

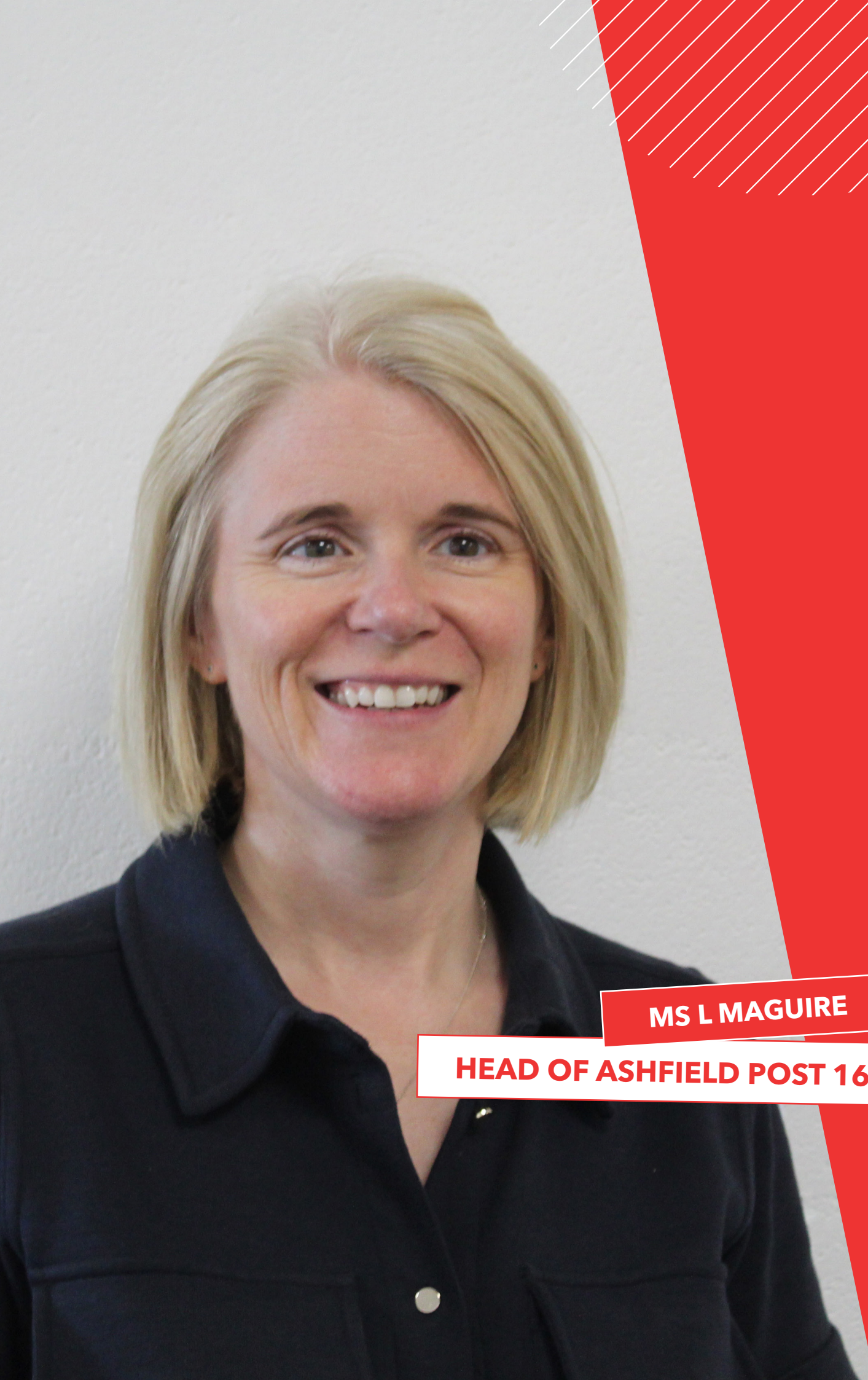
The background of the cover is a photograph of two young women sitting at a desk in a classroom, looking at papers. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. In the top left corner, there is a red rectangular box containing the text 'ASHFIELD'. To the right of this box, the words 'POST' and '16' are displayed in a large, stylized font. 'POST' is in white, and '16' is in red. The '1' is a simple vertical bar, and the '6' is a stylized number. The overall design is clean and modern, with a focus on the students and the educational theme.

**ASHFIELD**

**POST 16**

# **POST 16 COURSE GUIDE**





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## Welcome

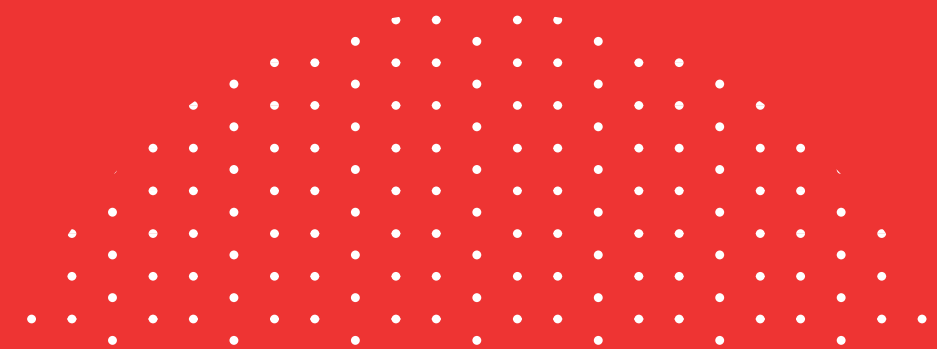
A very warm welcome from all of us at Ashfield Post 16. We are delighted that you are considering us as the place for the next steps in your education and we hope that this guide serves as a useful tool to explore what we have on offer. We are a large and diverse Post 16 with an intake from many different local secondary schools. We deliver a wide range of academic and vocational courses at Levels 1,2 and 3 to cater for all students in the local area. In addition to a wide curriculum, our students enjoy a perfect environment, not only for learning, but also to pursue extra-curricular interests. Excellent teachers and a strong pastoral team complete the winning package.

We hope that you will agree that Ashfield Post 16 is a unique place. If you are ready for the challenge, if you want to belong to a vibrant Post 16 and if you think you can positively contribute to our continued success, please don't hesitate to contact us or attend our open evening.

We look forward to receiving your application - your future starts here - at Ashfield Post 16!

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**Ms L Maguire**





# Why Ashfield?

A mini-college environment

Huge range of courses to suit many future pathways

Dedicated, subject specialist teachers

Strong pastoral support

An adult environment where you manage your own independence

A state-of-the-art Post 16 centre

A range of extra and supra-curricular opportunities

Superb support for university and apprenticeship preparation

A very involved student management team

Everyone is accepted for who they are

## Courses

Our post 16 courses are designed to provide a knowledge-rich education tailored to our students' needs. We believe in equal access to the knowledge, skills, and understanding that will enable students to make a positive contribution to the world we share. Our courses focus on building cultural capital, with separate full-time vocational programmes and the option to combine three A-levels and Level 3 Applied courses. A small number of students can take on four A-levels or Level 3 Applied courses, with one as an AS qualification in Year 12. Additionally, AS Core Maths can be added in Year 12, enriching students' mathematical abilities in just one year. Join us and unlock your potential for a future full of possibilities.







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A-Level





# Accounting

“The qualification that counts” Charles Dickens and Monty Python have much to answer for as they have conjured up visions which influence the way in which people perceive the world of accountancy: a world of dreary people peering over massive volumes of paperwork, ensuring that every transaction is meticulously checked, recorded and analysed. The modern reality could not be further from that image. Accountancy is a vital and ever-changing, ever-growing discipline. There is now much less emphasis on the “Bob Cratchit” type of accountant as a keeper of records, and much more on using financial information to inform policy and decision making. Accountancy is certainly more than crunching numbers! Today accountants enjoy some of the highest paid salaries available in the UK job market, and no management team is complete without an accountant. Some 25% of company Chief Executives and Management Directors are accountants. Ask anyone where the power lies within a company, and they will say “with the accountants”

## How you will study

Accounting is a content based subject perfected through continuous practice of numerical problems to find correct solutions. Each topic is introduced by teacher lead lessons followed by supported exemplar exercises leading to independently working through exam style questions and assessments. Extensive use of past exam papers familiarises students with the demands and requirements of the final assessment and grading.

## Related courses

MATHS

BUSINESS STUDIES

LAW

# Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 5 or higher in Mathematics

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA

# Art and Design (Fine Art)

Art is a subject that develops creative and analytical thinking skills alongside practical visual communication techniques. You will develop skills, techniques and processes across a wide range of material areas. You will also learn how to analyse, evaluate and respond to the work of other artists. You will learn how to respond to a theme and develop and refine an idea both visually and through written annotation.

## How you will study

This is an introduction to a variety of experiences exploring a range of art techniques, analysis and evaluation. A six week skills workshop will lead into a themed project of your choosing, developing ideas and use of materials. There will be a focus on improving observational skills to a high standard alongside evaluating and analysing the work of other artists. This will then lead into the professional portfolio in year 13.

## Related courses

PHOTOGRAPHY

L3 DESIGN

L3 GAME DESIGN

# Entry Requirements

A GCSE equivalent to grade 6 or above in Art or a creative based subject or by interview

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA





## Biology

Biology is a natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms, including their structure, function, growth, evolution, distribution, and taxonomy. It is the subject that explains how things work: from the natural world down to your body and the cells within it. On this course you will explore a vast range of biology topics, such as genetics and nervous co-ordination, allowing you to make an informed decision about what future pathways appeal most to you. A highlight of every year is the year 12 field trip to Aberystwyth University, where you'll get to experience university life and carry out field research on the Welsh beaches. Content covered in biology directly relates to real life; our students appreciate and understand matters such as the Covid-19 pandemic from an informed point of view, having studied immunity and disease to a greater depth. Recent research in biology has led to the development of controversial topics such as stem cell technology and genetically modified crops. Society must learn and decide how best to utilise advancements such as these. Study biology and make your decision from an informed position.

## How you will study

Your biology learning will take the structure of traditional lessons, punctuated with regular practical work, group work, independent study and, a gradual introduction to scientific essay writing. As biology covers a huge depth and breadth of content, you will need to hone your independent learning skills, taking the time to further read on content covered within class in your own time.

## Related courses

CHEMISTRY

MATHS

GEOGRAPHY

## Entry Requirements

Minimum of a 7 and 6 in GCSE Science (or included in triple science grades).

Minimum of 6 in GCSE Mathematics and a 6 in GCSE English.

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA

## Business Studies

With business topping the list of the most popular UK degrees, it should come as no surprise that there are a whole host of reasons people choose to study this diverse and interesting subject. From the financial benefits to the transferable skills. One of the best parts of a business course is that it can open up various career options. Whichever sector you are interested in, whether it's retail, advertising or IT, studying business can prepare you for a range of roles. You can even combine your love of business with another interest of yours. If you love animals, you can take on a business management role at an animal shelter. Alongside learning practical business skills such as statistics, marketing and budgeting, you will learn how to work well within a team and gain excellent communication and management skills. These are valuable in every workplace. If you have always dreamed of going on Dragons Den, have an excellent business idea or are an aspiring entrepreneur, then studying business can help you achieve your dream - on a business studies course you can learn about how to build your own business and be your own boss.

## How you will study

Business involves the study of everyday life in the business world and economy. along with given case studies to annotate and analyse. Your written communication is important. Your ability to produced balanced arguments and evaluative conclusions is fundamental. How you interpret information and your understanding of the real world is paramount. Independent research in the form of 'News Guardian of the Week' is a thread that flows through the two years of study.

## Related courses

ACCOUNTING

MATHS

GEOGRAPHY

## Entry Requirements

6 or more GCSEs at Grade 5-9 (including English and Maths).

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA





## Chemistry

Chemistry is everywhere in the world around you! It's in the food you eat, clothes you wear, water you drink, medicines, air, cleaners... you name it. Chemistry sometimes is called the "central science" because it connects to other sciences, such as biology, physics, geology and environmental science. There is something for everyone within the AQA chemistry course. It is split into three major strands - physical, inorganic and organic. Physical chemistry gives an insight into bonding, energy and reactions, linking well to mathematics. Inorganic chemistry looks at trends and properties of elements. Organic chemistry brings in the idea of reaction mechanisms, analysis techniques and functional groups - all based on carbon! There are required practicals built into each of these strands. Each of these has a specific skill focus, such as data analysis, risk assessments or referencing. You will complete twelve required practicals over the two-year course, handing in laboratory write-ups for your teacher to mark. These will need to be up to a sufficient standard so that you achieve a practical endorsement for this course.

### How you will study

Chemistry involves the study of what everything in life is made of. This includes atoms, bonding and reactions. To understand this, you will need to have a real understanding of the basic principles of chemistry which are then applied throughout the course. To help you achieve this, you will use textbooks and the internet to read around the subject, whilst backing all of this up with detailed practical work.

### Related courses

BIOLOGY

PHYSICS

MATHS

## Entry Requirements

Minimum of a 7 and 6 in GCSE Science (or included in triple science grades), plus a 6 in GCSE Mathematics and a 6 in GCSE English.

### Course Duration

2 years full-time

### Specification

AQA

## Computer Science

Computer Science is the forefront of the technology revolution. Software Developers, Game Developers, Application Designers, Online only Banks (Fintech). A-Level Computer science is the first step towards developing the relevant skills and experience to pursue a future career in the world of computing. From developing complex programs to understanding complex binary, learn and understand the language of computers. Also investigate the ethical, moral, legal, cultural and economic issues around the computing industry and how that impacts society, with discussions on AI, the laws around computing and the opportunities to research issues. The subject also provides the opportunity to experience more interactive 'unplugged' activities to develop a deeper understanding into computing concepts.

### How you will study

Computer science is about developing practical programming skills and theoretical knowledge of computers and programming during this course. Topics of study include programs, data structures, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies, computer architecture, communication, data representation, organisation and structure of data, programs, algorithms, and software applications. The subject also provides the opportunity to discuss, investigate, design, prototype, refine and implement, test and evaluate a computerised solution to a problem they have chosen.

### Related courses

L3 GAME DESIGN

PHYSICS

MATHS

## Entry Requirements

Grade 6 GCSE Computer Science and GCSE Maths

### Course Duration

2 years full-time

### Specification

EDUQAS





## Criminology

Criminology is the study of crime and criminals. It looks at the causes of crime, the social impact of crime, and the individuals involved in the crime from the perpetrator themselves to the people who work within the criminal justice system including the police, CPS, courts, prisons and probation. We study criminology to understand what motivates the criminal to act in a criminal manner; once this is known we can study how crime can be managed, controlled and prevented through different crime policy strategies. Criminology offers a theoretical understanding of criminality which allows candidates to analyse crime in a nature-nurture framework. You will develop an awareness of different types of crimes that are committed and consider the media impact in our perception of crime. You will consider how crime is socially constructed according to time, place and culture and how this leads to crime policy development and reform. The course will lead to an understanding of the methods of investigating crime and the personnel involved from crime scene to courtroom. Criminology will allow you to develop an overview of the structure of the criminal justice system and assess the effectiveness of the different agencies who work within social control.

## How you will study

Criminology involves the study of biological, psychological and sociological theories of criminality. It is multi-disciplinary and will contain elements of social science, law, biology and statistics throughout the two-year programme. You will analyse situations of criminality and study real life case studies and crime scenarios. Your own viewpoints are encouraged through discussion and wider reading, and there is a huge emphasis of independent research and flipped learning.

## Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

LAW

BIOLOGY

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 5 or higher in English/English Literature

## Course Duration

Applied Certificate:  
1 year full-time

Applied Diploma:  
2 years full-time

## Specification

WJEC

## Drama & Theatre

Theatre is all around us! From the interactions we have with one another, to the stories we tell and to the roles we take on every day of our lives. A-Level Drama & Theatre allows us to find imaginative and innovative ways of creating original performance material for a contemporary audience. It provides scope to perform the work of recognisable and distinguished playwrights. It offers numerous opportunities to critically analyse and evaluate live performance work. It encourages the study of contemporary and classical playwrights, directors, and practitioners of drama. Importantly, this course encourages a critical and imaginative response to the creation of drama and theatre from the perspectives of an actor, designer, and director. The course is largely practical, but with the academic rigour underpinning every element of study, making it a desirable course for those considering further study in Higher Education. This is a very varied and highly enjoyable course for students who are creative, enthusiastic, and highly aspirational.

## How you will study

Much of the day to day work in Drama involves practical exploration and discovery. This is underpinned by theoretical understanding and independent research. We spend much of our time working collaboratively with our peers, creating material, and performing to one another or to invited audiences. We analyse, evaluate and take inspiration from live and pre-recorded productions throughout the two years of study.

## Related courses

L3 PERFORMING ARTS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

HISTORY

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or higher in Drama and English

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

Edexcel





## English Language

The way we use language shapes our culture, society and understanding of the way the world works. How has this changed over time, and how does language diversify to reflect identities and communities? Ever had a favourite accent, or a least favourite accent? Consider the ways accent bias impacts a person's experiences, alongside other features of identity, such as generation, social group, gender and occupation. Delve into the complexities of communication in spoken conversation and the way online personas are shaped through language, and how miscommunication and politeness are managed by individuals. Express your own opinions more creatively and become playful with the crafting of language in your own journalistic writing to inform, debate and entertain audiences about topical linguistic issues and problems. English Language will help you develop a critical and exploratory mind, fostering an appreciation of the subtleties of language and wider social contexts.

### How you will study

English Language is very much about the way people use language in everyday life. Alongside exploring different types of data, including social media, non-fiction and speech, your own experiences and opinions will be a core foundation in your learning through active and critical discussions. You will also examine academic theories and concepts to help understand ideas about the development, diversity and change of the English language.

### Related courses

ENGLISH LITERATURE

SOCIOLOGY

HISTORY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 6 or higher in English Language or English Literature

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA

## English Literature

Which of your favourite books have made you question ideas about society? Here at Ashfield School, we read a variety of genres and forms of literature to give you a full appreciation of some very influential and powerful texts which will force you to question the world around you. Imagine a world of political unrest, corrupt institutional power and debates about morality, personal values and ultimate happiness. Such philosophical themes are narrated through the literary works we have chosen for you to study. Both modern and historical, English Literature enables you to make connections between the experiences of your own life and the books you read, whilst also taking moments for you to step back in time to experience a different style and crafting of literature through the likes of Shakespeare and romantic poets to view a different way of life. Studying English Literature allows for escapism and observation of other worlds, raising more questions than answers.

### How you will study

English Literature explores how fictional worlds are created by writers to express ideas about society. You will study drama, prose and poetry from different time periods, focusing on the genres of tragedy and socio-political protest writing. There is an emphasis on active participation in group discussions alongside academic essay writing. These modes of study will develop your critical thinking skills and encourage you to become an autonomous reader by evaluating different interpretations based on context and literary theory.

### Related courses

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SOCIOLOGY

HISTORY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 6 or higher in English Literature or English Language

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA (B)





## French

A-level French will appeal to students looking to broaden their existing knowledge of languages, bringing out their best and helping them on their journey to further studies and the world of work. But it is much more than that! Learning a language is an insight into culture, behaviour, people, customs and festivals, a voyage of discovery and a breaking down of barriers. It also develops key skills which nearly every employer looks for, such as verbal and written communication, analysing, independent research skills, predicting, evaluating, and organising.

You will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of French and Francophone societies. You will study French, Canadian, Swiss, Central African artistic culture, including a focus on French cultural pride and heritage. You will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the French speaking world and explore the influence of the past on present-day communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of Francophone countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. You will also study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

## How you will study

You will develop your grammar and knowledge of language in all 4 skills by immersing yourself in the language, using news articles, authentic texts, videos and passages in French. You will research, discuss and develop your opinions on the topics we study in small groups as well as developing in-depth knowledge on your chosen topic for your independent research project in Y13.

## Related courses

LAW

SOCIOLOGY

HISTORY

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or higher in French

## Course Duration

**AS level:** 1 Year

**A-Level:** 2 years full-time

The A-Level qualification is linear. Students will sit their exams at the end of a two-year course. AS-Level is fully co-teachable with A-Level so we can tailor our approach to suit students who opt for the one-year course.

## Specification

AQA (B)

## Geography

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. It is, quite simply, about the world in which we live. The reason that Geography is 'the must have A-level' is that it is a subject for our times. Studying Geography at A Level enables students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. This is made possible through developing an in-depth understanding of physical and human geography, including developing an understanding of the complexity of people and environmental questions and issues. The nature of the discipline encourages students to become critical, reflective and independent learners due to its multidisciplinary approach in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences. Geographers learn about data analysis, and how to understand and interpret current affairs and world issues. They learn how to use geographic information systems that turn maps from a two-dimensional representation of a country's physical contours into a tool that shows social features or attitudes: not just where people live, but how, what they think and how they vote. They learn about the physics of climate change, and the interaction of weather events and flood risk, and the way people's behaviour is influenced by the space around them.

## How you will study

The course is taught by 2 specialist teachers per year of study, divided into Human and Physical elements of the course. Topics in Y12 include Coasts, Tectonics, Globalisation and Regenerating Places. Topics of study in Y13 include the Water Cycle, the Carbon Cycle, Superpowers and Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.

There are 2 compulsory field trips which support the coursework element of the specification, in which students execute a geographical enquiry of their own choosing.

## Related courses

BIOLOGY

HISTORY

SOCIOLOGY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE Geography and Grade 5 in English

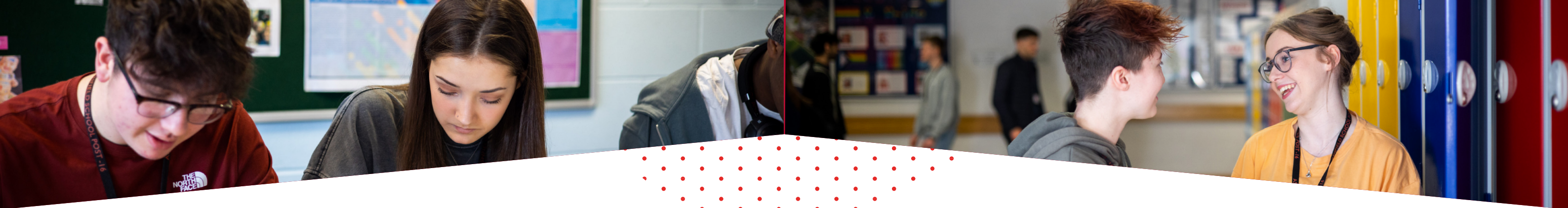
## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

Pearson Edexcel





## German

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You will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Germanic society. You will study highlights of Germanic artistic culture, including a focus on German regional identity and the cultural and political aspects relating to the Reunification. You will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Germanic world and explore the influence of the EU on Germany, both past and present. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of Germanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. You will also study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of your choice.

## How you will study

You will develop your grammar and knowledge of language in all 4 skills by immersing yourself in the language, using news articles, authentic texts and passages in German. You will research, discuss and develop your opinions on the topics we study in small groups as well as developing an in-depth knowledge of the culture, politics, history and traditions of German speaking countries.

## Related courses

FRENCH

HISTORY

SOCIOLOGY

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or higher in German

## Course Duration

**AS level:** 1 Year

**A-Level:** 2 years full-time

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## Specification

AQA

## History

History is about people and people are complex, fascinating, frustrating and a whole lot more. Therefore, history is probably the most comprehensive and intriguing subject there is. History can be inspiring, heart-warming and a story of progress and change but it can also be disturbing, alarming and inhumane. History goes beyond interest and appeal but demonstrates how our actions, beliefs and our ways of living are all shaped by the past. To understand ourselves today and to understand our possible future we have no alternative but to think about our past, our history. As a result, the focus for the A level course at Ashfield P16 is change over time within British and American history. What was life like for ordinary people or groups within these societies? What impact have key events had upon them which resulted in change for the better, for the vast majority? This is a very varied and highly enjoyable course for students who are already curious about the world we live in and who have a passion to find out how our past has shaped our lives today.

## How you will study

The main method of study will be classroom based. Here, teaching and learning is focused around 3 core textbooks. Tasks will involve independent work, group tasks, presentations, debating and formal assessments. Additionally, students will complete flipped learning activities based on reading, watching films and documentaries. Our coursework component is taught in a university module style, which is an excellent learning experience for those students wishing to continue their education after year 13.

## Related courses

LAW

ENGLISH LITERATURE

SOCIOLOGY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE History and Grade 5 in English

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

Pearson Edexcel





# Law

Have you ever wondered what the relationship is between law and morals, or whether the law provides justice? So much has happened over the last few years that affects so many aspects of our lives – Brexit, a global pandemic, Government ministers breaking the rules, protests regarding Black Lives Matters and climate change – that it can be hard to see what the legal rules are surrounding these issues and why they matter. A robust legal system is the foundation of a fair society. If you feel strongly about concepts like justice and equality then Law could be the course for you. You might see yourself working within the legal profession and wish to gain a deeper understanding of what the law entails. Or you may wish to choose Law because it is an interesting and thought provoking course which will help you to develop skills such as analysis and problem solving. The course will dispel many of the myths and misunderstandings surrounding the law, particularly in the areas of Criminal Law, Tort Law and Human Rights, as well as explain how the English Legal System administers the law.

## How you will study

You will learn to break down a scenario and determine the relevant areas of law, including any offences and defences or the relevant areas of civil law. You'll develop a range of skills and learn to produce a balanced argument. An understanding of current affairs will certainly be an advantage as you discover how the law applies to the world around you.

## Related courses

- CRIMINOLOGY
- BUSINESS STUDIES
- HISTORY

# Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in English Language

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA

# Maths

As technology continues to advance, so too does mathematics, increasing its essential role in both everyday and corporate life. New mathematical theories are being discovered and developed every day, enabling inventions and scientific discoveries to continue to flourish. By studying Maths at A-Level, you will have the opportunity to forge a career that's at the forefront of technological advancement.

Universities value Maths and it is a pre-requisite subject for a huge number of degrees. People who have studied Maths/ Further Maths have an excellent choice of careers, many of which involve very well-paid professions. Maths and Further Maths are two of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects – so-called because choosing them at A-level allows a wide range of options for degree study. Sciences such as Biology, Chemistry and Physics use many mathematical techniques, and A level Mathematics is also essential or desirable for a wide range of degree courses including economics, computing, social sciences, and business.

A level Mathematics is also essential or desirable for a wide range of apprenticeships. Examples of these include Actuarial, Data Science, Quantity surveying and technology apprenticeships.

## How you will study

The OCR specification, topics fall into two categories for A-level Maths: Pure Maths and Applied Maths. Specific areas of study may include aspects such as algebra, differentiation, vectors, trigonometry, statistical sampling and testing, mechanics, kinematics and probability.

## Related courses

- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- PHYSICS
- CHEMISTRY

# Entry Requirements

Grade 7 in Maths

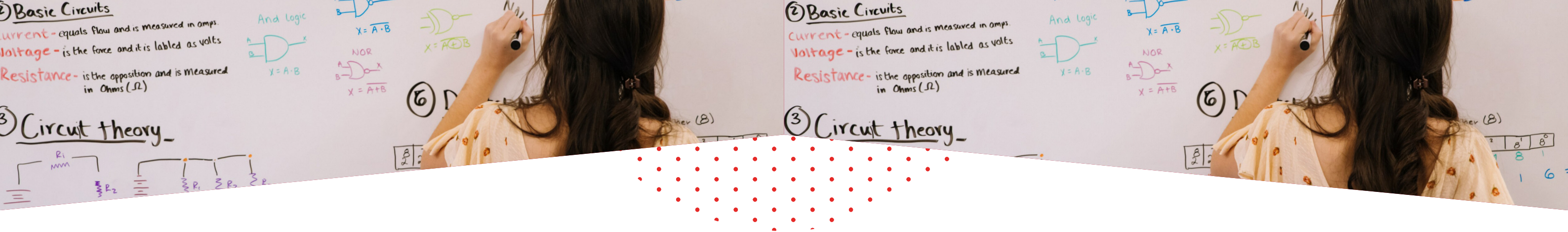
## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

OCR





## Core Maths

The use and misuse of data affects all aspects of our lives and having a strong understanding of how data collection methods and reporting can become biased is vital in steering our way through today's modern media. The work in core maths is relevant to a range of subjects such as Geography and Biology and covers a range of current topics such as the Brexit Referendum and the fluctuating House price market. We encourage discussion and for students to strengthen their ability to make an argument and back it up using empirical evidence. This course also provides students with the opportunity to learn how interest rates (APR) and tax/national insurance are calculated, comparing deals and individual's personal financial situations. It applies mathematical understanding to a range of areas and crosses over with other subjects that rely on interpreting primary or secondary data sources. It also allows students to achieve an AS level in their first year of study, a qualification that is now widely seen by universities as a measure of how capable a candidate is when managing data or numerical problem solving.

## How you will study

Core Maths involves the analysis of real-life data tables and information using a scientific calculator or statistical diagrams. You will be taught how to use your calculator to do complex financial and scientific calculations so you can focus on developing critical thinking skills. The course provides preliminary material for exams, so you have time to prepare an understanding of the context in which your exam questions are set.

## Related courses

GEOGRAPHY

PSYCHOLOGY

BIOLOGY

## Further Maths

As technology continues to advance, so too does mathematics, increasing its essential role in both everyday and corporate life. New mathematical theories are being discovered and developed every day, enabling inventions and scientific discoveries to continue to flourish. By studying Further Maths at A-Level, you will have the opportunity to forge a career that's at the forefront of technological advancement.

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## How you will study

In the first year of study you will complete your Maths A-level and in the second year your Further Maths A-level. As this is 2 A-levels, students will do double the lessons.

## Related courses

PHYSICS

CHEMISTRY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 at Higher Maths

## Course Duration

1 year

## Specification

AQA

## Entry Requirements

Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

OCR





# Music

A Level Music enables you to extend your knowledge and understanding of music and builds on much of the GCSE qualification. The qualification allows students to engage critically with some of the greatest composers who have ever lived across a variety of musical styles. Students must play an instrument or sing and will need to demonstrate a strong commitment to performance and advancement of their technical skills as performing is an integral part of the course. You will also develop and refine your composition skills developed in GCSE, study set musical works in detail and develop analysis skills that will enable you to access academic musical studies at degree level. A level music students should be open minded about studying a wide variety of music genres and must enjoy active listening to music in their free time.

## How you will study

In addition to weekly 1-1 lessons on your chosen instrument/voice, you will study a wide range of pieces, styles and compositional techniques to broaden your musical horizons. You will also develop your compositional voice in weekly workshops, as well as develop your general musicianship and aural skills.

## Related courses

- DRAMA & THEATRE
- ENGLISH LITERATURE
- ART & DESIGN

# Entry Requirements

Six GCSEs 9-4, two from English, Maths OR Science

GCSE Music grade 6 or higher (Grade 5 theory desirable if no GCSE Music)

Performing standard of Grade 5 equivalent

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

OCR

# Photography

Photography and visual communication affect almost every aspect of the world we live in and how we interact with that world. Photography is our collective memory; we use it to record and document; it influences our shopping habits, how we communicate with our friends and family; it is our knowledge of places we haven't been and places we have. Photography defines the very boundaries of society through our understanding of what is normalised. Understanding visual language is more important now than ever before - it's how we create and read visual messages - the kind that influence us all the time. As part of the photography course, you will look at contextual resources, learning to analyse and read imagery. You will respond to the work of artists, and be responsible for managing your own time, planning and preparing photoshoots both on location, and using the studio equipment. You will learn to work with a range of materials, including digital and darkroom methodologies. You will combine ideas, synthesising several sources, and making experiments to find your own style of working. There is also an accompanying 3000 word written element to be completed and handed in alongside coursework.

## How you will study

You will start the course with a series of smaller projects to give you the analogue and digital skills you need to harness your natural creativity and manifest your ideas into a high-quality exploration through photography. Once you have completed the smaller projects you will start working independently, with teacher guidance, on your personal investigation which is on a topic of your choice. Towards the end of the course is the NEA.

## Related courses

- ART & DESIGN
- LEVEL 3 DESIGN
- ENGLISH LITERATURE

# Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language or Literature & ideally Grade 5 in Photography

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA





# Physical Education

Sport and PE play a vital role in people’s lives and is an integral part of our society. A Level PE allows you to study the diverse nature of sport and physical activity across three main topic areas. As part of the anatomy and physiology component you will study topics such as the respiratory system, injuries and energy systems. For the skill acquisition and sports psychology component you will study topics such as leadership, aggression and memory. Finally, you will study the socio-cultural issues within sport and physical activity where you will look at wider topics which effect society as a whole. Alongside the theory element of the course, you will be assessed practically in your strongest chosen sport. This is your chance to shine and reap the rewards from years of practice to show your skill level as a part of the Non-Examined Assessment. The Non-Examined Assessment also involves a piece of coursework where you will do an evaluation of an individual playing your chosen sport. This is a varied course which any student interested in the world of Sport and PE will find enjoyable and thought provoking.

## How you will study

Physical Education involves studying a wide range of areas, which directly affect performance. Classwork will involve you linking the theoretical concepts you learn to your own performances. You will need to refer to sporting examples throughout your studies and show a keen interest in class discussions. Practical performances are a must throughout the course.

## Related courses

- BIOLOGY
- PSYCHOLOGY
- BUSINESS STUDIES

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in a Science / Strong practical performance in one sport

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

OCR

# Physics

Physics is known as the fundamental science and creates a foundation for the other natural sciences. To know Physics is to understand how the world around us works and be able to apply this knowledge to explain new, novel situations. The laws of physics govern the behaviour of the largest celestial bodies to the smallest subatomic particles. Physics also develops many transferable skills that can be called upon in either further education or the workplace. Chief among these: planning, problem solving and evaluating. Through required practical activities, you will gain hands-on experience of the physics you study in lesson time. Practical activities will allow you the opportunity to devise and carry out investigations to test the knowledge that you gain across the course which you can then take out of the physics context and apply to a range of situations. Physics enhances our ability to analyse a situation and unpick the basic principles that are at work to make predictions and develop new, useful applications for them. Explore your potential and study Physics.

## How you will study

Throughout the course you will cover a number of basic physics principles – some will be familiar to you from GCSE, (forces and electricity) whilst others will delve into more complex areas of the world around us (quarks and leptons and quantum phenomena). The course comprises a mixture of theory and practical work that supports it. You will have two teachers and ten hours of contact time a fortnight. This will then be supplemented with work you do at home – homework tasks and reading around the subject.

## Related courses

- MATHS
- ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Entry Requirements

Grade 7 & 6 in Science, 6 in GCSE Maths, 6 in GCSE English

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA





# Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind. It investigates how we think, feel, act and interact individually and in groups. Psychology is concerned with all aspects of behaviour and with the thoughts, feelings and motivations underlying that behaviour. It is both a thriving academic discipline and a vital professional practice. We are all interested in what makes people tick and how this understanding can help solve major problems in society. Psychology is a science and psychologists’ study human behaviour by observing, measuring, and testing, then arriving at conclusions that are rooted in sound scientific methodology. Applied or practising psychologists use the knowledge gained from this research in a wide range of settings and help people with all sorts of problems, working with them to bring about change for the better. Psychology is a subject that can contribute to all aspects of life and is useful in a range of work areas from medicine, education to business and human resources.

## How you will study

You will study classic and contemporary research and learn to evaluate it in small groups. You will be encouraged to discuss topics and apply the knowledge you have learnt to novel situations. You will develop knowledge and skills of research methods by planning, designing, and carrying out research independently.

## Related courses

- CRIMINOLOGY
- LAW
- SOCIOLOGY

# Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Maths and 5 in GCSE English

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

OCR

# Sociology

Social issues are always high on the agenda for broadcasting, political debate and public concern. Sociology is a subject which looks at contemporary UK society, including major trends and issues, such as how social class, age, gender and ethnicity may either block or open up opportunities in life. Sociology is the study of human society and human social behaviour. It aims to uncover the motives and consequences of human social behaviour and social problems, such as poverty and crime, that exist within society today. The Sociology specification offers candidates the opportunity to develop the essential theoretical knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods of research. It is designed to encourage candidates to demonstrate the application of a broad range of transferable skills useful in lifelong learning and consider the integration of key sociological themes such as socialisation, culture, identity and power, that run through the course programme.

## How you will study

Sociology involves the study of classic and contemporary sociological theories including Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, Postmodernism and research methodology. You will then go on to apply this key theory and methodology to four main topics of Education, Families, Media and crime and deviance. You will be encouraged to discuss your own viewpoints and apply wider social, political and cultural affairs to your studies.

## Related courses

- CRIMINOLOGY
- HISTORY
- PSYCHOLOGY

# Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 5 or higher in English/English Literature

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

AQA





## Spanish

A-level Spanish will appeal to students looking to broaden their existing knowledge of languages, bringing out their best and helping them on their journey to further studies and the world of work. But it is much more than that! Learning a language is an insight into culture, behaviour, customs and festivals, a voyage of discovery and a breaking down of barriers. It also develops key skills which nearly every employer looks for such as verbal and written communication, analysing, independent research skills, predicting, evaluating and organising.

You will study technological and social change, looking at the multicultural nature of Hispanic society. You will study highlights of Hispanic artistic culture, including a focus on Spanish regional identity and the cultural heritage of past civilisations. You will learn about aspects of the diverse political landscape of the Hispanic world and explore the influence of the past on present-day Hispanic communities. Throughout your studies, you will learn the language in the context of Hispanic countries and issues and influences which have shaped them. You will also study texts and film and will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice.

## How you will study

You will develop your grammar and knowledge of language in all 4 skills by immersing yourself in the language, using news articles, authentic texts and passages in Spanish. You will research, discuss and develop your opinions on the topics we study in small groups as well as developing an in-depth knowledge of the culture, politics, history and traditions of Spanish speaking countries.

## Related courses

HISTORY

SOCIOLOGY

FRENCH

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or higher in Spanish

## Course Duration

AS level: 1 Year

A-Level: 2 years full-time

The A-Level qualification is linear. Students will sit their exams at the end of a 2 year course. AS-Level is fully co-teachable with A-Level so we can tailor our approach to suit students who opt for the 1 year course.

## Specification

AQA





## 02 BTECs

### Art and Design (Extended certificate)

The qualification gives a coherent introduction to the study of art and design. The course is equivalent to one A Level. Learners develop art and design projects and gain an understanding of the creative process and will learn about associated professional practice. This qualification has a focus on a broad range of specialist art and design areas, such as visual recording and communication, critical analysis and production skills, which are used to produce a variety of art and design outcomes. The qualification is designed for post-16 learners who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the creative industries, as part of a programme of study alongside other BTEC or A Level courses.

### Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English,  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths,  
Grade 5 in GCSE Design &  
Technology and/or GCSE Art  
& Design: Fine Art

### Course Duration

2 years

### Specification

Pearson BTEC

### How you will study

Design will involve a range of study techniques and assessment methods. The course requires 4 units to be studied over the two years. There are 3 mandatory units, of which 2 of them are externally set and assessed. Some of the work is designed to develop personal practice within different art and design disciplines and media. Other aspects will involve critically analysing the work of professional practitioners and evaluating outcomes produced by themselves as well as the work of others.

### Related courses

ART

PHOTOGRAPHY





## Business (Extended certificate)

With business topping the list of the most popular UK degrees, it should come as no surprise that there are a whole host of reasons people choose to study this diverse and interesting subject. From the financial benefits to the transferable skills. One of the best parts of a business course is that it can open up various career options. Whichever sector you are interested in, whether it's retail, advertising or IT, studying business can prepare you for a range of roles. You can even combine your love of business with another interest of yours. If you love animals, you can take on a business management role at an animal shelter. Alongside learning practical business skills such as statistics, marketing and budgeting, you will learn how to work well within a team and gain excellent communication and management skills. These are valuable in every workplace. If you have always dreamed of going on Dragons Den, have an excellent business idea or are an aspiring entrepreneur, then studying business can help you achieve your dream – on a business studies course you can learn about how to build your own business and be your own boss.

## How you will study

You will be taught content and then be required to apply it to businesses of your choosing in both Unit 1 & 8. Choose businesses you are interested in. For the Marketing Campaign you will be given research which you will be expected to analyse and use for a given business. The exam Unit is taught using a variety of case studies, you will be expected to apply the content to given case studies in the exam.

## Related courses

[ACCOUNTS](#)[LAW](#)[MATHS](#)

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 5 or higher in English and Maths

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Edexcel

## Early Childhood Development (Extended certificate)

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Early Childhood Development (AAQ) allows students to engage in a broad investigation of the children's care and education sector (0-8 years). As Maria Montessori stated, "The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn". Through your studies you will become equipped to ensure children get to tap into that natural desire. This qualification is the equivalent, in size and rigour, to that of an A level developing your practical skills and techniques in teamwork and partnership building, professional and personal development, communication, and evaluation alongside building research, analysis and reflective skills. The qualification allows you to progress to study in higher education; enabling careers in sectors supporting teaching, nursing, youth and community work plus social work as recognised by UCAS. The qualification equally enables you to join the workplace as an advanced apprentice to become an Early Years Educator, leading to employment within the early years sector with a licence to practice.

## How you will study

The course is studied over two years, creating a portfolio of evidence based around two units. Each unit will be introduced and facilitated by the teacher during lessons. There are also two external assessments, taken under controlled supervision based on the knowledge gained from the taught sessions and the portfolio of evidence. Assessments and the use of exemplars are used to familiarise students with the demands and requirements of the controlled assessments and their grading.

## Related courses

[L3 BIOLOGY](#)[SOCIOLOGY](#)[PSYCHOLOGY](#)

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English and Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Pearsons BTEC





## Engineering (Extended certificate)

Engineering covers a broad variety of roles, and it involves the application of scientific principles and practical knowledge to transform ideas and materials into products and systems safely and support them during their lifetime. This qualification has a focus on a broad range of engineering specialist areas. Learners taking this qualification will study mandatory content covering, engineering principles and mathematics, health and safety, interpreting and creating computer-aided engineering drawings and the design and manufacture of products. Upon completion of this qualification learners will have gained an array of engineering skills and knowledge to allow them to progress onto a university degree or apprenticeship in a vast amount of engineering sectors.

### How you will study

Engineering will involve a range of study techniques and assessment methods. The engineering principles and engineering applications units are both externally assessed, and you will spend the 2 years of the course building your skills and knowledge in these areas to prepare you for the written examination. The other two units you will study are based on workshops and ICT rooms and are assessed internally as coursework. For these units you will be required to produce practical pieces and supporting coursework material.

### Related courses

PHYSICS

MATHEMATICS

LEVEL 3 DESIGN

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English,  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths,  
Grade 5 in GCSE Design &  
Technology and/ or L2 Merit  
WJEC Engineering

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

Pearson BTEC

## Games Design (Extended certificate)

The games industry is one of the fastest growing industries and is becoming one of the most popular career choices, with multiple careers, pathways and transferable skills. Level 3 Games Design is an introduction to the Games Industry from a development perspective. Learn everything from how to create 2D Sprites and 3D models to how to design levels and from creating 3D environments to programming and scripting in professional game engines. This course offers the chance to explore different game industry roles and explore current game industry trends, work on projects for specific client briefs, visit games industry locations and gain experience in industry quality software. If you are interested in the games industry or want to further understand how to develop and create your own games, then this course is the first step into the industry.

### How you will study

Games Design is a multidisciplinary course that combines Programming, Design, Planning and Creativity to build up a fundamental knowledge of the role of a Game Designer. Areas of study include planning, content pipeline, 2D and 3D asset creation, level design, lighting, game engine scripting and material creation. Each initial topic will provide you with skills and techniques to use and develop projects as well as provide the opportunity and resources to practice and create game content in your own time.

### Related courses

COMPUTER SCIENCE

ART

MATHS

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English,  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths &  
Grade 5 in GCSE Computing  
or Merit in Creative iMedia

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Edexcel





## Health and Social Care (Cambridge Advanced)

Throughout your life, you will have come into contact with Health and Social Care services in some way. This could have been through vaccinations, having a trip to A&E or a family member living in a residential care home. Across the health and Social Care sector, there are hundreds of different jobs. Each of these require a different skill set. During this course, we will look at a number of areas - as well as develop your skills to progress into higher education. This course covers a range of topics which are designed to give you experience which relates to career options within the Health and Social Care sector such as supporting people with mental health conditions and how we make sure care is person centred.

### How you will study

This course is structured with a mixture of examinations and controlled assessment. You will develop your ability to evaluate your ideas, theories, and concepts. You must also be able to create a discussion in your answers coming to an overall judgement. In the controlled assessment you must be able to apply your knowledge to differing scenarios or individuals with specific needs. The lessons will involve independent research tasks, class discussions, note taking and practice exam questions

### Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

APPLIED BIOLOGY

### Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above

### Course Duration

2 years full-time

### Specification

OCR Alternate Academic  
Qualification (AAQ)  
Cambridge National

## Information Technology (Extended certificate)

Pearson - Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Extended Certificate)  
This course allows students to study the fundamental knowledge of Information Technology, covering the role and implications of IT systems. It includes understanding cyber-security threats and how to manage attacks. Students will also develop skills in creating websites for specific purposes and managing data through relational database solutions.

### How you will study

Over two years, students will study the role and implications of IT systems in personal and professional situations. They will gain knowledge of issues related to IT use in these contexts. The course covers cyber security threats, protection methods, and incident management. Students will also learn website development and relational database principles, designing solutions to meet client requirements.

### Related courses

COMPUTER SCIENCE

GAMES DESIGN

### Entry Requirements

Six GCSEs 9-4, two from English, Maths OR Science and at least grade 5 in English and Maths.

### Course Duration

2 years

### Specification

OCR Cambridge Technical





## Law (Extended certificate)

Are you interested in the way the English and Welsh legal system work? Are you fascinated by the role of the police in a criminal trial? Would you like to learn more about how the law has shaped your life and how it may apply to you in a range of situations in the future? This course focuses on the development of law, how it is created, what influences the government and Parliament to create the laws that they do. We then investigate how those laws are interpreted by the courts and how that goes on to shape the law for future generations. The application of law in both criminal and civil law will be considered through the prism of various scenarios. Criminal offences will range from non-fatal offences through to homicide, from theft to criminal damage. Civil scenarios will cover negligence, nuisance and the complex aspects of when economic loss can be recovered.

## How you will study

The course is assessed through coursework and externally marked assessments. The Certificate will be completed in Year 12 and consists of Units 1 and 2. The Extended Certificate will be completed over two years of study and consists of Units 1, 2, 3 and 7. Units 1 and 3 are assessed externally. Pre-release information is issued two weeks before the assessment so research can be completed. Tasks may involve writing a letter to a client or composing a brief for a barrister based on case notes. Units 2 and 7 are internally assessed coursework units involving tasks in work based scenarios.

## Related courses

ENGLISH LITERATURE

BUSINESS

HISTORY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Edexcel

## Medical Science (Extended certificate)

This course is perfectly suited to anyone who wishes to study Human Biology and its applications in the real world. This course gives an excellent grounding in microbiology and practical microbiology laboratory skills. This course will prepare learners for higher level study or a career in the applied science sector, particularly nursing and health science careers. Studying Medical Science will enable learners to develop a knowledge and understanding of basic scientific principles, as well as those scientific practical skills recognised by higher education institutions and employers. The qualification also offers opportunities to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, research and communication.

## How you will study

The course is assessed with a mixture of portfolio work, practical assessment and external examinations spread across the two years of study. You must get a pass in each unit. You will be spending time in the laboratory carrying out practicals and investigations, as well as the classroom learning the theoretical side of Medical Science, biology and health. This course is continually assessed spreading the workload throughout the two years.

## Related courses

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

PE

## Entry Requirements

Minimum of a grade 5 5 from GCSE Science and a grade 5 in Mathematics

## Course Duration

2 years full-time

## Specification

Pearson Edexcel





## Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) (Extended certificate)

The Performing Arts industry is an incredibly competitive and diverse industry to work in. This course is designed to not only prepare you for a career within this sector, but to equip you with the skills and knowledge to achieve longevity as a musical theatre performer. You will work collaboratively with other like-minded individuals and be guided by staff to help you improve your acting, singing and dancing. You will take part in practical workshops, carry out independent projects and have multiple opportunities to perform publicly whilst on the course. You will learn the theory which underpins lots of the practical work we explore, whilst also being exposed to lots of performance material which may prove useful in future audition situations. Our students have been fortunate over the years to collaborate with industry professionals as well as professional training institutes, whilst on this course. This is a very popular and enjoyable programme for students who are prepared to work hard and challenge themselves to be the best versions of themselves as they can.

### How you will study

All of our work is designed to prepare you for a career within the performing arts industry. Largely the work we do will be practical, where you will develop your skills and knowledge as a musical theatre performer. You will also need to evidence your development and knowledge by completing written assignments. You will participate in workshops and attend numerous trips, each one helping you to understand what is required to become a professional performer.

### Related courses

DRAMA & THEATRE

MUSIC

PE

## Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 5 in Drama/  
English/Dance/Music

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Pearson

## Sport (Extended Certificate)

This course is aimed at students who have a passion for sport and are looking to follow a career in sports performance, coaching/teaching, officiating, journalism, or medicine. It is a two-year course and is equivalent to one A Level. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels. The course uses a combination of assessment styles to help students apply their knowledge to succeed in the workplace and develop study skills to continue to Higher Education. Students will study each unit in depth to acquire a range of practical and transferrable skills. The range of assessments - both practical and written - help students showcase their learning and achievements to best effect. The course content will include four units: - Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry and Sports Leadership.

### How you will study

During BTEC sport you will study a range of topics highlighted below, which will all require different styles of learning and teaching. You will be assessed in three separate ways, internal assessment, external assessments, and synoptic assessments. This will be taught in both theoretical and practical concepts throughout the course.

### Related courses

BIOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English and  
Grade 5 in GCSE Maths

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

Pearson





## Travel and Tourism (Extended certificate)

Travel and tourism is about much more than holidays. You will have an interesting insight into one of the UK's largest and fastest growing market sectors by investigating the industry as a whole, before moving onto more specialised areas covering customer service, business operations, UK, short-haul and long-haul destinations. As this is a vocational course, there may be opportunities for educational trips to visitor attractions such as Alton Towers and guest speakers from the various component industries to help you improve the quality of your subject knowledge.

## How you will study

Units may be externally assessed (exams), set tasks (controlled assessments) undertaken under strict conditions and externally assessed by BTEC, or internally assessed (coursework) but externally verified by BTEC. These assessment methods are challenging and you will be expected to be able to perform under pressure and be exceptionally organised and self-motivated.

## Related courses

BUSINESS STUDIES

GEOGRAPHY

MFL

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language

## Course Duration

2 years

## Specification

BTEC





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## Vocational Courses

### Diploma in Beauty Therapy Level 2

Do you love helping people look and feel great?

The Diploma is for anyone wanting to work in the beauty therapy industry. It is highly practical and provides the skills and understanding required to practice as a beauty therapist. NVQs are work based qualifications designed to reflect the different skills and current treatment trends required by beauty therapists when they begin working in the industry. NVQs are proof that you have the right skills to do your job well, which is why so many employers look for people who have one. You can be confident your qualifications are well respected within your industry.

Ashfield is an excellent choice to study the level 2 diploma, class sizes are small, never more than 14, and you get an individual personalised education in Beauty Therapy. We are accredited by the main awarding bodies for beauty and have years of experience in the field of beauty therapy and teaching.

### How you will study

You will be taught relevant underpinning theory in a classroom situation and will be required to complete several tasks/tests to show your attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge. The summative assessments for the qualification require you to undertake practical tasks and demonstrate knowledge and understanding on a written or on-line test. Practical tasks require the demonstration of occupational skills. All practical observations have an observation checklist, and all criteria must be successfully demonstrated.

### Entry Requirements

N/A

### Course Duration

1 years full-time

### Specification

City and Guilds





## Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

The aim of this qualification is to provide you with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 7 years, with the practical experience of industry placement working with children up to the age of 5 years, gaining the skills required to care for babies and young children in a professional manner. The qualification enables you to be able to gain your licence to practice at Level 2 and/or progress onto further study towards a level 3 qualification. During your studies you will have the opportunity to gain experience in working in a variety of early years settings, developing valuable skills and knowledge to support your chosen career choice including: teamwork and partnership building, professional and personal development, communication and evaluation skills, alongside conducting research, analysis and reflective skills by completing a two-day placement each week. You will also gain an insight into how the early years industry carries out its daily duties.

### How you will study

The course is studied over one year, creating a portfolio of evidence for all fourteen units. Each unit comprises of knowledge and skills-based criteria. Knowledge is delivered by subject specialist teachers with industry experience and assignment-based work will be completed. Practical skills are gained through observation and application during your industry placement, required two days each week, with assessment by your workplace assessor. All units are internally assessed using a range of methods.

### Entry Requirements

Six GCSEs grades 9- 2

### Course Duration

1 years full-time

### Specification

NCFE CACHE

## Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing

This qualification is ideal for anyone wishing to commence a career in both ladies and gents' hairdressing. VRQ's are structured training qualifications which are highly practical and provide you with the skills and underpinning knowledge required to practice as a hairdresser or barber. This level 2 qualification allows you to develop practical skills recognised by employers, with encouragement to develop your own abilities, communicate and interact with clients within a salon environment. You will be required to develop an effective working methodology, which will enable you to react positively and creatively across a diverse range of assignments and creative activities.

Ashfield is an excellent choice to study the level 2 qualification; class sizes are small, never more than 14, and you get an individual personalised education in hairdressing. Staff are accredited by the main awarding bodies for hairdressing and have years of experience in the field of hairdressing and teaching. Facilities at the Ashfield skills centre are amongst the best in the area.

### How you will study

You will be taught relevant underpinning theory in a classroom situation and will be required to complete a number of tasks and tests to show your attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge. The summative assessments for the qualification require you to undertake practical tasks and demonstrate knowledge and understanding in an assignment or on-line test. Practical tasks will require the demonstration of occupational skills. All practical observations have an observation checklist and all the criteria must be successfully demonstrated.

### Entry Requirements

N/A

### Course Duration

1 years full-time

### Specification

City and Guilds





## Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing for Colour Technician

Level 3 is an advanced qualification ideal for anyone wishing to progress their career in hairdressing or that has recently taken up employment as a salon stylist. This qualification is highly practical and provides the skills and underpinning knowledge required to practice as a professional hairdresser. You'll learn advanced skills, including advanced cutting, colour correction, and creative colouring techniques, whilst exploring current and emerging trends within the hairdressing industry. You will expand your knowledge and understanding on anatomy and physiology and health and safety. Your communication and customer service skills will be developed to deal with problems that may arise within your job role.

Ashfield is an excellent choice to study the level 3 qualification, class sizes are small, never more than 14, and you get an individual personalised education in hairdressing. Staff are accredited by the main awarding bodies for hairdressing and have years of experience in the field of hairdressing and teaching. Facilities at the Ashfield skills centre are amongst the best in the area.

### How you will study

Candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge. The summative assessments for the qualification require you to undertake practical tasks and demonstrate knowledge and understanding tasks in an assignment or on-line tests. Practical tasks will require you to demonstrate occupational skills. All practical observations have an observation checklist, and all the criteria must be successfully demonstrated.

### Entry Requirements

Level 2 Hairdressing and interview

### Course Duration

1 years full-time

### Specification

City and Guilds

## Extended Award in Work Skills

There are two separate courses for Work Skills, Level 1 and Level 2. You will be guided to the most appropriate level for you based on the grades you achieved at the end of Year 11. In both courses, you will learn about the things that are important to you in a fun and interesting way. Everything that you do will help you to get on with your life without having to rely so much on other people. You will broaden your experiences and get prepared for the next step which might be further education, an apprenticeship or working. The content is varied, mixing classroom and practical activities throughout the week, both at Ashfield and offsite at a local outdoor activity centre. It is mainly centred on teamwork and interpersonal skills, helping you to develop your employability skills. Team projects are a large part of both courses and at Level 2 you will be encouraged to undertake a work placement each week. Each course includes a range of activities, some of which are formally recognised qualifications that will enhance your learning, skills and experiences, making you a more attractive individual to any potential employers and course providers. You will also have the opportunity to re-sit English and maths if necessary.

### How you will study

There are no exams. Your teachers will assess all of your work and some of this will be checked by BTEC. Your work (also known as evidence) can be completed in different ways, not all of it written.

### Entry Requirements

N/A

### Course Duration

### Specification

BTEC





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## Alumni Story

5 years ago I was sitting my A-levels at Ashfield Post-16 in Maths, Biology, and Chemistry – I also did an AS-level in French. Whilst studying I applied for Medicine and secured a place at the University of Nottingham. After five challenging but incredibly rewarding years I am due to start working as a junior doctor this July – finally seeing my hard work pay off has been incredible and I cannot wait for a career full of highs and lows. Applying to medicine can be a daunting prospect but Post-16 staff helped me finetune my application and prepare for my interviews – mock interviews were a lifesaver!

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## Alumni Story

My name is Joseph Godber, a previous student at Ashfield Post 16 between 2016-2019. I successfully achieved three As in Law, Psychology and Maths A-Level. From finishing my A-Levels, I studied Law at the University of York, resulting in a First Class Honours. I am currently studying the Barrister Training Course at BPP University Leeds Campus to complete my vocational learning towards becoming a criminal barrister.

I had a high level of support from Ashfield Post 16 to achieve the grades I got, from the many revision sessions provided by the staff, to the constant personal support and drive I received. Most significantly, I was able to complete an extra year at Ashfield Post 16 to get my 3 As in order to go to my dream university. Overall, Ashfield Post 16 was a place to grow both academically and personally!

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**JOSEPH GODBER**





# Facilities

Our students enjoy some of the best facilities in the area; we provide you with the perfect environment not only for learning, but also to pursue a variety of extracurricular interests. Our impressive facilities include:

A million-pound resource centre, equipped with a bank of computers and quiet study areas

A new purpose-built study area for Year 13 students only

A 300-seat fully catered social and dining area for students

Olympic standard sports facilities

Professional tiered-seat theatre

Swimming pool

Sprung-floor dance studio

Individual music rehearsal rooms and recording studio

Drama Studios

Purpose built workshops and salons

Photographic studio and dark room

Bright, modern, newly furnished classrooms





# Student Support

## LEARNING SUPPORT

At Ashfield Post 16, our commitment to student success is unwavering and we provide exceptional learning support to ensure every individual can reach their full potential. Through our tried and tested VESPA programme – focusing on Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice, and Attitude – our academic mentor offers personalised support. From enhancing organisational skills to overcoming procrastination and mastering effective revision techniques, our team is here to guide students on their academic journey.

Our first-class Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision further ensures that no student is left behind. We foster an inclusive and supportive environment, empowering each student to thrive. With the right help and support, everything is within reach for all at Ashfield Post 16.

## WELLBEING SUPPORT

We prioritise the wellbeing of our students, recognising its crucial role in fostering personal growth and academic success. Our dedicated team provide strong pastoral care, regular assemblies, and weekly tutor sessions on relevant topics. Additionally, students receive 2-3 individual Progress and Wellbeing reviews each year to support them with both academic progress and their personal journey. Our support includes a non-teaching pastoral officer, an academic mentor, a designated wellbeing room, and an onsite confidential school counsellor. We encourage seeking help when needed and fostering a supportive environment for all.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We firmly believe that financial constraints should not hinder any student from excelling in their education. We are committed to providing support and guidance to help our students overcome financial barriers. That’s why we offer support with 16-19 further education bursary applications and provide general financial support. We are committed to ensuring that all students have equal opportunities to excel, regardless of their financial circumstances.

# Enrichment

We recognise the importance of enrichment activities in enhancing student life. Enrichment is a vital aspect of the Post 16 experience, offering transformative opportunities beyond the classroom. Through our diverse range of activities, students can explore their passions, develop new skills, and foster lifelong friendships. Whether it’s joining clubs, participating in sports, volunteering, or pursuing artistic endeavours, these experiences empower students to flourish and make the most of their time at Ashfield Post 16. Our huge range of activities include:

Access Project

Faculty Ambassadors

SNR Maths Challenge

Ambition Nottingham

Lunchtime Supervisor

Sport

Bridging Units

Maths Power of 2

Societies

Brilliant Club

Music & Drama

Student Management

Core Maths

National Mock Trial

Extended Project







## Careers

At Ashfield Post 16, we take great pride in providing comprehensive careers support that prepares students for the future world of work. From the moment you join us in Year 12, we are committed to raising aspirations and broadening horizons through a stable Careers Programme. Our dedicated Careers Advisor offers guidance on university visits, UCAS applications, high-level apprenticeships, and future employment opportunities. We also offer work experience opportunities, allowing students to experience the real world of work first-hand. Our ultimate goal is to empower each student to make informed choices and find the right pathway for their future success, making a positive and meaningful impact in the world.

## How to Apply

Applying online is easy, using our Application Portal on Applicaa!

### External

Via the "Apply Now" link on the Post 16 website.

### Ashfield

Via the Welcome Email from "Applicaa admin"

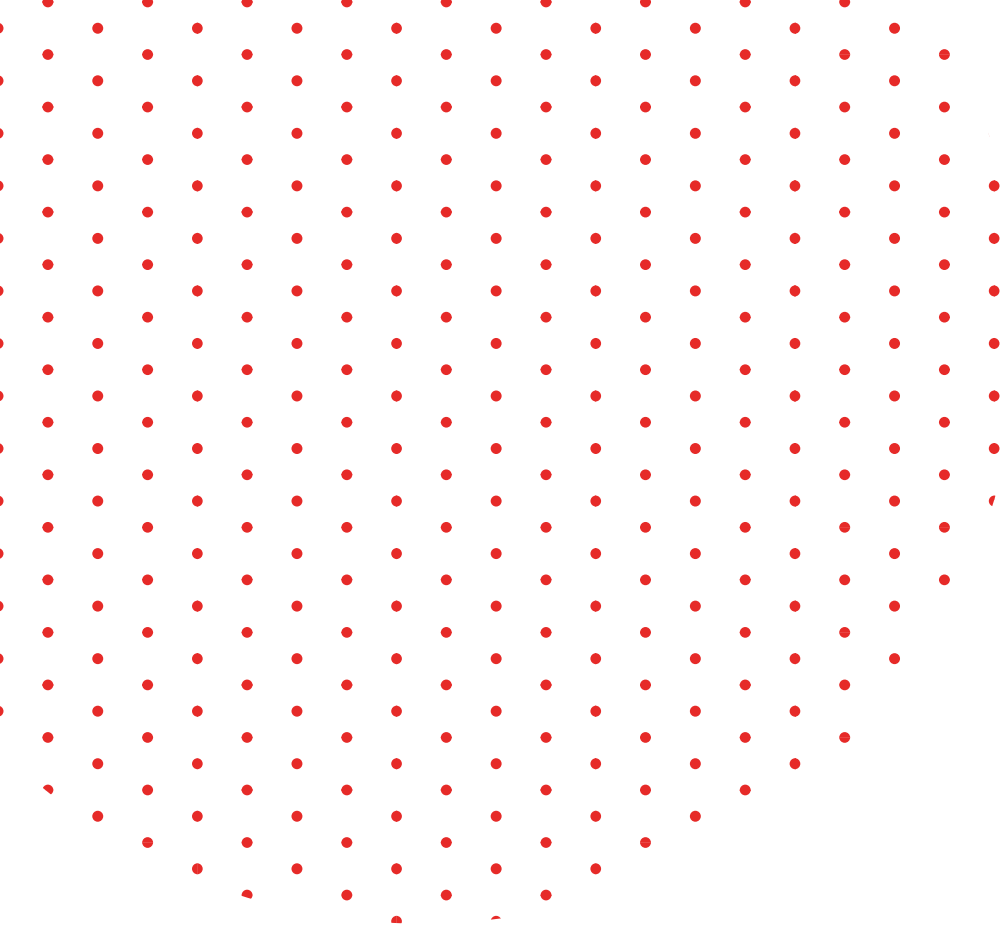
The great news is that the application does not need to be completed in one go, once you're up and running, the application can be saved and completed later.

Applications will be welcome for 2024 - 2025 online following the October 2024 Open Evening.

For any queries about the application process, please email [P16@ashfield.ttct.co.uk](mailto:P16@ashfield.ttct.co.uk)







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