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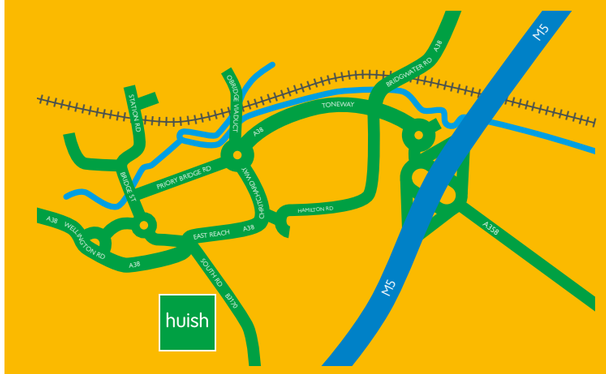
Saturday 10th October 2026

Wednesday 28th April 2027



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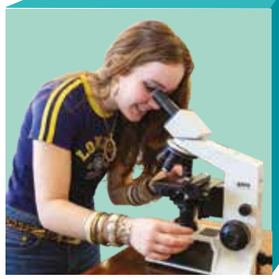

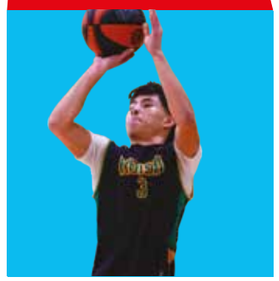

WELCOME

Your time at Huish is something that we hope you will remember forever. With our wide range of course choices and enrichment programmes, you will be part of a vibrant, inclusive and successful learning community.

College is in many ways a bridge between school and your future. We pride ourselves on providing an exceptional, student-centred Sixth Form experience, whether you choose academic or vocational qualifications.

Studying with us is a rewarding, 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 each student, and our passionate staff will work closely with you to ensure you achieve the very best you can. We are enormously proud of what our students accomplish and are committed to challenging you to become lifelong learners and reflective, critical thinkers who are well-equipped to make a positive contribution to the world.

I hope that this prospectus gives you a flavour of what being a student at Huish is like and 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 community and look forward to meeting you soon.

Emma Fielding
Principal

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YOUR OPTIONS AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AS YOU PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS:

- Your interests and skills
- The subjects you enjoy
- Your aspirations and career plans
- The way you prefer to learn
- Your expected achievements at GCSE

Remember, whilst these decisions are important, we are here to help. You have already taken your first step by picking up this prospectus!

You'll see us in assemblies in your school, and can talk to us at Parents' Evenings, Open Events, and many other steps along the way.

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

WHAT TO DO

Follow the QR codes within this prospectus to find out more about any topic.

7 STEPS TO HUISH

1. OPEN EVENTS – Join us on Thursday 8th October, Saturday 10th October and Wednesday 28th April, to explore the campus and meet our staff and students.
2. APPLY – Choose your Study Programme and complete an online application.
3. ADVICE AND GUIDANCE MEETING – You will be invited to an Advice and Guidance meeting where we will answer your questions and give you advice on your Study Programme.
4. OFFER – At your Advice and Guidance meeting you will receive a conditional offer of a place.
5. WELCOME TO HUISH – We will invite you to our Welcome to Huish days in July, where you can trial your course/s 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!

HOW TO *APPLY*

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS

LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES – Most Huish students are on a Level 3 Study Programme.

TYPES OF LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION

A LEVELS - A Levels follow a traditional method of study, similar to GCSEs. They are designed to be demanding with great subject depth to increase your understanding of a subject.

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - Vocational courses come in three sizes: single, double, and triple. These carry the same weight as one, two, or three A Levels.

They provide a practical approach to learning where the skills you develop are often assessed through assignments as well as examinations. Assignments can take many forms, they may be written (e.g. report, portfolio) or activity based (e.g. performance, presentation, observation).

Vocational courses challenge you to apply your learning to real-life contexts (e.g. hosting/performing at an event) and you may get the opportunity to demonstrate your skills through work experience.

DESIGNING YOUR LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMME

You select **3** units for your Study Programme. This can be a combination of A Level and Vocational subjects, OR 3 A Levels, OR 1 Triple Vocational subject.

A Level = 1 unit.

Single Vocational = 1 unit.

Double Vocational = 2 units.

Triple Vocational = 3 units.

Your choice must add up to 3 units.

All options above are of equal value and will occupy the same quantity of time in your timetable.

While triple vocational students only study 1 subject, they will go into greater depth, and the qualification equates to 3 A Levels. It can be a good option if you know the industry you want to enter.

A LEVEL Geology	A LEVEL Geography	A LEVEL French
SINGLE VOCATIONAL Medical Science	A LEVEL Psychology	A LEVEL Physical Education
DOUBLE VOCATIONAL Media	A LEVEL Graphic Design	
TRIPLE VOCATIONAL Uniformed Protective Services		

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES

You will need at least 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4, including Mathematics and English Language.

For a majority Vocational programme a Vocational Level 2 qualification at grade merit or above may be accepted in place of one GCSE.

Some courses have higher requirements; these will be discussed with you at your Advice and Guidance meeting and your enrolment appointment.

Call us on 01823 320800, email us using admissions@richuish.ac.uk, or visit our website for further clarification about qualifications.

BOOST YOUR PROGRAMME

If you are looking to stretch yourself, we offer a few additional qualifications that you can add to your programme (see page 34), as well as EnRICH activities (see page 42).

LEVEL 2 PATHWAY – See page 37 for details.

These qualifications are equivalent to GCSEs. Our pathways support 16–19 year-olds who require additional preparation before they can commence a Level 3 Study Programme.

LEVEL 3 COURSES

A LEVEL

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

SINGLE VOCATIONAL

- Applied Science
- Business, Marketing & Management
- Criminology
- Digital Systems & Data
- Drama
- Education
- Health & Social Care
- Media, Film & Advertising
- Medical Science
- Mental Health
- Music Performance
- Music Production

DOUBLE VOCATIONAL

- Business, Marketing & Management
- Media Industry & Production

TRIPLE VOCATIONAL

- Music Performance & Production
- Sport, Exercise & Coaching
- Uniformed Protective Services

ADDITIONS TO STUDY PROGRAMME

- AS Level – French, German, Music, or Spanish
- Core Mathematics
- Extended Project Qualification

A Level

ART

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.

BIOLOGY

Biology will give you a fascinating insight into a diverse range of topics. You start by looking at molecules and cells and build up to tissues, organs and organ systems in both plants and animals and then to full ecosystems. Carrying out lots of practical work makes learning enjoyable and really helps your understanding, for example, dissections allow you to see the theory you have been learning in real life. Biology opens up a wide range of career options such as Medicine, Marine Biology and Conservation.

BUSINESS

In 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.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry will develop your problem-solving skills and help you explain complex phenomena. You will delve into the periodic table, use maths to understand energetics and explore organic chemistry in depth. You'll get an insight into the importance of chemistry from environmental chemistry through to the development of pharmaceuticals. You'll use analytical techniques that could be used in forensic and materials science. Chemistry opens pathways into medicine, engineering and a wide range of scientific pathways and is also highly regarded by other fields such as law and finance.

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

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

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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.

ECONOMICS

It is an exciting time to study Economics. Whether you are concerned about the cost of living 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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LINGUISTICS & CREATIVE WRITING

This course deepens your understanding of how language works in the real world and equips you with analytical, communication and critical thinking skills. We explore how language shapes identity, how children acquire language, and how language changes over time. You learn to deconstruct texts, from social media posts to political speeches, examine how language is used to influence, persuade, and represent different groups, and develop your fictional and non-fictional writing skills. Future careers include journalism, law, linguistics, teaching, or media.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

This course is ideal if you enjoy exploring big ideas through literature and debate. You'll study a diverse range of texts from different periods and cultures, including Shakespeare, American literature, and powerful modern writing. The coursework unit allows you to develop as a critical reader, writer and thinker, and offers creative or analytical options. You will learn how to construct compelling arguments and explore the social and historical issues that shape meaning. This course builds independence and communication skills.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Environmental Science is a fascinating subject that explores all aspects of the natural world, providing explanations to many of the world's pressing environmental problems. The course is varied with a wide range of teaching approaches used including classroom-based learning, lab experiments, practical investigations and interesting field trips. This subject can really change your perspective on the world and provides a great base of knowledge and skills for a huge range of career paths. This versatile course combines particularly well with other Science and Earth Science subjects.

FILM STUDIES

This course allows you to understand important developments in history, society and culture through the medium of cinema. From Silent Cinema to Contemporary Hollywood, the films we study offer rich and interesting analysis. They represent different periods and alternative representations of society. The course incorporates creative production, turning theory into practice by making a short film or writing a screenplay. You will develop a range of transferable skills including creative and critical thinking, textual analysis, communication, research skills and technical competencies.

FRENCH

You will improve your understanding of, and fluency in, French, alongside your knowledge of the culture, society, and history of French-speaking countries. You study topics as diverse as volunteering, crime, and contemporary music in Francophone countries. Multiple resources are available, such as Kerboodle, TV5 du monde, and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with a native speaker weekly. Nous avons hâte de vous voir à Huish bientôt!

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

A challenging but fascinating course for committed and very able mathematicians with a deep interest in the subject. 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.

GEOGRAPHY

Geography is a unique blend of human and physical modules that help you understand the world you live in. It uses past and current world events and fascinating topical case studies to enrich your learning. The course includes field trip opportunities and is assessed using both coursework and exams. The coursework allows you to research a geographical topic that you are interested in. Geography will provide you with an all-round knowledge of the world and provides a range of future opportunities.

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 includes five field trips. If you prefer to learn through drawing, experimenting, interpreting maps and being out in the field then this subject is for you!

GERMAN

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. Wir hoffen, Euch dort zu sehen!

GRAPHIC DESIGN

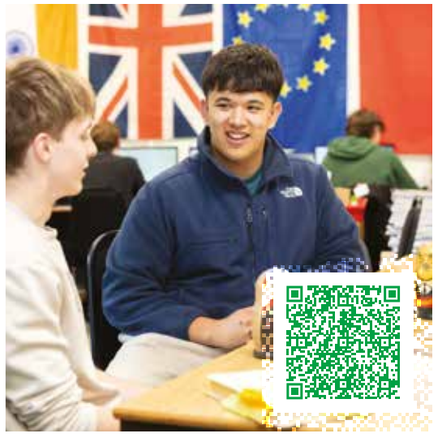
A Level Graphic Design will provide you with a broad introduction to traditional art-based and digital design processes. You will learn about the historical and contemporary influences within the design industry. Over the course, you will be set themed assignments and live briefs to help you build a 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.

HISTORY EARLY MODERN

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

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 the Civil Service, Journalism and Banking.



LAW

Huish Law School can propel you to a higher-degree apprenticeship, university, or a range of legal careers. In our mock courtroom, we cover Criminal, Tort and Contract Law, Law Making, and the English Legal System. You'll study theory and concepts of law, looking at the philosophical ideas that underpin our legal system. We also explore the relationship between law, justice and morality. You can stretch yourself further through EnRICH with Huish Mooting and the Huish Law Society.

MATHEMATICS

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.

MUSIC

If you already read music, play an instrument or sing, Music will help you increase your practical skills and academic knowledge of music. You will work towards a solo recital, submit a composition portfolio, and undertake a written exam on Classical, Pop, and Modern areas of study. Your creative and listening skills will be expanded, preparing you for Higher Education or a career in performing, composing or education.

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION & ETHICS

In this subject, there are so many big ideas to discuss and explore. We think about the nature of existence, knowledge, and belief; for example, we analyse arguments for the existence of God. Ethics involves considering what is 'good' when it comes to actions and how people make moral decisions. In 'Developments in Buddhist Thought', we learn how the religion began and spread, and how Buddhism believes we can overcome the suffering that life involves. We use a range of learning opportunities with lots of great class discussions, as well as writing, reading, and taking trips.

PHOTOGRAPHY

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!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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, 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.

PHYSICS

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.

POLITICS

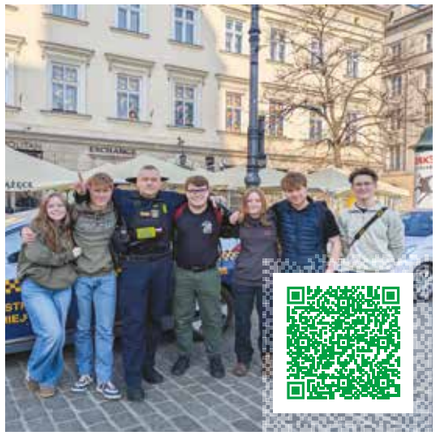
Politics is for anyone who has, or is prepared to develop, a keen interest in current affairs. We focus on the contemporary politics of both the UK and the USA, as well as the structures of government and the ideas which form the basis of political decision making. With the political landscape constantly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

PSYCHOLOGY

You will explore the fascinating world of human behaviour and the scientific study of the mind. This course covers a range of topics from the structure and function of our brains to understanding complex conditions such as schizophrenia. It has the perfect combination of scientific content and essay-based exams. You will get 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.

SOCIOLOGY

The greatest strength of Sociology is its relevance to modern society, combined with strong academic rigour. From core social theory to topics such as education, crime, media and culture, the course is constantly evolving. You'll explore engaging real world issues like social media algorithms, political protest, policing and inequality, while learning how to write clear, well structured essays using evidence and research. Sociology is both enjoyable and challenging, developing strong analytical, research and writing skills and helping you see the world in a more critical way.



SPANISH

By choosing Spanish, you will be enriched with not only the language, but the culture too. 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.

TEXTILES

This is a new course launching in September 2027. Please follow the QR code for the latest information.

Single Vocational

APPLIED SCIENCE

This course is for students seeking a broad grounding in all three of the major science disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. You'll carry out a range of practical work within each discipline and develop skills used in a range of science industries. It offers a varied approach to assessment; you complete external examinations in your first year and coursework in your second year. Past students taking Applied Science courses have gone on to study courses like Paramedic Science, Marine Biology and Physiotherapy.

BUSINESS, MARKETING & MANAGEMENT

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.

CRIMINOLOGY

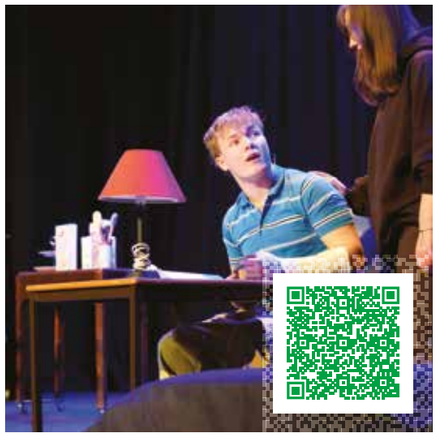
Like it or not, crime is all around us. During this course, you will study types of crime, theories of criminal behaviour and the process from crime scene to courtroom and punishment. You'll engage in thorough examinations of a range of real-life criminal cases and apply various criminological theories 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.

DIGITAL SYSTEMS & DATA

This is a new course launching in September 2027. Please follow the QR code for the latest information.

DRAMA

This vocational course embeds practical work which is fun, engaging and industry relevant. It 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 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.



EDUCATION

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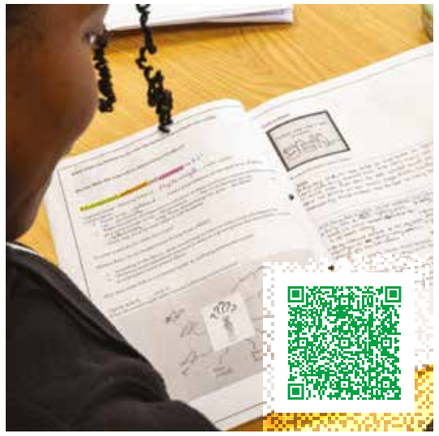
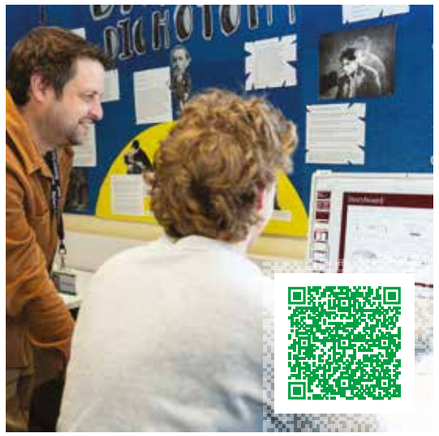
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This course 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.



MEDIA, FILM & ADVERTISING

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.



MEDICAL SCIENCE

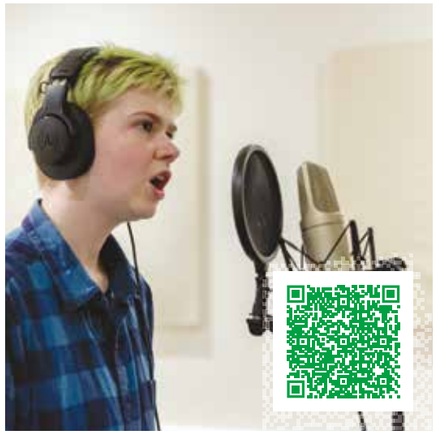
This course explores how the human body functions in health and disease, how infections spread, and how to analyse health data. You'll develop valuable lab skills and learn how medical research supports diagnosis and treatment. Alongside core units in physiology, health issues and microbiology, you'll study an additional specialist topic such as biomedical science or human reproduction. It is ideal for those considering healthcare or science-based degrees.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health is one of the most pressing issues in society today, and this course is designed to help you understand it from both individual and societal perspectives. You will explore the fundamentals of mental health, how attitudes have evolved over time, and the strategies that can make a positive difference in people's lives. This qualification is ideal if you are interested in careers in mental health, social care, psychology, or related fields.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

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.



MUSIC PRODUCTION

This course is one of the most creative 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 projects from the ground up. In Year 2, you will produce a portfolio of work including remixes, film compositions, original pieces, and recordings. You will also learn how to engineer at our gigs.

Double Vocational

BUSINESS, MARKETING & MANAGEMENT

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.

MEDIA INDUSTRY & PRODUCTION

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 a balanced combination of exams and coursework, which includes individual and group work creating 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.

Triple Vocational

MUSIC PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION

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.

SPORT, EXERCISE & COACHING

This course is about gaining hands-on transferrable skills in leadership, coaching and officiating. It will equip you with the essential knowledge required for future study or a career in sport. It offers you the chance to study on a more practical level whilst learning about exercise and the physiological effects on our anatomy. You will explore how nutrition affects our health and performance and how to test for fitness. It will give you an excellent insight into the different career paths sport has to offer.

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

This course gives you a chance to develop the skills and essential knowledge required for a successful career in the Military, Police, Fire Service or other fields of uniformed services. This vocational course consists of 13 core units which are assessed through a mixture of external examinations and internally assessed coursework. You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of teamwork and leadership activities on-site and on residential trips led by representatives of the Uniformed Protective Services.

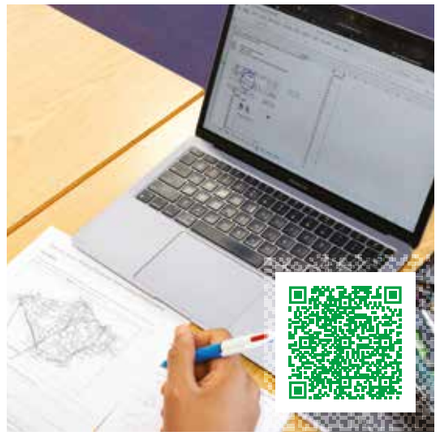
Additions to your Study Programme

AS LEVEL MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES OR MUSIC

AS Levels are worth 50% of an A Level and take one-year to complete. Ambitious students can select either French, German, Music or Spanish AS Level as an additional subject.

CORE MATHEMATICS

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.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The EPQ supports your aspirations for higher education and career development and is an opportunity to study a topic of your choice in-depth. Available to you in your second year, you can choose to complete either a 5,000-word report or create an artefact/production accompanied by a report demonstrating the evaluation of new skills. You will improve as a critical, reflective and independent learner, develop creatively and demonstrate initiative, decision making and enterprise.

LEVEL 2 PATHWAY

Our Level 2 Pathway is a one year Study Programme offering you a solid foundation in any Level 3 course. If you have been unable to complete your GCSEs due to personal circumstances or may have not achieved the grades required to access a Level 3 Study Programme.

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

CHOOSE A PATHWAY:

SCIENCE:
Combined Science

SOCIAL SCIENCE:
Sociology
and a Higher Project Qualification

CREATIVE:
Media

PLUS TWO ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Mathematics*
- English Language*
- Business & Enterprise
- Health and Social Care
- Sport
- Sociology

**GCSE Maths/English Language are mandatory if you have not achieved a grade 9–4.*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For a Level 2 Pathway you will need a GCSE Profile of mainly grade 3s including Mathematics and English Language

If you are not taking or haven't taken any formal Level 2 qualifications you may be asked to complete an assessment in Maths and English prior to your advice and guidance meeting so that we have a better understanding of your current skills.

Call us on 01823 320800, email admissions@richuish.ac.uk, or visit our website for further clarification about qualification.

WHAT DOES COLLEGE LOOK LIKE?

WHAT DOES YOUR WEEK LOOK LIKE?

YOUR TIMETABLE

- We open at 8.00am - 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 lessons finish at 3.30pm and on Friday at 3.05pm.
- If you express an interest in Sport or Performing Arts EnRICH these can be incorporated into your timetable.

LESSONS

Each week you will have three lessons that are 1 hour and 55 minutes in length each, and six lessons that are 1 hour and 30 minutes.

TUTORIALS

Each week you will have a Tutorial that is 1 hour and 30 minutes.

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 about any matter related to college, or from your life outside Huish. They will guide you, helping you to achieve your goals. Tutorial sessions focus on your wider personal development, including Health & Wellbeing, Study Skills, Progression and Monitoring & Reflection.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

STUDY SKILLS

PROGRESSION

MONITORING & REFLECTION

ENRICH

Once your lessons and tutorials are in your timetable you can add EnRICH activities. See page 42 for EnRICH.

INDEPENDENT STUDY & HUISH 30

Outside of your lessons, you will need to study independently.

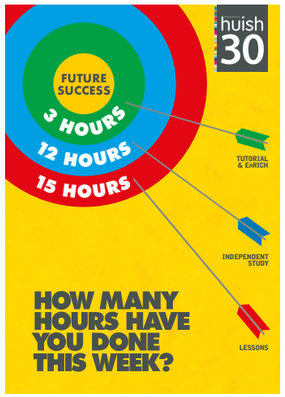
Your timetable is designed so you could complete much of your independent study within the college day if you wish to.

We will help you learn skills to manage your free time effectively. 'Huish 30' is a proven method our students utilise to succeed and manage their wellbeing.

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

The 30 hours break 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. One session is allocated in your timetable
- 3 or more hours in EnRICH and personal development activities, including your weekly tutorial.



SAMPLE TIMETABLE (MIXED PROGRAMME OR A LEVEL STUDENT)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09.00 – 10.55		SUBJECT 1	SUBJECT 3		SUBJECT 2
10.55 – 11.10			BREAK TIME		
11.10 – 12.40		SUBJECT 2		TUTORIAL	
12.40 – 13.35		CHOIR	LUNCH		
13.35 – 15.05	SUBJECT 1	SUBJECT 3	SPORT ENRICH		SUBJECT 3
15.05 – 15.10	BREAK TIME			BREAK TIME	(Lesson finishes 15.05)
15.10 – 16.40	SUBJECT 2			SUBJECT 1	

SAMPLE TIMETABLE (TRIPLE VOCATIONAL STUDENT)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09.00 – 10.55		SUBJECT	SUBJECT		SUBJECT
10.55 – 11.10			BREAK TIME		
11.10 – 12.40		SUBJECT		TUTORIAL	
12.40 – 13.35		CHOIR	LUNCH		
13.35 – 15.05	SUBJECT	SUBJECT	SPORT ENRICH		SUBJECT
15.05 – 15.10	BREAK TIME			BREAK TIME	(Lesson finishes 15.05)
15.10 – 16.40	SUBJECT			SUBJECT	

EnRICH

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

EnRICH supports your progression, employability, life skills, and health & wellbeing.

We offer a huge range of trips, guest speakers, competitions and regular clubs and societies. These are open to all students and are seen as a big part of a student's experience here. All students are encouraged to take part in our EnRICH programme and can even start their own club if there is an activity they would like to offer.

Here is just a selection of ways you can get involved:

ENRICH DAYS

On EnRICH day there are no lessons so everyone can participate in a range or fun and educational activities, whether that's learning to surf, being creative in arts and crafts or winning the ten-pin bowling competition. It's a great chance to meet people, try something new and take a break from studying!

MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

A variety of choirs and ensembles are on offer, including Orchestra and Choir. Specialist groups include Jazz Combo, Woodwind Group, String Group, Samba Drumming and smaller ensembles. As well as regular concerts, you can act, sing, dance or assist with stage crafts in our theatre production.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

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

SOCIETIES

We have a wide range of academic and social clubs, alongside activities that focus on your wellbeing. Many groups are student-led, so if you have a hobby that you would like to share, it is easy to set up an activity.

STUDENT VOICE – PAGE 44

Apply for a position on our student voice team to help guide the direction of the college from a student perspective.

STUDENT VOICE

Hi, we are Emily and Levi, your Student Associate Governors this year. We work with the other wonderful members of the Student Executive Team to ensure the transition from school to college is as smooth and comfortable as possible.

Ranked in the top 10% in England for student progress, Huish is an outstanding place to study; from the wide range of study programmes to an endless amount of EnRICH opportunities, our college fosters personal development for each individual.

The teachers at Huish are passionate and always go above and beyond to accommodate students with their studies. Progress Tutors are also there to help and support students – think of them as your first port of call!

Here at Huish, we are encouraged to take part in an EnRICH programme. This is a key part of our experience and can help you meet new people with similar interests, develop new skills, and go beyond your comfort zone. There is something for everyone, and if you think of a new idea, you can set up your own EnRICH too!

Huish goes beyond supporting students with just their learning. There is further support for mental health, finance, and technology. Throughout your time here, from your transition until the end of your chosen course, Huish will encourage you to do your best.

We are all excited to welcome you to this community and look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

Emily Jewell and Levi Briggs

Student Associate Governors

Student Executive Team Leaders

HUISH SPORT

From social participation to national competition, Sport EnRICH has options for all.

HUISH ACTIVE

Huish Active is your space to focus on wellbeing, try new activities, and meet like-minded people. In this relaxed and supportive environment, you can engage as much as you wish – there is no requirement to attend every session or compete.

HUISH EXTRA

Huish Extra allows you to compete in regular fixtures and push your performance across six sports: (Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, and Rugby).

Competing against the strongest college programmes in the country our students regularly gain representative honours and progress into higher-level competition.

Please express your interest in sport in your application. Team selection applies.

HUISH TIGERS ACADEMY

Huish Tigers is our elite performance pathway, focusing on Football and Rugby. Huish Tigers have a proven record of:

- Competing in top-tier national competitions
- Producing players who progress into professional and semi-professional environments
- Developing coaches and officials working within elite sport

With high-performance environments, expert coaching, and structured development programmes, Huish Tigers gives you the platform to maximise your potential.

PATHWAYS & PARTNERSHIPS

We work closely with Huish Tigers Football, Netball, and Basketball, creating strong links with community clubs and providing opportunities for participation across the local area.

Our partnerships with professional organisations include Somerset County Cricket Club and Bristol Bears Men and Women. These relationships provide pathways into professional sport, higher education and scholarship opportunities.

huish SPORT

ACTIVE

- No sign-up needed
- Weekly drop in session
- No experience required
- Optional competition outlet

SPORTS INCLUDE:

- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Cross Country & Athletics
- Social Netball
- Social Football
- Social Cricket
- Calisthenics

huish SPORT

EXTRA

- 2 x Weekly Training Sessions
- Regular Fixtures
- Selection for teams applies
- Registered Sessions
- Part of your study programme

SPORTS INCLUDE:

- Football
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Cricket

huish TIGERS

ACADEMY

- Timetabled additional sessions
- Part of your study programme
- Access to Physiotherapy
- Strapping & Taping
- 2 x S&C Sessions
- Weekly Fixtures
- Limited Places
- Gym Access

SPORTS INCLUDE:

- Basketball
- Rugby

Cost: £300.

ACADEMIC EnRICH

Academic EnRICH is specifically for students aspiring to study at the UK's leading universities.

The curated programme goes beyond the curriculum, offering experiences that deepen your understanding of university admissions, sharpen your critical thinking, and provide super-curricular and extracurricular opportunities.

You will benefit from:

- A vibrant academic community; you'll collaborate with like-minded, intellectually curious peers through lessons, trips, and events
- Specialist tutoring that builds the knowledge, skills, and strategies you need to navigate the admissions processes of prestigious universities
- Enhanced applications through the development of critical thinking and engagement with super-curricular activities
- Insights from successful Huish alumni who achieved their academic aspirations
- University comparisons through campus visits and talks by guest speakers
- Exclusive academic opportunities, including mentoring, tutoring, trips and events only available to Academic EnRICH participants.

Year 1 students are invited to a presentation where they will be given the option to sign up.

MEDICAL CAREERS ACADEMY

This specialist strand of Academic EnRICH supports those considering Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry degree programmes.

Learning opportunities include:

- Support choosing the most appropriate courses and institutions
- Recommendations for, and support with, super-curricular activities
- Preparation for the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) for Medicine and Dentistry admissions
- Debates on medical ethics, relevant scenarios and topical affairs with experts and like-minded peers
- Seminars from guest speakers, including university lecturers, healthcare professionals, and Huish alumni
- Interview preparation, including both traditional and multiple mini-interviews (MMIs), delivered by practising medical professionals
- Advice and assistance in securing relevant work experience to deepen your understanding of a profession.

SUPPORT, INFORMATION, AND SERVICES

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

There are 4 strands to our Careers Programme; Impartial Guidance, Careers in the Curriculum, Pastoral Curriculum and Careers Software.

If you would like advice before joining Huish, please contact us at careers@richuish.ac.uk.

IMPARTIAL GUIDANCE

The Careers & Progression Team offer individual guidance appointments covering:

- 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
- Employment locally and nationally
- Job interview practice
- Work placements and work-related learning
- Changes to your Study Programme.

We also offer careers events including:

- Degree/Higher Apprenticeship Conference
- NextGen Event
- UCAS Exhibition
- Work-related Learning Days

Our end-of-year 'CareerFest' features inspirational speakers, university talks, a fair of over 70 exhibitors, employer led activities including a photobooth, DJ, refreshments, and more.

CAREERS IN CURRICULUM

Each curriculum area delivers work-readiness activities, including:

- Talks from industry professionals
- Industry visits
- Subject-specific conferences
- Work experience opportunities
- University visits
- Workplace projects

PASTORAL CURRICULUM

Your Progress Tutor will be your first point of contact for advice, with careers education embedded throughout the tutorial programme. Through careers-focused tutorials and presentations, you will be encouraged to explore your options and plan your next steps.

CAREERS SOFTWARE

You will have access to online resources such as Unifrog and a Careers & Progression padlet. These resources ease the research process and provide clear, up-to-date information.

HUISH STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCEPTIONAL OUTCOMES AT UNIVERSITY

Studying 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.

RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE
33.8% ACHIEVE FIRST CLASS HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY

INDEPENDENT SECTOR
33.2% ACHIEVE FIRST CLASS HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE SECTOR
29.5% ACHIEVE FIRST CLASS HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY

STATE SECTOR
28.6% ACHIEVE FIRST CLASS HONOURS AT UNIVERSITY

SFCA HESA REPORT

INCLUSION, SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

All students receive support in developing essential study skills, including organisation, planning, and revision. You will also explore key topics related to understanding your mental health and building resilience and independence.

Staff work with you from the point of application and throughout your educational journey to identify any barriers you may experience. They then act swiftly to provide any additional support required.

In addition to this universal provision, we also offer a range of more specialist services.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Our learning support is centred around individual needs and supported by a graduated model of provision.

We provide tailored learning support to help students succeed academically and develop independence.
Support includes:

- Targeted study skills and strategies for independent learning
- Individualised support for students with EHCPs or additional learning needs
- Advice, guidance and signposting for those with students with SEND.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

We offer support for your mental health and wellbeing to help you be successful in your academic studies. We connect with a variety of external agencies in addition to the following services within Huish:

- One to one support
- Wellbeing enrichment opportunities
- Workshops and talks
- Participation in local and national mental health and wellbeing studies
- LGBTQ+ support
- Sexual health advice through the Somerset Wide Integrated Sexual Health service and C-Card+ service.

TRAVEL AND BURSARY

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

Full details are available on our website or you can contact bursary@richuish.ac.uk.

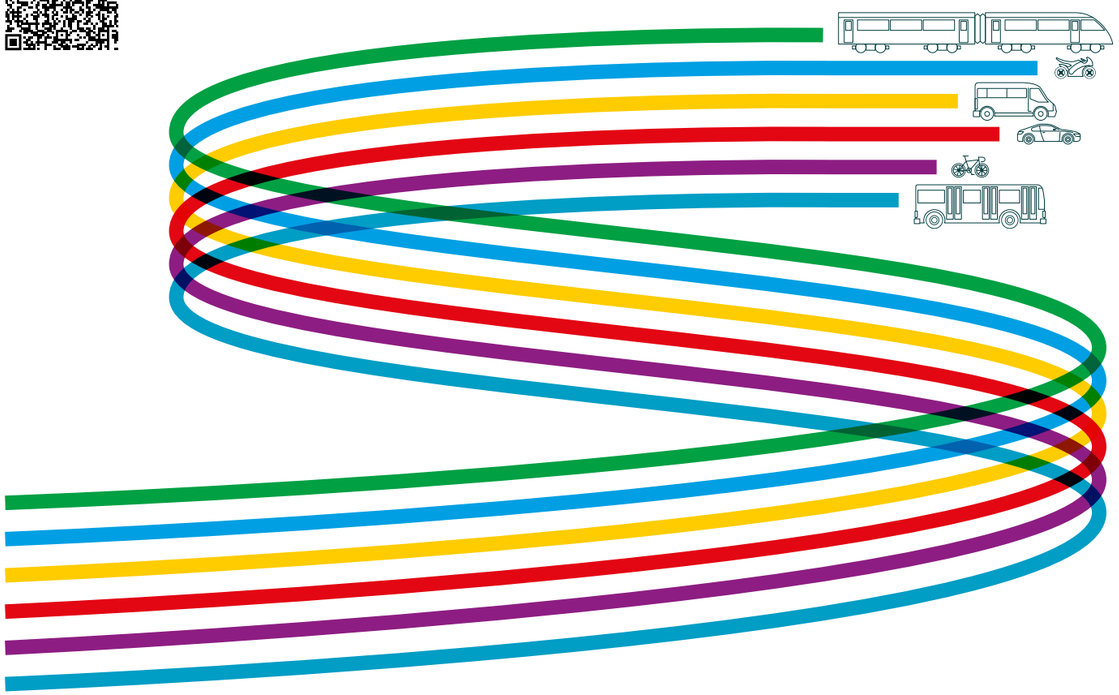
TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

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.

There is an extensive network of public buses which serve Huish, and a permit car park.

We also operate a free minibus shuttle service between Taunton train station and the campus.

We recommend using www.travelinesw.com and bustimes.org 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 and Oak House is rated outstanding by Ofsted.

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.

FACILITIES

We continually invest in our equipment and facilities to ensure you can learn within modern environments equipped with the industry-standard technology.

LEARNING CENTRE & STUDY SPACES

In Autumn 2026 our Learning Centre was expanded. Huish offers a variety of study spaces so you can find your preferred study environment.

MOCK COURTROOM

In 2024, Huish opened the first mock courtroom on a South West campus to house Huish Law School.

SPORT

Our 3G pitch was added 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.

HUISH 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

There are multiple food outlets where you can relax with your friends.

WHY CHOOSE HUISH?

WHAT MAKES HUISH SPECIAL?

FACILITIES

We consistently upgrade our campus to provide state-of-the-art facilities. Discover more about our technical studios, computing suites, sports facilities, learning centre and social areas on page 56.

RESULTS

We rank in the top 10% in England for student progress. Our consistently excellent results are because our students achieve beyond what they expect. Our A Level progress score ranks in the top 7% nationally and our vocational progress score in the top 15%. The SCFA HESA report found Huish students are more likely to achieve a first-class honours degree at university than those coming from across the Independent and State sectors. See page 50.

BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Join the Oak House Family! Our Ofsted Outstanding accommodation can give you a taste of independent living. See page 55.

TUTORS

Our Pastoral Tutoring system will prepare you to navigate the new issues you'll face as you approach adulthood. 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 40.

UNIQUE STUDY PROGRAMMES

We offer around 50 A Level or Vocational courses. Discover your passion and find a learning style that suits your strengths. See page 8.

EnRICH

You are sure to find something to tempt you in our EnRICH programme. EnRICH includes sport, music, performing arts, volunteering, societies, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and much more. EnRICH Day is a highlight for many! See page 42.

STUDENT CENTRED

Students are at the centre of everything we do. Student Voice feedback to staff the student perspective of Huish and influence decision making.

SPORT

We are passionate about sport and through our partnerships with Bristol Bears Rugby, Somerset Cricket Foundation and Huish Tigers Basketball, we can help you to develop your sporting career alongside top-quality academic study. See page 45.

SUSTAINABILITY

We consider the environmental impact of our actions and are committed to seeking more sustainable solutions. Visit our website to find out more about our progress, our student sustainability society, and our pledge to become Net Zero.

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

Our staff are passionate about education and actively engage in a professional learning community to keep them at the top of their professional game. Led by the Huish Centre, they undertake Action Research annually to advance sixth form teaching practices through collaboration with students and other institutions.

LIFE AFTER HUISH

Our specialist team collaborates with the Pastoral Tutoring team to ensure you are supported and prepared for Higher Education, Degree Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, or the workplace. See page 50.

TESTIMONIALS

My time at Huish was quick yet had such a huge impact on my life. It has offered me opportunities in expanding my knowledge which I have used in everyday life and has introduced me to a wide range of people who have been a core part of my time at Huish. Huish was unforgettable and has pushed me to become the best version of myself through keeping myself committed to my studies.

William Chatfield, Class of 2026

It was everything I could've imagined and more! A truly exceptional college that goes above and beyond for its students, with an amazing support system and unlimited resources - I was able to make the most of my education and get some amazing results and make amazing memories! I will never forget the iced coffees and paninis - they were a real highlight!

Alex Hughes, Class of 2025

I thoroughly enjoyed my A Levels and I received support throughout from my tutors and teachers. It was very nice to find lots of likeminded people interested in similar topics. There were always lots of events to attend like lunchtime talks and course trips. The flexibility in my timetable meant I always had lots of spare time to do work and I always found plenty of room in the study spaces.

Aidan Briant, Class of 2025

I'm grateful that Huish gave me the freedom to study subjects I was passionate about. All of my courses were flexible and practical, and this open-minded approach enabled me to develop valuable skills I now use every day. The blend of coursework and exams suited my style of learning, and Huish had excellent music and media facilities and equipment to assist my personal development.

Evie King, Huish Alumni now working as an Assistant Language Teacher in Japan

I've made some great friendships from this place and I am so grateful to have been in such a positive space.

Tommy White, Class of 2025