

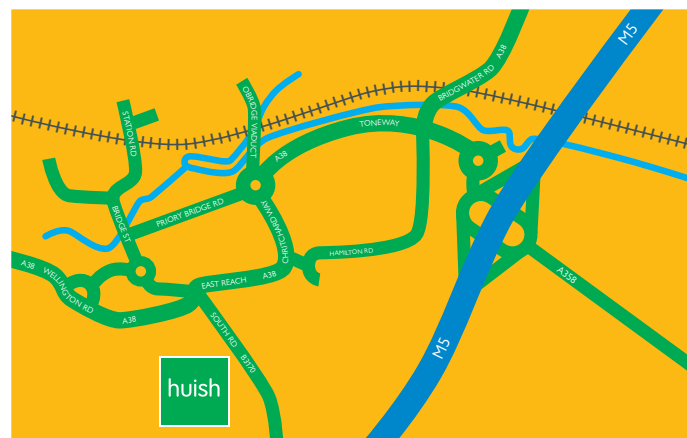
# OPEN EVENTS

- Saturday 14th October 2023
- Monday 16th October 2023
- Wednesday 17th April 2024



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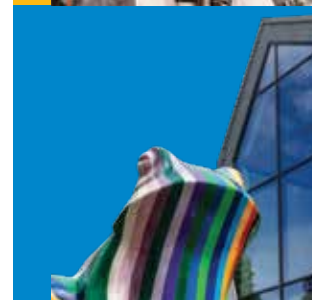
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RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE PROSPECTUS 2024/25

# PROSPECTUS 2024/25







# WELCOME



Studying at Huish is something that you will remember forever. With our wide range of course choices and EnRICH programme, you will be part of a vibrant, inclusive, and successful learning community. We provide a bridge between school and your future and pride ourselves on providing an exceptional, student-centred Sixth Form experience, whether you are studying Academic, Vocational or Apprenticeship qualifications.

Studying with us is a rewarding and enriching experience. Huish is one of the best Sixth Form Colleges in the country for outcomes and more importantly for the significant progress that students make whilst they are with us. We have high expectations of every single one of our students, and our passionate and experienced staff will work closely with you to ensure you achieve the very best you can.

We are hugely proud of what our students achieve and are committed to encouraging and challenging them to become lifelong learners as well as reflective and critical thinkers who are well-equipped to make a positive contribution to the wider world.

I hope that this prospectus gives you a flavour of what being a student at Huish is like and some guidance about how to begin exploring your post-16 choices. You can follow the QR codes throughout the prospectus to access more details and the latest information.

We would be delighted to welcome you into our college community and really look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Emma Fielding'.

Emma Fielding  
Principal





# MEET OUR STUDENT GOVERNORS



Hi, we're Jas and Lucy and we have just finished our first year at Richard Huish College. We became the Student Governors in April 2023. At Huish, we are proud to have an environment that is friendly, accepting and inclusive, where everyone feels welcome and has the freedom to express themselves.

Alongside providing a welcoming environment for all students, the College offers an outstanding and holistic education, ensuring both academic progress and personal growth and preparing you for life outside college. Regardless of the path you choose, Huish is dedicated to supporting you every step of the way.

One of our proudest aspects of Huish is the wide range of opportunities available to everyone. Whether your interests lie in performance, music, sports, or academics, Huish caters to all. We are challenged to always exceed and better ourselves, not just as students, but as people.

The transition to college can understandably feel intimidating but as students, we can assure you that we are at the heart of all aspects of life at Huish. We really hope you find the right course for you here and we cannot wait to welcome you in September.

Jasmine Fowler and Lucy Halley  
Student Governors



# WHAT MAKES HUISH SPECIAL?

## INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

Our specialist teachers are passionate about your education and with their support you can achieve the best outcome. Our teachers engage in a vibrant professional learning community, using the best evidence-informed approaches to teaching, learning and assessment to keep them at the top of their professional game.

## UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMMES

With around 50 courses to choose from we can help you find the right options for you. Select A Levels, Vocational qualifications, or a mixture of both, to find a learning style that suits your strengths. See page 8.



## FANTASTIC FACILITIES

We consistently develop our campus to provide state-of-the-art modern facilities. Discover more about our technical studios, computing suites, and brand-new sports additions on page 20. We also have plenty of study areas and social spaces to enjoy on campus.



## DEDICATED TUTORING

Through our specialist pastoral tutoring system we will prepare you to navigate the new issues you'll face as you approach adulthood and your Tutor will get to know you as an individual, offering support and guidance for your academic pursuits, as well as your general wellbeing. See page 10.

## EnRICH

You are sure to find something to tempt you in our EnRICH programme. Our extensive offer ranges from sport, music and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, to debating, coding, and volunteering, to name just a few. We also have dedicated EnRICH days for everyone to get involved in. See page 12.

## BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Join the Oak House Family! Our affordable student accommodation is just a few minutes' walk from campus and can give you a taste of independent living. Full-time and flexi-boarding are available. See page 18.



## LIFE AFTER HUISH

We have a specialist team that work in collaboration with the Pastoral Tutoring team to ensure you are supported and prepared for Higher Education, Apprenticeships, or the workplace. See page 15.



## OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Our consistently excellent results are some of the best in the Southwest. Our students make significant progress whilst studying with us and many achieve beyond what they expected, opening an array of progression opportunities.



## SPORTS ACADEMIES

We are passionate about sport and through our partnerships with Bristol Bears Rugby, Somerset County Cricket Club and Huish Tigers Basketball, we can help you to develop your professional sporting career alongside top-quality academic study.





# STUDY PROGRAMMES

Choosing the right combination of courses within your Study Programme is important and can affect the options open to you in the future.

WE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Your aspirations
- Your interests and skills
- The subjects you enjoy
- Your preferred learning style
- Any career plans
- Your expected achievements at GCSE
- The entry requirements of the course.

Take advice from people who know your capabilities, e.g. Teachers, your school's Careers Advisor and your family.

Follow the QR codes within this prospectus to find videos and more detailed information about the courses you like.

Remember, whilst these decisions are critical to your future, we are here to help. You can talk to us at Parents' Evenings, Open Events and many other steps along the way.



TYPE OF LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMME	SUBJECTS STUDIED	QUALIFICATION OPTIONS	Weekly Tutorial + EnRICH
A Levels	3	■ A Levels	
Mixed Programme	3	■ A Levels ■ BTEC Extended Certificates ■ BTEC Foundation Diplomas ■ Applied Diplomas ■ Cambridge Technicals	
Vocational Qualification (equivalent to 3 A Levels)	1 in-depth	■ BTEC Extended Diploma ■ T Level	



HOW MANY COURSES CAN I CHOOSE?

Level 3 students can study three subjects or a full-time course equivalent to three A Levels.

- Level 3 Study Programmes are two years in duration
- A Vocational BTEC Extended Certificate, Applied Diploma or Cambridge Technical is equivalent to an A Level and a BTEC Foundation Diploma is equivalent to 1.5 A Levels
- A Vocational BTEC Extended Diploma/T Level is equivalent to three A Levels in value and lesson time.

You can request to add an AS Level, EPQ, or Core Maths qualification to one year of your Study Programme.

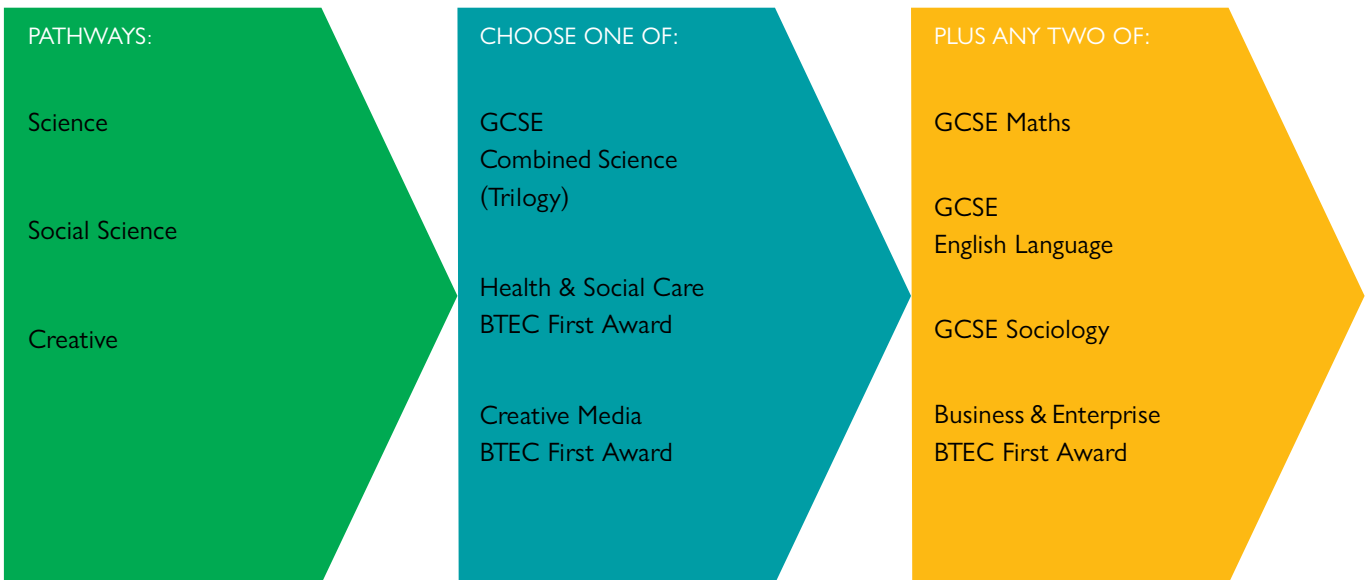
LEVEL 2 PATHWAY

We understand that not all students are ready to begin a Level 3 Study Programme when they finish school. You may have been unable to complete your GCSE studies due to ill health or personal circumstance, or may not yet have achieved the grades required to access a Level 3 Study Programme. We offer clear progression pathways to Level 3 courses.

You choose one pathway: Science, Social Science or Creative, selecting from a range of Level 2 courses, the equivalent of four GCSEs.

Your programme will include specialist tutorial support, work experience, EnRICH opportunities and a programme of trips and team-building activities, to help develop your skills, confidence and qualifications for progression to Level 3 study.

- Level 2 Study Programmes are one year in duration.



# A TYPICAL STUDENT WEEK

Huish is a vibrant place to study and probably very different from your school. It is an excellent step towards your future university or working life. You are encouraged to develop independent study skills and we are committed to supporting you to achieve your goals.

### WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE LIKE?

The College opens at 8.00am when the Huish Kitchen is open for breakfast and lessons start at 9.00am. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday the final lesson finishes at 4.40pm. On Wednesday and Friday, lessons finish at 3.30pm with a range of EnRICH activities available for the remainder of the afternoon. Your timetable can be designed to incorporate Sport EnRICH. Buses leave at 4.45pm.

**For each of your subjects (single units) you will have a 1-hour 55-minute lesson and two 1-hour 30-minute lessons each week. In addition, you will attend a weekly 1-hour 30-minute tutorial session.**

### SAMPLE TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09.00 – 10.55			BIOLOGY	PSYCHOLOGY	ENGLISH LITERATURE
10.55 – 11.10			BREAK TIME		
11.10 – 12.40		BIOLOGY		TUTORIAL	
12.40 – 13.35			LUNCH		
13.35 – 15.05	PSYCHOLOGY	ENGLISH LITERATURE	SPORT ENRICH		PSYCHOLOGY
15.05 – 15.10	BREAK TIME			BREAK TIME	(Lesson finishes 15.30)
15.10 – 16.40	ENGLISH LITERATURE			BIOLOGY	

### TUTORIALS



Our specialist Tutor team will support you both with your academic pursuits and your general wellbeing. Your Tutor will be someone you can speak to, outside of your subject teachers, about any matter related to college, or from your life outside Huish. They will guide you throughout your time at Huish, helping you to achieve your goals.

Tutorial sessions focus on your wider personal development, including Health & Wellbeing, Study Skills, Progression and Monitoring & Reflection.

### WHAT IS HUISH 30?

The Huish 30 represents the minimum number of hours you need to commit to your college work and college-related activities each week to ensure that you perform at your best. The 30 hours breaks down to:



- 15 hours spent in lessons. High attendance is directly linked to excellent results
- 12 hours on independent study, preparing you for your classes and completing set tasks and course assessments
- 3 or more hours in EnRICH and personal development activities, including your weekly tutorial.

The level of independent study required at college is significantly different to school and we will support you to manage your time effectively. Your timetable is designed so you can complete much of your independent study within the college day if you wish to. Your tutor and teachers will guide you on the most effective study techniques and share the latest educational research on high-impact revision strategies.

### EnRICH

Turn the page to discover our EnRICH programme, these exciting opportunities are open to all students and give you the chance to explore your interests and build a greater variety of skills whilst you're with us.

# huish EnRICH

PROGRESSION & EMPLOYABILITY | LIFE SKILLS | COMMUNITY & CHARITY | HEALTH & WELLBEING

All students participate in the EnRICH programme and it becomes an important part of your life at Huish. You will have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities in your lessons, tutorials and through our careers programme.

EnRICH supports your Progression & Employability, Life Skills, Community & Charity and Health & Wellbeing through a variety of activities such as trips, visiting speakers and access to workshops and competitions.

Students value the skills, knowledge and most importantly the fun that EnRICH provides through its social, cultural and recreational experiences. It is also a great way to meet new people and try new things.



PROGRESSION & EMPLOYABILITY



LIFE SKILLS



COMMUNITY & CHARITY

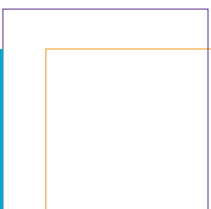
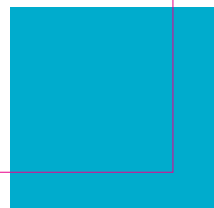


HEALTH & WELLBEING

HERE IS JUST A SELECTION OF WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED;

## EnRICH DAYS

Huish hosts two EnRICH days a year where lessons are suspended so everyone can take part in activities. You can select something you already enjoy or use the opportunity to try something new!



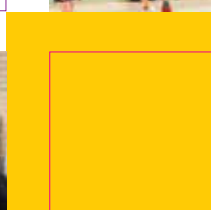
## SPORT

Sport can play a major role in your life at Huish. You can play competitive sports, or simply take part in activities for your enjoyment through our social sport programme.

As part of our community offer, we work closely with the Huish Tigers Football and Basketball clubs to offer a competitive outlet outside of college. We also link with Somerset County Cricket Club, Taunton Titans, and Bristol Bears Rugby, to support those who are looking to access a performance pathway.

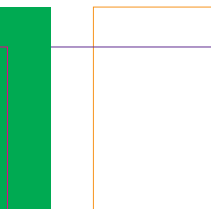
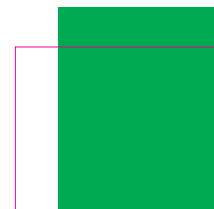
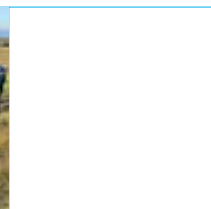
## MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Students on any course can join in with these enrichments. A variety of choirs and ensembles are on offer, including Orchestra and Choir. Specialist groups include Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, String Group and Guitar Group alongside smaller ensembles. As well as regular concerts, each year students can act, sing, dance or assist with stage crafts, in a large scale theatre production.



## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

DofE is a life-changing experience and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents. It is a tool to develop essential skills for life and work and a recognised mark of achievement, respected by employers.



## POLITICS AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Join the student-led Debating Society for lively discussions on a wide range of topics. You can also take part in formal British Parliamentary-style debating competitions and Model United Nations Conferences, where you have the opportunity to discuss issues of international importance. No previous experience is necessary.

## STUDENT NEWSLETTER GROUP

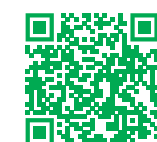
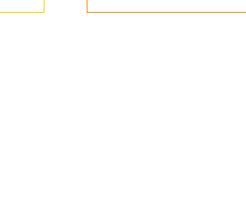
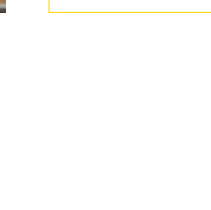
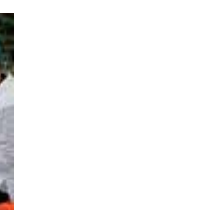
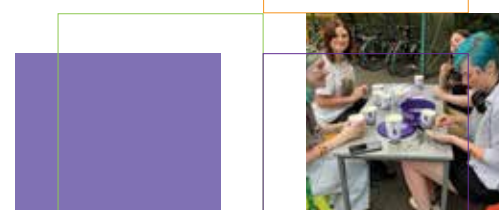
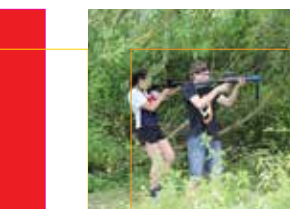
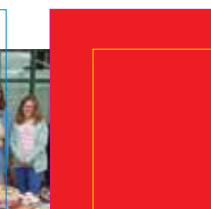
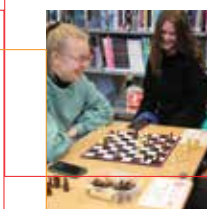
Our vibrant Student Newsletter is an enrichment where students write articles, conduct interviews and format a newsletter themselves. The newsletter is designed to give a voice to students during their time at Huish as well as being a creative outlet.

## LAB RATS

Lab Rats provides an opportunity to develop practical skills beyond that of the Biology A level, for example by taking part in a full rat dissection.

## RAINBOW ALLIANCE

This is a group for students who identify as LGBTQ+. It offers an opportunity to meet up with others and enjoy a range of activities and discussions around contemporary issues and events. We contribute to LGBTQ+ History month and celebrate Pride. All are welcome.



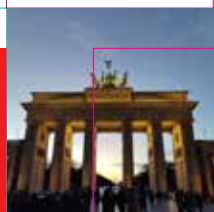
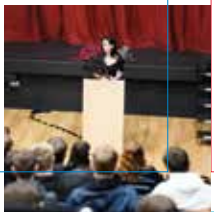


# ACADEMIC EnRICH

Our Academic EnRICH programme provides super-curricular opportunities for all students to enhance their knowledge, understanding and skills beyond the formal curriculum. It provides particularly strong support for those making applications to competitive courses and universities, for example, Oxbridge Universities and the Russell Group or Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science courses.

You can benefit from:

- Trips to universities (including Oxbridge)
- Subject-specific super-curricular activities
- Cultural trips to museums, theatres, exhibitions and city breaks both in the UK and abroad
- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Timetabled sessions about choosing a degree, making a competitive application and writing personal statements
- Support for aptitude tests
- A mentoring programme to support preparation for interviews
- Our Medical Careers Academy – for students making applications for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.



# CAREERS AND PROGRESSION



Our Careers and Progression Team will provide you with impartial careers information, advice, and guidance. The team includes a full-time qualified Level 7 Careers Advisor, Student Liaison Officer and Progression Advisors.

If you require advice before choosing your Study Programme then contact our Careers & Progression team – [careers@richu.ac.uk](mailto:careers@richu.ac.uk).

Through careers-themed tutorials and presentations, you'll be encouraged to explore the range of options open to you. You will have access to online resources such as Unifrog and a designated online Careers & Progression padlet where opportunities are promoted to students. These resources are designed to ease the research process and provide clear, up-to-date information.

Your Progress Tutor will be the initial point of contact for advice, with careers embedded into the curriculum and tutorial sessions. However, you will have the opportunity to book one-to-one meetings with the Careers & Progression team who provide guidance relating to the following areas:

- Apprenticeships – Degree, Higher, Intermediate
  - University and degree subject choices
  - Overseas universities
  - Higher education finance advice
  - UCAS support – including early deadline
  - Gap years
- Career choices
  - CVs, covering letters and application forms for jobs
  - Employment locally and nationally
  - Job interview practice
  - Work placements and work experience
  - Changes to your Study Programme.

Each year a variety of careers events are arranged, including trips to the annual UCAS Exhibition. In addition, each curriculum area has a priority to provide work readiness activities relating to each subject. This includes talks from relevant professionals, industry visits, subject conferences, work experience, university visits, industry days, workplace visits and workplace projects.

## RICHARD HUISH STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCEPTIONAL OUTCOMES AT UNIVERSITY

Many Huish students progress to university. Studying A Levels and Vocational qualifications at Huish allows access to the world's leading universities and gives you excellent preparation for success when you are there. Huish students go on to perform exceptionally well at university, outperforming the majority of other providers.

ALL UK HEIs	Provider	Cohort size	First	Upper Second	First class and upper second class honours	Lower Second	Third	Unclassified
	RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE	340	34.2%	52.0%	86.2%	10.4%	1.6%	1.8%
	Sixth Form College sector	29275	32.3%	48.2%	80.5%	15.4%	3.0%	1.0%
	State sector	192130	31.6%	48.4%	79.9%	15.3%	2.8%	1.9%
	Independent sector	24655	36.9%	51.7%	88.6%	8.3%	1.2%	1.9%

Source: Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited. 2021/22 academic year data.



# SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

We have a culture that cares for the individual and promotes inclusivity, equality and mutual respect. We embrace diversity and are proud of the open and welcoming culture of the college.

## TUTORIAL SUPPORT

Our specialist Tutor Team will support you throughout your time at Huish. For more information see page 10.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

You are encouraged to develop independent study skills and we are committed to supporting you to achieve. We aim to support all students including those with a disability, medical condition, learning difficulty or an Education Health Care Plan.

Learning support may include:

- Access to online study skills resources
- One-to-one support meetings for a specified period
- Group study skills sessions for a specified period
- Assistive technology
- Exam access arrangements

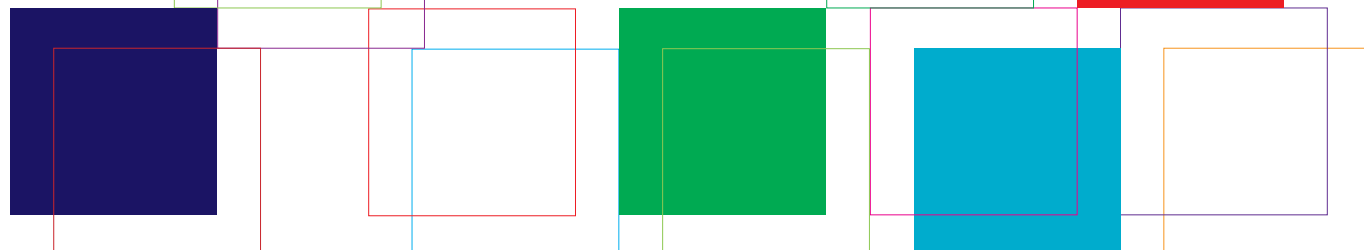
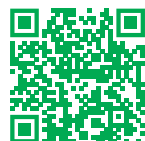
Please contact our Student Support Team for more information – [studentsupport@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@richuish.ac.uk).

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As a community, we offer students support for their mental health and wellbeing to help them be successful in their academic studies. We may connect with external agencies in addition to the following services within Huish:

- Mental health and wellbeing advice and support
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Friends support group (LGBTQ+)
- Sexual health advice through Somerset Wide Integrated Sexual Health service (SWISH) and the C-Card service.

For mental health and wellbeing support please contact [wellbeing@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeing@richuish.ac.uk).



# TRAVEL AND BURSARY

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We have a range of bursaries and grant schemes available including our Travel Contribution, Discretionary Bursary, Vulnerable Bursary and Free College Meals.

Full details are available on our website or contact [bursary@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:bursary@richuish.ac.uk).



## TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

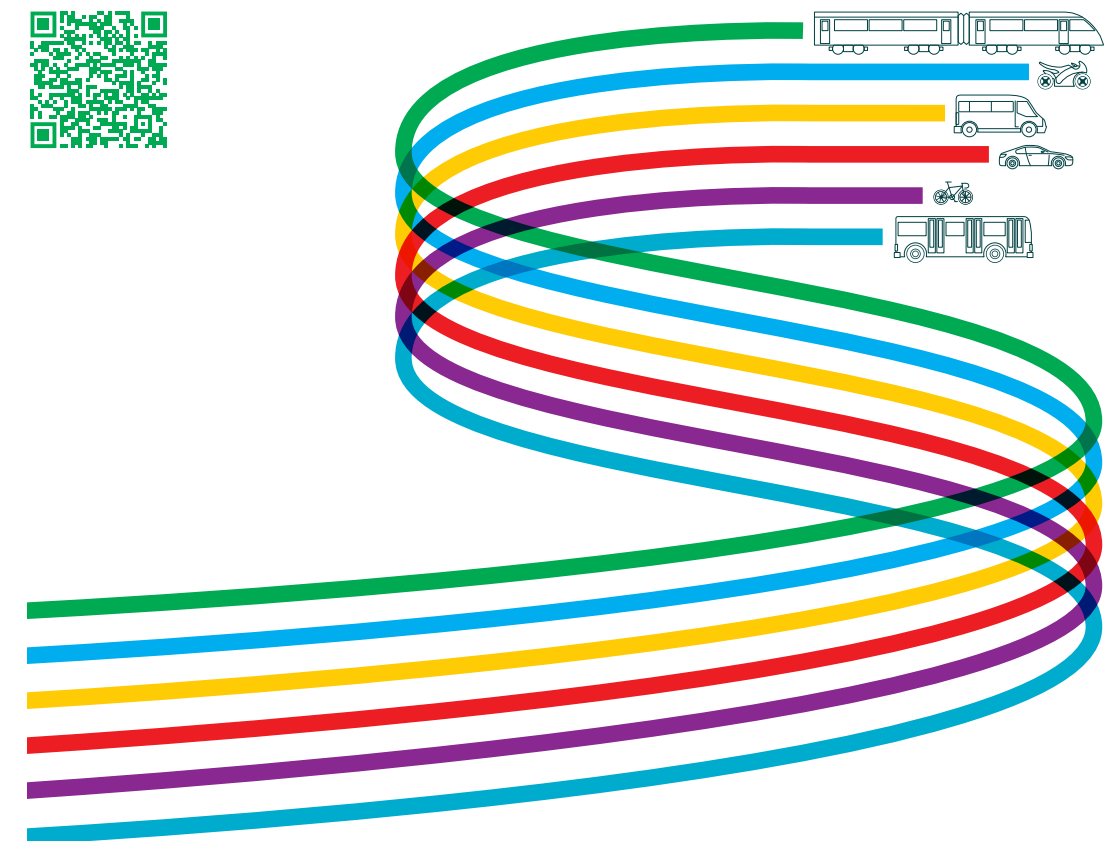
We encourage you to walk, cycle and lift share where possible. The campus has cycle racks and connecting paths that make riding or walking to campus easy for local students and there are a small number of dryers available for drying wet weather gear.

There is an extensive network of public buses which serve the College and a permit car park. We also operate a free minibus shuttle service between Taunton train station and the campus.

**Financial support is available for ALL students travelling by public transport.** The Travel Contribution is a non-means tested bursary available to any student purchasing a bus or train ticket provided you are not in receipt of a travel award. The amount you will receive is dependent on the ticket purchased.

We recommend using [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) to plan your journey.

Discover more about cycle schemes, parking and transport options on our website.





# BOARDING

## EXPAND YOUR HUISH EXPERIENCE

As members of the Boarding Schools Association (BSA) State Boarding Forum, we are proud to offer a unique boarding experience. We are one of only two State Sixth Form Colleges in England to offer an accommodation option.

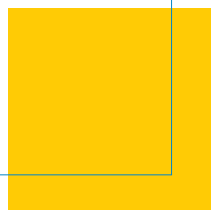
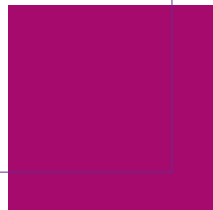
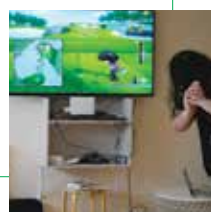
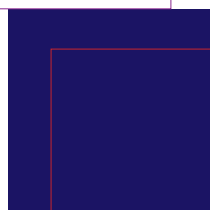
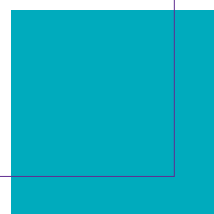
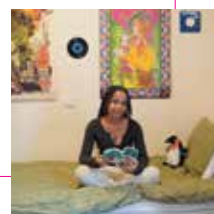
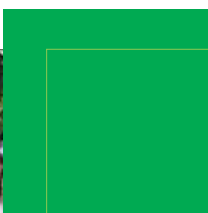
Our reputation for academic excellence and strong pastoral care attracts students from across the UK and internationally. This diverse group of young people enriches our Huish community.

Oak House offers you a taste of independent living in preparation for university life and beyond. The house is very close to our campus, allowing easy access to college life, both academically and socially.

You can board full-time or on a flexi-board basis. If your journey to Huish is long or you simply enjoy boarding, Oak House could be just what you need.

Boarding places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so we recommend applying early to avoid disappointment. Your room will be secured once you have paid your deposit.

For more information email [boarding@richuish.ac.uk](mailto:boarding@richuish.ac.uk).





# FACILITIES

We regularly invest in our equipment and facilities to ensure you can learn within bright, modern environments equipped with the industry-standard technology you'll be using in the future.

### SPORT

A brand new 3G pitch became the latest addition to our Sports provision in 2023, following the past development of Ash Meadows Rugby Pitch, a cross-country circuit and Sycamore Sports Hall & Gym.

### ASPEN MUSIC CENTRE

This centre includes 2 recording studios with RedNet Technology, 2 soundproof live rooms, practice rooms, a secure instrument store, our music classrooms and a Mac suite. A perfect home for aspiring artists and always a lively hub of activity.

### MAPLE VISUAL ARTS AND COMPUTING BUILDING

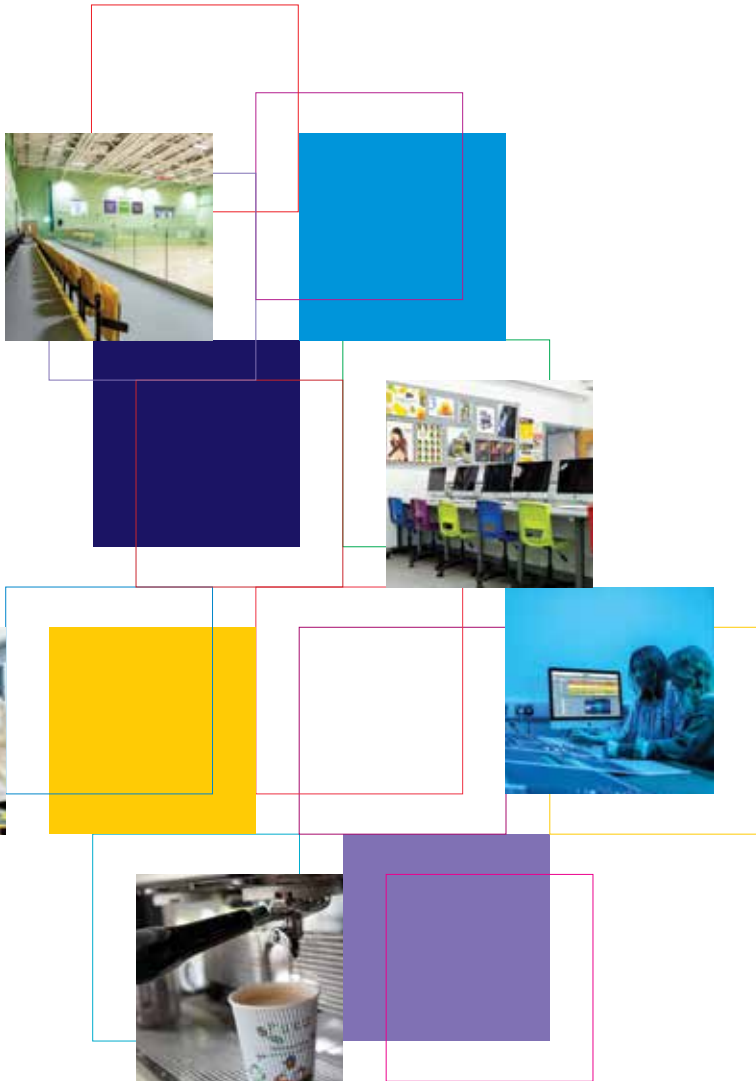
This £3 million building includes computer suites with state-of-the-art software for those pursuing ICT careers and an art studio and graphics suite where your creativity can thrive.

### REDWOOD THEATRE AND PINE STUDIOS

We have large rehearsal spaces and a 234-seat theatre equipped with professional lighting and sound desks providing a grand performance venue for our musicals, concerts and other events.

### CAFÉS AND STUDY SPACES

There are multiple food outlets where you can relax with your friends and a variety of study spaces so you can find your preferred study environment.



# COURSES

### LEVEL 2



Visit our website to see the Level 2 Pathway Study Programme

### A LEVEL



- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Graphic Design
- History (Early Modern)
- History (Late Modern)
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics (Further)
- Music
- Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (Religious Studies)
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

### VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS



- Applied Science
- Business, Marketing and Management
- Criminology
- Digital IT & Computing
- Drama
- Education and Early Years
- Health and Social Care
- Media, Film and Advertising
- Media Production
- Music Performance
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- Music Performance and Production
- Sport, Exercise and Coaching
- Uniformed Protective Services

### ADDITIONS TO STUDY PROGRAMME



- Core Mathematics
- Extended Project Qualification
- French (AS Level)
- German (AS Level)
- Music (AS Level)
- Spanish (AS Level)

### APPRENTICESHIPS



- ACCOUNTANCY
  - Assistant Accountant (AAT)
  - Professional Accounting Technician (AAT)
- EDUCATION
  - Early Years Educator
  - Teaching Assistant



# APPLIED SCIENCE

## BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

This exciting, practical, industry-focussed course has an emphasis on technical laboratory skills. It is ideal for students seeking grounding in all three of the major science disciplines: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. You'll study a wide range of topics that are relevant to a variety of career paths and the course is structured to allow you to focus on specific areas, completing them a module at a time. Options past students have gone on to study include Paramedic Science, Marine Biology and Physiotherapy. Extended Diploma students can decide in their second year to specialise in either Forensic or Biomedical Science.



# BUSINESS

## A LEVEL (AQA)

In A Level Business you will learn everything there is to know about the business world in a high work ethic environment, where you get the chance to work both independently and as a team. There is a strong focus on contemporary business examples in lessons, such as Starbucks, Uber and Amazon and you will analyse a range of topics from localisation to innovation. Studying Business will give you key skills and knowledge that are extremely sought after by employers, universities, Apprenticeships, or even when starting your own business. It is highly recommended!



# ART

## A LEVEL (OCR)

You will explore a variety of practical techniques across a range of 2D, 3D and digital media, while developing the skills to produce bold and expressive responses to a range of contemporary and personal themes. Learning to research, explore and respond to the work of Artists from historical examples, to the most contemporary approaches, is a key part of the course. The combination of coursework and exams is perfectly suited to those who enjoy assignment-based assessment.

You can progress onto a Foundation Diploma, Art & Design Degree or anything where an understanding of visual language is required.



# BUSINESS, MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT

## BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

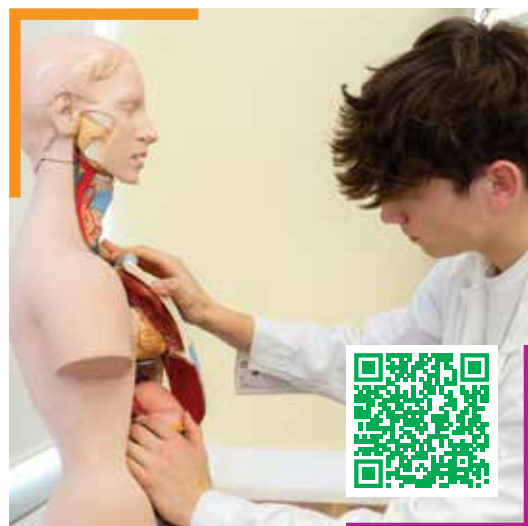
This course provides an insight into many different sectors in business including Marketing, Financing & Accounting, Human Resources, Recruitment, Event Management, Retail, International Business and Economics. Many units are assessed through written assignments, roleplays, presentations and involvement with local employers, which enable you to develop a range of skills, whilst other units are assessed via external examinations. You will be provided with applied information and knowledge about the world of business to help you understand how businesses operate on a local, national and global basis.



# BIOLOGY

## A LEVEL (OCR)

Studying Biology will give you a fascinating insight into a diverse range of topics such as how the body works together, how organisms are cloned and how DNA from a crime scene can be sequenced. Carrying out lots of practical work makes learning enjoyable and really helps your understanding, for example dissections mean you can see in real life the theory you have been learning. The teaching is excellent with a variety of interesting tasks, discussions and support materials, meaning your learning is supported in lots of different ways.



# CHEMISTRY

## A LEVEL (OCR)

In choosing A Level Chemistry, you will explore a range of captivating topics to help explain complex phenomena. The course is split into organic, inorganic and physical papers, which allows for a huge variation, meaning there really is something for everyone. There is a mixture of basic learning principles and having to apply your knowledge, incorporating mathematical data. Embedded throughout the course are many interesting practicals to explore. It opens up interesting career paths such as Pharmacology, Medicine or even Engineering.





# CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

A LEVEL (OCR)

Classical Civilisation is the study of Ancient Greeks and Romans, through their literature, art and history. The focus is mostly on the Ancient Greeks, although does include a brief look at the Roman Emperor Augustus. We will look at Greek Art, read the Iliad by Homer and look in-depth at the beginnings of democracy in Athens. We also read Virgil's Aeneid and the mythological foundations of Roma. This is an exam-based subject with no coursework and lots of reading. We also go on amazing trips to the British Museum and a residential to Greece.



# DIGITAL IT & COMPUTING

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

Digital IT and Computing is an exciting and in-depth course taking you onto careers that are in high demand. Cyber Security, Software Development and Creative Industries are just some of the areas past students have successfully gone onto via university, sponsored degrees and employment. If you have an interest in a dynamic subject area then this is the course for you. You will have the opportunity for enrichment in areas such as building a PC, furthering your skills in games and animation and networking.



# COMPUTER SCIENCE

A LEVEL (AQA)

Computer Science provides you with an understanding of the mathematical, scientific and engineering principles that underpin the computer systems that we use today. From the very first lesson students become programmers and problem solvers, and we introduce programming concepts through a variety of paradigms including procedural, object-oriented and functional. You will study algorithms, binary representation of data, networks and Boolean logic, among many other topics. Computer Science is a wide-ranging discipline, and you will develop skills that support access to a range of computing related degrees or Apprenticeships, and that support other subjects.



# DRAMA

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL (OCR)

This vocational course embeds practical work which is exciting, fun, engaging and industry relevant. The course allows you to grow as an actor and theatre maker. You will practically study a range of practitioners and set works which will in turn inspire you to create your own theatre. The course includes an element of coursework which is based on industry briefs and you will learn skills that you will use again and again in the world of Performing Arts. Assessment is based on practical work and coursework - there are no unseen exams.



# CRIMINOLOGY

APPLIED DIPLOMA (WJEC)

Like it or not, crime is all around us. During this course, you will study types of crime, theories of criminal behaviour and the process from crime scene to courtroom and punishment. You'll engage in thorough examinations of a range of real-life criminal cases and apply various criminological theories to them to advance your understanding of how crime operates in society and the impact that it has. This course is assessed through a mixture of examinations (50%) and controlled assessment (50%). You will gain a variety of transferrable skills required for your next steps.



# ECONOMICS

A LEVEL (AQA)

It is an exciting time to study Economics. Whether you are concerned about the global pandemic or global warming, the study of Economics is becoming increasingly important as we consider the impact of our choices on each other and the environment. This course is developed with up to date content so you can relate what you are learning to the world around you locally, nationally and globally. Through studying Economics you will develop a wide range of skills, including the ability to analyse data, think critically and make informed decisions.





# EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

## T LEVEL (NCFE)

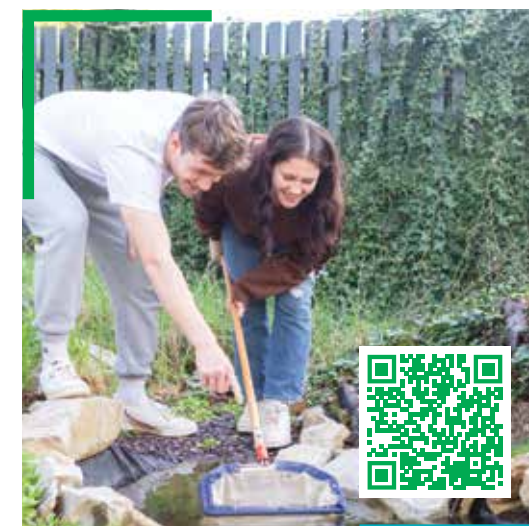
This exciting T Level ensures you have the knowledge and skills needed to progress into skilled employment or higher education, focusing on the study of education and childcare of persons aged 0-19 years. The first year of the course looks at child development, attachment, behaviour and reflective practice across educational settings. In the second year, you will start to develop an occupational specialism, developing personal competence with an industry placement. The extensive work placement not only provides valuable experience but also a licence to practice in an early years setting.



# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

## A LEVEL (AQA)

Environmental Science is a very versatile course that has good crossover with other Science subjects. It explores all aspects of the natural world providing answers and explanations to many of the world's environmental problems. There are a wide range of teaching approaches used including classroom-based learning but also practical investigations and interesting field trips. This subject can really change your perspective on the world and provides a good base of knowledge and skills for a variety of career paths.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

## A LEVEL (OCR)

If you love English and are intrigued by it, you will enjoy this course. It's very different from GCSE incorporating child language, tech language and journalistic writing, constantly challenging you to think. This course is about discovering the magic of the English Language, its diversity and variety. You will learn about the cultural complexities of language (stereotypes, bias, prestige etc) and it will make you think in more than one way about how language has and is developing. You will look at language in ways you never imagined!



# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

## CERTIFICATE (AQA)

Studying the EPQ supports your personal aspirations for higher education and career development and gives you the opportunity to study an in-depth topic of your own choice. It will be available to you in your second year and you can choose to complete either a 5,000 word written report or create an artefact or production demonstrating the learning and evaluation of new skills. You will improve yourself as a critical, reflective and independent learner, developing skills creatively and demonstrating initiative, decision making and enterprise.



# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## A LEVEL (EDUQAS)

This course is for those who enjoy a variety of literature and literary discussion. You'll develop your appreciation of modern and older texts and skills in reading and detailed written analysis. We study single and comparative texts supported by contextual information, leaving room for your ideas and interpretations. Textual debates help you gain confidence with your written analyses. Using varied critical perspectives is important and you will be encouraged to widen your interpretation of poetry, prose and drama (including Shakespeare) from different literary periods. A non-exam unit involves independent prose reading and comparison where you can develop personal literary interests.



# FRENCH

## A LEVEL OR AS LEVEL (AQA)

These courses will develop your understanding and fluency of French alongside your knowledge of the cultures, societies and history of French-speaking countries. A wide range of resources are available such as Kerboodle, TV5 du monde and an opportunity to speak one on one with a native speaker each week. The AS Level option is a one-year course and is only available as an additional subject to your Study Programme. Nous avons hâte de vous voir à Richard Huish bientôt!





# GEOGRAPHY

A LEVEL (EDUQAS)

Geography combines a unique blend of human and physical modules to educate you on global situations. It uses past and current world events and fascinating case studies to enrich your learning. The course includes lots of fieldtrip opportunities and it is assessed using coursework and exams. The coursework allows you to research a geographical topic that you are interested in. Geography will provide an all-round knowledge of the world and provides a range of future opportunities.



# GRAPHIC DESIGN

A LEVEL (OCR)

A Level Graphic Design will provide you with a broad introduction to traditional art-based and digital design processes. You will learn about the historical and contemporary influences within the design industry. Over the course, you will be set themed assignments and live briefs to help you build a creative and professional portfolio of illustration and graphic design. You will be offered the opportunity to visit national and international places of interest for research purposes.



# GEOLOGY

A LEVEL (EDUQAS)

In Geology, we learn how to read the ancient history of the planet. You'll learn all the theory, techniques and skills you need to turn a lump of rock into a story of ancient continents, long extinct life, volcanic eruptions and eons of slow and infinitely patient time. The syllabus is varied and interesting, including a minimum of three field trips a year. We learn by drawing, by experimenting and sometimes by writing, to explore the engaging back story of our home planet.



# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

Studying Health and Social Care is a good start for anyone who would like a career in which they support and care for others. A range of topics are covered in this subject which will enable you to understand the needs of individuals who use services and the roles and responsibilities of Health and Social Care professionals who support them. On the Extended Diploma programme, classroom-based learning is supported by work placements where you will have the opportunity to apply your knowledge and understanding in environments such as care homes, day services, hospitals and nurseries.



# GERMAN

A LEVEL OR AS LEVEL (AQA)

Choosing German will expand your communication skills and allow you to explore aspects of German culture, history and society, with insights into youth culture, the digital world, art, architecture, festivals and traditions. A wide range of resources are available such as Kerboodle and Deutsche Welle. You will speak one on one with a native speaker each week which will be beneficial to your fluency. The AS Level option is a one-year course and is only available as an additional subject to your Study Programme. Wir hoffen, Euch dort zu sehen!



# HISTORY EARLY MODERN

A LEVEL (AQA)

Early Modern History really captures how the world works. You will look at Tudor England and the French Revolution. The skills you develop in History are highly valued by universities and employers making it a great choice for students thinking about a wide range of careers. The world looks different after studying History!





# HISTORY

## LATE MODERN

A LEVEL (AQA)

Late Modern History really captures how the modern world was made. It's a fascinating and vibrant subject looking at the British Empire from 1857 to 1967 and the Cold War. History develops key skills such as attention to detail, researching, time management and organisation. These abilities are highly valued by universities and employers, therefore this subject is an ideal choice for multiple different career routes such as Civil Service, Journalism and Banking.



# MATHEMATICS

## CORE

CERTIFICATE IN QUANTITATIVE REASONING (OCR)

Core Maths will develop and enhance your real-life mathematical skills. The emphasis is on how and when to apply new and existing techniques to problems that arise in the workplace, in education, in personal finances and in everyday life. You will build on GCSE skills and learn new topics, such as mathematical modelling, spreadsheets, normal distribution, log scales, medical screening, scams and much more. Core Maths complements the Sciences, Earth Sciences, Business, Psychology and Economics. This one-year course can be added to any Study Programme. You will gain UCAS points equivalent to an AS Level.



# LAW

A LEVEL (AQA)

Law impacts on every part of life and studying A Level Law introduces you to both Criminal and Civil Law and the skills needed to answer legal problems. You will cover Criminal, Tort and Contract Law and Law Making and the English Legal System. We study theory and concepts of law which include philosophical ideas that underpin our legal system, and we explore the relationship between law and justice and morality. Many of our students go on to higher-level Legal Apprenticeships or study Law at degree level including at universities like Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, Manchester and Bristol.



# MATHEMATICS

## FURTHER

A LEVEL (AQA)

A challenging but fascinating course for committed and very able mathematicians with a deep interest in the subject for its own sake. You must study A Level Mathematics and two other subjects alongside this course. Studying this qualification can give you a "head start" on degrees with high mathematical content. Further Mathematics both builds on and broadens the range of ideas met on the Maths A Level, for example, topics like differential equations and functions are extended, whilst completely new branches, such as complex numbers and matrices, widen your knowledge of this vast subject.



# MATHEMATICS

A LEVEL (AQA)

If you like puzzling things out and solving problems where solutions are not immediately obvious, you could enjoy doing Mathematics. It is a subject that really "exercises the brain", and Maths students learn to see through things in a logical, powerful way. The course covers a variety of mathematical topics, some of which will be familiar like algebra and algebraic graphs, whilst others are likely to be new, like calculus and logarithms. You will study 'pure' mathematics much of the time but will also learn to apply abstract mathematical methods to mechanical and statistical problems.



# MEDIA, FILM AND

## ADVERTISING

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL (OCR)

This vocational course gives you the chance to learn a range of skills in media production. In preparing for the Media Products and Audiences exam, you will learn about all stages of film production and apply what you've learnt practically—planning, scripting, shooting and editing a sequence of your own feature film. Work for the Pre-Production and Planning exam will give you skills across all media sectors. You will put these into practice by planning, pitching, creating and editing an advertising campaign.

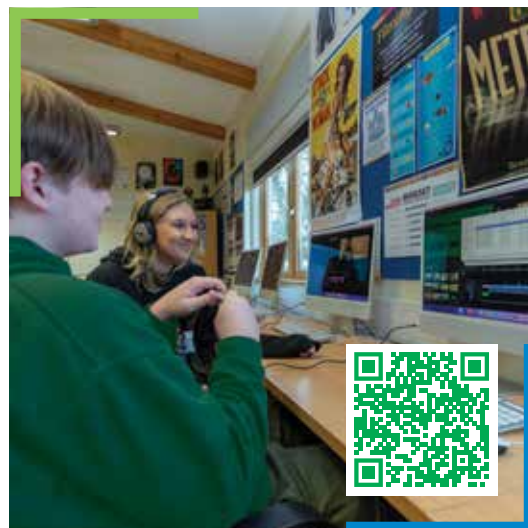




# MEDIA PRODUCTION

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)  
VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3

Do you love films, TV, social media, advertising, special effects, animation, music videos, radio and being creative? This course will prepare you for a career in the Media, building practical skills and knowledge that can be used in whatever area interests you most. The course is 100% coursework assessed and you learn through research and individual and group practical work about a wide range of media products. You could go on to university, a job, or an Apprenticeship to become an Editor, Camera Operator, Director, Sound Recordist, Radio Presenter, Graphic Designer and more.



# MUSIC PRODUCTION

BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

This course is one of the most exciting and varied on offer. In Year 1, you'll get to grips with the basics of music technology and start producing your own music (or covers of your favourite songs!). You'll learn how to build beats, use samples, program your own synths and create awesome projects from the ground up. In Year 2, through collaborating with friends, you will record a 20-minute EP with total freedom of genre and makeup. You can also compose the score to a short film as well as technically engineer for live gigs.



# MUSIC

A LEVEL OR AS LEVEL (EDUQAS)

These courses are for musicians who want to increase their practical skills and academic knowledge of music. They are well suited for those who already read music, play an instrument or sing. The courses work towards a solo recital, composition portfolio and a written exam on Classical and Pop areas of study. Your creative and listening skills will be stretched enjoyably in our purpose-built block, allowing progression to study Music at university or college, or to careers in performing, composing or education. The AS Level option is a one-year course and is only available as an additional subject to your Study Programme.



# MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

Music Performance and Production is an innovative, creative and practical course which helps you achieve your best and develop your creative practice, in an assisted and well-equipped environment. You will cover a wide variety of modules concerning everything from songwriting and music business to remixing and live sound, with lots of opportunities to showcase and receive feedback upon your original creative work. Overall, the course provides a well-structured, credible, and fun way to collaborate and realise creative ideas and projects.



# MUSIC PERFORMANCE

BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

If you are after a really practical subject that gives you real-life experience in the music industry, this is the one! You will have opportunities to perform with different bands or as solo artists in venues around the area and enjoy lectures from people in the industry like Session Musicians, Band Managers, Agents and Studio Engineers. Most excitingly you will learn to produce and market your own music and record it in our amazing studio facilities. You will learn new song writing techniques and hopefully everything you need to be successful in the industry.



# PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS

A LEVEL (OCR)

In this subject, there is so much to get your teeth into. In 'Philosophy of Religion' we think about the relationship between thinking and believing. 'Religion and Ethics' on the other hand, involves considering how we make moral decisions in the light of what we see in the world. In 'Developments in the Buddhist Thought' we learn about how Buddhism approaches the question of how we can learn to heal ourselves from the suffering that life inevitably involves. We use a range of learning opportunities – reading, talking, writing, guest speakers and taking local and metropolitan trips.





# PHOTOGRAPHY

## A LEVEL (OCR)

A Level Photography explores a variety of practical techniques across both digital and traditional processes. You will develop the skills to produce bold and expressive responses to a range of contemporary and personal themes. Learning to research, explore and respond to the work of photographers from historical examples to the most contemporary approaches is a key part of the course. The combination of coursework and exams is perfectly suited to those who enjoy more assignment-based assessment. Every organisation now pays great attention to their visual output, so Photographers have never been in greater demand!



# POLITICS

## A LEVEL (AQA)

Politics is for anyone who has, or is prepared to develop, a keen interest in current affairs. The course focuses on the contemporary politics of both the UK and the USA, as well as the structures of government and the ideas which form the basis of political decision making. You may have the opportunity to visit Parliament and the UK Supreme Court. With the political landscape constantly changing, it is a fast-moving subject where new developments are discussed on a regular basis, keeping it relevant and stimulating.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## A LEVEL (OCR)

This course combines both physical and academic challenges to give you a fantastic insight into the world of sports performance. You will learn about human anatomy and physiology, how to train smarter, and delve into the importance of psychology in sport and the influence that modern technology is having on sports performance. You will also investigate topics such as the political exploitation of the Olympic games and the evolution of sport from pre-1850 to now with sociocultural themes. There are also plenty of Sport EnRICH opportunities available alongside the course.



# PSYCHOLOGY

## A LEVEL (AQA)

By choosing Psychology you will be exposed to the fascinating world of human behaviour and the science behind our minds. This course covers an exciting range of topics from the biology of our brains to understanding complex conditions such as schizophrenia. It also has the perfect combination of scientific content, with essay-based exams. You will get the chance to plan your own research, preparing you for further opportunities beyond college such as studying Psychology or going down the many other career pathways that this course prepares you for.



# PHYSICS

## A LEVEL (AQA)

A highly valued qualification in A Level Physics will give you a deeper understanding of the world, from the super small to the incomprehensibly large. There will be something in the course that interests you. You will work with classmates in modern labs and learn to use new equipment. The syllabus helps develop skills in experimental work, research and data analysis and is broad enough to enable you to keep your options open for specialisation at university. Physics will allow you to apply your mathematical skills to solve a range of real-world problems.



# SOCIOLOGY

## A LEVEL (AQA)

Join Sociology! The biggest strength of Sociology is its unwavering relevance to contemporary society. From theory to media and crime, Sociology is constantly evolving. You'll take part in evidence-based discussions about everyday topics which provide a new way of thinking about the world around you. Last year, we discussed BLM, COVID, social media and their impact on society. What you learn in the classroom will stay with you for the rest of your life and you will view the world differently. Sociology also provides highly transferrable skills for progression.





# SPANISH

A LEVEL OR AS LEVEL (AQA)

By choosing Spanish, you will be enriched with not only the language but the culture. You will have the opportunity to immerse yourself further with a trip to Salamanca where you will stay with a Spanish family. To develop your skills, we offer one-to-one sessions with a native speaker. The course is assessed through a mixture of speaking, reading, writing and listening, which you will practice frequently. Spanish combines well with all subjects and broadens your prospective employment and travel endeavours. The AS Level option is a one-year course and is only available as an additional subject to your Study Programme.



# SPORT, EXERCISE & COACHING

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

Vocational Sport will equip you with the essential skills and knowledge for future study or a career in sport. It offers you the chance to gain a qualification on a more practical level, whilst learning about exercise and the physiological effects this has on our anatomy. You will explore how nutrition affects our health and performance and how to test for fitness. This qualification will give you an excellent insight into the different career paths sport has to offer and help you to develop a range of transferrable skills in a practical, hands-on way.



# UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA (PEARSON)

This course provides you with skills needed for a range of careers that involve protecting the public. These roles may be within the armed services, police force, prison service and fire and rescue service. The course is vocational in nature and you will work with staff currently employed within the Army, RAF, Police and Fire Service, both on trips and on campus. You will study 13 units, two are assessed by exams and the others through coursework.



# APPRENTICESHIPS

If you are ready to start employment you can choose an Apprenticeship as your training option.

You learn skills on the job to earn accredited qualifications and can build on your qualifications throughout your career.

Apprenticeships include taught sessions on campus where you will be supported by our expert tutors as you develop knowledge of your employment sector.

## EDUCATION APPRENTICESHIPS

If you are looking to inspire and nurture others in a role within a nursery or school setting then contact our team to find out about our Apprenticeships within teaching and early years environments.

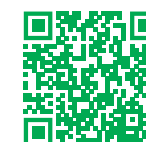
## ACCOUNTANCY APPRENTICESHIPS

Our AAT Apprenticeships provide you with internationally recognised qualifications ready for a career in Accountancy or Finance. We are ACCA's only Gold Approved Learning Partner in Somerset and many of our AAT graduates have progressed with us to achieve higher level qualifications as adult learners.

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# APPLYING

## 7 STEPS TO HUISH

- 1 OPEN EVENTS – Come along to our Open Events on Saturday 14th and Monday 16th October 2023 and Wednesday 17th April 2024, to explore the campus and meet our knowledgeable staff and friendly students.
- 2 APPLY – Choose your Study Programme and complete our online application form via the website.
- 3 ADVICE AND GUIDANCE MEETING – You will be invited to an Advice and Guidance meeting, where we will be able to answer any of your questions and give you advice on your Study Programme.
- 4 OFFER – At your Advice and Guidance meeting you will receive an offer of a place.
- 5 WELCOME TO HUISH – In the summer we will invite you to our Welcome to Huish days where you can trial your lessons and experience what it's like to be a Huish student.
- 6 GCSE RESULTS DAY – If you have any questions following your results our staff will be here to help.
- 7 ENROLMENT – At enrolment you can finalise your Study Programme, get your ID badge and become an official Huish student!

## OUR STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We have a wide range of courses available, including A Levels, vocational courses, GCSE resits, Apprenticeships and professional qualifications.

- The entry requirements for a Level 2 Pathway is a GCSE profile of mainly grade 3s
- The entry requirements for a Level 3 programme is at least five GCSEs at grade 9 to 4, including English Language or English Literature, and Mathematics. Some courses have higher entry requirements, these will be discussed with you at your Advice and Guidance meeting and your enrolment appointment.

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HOW  
TO  
APPLY

