



St Paul's Catholic College
Sixth Form
Prospectus 2011



Our educational vision

“To provide an innovative, inspirational and Christian education which challenges, nurtures and informs our students to enable them to take their place in a changing world.”

You deserve your education to be as unique as you are.
You are unique... so are we.

2010 A level results:

59% A* – B

83% A* – C

100% pass rate

Open evening 2010
18th November 6pm –8pm



Welcome to St. Paul's

It gives us great pleasure to introduce our Sixth Form at St. Paul's Catholic College to you. This is truly a new chapter of your life which we hope will be successful, challenging and enjoyable. We recognise that the choice of Sixth form is one that is essential to get right.

St. Paul's has a reputation built on success and every person achieving their potential. Every person is given outstanding opportunities to learn and develop personally in the Sixth Form. We also believe it is important that Sixth form students are leaders in our college community so there are a variety of opportunities to get involved in the life of the College.

As a Catholic community every decision we make is about making the most of your God given gifts and talents. We are totally committed to giving you the best possible education both in and out of the classroom. We believe that we have a duty to ensure you are confident and prepared for life in the modern world. If you are already with us at St. Paul's it is important to realise that life in the Sixth form is not just "more of the same". Sixth form

life is very different and this includes clear privileges, responsibilities and opportunities to learn in a different way. You will be taught in smaller groups, have more opportunities for independent learning and be asked to organise your time and work so as to ensure you are successful in all that you do. We give you support with this too!

We don't only want you to experience the best education and results. We believe that it is essential that we take your pastoral and spiritual development seriously during your time with us. This will enable you to prepare for the next stage of life at university or in the workplace.

We hope that this prospectus will give you a taste of what to expect at St. Paul's and we would encourage you to have a look around and come to our Open Evening. We hope by doing this you will see that St. Paul's is the best place for you in the Sixth form.

Rob Carter Headteacher

Sue Homer Director of Achievement 16-19

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Why choose St. Paul's?



WHO ARE WE?

We are an 11-18 college. Our aims at St. Paul's Sixth Form are:

- to strive for excellence in teaching and learning
- to provide a Christian education for all
- for you to reach exceptional levels of achievement in your academic and personal development
- to be unique and distinctive through the formation of high quality relationships between students and staff
- to see you as an individual and to prepare you for success in the future
- to be inclusive and serve the community.

“The overall effectiveness of the sixth form is outstanding”
Ofsted 2007

WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND:

- Outstanding learning and teaching: we are at the forefront of educational developments. Teaching staff are dynamic, focused, approachable and effective.
- Excellent results at 'A' level which are consistently very high and make us a very successful sixth form college.
- First class modern facilities – the learning environment and support will guarantee that you will achieve success in the future.
- Valuable enrichment programme – a wide range of enrichment opportunities. Extra curricular activities include clubs, educational

visits, trips and social events which are a strength of the college. We also encourage students to be involved in sport, voluntary work and our vibrant spiritual development programme.

- Individual care and attention – the pastoral care system provides essential support and guidance to help you reach and exceed your targets. Respect and care for the individual is at the heart of the college community. St. Paul's encourages development of the whole person and we provide opportunities for all students to shine.



“We are one of the highest performing colleges at A level in Sussex. This is down to every student thriving and achieving their potential” Sue Homer, Assistant Headteacher

Life at St. Pauls

ETHOS

■ Our ethos is distinctive and unique. We strive to offer you opportunities to develop spiritually, as well as academically and personally. We are inclusive, providing a Christian education open to all, whatever your beliefs and background. There is a strong sense of community amongst students and staff. All sixth form students follow a course in Spiritual Development which encourages

a healthy debate on relevant issues in the modern world as well as reflecting on your own faith development.

■ At St. Paul's everybody is welcome. Our vision of a friendly atmosphere and strong community spirit are key aspects of our provision. We provide the individual attention and support that you will need to fulfil your potential.



“Teachers are always prepared to help you, even to the extent of replying to an email about work over half term so I was not kept wondering” OFSTED November 2007



E-LEARNING

■ The way that you are taught at St. Paul's enables you to learn in the way most suited to your learning style and will maximise your chances of success. Course resources are available on our learning Gateway. You can access the Gateway anytime anywhere: from home or through the wireless network at college.

As well as giving you access to learning resources, the Gateway will allow you to:

- keep track of your progress in online assessments
 - organise your time using the online diary
 - join in our online forums relating to your subjects
- We would like you to have the opportunity to use a laptop in lessons and study periods so that your access to the online learning resources will be unrestricted. We have a

laptop purchase scheme which includes technical support and access to the college network. If students wish to use their own laptop within college and would like to access the college network, specialist software can be installed if you choose to join the scheme. There will be support available for families of students on low incomes.

- The style of teaching and learning in the sixth form is very different to school. At St. Paul's all of our staff are highly qualified and experienced in their subjects and we strive to promote your enthusiasm for learning. Teaching styles vary from small group seminar to lecture, demonstration to practical activity, and from e-learning based research to group debates and presentations. All students are well supported (including individual support for specific needs) in a relaxed but purposeful environment.

See the difference



HOW WILL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM DIFFER?

- There will be study periods built into your day when you organise your own time. For AS/A2 subjects we recommend five hours a week per subject to work on independent learning tasks, research, background reading and revision. In the sixth form you do not have to remain on-site if you have study periods.
- There is no uniform in the sixth form.
- You have more independence. Your subject teachers and tutors will support you to develop the skills necessary to be a successful independent learner.
- You will take more responsibility for your own learning.
- You will develop skills of independent learning.
- Your relationships with teachers will change. You will be treated as an adult.

YOUR TUTOR

Your personal tutor will have regular contact with you.

Your tutor will...

- encourage you to make the most of college life
- review your progress in regular one to one interviews
- support you with your future career plans in a comprehensive programme of careers advice
- advise you with university and job applications
- offer you support
- empower you to get the life you want
- support you to enable you to exceed your target grades
- ensure that you are successful in your studies

ACADEMIC MONITORING

Subject teachers monitor your academic potential and progress in liaison with your personal tutor and sixth form team. Interviews are arranged on a regular basis to review your performance, agree targets and offer constructive advice and support.

“Sixth form students take on a range of responsibilities both in the school and the wider community” **Ofsted 2007**



Beth Humphrey “St Paul’s is innovative and unique. The close community sets it apart from any other college.”

Supporting your success

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All students in the sixth form at St. Paul’s are entitled to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). It is available to students to qualify by age and family income. This could give you up to £30 a week to help with the costs of studying. You must be a full-time student and have full attendance. Application forms available from the college or your school. Further details available at ema.direct.gov.uk.

CAREERS AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Our CPD programme provides support for all students through their sixth form studies and prepares you for your applications to university, further training and employment. Sessions will be delivered by specialist staff, the tutor team and outside speakers to enrich your time within the sixth form and enable you to become a global citizen.

Qualifications and entry requirements

We offer a range of qualifications to suit you...

LEVEL 3 COURSES

AS/A2

A wide range of subjects are offered at AS/A2 level (level 3). They can lead to higher education, employment or training. The AS consists of two units and is taken in May/June of the first year. The A2 level consists of a further two units taken in the second year. There are many combinations of AS/A2 subjects available. Most students take 4 AS courses and follow three of these onto A2. If you have achieved a high proportion of A* and A grades at GCSE we may recommend that you follow 5 AS courses.

BTEC National

BTEC National courses give you a qualification at AS/A2 level related to a particular specialist field (e.g. sport, media production).

Advanced Extension Awards

These are extension papers taken in year 13 along with your A2's.

LEVEL 2 COURSES

These are one year courses (including the DiDA and BTEC First Diploma) which will provide you with the equivalent of four GCSE passes at Grade C or above. The focus is on practical learning and they can prepare you for level 3 courses, apprenticeships or employment.

Careers and Personal Development (CPD) and Spiritual Development

These are compulsory courses for all students within the sixth form. CPD supports you to become an independent learner and strives to make you think about global issues facing us in the modern world and prepares you for applying to university and for employment. Spiritual Development nurtures skills such as constructing and deconstructing reasoned opinion, empathy, creativity and presentational delivery and consideration of life's 'ultimate questions'.



ENRICHMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Additional qualifications include the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the Sports Leader Awards.

CHOOSING COURSES

Your choice of course and subject is important. The key to success in the sixth form is enjoying the courses you have chosen. Your interview will support you in making the right course choice for you.

Consider the following:

- What do you enjoy?
- Do you prefer coursework based subjects or exams?
- What subjects and qualifications do you need for your likely career path?
- What are your personal strengths?
- What GCSE results are you likely to get?
- What are you interested in?



The entry requirements for courses are...

Qualifications on entry to St. Paul's	Types of qualifications to suit you
At least five higher GCSE grades (C or above)	AS/A2 Levels, BTEC National Certificate Most students take four AS levels in year 12 and three A2's in year 13. If you have a high proportion of A/A* grades at GCSE you may be advised to consider five AS subjects.
Four grade C's or above at GCSE	BTEC National, some Applied AS levels
Four GCSE passes	DiDA, BTEC First Diploma
D/E grades at GCSE in Maths or English	GCSE Maths and English resits are available

Some subjects do require specific grades at GCSE to continue to AS/A2 level.



Courses at St. Paul's...

More details about each subject are available on our website, in the 14-19 Sussex Area Prospectus at www.myfuturesussex.com or in information leaflets available on our Open Evening. Individual courses will run when sufficient applications have been received. More detailed subject specifications are also available on the exam board web sites:

AQA: www.aqa.org.uk OCR: www.ocr.org.uk Edexcel: www.edexcel.org.uk WJEC: www.wjec.co.uk

www.stpaulssixthform.co.uk

Subject	Level 3			Level 2		Page
	AS	A2	Other	Other	GCSE	
Applied Business Studies	●	●				12
Applied Information Communication Technology	●	●				12
Art and Design	●	●				12
Biology	●	●				12
Chemistry	●	●				12
Computing	●	●				13
Design and Technology (Product Design)	●	●				13
Diploma in Digital Applications (DiDA)				●		13
Drama and Theatre Arts	●	●				13
Economics	●	●				14
English Language	●	●				14
English Literature	●	●				14
English Language & Literature	●	●				14
English				●		15
Film Studies	●	●				15
French	●	●				15
Further Mathematics	●	●				15
Geography	●	●				15
German	●	●				16
Government and Politics	●	●				16
Health and Social Care	●	●				16
History	●	●				16
Law	●	●				17
Mathematics					●	17
Mathematics	●	●				18
Media Studies	●	●				18
Media Production - BTEC National Certificate			●			18
Music	●	●				18
Music Technology	●	●				18
Performing Arts - BTEC National Certificate			●			19
Photography	●	●				19
Physical Education	●	●				19
Physics	●	●				19
Psychology	●	●				20
Sociology	●	●				20
Spanish	●	●				20
Sport - BTEC First Diploma				●		20
Sport - BTEC National Certificate			●			21
Sports Leader Award			●	●		21
Theology – Philosophy & Ethics	●	●				21

George Knight "There is a great sense of community"



APPLIED BUSINESS STUDIES AS/A2

This course aims to develop practical, presentational, personal, interpersonal and cognitive skills in relation to business. You will be looking at a variety of case studies, looking at people at work, investigating business and marketing. No previous knowledge of business is needed to be successful on this course.

APPLIED INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AS/A2

This course aims to develop an understanding and awareness of ICT as well as studying selected areas in more depth. You will learn to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of ICT, to analyse problems and produce solutions for those problems using software packages. You will have the opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way. No previous knowledge of ICT needed.

ART & DESIGN AS/A2

Our aim is to ensure you have the skills, knowledge and understanding to produce informed, creative and highly skilled work. This is a broad fine-art course where you will experience a wide range of media including drawing and painting, printing, mixed media and 3D work. Lessons are mostly practical with the addition of lectures, debates and discussions

about the work of artists/designers past and present. Visits to local and national museums and galleries are an essential aspect of the course. New York is a favourite destination for our art and photography students and staff.

BIOLOGY AS/A2

Study the essential principles behind Biology and learn about the contributions of science to modern society in contextual modules of learning designed to include numerous practical investigations. Topics include the body and its diseases: cholera, healthy hearts and lungs and how lifestyle affects your health, the origins and adaptations of humans and the variety of living organisms covering taxonomy, diversity and genetics. This is an essential course if you are considering a medical degree.

CHEMISTRY AS/A2

Chemistry is the study of energy and matter and the interactions between them. By focusing on the properties of substances and the reactions they're involved in we can gain a better understanding of the world around us. Chemistry will enable you to explain why ceramic straighteners work best, why chemical fertilisers are so expensive, how catalytic converters reduce acid rain and how to make aspirin. You will begin to understand the complexity of the chemical world around you,

have an appreciation of the impact we can have on it and what we can do to improve it. If you are considering a science based or medical career or just want to continue with this fascinating subject, Chemistry is for you!

COMPUTING AS/A2

This course aims to develop a general understanding in computing, including an understanding of computer systems, the principles of programming, and the solving of problems. You will learn to develop an understanding of the organisation of computer systems, including software, hardware, data, communications and people. You will also learn the ability to apply skills, knowledge and understanding of computing, including programming, in a range of contexts to solve problems.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY (PRODUCT DESIGN) AS/A2

Our course has been designed to encourage you to take a broad view of technology and design. We help you to develop the skills needed to design and make creative and innovative products while appreciating the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing. We aim for you to gain personal satisfaction and a positive experience from working with a variety of materials and media, solving practical problems

and working independently. Many lessons are practical, but some explore the work of designers, design movements and 'design classics'.

DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL APPLICATIONS (DiDA) LEVEL 2

This course aims to prepare you for the real world of work or further education. They are designed to stimulate creativity and develop real-world, practical skills that will motivate learning across a wide range of subjects. You will develop your ability to select and use digital applications appropriately and produce high quality outcomes. It will also equip you with skills needed in the workplace or in further education or training.

DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS AS/A2

There is something very special about live performance to an audience. With this course you will experience that magic while gaining a deeper, richer understanding of how theatre works. There will be opportunities to be a performer, designer and an active audience member. Assessment is a combination of internal moderation, examination and live performance to an external moderator with the emphasis always on practical work. A thought provoking, challenging, but ultimately hugely exciting, fun course for all drama and theatre enthusiasts.



Sophie Glew "It is a fantastic place to study - it will prepare me for life beyond A-levels"

ECONOMICS AS/A2

Economics is the study of human behaviour and social interaction. It examines how people choose to use scarce resources to satisfy their needs and wants: a study of choice. The course examines broad aspects and problems of the UK economy such as inflation, unemployment, the environment and international trade. It also explores the workings of individual markets and the firms that operate in them. Possibly the most powerful single A Level, a qualification in Economics has widespread application. It is useful for university entrants no matter what subject(s) you are intending to study and opens up careers in all kinds of business, especially financial institutions.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS/A2

On the English Language course you will study and analyse how language is used in different contexts; the difference between spoken and written language and verbal and non-verbal communication. To enjoy this course you need a genuine interest in the way that language works. You will explore a wide range of different texts including non-fiction and media. Our aim is to ensure that you develop skills as producers and interpreters of language. You will be encouraged to be creative and original in your responses and to develop strong written and verbal skills that will support learning not only in English, but in other A Level subjects as well.

ENGLISH LITERATURE AS/A2

On the English Literature course you will study a wide variety of modern and classic texts including poetry, drama and prose. An enjoyment of reading is an essential requirement. The course involves detailed exploration of the set texts including contextual factors and critical opinions as well as analysis of ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning. Our aim is to ensure that you develop as informed, independent readers and critics of literary texts. You will be encouraged to be creative and original in your responses and to develop strong written and verbal skills that will support learning not only in English, but in other A Level subjects as well.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE AS/A2

The English Language and Literature combined course is exactly as you would expect, a mixture of the above. It involves the study of texts from both a language and literature perspective. Lessons involve a range of activities including lots of discussion and opportunities for you to put forward and exchange ideas with other students. You will be encouraged to be creative and original in your responses and to develop strong written and verbal skills that will support learning not only in English, but in other A Level subjects as well. The course encourages the development of strong independent study skills expected of you at university and in the workplace.

Danni Anderson "I've enjoyed every moment of life in the 6th form"



ENGLISH GCSE

This course is for students who have previously taken GCSE English but not achieved a grade C. If you have a grade D in English GCSE you are strongly advised to take this course (a C grade is required for many careers and courses). The GCSE re-sit is taught in small groups and will focus on intensive revision of the exam units.

FILM STUDIES AS/A2

Film Studies offers an in depth exploration of film in all its forms; from Hollywood blockbusters (Titanic) to low budget indie movies (Juno); from old classics (Singing In the Rain) to modern masterpieces (the 'Bourne' films); from the obscure (Man With a Movie Camera) to the popular (Men in Black) and from films across the world such as Secrets and Lies (Britain), Amelie (France) Chungking Express (Hong Kong) and City of God (Brazil). Along the way you will study fiction films (Moulin Rouge), documentaries (Touching the Void) and shorts (Vincent) and have the opportunity to plan, write, shoot and edit your own films.

FRENCH AS/A2

French is an official language of 28 countries and France itself has the 6th largest global economy. Other than English, French is the only other language spoken on five continents. French is also one of the two official working languages of many world-wide organisations, including UNESCO, NATO and the UN and it is the dominant working language of many of the EU's major institutions. Learning French at AS/A2 level will help make you more marketable in today's global work-force, opening doors to a wide range of job opportunities in the worlds of business, finance, politics and diplomacy. Your studies will also give you valuable insight

into the French-speaking world and its diversity of cultures, as at AS/A2 level you will gain the opportunity to learn more about the history, society and arts of France. Language and culture go hand in hand and learning another language opens your mind to new ideas and new ways of looking at the world we live in today.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS AS/A2

"Maths is not sums, calculations and formulae. It is pulling things apart to understand how things work" (Tom Rodgers, Atlanta businessman & amateur mathematician). This is an opportunity to take mathematics deeper and investigate one more branch of mathematics, Decision (combines well with Business, Computing or Economics) as well as taking Pure Maths, Mechanics and Statistics to more advanced levels. It will help with general mathematical fluency and confidence. All students who wish to study for a maths-related degree should take Further Maths, at least to AS.

GEOGRAPHY AS/A2

Geography is an adventure that starts here and will last you a life time! All our geography teachers are passionate about geography. We live our subject and travel the world to discover more. The subject content is contemporary, engaging and tackles important issues at local and global scales such as, environmental awareness and global interdependence. At AS there is an annual fieldtrip to the Isle of Arran in Scotland. At A2 there is the opportunity to visit breathtaking Iceland. Although Geography has a unique suite of skills and knowledge, many skills and topic areas will actively support other subjects. Geographers are highly valued in the workplace because they possess the variety of skills that employers look for.

GERMAN AS/A2

German is the most widely spoken language in Europe and 120 million people worldwide communicate in German. Worldwide, 1 in 10 books is written in German and many of the great works of literature were written by German-speaking authors. With AS/A2 level knowledge of German, you will improve your employment opportunities, particularly in today's European marketplace. Germany has the largest economy in the European Union and the third largest in the world and Germany is also the world's number one export nation. Whether you use your language skills specifically, for example as a translator, teacher or diplomat, or whether you enter the world of business, where overseas clients and contacts are now an everyday feature, your language knowledge will make you very valuable in the modern working environment. Learning German at AS/A2 level also gives you an opportunity to explore the culture and life of German-speaking countries, helping you to understand the diversity of our world, whilst enjoying the fun of learning a language.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS AS/A2

Do you want to become an informed citizen? Do you want to know how governments are formed and how the UK is governed? Do you want to understand the inner workings of the different political parties? In Government and Politics, all of these questions are answered. The course will analyse the different political systems within the UK, different political parties, the role of government and the voting behaviour of the British public. The course examines concepts such as democracy, representation, legitimacy, accountability, class, liberty and power.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AS/A2

Health and social care will help you acquire knowledge and understanding of health, early-years care, and education as well as issues affecting health. The range of health care provision studied will include preventive services, diagnostic services, general medical and surgical services, therapies, specialist services for adults, children, people with learning difficulties and mental ill health. Topics include: promoting quality care, communication in care settings, promoting good health, care practice and provision, anatomy and physiology in practice and research methods. Visits and research are important components of this course.

HISTORY AS/A2

Razor sharp analysis, the ability to absorb a breadth of information and select only the evidence which can help you to convey justify an argument, clear and focused communication. These are some of the skills which an A level historian will learn. We offer British Political History and European History, with content that is refreshingly new for most students. AS and A2 involves study of the larger than life figures of nineteenth century British politics who were thrown off course by external events as they tried to shape British democracy. At AS you will also analyse documents drawn from the heroic and bizarre events that saw Italy united 'by accident' in 1861. At A2 you will conduct an independent enquiry into a topic of your own interest. Also at A2 you will assess the dramatic events and themes spanning Russian History 1854-1966.

LAW AS/A2

This course will give you a broad introduction to legal principles and approaches. Studying law will develop techniques of logical thinking and you will develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of law in society. Teaching will combine use of ICT as a resource and a tool, legal case studies and literature with a range of teaching styles (discussion, presentation and lecture). Assessment is through external written examinations primarily through essay writing. You can progress onto university courses in law leading to vocational training as a solicitor, barrister, legal assistant, legal secretary or careers in the police force.

MATHEMATICS AS/A2

"Holders of an A level in maths earn, on average, 10 per cent more, or £136,000, over their lifetime than those without it." (The Times, June 2008). The computer games industry, amongst others, is complaining about the lack of candidates with A Level Maths. This could be your chance to shine! There are three branches of Maths that you will study through this course: Pure Maths (the things that everyone who uses advanced maths needs), Statistics and Mechanics. These subjects are useful for a wide range of subjects and disciplines.



MATHEMATICS GCSE

This course is for students who have previously taken GCSE Maths but not achieved a grade C. If you have a grade D in Maths GCSE you are strongly advised to take this course (a C grade is required for many careers and courses). The GCSE re-sit is taught in small groups, using investigations, ICT and practical activities to aid your learning and revision.

MEDIA STUDIES AS/A2

This academic course offers a theoretical and practical mix giving you a deeper awareness of how media texts are produced but also the effect the media has on us all. There are compulsory exam topics on television dramas – from 'Skins' to 'Pride and Prejudice' and the British film industry – 'This is England' to 'Notting Hill'. You will have the opportunity to produce your own practical work creating a music magazine or the opening to your own film. The department has excellent technical facilities using Macs and professional video editing and desktop publishing software.

MEDIA PRODUCTION BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (LEVEL 3)

From YouTube to Sky TV, new technologies have opened up the possibilities for people to create media. This vocational course offers a more practical understanding of media practice. It is a double award, worth 2 A levels, and is assessed solely through coursework. It invites you to apply and reflect on your practical media skills. The focus is on film and television production and units include making a music video, creating a television ident and producing your own animated short film. This course offers progression to media production degrees and a level 4 BTEC in Media Production.

MUSIC AS/A2

This course offers the opportunity for you to follow a varied programme focusing on the three disciplines of performing, composing and listening. Each area of the course covers a wide variety of Classical, Popular and World music and is targeted towards your strengths and interests. It is intended that if you follow this course you will be expected to contribute to at least one of the groups run by the Music Department. These currently include: Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band, African Drumming, Samba in addition to a number of student led rock groups. A theoretical knowledge is also a prerequisite and it is expected that you will be working towards Grade 5 Theory.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY AS/A2

The Music Technology course offers you the opportunity to combine skills in recording techniques with performing opportunities and the study of a variety of style of Popular Music Styles since 1910. The practical and listening elements allow you to work with digital and analogue recording, sequencing and mixing equipment. As well as having a basic understanding of conventional music notation, you are expected to be familiar with sequencing software. You will perform and assist each other with live recordings and it is, therefore, expected that you will contribute to at least one of the groups or ensembles run by the Music Department. This course also has a composition element and, ideally, students would have had experience of composing at GCSE Level.

PERFORMANCE STUDIES BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3

The Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Performing Arts is a highly practical and exciting course that aims to build upon your enthusiasm for the performing arts and prepare you for one of the toughest and most competitive industries in the world. You will take part in regular workshops, perform to a variety of different audiences and learn about the many jobs and roles that exist within the performing arts business. Specialist units in dance and drama will also be explored at various stages throughout the course.

PHOTOGRAPHY AS/A2

Our aim is to provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to produce creative, innovative work. You will learn to use a 35mm SLR camera and to develop and print black and white images alongside digital techniques on our Macs. You will learn to develop technical skills alongside expressive ways of working. Lessons are mostly practical with the addition of lectures, debates and discussions about the work of photographers across a broad spectrum of times and specialisms. Location visits locally and abroad are a key aspect of the course.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS/A2

This is an interesting and challenging course suitable for those who are interested in improving both their practical performance and their understanding of factors affecting it. You will be required to analyse and coach others in PE. Units covered include: Skill Acquisition, Contemporary Studies, Anatomy and Physiology, Sport Psychology, Comparative Studies and Exercise Physiology. Physical Education A Level enables students to study a wide range of courses at university such as Sports Development, Sport Management, Sport Psychology, Sport Science, Physiotherapy and Sports Journalism amongst others.

PHYSICS AS/A2

Physics is about trying to understand the world around us – from the tiniest sub-atomic particle to the mysteries of the universe. Using a variety of teaching and learning resources, this course will enable you to build on your knowledge of physics from GCSE, enhance your practical experimentation skills and gain an awareness of issues in physics today. The topics covered in the AS year are: particles, quantum phenomena, electricity, mechanics, materials and waves. Physics and related disciplines offer excellent job prospects, not least because of the large number of numerate graduates who follow careers in the financial sector.



Patrick Lavelle "At this college you're a person, not a statistic"

PSYCHOLOGY AS/A2

Psychology focuses on why individuals behave in the way that they do and aims to explain human behaviour using scientific methods. Understanding and carrying out scientific research is an important part of the AS and A2 course. You will learn to apply your knowledge and understanding of psychology to the world today. Topics include the study of memory, attachment and early social development, psychological research methods, stress, social influence, psychopathology, sleep, eating behaviour and relationships. The style of learning is primarily student-focused with plenty of discussion and debate.

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY AS/A2

If you like to know why things happen, you'll find Science in Society a fascinating course. During the course you will cover a range of issues such as infectious diseases, evolution, the universe and climate change. You will develop an informed interest in media reports about issues and events involving science and technology, develop and be able to express an informed, personal point of view and make use of your understanding of science and technology in everyday contexts and in making decisions about everyday lifestyle choices.

SOCIOLOGY AS/A2

Sociology teaches you to ask questions about things people often take for granted: 'Why are some types of people more likely to be convicted of crime?' 'Why are the numbers of single parent families increasing?' 'Why do we have to stay in school until we are 16?'. The focus is on understanding society around you and considering explanations for social phenomena. Topics include identity (social class, gender, ethnicity and age), families

and households, education, beliefs in society and crime and deviance. You will learn how sociologists conduct research and how they formulate theories about the world we live in. Sociology will encourage you to question the world around you.

SPANISH AS/A2

Learn the Spanish language whilst exploring and investigating different aspects of Spanish life and culture. There are many reasons to study a Modern Foreign Language at A level, not least because it will enable you to communicate with people from different countries and also to discover different cultures. The employment opportunities are endless. You may go onto a job that specifically uses languages such as an interpreter, translator, teacher or diplomat. Most employers strongly value a language especially where you may be required to travel or deal with overseas clients and companies. Learning a modern foreign language is fun.

SPORT (DEVELOPMENT, FITNESS AND COACHING) BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3

This qualification is the equivalent of two A levels, so will take up half of a full timetable for two years. The course is assessed 100% by coursework. It qualifies you for employment in the sport and recreation industries, or for entry to a Higher National or undergraduate degree course in physical education, sports science or sports coaching. Topics include: The Body in Action, Health and Safety in Sport, Training and Fitness for Sport, Sports Coaching, Sports Development, Fitness Testing, Practical Team Sports, Sports Nutrition, Psychology of Sports Performance, Sport and Exercise Massage and Working with Children in Sport.



Chantelle Renaut

“You get fantastic support from teachers”

SPORT BTEC FIRST LEVEL 2

This qualification is the equivalent of four GCSEs and takes place over one year. The course is assessed 100% by coursework. It qualifies you for employment in the sport and recreation industries or for entry to AS levels, or onto the BTEC National Certificate. Units include: Practical Sport, The Body in Sport, Work Experience, Preparation for Sport, Sports Leadership, Health, Safety and Injuries in Sport.

SPORTS LEADER AWARD LEVELS 2 AND 3 (ENRICHMENT COURSE)

The Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership gives people aged 16 upwards the skills needed to plan and deliver safe sporting and recreational activities and a First Aid award. The Level 2 award includes 10 hours voluntary leadership experience. The Sports Leaders UK Level 3 Award in Higher Sports Leadership builds upon the leadership skills and experience gained through the Level 2 Award and has 30 UCAS points attached to it. When you complete this award you will also

benefit from a National Governing Body Level 1 coaching qualification. These leadership courses give you the opportunity to learn new skills, to work with specialist community groups, and are of value to all those who wish to further develop their coaching skills in either a vocational or academic capacity.

THEOLOGY – PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS AS/A2

In Philosophy & Ethics we try to answer the universe’s most difficult questions: What is the purpose of life? Why is the world the way it is? Is there a God? Can anyone prove that God exists? Why do innocent people suffer? Do we have free will? Where did we come from? You will have the opportunity to look more deeply into the beliefs and cultures of the world in which we live. We will explore issues from a variety of standpoints and learn to analyse, defend and evaluate philosophers, as well as develop your own ideas. Topics include philosophy of Religion and ethical issues.

DO YOU WANT A HIGHER CHALLENGE?

You will have the opportunity to study a first year degree level course with Open University during your time in sixth form. You will also have the opportunity to follow the Cambridge Pre-U programme. This is a course that prepares learners with the skills and knowledge they need to make a success of their subsequent studies at university. It includes independent research and presentation skills and can be higher UCAS points than A levels. Both programmes help you stand out as an exceptional student in application to university.

A life of opportunity

Your studies at St. Paul's will be demanding. However, life will not all be lessons, lectures, workshops and seminars. We offer a variety of enrichment activities which are both enjoyable and complementary to your academic work.

ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON

Wednesday afternoons in the sixth form are given over to recreational, voluntary or work experience activities. A variety of sporting pursuits are available on and off site with the chance to represent the College. We run the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Sports Leader Award schemes. Many sixth formers lead and support in enrichment sessions for lower school students, giving teaching and volunteer experience. Our outstanding drama and performing arts department offers you both workshop and performing opportunities through large and small scale productions. If you sing or play an instrument you may want to join one of our bands, choirs or orchestras who will be delighted to welcome your talents.

TRIPS AND VISITS

Many departments organise visits to complement your studies. These include field trips (in the past destinations have included Barcelona, Russia, Italy, Paris, New York and Amsterdam), day conferences to local universities and London institutions, and art gallery and theatre trips. It is an expectation of the College that you will take full advantage of all the relevant visits organised by the departments with which you are studying.

VOLUNTEERING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

We ask all of our students to gain some voluntary work experience which can be accredited (through the Millennium Volunteer scheme and OUTSET). Whatever your interests we can arrange valuable and useful experiences for you. Work experience forms an important part of your university and employment applications and we ask all sixth form students to undertake some work shadowing during year 12.



SIXTH FORM COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our sixth form committee is made up of students who represent the interests of the sixth form and the college as a whole, and organise social and charity events. We strive to give you opportunities to develop your leadership skills to ensure you can reach your career goals.

SOCIAL LIFE

As with the rest of our College, the social life at St. Paul's is a reflection of the energy and creativity of the students. Our nights out are always a success and always different depending on the fantastic students who make them happen!

Both Year 12 and Year 13 combine their social activities so that a real sense of community is achieved. We are small enough as a sixth form college to have a really close and friendly environment where everybody really does know you as an individual.



“At St. Paul’s they care about your personal achievements as well as your academic achievements.”

Life beyond St. Paul's

HIGHER EDUCATION

Nearly all of our students go on to university although some of them take a gap year first. The College provides personal references from your tutor and the sixth form leadership team which reflect you as an individual. We give detailed guidance on your personal statement for your university application as well as interview advice and practice. Students considering applying for Oxford or Cambridge

universities and for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine can benefit from a specialist programme of advice and preparation sessions tailored to their needs.

When your exam results are published we will be there to help you. Many of our students keep in contact with us and every year we receive news from ex-students who have gained excellent first and second class degrees.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for young people who are passionate about their future. We want every person to be eager to grasp the opportunities that life at St. Paul's provides. We are very proud of our College community and hope that you will make the great choice to be a part of it.





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