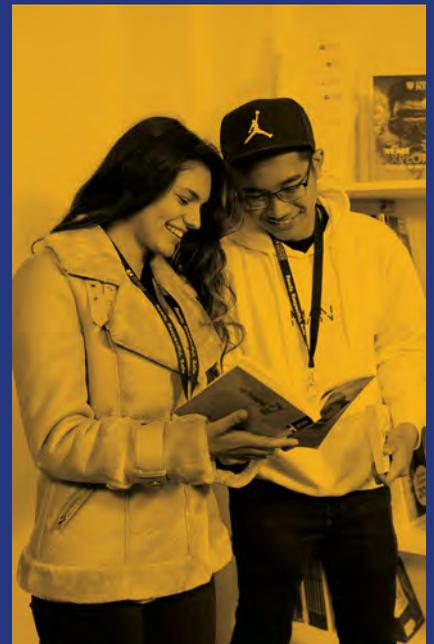




RICHARD
TAUNTON
Sixth Form College

PROSPECTUS
2022-23

WE ARE TOGETHER



WELCOME TO RICHARD TAUNTON



WELCOME TO THE 2021 PROSPECTUS! I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS PROVIDES A USEFUL STARTING POINT WHEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT BEING A COLLEGE STUDENT MEANS.

Richard Taunton Sixth Form College is an exciting place to be! Our close-knit community is located in the vibrant city of Southampton, and we offer courses to suit a wide range of interests and aspirations.

As a college, our aim is to inspire and challenge you to be the best you can be. Throughout your time with us, our expert and caring staff members will support your studies, nurture your wellbeing, and help prepare you for your next steps.

The students at Richard Taunton are ambitious young people who are eager to succeed. Around two-thirds of our students go on to university and many others progress to exceptional apprenticeships or employer training schemes. Our results speak for themselves, with our students making significant progress in both A Level and Vocational studies.

There are many things to consider when exploring your post-16 options, and I hope this prospectus provides you with a useful starting point. Take your time to research our courses and discover more about what it's like to be a Richard Taunton student.

I would like to personally invite you to visit us for one of our Open Evenings. They will give you the opportunity to speak to our staff, hear from our students, and learn more about what we can offer you at the college.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Paul Swindale

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES FREE TO ENSURE YOU GET ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Monday 13 September 2021

You can apply for a place at Richard Taunton from September. We recommend applying via our website before the end of March to ensure you get invited to our transition events.

PRE-ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

Your pre-enrolment interview will usually take place within a few weeks of making your application. You will discuss your course choices, entry requirements and any enrichment options you'd like to take.

OPEN EVENINGS

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Thursday 25 November 2021

Wednesday 29 June 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Take a look around campus, meet staff and students, and discover more about the courses we offer.

NEW PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 18 May 2022

6:00pm - 8:00pm

This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to learn more about how we support students and how they can help with the transition to college.

APPLICANT EVENT

Week beginning Monday 27 June 2022

Get a real taste of college life at Richard Taunton, try out a taster session in your chosen subjects, meet new friends and the teaching and support staff.

ENROLMENT

Late August 2022

You will receive a letter in advance of your GCSE results inviting you to an enrolment appointment. You can finalise your courses, enrol as a student, and become a fully-fledged RTSFC student!

OUR PAST STUDENTS



ARI SHIPSIDES

Formerly of Toynbee School

Studied Biology, Chemistry and Maths

From the very first day, the college looked out for me. I have always felt I could talk to any of my teachers or anyone in Student Services if things got too much.



BERAT SEN

Formerly of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill

Studied Textiles, Photography and Graphic Design

The highlight of my time at college has been building strong relationships with my friendly and supportive teachers and my peers.



CHESCA MERRICK

Formerly of Cantell School

Studied Further Maths, Maths, Chemistry and Biology

The college is diverse, welcoming and a good environment to be in. The community feel makes you strive to do better and learn from the people around you.



HOLLIE DADSON

Formerly of St Anne's Catholic School

Studied Business Studies (Triple)

Moving to Richard Taunton was the best decision. The college is so welcoming to new students and the staff helped me pick the best choice for me and my future.



ISABELLE MOORMAN

Formerly of The Hamble School

Studied English Literature, History, Textiles and an EPO.

I have really enjoyed making new friends from different schools, especially as I'm not from the near area so I did not expect to build such strong bonds.



MARYAN OSMAN

Formerly of Cantell School

Studied Biology, Chemistry and Psychology

Richard Taunton is very diverse and the highlight of my time at the college was making memories with different people from all over the world.

• CLASS OF 2021 •



ROCHELLE SMICLE-THOMPSON

Formerly of Wildern School

Studied Biology, Chemistry, English Literature and Music

Richard Taunton was the only college that really made me feel valued and treated me as a person rather than a set of grades. I have absolutely loved my time here.



STAN EMERY

Formerly of Upper Shirley High School

Studied Sports Science, Applied Science and Health and Social Care

A highlight of my college experience has been meeting new people and making friends with people I would never have met otherwise.



SURAJ SARKER

Formerly of Regents Park Community College

Studied Graphic Design, IT and Digital Media

The teachers and students you meet at Richard Taunton are the nicest, most supportive, and down to earth people you'll ever meet in your life.



DAVID BROWN

Formerly of Regents Park Community College

Studied Business Studies (Triple)

The teachers are friendly and approachable which has made learning an entertaining experience.



MICHAEL CRABB

Formerly of Upper Shirley High School

Studied Uniformed Public Services

My teachers were the best! If you tell them what you want to do and seek help from them, they will be with you every step of the way.



RALSTON D'COSTA

Formerly of St. Pius X High School (Mumbai)

Studied English Language, Maths, Business Studies, Further Maths and an EPQ

I am so proud I chose to study at Richard Taunton. I have always been able to portray my true self and push my boundaries since I joined.

MOVING FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

THE TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE MAY SEEM DAUNTING, BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR JOURNEY TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE AND WILL ULTIMATELY PREPARE YOU FOR EMPLOYMENT, UNIVERSITY OR FURTHER STUDY.

GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

MANAGE YOUR OWN TIME

QUALIFICATIONS ARE A STEP UP

TOP TIP

If you're nervous about joining college, take some time to familiarise yourself with what to expect from us. There are lots of things to get excited about!



**MORE
INDEPENDENCE**

**SUBJECTS STUDIED
IN MORE DEPTH**

**CALL STAFF BY
THEIR FIRST NAME**

**FEWER COURSES
STUDIED**

Have a think about how these three words might relate to your experience of college and the world beyond. Add your own ideas to the page.

OUR VALUES

WE ARE COMMITTED TO INSPIRING AND CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE. THAT IS WHY WE EXPECT ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF AT RICHARD TAUNTON TO UPHOLD OUR CORE VALUES.

THE EXPECTATIONS WE HAVE ARE BASED ON THREE KEY WORDS:

Wear my lanyard

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

Show up to class on time

Put rubbish in the bin

SKILLS FOR COLLEGE

AT RICHARD TAUNTON, WE WILL SUPPORT YOU TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT LEARNER WITH THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

During weekly sessions, your tutor will equip you with knowledge and resources that will empower you to reach your full potential. An example of this is the VESPA mindset, developed by Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin, which will help you develop effective study skills.

VISION

What would you like to achieve at Richard Taunton? We encourage our students to have clear goals about what they want to accomplish at college and beyond. There are a number of support services around the college that can help you stick to your goals, even if things get tough!

EFFORT

As a college student, you will spend as much time studying outside of the classroom as you do inside it. To help with this, independent study sessions are built into your timetable. You might find it useful to work in places like our Independent Learning Centre or Learning Resource Centre.

SYSTEMS

One of our key values is being ready. This means keeping your notes and resources organised, and ensuring you have the correct equipment for lessons. We don't have things like bells at the college, so it is important that you are prepared to organise your time as well.

PRACTICE

During your study sessions you can revise and put your knowledge into practice. You might not be used to independent study at first, but we will teach you how to use this time effectively. Our teachers will also provide you with high-quality feedback for you to use.

ATTITUDE

How do you respond to setbacks? If you encounter any challenges, we encourage you to make use of the support network at the college (learn more on page 12). It's important to focus on your own progress and show a positive attitude to learning.

STUDENT VOICE

GETTING YOUR VOICE HEARD IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF BEING A STUDENT, BOTH IN YOUR LESSONS AND THE WIDER COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

As a college we will always try to empower our students to make a change, to voice their views and take ownership of their education by giving feedback. There are many ways in which you can get involved in shaping college life and representing the college through our student voice and ambassador opportunities.

STUDENT UNION

Members of the Student Union get involved in a variety of activities from sharing the views of the student body with the college management team, organising charity and social events and supporting student wellbeing initiatives to keeping students up-to-date on what's happening around college. Members also have the opportunity to become a college student governor.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

We are always looking for students to represent the college at events such as Open Evenings, Taster Days and visits to local schools.

Each ambassador receives training and can put these new skills into practice throughout the year. Being an ambassador really helps to build your confidence, particularly when it comes to public speaking, and looks great on your UCAS application and CV!

TUTOR REPS

We encourage students to become more involved with college life from the start of their courses. Becoming a Tutor Rep means that you will meet regularly to discuss and represent the views of students within your tutor group, giving feedback on the curriculum and student life in general.

LEARNER VOICE

It's important for us to hear what our students think about their experience at Richard Taunton. Every half term, all students are encouraged to complete a learner voice survey. The results are fed back to our teachers and governing body. If it's in our power and in your interests to make a change, we will!



ENRICHMENT

TAKING PART IN AN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY IS A GREAT WAY TO BUILD YOUR SKILL SET, GAIN NEW EXPERIENCES, AND MEET PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.*

We believe all students should try at least one enrichment activity during their time at college. Take a look at what's been on offer over the past couple of years.

ACTIVE

We are the Richard Taunton Rhinos! Whether you wish to compete in a specific sport or try out something new, we have something on offer for everyone. You can join one of our sports teams and use the college fitness suite to keep you fit, happy, and healthy.

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Cricket
- Football
- Futsal
- Gym
- Netball
- Rugby
- Trampolining
- Volleyball
- Weightlifting.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to develop some essential life skills - like teamwork, leadership, and problem solving - look no further! These types of activities will also make great additions to your CV or any applications you make to jobs, apprenticeships, or universities.

- Duke of Edinburgh
- First Aid
- Student Ambassadors
- The Students Union.

CREATIVE

Doing something creative can be a great way to look after your wellbeing and can help you manage anxiety and feelings of stress. It's also a great opportunity to create new friendships and explore the things you are passionate about.

- Art Club
- Choir
- College Production
- Creative Writing
- Dance Company
- Dance Live!
- Jazz Band
- Radio Station.

PERSONAL INTEREST

Taking part in activities you are passionate about is a fantastic way to improve your self confidence and open up a range of social opportunities with like-minded individuals. It is also important to spend time during the week doing things you enjoy.

- Board Games
- Book Club
- Christian Union
- LGBTQ+.

TOP TIP

If you are interested in something that isn't on our enrichment list, please let us know. We might be able to help you set up a new club or activity!



MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



TRAMPOLINING

*Enrichment offerings vary each year depending on demand and interest.

WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

SUPPORTING YOU...

AT RICHARD TAUNTON WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR FRIENDLY, SUPPORTIVE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT. AS A STUDENT YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO MEET YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.



TUTOR

Discuss any questions or worries you might have about your studies and wellbeing with your Progress and Support Tutor.



STUDENT SERVICES

Access counselling, advice, and information about additional support networks from a team of trained professionals.



IT

Borrow a laptop, use the Mac suites, access our wi-fi, and solve all your technology problems with help from our expert IT team.



LRC

Get to know our friendly librarians and discover a range of resources which will help you succeed in your studies.

...WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.



STUDY SKILLS

Develop your study skills and better understand the content and demands of your courses with the help of tailored support.



LEARNING SUPPORT

Receive bespoke support from our experienced learning assistants if you have learning difficulties or special educational needs.



CAREERS

Learn about your options, plan for your future, identify volunteering opportunities, and get help with organising work experience.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Find out more about the student bursary, free college meals and any available scholarships.

STUDENT CARE GUARANTEE

THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF YOUR STUDIES YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

YOUR TUTOR

Your Progress & Support Tutor will provide you with one-to-one care and attention during your time at the college. They will work closely with your teachers to help you with any personal or academic support needs.

During weekly tutorial sessions, you will develop your independent study skills and cover a range of personal, social, health and economic topics. You will also learn more about the world of work and your progression options.

PROGRESS REVIEW DAYS AND PARENTS' EVENINGS

Throughout the year, you and your parent/guardian(s) will be invited to college to discuss your progress with your tutor and subject teachers. You will also set targets to ensure you achieve your potential.

STUDENT SERVICES

A dedicated member of the Student Services team will work with you and your tutor to ensure you get the most from your studies. As well as monitoring your progress, attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning, they can also provide advice on things like finance and transport. If there is something they are not able to help you with, they will refer you to an external support provider.

You can also access the following support at college:

- Relate counsellor
- Mental health nurse
- Emotional health and wellbeing worker
- Drop in sessions with No Limits.

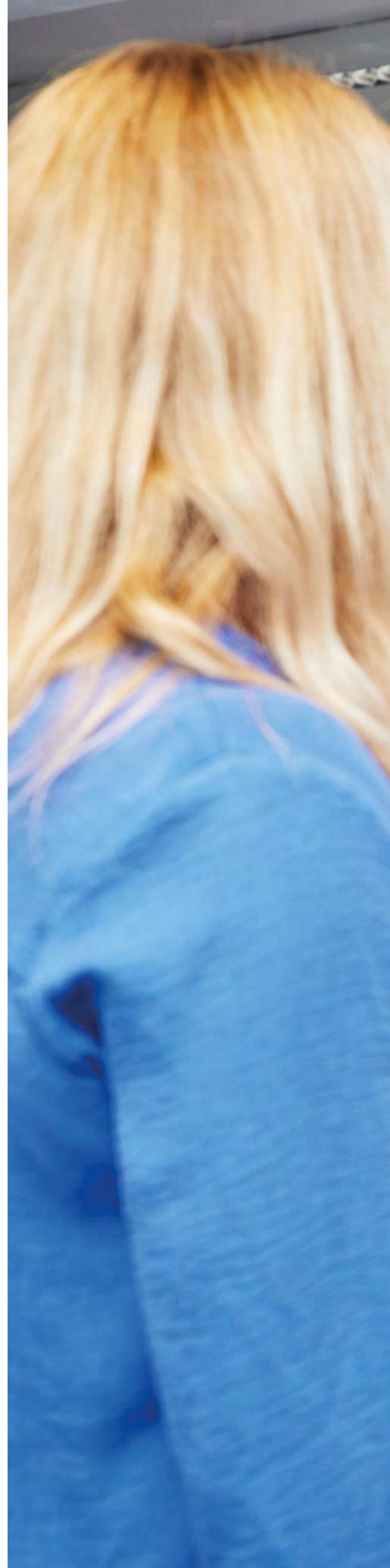
YOUR SAFETY

We have relevant and effective safeguarding practices in place to ensure you feel safe and secure throughout your college experience. We do not tolerate discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

We encourage students to raise any concerns they have regarding health, safety and welfare, with our dedicated safeguarding team or online via our Pro Solutions system.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our bursary scheme is designed to provide financial assistance where limited finances may act as a barrier to learning. We can also provide help in the form of travel, a meal allowance in our café, and the loan of an electronic device. Full details of our eligibility criteria can be found on our website.



GET IN TOUCH

Please get in touch with our Student Services team if you would like to discuss any of the information on these pages.

Tel: 02380 514720

Email: studserv@richardtaunton.ac.uk



WE ARE SUPPORTIVE

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

AT RICHARD TAUNTON, YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN ACADEMIC SUPPORT NETWORK DESIGNED TO HELP YOU REFINE YOUR STUDY SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR RESULTS. WHETHER YOU NEED A HAND WITH YOUR SPELLING, OR SIMPLY WANT A QUIET PLACE TO WORK, WE HAVE A RANGE OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU.



STUDY SKILLS

THE TEAM IN THE INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE (ILC) CAN HELP EQUIP YOU WITH THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN YOUR SUBJECTS.

They also offer 1-to-1 appointments to help identify areas in need of development and can create a tailored support plan to help you reach your targets.

Some of the areas they can assist with are:

- Numeracy and literacy
- Dyslexia support
- Study skills
- Time management
- Exam anxiety management
- Presentation skills.

LEARNING RESOURCES

OUR BRIGHT AND SPACIOUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC) IS A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY AND RESEARCH.

Our experienced and friendly staff are happy to help equip you with the information and materials you need to succeed in your studies.

The Learning Resource Centre also offers:

- Books, journals and subject guides
- Newspapers and magazines
- Zoned areas for silent study or group work
- Computer facilities
- Access to printers, photocopiers and scanners
- DVDs and viewing facilities
- Remote access to electronic resources.



IT

AT RICHARD TAUNTON, WE HAVE OVER 350 DESKTOP COMPUTERS, 100 MACS, AND OUR HELPFUL IT TEAM CAN ALSO LOAN LAPTOPS AND TABLETS IF NEEDED.

The college is wireless-enabled via Eduroam which means students are able to study using their own devices.

Upon joining RTSFC, all students are given access to an email account, storage space on the college network, and specialist software packages. Staff and students collaborate using Google Classroom and our online Student Hub provides easy access to our useful intranet pages. Students can also track their progress online via MyPortal.



IPAD SCHEME

AS A PART OF OUR DIGITAL LEARNING REVOLUTION, RTSFC HAS PARTNERED WITH ACADEMIA TO GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN IPAD!

The scheme offers competitive prices and finance options, and the Apple devices are insured for two years. All that is required to access the scheme is a valid student reference number. To learn more and order a device please visit: <https://rtc.store.academia.co.uk>

Some students may qualify for the free loan of an iPad for the duration of their studies through our bursary scheme.

LEARNING SUPPORT

OUR LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND SPECIALISMS, AND CAN GIVE YOU A HELPING HAND TO ENSURE YOU REACH YOUR POTENTIAL.

1-TO-1 SESSIONS

We can support you in adjusting to higher standards of work and can help you prepare for the future. This could be through the provision of 1-to-1 sessions in the ILC to develop skills in essay writing, literacy, work organisation, numeracy techniques, exam and revision planning, and managing anxiety.

SUPPORTING SPECIFIC LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Our Teaching Support Assistants help students with a range of learning needs, difficulties and disabilities. Depending on individual needs or EHCP requirements, they can also provide a personalised support programme and classroom assistance.

Support is regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure it is effective and supports progress to independent learning.

REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS

Reasonable adjustments enable all students to access and participate in learning, assessment, college facilities and services. Please highlight on your application form any adjustments you believe you are entitled to or could benefit from.

Examples of adjustments include:

- Extra time in exams
- Use of a computer
- Extended book loans
- Text to speech software
- Support with note taking.

EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

Exam arrangements make sure that students are given the appropriate fair chance in their exams. They may include the provision of things like extra time, a small shared room, a laptop, a reader, or a scribe.

Please let us know as soon as you start college of any Exam Access Arrangements you believe you are entitled to.

AUTISM & ASPERGERS

We run a personalised Autism Awareness coaching programme to assist students to understand themselves better and improve interaction with others.

TRANSITION

If you have a special educational need, or believe an Open Day might be too overwhelming for you, please contact the college and we can arrange for a personal tour on a quieter day. If you wish to meet a member of the Learning Support team please indicate this when you make contact.





GET IN TOUCH

Please get in touch with our Head of Learning Support if you would like to discuss any of the information on these pages.

Tel: 02380 514728

Email: vinhah@richardtaunton.ac.uk

CAREERS SUPPORT

WE HAVE EXCELLENT FACILITIES IN PLACE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THE PLANNING OF YOUR FUTURE CAREER, WHETHER THIS INVOLVES HIGHER EDUCATION, AN APPRENTICESHIP OR EMPLOYMENT.

Our focus is always on your destination and ambitions, and this means guiding you towards your long term goal, rather than just what suits you right now.

There are a number of ways in which we will help you with planning for your future:

- 1:1 career advice appointments
- Higher education events
- Careers and apprenticeship events
- Industry guest speaker events
- Work placements
- Training opportunities
- Volunteering opportunities
- Help sourcing apprenticeships
- Trips to universities
- Skills development workshops
- Links to industry and business and much more.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We recommend all students should undertake some work experience during their time at college.

It is a great way to gain an insight into different career options and develop the skills needed for employment.

Gaining work experience is also imperative for some higher education courses, like medicine and veterinary science.

All students studying Level 2 programmes and those on double/triple vocational courses are required to complete work experience as part of their course.

EMPLOYABILITY

We will offer you a menu of activities that will help equip you with the skills and attributes you need to secure employment, work experience, or an apprenticeship.

You will have access to a variety of workshops and events on the following topics:

- CV writing
- Application writing
- Cover letter writing
- Job seeking guidance
- Interview techniques
- Mock interviews.

HIGHER EDUCATION

We work closely with local universities, as well as 'Into University' and the Southern Universities Network project, to help students achieve their goals. Help with UCAS applications is available throughout the year and we have an excellent record for supporting student progression to highly selective universities.

THE SUMMER SCHOOLS

We actively promote and encourage students to take advantage of the many summer school opportunities offered by businesses and universities. Former students have taken part in the Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme, through the University of Southampton.

APPRENTICESHIPS

We can help students who choose not to go to university to secure apprenticeships, by assisting with applications, any tests that applicants have to undertake, as well as practise interviews and help with presentation skills. We have helped students secure places at prestigious companies such as IBM, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, Arqiva and Fiander Tovell.

“ THE CAREERS TEAM HELPED ME WHEN I WAS STUCK ON WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH MY FUTURE AND IF I WAS TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY WHAT I SHOULD PURSUE. THE GUIDANCE I RECEIVED REALLY HELPED ME HAVE A BRIGHT AND CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT MY FUTURE CAN HOLD. THEIR SUPPORT REALLY GAVE ME A CONFIDENCE BOOST THAT I CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING I SET MY HEART TO. ”

Amirah Khan (Formerly of St Anne's Catholic School).



ACCELERATE YOUR LEARNING

OUR ACCELERATE PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND CAPABILITIES OF STUDENTS WHO ASPIRE TO GO TO THE MOST SELECTIVE UNIVERSITIES, AND APPLY FOR SOME OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE COURSES, SUCH AS MEDICINE AND VETERINARY SCIENCE.

If you intend to apply for some of the most competitive university courses, you will receive dedicated support with your applications, with the opportunity to take part in practice interviews and practice entrance exams to prepare you for those courses which require you to undertake a more rigorous admissions process.

You will receive help with:

- Securing summer school placements
- Application preparation
- Interview skills
- Work shadowing opportunities.

You will also have the opportunity to:

- Complete an extended project qualification
- Visit higher universities.

You will be expected to develop excellent study habits and broaden your understanding of the political, international and cultural issues of your subjects by undertaking wider reading related to the courses that you are interested in.



THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

WHAT IS THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent research project that you can undertake alongside your chosen courses. It is roughly the equivalent to half an A Level and can attract up to 28 UCAS points. You will be supported by a tutor who can assist with the planning of your project and to help you develop the skills required to complete your project well.

As you are able to choose the subject of the EPQ yourself, it is a great way to show your passion for a particular subject area and really delve into topics or address issues which may not be covered in your courses. The possibilities to show your interest and skills within a specific discipline or subject area are endless!

WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO DO?

The project can take on two different forms:

• **Artefact project**

This can take on various different forms depending on your interests and end goal, for example you could; create a piece of artwork, choreograph a dance, direct your own performance piece, write a play, run an event or even design an app. Alongside this you will write a 1000 word research paper.

• **Essay project**

A 5000 word written research essay.

Throughout the process of your project you will complete a production log to show the different stages of your project and how it evolves. You will also be required to present your findings/research or outcomes through an evaluative presentation once your project is completed.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE IT?

The qualification will help you to develop the necessary planning, research, presentation and academic writing skills that universities look for in their applicants. It is valued by many universities and some Russell Group universities include the EPQ as part of their offer.

Students who have applied for University can make reference to their project in their personal statement and during the interview process to show enthusiasm and wider understanding of their selected subject area.

“ PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS SUCH AS THE EPQ OFFER AN UNPARALLELED INTRODUCTION TO THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN HIGHER EDUCATION. ”

University of Southampton

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE PROJECTS THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED AS PART OF THEIR EPQ:

Artefact projects have included:

- Writing, directing and producing a musical
- The design and construction of a flowerpot bell tower
- Writing and directing a short film in the style of French New Wave Cinema
- Engineering a guitar
- Writing and arranging country music.

Essay projects have included:

- A comparison of PTSD after combat and giving birth
- Can humans live sustainably on Mars?
- The Human impact on the New Forest
- Ancient Egyptian burial practices
- Euthanasia: completely unethical or act of kindness?
- Kashmir: can this war be a win situation for two nations?
- How does age affect second language acquisition?

STUDY PROGRAMMES

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

WHEN YOU APPLY TO RICHARD TAUNTON, WE WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENROLLED ON THE COURSES THAT BEST SUIT YOUR STRENGTHS, INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS.

If you are unsure about where to begin when choosing your courses, don't worry! The information on this page is a great starting point.

A LEVEL COURSES

- Academic focus - more theoretical and written work
- Predominantly exam based
- Usually examined at the end of your second year of study
- Three subjects can be studied
- Often required by selective universities such as Oxbridge.

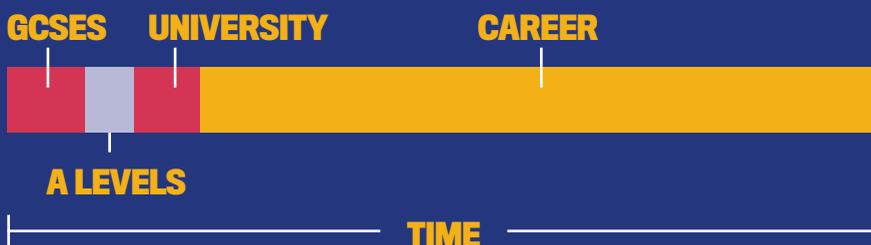
VOCATIONAL COURSES

- More applied/practical
- Mixed assessment methods
- Usually assessed throughout both years
- One to three subjects studied
- Many require compulsory work experience
- Accepted by many universities.

WHY IS CAREER PLANNING IMPORTANT?

The time you spend at college is very short in comparison to your working life, but the courses you choose to study with us can have a big part to play in shaping your future.

When considering your next steps, it can be helpful to begin with the end in mind. For example, if you already have a career path, university course, or higher apprenticeship in mind, do some research. They may have entry requirements that influence your college course choices.



TOP TIPS

Play to your strengths

Think about the subjects you enjoy and do well in, as this will motivate you to succeed.

Explore new options

Don't forget to explore any courses that weren't offered at your school.

Choose for you

Your ultimate decision should be one that you are happy with.

Give yourself time

Start your research as soon as possible and be sure to attend events like Open Evenings.

**WHY NOT TRY SACU'S
FREE CAREER QUIZ?**



STUDY PROGRAMMES

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

AT RICHARD TAUNTON WE OFFER COURSES ACROSS THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS TO ENSURE THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

No matter what level you join us at, there are great progression opportunities. Take a look at the routes below to see which one you might fit into.

LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMME

This two-year study programme is made up of three A Level subjects or the vocational equivalent. Our vocational courses fall into three categories: single (equivalent to one A Level); double (equivalent to two A Levels); or, triple (equivalent to three A Levels). Our Level 3 courses will give you the skills and knowledge to progress onto university, an apprenticeship, or employment.

LEVEL 2 STUDY PROGRAMME

These courses are studied during the first year of a three year programme. Your study programme will comprise of any necessary repeats of GCSE Maths or English, alongside a Level 2 vocational subject and work experience. You will develop your study skills and subject specific knowledge in preparation for Level 3 study in your second and third year.

A LEVELS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language.

VOCATIONAL

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.

LEVEL 2 COURSES

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.

PLEASE NOTE: Some courses have additional requirements, so be sure to check each course individually!

CREATE YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

After researching your subjects, compile your ideal study programme here.

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FOUNDATION STUDIES

If you do not meet our Level 2 course requirements, we offer a bespoke Foundation Studies programme. This will help you develop the skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

You will take a diploma in vocational studies, alongside English and Maths courses. To learn more please contact our Admissions team.

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ACCOUNTING

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OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING IS A SUBJECT THAT CAN KICK-START A CAREER IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

Throughout this course you will learn how to prepare detailed financial statements for sole traders, partnerships, and limited companies. You will also gain an insight into how these statements are used by a variety of stakeholders to assess the performance of their businesses.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Double entry bookkeeping
- Sole trader accounts
- Limited company account
- Evaluation of financial statements
- Costing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths.



ACTING

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

NURTURE YOUR PASSION FOR PERFORMING AND DEVELOP YOUR ACTING SKILLS ON THIS FUN, CREATIVE AND CHALLENGING COURSE.

With a strong focus on naturalistic acting, acting for film/TV and physical theatre, this course will help you to build your confidence and explore your talents. You will take part in workshops, mini films, devised theatre productions and perform in a full-length play at a local theatre.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Acting styles (naturalism, physical theatre, political theatre)
- Devised theatre
- Improvisation
- Film and TV acting
- Performing in professional theatre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



BIOLOGY

A-LEVEL

FAMOUSLY REFERRED TO AS THE SCIENCE OF LIFE, BIOLOGY IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT THAT CAN GIVE YOU A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF LIVING THINGS.

Throughout your studies, you will broaden your knowledge of the major systems of the human body, explore the interactions of organisms in their environment, and learn about the principles behind evolution and genetics.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Biological molecules
- Cells and immunity
- Gaseous exchange systems in different organisms
- The cardiovascular system
- DNA, protein synthesis and genetics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and science (Biology or double award) at grade 6 and Maths at grade 5.

DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.





BUSINESS

VOCATIONAL

(SINGLE AND TRIPLE AWARD)

HAVING A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF BUSINESS AND BUSINESS PRACTICE IS A VALUABLE SKILL FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS, INCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYMENT.

During this course, you will learn how different business theories relate to the operation of real-life businesses. You will gain a critical understanding of organisations, the markets they serve, and the process of adding value.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Single and Triple:

- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance.

Triple only:

- Managing an event
- International business
- Pitching for a small business.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.



BUSINESS STUDIES

A-LEVEL

THIS MODERN, DYNAMIC COURSE ENCOURAGES THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF BUSINESS CONCEPTS BY EXPLORING EVENTS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD AND RELATING THEM TO THEORIES AND PRACTICE.

It will provide you with an introduction to the main elements of business such as marketing, finance, operations, and human resources, and will explore how these contribute to achieving business objectives.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Objectives and strategy
- Marketing
- Accounting
- Human resources
- Operations management.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths.



CHEMISTRY

A-LEVEL

CHEMISTRY IS ALL AROUND YOU AND IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION IN MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING MEDICINE, ENGINEERING, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

This course brings chemistry to life as you explore the properties and interactions of substances that form the building blocks of matter. You will also participate in a wide range of hands-on chemistry practicals in our well-equipped labs.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- The structure of atoms, compounds and molecules
- The periodic table
- Analytical chemistry
- Physical chemistry
- Organic chemistry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and Science (Chemistry or double award) at grade 6 and English at grade 5.

LEVEL 3 COURSES



COMPUTER SCIENCE

A-LEVEL

COMPUTER SCIENTISTS DESIGN AND DEVELOP THE SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR THE PROGRAMMES WE USE, AND THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED PROFESSIONALS HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER.

This practical subject will develop your capacity to think creatively, innovatively, logically and critically. You will study a broad range of topics and apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Contemporary processors, input, output and storage devices
- Elements of computational thinking
- Programming and problem solving
- Algorithm design and efficiency
- Legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language, Maths at a grade 6, and either science (Physics or double award) or Computer Science at grade 6.



CRIMINOLOGY

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

CRIMINOLOGY HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE COMMIT CRIMES, THEIR MOTIVATIONS, AND INVESTIGATES WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO PREDICT CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR.

This diverse and practical course takes a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the causes of criminality and the role of the criminal justice system. You will apply theories of criminality to real life cases, and explore how changes can be made in criminal law and social policy.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- What is crime?
- Campaigning for change
- Theories of criminality
- Processes of criminal investigations
- The role of punishment in a criminal justice system.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



DANCE

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

STUDYING DANCE IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR TECHNICAL AND CHOREOGRAPHIC SKILLS AND BECOME A MORE COMPETENT AND CONFIDENT PERFORMER.

This highly practical course will deepen your understanding of human anatomy, dance history, and develop your skills in dance technique and analysis. There will also be the opportunity to perform in events such as a Dance Showcase, Dance Live!, and our end of year production.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Contemporary dance technique
- Choreography
- Learning professional repertoire
- Healthy performer
- Dance history.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



DIGITAL MEDIA

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

DEVELOP YOUR CREATIVITY BY STUDYING A DIGITAL MEDIA COURSE THAT IS BASED ON REALISTIC WORKPLACE SITUATIONS, ACTIVITIES, AND DEMANDS.

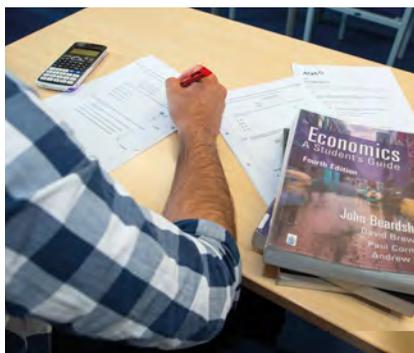
You will gain an understanding of the media industry through analysing media representation, pitching, and producing media projects. Learning to use programmes such as InDesign and Premiere Pro is also invaluable to those wishing to pursue a career in the media industry.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Print based media production
- Video based media production
- Advertising
- Web Design
- Scriptwriting.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



ECONOMICS

A-LEVEL

UNCOVER THE CAUSES OF THE MAJOR ECONOMIC CRASH IN 2008 AND EVALUATE THE UK'S DECISION TO LEAVE THE EU ON THIS FASCINATING ECONOMICS COURSE.

Throughout your studies, you will explore the micro and macro economy, both on a national and global scale. You will learn about how scarce resources are allocated and the challenges governments face in dealing with globalisation, pollution and ageing populations.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- How markets work
- How markets fail
- How the economy works
- Government use of fiscal and monetary policy
- International trade.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A-LEVEL

DEEPEN YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BY INVESTIGATING THE SOCIAL FACTORS WHICH HAVE SHAPED IT BOTH TODAY AND IN THE PAST.

During this course, you will study a variety of texts and learn how social class, gender, ethnicity, and regional differences have all influenced language. You will also develop your own writing skills, and investigate an element of language variation, such as how children acquire their language.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Child language acquisition
- Language variations
- Language diversity and change
- Textual analysis
- Original writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language.

DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.



LEVEL 3 COURSES



ENGLISH LITERATURE

A-LEVEL

DELVE INTO AN ECLECTIC RANGE OF TEXTS AND EXPLORE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT THEMES ON THIS ENGAGING ENGLISH LITERATURE COURSE.

By analysing poetry, drama, and novels from a variety of different time periods you will broaden your views and ideas and challenge your understanding of the world. You will further develop skills in literary analysis and evaluation, which will help you to engage critically and creatively with language.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Tragedy and critical theory: Hamlet or Othello
- Doctor Faustus and tragedy
- Science and society: Frankenstein and Never Let Me Go
- Poetry including modern poets and Philip Larkin
- Opportunity to focus on themes/ ideas you are passionate about.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Literature and English Language.



FINE ART (ART & DESIGN)

A-LEVEL

DRAWING, PAINTING, AND A DIVERSE RANGE OF MIXED-MEDIA TECHNIQUES ARE CREATIVELY EXPLORED TO AN ADVANCED LEVEL THROUGHOUT THIS COURSE.

You will be given the opportunity to develop the skills and ideas needed to create original and personal artwork. Using your first-hand experiences and researching other artists will also help you develop your body of work.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Line, tone and texture
- Exploring surface building
- Thematic unit
- Colour
- Artist and concept.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Art. A suitable portfolio of artwork may be accepted as an alternative to GCSE Art.



GEOGRAPHY

A-LEVEL

LEARN HOW PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE AFFECTED BY THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE AND EXPLORE THE BIG ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT CHALLENGE OUR FUTURE.

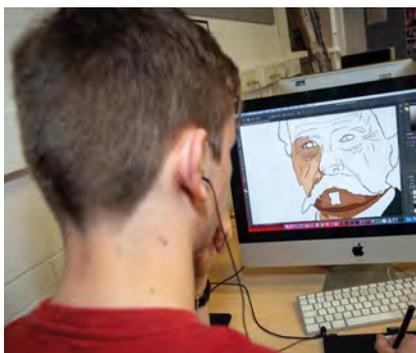
During this course, you will study both physical and human geography. By carrying out an investigation on a topic of your choice, as well as participating in at least four days of fieldwork, you will develop your skills in research and data analysis.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Water and carbon cycles
- Contemporary urban environments
- Changing places
- Global governance
- Hazards.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths.



GRAPHIC DESIGN

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

A COMBINATION OF ART AND TECHNOLOGY, GRAPHIC DESIGN WILL DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING.

This course explores the fundamentals of graphic design and provides a concise introduction to working in the design industry. You will have the opportunity to learn new computer editing skills while presenting an individual response to design briefs.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Art analysis
- Photo manipulation
- The role of graphics in marketing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language. A suitable portfolio of creative work may be accepted as an alternative to GCSE Art & Design.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AND TRIPLE AWARD)

THIS CHALLENGING AND REWARDING COURSE WILL HELP PREPARE YOU WITH THE PRACTICAL SKILLS NEEDED FOR A RANGE OF CAREERS IN THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INDUSTRY.

Throughout the course, you will explore a variety of topics and themes such as additional needs, causes of disease, and the role of professionals. You will also learn practical skills such as how to undertake risk assessments, training in safeguarding, and first aid.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Single and Triple:

- Meeting individual care needs
- Physiological disorders and their care.

Triple only:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Principles of safe practice
- Assessing children's development support needs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, Maths and a science (Single or Double Award). Students must have a DBS check carried out before starting the course.



HISTORY

A-LEVEL

HIGHLY RESPECTED BY UNIVERSITIES, HISTORY IS A SUBJECT THAT WILL GIVE YOU A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PRESENT THROUGH THE UNCOVERING OF THE PAST.

During this course you will explore both modern and early modern history and take part in numerous debates and discussions. Additionally, you will develop knowledge and skills that can serve as a gateway to many employment opportunities.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Stuart Britain & The Crisis of Monarchy (1603-1702)
- Democracy & Nazism (1918-1939)
- Civil Rights in the USA (1870-1970).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

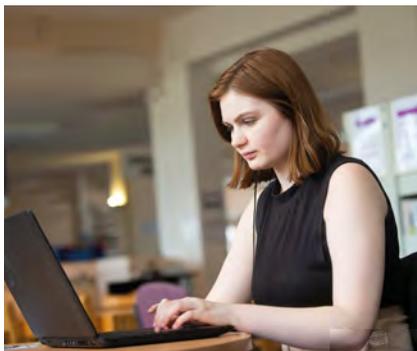
At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language.

DISCOVER MORE

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LEVEL 3 COURSES



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

VOCATIONAL

(SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD)

IN THIS MODERN DIGITAL AGE, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR PEOPLE WITH A ROBUST KNOWLEDGE OF HOW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAN BE INTEGRATED AND USED.

This course will explore a variety of topics, from the relationship between hardware and software, to managing and processing data and using it to communicate and share information. Practical tasks will also develop transferable skills which can be used to access university or employment.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Single and Double:

- Using social media in business
- Website development.

Double only:

- Programming
- Cyber security and forensic analysis
- Digital animation and effects.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.



LAW

A-LEVEL

DURING THIS COURSE YOU WILL DISCOVER THE WORKINGS OF THE ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM, LOOKING AT BOTH THE PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF THE LAW.

You will explore criminal law, including case law and legislation, tort law, and human rights law. You will also study the systems and processes which underpin the English legal system such as precedence and how judges interpret statutes.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- The English law system
- Criminal law
- Tort law
- Human rights law
- Concepts of law.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Maths.



LAW (APPLIED)

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

THE LAW IMPACTS EVERYTHING, AND BY STUDYING THIS COURSE YOU WILL GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIVIL COURT SYSTEM AND CRIMINAL LAW.

You will have the opportunity to apply the legal concepts you learn about in both a practical and theoretical way. Additionally, you will develop skills in analysis, case research, and independent thinking.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- How laws are made and influences on legislation
- Legal professionals, legal advice, and funding
- Elements of crime (non-fatal offences, homicide, property offences)
- Police powers and sentencing
- Formation of marriage, divorce and maintenance.

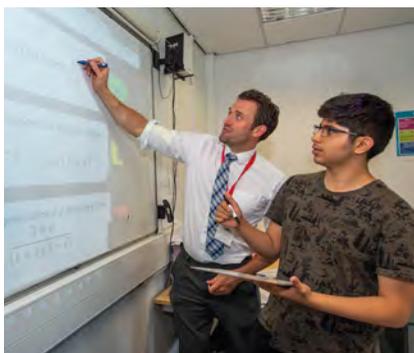
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at a grade 4 or above, including English Language.

DISCOVER MORE

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MATHS

A-LEVEL

THIS COURSE EXPLORES HOW MATHEMATICAL IDEAS ARE INTERCONNECTED AND HOW MATHEMATICS CAN BE APPLIED TO MODEL THE REAL WORLD.

You will learn about mathematical argument, language and problem solving, working with your peers on activities and presentations in the classroom and online. You will have access to our on-site Maths hub during your spare time and the opportunity to study AS Further Maths once a week if you choose.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Calculus
- Proof
- Logarithms
- Hypothesis testing
- Mechanics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and a grade 6 in Maths.



POPULAR MUSIC

VOCATIONAL

(SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD)

THIS PRACTICAL AND CREATIVE COURSE WILL DEVELOP YOUR PERFORMING SKILLS AS A SOLOIST AND AS A MEMBER OF AN ENSEMBLE.

You will learn about how to begin your career as a professional musician, the history of rock and pop music, and will build on your notation, listening and composition skills. Additionally, you will take part in live performances both in and outside of college.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Single and Double:

- Learning and performing repertoire through the ages
- Composition
- Arts administration.

Double only:

- Theory
- Additional solo performance skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language. All applicants are required to attend an audition.



MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE RECORDING TECHNOLOGY, THE TRADITIONAL CAREER PATH OF WORKING FULL-TIME IN A RECORDING STUDIO IS BEING REPLACED BY A MULTI-INCOME STREAM APPROACH.

To carve a career in the music industry you need to be able to record, compose, create sound design, remix, produce, and work collaboratively with other music creators. This course will give you the skills and knowledge to work in the music industry.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Sequencing
- Mixing and mastering
- Creating music and sound for film and games
- Remixing
- Using the recording studio.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language. Grade 5 Music Theory is useful but not essential.

LEVEL 3 COURSES



PERFORMING ARTS - MUSICAL THEATRE

VOCATIONAL

(SINGLE AND TRIPLE AWARD)

THIS EXCITING AND PRACTICAL COURSE IS FOR STUDENTS WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE PERFORMING ARTS.

You will develop in three disciplines: dance, acting and music.

Additionally, you will have the opportunity to attend workshops with industry practitioners and produce performances of various kinds, including an end of year production.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Single and Triple:

- Performing arts skills development
- The performing arts business.

Triple only:

- Personal profile
- Collaborative project.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



PHOTOGRAPHY (ART & DESIGN)

A-LEVEL

PHOTOGRAPHY IS A FASCINATING, CREATIVE SUBJECT WHICH GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN APPROACH TO IMAGE MAKING.

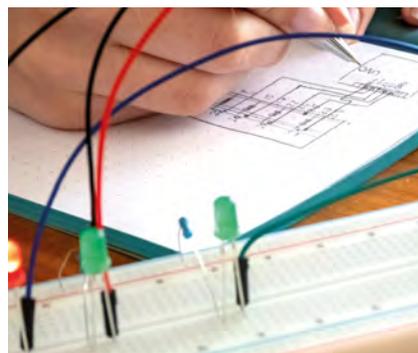
This course explores both the practical and aesthetic aspects of photography, and you will learn from the ideas and techniques of other photographers. Work will be primarily digital, but you will also have the opportunity to gain experience of working with creative darkroom processes.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Camera controls and settings
- Darkroom hand rendering techniques
- Photoshop editing techniques
- Mixed media experimentation
- Capturing movement.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Art. A suitable portfolio of creative work may be accepted as an alternative to GCSE Art.



PHYSICS

A-LEVEL

SPANNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF SUBATOMIC PARTICLES, RIGHT UP TO UNDERSTANDING THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE, PHYSICS TACKLES THE UNDERLYING NATURE OF EVERYTHING.

This challenging and rewarding course delves deep into the fundamental nature of the universe and looks at how we can explain and mathematically model the myriad phenomena that exist in nature.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Nuclear radiation and nuclear decay
- Quantum theory
- Mechanics - forces and motion
- Electric, magnetic and gravitational fields
- Stars and the universe.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and Science (Physics or double award) at grade 6 and English Language at grade 5.

DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.





PSYCHOLOGY

A-LEVEL

PSYCHOLOGY IS THE SCIENCE OF MIND AND BEHAVIOUR, AND THIS COURSE TAKES A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO LEARNING ABOUT KEY RESEARCH.

Throughout this course, you will learn how to conduct psychological research, analyse data, and formulate conclusions, as well as applying psychological theories to real life.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- 7 key psychological areas and social, biological and psychodynamic perspectives
- Research methods and data analysis
- Clinical psychology
- Child psychology
- Environmental psychology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths, a science, and English Language.



LEVEL 3 COURSES



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A-LEVEL

THIS INTERESTING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING COURSE OFFERS INSIGHT INTO A RANGE OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS, PHILOSOPHICAL, AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD.

You will study the philosophy of religion, religion and ethics, and developments in Christian thought. Through class discussions and written arguments, you will develop skills that are prized by universities and employers alike.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Philosophy of religion
- Ethics
- Development in religious thought.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language.



SCIENCE (APPLIED)

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

THIS COURSE EXPLORES THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS, AND CAN BE RELATED TO A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES.

You will build on your knowledge of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, and expand your knowledge of scientific procedures and techniques. Furthermore, you will develop a good understanding of how to perform experiments, analyse data, and draw conclusions.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Practical scientific techniques
- Physiology of human body systems
- Waves in communications
- Cell Biology
- Key concepts within Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths, and a science.



SOCIOLOGY

A-LEVEL

SOCIOLOGY ENCOURAGES YOU TO QUESTION WHAT HAPPENS IN SOCIETY AND SEARCH FOR EXPLANATIONS CONCERNING WHAT INFLUENCES OUR BEHAVIOURS AND WHY.

This course involves the study of human society, culture, and relationships. You will examine current affairs, how society works, and the people within it. Learning how to draw on a range of perspectives, evidence, and contemporary issues will also help prepare you for university and employment.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Socialisation, culture and identity
- Media
- Research methods
- Social inequality: social class, gender, ethnicity & age
- Globalisation and the digital social world.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language.

DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.





SPORT

VOCATIONAL (TRIPLE AWARD)

EXPLORE THE PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SPORT ON THIS EXCITING AND PRACTICAL COURSE.

By combining academic study with sport (team and individual), you will gain the knowledge and skills required to pursue a successful career in the sporting industry. You will also gain experience of speaking in front of groups, planning, and delivering different practical activities.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Coaching
- Health, wellbeing and sport
- Employment in sport and physical activity
- Sports development
- Anatomy and physiology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.



SPORTS COACHING

(SAINTS FOUNDATION ACADEMY)

VOCATIONAL (DOUBLE AWARD)*

THIS EXCITING AND SKILLS-DRIVEN COURSE INVOLVES A COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC STUDY AND PRACTICAL SPORT TO EQUIP YOU FOR WORKING IN A TEACHING OR COACHING INDUSTRY.

This course gives you work experience within the Saints Foundation. You will also undertake the FA Level 1 Coaching in Football Certificate, the Level 2 Multi Skills Award, and the Junior Football Leaders Award.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Health, wellbeing and sport
- Coaching skills
- Sport development
- Organising sports events
- Careers and self-employment in sport.

*The nature of this course means it fills an entire timetable in a similar way to a Triple Award.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English Language.



SPORTS SCIENCE

VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

THIS COURSE WILL EQUIP YOU WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN SPORT SCIENCE DISCIPLINES SUCH AS BIOMECHANICS, COACHING, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILING.

You will learn about everything from anatomy and nutrition, to physiology and fitness training. By developing your confidence, knowledge, and skills, you will also become better prepared for a number of careers in the sporting industry.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Biomechanics
- Applied psychology
- Anatomy and physiology
- Training and fitness
- Massage.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths, English Language, and a science.

LEVEL 3 COURSES





STATISTICS

A-LEVEL

USING AND UNDERSTANDING DATA IS A CRUCIAL SKILL THAT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN MANY AREAS OF STUDY AND EMPLOYMENT.

This course will help you prepare for higher education and the workplace, and is an ideal progression route for those wishing to study sports science, psychology, economics, biology and other career paths containing a reliance on data analysis.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Hypothesis testing
- Experimental design
- Data representation and interpretation
- Probability theory
- Bivariate data.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including Maths and English Language.



TEXTILES (ART & DESIGN)

A-LEVEL

THIS HANDS-ON TEXTILES COURSE APPEALS TO THOSE WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN COLOUR, PATTERN, SHAPE, FORM, TEXTURE, AND DECORATION.

With a focus on printed, dyed and constructed textile design, this course explores a range of techniques through a series of practical workshops. You will develop your enjoyment of textiles through 2-D work and your sketchbook, and produce a varied and experimental portfolio of textile-based art.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Textiles in context (artist research)
- Urban life
- Patterns and structures
- Surface and textures
- Thematic building.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English Language and Art. A suitable portfolio of creative work may be accepted as an alternative to GCSE Art.



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

VOCATIONAL (TRIPLE AWARD)

THIS DYNAMIC COURSE WILL HELP PREPARE YOU PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY FOR A CAREER IN THE UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

You will participate in a number of adventurous activities such as climbing and canoeing, as well as an overnight camping expedition. Additionally, there will be a range of outside speakers and trips to the different protective services in order to gain knowledge and first-hand experience.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Behaviour and discipline
- Teamwork, leadership and communication
- Physical preparation, health and wellbeing
- Fitness testing
- Expedition.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language.

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BUSINESS

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD OF BUSINESS AND DEVELOP YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS.

You will consider real-life businesses and the ways in which business theory relates to their operation. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Enterprise in the business world
- Finance for business
- Promoting a brand
- Recruitment, selection and employment
- Principles of marketing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.



CREATIVE CRAFT

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL DEVELOP YOUR TECHNIQUE AND CONFIDENCE IN PAINTING, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY, IMAGE MANIPULATION, AND ANIMATION.

As well as developing transferable skills, you will research artists, photographers, and the media industry. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Painting and drawing
- Working with natural forms, abstract art, and experimentation
- Graphics and poster design
- Photography and photo manipulation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PRACTICES.

You will develop the professional and personal skills that are required for working in the sector. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Principles of working in health and social care
- Health and safety in practice
- Working in a person-centred way
- Safeguarding.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.



INFORMATION AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL DEVELOP YOUR ICT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING.

You will learn by completing projects and assignments based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- The online world
- Technology systems
- Digital animation
- Website development
- Digital graphics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths.



INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO A RANGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS.

You will learn concepts and theories related to History, Sociology and Psychology, whilst further developing your study skills. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Criminality and psychological disorders
- Period study on Jack the Ripper
- Marxism, social equality, and class
- Euthanasia
- Essay writing skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.



MUSIC

VOCATIONAL

DURING THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE YOU WILL LEARN FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF MUSIC AND DEVELOP YOUR INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL SKILLS.

You will also learn about how the music industry works and put on a musical performance in front of live audiences. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- The performing arts industry
- Composition techniques
- Improvisation techniques
- Solo performance
- Ensemble performance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.

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PUBLIC SERVICES AND SPORT

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL DEVELOP YOUR PRACTICAL SKILL BASE, AS WELL AS YOUR THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE OF SPORT AND PUBLIC SERVICES.

You will participate in and organise sport events and outdoor activities. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Organising sports event
- Outdoor adventurous activity
- Leading an outdoor adventurous activity
- Participation in sport.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.

SCIENCE

GCSE DOUBLE

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE COVERS CORE SCIENCE CONCEPTS IN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS.

You will explore environmental and physical sciences, life science, and develop your scientific investigation skills. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Human biology (body systems, diseases and genetics)
- Plant biology including ecology
- Chemical reactions
- Atomic structure
- Physics (energy, electricity, forces and waves).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and a science.

SPORT

VOCATIONAL

THIS ONE-YEAR COURSE WILL DEVELOP YOUR PRACTICAL SPORTS SKILLS, AS WELL AS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF SPORT.

You will learn about the impact and importance of exercise and nutrition and organise your own sports event. Additionally, you will be required to undertake course-related work experience.

This course will prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- Anatomy & physiology
- Organising sports events
- Health and wellbeing
- Participation in sport.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language.



THESE COURSES ARE STUDIED OVER A YEAR AND ARE AIMED AT STUDENTS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED GRADES 1 OR 2 IN GCSE ENGLISH AND MATHS. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, STUDENTS CAN PROGRESS ONTO A LEVEL TWO PROGRAMME OF STUDY. STUDENTS WILL STUDY THE COURSES LISTED BELOW:

DIPLOMA IN VOCATIONAL STUDIES

This one year course will introduce you to a broad range of topics from across our curriculum. You will study core units that will develop your study skills and enable you to progress onto a further course of study or an apprenticeship. In addition, you will undertake work experience. This course is assessed via coursework.

ENGLISH FUNCTIONAL SKILLS (LEVEL 1)

This one year course will equip you with the foundation skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening that are required to progress to GCSE English Language.

You will explore non-literary texts, produce written work in various formats and styles and have discussions on topical issues. This course is assessed by exam.

MATHS

This one year course will provide you with life skills for everyday maths. Examples of topics covered include: calculating/analysing data, probability, integers, decimals, fractions, percentages, volume, measures, table and charts as well as money, approximation, areas and perimeter. This course is assessed by exam.



WE ARE EASY TO GET TO

RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE IS LOCATED IN THE VIBRANT, CULTURAL CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON. THERE ARE A RANGE OF TRAVEL OPTIONS WHICH STUDENTS CAN USE TO GET TO OUR CAMPUS.

BUSES

Private and publicly operated bus routes make college easy to get to. For more detailed routes and current timings, please visit our website.

We also recommend taking a look at local services provided by Firstbus, Bluestar and Xelabus for routes that stop near the college.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

We offer a free shuttle bus service which stops at IOW ferry terminal, West Quay, Southampton Central, and RTSFC.

CYCLING

We have a secure area for storing your bike. Showers and changing facilities are located in the sports department where you can freshen up.

PARKING

We have 155 parking spaces available, on a first come first served basis, to students on application.

TRAINS

Southampton Central is about a 30 minute walk to college, with direct routes from Totton, Eastleigh, Romsey and Winchester.

FINANCIAL TRAVEL SUPPORT

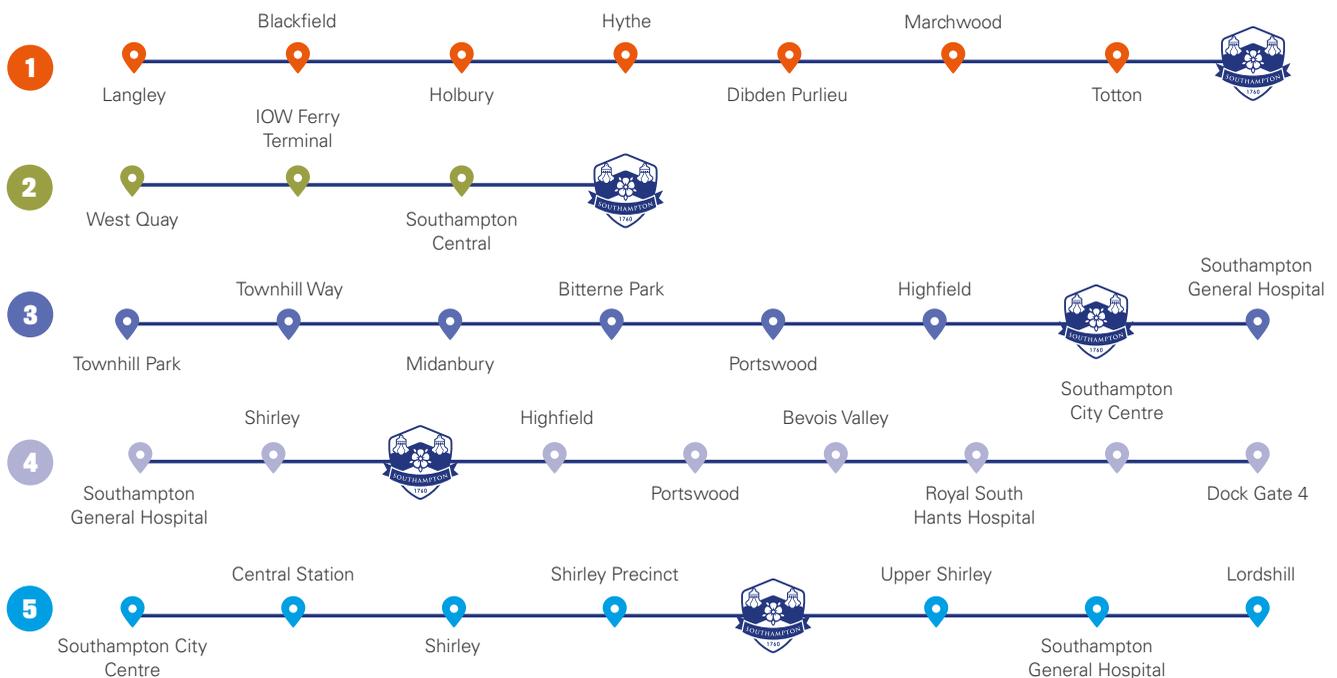
You may be entitled to help with the cost of your travel. For more details please contact Student Services on 02380 514720 or studserv@richardtaunton.ac.uk.

RTSFC BUSES

- 1 R903 Bluestar
- 2 RTSFC Free Shuttle Bus

PUBLIC SERVICE ROUTES

- 3 U9 Unilink
- 4 U6 Unilink
- 5 X11 Xelabus



FAQS

IF YOU HAVE A QUERY ABOUT JOINING US AT RICHARD TAUNTON, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BELOW. IF YOU STILL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM.

Q. WHEN CAN I APPLY?

A. Applications open in mid-September for those wanting to start college the following year. We recommend applying by the end of March to secure a place on your preferred courses and receive an invitation to our transition events. If you apply after June, we may not be able to interview you or confirm your place until the end of August.

Q. CAN YOU APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE COLLEGE?

A. Yes! Applying to multiple colleges is a great way to keep your options open. We recommend you visit lots of colleges to discover the right courses and environment for you. However, if you are looking for a successful college with a caring and close knit community, then look no further!

Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT COURSES TO TAKE?

A. When completing the application form, select the courses that interest you. At your pre-enrolment interview we will discuss your course choices in more detail and provide you with lots of help and guidance. You will be able to try our various subjects at our Applicant event, so don't worry if you change your mind - nothing is finalised until your enrolment.

Q. HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK WILL I SPEND IN LESSONS?

A. You will spend a minimum of 14 hours a week in lessons, but you also need to factor in time for preparation and enrichment activities. You are then expected to spend the same amount of time on independent study, outside of your lessons.

Q. CAN I TRY OUT SOME COURSES?

A. Absolutely! You will be invited to our Applicant event in the Summer term which is a fantastic opportunity to try out a number of subjects and get a feel for what is right for you. We also invite Year 10 students to events, which are organised through their schools.

Q. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE COURSES I HAVE APPLIED FOR?

A. That's no problem! Your course choices are not finalised until enrolment, which takes place in August, after you have received your GCSE results.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

We will keep you well informed about your young person's progress at college, and we endeavour to keep our communications open and clear.

There are many ways you can engage with us, and stay informed, during their studies. Please visit the Parent Information pages on our website to find out more.



GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM!

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