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PSYCHOLOGY BUSINESS CHEMISTRY SPORT LAW  
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COACHING ACTING SPORTS SCIENCE UNIFORMED  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW **RICHARD TAUNTON.**



**“RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH  
FORM COLLEGE IS WHERE  
AMBITION MEETS HARD WORK.**

**WE CHAMPION THE UNIQUE  
POTENTIAL OF OUR LEARNERS,  
WHO FOLLOW FUTURE CAREER  
FOCUSED PATHWAYS THAT  
CHALLENGE THEM TO BE  
THEIR BEST.”**

# WELCOME TO RICHARD TAUNTON



## WELCOME TO OUR 2023/24 PROSPECTUS. AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY WITH US I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR VISION FOR YOU AS YOU PROGRESS INTO SIXTH FORM EDUCATION.

It's an exciting and important time that could shape the rest of your life and whichever programme of study you decide on, we are here to guide and support you all the way.

Around two thirds of the young people who study here go on to university and others progress to apprenticeships or employer related training.

We have developed six career pathways to help you prepare for what you want to do after sixth form college. Each one shows what career options might lead from that particular pathway, and if you're not sure about which subjects to choose, or haven't made your mind up yet, you'll be able to see which subjects can give you the best chance of getting to a worthwhile career.

We are lucky to have a number of employer ambassadors attached to each pathway who visit the college regularly to talk about careers and university choices.

You'll get the opportunity to talk over your ambitions with them and take advantage of their experience.

Recently our commitment to teaching and learning was praised by Ofsted inspectors, who rated Richard Taunton Sixth Form College as 'Good'.

They were impressed by our quality of education, behaviour, personal development, leadership and management, adult learning and high needs learning provision and said students are taught well by experienced and dedicated teachers who take the time to get to know them well.

We hope you find this prospectus helpful and do also check out our website to read about our student successes and amazing press coverage of them. Who knows, it could be you in a few months' time.

We would be delighted if you would join us at one of our Open Evenings, it's a chance to meet our staff, and hear from students studying here. We look forward to meeting you and planning your journey into a successful career.

**Paul Swindale**  
Principal

# OUR VALUES

**AT RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, WE WILL CHALLENGE YOU TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP YOU BECOME A WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO SUCCESSFULLY PROGRESS ON TO YOUR CHOSEN DESTINATION.**

**THE EXPECTATIONS WE HAVE ARE BASED ON THREE KEY WORDS:**

## **AMBITION**

At Richard Taunton, we expect our students to have high expectations of themselves and work towards ambitious goals they have set for themselves.

We know you will never settle for second best but always strive towards your best. We offer a full and diverse range of enrichment activities allowing students to make the most of the opportunities available to them.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

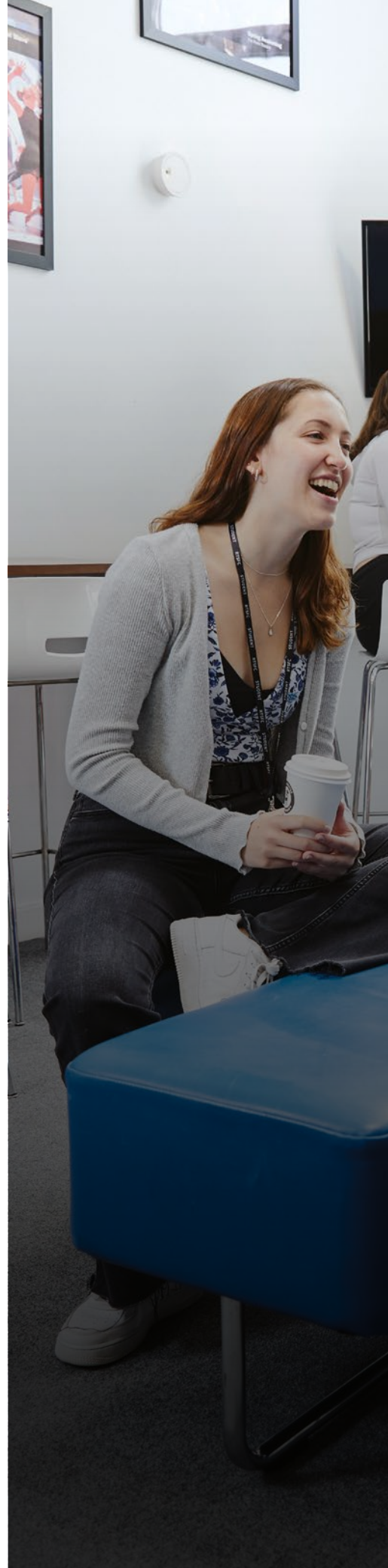
From your first day at college, we expect you to always work to the best of your ability.

This means always having the correct equipment for lessons, being positive, punctual, and having an open mindset. There will be opportunities to help prepare you for your next steps into university, employment, or further training.

## **RESPECT**

In September, you will be joining a community full of polite and considerate young people who strive to do the right thing for themselves, for others, and for their surroundings.

As a college, we are committed to appreciating and celebrating the diversity of our students, staff and local communities.







**WE VALUE  
AMBITION,  
RESPONSIBILITY  
& RESPECT**

# FUTURE FOCUSED PATHWAYS

**BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT YOU AND THE LIFE YOU'LL GO ON TO, WE HAVE DEVELOPED SIX CAREER PATHWAYS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AFTER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE.**

Each one shows what career options might lead from that pathway, and if you're not sure about which subjects to choose, you'll be able to see which subjects can give you the best chance of getting to that desired end point.

It may be that you don't yet know what your ultimate career aim is – that's okay too because the pathways are interchangeable and contain the same core elements that make up your tutorial programme.

The pathways are defined by student intention and designed to open up opportunity and most importantly they are designed to help us guide you.

We are lucky to have employer ambassadors attached to each pathway who visit the college regularly to talk about careers and university choices. You'll get the opportunity to talk over your ambitions with them and take advantage of their experience.

## THE PATHWAYS ARE:

- BUSINESS & GLOBAL
- CREATIVE & DIGITAL
- LIFE & HEALTH SCIENCES
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- EDUCATION & CHILDCARE
- PHYSICAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

# **BUSINESS & GLOBAL**

**WE WANT TO WORK  
WITH ENTERPRISING YOUNG  
PEOPLE WHO ARE READY TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON THE  
GLOBAL STAGE.**

From go-getters to deep thinkers, ideas people to grafters and social butterflies to mathematical wizards, a business needs a whole cast of characters to thrive.

If you relish the challenge of building relationships, working with numbers, or creative problem-solving, a career in business might be for you.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Run your own events (Show us what you've got!)
- Visit New York City
- Young Enterprise
- Trading on the Mock Exchange.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Actuarial Analyst, Business Adviser, Business Analyst, Business Development Manager, Chartered Management Accountant, Corporate Investment Banker, Data Analyst, Data Scientist, Forensic Accountant, Insurance Underwriter, Management Consultant, Project Manager, Risk Manager, Stockbroker, Supply Chain Manager.*

# **CREATIVE & DIGITAL**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE  
WITH A SPECIAL SPARK WHO ARE  
SEEKING SOMEWHERE TO SHINE.**

Our creative pathway covers a whole range of disciplines, from design to dance and fine art to front of stage.

Our Art students show their work in public places, our dance students perform in major competitions and our music students express themselves on multiple platforms.

Then again you may be brilliant at IT so pursuing this path could lead you to a fantastic career in a major digital business.

Unleash your creativity and let your talent lead you to a successful career.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Art Club
- Choir
- Dance Company
- Jazz Band.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*3D Modeller, Application Analyst, Architect, Animator, Art Director, Cyber Security Analyst, Data Analyst, Database Administrator, Fine Artist, Forensic Computer Analyst, Game Designer, Illustrator, Musician, Performer, Photographer, Production Designer, Stage & Film Director.*



# **LIFE & HEALTH SCIENCES**

**IF YOU ARE THE KIND OF PERSON WHO IS DRIVEN TO USE SCIENCE AND LEARNING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR PEOPLE THEN A MEDICAL CAREER IS FOR YOU.**

This pathway unlocks a huge number of opportunities in the medical profession, including doctor, nurse, veterinary, occupational health, medical scientist, dentist or researcher.

Our learning works in tandem with renowned organisations who offer students the chance to experience first hand what a career in medicine or science might be like.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Med-Soc
- Desty Science Scholarship
- Operating Theatre Live.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Anaesthesia Technician, Audiology Technician, Biochemist, Bioinformatician, Biomedical Scientist, Biotechnologist, Cardiovascular Technician, Clinical Research Associate, Computational Biologist, Dental Hygienist, EKG Technologist, Healthcare Scientist, Medical Assistant, Microbiologist, Nursing, Occupational Therapist, Paramedic, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapist, Radiation Therapist, Researcher, Veterinary Technician.*

# **PUBLIC SERVICE**

**A PATHWAY FOR THOSE DEVOTED TO SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY OR EVEN THEIR COUNTRY.**

Our courses offer opportunities ranging from the legal profession to joining the armed forces or being part of the police service.

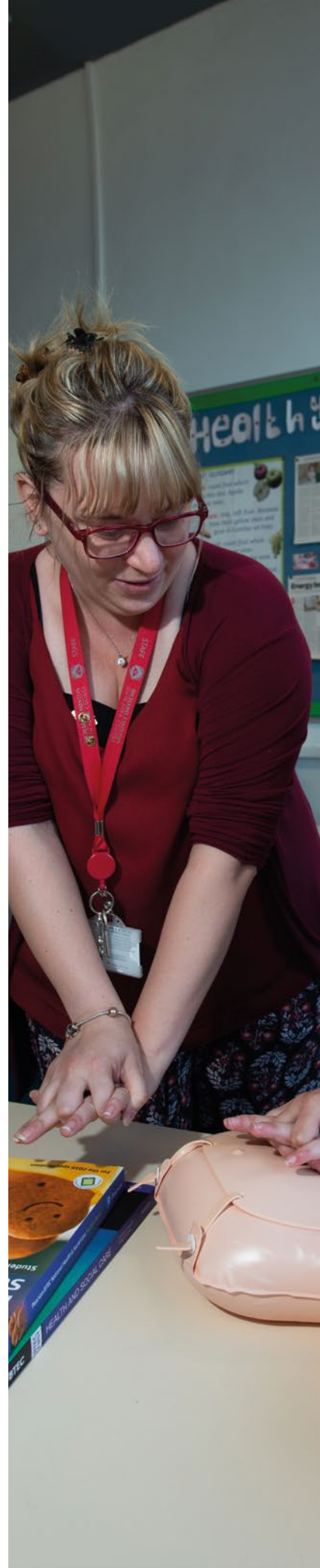
If you are interested in sport, this pathway is designed to steer you towards your career. This pathway also includes a range of humanities subjects such as history, geography and sociology, which all contribute to your experience.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Sports Scholarship
- Geography field trips
- 'Behind Bars' talks.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Brand Strategist, Business Development and Marketing Assistant, Humanitarian worker, Police Constable, Paralegal, Social Media, Manager, Social Policy Worker.*







## **PATHWAYS**

# **EDUCATION & CHILDCARE**

**CARING FOR CHILDREN, INSPIRING  
YOUNG MINDS AND MAKING THEIR  
WORLD A SAFE PLACE.**

This is a calling for some people and the opportunities this pathway presents will help you to work with children, inform policies on childcare and even teach.

Relevant and challenging work placements will help set you on the path to a fulfilling career in teaching, managing or administration in schools, nurseries or other part of the education and childcare sector.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Reading Buddies
- School Visits
- Work Experience.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Local Government, Nursery Manager, Nursery Nurse, Social Services, Teacher.*

# **PHYSICAL & BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED  
IN A CAREER FOCUSED ON  
ENGINEERING OR SCIENCE  
BASED JOBS.**

Careers in science and engineering involve analysing complex problems to develop solutions. Professionals may work in labs to find cures for diseases or in corporate offices developing cityscapes.

### **ADDITIONALITY**

- Work experience
- Site Visits
- Duke of Edinburgh Award.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

*Astronomer, Geophysicist, Metallurgist, Meteorologist, Physicist, Research Scientist, Sound Engineer.*

## **WHY NOT TRY THE FREE UCAS CAREER QUIZ?**

Find your ideal job matched to your personality and a list of courses previous students studied in order to get there.



# 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.

### ACADEMIC COURSES

- More theoretical and written work
- Predominantly exam based
- Usually examined at the end of your second year of study
- Three subjects can be studied
- Students progress to university, employment and further study.

### PROFESSIONAL COURSES

- More applied/practical
- Mixed assessment methods
- Usually assessed throughout both years
- One to three subjects studied
- Many require compulsory work experience
- Students progress to higher education, employment and further study.

\*Most of our students study three Level 3 courses.

Academic and professional courses can be studied alongside one another.

### 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

We offer courses you may not have studied before. Be sure to explore these new options as they may relate closely to your interests and aspirations.

#### Choose for you

Your ultimate decision should be one you are happy with.

#### Give yourself time

Keep an eye on application deadlines, but don't feel the need to rush – it's important to attend a range of Open Evenings and explore what is on offer.

## 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 academic subjects, the professional equivalent, or a combination of both.

Our professional courses fall into three categories: single (equivalent to one qualification); double (equivalent to two qualifications); or, triple (equivalent to three qualifications).

Our Level 3 courses will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress onto university, an apprenticeship, or employment.



#### ACADEMIC COURSES

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

#### PROFESSIONAL COURSES

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.

#### 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.

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

# T LEVELS

**CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE TO DO IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WITH THE RECENT INTRODUCTION OF T LEVELS THERE ARE NOW EVEN MORE CHOICES. IN CASE YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT T LEVELS ARE HERE ARE SOME FAQs THAT WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER TO HELP YOU.**

### WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are new courses which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A levels. These 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work, further training, or further study.

T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience through an industry placement of at least 315 hours - approximately 45 days.

### HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT FROM A LEVELS?

T Levels are two-year technical programmes, designed with employers, to give young people the skills that industries need. The 'T' stands for technical and from 2020, T Levels will give 16 to 19-year olds a technical alternative to A Levels.

A Levels follow a more academic route while T Levels provide a technical alternative that will prepare young people for careers.

### HOW LONG DO T LEVELS TAKE TO COMPLETE?

T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, designed by employers and approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. We expect the total time for a T Level to be around 1,800 hours over the 2 years, including the industry placement.

### ARE T LEVELS BETTER THAN APPRENTICESHIPS?

An apprentice spends most of their time in the workplace, learning on-the-job, whereas a T level student will spend most of their time in the classroom.

If a student performs particularly well in their technical studies, they can progress onto higher or degree level apprenticeships. So, the answer is that actually they are different but still vocational based.

### CAN I GO TO UNIVERSITY WITH T LEVELS?

Your T Level will be worth UCAS points – a T Level Distinction\* is worth the same as 3 A Levels at A\* – and will be recognised by universities and other education providers so you can choose to continue studying if you wish.

### DO EMPLOYERS RECOGNISE T LEVELS?

T Levels are designed with employers to give young people the skills that industries need, so therefore employers are pleased that these new qualifications fit their criteria.

### ARE T LEVELS BETTER THAN A LEVELS?

One T Level qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and is worth the same amount of UCAS Tariff points overall. For example, achieving a Distinction\* in your T Level is equivalent to achieving three A\*s at A Level – both are worth a total of 168 UCAS Tariff points.

So, they are different because they are vocational and will suit students who prefer to have a more technical career.

### WHAT CAN I DO AFTER T LEVELS?

T Levels prepare you to progress into a skilled job, but you can also choose to take further technical training, such as a higher apprenticeship or degree, if you don't want to move straight into a job.





**GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM!**

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**Email:** [admissions@richardtaunton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@richardtaunton.ac.uk)



# **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL (LEVEL 3)**

**A-Z**



**16** ACCOUNTING  
A-LEVEL

**16** ACTING  
VOCATIONAL

**16** BIOLOGY  
A-LEVEL

**17** BUSINESS  
VOCATIONAL

**17** BUSINESS STUDIES  
A-LEVEL

**17** CHEMISTRY  
A-LEVEL

**18** COMPUTER SCIENCE  
A-LEVEL

**19** CRIMINOLOGY  
VOCATIONAL

**19** DANCE  
VOCATIONAL

**19** DIGITAL MEDIA  
VOCATIONAL

**20** ECONOMICS  
A-LEVEL

**20** ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
A-LEVEL

**22** ENGLISH LITERATURE  
A-LEVEL

**22** FINE ART  
A-LEVEL

**22** GEOGRAPHY  
A-LEVEL

**23** GRAPHIC DESIGN  
VOCATIONAL

**23** HEALTH: ADULT  
NURSING  
T-LEVEL

**23** HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE  
VOCATIONAL

**24** HISTORY  
A-LEVEL

**24** INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
VOCATIONAL

**24** IT: DIGITAL  
SUPPORT SYSTEMS  
T-LEVEL

**25** LAW  
A-LEVEL

**25** LAW (APPLIED)  
VOCATIONAL

**25** MATHS  
A-LEVEL

**26** POPULAR MUSIC  
VOCATIONAL

**26** MUSIC TECHNOLOGY  
VOCATIONAL

**26** PERFORMING ARTS - MUSICAL  
THEATRE  
VOCATIONAL

**27** PHOTOGRAPHY  
A-LEVEL

**28** PHYSICS  
A-LEVEL

**28** PSYCHOLOGY  
A-LEVEL

**28** SCIENCE (APPLIED)  
VOCATIONAL

**29** SOCIOLOGY  
A-LEVEL

**29** SPORT  
VOCATIONAL

**29** SPORTS COACHING  
VOCATIONAL

**31** SPORTS SCIENCE  
VOCATIONAL

**31** TEXTILES  
A-LEVEL

**31** UNIFORMED  
PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
VOCATIONAL

## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### ACCOUNTING

#### A-LEVEL

Studying this course will prepare you to produce 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. This is a subject that can open the door to a variety of career options.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE

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

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 4 in English Language and a grade 5 in Maths.



### ACTING

#### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

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 to nurture your passion for performing and develop your acting skills on this fun, creative and challenging course.

#### 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

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 through a fascinating course that brings a deeper understanding of living things.

#### 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 4 or above. Including science (Biology or Combined Science) at a grade 6, and English Language and Maths at a grade 5.

### DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.







## BUSINESS

### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AND TRIPLE AWARD)

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. Having a good understanding of business and business practice is a valuable skill for a number of different career paths, including self-employment.

### 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

Gain an introduction to the main elements of business, including marketing, finance, operations, and human resources, and explore how these contribute to reaching business objectives.

The course encourages the practical application of business concepts by exploring events in the business world and relating them to theories and practice to get a real-world appreciation of commerce.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

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

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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



## CHEMISTRY

### A-LEVEL

This course brings chemistry to life as you explore the properties and interactions of substances that form the building blocks of matter.

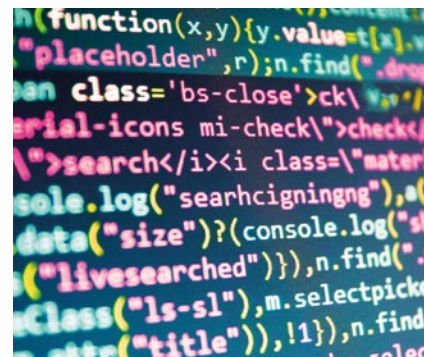
You will also participate in a wide range of hands-on chemistry practicals in our well-equipped labs to understand chemistry's role in many fields, including medicine, engineering, and the environment.

### 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 4 or above. Including science (Chemistry or Combined Science) at a grade 6, and English Language and Maths at a grade 5.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE

### A-LEVEL

This practical subject will develop the 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 to gain an understanding of how computer scientists design and develop the software that is becoming ever more central to the way we live.

### 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 4 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)

This diverse and practical course takes a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the causes of criminality and the role of the criminal justice system in investigating crime.

You will apply theories of criminality to real life cases, explore how changes can be made in criminal law and social policy and gain an understanding of why people commit crimes.

### 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)

Deepen your understanding of human anatomy and dance history and develop your skills in dance technique and analysis. This highly practical course is a fantastic way to improve your technical and choreographic skills and become a more competent and confident performer.

There will also be the opportunity to perform in events including 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 based on realistic workplace situations, activities, and demands.

You will gain an understanding of the media industry through analysing media representation and pitching and producing media projects. Using programmes including InDesign and Premiere Pro will provide the practical experience demanded by 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.

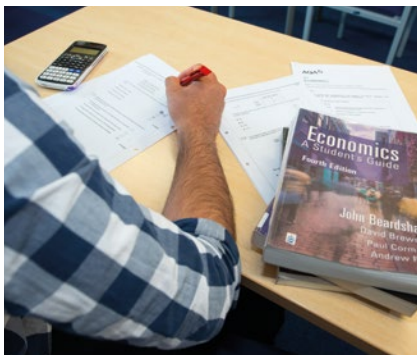
## DISCOVER MORE

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## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### 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.

You will explore the micro and macro economy, both on a national and global scale, and learn about how scarce resources are allocated. You will also gain an understanding of 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 4 or above, including a grade 4 in English Language and a grade 5 in Maths.



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

#### A-LEVEL

By investigating the social factors which have shaped English now and in the past you will deepen your appreciation of our language.

You will study a variety of texts and learn how social class, gender, ethnicity, and regional differences have 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 4 or above, including English Language.









## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### ENGLISH LITERATURE

#### A-LEVEL

By exploring an eclectic range of texts and themes and 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. Along the way you will 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 4 or above, including English Literature and English Language.



### FINE ART (ART & DESIGN)

#### A-LEVEL

Explore and develop your drawing and painting ability and experience a diverse range of mixed-media techniques to an advanced level on this challenging and engaging course.

You will develop the skills and ideas needed to create original and personal artwork, using your first-hand experiences and a study of other artists to help you develop your portfolio.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE

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

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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



### GEOGRAPHY

#### A-LEVEL

Understand how people's lives are affected by the world in which we live and explore the big environmental issues that challenge our future.

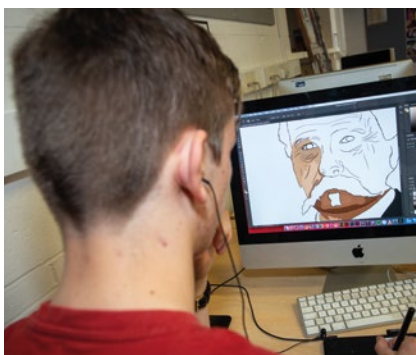
You will study both physical and human geography. By carrying out an investigation on a topic of your choice, as well as participating in at least four days of fieldwork, you will develop your skills in research and data analysis.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE

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

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 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: ADULT NURSING

### T-LEVEL \*

An exciting way to gain academic knowledge as well as undertake practical work placements. The technical qualification will include core theory, concepts and skills for the industry and specialist skills for adult nursing as a career. The college has invested in brand new state of the art nursing facilities to provide professional standard training.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

- The principles and applications of working in the health setting
- Working with health and science
- Human health
- Safety and environmental regulations
- Good scientific and clinical practice
- Core science concepts.

\*The course also includes 315 hours in an industry placement and completing occupational specialisms, including supporting the Adult Nursing Team.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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



## 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.

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 Language, Maths and a science (Single or Double Award). Students must have a DBS check carried out before starting the course.

## DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.





## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### HISTORY

#### A-LEVEL

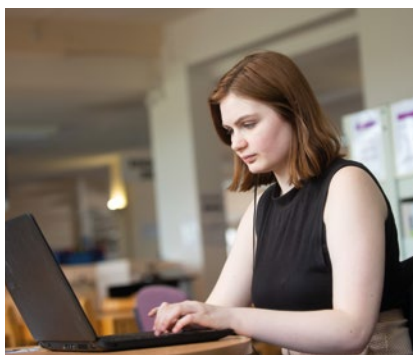
Deepen your understanding of the people and events that have shaped the world we live in today. Through three fascinating periods in history you will explore themes that have resonance right now and discuss their repercussions. This regime of study and discussion will develop critical and analytical skills that will open the door to an array of career 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 4 or above, including English Language.



### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD)

Learn how you can meet the demands of the information age, where knowledge of how technology is ever more integral to our world. 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.



### IT: DIGITAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS

#### T-LEVEL \*

You can gain the skills and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher-level technical training or study in the digital sector. The core knowledge and understanding will be assessed through an examination, and core skills through a practical employer-set project. In addition to this, maths, English and general digital skills will be integrated within the qualification in occupationally relevant contexts. Students will spend 315 hours in industry placements as part of this course.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE

##### Single and Double:

- Maths, English and general digital skills.

\*Students will spend 315 hours in industry placements.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

## DISCOVER MORE

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## LAW

### A-LEVEL

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, as well as the systems and processes which underpin our legal conventions, 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 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.



## LAW (APPLIED)

### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

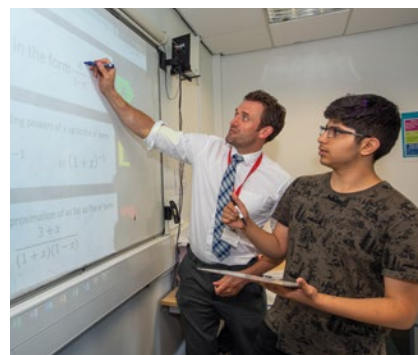
Gain a deeper understanding of the civil court system and criminal law, as well as the way law impacts every facet of our lives. You will learn to apply the legal concepts in a practical and theoretical way and develop skills in analysis, case research, and independent thinking.

### 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.



## MATHS

### A-LEVEL

Explores how mathematical ideas are interconnected and how it can be applied to model the real world. You explore 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 4 or above, including English Language and a grade 6 in Maths.

## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### POPULAR MUSIC

#### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD)

This practical and creative course will develop your performing skills as a soloist and bring invaluable experience of being part of an ensemble. You will learn how to begin your career as a professional musician and the history of rock and pop music to build on your notation, listening and composition skills. You will perform live to audiences 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)

Open up the world of recording technology and explore the many career paths available through recording studio or multi-income stream approaches. 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 an appreciation of what is involved and where your talent can take you.

#### 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.



### PERFORMING ARTS - MUSICAL THEATRE

#### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AND TRIPLE AWARD)

Students with an interest in and commitment to the performing arts will thrive on this practical course. You will develop your dance, acting and musical skills through workshops with industry experts and produce a wide range of performances, 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.

### DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for extra information about each course.







## PHOTOGRAPHY

(ART & DESIGN)

### A-LEVEL

Sharpen your approach to capturing an image and gain an understanding of the professional world of photography. Explore the practical and aesthetic aspects of photography and 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

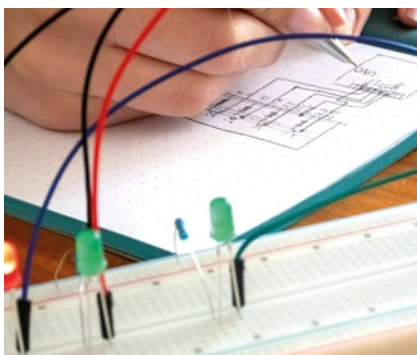
- Camera controls and settings
- Darkroom hand rendering techniques
- Photoshop editing techniques
- Mixed media experimentation
- Capturing movement.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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



## LEVEL 3 COURSES



### PHYSICS

#### A-LEVEL

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. Spanning the behaviour of subatomic particles to understanding the entire universe, learn how physics is at the heart of our very 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 4 or above, including Maths and Science (Physics or double award) at Grade 6 and English Language at Grade 5.



### PSYCHOLOGY

#### A-LEVEL

Learn how to conduct psychological research, analyse data, and formulate conclusions, as well as applying psychological theories to real life. This course takes a scientific approach to learning about key research and understanding behaviour.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE

- Seven 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 4 or above, including Maths, a science, and English Language.



### SCIENCE (APPLIED)

#### VOCATIONAL (SINGLE AWARD)

Explore the application of scientific knowledge to physical environments, and how it can be related to a number of different industries. Build on your knowledge of biology, chemistry, physics and scientific techniques. You will gain an 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.

### DISCOVER MORE

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## SOCIOLOGY

### A-LEVEL

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. Learn how to draw on a range of perspectives, evidence, and contemporary issues to 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 4 or above, including English Language.



## SPORT

### VOCATIONAL (TRIPLE AWARD)

Explore the physiological and psychological aspects of sport by combining academic study with playing both team and individual pursuits. You gain an understanding of the knowledge and skills required for a successful career in the sporting industry with 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)

Equip yourself for a career in sport with practical experience in sport science and disciplines including biomechanics, coaching, and psychological profiling. You will learn about anatomy, nutrition, 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.



## TEXTILES (ART & DESIGN)

### A-LEVEL

Develop your interest in colour, pattern, shape, form, texture, and decoration with this hands-on course. Practical workshops in printed, dyed and constructed textile design will develop your enjoyment of textiles and through 2-D work and your sketchbook, 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 4 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)

Get hands-on experience of the physical and mental challenges of a career in the uniformed protective services. Participate in a number of adventure activities including climbing and canoeing, as well as an overnight camping expedition. Hear first-hand accounts from outside speakers and visit a range of protective services deepen your understanding and inform your career choices.

### 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.

## DISCOVER MORE

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# **ACADEMIC & FOUNDATION (LEVEL 2)**

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VOCATIONAL

## LEVEL 2 COURSES



### BUSINESS

#### VOCATIONAL

Prepare for the challenges and excitement of a career in business and hone your entrepreneurial skills by studying real-life companies and understanding how they use business theory in a practical way.

You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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

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 and receive course-related work experience to 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

Build your knowledge and understanding of health and social care practices and develop the professional and personal skills that are required for working in the sector.

You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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

Develop your ICT skills, knowledge, and understanding by completing projects and assignments based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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

Get an invaluable introduction to a range of humanities and social science subjects. You will learn concepts and theories related to History, Sociology and Psychology, while further developing your study skills.

You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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

Learn fundamental elements of music and develop your instrumental/vocal skills while gaining an understanding of how the music industry works.

You will perform in front of live audiences and receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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.



## LEVEL 2 COURSES



## PUBLIC SERVICES AND SPORT

### VOCATIONAL

Develop your practical skills and gain a theoretical knowledge of sport and public services.

You will participate in and organise sports events and outdoor activities and receive hands-on experience through work placements to prepare you for study at Level 3 or further training.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

- Organising sports events
- 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

Gain an understanding of core science concepts in biology, chemistry and physics. Explore environmental, physical, and life sciences while developing your investigatory skills.

You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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

Develop your practical sports skills, as well as your gain an understanding of the theoretical aspects of sport. Learn about the impact and importance of exercise and nutrition and organise your own sports event. You will receive hands-on experience through work placements to 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 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS (LEVEL 1)**

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 SUPPORTIVE**

# YOUR COLLEGE DAY

**IT'S TIME TO STEP THINGS UP A GEAR. LIFE AT COLLEGE DIFFERS FROM SCHOOL IN A FEW WAYS. WE GIVE YOU A LOT MORE INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED IN THE LIFE AND WORLD THAT LIES BEYOND RICHARD TAUNTON. SO, WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLLEGE STUDENT?**



## LESSONS

**AT COLLEGE, YOU'LL STUDY FEWER SUBJECTS THAN YOU DID AT SCHOOL AND IN A LOT MORE DETAIL.**

Lessons typically last for two hours and there are no bells – we expect students to manage their own time. You are free to call your teacher by their first name.



## TUTORIAL

**YOUR PROGRESS AND SUPPORT TUTOR WILL EQUIP YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES THAT WILL EMPOWER YOU TO REACH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL.**

Weekly tutorial sessions will help develop your independent study skills and give you a chance to explore issues such as staying safe online, money management, alcohol and drug awareness, and career pathways.





## INDEPENDENT STUDY

**AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, YOU'LL SPEND AS MUCH TIME STUDYING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AS YOU WILL INSIDE.**

You might not be used to independent study sessions, but we'll teach you how to use this time effectively. Why not try working in our Learning Resource Centre with its dedicated study spaces.



## CLUBS AND TEAMS

**JOINING A CLUB OR TEAM IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.**

Whether you want to try your hand at something creative, or you're more of an active person, there will be a club for you. For more information about what's on offer, turn to page 46.

### DISCOVER MORE

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# YOUR STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

**THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF YOUR STUDIES YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING YOUR HEALTH, WELLBEING AND LEARNING. OUR RANGE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE CAN GIVE YOU A HELPING HAND TO ENSURE YOU REACH 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.

**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.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

**YOUR DEDICATED PROGRESS AND SUPPORT TUTOR WILL ENCOURAGE AND CHALLENGE YOU TO BE YOUR BEST.**

During weekly tutorial sessions, you will develop your study skills and explore issues like online safety and money management. Your Progress & Support Tutor will provide you with one-to-one care and attention and will work closely with your teachers to help you with any personal or academic support needs.

**Tutorial sessions will:**

- Help you develop your independent study skills
- Cover a range of personal, social, health and economic topics
- Teach you more about the world of work and your progression options
- Remote access to electronic resources.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You may be eligible for assistance with travel, a meal allowance in our café, and the loan of an electronic device. For more information, please visit our website or contact our Student Services team on:

**02380 514720** or **studserv@richardtaunton.ac.uk**.

## GET IN TOUCH

Please get in touch with our Learning Support Manager if you would like to discuss how we can support you.

**Tel:** 02380 514 784

**Email:** vinhah@richardtaunton.ac.uk



## STUDENT HUB

### OUR BRIGHT AND SPACIOUS STUDENT HUB IS A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY AND RESEARCH.

Our experienced and friendly team of librarians are happy to help you access a wide variety of resources which will support your studies.

#### The Student Hub 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.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

### THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND SEND TEAM WILL EQUIP YOU WITH THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN YOUR SUBJECTS.

They offer 1-to-1 sessions to identify areas in need of development and can create a tailored support plan to help you reach your targets. These sessions cover a range of areas, with everything from managing anxiety to essay writing skills.

The college supports students with a range of special educational needs. Depending on individual EHCP requirements, we can provide a personalised support programme including classroom support, which is regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure it is effective and supports progress to independent learning.



# YOUR STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

**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.**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Work experience is an important part of your college experience, and all students should look to undertake some during their time at college.

Placements will give you a great insight into the type of career you might be interested in and help you develop the skills needed for employment. Work experience is also imperative for some Higher Education courses. If you are looking to study medicine, health and social care related courses or veterinary science, admissions tutors will look closely to see whether you have undertaken any work experience alongside your course.

Doing so shows your commitment and dedication to the subject you are interested in, but also develops those soft skills that you might not get to use during your lessons. All students studying a pre level 3 programme and those on double/triple vocational courses are required to complete work experience as part of their course.

## **APPRENTICESHIPS**

We can help students secure apprenticeships, by assisting with applications, any tests that applicants must undertake, as well as practice 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.

## **EMPLOYABILITY**

There are many aspects linked to employability and we will offer you a menu of activities to ultimately make you more employable, whether this is to help you secure part time work, a work experience placement or getting that dream apprenticeship.

We will run a variety of workshops and events on the following topics:

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

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSION & UNIVERSITY**

We work closely with local universities (including Southampton, Surrey, Solent, Winchester, Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Chichester), as well as 'Into University' and the Southern Universities Network project, to help our students from all walks of life achieve their goals.

Help with university applications is available throughout the year and we have an excellent record for supporting student progression to highly selective universities.





## DISCOVER MORE

Please visit our website for more information about our courses.



# DIGITAL LEARNING

**AT RICHARD TAUNTON, YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF DIGITAL SERVICES. OUR AIM IS TO BUILD ON YOUR EXISTING KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT THE DIGITAL SKILLS THAT WORK AND LIFE NOW DEMAND.**

Technology has transformed the way we learn and teach at Richard Taunton. Across the college, staff use the latest tech to enhance face-to-face learning and empower students.

## STAY IN THE LOOP

From video calls to document sharing, it's never been easier to collaborate and connect with others. To achieve this, we use a range of digital tools.

## TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

It's important to have clear goals about what you want to achieve at college. You'll be able to use MyPortal to check your timetable, track your attendance, and keep tabs on how your studies are going.

## CREATE WITHOUT LIMITS

You'll regularly create and share work using apps commonly used in workplaces. Where relevant, we'll also give you access to specialist software packages like Adobe Creative Cloud.

## STUDY ANYTIME ANYWHERE

At home or in a local café, you're free to study independently wherever you feel most comfortable. All made easy by cloud storage and our expertly curated collection of e-resources.

## ACCESS DIGITAL DEVICES

We have over 350 desktop computers and 100 iMacs for you to work on. You can also borrow a laptop or tablet from our team of IT experts. The college is also wireless-enabled so you can study on your own device if you want.

## IPAD SCHEME

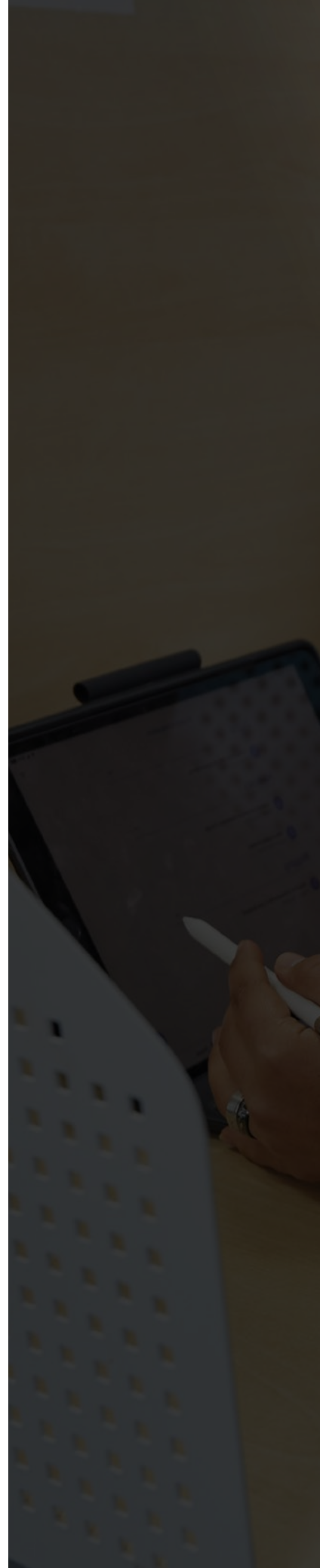
As a part of our digital learning revolution, we have partnered with academia to give students the opportunity to own an iPad!

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 during the full course of their studies through our bursary scheme.







**GET THE  
DIGITAL SKILLS  
THAT WORK AND  
LIFE DEMAND.**

# GET INVOLVED!

**GETTING INVOLVED IN COLLEGE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF YOUR LESSONS IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN. YOU CAN ALSO PICK UP SKILLS, LIKE TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING, WHICH YOU CAN INCLUDE ON YOUR CV. IT'S A WIN-WIN SITUATION!**

You can discover more about the teams and clubs we offer at our Applicant Event in June. Sign up will take place during your college induction.

## SPORTS TEAMS

At Richard Taunton, there's lots to choose from... basketball, boxing, dance, rugby, trampolining, weightlifting and more. Our students and sports teams compete (and win!) at county, regional, and national levels.

Do you already compete in a sport at junior or senior national level? Learn more about how we can support you with our Elite Athlete bursary.

## STUDENT UNION

By the students, for the students... our Students' Union is a way for you to 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 getting involved in 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!

## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

It's important to balance your college studies with recreational activities. Not only is joining a club or society a great way to relax, it's also a good opportunity to make some new friends. From ancient civilizations to creative writing, there's sure to be something that takes your fancy.

### Personal Development

- Duke of Edinburgh
- First Aid
- Student Ambassadors
- TSU (The Student Union).

### Active

- Football
- Netball
- Basketball
- Rugby
- Trampolineing
- Badminton
- Boxing
- Weightlifting
- Volleyball.

### Creative

- Art Club
- College Musical Production
- Music Enrichment
- Dance Live
- Release Dance Company.

### Personal Interest

- Book Club
- Christian Union
- LGBT Group
- Pen to Paper (Creative Writing)
- Latin or Roman Civilisation
- Software Skills
- Dungeons & Dragons.

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

## 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!







# GETTING TO US

**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.**

## 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](mailto:studserv@richardtaunton.ac.uk)

## FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Our shuttle bus service is free to all students. It stops at the Isle of Wight ferry terminal, West Quay, Southampton Central, and the college.

## 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.

## CYCLING

Cycling is a popular form of transport among our staff and students. We have a secure compound to store bikes, plus showers and changing facilities.

## PARKING

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

## TRAINS

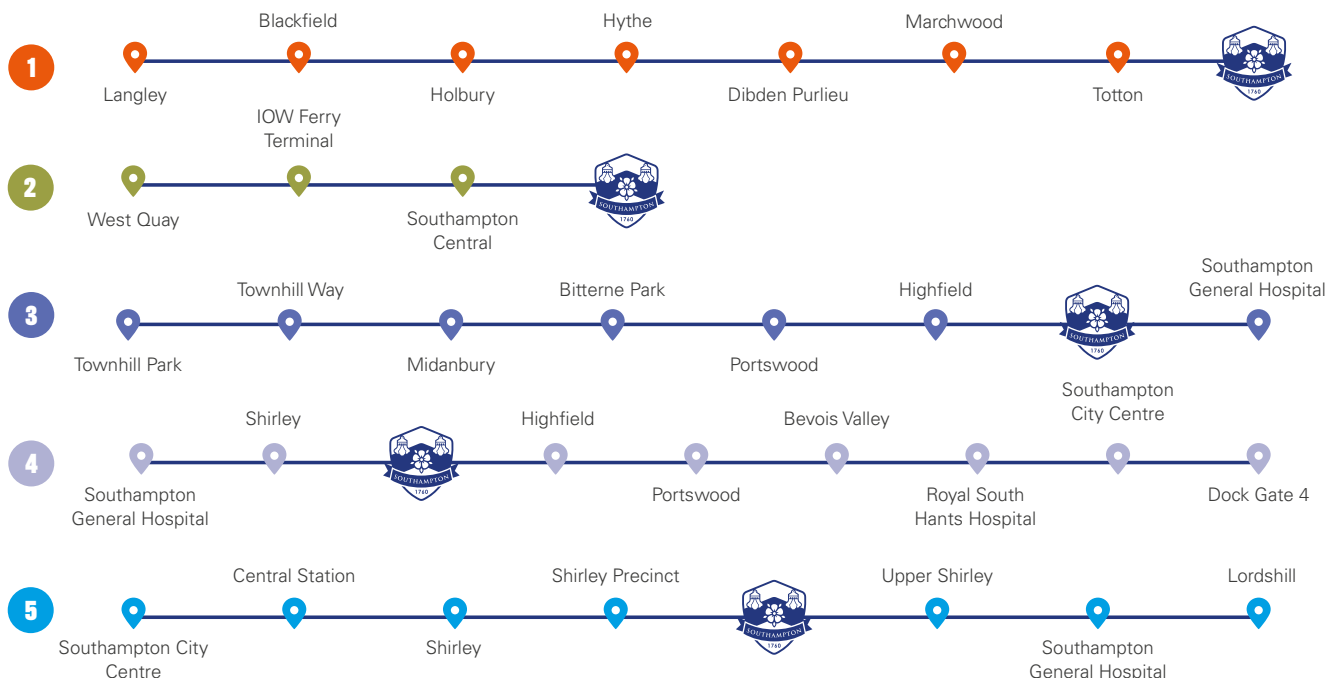
Southampton Central is our nearest train station, with direct routes from Totton, Eastleigh, Romsey and Winchester. From the station, students can walk or catch the free shuttle bus service to the college.

## 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.**

## WHEN CAN I APPLY?

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.

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

To apply for a place at Richard Taunton Sixth Form College, visit our website and fill out our online application form. Once we have received your application we will invite you in for a pre-enrolment interview to discuss your course choices and answer any questions that you may have.

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

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

## HOW MANY HOURS A WEEK WILL I SPEND IN LESSONS?

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.

## CAN I TRY OUT SOME COURSES?

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 school.

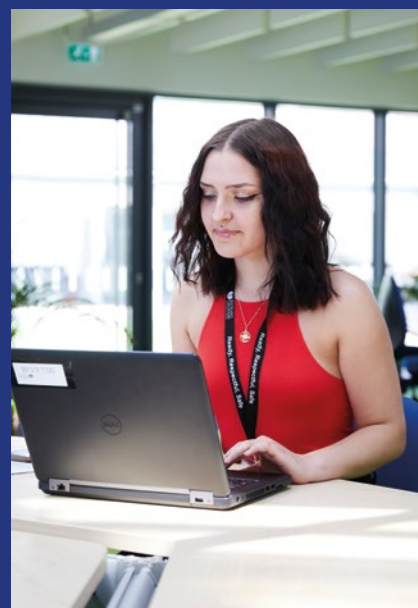
## WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE COURSES I HAVE APPLIED FOR?

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!

**Tel:** 02380 514776

**Email:** [admissions@richardtaunton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@richardtaunton.ac.uk)

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# THE LIGHTHOUSE LEARNING TRUST

**THE TRUST HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER RICHARD TAUNTON AND ST VINCENT COLLEGE WITH A VISION OF WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER LEARNING EXCELLENCE AND CAREER-LED PATHWAYS INTO HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT.**

We aim to combine academic excellence with ambitious career goals to give our young people the very best start in their working life.

We believe that by bringing our vision, mission, and values together, we will enhance opportunities for our students and staff, our community, and our region.

Our key aims show that we are focused on inclusion with the firm belief that every young person deserves an equal opportunity to shine and to achieve the best outcome for them.

We encourage our staff to become a community of teaching and learning professionals, linked closely with industry and other partners relevant to our curriculum.

We are committed to welcoming education providers who share our ambition, vision and values.

Together we can continue to build an outstanding inclusive education Trust.

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## DISCOVER MORE

Visit the Trust website to read more about our purpose and founding principles.



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