have high expectations of all our students and expect that the standards you have for your own achievement match this. Newcastle Sixth Form will equip you with the skills for success at university and the foundations of a successful career. During your time with us, we will support you to develop the independent study skills required to succeed in your chosen courses and move on to higher education.

Our experienced student support team will provide you with all the help and support required to be successful. Regular feedback will be given to you and your parents/carers to ensure that you stay on track and achieve your goals at Sixth Form College. There are also an exciting range of enrichment opportunities which you can become involved in, such as World Challenge, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and volunteering, charitable events and work experience.

Our students are always at the heart of everything we do and we will strive to give you the opportunity to fulfil your potential. We want you to join the many successful students who have studied with us over the years. Have a look in this prospectus to see our past student case studies to see which subjects they studied with us and what they have progressed on to at university.

We look forward to you joining us in September.

Gerard Garvey  
Principal

# WHY CHOOSE

## Newcastle Sixth Form College?

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### WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

# 27

With 27 different A Level subjects, as well as a programme of GCSEs (Access to A Levels), we offer one of the widest choice of subjects around, including some which you might not have studied at school, like Classics, Economics, Government and Politics, Geology, Law, Psychology and Sociology.

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### EXPERT TEACHERS DEDICATED TO A LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMMES

Our teachers, many of whom are A Level examiners for national awarding bodies, only teach 16-19 year olds. This means that they focus their skills, knowledge and experience on making sure you have the opportunity to achieve your full potential.

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### UP TO £750\* PER YEAR TO HELP WITH COLLEGE COSTS

# £750

Eligible students can claim up to £750\* per year to help with travel and course costs.

Find out more on page 17.

\*eligibility criteria applies

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### THE ONLY DEDICATED A LEVEL PROVIDER IN THE CITY

Newcastle Sixth Form College is the only purpose-built sixth form college in the city, providing a world-class learning environment.



Our state-of-the-art building includes:

- Over 140 student computers in dedicated study areas.
- A purpose built Debating Chamber – great for mock trials and debates.
- State-of-the-art Performance Studio.
- Costa Coffee outlet.
- Art and Design Studio with breath taking views of Newcastle city centre and beyond.
- Photography darkroom.

If you attend one of our Open Events you will be able to take a tour of the building, or you can view some photos of our building on our Facebook page.



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### UNPARALLELED ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our enrichment programme is varied and exciting, challenging and rewarding, giving you the chance to gain new experiences or to develop existing skills outside the classroom.



Enrichment options change every year, but some of the recent choices have included:

- Circuit training.
- Climbing.
- Creative writing.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Film club.
- Running club.
- Science lab skills.
- World Challenge.

Find out more on page 24.

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### EXCELLENT PROGRESSION AFTER NSFC

# 85%

In 2016, 85% of our students applied to universities across the UK, including; University of Birmingham, Bristol University, University of Cambridge, Durham University, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Leeds, University of Liverpool, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, University of Oxford, UCL and University of York.

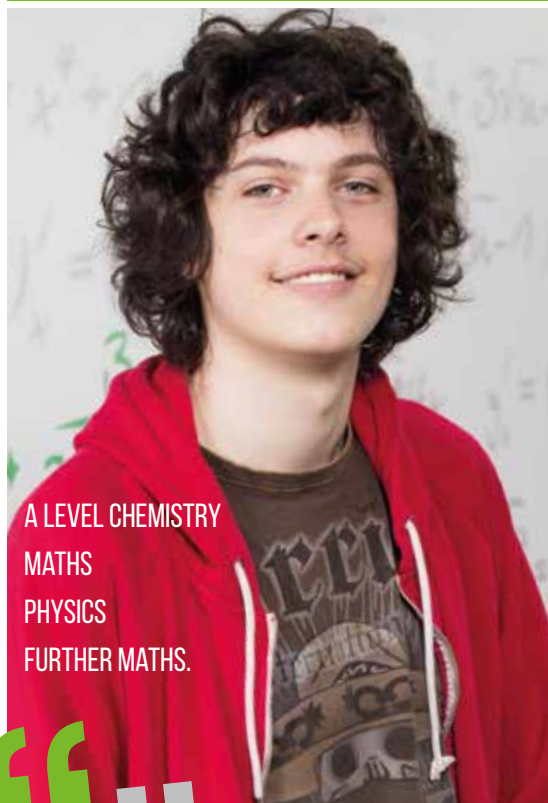


Students have gone on to study a wide variety of courses, including; Astrophysics, Biopharmaceutical Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics and Finance, English, Fashion Journalism, International Business Management, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Photography, Psychology and Zoology.



## FORMER STUDENT GEORGE ANDREWS

Wanting a change from school, George was thinking about studying at NSFC after a recommendation from a family member; his mind was made up once he had visited our state-of-the-art building and facilities.



→ A LEVEL CHEMISTRY  
+ MATHS  
+ PHYSICS  
+ FURTHER MATHS.



I had more independence at Newcastle Sixth Form College than at school, which I really enjoyed. It was great to be able to discuss topics of learning at length with my lecturers; they were always on hand to recommend and provide extra reading material and activities and they were enthusiastic about their subjects.

**NOW STUDYING:** Natural Science at Cambridge University. **PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Wallbottle Campus, Newcastle upon Tyne.

## Study programmes at Newcastle Sixth Form College

- 4 A Levels study programme.
- Access to A Level (GCSE) study programme.

### How your study programme will look

The charts opposite show how our study programmes are made up.

### Access to A Levels

Alongside our wide range of A Levels, we also offer a range of GCSE subjects.

For full details regarding our GCSE programme please visit our website.



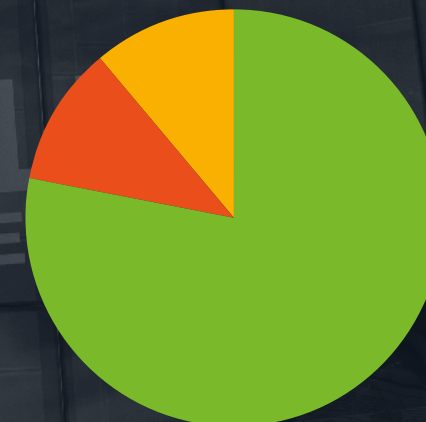
### LET'S TALK

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or tweet to **@NCLSixthForm**

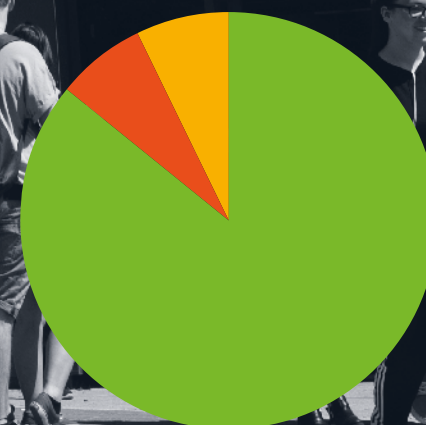
- Subject lessons
- Tutorial
- Enrichment, work place learning and progression activities.

## How your study programme will look

### A Level Study Programmes



### Access to A Level (GCSE) Study Programme





# Entry criteria

Our general entry criteria is 4 GCSEs at grade C or above plus Maths and English Language at grade 5 or above.

Subject specific entry criteria is below.

## Art and Design

GCSE grade C or above in an art based subject or an interview to show portfolio (these take place during enrolment).

## Biology/Chemistry/Physics

Students will need GCSE Maths at grade 6 or higher. Taking Double award Science? You will need at least BB. Taking Triple Sciences? You will need at least a B in the science(s) you wish to study.

## Computer Science

Either GCSE Maths at grade 6 or higher, or GCSE Maths at grade 5 and GCSE Computing at grade C or higher.

## Drama and Theatre

GCSE Drama grade at grade C or higher (if taken) or English Literature grade C or higher and an audition.

## English Language

GCSE English Language at grade 5 or higher.

## English Literature

GCSE English Literature at grade C or higher.

## English Language and Literature

GCSE English Language at grade 5 or higher plus GCSE English Literature at grade C or above.

## Maths

GCSE Maths at grade 6 or higher.

## Further Maths

Please discuss entry criteria for this subject with our Admissions team on +44 (0)191 226 6232.

## Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish)

GCSE grade C or above in language chosen or interview/task set by Modern Foreign Languages teacher.

Entry criteria is subject to possible changes.



### IT'S A FACT



In 2016, 25% of our students chose to progress to Russell Group universities.



### OPEN DAYS

Visit one of our Open Days to find out more. Check [www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk](http://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk) for the latest dates.



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# Subject pathways

Subject pathways are designed with higher education and career progression in mind, grouping complementary subjects together to allow you to make informed subject choices.

We offer 5 pathways in total.

1

## Business, Finance and Law

- Business Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Language and Literature
- Further Mathematics
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- Law
- Mathematics
- Spanish

2

## Creative and Performing Arts

- Art and Design
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre
- English Language
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Media Studies

3

## Societies and Civilisations

- Biology
- Classics
- English Language
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- French
- German
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History
- Law
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Sociology

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## Humanities Language and Literature

- Classics
- English Language
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- German
- History
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish

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## STEM Pathway

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Further Mathematics
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

## IT'S A FACT



Students will choose their subjects from one pathway, although choosing one subject from outside the main pathway is possible if the student is studying 4 subjects.



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# The Year 11 application process

## STEP 1

### RESEARCH

Research subjects and think about possible careers that you might be interested in.

## STEP 2

### VISIT

Attend one of our open events, meet staff, chat to our current students and find out more about our subjects.

## STEP 3

### APPLY

Apply now to study with us in September 2017. There are a number of ways to submit an application:

- Online at [www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk](http://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk)
- Complete a paper application form at one of our open events.
- Complete the application form in the back of this prospectus and return it to us at our freepost address (you don't need a stamp):  
**Newcastle Sixth Form College,  
FREEPOST NT920,  
Westmorland Road  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE4 5BR**

## STEP 4

### ADMISSIONS

### APPOINTMENT

Once you have submitted your application, we'll send you a letter in the post which will give you a time and date to attend an admissions appointment.

During this appointment we will discuss with you your plans for the future and the subject combination that you have chosen to study.

## STEP 5

### YOUR OFFER

You'll be given a conditional offer to study with us, subject to passing your exams and getting the grades at GCSE for the subjects you want to study, or referred to a more suitable course. We will make a referral on your behalf if there are other study programmes we feel you should explore.



## STEP 6

### TRY US OUT

A Levels can be quite different from GCSEs and you may have chosen subjects which you have not studied at school.

It's important to experience what these subjects are really like and attending our taster days are a good way of doing this, as well as providing an opportunity for you to meet new people and chat to staff.

We'll publish information about these events on our website and social media pages and will include dates and details of how to apply. If you have made an application to us, you will also receive details of our taster sessions through the post.

You do not need to have applied to study at Newcastle Sixth Form College to attend any of our taster programmes.

## STEP 7

### ENROLMENT

Before you get your GCSE results we will send you a letter which will give you a specific time and date for you to come in and enrol with us.

This is a straightforward process where we look at your predicted grades and check them against your final GCSE results to make sure you are enrolled onto the subjects and programme of study that is right for you.

We'll also take your photograph, issue your student ID badge and give you your timetable for the year.

If you have any questions or queries on the application process, you can contact the Newcastle Sixth Form College Admissions Team on 0191 226 6232 or at [enquiries@newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk)



#### TALK TO OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

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## FORMER STUDENT LOIS FLOUNDERS

- A LEVEL BIOLOGY
- + PSYCHOLOGY
- + EPQ



As the only dedicated A Level provider in the city, Newcastle Sixth Form College was my preferred choice when considering where to study after GCSEs.

I was impressed with the science department facilities and I was pleased to be able to study the Extended Project Qualification which gave me the opportunity to gain even more UCAS points.

**NOW STUDYING:** Zoology at Bristol University.  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** The King Edward VI School, Morpeth.



# Money Matters

The Newcastle Sixth Form College Bursary provides eligible students with up to £600 per year to support travel and study programme related costs, with students who live 8 miles or more from college qualifying for an extra £150 per year.

## To qualify for the college bursary, you must:

- Be living at home with a household income of £22,000 and below.
- You must have a bank account in your own name which can accept BACS payments. Payments cannot be made into any other account, including the accounts of family or friends.
- College bursary payments are subject to you achieving an attendance figure of 95% and above for all aspects of your study programme at college, including all tutorial and enrichment sessions.

The Newcastle Sixth Form College Bursary is available from September 2017 for eligible students on a first come, first served basis.

Eligible students can also claim the Government funded support – the 16-19 bursary and/or Free College Meals (FCM).

Full details of these bursaries, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, can be found on our website. The information printed in this prospectus is based on our bursary offer for 2016 - 17 and may change in the future.

## FORMER STUDENT RACHAEL LYON

Rachael is on course for success as either a social worker or teacher after achieving top grades at A Level.

- A LEVEL ICT
- + LAW
- + SOCIOLOGY
- + EPQ.



I chose to study at Newcastle Sixth Form College as they had a much wider range of subjects to choose from, including many that my school didn't offer.

The best thing about studying at NSFC is how supportive the staff are; I have achieved grades I never thought were possible for me.

**NOW STUDYING:** Sociology at Durham University.  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Newcastle High School for Girls, Newcastle upon Tyne.



# Supporting you

## Academic Tutor Groups

You will join a tutor group of around 25 students and your group will meet with your Academic Tutor for two hours of tutorial each week. During this time, you will have the opportunity to discuss your progress and any concerns that you may have, and will be able to access any additional support you might need to help with your studies.

## Learning Support Service (LSS)

We want every student to succeed, and the LSS team supports students with a wide range of different needs.

The team works with students who have:

- Dyslexia.
- Dyspraxia.
- Autism or Asperger Syndrome.
- ADHD/ADD.
- Learning difficulties/disabilities.
- Emotional or mental health support needs.
- Sensory impairment.
- Physical difficulties.
- Medical conditions.
- Temporary disabilities.

If you would like to find out more about the support the LSS team can offer, please contact them on:  
t: +44 (0)191 226 6275

## Learning Mentors

Our Learning Mentors work alongside teachers and other staff to address the needs of those who require a little extra support. They can help students to build their confidence and work with a variety of students with a range of needs, and aim to treat everyone as an individual and listen without judgement. Some of the common issues they deal with include:

- Stress, anxiety and depression.
- Sexual health.
- Drug advice/guidance.
- Bereavement.

The team can also offer additional support, including:

- UCAS (personal statements/finance).
- Referrals to the counselling team.
- Referrals to external agencies.

## UCAS and career advice

We aim to support all NSFC students with their chosen progression route.

Academic Tutors and the NSFC Transition and Progression Co-ordinator work with students throughout the UCAS application process, and we offer a programme of mock interviews, one-to-one career and university guidance discussions and personal statement workshops.

NSFC also employs a dedicated Career Advisor who supports students with their decisions around life after NSFC, with a particular focus on those who are considering alternative progression routes on leaving Newcastle Sixth Form College, including apprenticeships and other forms of training or vocational education.

In addition to the above, we hold annual Higher Education and Career Fair events which see universities and employers from across the UK visit us to offer our students specialist advice and guidance.

## Embracing equality and diversity at Newcastle Sixth Form College

Our student body is very diverse and come from a range of different backgrounds. This diversity makes Newcastle Sixth Form College an exciting and vibrant place to learn.

We have two well-equipped multi faith prayer rooms which are available for students to use, and we celebrate a number of religious festivals and holidays throughout the year.

There is no school uniform and no official dress code (but please use common sense!). Students are free to wear what they like, and express themselves however they wish i.e. piercings, hair colour and style etc.



# Life at Newcastle Sixth Form College

A typical timetable

MONDAY - FRIDAY	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Lunch/Lesson 3</b>	<b>Lesson 4</b>	<b>Subject skills development</b>
	09:00 - 10:30	10:45 - 11:45	11:50 - 13:40	13:45 - 14:45	14:45 - 15:15
		15 min morning break		5 min travel time	

Lunchtimes  
are staggered

## Studying

As a student at Newcastle Sixth Form College you will have access to around 150 student computers situated around the building. The Newcastle Sixth Form College library is well stocked with the titles you will need for your studies, and you can also use the Rye Hill Campus Library which houses over 70,000 resources.

## Student Council

At Newcastle Sixth Form College, we have a thriving Student Council made up of students across all subject areas and year groups. Led by an elected President and Vice President each year, the Council meet regularly to voice student opinions and discuss issues, as well as meeting with the Principal each term.



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# Our Students

SOME EXAMPLES OF OF THE FANTASTIC THINGS THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY.



Jay Sood, Erin Burns, Emily Kirtlan and Pauline Maubane beat seven other local schools and colleges to take home first prize in the regional heat of a national competition run by the Bank of England, the Target Two Point Zero Interest Rate Challenge.

The chair of the judging panel and Bank of England North East Agent, Mauricio Armellini, said: "It was a really close call to pick a winner, but we know that Newcastle Sixth Form College will do the North East proud in the next round"

Pictured above: Jay Sood, Erin Burns, Emily Kirtlan and Pauline Maubane.



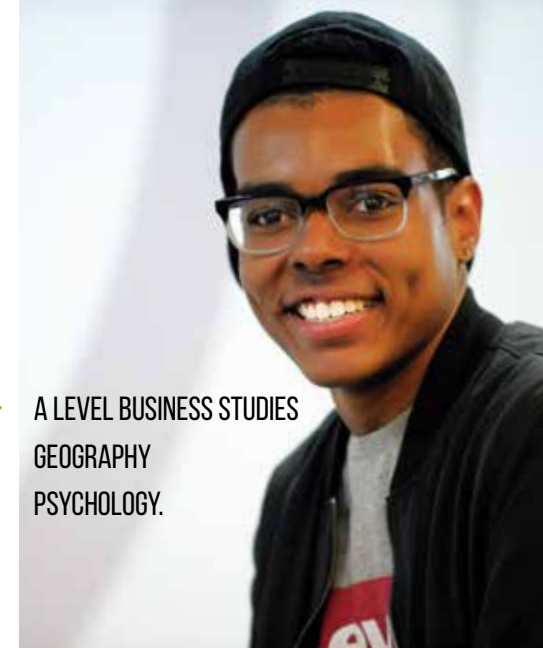
Newcastle Sixth Form College students performed their creative writing work to a packed audience and were awarded special prizes as part of the 'Write Here Write Now' event, organised in partnership with New Writing North and Teesside University.

The awards evening was attended by staff, students, parents and special guests, including Senior Lecturer of English at Teesside University and published author, Rob Hawkes, who announced Megan Clark as winner of the inaugural Teesside University Writing Challenge with her short story, "House of Leaves".



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF FORMER STUDENT

### NATHAN MATTHEWS



- A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES
- + GEOGRAPHY
- + PSYCHOLOGY.

11.45 – 12.40PM

Lunchtimes are staggered, so depending on the day I will have lunch at 11.45am or 12.45pm. I usually meet up with friends to eat lunch in the Refectory, but if I need to pop into town for anything, I can do this easily within the hour.

12.40 – 1.40PM PSYCHOLOGY

I really enjoy Psychology – it's one of the most popular subjects at Newcastle Sixth Form College. We usually start with consolidation of learning from the last lesson, and then will start on new content. We might focus on human behaviour, compiling our own research questionnaires and assessing and presenting the data collected, or we might hold a class debate on ethics.

1.45 – 2.45PM

INDEPENDENT STUDY

I usually go to the Library or the Student Gateway and get on with coursework.

2.45 – 3.15PM

SUBJECT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

I have tutorial everyday which is great because you get to know the people in your class really well. This is especially good at the start of term when you are still settling in. My Academic Tutor will always start tutorial by giving us any important messages. Throughout the year we might focus on exams and exam technique, UCAS and personal statements, equality and diversity, or 1:1 sessions. You get to know your Academic Tutor well and tutorial is a good time to ask any questions you might have about college or your studies.

4.30PM

I volunteer as a Student Ambassador at Newcastle Sixth Form College open events. This involves talking to visitors, explaining what life is like at NSFC and giving tours of the building. I really enjoy getting involved in college life and have met new friends outside of just my lessons. The skills I practice will also look great on my CV or UCAS application.

8.15AM

I leave the house to catch the Metro to college. I live not far from a Metro station, but because college is so close to Central Station and Newcastle city centre, it's really easy to get to by bus, train or Metro.

9.00 – 10.30AM GEOGRAPHY

My first lesson on a Thursday is Geography. It's my favourite subject and one of the A Levels I need to progress to study a Geography degree at University of Liverpool. We usually start the lesson by going over our notes and learning from the last lesson, before moving onto to current work.

10.45 – 11.45AM BUSINESS STUDIES

We cover a wide range of topics in this subject including marketing, accounts and finance, HR and the current structure of business and business practice.

We also learn and practice a range of skills including decision-making and problem-solving.



## FORMER STUDENT MARI GURESHIDZE



→ A LEVEL ECONOMICS  
+ MATHEMATICS  
+ BUSINESS STUDIES  
+ PSYCHOLOGY.



Taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award was an amazing opportunity. It encouraged me to learn new skills, make new friends and be part of a team.

**NOW STUDYING:** Accounting and Finance at Newcastle University. **PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Harton Technology College, South Tyneside.

## Enrichment

Enrichment takes place throughout the year in a variety of different formats.

Within subjects, enrichment opportunities are built in to the planning for the year and might include a visit to a local university, the opportunity to take part in a national competition or visits from guest speakers.

In addition, on a Wednesday afternoon, enrichment is a compulsory activity for all first year students.

A wide range of activities are available to choose from in the following groups:

- Active (e.g. football, Zumba, running club, climbing)
- Creative (e.g. life drawing, student newsletter, creative writing, photography, drama club)
- Service (any volunteering, primary paired reading, Ghana Connecting Classrooms, Society Club)
- Skills (e.g. Mandarin for beginners, first aid, lab skills, debating society).

Before you enrol we will send you information about our current enrichment programme so you have plenty of time to decide which activities you might like to try. There is also the option to take part in some external enrichment which you have arranged yourself – perhaps connected to something you already do.



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Download our  
**FREE**  
college app

**Newcastle Sixth Form College**  
6 July



Good luck to our students taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver expedition along Hadrian's Wall this week.

They look like happy campers after their first night at Stonehaugh Campsite ☺

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**Newcastle Sixth Form College**  
17 June



Students travelled to Ecuador with World Challenge in April 2016 to live with locals and help with building projects.

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**Newcastle Sixth Form**  
@NCLSixthForm

Drama students get measured for success by internationally renowned theatre company @CbyJ



**Newcastle Sociology**  
@NCLSociology Jun 20

Schools Event today, looking forward to meet students from @NCLSixthForm @DSFCOfficial and other regional schools



**kathryn anderson**  
@\_Kathryn May 27

can't believe it's my last day @NCLSixthForm had the best two years and met the most amazing people both students and teachers ☀



**Newcastle Sixth Form**  
@NCLSixthForm

Geoff Bosson delivers 'The Biomedical Origins of Zombies, Werewolves and Vampires' in celebration @ScienceWeekUK



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Contact us via our Twitter account  
@NCLSixthForm  
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# ART AND DESIGN

- **ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN**
- **GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION**
- **PHOTOGRAPHY**

As an A Level Art and Design student, you will be introduced to a variety of experiences that employ a range of traditional and new media, appropriate to your chosen area/s of study.

Art and Design students will develop practical and theoretical knowledge and understanding of relevant materials, processes, and ways of conveying ideas, feelings and meanings.

In Year 12, component 1, (portfolio) you will study Art, Craft and Design and will have the opportunity to experience all areas (Art, Craft and Design, Graphic Communication and Photography) before selecting one as your specialist area of study for component 2 (externally set assignment).

In Year 13 you will continue to work in your chosen specialism of either:

- A Level Art, Craft and Design
- A Level Graphic Communication
- A Level Photography

All Art and Design subjects require students to explore the use of drawing for different purposes, using a variety of methods and media on a variety of scales.



## OPEN DAYS

Visit one of our Open Days to find out more. Check [www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk](http://www.newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk) for the latest dates.



## > ENRICHMENT

Art and Design students have previously visited a range of galleries, both locally and abroad. Recent visits include; Laing Gallery, BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art and the Musée du Louvre in Paris.



## SUGGESTED READING

Phaidon produce a series of reference books, with comprehensive listings of contemporary and past artists and designers with single examples of their work and supporting notes.



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# CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

In general, we find that any art subject broadens your horizons and helps with time management, research, creative and analytical skills, communicating in both written and visual forms, as well as with close observation and awareness of current affairs. Possible career options could include:

## Art, Craft and Design:

Animator, Architect, Art Therapist, Art Restoration, Cartoonist, Computer Games Designer, Community Arts Worker, Exhibition Designer, Fashion Designer, Film/Video Maker, Fine Artist, Furniture Designer, Graphic Designer, Architect, Art therapist, Arts administrator, Community arts worker, Illustrator, Lecturer.

## Graphic Communication:

Advertising, Animator, Designer for film and television, Exhibition designer, Graphic designer, Illustrator, Interior and spatial design, Marketing, Publishing, Production designer, Teacher, Typographer, Web/App designer.

## Photography:

Commercial photographer, Fashion photographer, Filmmaker, Fine art photographer, Forensic photographer, Industrial photographer, Photographic Illustrator, Photographic technician, Teacher, Photo journalist, Picture editor, Researcher, Sports photographer.

## ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

This is a broad-based course exploring practical and critical/contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes and media. Within Art, Craft and Design you can work in the following areas: Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textiles, Three Dimensional Design or Photography.

## GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Students will produce practical and critical/contextual work in one or more areas of study including advertising, packaging design, design for print, illustration and communication graphics.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Students will produce practical and critical/contextual work in one or more areas of study including portraiture, landscape photography, still life photography and documentary photography.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

You will develop your creative ideas and broaden your horizons in a variety of ways, including: library, exhibition and internet research and experimentation using different media. You will also be introduced to darkroom and digital techniques in Photography, observational drawing and sculpture in Art, Craft and Design and typography in Graphic Communication.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Most students studying Art and Design follow a creative and performing arts pathway, choosing to also study Drama and Theatre or any of the English subjects. It can also go well with Film Studies and Media Studies. Computer Science can be studied alongside the Graphic Communication element of Art and Design.

A Level Art and Design is changing to the linear model in September 17, therefore this information is based on course content from September 2016 and could change in the future.

## IT'S A FACT



Over 100 students chose to study A Level Art and Design at Newcastle Sixth Form College in September 2016.



# BIOLOGY

Biology is the study of all living things. You will look at how individual molecules interact with each other, how they form tissues, organs and organisms and how these organisms interact with their environment on a global scale. Studying biology will develop your understanding of the living world and enable you to explore the applications and implications of this living science.

To succeed in A Level Biology, you will need a sound understanding of the concepts covered in GCSE Dual Award or Triple Science. It does not matter if you have completed GCSE Dual Award (Core and Additional) or GCSE separate Sciences. The successful study of any science also relies heavily upon sound numerical skills.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

A Level Biology allows you to study the function of animals, plants and entire ecosystems. The course is built around understanding of the key macromolecules (proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, DNA, enzymes), their functions and how they behave.

Practical skills are embedded throughout the course. There are 12 key practical activities which you must complete each year. These include food tests, enzyme experiments, dissections, biochemical assays and fieldwork, to name a few.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

As a science, Biology combines well with another subject in this area, such as Chemistry or Physics. It is also complemented by Maths, Geography, Geology and Psychology.

## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

#### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Biology can be studied to aid progression to a scientific, medical, health, environmental or social science career. Popular progression routes from A Level Biology include degrees in biology, biomedical sciences, marine biology, zoology, pharmacy, environmental sciences, psychology, medicine, physiotherapy, speech or occupational therapy, veterinary and dentistry.



### > ENRICHMENT

Students have recently visited St Mary's Island and the Anatomy and Clinical Skills Facility at Newcastle University.



### SUGGESTED READING

AQA Biology, A Level Year 1 and AS 2nd Edition; Glenn Toole, Susan Toole, is a recommended resource.



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# BUSINESS STUDIES

Business Studies will provide an exciting insight into the dynamic world of business, and will allow you to examine topical news stories and case studies developing your skills in data analysis, making calculations, group activities, discussions, and debating, as well as encouraging creativity, enterprise, initiative and problem-solving techniques.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

At the end of Year 12, you will sit the AS Level qualification, comprising of two external exams, in order to assess your progress and give an indication of your ability in this subject. This grade will be vital for any university applications. However, this grade does not count towards your final A Level grade and you will be expected to study Year 12 content for your three external A Level exams.

You will sit three external exams at the end of Year 13.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Complementary subjects are any from the Business, Finance and Law pathway including Economics, English Language, Government and Politics, Law and Maths.



### SUGGESTED READING

- Edexcel A Level Business, Textbook.
- Phillip Allan Business Review, (Journal).
- Harvard Business Review and HBR Blog.



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## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

#### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students can progress to higher education courses such as business management, business administration, accountancy and finance, human resource management, marketing, retail management, tourism management and international business.

You could follow a wide range of career paths ranging from retail, banking, sales, product management and general management in public sector organisations or charities.



### > ENRICHMENT

Opportunities in the past have included an events management student group and a trip to York St John University to compete in a marketing and advertising campaign competition, run in association with Mini Cooper.

## IT'S A FACT



Keep up to date with current business and UK economic news using websites such as [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk)



# CHEMISTRY

Chemistry attempts to answer the big question: What is everything made from? It's the search for this answer that makes this subject so fascinating. From investigating how one substance can be changed drastically into another, to researching a new wonder drug to save millions of lives, the opportunities that chemistry provides are endless.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Chemistry, like all sciences, is a practical subject. Throughout the course you will produce an experiment lab book to demonstrate your practical and evaluative skills.

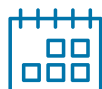
There are three exams taken at the end of the two years, and at least 15% of the marks are based on what you learn during practical work.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Students following a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) pathway successfully combine Chemistry with Biology, Physics, Geology and Maths. Chemistry also provides students with data processing and analytical skills which can be useful in the study of Economics and Computer Science.

Enrichment opportunities include:

- Gold CREST award (where students can carry out a scientific investigation of their choosing).
- Chemistry Olympiad.
- A laboratory skills course.
- Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.
- Educational visits (CERN, Geneva in 2015).



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## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Studying a chemistry related degree at university gives you all sorts of exciting career options including; analytical chemist, chemical engineer, clinical biochemist, pharmacologist, doctor, research scientist, toxicologist, environmental consultant.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS



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I chose Newcastle Sixth Form College because of its modern building and the state-of-the-art science equipment.

### Sean O'Connell

Achieved AAA\*A in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and AS Further Maths.

# CLASSICS

Studying Classics gives you the opportunity to think about the origins of the world around you: the art, political systems, architecture and the literature that you experience every day. Classics is multi-disciplinary, which means that it gives you the chance to study a wide range of different subjects such as history and literature.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

You will study 4 modules.

In the first year you will study City Life in Roman Italy, which will offer the chance to explore literary and archaeological evidence of the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Ostia. Another module takes you to Ancient Greece. The Politics and Society of Ancient Sparta is a module from OCR's Ancient History syllabus and involves the examination of evidence relating to Ancient Greece's most mysterious city state.

In your second year you will build on the skills you have developed by studying archaeological and literary evidence of Roman Britain. You will study ancient literature in your second year, including Virgil and the World of the Hero. Classics is assessed by exam only.

You will take 4 external exams each counting for 25% of the final grade.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Classics complements many other popular subjects within the Societies and Civilisation and Humanities, Language and Literature pathways including English Language, English Literature, French, Government and Politics, History and Religious Studies and Sociology.

A Level Classics is changing to the linear model in September 17, therefore this information is based on course content from September 2016 and could change in the future.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Classics opens the door to a wide range of careers in a variety of fields including law, politics, academia and education, archival, librarian and museum studies.



## > ENRICHMENT

Students visit local universities and can hear guest speakers who visit NSFC throughout the year.

## IT'S A FACT



Classics will encourage you to develop the critical and evaluative skills which will enable you to go on to Higher Education to study a wide range of degree courses.



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# COMPUTER SCIENCE

In studying A Level Computer Science, you will develop the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, logically and critically and you will study a range of topics including computing principals, algorithms and problem solving, systems and programming. You will also undertake a programming project.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

At the end of Year 1 you will sit the AS Level qualification, comprising of two external examinations, in order to assess your progress and give an indication of your ability. This grade will be vital for any university applications.

Exams are a mix of traditional theory and programme questions based on the practical work you will have carried out throughout your studies. Some exam questions will also focus on discussion topics and you will be expected to be able to understand, and use, key terminology.

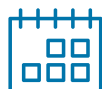
You will have the opportunity to get involved in activities such as the Introduction to Programming enrichment, and visit local universities.



### IT'S A FACT



Computer science job openings are projected to multiply in the coming years



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## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities could include working within software companies and computer services companies and careers could include; database administrator, games developer, information systems manager, IT consultant/educator, interface design, mobile computing, multimedia programmer, network engineer, systems analyst, systems developer, quality assurance (system testing).

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Computer Science is part of the Business, Economics and Computing department and is typically combined with other subjects from that department. Other complementary subjects can include; Chemistry, Maths and Physics.



### SUGGESTED READING

Get a headstart with any of the following recommended books:

- OCR A Level Computer Science.
- Visual Basic 2015 Unleashed, Alessandro Del Sole.
- Professional Visual Basic 2012.



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# DRAMA AND THEATRE

This subject will give you the opportunity to study and research a range of published plays, exploring a director's or performer's perspective. You will create and rehearse practical group and individual performances regularly, and visits to the theatre will be expected to draw inspiration for both your practical and written work.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

You will learn through the practical and theoretical exploration of play texts, lectures, individual and group work with self and peer assessment. You will also have the opportunity to visit the theatre on a regular basis. You will be assessed through written coursework, as well as practical and design performance work and a written examination based on extracts from the two set texts, as well as the evaluation of one of the productions attended over the two years.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Communication and inter-personal skills acquired through drama are becoming increasingly sought after by employers and these skills are transferable to many different careers. You could work in the theatre or performing arts industry, either on stage or in one of the many backstage roles such as theatre management, marketing, lighting, directing, arts funding, costume and staging.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Drama and Theatre is often combined with Art and Design, English Language, English Literature, Film Studies, Media Studies and Psychology.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS



The best thing about studying at Newcastle Sixth Form College is the support you get from the teachers, and the chance to make new friends.

There are lots of extra-curricular activities to get involved with; I recently took part in a drama workshop hosted by internationally renowned theatre company, Cheek by Jowl, which I really enjoyed.

### Kurtis Thompson

Studies A Level Drama and Theatre, English Language, History and Media Studies.





# ECONOMICS

Economics will give you the opportunity to apply your economic knowledge and skills to issues in the world around you. A good economist is an independent thinker who understands the relevance of the subject to understanding the world's changing places, people and decisions made that affect us all.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

A Level Economics has a balance of micro and macro-economic topics, which will be interlinked in Year 2. You will study quantitative skills, including maths calculations, graph analysis and data analysis. You will also build on current and key past economic decisions that have affected nations, businesses and individuals.

At the end of Year 12, you will sit the AS Level qualification, comprising of two external exams, in order to assess your progress and give an indication of your ability in this subject. This grade will be vital for any university applications. However, this grade does not count towards your final A Level grade and you will be expected to study Year 12 content for your three external A Level exams.

A Level Economics is 100% externally assessed at the end of Year 2. There will be three 2 hour exams, which will test your quantitative and qualitative skills.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Complementary subjects can include Business Studies, Government and Politics, German, Geography, Maths and Law.

Opportunities to take part in subject linked enrichment including:

- ifs Student Investor Challenge.
- Bank of England Target 2.0 Competition.
- Study trip to visit economic and political thinktanks in London.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Economics is unique in that it can be both a Humanities and a Science subject at university, depending on the subjects it is combined with at A Level.

You could progress to study a degree in Business and Finance, but please note – Economics degrees usually require A Level Mathematics.

Typical careers include investment banking, accountancy, stock market trader, data analyst, or a management role.

### MEET OUR STUDENTS



I chose Newcastle Sixth Form College as it offered the combination of subjects I wanted to study.

**Jay Sood**

Studies Computer Science, Economics, Maths and Physics.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A Level English Language offers the opportunity to develop your knowledge, understanding and appreciation of language in use.

Together, the creative writing and language investigation components give you the opportunity to develop your particular language specialisms. For example, students interested in journalism might select to write newspaper articles for their coursework, followed by journalism for their investigation while those with an interest in law might produce speeches for their coursework and investigate language and power.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

There are four components: Language Variation, Children's Language Development, Investigating Language and Crafting Language.

Linguistic skills are embedded throughout the course which is 80% written examination assessment and 20% coursework.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

English Language is one of the most flexible A Levels and can complement a wide range of other subjects. Many students study English Language alongside Art and Design, Business Studies, Drama and Theatre, English Literature, Film Studies, French, German, Law, Media Studies, Sociology and Spanish.



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## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

English Language can be studied as a single subject in higher education or can be combined with English Literature or a wide range of other subjects.

Studying English Language provides you with valuable skills and a firm basis for life-long learning.

### MEET OUR STUDENTS



I chose NSFC because of the independence you have compared to staying on at school. It also had a wide range of subjects that interested me and it meant I could study subjects I had never even considered before.

**Isabelle Smith**

Achieved AABB in Classics, English Language, Law and EPQ.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

The application of both linguistic and literary approaches is a key element in English Language and Literature. You will study written and spoken forms from various genres (literary and non-literary) and your written responses will be analytical and creative.

As a student of this subject you will have a keen interest in reading texts from a range of time periods and you will have the opportunity to explore the impact of historical and cultural change on text production.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

You will study texts representing a range of genres:

- Voices in Speech and Writing: Anthology
- You will study how spoken voices are formed and how written voices are created in non-literary and digital texts.
- Varieties in Language and Literature: A novel and a secondary text (another novel/poetry)
- This component focuses on the ways in which different writers convey their thoughts or ideas towards a theme in literary texts.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

A Level English Language and Literature is part of the English Language Department and cannot be combined with another English subject, such as English Language or English Literature as single subjects.

Students have combined this course with a range of subjects in the past but it is especially well suited to Art and Design, Film Studies, French, German, History, Media Studies, Psychology, Religious Studies and Sociology.

## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students usually go on to English related degrees, specifically creative writing and journalism, and it can be a core subject for a teaching qualification.



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### ENRICHMENT

Enrichment options include a creative writing group and students this year have had the chance to work with New Writing North and Cuckoo Young Writers.

## IT'S A FACT



This subject is great for any career where communication is paramount.



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# ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature allows students to read widely and independently and engage with texts critically and creatively. You will develop your knowledge of literary analysis which will enable you to develop your own critical voice by exposing you to key authors and critics and the way such writers have responded to texts and contexts.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

### Drama

You will be expected to show knowledge and understanding of how playwrights use dramatic forms to shape meaning in drama texts and evoke responses in audiences.

### Prose

Literary study of texts selected for this component will incorporate the links and connections between them, and the contexts in which they were written and received.

### Poetry

Students will study a selection of poems from two published poetry texts and will consider the concerns and choices of modern-day poets in a selection of contemporary poems.

### Coursework

Coursework will be assessed via two texts. Texts can be selected from poetry, drama, prose or literary non-fiction.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

A Level English Literature is part of the English Literature Department and can be combined with English Language as a single subject but not the combined English Language and Literature subject.

English Literature is one of the most flexible A Levels and can complement a wide range of other subjects. Many students study it alongside Art and Design, Business Studies, Drama and Theatre, Film Studies, French, German, Law, Media Studies, Sociology and Spanish.

## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

English Literature can be studied as a single subject or can be combined with English Language or a wide range of other subjects.

It can lead to a number of English related degrees, specifically creative writing and journalism, and it could be a core subject for a teaching qualification.



### ENRICHMENT

In the past, students have enjoyed trips to Stratford-upon-Avon and London as well as trips to local theatre including the Theatre Royal and People's Theatre in Newcastle.



## SUGGESTED READING

The following reference books are recommended:

- The Art of Fiction, David Lodge.
- Shakespeare on Toast, Ben Crystal.



# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

Year 13 students can choose to complete the AQA Extended Project alongside their A Level subjects.

Projects can be in any subject and can be a group or an individual project.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The Extended Project can:

- Help you to make the transition to higher education.
- Ensure you can succeed in a criteria, portfolio based assessment if you are considering an Advanced Apprenticeship after Newcastle Sixth Form College.
- If you plan to progress to full time employment after sixth form, it can show excellent project and time management skills.

At the end the project, you will have produced one of the following:

- An essay.
- A report.
- An artefact, model or construction.
- A CD/DVD/video of performances or activities.
- An audiotape/multimedia presentation.
- A journal of activities or events.
- A photographic record of the display.
- A piece of art or other design work.

Projects must include:

- A log book which records the project planning, research and development.
- A written report of between 1000 and 5000 words (depending on the nature of the project).
- A project which consists solely of written work should be approximately 5000 words; projects where the majority of the evidence is provided in other formats should include a report which is at least 1000 words.



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## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

### AND OPPORTUNITIES

EPQ requires you to work independently and so will give you the opportunity to practice skills such as time management, research, critical thinking, planning and analysis of knowledge. These skills will really come in useful if you are planning on going to university in the future.

### EPQ students will:

- Choose an area of interest and draft their project title and aims.
- Plan, research and carry out their project.
- Keep a production log of all stages of the project production, reviewing and evaluating their progress.
- Complete the project product.
- Prepare and deliver a presentation.
- Review the outcome of their project and presentation.

### IT'S A FACT



EPQ is recognised and highly valued by universities and carries up to 28 additional UCAS points.



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# FILM STUDIES

Film Studies is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film, the major art form of the twentieth century.

The course explores a variety of films from different eras including; Classical Hollywood, Hollywood and British film from 1961-1990, Contemporary American Independent Film, Film Movements, Documentary Film, Global Films and Short Films. This allows for critical approaches to studying film in terms of construction, structure, ideologies and auteurism.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The course has two components that make up your final grade which includes two exams and coursework. There will be in year assessments including written, verbal and weekly homework and a final assessment which includes the exams (35% and 35%) and coursework (30%) marks.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Film Studies complements a number of subjects, including Media Studies, Art and Design, English Language, History, Drama and Theatre.



### SUGGESTED READING

- Film Studies, the Essential Introduction 2008 Specification by Sarah Benyahia, John White and Freddie Gaffney.
- Introduction to Film Studies by Jill Nelmes.
- The Cinema Book by Pam Cook.

## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students wishing to pursue a career in the film/media industry are encouraged to seek out work experience placements. Past students have gained work experience on ITV crime drama Vera and the 2012 film The Liability, both of which were shot locally.

At university you will have a choice of courses, some with a theory bias and others providing more practical training for working in the media.



### ENRICHMENT

You will have the opportunity to attend screenings and lectures at the Tyneside Cinema, and hear guest speakers from universities across the region.

### IT'S A FACT



Previous students have gone on to a wide range of careers including; radio broadcasting, TV and film production, location management, documentary production, education and animation.



# FRENCH

French is a challenging subject, building on knowledge from GCSE. At the end of two years, you will have learned to construct sentences, translate French and express yourself competently across a range of contemporary issues. You will be able to read French articles and magazines online or in print and converse in French about current affairs and will have gained a broad knowledge of French grammar and an extensive vocabulary.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Areas of study include social issues and trends, politics, history and intellectual and artistic culture. You will also study a film during the first year and a book during the second year.

Assessment is based on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The listening and reading examinations draw on authentic sources of spoken and written language, and assess your ability to understand and respond to them. The speaking and writing tasks require effective and accurate communication to convey knowledge and understanding of the culture.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

French combines well with a range of subjects, including other languages, but also subjects such as Business Studies, Law, Maths or a Science. English Language can enhance the study of a foreign language by contributing to the understanding of grammar terminology and the way languages work.

French can add an element of prestige and internationalism to many subject combinations.



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## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

#### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students typically progress to study French with another language, possibly Spanish or Italian, or even Arabic, at university. Language-based careers can include teaching, translation and interpreting, working with a language in a sales or export environment, in business development or as a logistics specialist, working abroad or in a multinational company.



### ENRICHMENT

Students attend a French Film study day at the Tyneside Cinema which involves watching French films and taking part in discussions and activities with native speakers. This is a great way to increase your speaking skills and to build your confidence in conversing in French.



### SUGGESTED READING

Mot à mot: New Advanced French Vocabulary by Paul Humberstone is an excellent resource to help you to begin to expand your vocabulary.

# GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of Earth and of the distribution of life. Studying Geography will give you the opportunity to develop your awareness and understanding of the world in which you live.

You will develop your knowledge of locations, places, processes and environments; you will look at a variety of geographical scales from local to global and at a range of temporal skills.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

A Level Geography has a balance of physical and human geography topics and the people-environment relationships which link the two. There are 4 core themes:

- Water and carbon cycles.
- Landscape systems.
- Global systems and global governance.
- Changing places.

Geographical skills and fieldwork are embedded throughout the course which will comprise of external written examination assessment and coursework, internally marked and externally moderated.

We offer local fieldwork visits around the city and coastal areas, including High Force in Teesdale, Iceland and Ghana.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Students following a Business, Finance and Law pathway could combine Geography with Business Studies, Economics, Government and Politics, Law and Maths.

For those following a Societies and Civilisations pathway, Geography could be combined with Classics, English, French, German, History, Psychology and Sociology.



## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

#### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Geography is unique in that it can be both a Humanities and a Science subject at university, depending on the subjects it is combined with at A Level.

Geography is great for any kind of career that involves the environment, planning, or collecting and interpreting data. Popular careers for people with geography qualifications include: town or transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, environmental planning, tourism, and weather forecasting.

The army, police, government, research organisations, law and business world also appreciate the practical research skills that geographers develop.



### SUGGESTED READING

- AS and A Level Geography through Diagrams, Garrett Nagle.
- The Dictionary of Physical Geography, Thomas, D and Goudie, A (eds) 2000, Blackwell, 3rd edition.

## IT'S A FACT



According to the Royal Geographical Society, Geography graduates have some of the highest rates of graduate employment.



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# GEOLOGY

Geology is the study of the Earth - how it works and its 4.5 billion-year history. Geologists study some of society's most important problems, such as energy, water, and mineral resources; the environment; climate change and natural hazards.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Subject curriculum has been developed in consultation with teachers, organisations such as the British Geological Survey, the Earth Science Teachers' Association, professional bodies such as the Geological Society and universities and industry. Much of the work is evidence based; your appreciation of geodiversity and geoconservation will be developed, together with an awareness of the finite nature of the Earth's resources.

Geological skills and fieldwork are embedded throughout the course which will comprise of external written examination assessment and coursework. You will also spend time in the lab developing practical skills and analysing specimens.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

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I decided to go back to studying after working for a year, as I quickly realised that the work I was doing wasn't fulfilling and I wanted to do something I knew I would enjoy.

The transition from working to education was made easy at Newcastle Sixth Form College; the teachers were so enthusiastic and they kept learning interesting.

### Alex Hayward

Achieved ABB grades in Geology, Economics and Geography and progressed to study Earth Sciences at UCL.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to a Geology degree at university which has exciting career prospects, and could take you around the world.

Careers could include; engineering, geologist, geochemist, geophysicist/field seismologist, geoscientist, hydrogeologist, seismic interpreter, wellsite geologist, environmental consultant, geophysical data processor or minerals surveyor.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Geology is part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) pathway and is usually studied with Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Maths and Physics.



# GERMAN

German is a challenging subject, building on knowledge from GCSE. By the end of the course you will have learned to construct sentences, translate German and express yourself competently across a range of contemporary issues. You will be able to read German articles and magazines online or in print and converse in German about current affairs. You will have gained a broad knowledge of German grammar and an extensive vocabulary.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Areas of study include social issues and trends, politics, history and intellectual and artistic culture. You will also study a film during the first year and a book during the second year.

Assessment is based on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The listening and reading examinations draw on authentic sources of spoken and written language, and assess your ability to understand and respond to them. The speaking and writing tasks require effective and accurate communication to convey knowledge and understanding of the culture of German-speaking societies. An independent research project forms part of the preparation for the speaking examination, while the written examination includes a translation task.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

German combines well with a range of subjects, including other languages, but also subjects such as Law, Business, Maths or Science. English Language can enhance the study of a foreign language by contributing to the understanding of grammar terminology and the way languages work.

German can add an element of prestige and internationalism to many subject combinations.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students typically progress to study German with another language, possibly Spanish or Italian, or even Arabic, at university. Language-based careers can include teaching, translation and interpreting, working with a language in a sales or export environment, in business development or as a logistics specialist, working abroad or in a multinational company.



## ENRICHMENT

Students attend a German Film study day at the Tyneside Cinema which involves watching German films and taking part in discussions and activities with native speakers. This is a great way to increase your speaking skills and to build your confidence in conversing in German.



## SUGGESTED READING

You can find German magazines online at [www.focus.de](http://www.focus.de) or [www.stern.de](http://www.stern.de)



# GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Government and Politics is the study of political behaviour, processes and institutions, including the relationship and interactions between different institutions and groups. This subject will be of interest to you if you are keen to discuss and learn more about current affairs and political issues.

You will develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system of the UK. You will also examine the US political system as well as the key issues that drive the UK political debate and the ideologies from which they are derived.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Topics studied include:

- People, Politics and Participation.
- Governing Modern Britain.
- The Politics of the USA.
- Political Issues.

You will sit written exams for each topic at the end of the two years.

You will learn through a combination of lectures, group work, interactive classroom activities, visits and guest speakers, resource based learning and self-supported study.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Government and Politics is a good choice for students considering a career in politics, or those who simply want to understand how the world works. It also goes well with Economics, English, History, Law, Psychology, Religious Studies and Sociology.

A Level Government and Politics is changing to the linear model in September 17, therefore this information is based on course content from September 2016 and could change in the future.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Many students go on to study politics at university. From there you might become a researcher, join local or national government or even start on the path to become a future Prime Minister!

## MEET OUR STUDENTS



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NSFC is a great place to study for young people who want to develop and have a quality learning experience.

It's a brilliant place to be - I'm really glad I chose to study here.

### Elif True

Studies A Level Government and Politics, English Literature, History and Sociology.

# HISTORY

You will study the history of a range of different periods and nations and analyse the political, social and economic trends and developments of these periods. This will enable you to develop a broad historical understanding.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Learning and progress will be assessed and supported throughout the course through discussions and questions, presentations, group tasks and independent written work. A key feature of assessment is through essay writing and source analysis. Homework will be regularly set and you are encouraged to engage with independent reading and research.

There are 4 modules, with a balance of coursework and exam assessments.

### Year 1

- Britain 1930-1997: Exam based module: 25% of total A Level.
- The French Revolution and the fall of Napoleon 1774-1815: Exam based module: 15% of total A Level.

### Year 2

- Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964: 40% of total A Level.
- Topic based essay: 20% of total A Level.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

History is part of the Historical Studies department at Newcastle Sixth Form College and is often studied with Classics. History also complements English Language, English Literature, Film Studies, Geography, Government and Politics, Law, Media Studies, Psychology and Sociology.



### OPEN DAYS

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## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

The skills acquired whilst studying this subject will enable you to progress onto a range of degrees in humanities. Careers could include working in the heritage and museum sector, archivist, teacher, journalism and political work.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS



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No member of my family has been to university before, so they are very proud.

### Michael Forrest

Achieved A\*AA in English Language, History and Law and progressed to study Law at Durham University.



## LAW

Students of A Level Law will:

- Develop an understanding of law and how it works.
- Learn more about society from a legal perspective – both contemporary and historical.
- Learn about the interaction between law and morals, justice and society.
- Learn about different areas of law – e.g. criminal law, human rights, contract and tort.
- Make connections with business, economics, history, politics and technology.

### LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The first year introduces you to the English legal system and you will learn where our law comes from. We look at criminal process; from stop and search, to all stages of trials and punishment.

The second year focuses on the mechanics of criminal or tort law, building on the foundations laid in the first year, including murder, manslaughter, theft and robbery in the criminal law. Tort law looks at negligence, nuisance and liability for animals. The course is assessed by exam.

### SUBJECT PATHWAY

Law complements subjects that require analysis and written discussion such as; Business Studies, Classics, Government and Politics, History, Psychology and Sociology.

#### IT'S A FACT



Students will have the chance to compete in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition, playing the roles of lawyers and witnesses in front of real judges!

### CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Most students progress to university and on completion of a Law degree you could decide to continue training to become a solicitor or barrister.

Other career options could include; police, probation service, civil service, accountancy, in house legal teams for large organisations, entertainment or sport law.

### MEET OUR STUDENTS



I enjoyed my time at NSFC. I wanted a change from school and enjoyed the independence you have here. I felt I had the freedom to be myself and made loads of new friends.

#### Josh Horne

Achieved A\*AAA in Economics, Sociology, EPQ and Law and progressed to study Law at Newcastle University.

## MATHS AND FURTHER MATHS

Maths and Further Maths are exciting and challenging subjects, aiming to develop your understanding of maths and mathematical processes in a way that promotes confidence and fosters enjoyment. You will extend your maths skills and techniques and be able to recognise how a real-life situation may be represented mathematically.

### LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

#### A Level Maths

Pure Maths topics:

Proof, Algebra and functions, Co-ordinate geometry, Sequences and series, Trigonometry, Exponentials and logarithms, Differentiation, Integration, Vectors and Numerical methods

Statistics and Mechanics topics:

Statistical sampling, Data presentation and interpretation, Probability, Statistical distributions, Statistical hypothesis testing, Quantities and units in mechanics, Kinematics, Forces and Newton's Law and Moments

There will be three externally examined papers.

#### A Level Further Maths

You will cover the following in A Level Further Maths: Proof, Complex numbers, Matrices, Further algebra and functions, Further calculus, Further vectors, Complex numbers, Polar co-ordinates, Differential equations, and Hyperbolic functions. In addition to there are two optional units.

There will be four externally examined papers.

### SUBJECT PATHWAY

A Level Maths and Further Maths both complement Chemistry and Physics well, along with Computer Science and Economics. Those following a Business, Finance and Law pathway could combine with Business Studies, Law, or a language subject.

### CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Maths graduates have one of the highest rates of graduate employment after university and studying Maths will provide you with valuable skills and a firm base for life-long learning.

A Level Maths and Further Maths are highly regarded within higher education; the Russell Group of leading UK universities considers both A Level Maths and Further Maths as facilitating subjects and previous students have gone on to study a variety of subjects ranging from economics to medicine.



### SUGGESTED READING

We recommend CGP Headstart to A Level Maths, along with the following websites:

[ima.org.uk](http://ima.org.uk)  
[maths.org.uk](http://maths.org.uk)  
[furthermaths.org.uk](http://furthermaths.org.uk)

### IT'S A FACT



In the past, Maths and Further Maths students have taken part in the Senior Team Maths Challenge which is run by the UK Mathematics Trust.



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# MEDIA STUDIES

The media play a central role in contemporary culture, society and politics. You will learn about media institutions, how media texts are distributed and the impact of new technologies on media industries. You will explore media forms and the construction of narrative and meaning in the media. You will be expected to engage critically with the messages and values that underpin media texts.

The course will focus on exploring these key issues through theoretical frameworks and engaging in in-depth, critical analysis. You will debate key critical questions related to the social, cultural, political and economic role of the media. You will explore historical, contemporary and non-English speaking texts, as well as texts you may be more familiar with.

You must be willing to consume a wide variety of media and not just to limit yourself to what you enjoy. You will actively participate in class discussions and learn how to critique the media around you.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Assessments will consist of a weekly homework, presentations, research tasks, essays and verbal contributions. Final assessment includes 2 exams (30% and 40%), and a cross-media production (30%).



### OPEN DAYS

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## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Degree subjects could range from marketing and advertising, to film theory or media production. Employment sectors could include journalism, radio broadcasting or the TV and film industry.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Media Studies is sometimes combined with Film Studies and also complements English Language, English Literature and History.

Psychology and Sociology also complement Media Studies. Sociology, in particular, touches upon the role of media in society, while Media Studies incorporates a number of sociological concepts as part of its overall approach.



## SUGGESTED READING

AS Media Studies: The Essential Introduction for WJEC by Antony Bateman, Sarah Casey Benyahia, and Claire Mortimer.

WJEC AS Media Studies by Christine Bell and Barbera H. Connell.

## IT'S A FACT



[mediaknowall.com](http://mediaknowall.com) is a useful resource for A Level Media Studies students.

# PHYSICS

Physics allows you to appreciate how fundamental science works. It is problem solving on both the largest and the smallest scale imaginable.

Physicists use the laws they uncover to develop new materials, machinery, and technology to improve our lives and help us explore the universe further, from computers to telescopes and spacecraft.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

In the first year, you will cover the following topics:

- Measurement and error.
- Particles and radiation.
- Waves.
- Mechanics and energy.
- Electricity.

In your second year, you will cover the following topics:

- Further mechanics and thermal physics.
- Fields.
- Nuclear physics.
- Optional Topic (including Astrophysics).

There is no coursework, although your performance during practical work will be assessed and you will need to keep a lab book as a record of your work.

There are three exams at the end of the two years and at least 15% of the marks are based on what you learn during the practical work.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

All science subjects will complement A Level Physics and students are strongly encouraged to study A Level Maths. As well as supporting each other in skill development, there are also areas of content overlap, such as in mechanics.

## CAREER IDEAS

### PROGRESSION

### AND OPPORTUNITIES

Physics A-level has been named as a facilitating subject by the Russell Group of universities, which means it can be useful for accessing a wide range of university courses.

Physics offers an infinite number of amazing career opportunities including: geophysicist/field seismologist, healthcare scientist, medical physics, research scientist (physical sciences), scientific laboratory technician, meteorologist, operational researcher, product/process development scientist, systems developer, technical author.

You can also move into engineering, astrophysics, chemical physics, nanotechnology, renewable energy and more, the opportunities are endless.



## SUGGESTED READING

- A Level Physics for AQA Student Book
- AQA A Level Physics Year 1 Student Book
- CGP Head Start to A Level Physics
- CGP A Level Physics for AQA: Year 1 and AS Student Book.

## IT'S A FACT



Physicists still haven't come up with a complete explanation as to why we stay upright on a bike.

# PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. If you are interested in understanding the complexity of human nature, then A Level Psychology will give you an insight into how and why people behave in certain ways.

You will uncover explanations from both classic and contemporary research, investigating some of the most interesting human behaviours such as prejudice, aggression and mental health.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

A Level Psychology is structured around 4 different approaches to explaining behaviour. Behaviours you will investigate include social psychology, cognitive psychology, biological psychology and learning psychology.

Throughout these topics you will develop an understanding of research skills and be required to conduct your own practical studies.

You will explore the scientific challenges of psychology, including ethics, individual differences and social control.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Psychology is based in the Social Sciences Department and partners particularly well with Sociology.

Due to the broad range of skills required in psychology and the variety of topics, it complements the majority of other subjects at A Level. There are units which cross over topics in History, Geography and Law. Essay writing subjects like English require similar synoptic skills and the comprehension of science and maths skills are also useful for research methods.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

For any career involving interactions with others, psychology will be a useful underlying subject. This includes careers such as police, nursing, human resources, advertising, law, politics, teaching, research and many more.

Careers directly related to psychology are broad and include working in traditional roles as clinical, educational, forensic or occupational psychologists as well as the more progressive areas such as health and sports psychology.



### SUGGESTED READING

- Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the Twentieth Century, Lauren Slater
- Essentials of Social Psychology, Hogg, M.A and G.M. Vaughan (20120)
- Edexcel AS/A Level Psychology by Karren Smith (Editor).

## IT'S A FACT



Psychology is one of the most popular subjects at Newcastle Sixth Form College.



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# RELIGIOUS STUDIES (RS)

RS is a rigorous and demanding academic discipline, hence Theology and Religious Studies being the founding subjects of many universities worldwide.

It has a multidisciplinary nature, involving textual study, philosophical thinking, ethics, social understanding and the skills of analysis and reasoning. It provides an excellent opportunity for you to engage with contemporary contentious issues, developing social, cultural, political, philosophical and historical awareness. You will learn to understand your own identity and to understand human rights and responsibilities.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

You will learn key ethical theory from thinkers such as Aristotle and Kant as well as completing a study of philosophy of religion. This topic includes arguments for God's existence and exploring the 'problem of evil' for religious believers. The second unit will be a study of Buddhism and the philosophy underpinning this Indian belief system.

The second year will include studies of the place of religion in contemporary society the challenges for religion of a secular society, then you will continue your work on philosophy and ethical theory. Various medical issues will be explored including cloning technology, human genetics and experimentation on animals.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Religious Studies is part of the Historical Studies department and is often combined with another subject in this area, such as History. It also complements subjects such as Classics, Government and Politics, Law, Psychology and Sociology.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Religious Studies is widely taught at many universities, sometimes as its own discipline, or combined with Theology and/or Philosophy.

A Religious Studies or Theology degree is a purely academic degree which is well respected by employers, and graduates enter a very wide range of career areas.



## ENRICHMENT

Religious Studies students recently visited the Samye Ling Monastery in Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

## IT'S A FACT



In the last 10 years, student numbers in RS have doubled, with the entry numbers increasing more rapidly than any other Arts, Humanities or Social Science subject.



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# SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of the society through an in-depth look at various elements such as the family, education, the mass media and crime and deviance.

You will tackle issues by looking at the diversity of family types in our society today, childhood, which gender perform better within education and the reasons why. You will research patterns in criminal behaviour and the impact of the mass media upon individuals by assessing issues such as whether exposure to violent media can make us act in a violent way.

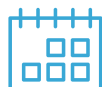
You will take part in discussions and debates and will develop and apply knowledge of research methods in relation to a certain given context.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

There are 4 main modules which are complemented through in-depth study of the advantages and disadvantages of using various research methods when undertaking sociological research.

- Families and Households.
- Education.
- Mass Media.
- Crime and Deviance.

There is no coursework within this subject but you will be given the opportunity to undertake your own research project to gain a full understanding of various issues covered within the course.



### OPEN DAYS

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## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Many students study sociology at degree level, with a large number choosing to focus on specific elements, such as criminology.

Sociologists tend to progress into careers within the caring profession in occupations such as mental health nursing, social work, teaching and jobs within human resources.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Most students tend to pair their sociological studies with Psychology, as these two subjects have overlapping content. In addition, subjects that also complement Sociology are English Language, Geography, Government and Politics, Law and Religious Studies.



## SUGGESTED READING

- Chavs: the demonization of the working class, Owen Jones
- The Establishment: and how they get away with it, Owen Jones
- Flat Earth News, Nick Davies.

## IT'S A FACT



Sociology is a social science concerned with the study of human social relationships and the various ways these relationships are patterned in terms of social groups, organisations and societies.

# SPANISH

Spanish is a challenging subject. By the end of the course you will have learned to construct sentences, translate Spanish, read Spanish articles and magazines online or in print and converse in Spanish about current affairs. You will have gained a broad knowledge of Spanish grammar and an extensive vocabulary.

## LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Areas of study include social issues and trends, politics, history and intellectual and artistic culture. You will also study a film during the first year and a book during the second year.

Assessment is based on the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The listening and reading examinations draw on authentic sources of spoken and written language. The speaking and writing tasks require effective and accurate communication to convey knowledge and understanding of the culture of Spanish-speaking societies.

## CAREER IDEAS PROGRESSION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students typically progress to study Spanish with another language, possibly French or Italian, or even Arabic, at university. Language-based careers can include teaching, translation and interpreting, working with a language in a sales or export environment, in business development or as a logistics specialist, working abroad or in a multinational company.

## SUBJECT PATHWAY

Spanish combines well with a range of subjects, including other languages, but also subjects such as Law, Business, Maths or Science. English Language can enhance the study of a foreign language by contributing to the understanding of grammar terminology and the way languages work.

## MEET OUR STUDENTS



There are so many great opportunities available to students who study at Newcastle Sixth Form College. I took part in the Sutton Trust Programme where I travelled to the US and spent time visiting some of their top universities, including Harvard.

### Detroit Osei-Bonsu

Achieved AAC in English Literature, History and Spanish and progressed to study Law at Catholic University of Valencia.





## APPLICATION FORM

### Personal details:

1. Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home tel no: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile tel no: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary schools attended: \_\_\_\_\_

### Study programme(s) applying for:

Please list the subjects areas that you are interested in, please remember that this is the preliminary stage of your application and you can revise your options at interview stage. If applying for A Levels please choose at least three subjects. **If applying for Access to A Levels, please just write this in the first line below:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Qualifications achieved or working towards:

What qualifications do you have?

Level	Subject area	Grades awarded	Are these predicted?	Date awarded
GCSE/BTEC/AS	Maths, English, Science	A, B, C, Merit, Pass	Y/N	June 2015

What are your plans after studying your Study Programme at NSFC?



## Support required - all applicants to complete

Newcastle Sixth Form College wishes to support students to succeed in their study. Providing us with information about your learning needs will help us to provide the support you require.

Do you have a disability or learning difficulty which you would like us to know about? ☐ No ☐ Yes  
If yes, please indicate which of the following:

- ☐ Visual Impairment(01) ☐ Hearing Impairment(02) ☐ Disability affecting mobility(03) ☐ Other physical disability(04)  
☐ Other medical conditions(05) ☐ Emotional/behavioural difficulties(06) ☐ Mental ill health(07)  
☐ Temporary disability after illness or accident(08) ☐ Profound/complex disability(09) ☐ Multiple disabilities(90)  
☐ Moderate learning difficulty(01) ☐ Severe learning difficulty(02) ☐ Dyslexia(10) ☐ Dyscalculia(11)  
☐ Autism Spectrum Disorder(20) ☐ Other specific learning difficulties(31) ☐ Multiple learning difficulties(90)  
☐ Other – please give details:

When you are invited to meet with us, you can ask that a member of the Learning Support Service team also attends if you require extra support. If you would like a member of the team to attend your interview, please let us know what your support requirements will be, for example a BSL Signer and Interpreter.

Do you have a Statement of Education? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 If you are a school leaver, have you had a learning mentor at school? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 Are you/have you been in care? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
 Are you a young parent (16-18)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been convicted of any criminal offences? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Ethnicity

This information is required to enable us to monitor the implementation of our Equal Opportunities Policy in accordance with the Race Relations Amendment Act using the Government classification of ethnicity. Are you:

- ☐ White – British ☐ White – Irish ☐ White – Any other White background ☐ Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi  
☐ Asian or Asian British – Indian ☐ Asian or Asian British – Pakistani ☐ Asian or Asian British – other Asian background  
☐ Black or Black British – African ☐ Black or Black British – Caribbean ☐ Black or Black British – other Black background  
☐ Chinese ☐ Mixed – White and Asian ☐ Mixed – White and Black African ☐ Mixed – White and Black Caribbean  
☐ Mixed – Any other Mixed background ☐ Other Not known/not provided

What is your nationality?

Have you been a full resident within the European Union throughout the last three years for purposes other than study?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

Is English your first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## How did you hear about us?

- ☐ Social media ☐ Friend/family ☐ Google search ☐ Newcastle College referral ☐ Outdoor advertising  
☐ Radio advert ☐ School ☐ Careers fair/other event

We like to keep in touch with our applicants via text and email throughout the application process. We'll sometimes send you information on news from NSFC, blog posts, admissions appointment updates, Open Evening details etc. We keep your contact details private, we never pass them on to anyone else and you can opt out at any time. Please tick the box if you would prefer not to receive our emails and/or texts. ☐

Applicant's signature:

Date:

When you have completed this application form, please post it **FREE** to: Newcastle Sixth Form College, FREEPOST NT920, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5BR. This application form is available in alternative formats and large print. Tel: 0191 2721001



# How to apply

Complete the attached application form by filling in **ALL** relevant sections clearly in black ink and return to:

Admissions Team  
 Newcastle Sixth Form College  
**FREEPOST NT920**  
 Westmorland Road  
 Newcastle upon Tyne  
 NE4 5BR

## IMPORTANT

It is important that you provide a telephone number so we can contact you about your application form if we need to.

## REMEMBER

If your details change after you have completed the form you need to tell us. Contact the Admissions team on 0191 226 6232 or email [enquiries@newcastlesfc.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@newcastlesfc.ac.uk)

## When should I apply?

Apply now as it gives you the opportunity of an early admissions appointment and early enrolment.

## What happens next?

You will then be sent an admissions appointment date by post.

## What happens at the admissions appointment?

The appointment is a meeting between yourself and an admissions advisor. It is an opportunity to get more detailed information, and help you decide if A Levels are the right choice for you.

## Can I change my mind?

Yes, there is no formal commitment at this stage. If you would like to change your choice of A Levels just call us on 0191 226 6232.

## Want some more information?

Come along to one of our Open Days and speak to our tutors and other support staff. You can visit or contact us as many times as you need to.



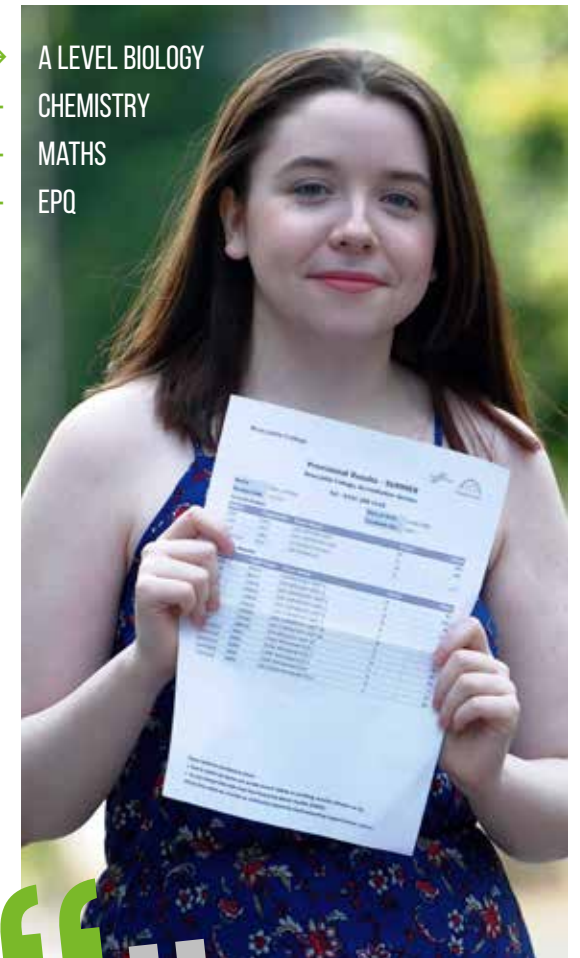
## TALK TO OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

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## FORMER STUDENT JENNY OLSEN

Jenny was announced as the winner of the national Talent 2030 National Engineering Competition for Girls in February 2016, beating off stiff competition from students at other schools and colleges across the country.

→ A LEVEL BIOLOGY  
 + CHEMISTRY  
 + MATHS  
 + EPQ



Winning the award was fantastic and it felt great to have such great support from everyone at Newcastle Sixth Form College. I really enjoyed my time at college and I was sad to leave, but I feel excited for the future.

**NOW STUDYING:** Mechanical Engineering at Newcastle University. **PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Home school.



# How to find us

Newcastle Sixth Form College is situated in a vibrant location at the heart of Newcastle city centre.

We are just a five minute walk from Newcastle Central Station and transport links from right across the North East are excellent whether travelling by bus, Metro, train or car.

Newcastle upon Tyne has a lot to offer students in terms of personal development so you will be able to take advantage of all that studying in the city centre affords. Just a few minutes from our door are museums, libraries, art galleries, theatres, concert venues, sports facilities and conference centres. These all form an integral part of the Newcastle Sixth Form College experience.



## Metro

We're just a 10 minute walk from Central Station and only a 15 minute walk from Eldon Square and Haymarket Bus Stations where buses regularly travel to Birtley, Blaydon, Blyth, Boldon, Chester-le-Street, Chopwell, Consett, Corbridge, Cramlington, Durham, Haydon Bridge, Heworth, Hexham, Low Fell, Prudhoe, Ryton, Spennymoor and Sunderland.

## Bus

The following buses stop either at Westmorland Road, Scotswood Road or Central Station.

Birtley 21  
Easington 22  
Gosforth 32/32A  
High Heaton 32/32A  
Sunderland 22  
Wallsend 80

## Train

Trains from Newcastle Central Station run regularly to Berwick upon Tweed, Cramlington, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Heworth, Morpeth and Sunderland.



## TRAVEL INFORMATION

For more information about travelling to and from Newcastle Sixth Form College and the range of travel schemes available, please contact one of our Admissions Advisors via email at [enquiries@newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@newcastlesixthformcollege.ac.uk) or via telephone on

**0191 226 6233**





## FORMER STUDENT ELIN SYDENHAM



## Useful contacts

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**Careers Advisor**  
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**Transition and Progression Co-ordinator (UCAS)**  
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→ A LEVEL ECONOMICS  
+ MATHEMATICS  
+ EPQ.



I really thrived in a more independent environment and I made lots of new friends. The teachers were supportive and I enjoyed studying the subjects I chose.

**NOW STUDYING:** Civil Engineering at Newcastle University. **PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Whitley Bay High School, North Tyneside.



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### Data Protection

All records at Newcastle Sixth Form College are maintained in compliance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The college is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a provider of education and training. By applying to enrol on a course of study, you consent to the college processing personal data relating to you, including sensitive personal data, in accordance with the College's registration, statutory requirements and conditions set by funding bodies.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 you have a right to a copy of any data we hold about you. If you would like a copy of this data you should apply, in writing, to the Principal of Newcastle Sixth Form College.

### Identification

The Learner Records Service requires learners to verify their identity at enrolment; therefore, when enrolling for your course you will need to bring original copies of one of the following documents with you. If you enrol over the phone, you will be required to bring this identification with you to collect your ID card before you start your course.

- Passport
- Photo driving licence
- Armed Forces service ID
- National Insurance Card
- Certificate of Entitlement to Funding
- Bank Credit/Debit Card
- Your Newcastle Sixth Form College Student ID Card

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### Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and ensuring all learners experience a secure, safe and welcoming environment in which they can fulfil their potential. Specific policies and procedures are in place to safeguard young people and vulnerable adults; these are robust and are reviewed regularly. Procedures are in place to take all reasonable measures to ensure risk is minimised and appropriate action is taken to address any welfare concerns.

Newcastle Sixth Form College welcomes diversity in its student population – valuing differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or belief, class and age. We actively oppose discrimination, aim to remove all conditions that put people at a disadvantage, strive to improve access and to provide outstanding support. We are committed to providing an inclusive learning environment. We have produced a Single Equality Scheme which sets out our response to statutory obligations and our approach to the active promotion of equality and diversity. Please discuss your support needs with us and we will make every reasonable effort to make adjustments to help you succeed.

### Disclaimer

Newcastle Sixth Form College will take reasonable steps to provide the services and subjects as described in this prospectus. However, it does not guarantee the provision of such services and subjects as entry criteria, subjects, subject content and other all other information may change throughout the year without notice.

At the time of publication (September 2016) all subject titles and information were correct.



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