



**SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL**  
A Visual & Performing Arts, Maths & Computing College

# **COURSE INFORMATION BOOKLET**

**2021-22**



*Making every student university ready*



# WELCOME TO SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL



SIXTH FORM AT SOUTH WIRRAL WISHES TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING COURSES, SUBJECT TO SUITABILITY AND POPULARITY:

## LEVEL 3

Applied Science	Further Mathematics
Art	Geography
Biology	Health & Social Care
Business Studies	History
Chemistry	ICT
Computer Science	Law
Dance (Performance)	Mathematics
Drama & Theatre (Performance)	Philosophy & Ethics
Digital Photography	Physics
English Literature	Product Design
Extended Project Qualification	Psychology
Film Studies	Sport/PE
French	Travel & Tourism

## LEVEL 2

Child Development BTEC Tech	Travel & Tourism
Engineering	

NOTE: This subject list is not definitive, additional courses may run depending on demand.

# APPLIED SCIENCE



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Studying Applied Science can lead to a range of fascinating and rewarding careers such as Forensic Scientist, Biomedical Scientist, trainee Science Technician. This course can also be a platform to gain an Apprenticeship e.g Pharmacy or Dental Apprenticeship programmes.

The two year extended certificate course includes:

### Yr1 two units

- Principles and applications of Science 1 (external assessment) Unit size 90
- Practical Scientific procedures and Techniques (internal assessment of assignments) Unit size 90

### Yr2 two units

- Scientific Investigative Skills (external assessment) Unit size 120
- Biological molecules and metabolic pathways (internal assessment of assignments) Unit size 60

You'll gain hands on experience with practical activities such as titration, colorimetry, calorimetry, chromatography, calibration procedures and laboratory safety. These techniques are used in contract analysis, oil, biopharmaceuticals, water treatment and studying polymers. You'll also improve your analytical, evaluative and technical skills when completing the science investigative skills unit. The optional unit we have chosen is human regulation and reproduction. This covers an understanding of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, homeostasis and the hormonal control of reproduction. This course will provide you with the skills employers look for, and prepare you for a range of roles in the scientific industries or give you an excellent foundation for progression to Higher Education studying biochemistry, chemistry, forensic science and environmental science.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Facilities specific to your department
- Industry experts / experience
- Course style - e.g. assignments / practical investigative work plus external exam
- Excellent outstanding progress of students 2016-2017 including 58% achieving Distinction \* or Distinction
- Access to use of high quality lab-equipment
- We employ a range of teaching and learning techniques to ensure all students make progress on the course and develop the skills necessary to be successful
- We promote independent study, 'Flipped learning', and a 'Mastery' approach to learning

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Science technician
- Environmental manager.
- Nature conservation officer.
- Recycling officer.
- Sustainability consultant.
- Waste management officer.
- Water quality scientist.
- Analytical chemist
- Forensic scientist
- Toxicologist
- Research scientist
- Biomedical scientist

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Using complex scientific equipment for practical work
- Talks and lectures from industry experts
- Small teaching groups
- Personalised learning
- Opportunities to develop wider skills through supporting clubs & activities with younger students.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 in English & Maths. Minimum Grade 4/4 in GCSE combined Science or 4/4/4 in Triple Science. If these entry requirements are not met, further interviews would be necessary with the BTEC Level 3 coordinator.

*"I have enjoyed learning new experimental techniques and procedures alongside transferable skills such as organisation, self-assessment and problem solving."*

*- Applied Science Student*



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Are you ambitious, motivated and creative? This course is a practical making/creating course which uses a vast range of specialist materials and art techniques. You will be taken on a journey of exploration and skills development.

Students studying Fine Art will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of art media, processes and techniques. Traditional methods are studied as well as new media – the use of drawing for different purposes is studied, using a variety of methods and scales. Students will work in one or more areas of Fine Art such as drawing and painting, mixed media (collage), printmaking and photography. Relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design are studied, from the past and from recent times, including European and non European examples.

Trips will be taken to nearby art galleries and museums.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Experience trips and visits to Workshops and Gallery spaces to enrich your artwork
- Express your ideas through a broad range of media including oil paints on canvas
- Personalised projects designed to meet high levels of challenge and creativity reflecting issues in contemporary art and design.
- Excellent summer A Level results - 100% Grade A\*-C.
- Opportunities to present and celebrate your work as a final exhibition with family and friends.
- Graffiti Workshop day at Zap Studios in Liverpool.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Illustration
- Advertising
- Graphic design
- Fashion design
- Architecture
- Curator museum and gallery education
- Interior design
- Education in fields of art and design
- Art Therapy

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Potential to create and personalise your portfolio for interviews post 18 education to degree and or art college applications
- Freedom of project choices
- Trips and visits for different learning contexts
- Developing high levels of artistic skills in the visual elements

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 GCSE Fine Art or GCSE Photography - Imaginative attitude, Creative minds. Enjoy practical skills and using a variety of tools and equipment

*“Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.”*

# BIOLOGY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Studying A level Biology could lead to careers in the following areas: Biotechnology, Lecturing, Microbiology, Nanotechnology, Conservation, Pharmacology, Radiography, Neuroscience, Midwifery and could help you to become a General Practice doctor or Veterinary surgeon.

You'll gain hands on experience with practical activities such as microscopy, dissection, colorimetry, microbiological techniques, chromatography and qualitative techniques to name a few! These techniques are used by University students studying degree-level Science courses and potentially in a future career you might have. You will improve your analytical, evaluative and technical skills, and become competent in complex lab-based work. This will provide you with the skills employers look for, and prepare you for a range of roles in the scientific industries or give you an excellent foundation for progression to Higher Education.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Access to use of high quality lab-equipment
- Expert training and demonstrations on how to use high-level equipment
- We aim to bring in 'Industry experts' over the course of AS/A2 to give talks on working in the Science industry e.g. a past student from Unilever to give insight into a day in the life of a Scientist there
- We employ a range of teaching and learning techniques to ensure all students make progress on the course and develop the skills necessary to be successful
- We promote independent study, 'Flipped learning', 'Mark-scheme manipulation' and a 'Mastery' approach to learning

## JOB IN THE INDUSTRY

- Biotechnologist
- Higher education lecturer
- Microbiologist
- Nanotechnologist
- Nature conservation officer
- Pharmacologist
- GP
- Research scientist
- Teacher
- Soil scientist
- Zoologist
- Marine biologist

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Using complex scientific equipment for practical work
- Talks and lectures from industry experts
- Small teaching groups
- Personalised learning
- Opportunities to develop wider skills through supporting clubs & activities with younger students.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in English & Maths  
Grade 5/6 at GCSE in Combined Science or 5/5/6 Triple Sciences

*"I like to define biology as the history of the earth and all its life - past, present, and future"*

*Rachel Carson*

# BUSINESS STUDIES



## COURSE OVERVIEW

The business course is a mix of coursework and exam. During the course you will cover 4 units in the extended certificate and 8 units in the Diploma. Through real-life business case studies you will learn the key functions of business through financial accounting and management, the key practices of marketing and product promotion, how to recruit and motivate staff as well as understanding the impact of economic and legal factors.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Excellent track record of outstanding results with specialist Business teachers with a wealth of experience Enthusiastic and dedicated staff that will support you to achieve your very best
- Small groups which will enable you to receive lots of individual help and support
- Trip to London

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Past students have gone on to study:

- Accountancy
- Public relations
- Retail management
- Supply chain management
- Fashion buying
- Merchandising

The opportunities are limitless with a business qualification.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Staff who know you and know how to get the best out of you
- Plenty of opportunities for independent learning to support you in developing as a student, ready for the next challenges in your life whether it's university or work

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSE's at Grade 5 or 4 including GCSE Maths and GCSE English Grade 4

*"Business will definitely help me in the future as I want to be an accountant"*

*- Business Studies Student*

# CHEMISTRY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Pick up a can of soft drink and you'll find chemistry everywhere, from the metal can you're holding, to the paint used to cover it and the liquid inside. Watch the TV and chemistry explains that too.

Just breathe in and out and you're performing a chemical reaction, which is a little scary, but pretty great too...

Chemistry is sometimes known as the "central science" because it helps to connect physical sciences, like maths and physics, with applied sciences, like biology, medicine and engineering.

Topics covered include:

The periodic table; Electrons, bonding and structure; Transition Elements; Organic synthesis and Enthalpy, Entropy and Free Energy.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Access to use of high quality lab-equipment
- Expert training and demonstrations on how to use high-level equipment
- Expert teaching from teachers who are masters in their field
- We teach in a range of styles to suit your learning, to ensure you are making the best progress you can, to achieve the necessary skills to be successful

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Chemistry will help you get ahead in most STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) careers and more besides.
- Chemistry is an important subject for careers  
in: medicine, environmental science, engineering, toxicology, developing consumer products, metallurgy (studying how metals behave), space exploration, developing perfumes and cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, software development and research.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Small teaching groups
- Personalised learning
- Opportunities to develop wider skills through supporting clubs and activities with younger students.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade 5 in English and Maths  
Grade 5/6 at GCSE combined science or 5/5/6 Triple Science

*"Chemistry, unlike other sciences sprang originally from delusions and superstitions, and was at its commencement exactly on a par with magic and astrology."*

*Thomas Thomson*



# COMPUTER SCIENCE



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Computer scientists theorise, design, develop, and apply the software and hardware for the programmes we use day in day out. Every industry uses computers so naturally computer scientists can work in any. Problems in science, engineering, health care, and so many other areas can be solved by computers. It's up to the computer scientist to figure out how, and design the software to apply the solution.

A good grade in Computer Science at A level is valued by universities and employers since it requires the development of analytical thinking and problem solving skills. This course also lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Computer Science, Engineering, Physics or related subjects in higher education.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Small group teaching with lots of support
- Friendly approachable staff

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Application analyst
- Business analyst
- Data analyst
- Database administrator
- Games developer
- Information systems manager
- IT consultant
- Multimedia programmer and many more.

Recent graduates have a starting salary of £23,144 (Complete university guide)

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Continuity of study with teachers who know you and what you are capable of achieving.
- Small teaching groups which means lots of support when you need it.
- Plenty of opportunities for independent learning to support you in developing as a student, ready for the next challenges in your life whether it's university or work

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 6 GCSE in Computing and a Grade 6 GCSE in Mathematics

*"Computer Science is the operating system for all innovation"*

*- Steve Ballmer*

# DANCE (PERFORMANCE)



## COURSE OVERVIEW

**Equivalent in size to one A Level.**

The Performance **Dance** Btec is a new course designed especially for our stronger performing students and allows you to tap into your creative self like no other course can.

You will take part in practical workshops in order to develop your discipline and improve your skills through internal and external visits.

**Assessment** - Five units, of which two are mandatory and one is external (over two years).  
Mandatory content (50%). External assessment (33%).

This qualification offers an engaging programme to support learners who want to pursue a career in dance. It can prepare learners for a range of Apprenticeships in performance-related areas. When taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications, it supports access to a range of higher education courses in the performing arts sector and University.

### 2 Mandatory units

- 3 Group Performance Workshop  
Mandatory and Synoptic External
- 34 Developing Skills and Techniques  
for Performance Mandatory Internal

### Optional units – learners complete three more units (over 2 years)

- Classical Ballet Technique
- Tap Dance Technique
- Jazz Dance Technique
- Street Dance Technique
- Contemporary Dance Technique
- Healthy Dancer
- Choreography for Live Performance
- Improvisation
- Movement in Performance
- Physical Theatre Techniques

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Highly qualified staff
- Proven track record of outstanding results
- We know you; your abilities, your strengths, your needs
- We have access to a wealth of industry experts

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Dancer/performer/musician
- Director
- 
- Backstage work
- Film and television
- Marketing
- Travelling in the industry

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Trips to local and regional theatres
- Outside visitors to support learning
- Research trips for information gathering

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 4 GCSE Dance/Drama/Music and Grade 4 GCSE in English Language as well as theoretical ability

*“This course is challenging yet rewarding”*

*- Performing Arts Student*

# DRAMA & THEATRE



## COURSE OVERVIEW

OCR's A Level in Drama and Theatre has been designed to be a practical, engaging and creative course! It will provide students with opportunities to interrogate drama and the work of others, to explore a range of drama as a practical art form, and to work independently to create your own drama performances making informed artistic choices.

The main purpose of this qualification is to allow learners to study drama and theatre in an academic setting, interrogating this art form and applying their knowledge and understanding to the process of creating and developing drama and theatre and to their own performance work.

It will also prepare learners for the further study of Drama or Performing Arts courses in Higher Education as well as developing transferable skills desired by all sectors of the industry.

## ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

1. Practitioners in Practice-Learners will research and practically explore practitioners and the work of others **(40% of total A Level)**
2. Exploring and Performing Texts-Learners will explore one performance text **(20% of total A Level)**
3. Analysing Performance-Learners will explore practically two performance texts on a chosen theme and will analyse and evaluate a live theatre performance **(20% of total A Level)**
4. Deconstructing texts for performance-Learners will interpret and explore practically a performance text considering how to create, develop and direct a performance for an audience **(20% of total A Level)**

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Continuity of study with teachers who know you and what you are capable of achieving  
We offer smaller class sizes in comparison to colleges with more one-to one support as a result  
Drama and Theatre is taught by passionate and enthusiastic teachers!

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Director/Performer
- Backstage Crew
- Theatre/TV/Radio/YouTube/Podcast work
- Marketing
- Travelling in the industry
- Transferrable skills that you can apply to any future career!

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Trips, visits and residencies to local and regional theatres
- External practitioners to support learning
- The use of a fully equipped Drama Studio plus one-to one support

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 GCSE Drama, Grade 5 GCSE English Literature and Language as well as theoretical ability.

*"This course is challenging yet rewarding"*

*- Performing Arts Student*

# DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Students enjoy using a variety of DSLR Cameras and lighting equipment.

Experimentation is an essential part of the early stages of the course leading to refining and an in depth understanding of how to create images.

We encourage students to take photographs in the wider environment as well as in the classroom setting.

Course structure

Unit 1 - A Photographic theme decided upon by the student and staff which shows them to the best of their ability.

Unit 2 - A Practical Exam with a set theme which is very open to interpretation.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Continuity of study with teachers who know you and what you are capable of achieving
- We offer smaller groups than you may find in college with more one-to-one personal learning and more opportunities to get help

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Photography is a secondary skill used to record evidence by a wide variety of professions including:

- Engineers
- Graphics designers
- Marketing Officers
- Website Designers
- Photographers

and anyone who wants to keep a record of their work and events.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

Students like the creative learning environment and the opportunity to develop and practice new skills they have acquired.

We have a visit to Graffiti workshops and Galleries as part of the course. This is a subject where students can have a huge part in the decisions on their area of study.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 4 GCSE in Fine Art or Photography

*“A great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels, in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed”*

*- Ansel Adams*

# ENGINEERING

# NCFE TECHNICAL AWARD LEVEL 2



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Studying a NCFE Technical Award in Engineering can lead to a range of fascinating and rewarding opportunities and careers in the future. Engineering covers many different and varied sectors from Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering right through to Chemical Engineering and Digital and Communications Network Engineering.

This course enables learners to develop a significant core of knowledge and understanding in engineering and be able to apply their learning. You will be able to read technical drawings, select appropriate materials along with tools and machinery, and know how to carry out a practical task, working in a safe manner in line with current health and safety legislation.

Assessment is based on 2 units:

Unit 1: Written external exam (40%)

Unit 2: Synoptic project, internally assessed (60%)

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Work is a mixture of Coursework, Practical and Exam based assessment.
- Specialist teaching staff focused on key skill areas.
- Developing transferable skills.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Engineering is a very broad sector of industry. This course can open up the opportunities to go on and study in particular areas of engineering or move onto an apprentice that can lead to future career.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Workshops you can use to improve your skills.
- Small teaching groups.
- Transferable practical skills will be developed during this course

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2 or more GCSE's at Grade 2 and above

*"It is an excellent subject where I gained a lot of experience for my future career"*

*- Engineering Student*

# ENGLISH LITERATURE



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Students study a minimum of eight texts, including at least two examples of each of the genres of prose, poetry and drama, to develop their ability to analyse and evaluate literary texts across a variety of genres and periods.

### Component 01: Drama and poetry pre-1900

There are two sections.

**Section 1:** Shakespeare – Hamlet

**Section 2:** Drama and poetry pre-1900, students study one pre-1900 drama text and one pre-1900 poetry text:  
Drama Text – The Duchess of Malfi, Poetry Text - John Milton: Paradise Lost Books 9 & 10

### Component 02: Comparative and contextual study

Students choose one topic area and study at least two whole texts, one of which must be from the core set text list for their chosen topic area:

The Gothic - Bram Stoker Dracula, Oscar Wilde - The Picture of Dorian Gray.

### Component 03: Literature post-1900

This component encourages individual study, interest and enjoyment of modern literature. Students study three literary texts, which must include one prose text, one poetry text, and one drama text. All texts must have been first published or performed after 1900, and at least one must have been first published or performed after 2000. Texts in translation are not permitted.

There are two tasks:

Close reading or re-creative writing with commentary – both must be based on one literary text

Comparative essay – must be based on two literary texts

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Class sizes are ideal for studying literature and at South Wirral with lessons frequently involving group discussion and debate allowing each student the opportunity to discuss their ideas and challenge the ideas of others. We also ensure that students are supported in the step up to A-level through structured guidance on developing academic writing and understanding critical perspectives which provide an excellent foundation for studying English Literature at a higher level. Additional revision sessions and support in the drafting of non examined assessments are a standard for the teachers of the course.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

English Literature is a challenging and complex qualification. As such, employers recognise the skills and attributes required to obtain it and the ability to analyse, argue and communicate complex ideas are sought after in a range of industries. Former South Wirral English Literature have gone onto careers in journalism, media, performance art and publishing,

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least one Grade 5 and one Grade 6 in English Literature and English Language

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- The challenge of the course
- The freedom to develop your own interpretations and ideas.
- The support you'll receive from your teachers

*"While thought exists, words are alive and literature becomes an escape, not from, but into living"*

- Cyril Connolly

# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION



## COURSE OVERVIEW

A stand-alone Level 3 (level 2 also available) qualification. A student will choose an area of interest, draft a title and aims for the project. They will then plan, research and carry out the project in any format. The student will deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience and provide evidence of all stages of development along with supervision. It can be a product of either a written essay / dissertation of 5000 words or an artefact presentation, CD, film or other product with a report of 1000 words.

### Key Skills

- Managing, planning
- Research
- Analyse data
- Select and use a range of skills
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Evaluation
- Organisation
- Communication
- Presentation and creativity

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Excellent taught skills programme with a variety of teachers
- Ability to extend study outside of school to strengthen project (i.e. visiting primary resources)
- One to one supervisor support
- Excellent results year on year

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Journalism
- Data Analyst
- Project Development
- Skills apply to all jobs

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Independent study time
- Ability to use non contact time out of school for research
- Flexibility in course structure - work at own pace

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade 4 in English Language and Individual interviews with one EPQ Coordinator

*“When you enjoy what you do,  
work becomes play”*

# FILM STUDIES



## COURSE OVERVIEW

**Develop core academic skills valued by Higher Education**

**This OCR specification has been designed to allow learners:**

- to develop analytical, discursive writing skills and become confident readers of film in terms of key concepts such as narrative, genre, aesthetics, spectatorship and representation
- to investigate and explore various critical debates ranging from film poetics to the Auteur and realism to expressionism
- to develop research, investigative and production skills and to work both independently and collaboratively with others
- to develop evaluative skills that allow them to evaluate their own productions in relation to critical approaches and professionally produced films.

**Study an exciting and enriching subject area!**

**This OCR specification has been designed to give learners the following opportunities:**

- to embrace film as both an art form and a medium of communication and to study and enjoy a diverse range of films set by OCR
- to engage with film's broad, cultural and historical heritage and gain an understanding of how meaning has been created through film from the silent era to the present day
- to explore the historic European film movements that helped shape filmmaking in the 20th century
- to explore how film represents different cultures and societies and investigate the ideologies that shape film, and that are shaped by film
- to explore different film forms, such as short films, experimental films, documentary films and silent films
- to explore production processes, technologies and the significance of both viewing conditions to the spectator and the digital in film
- to apply academic and theoretical knowledge into their own production of a short fiction or experimental film or screenplay and produce an evaluation of their production.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Class sizes are ideal for studying Film. We ensure that students are supported in the step up to A-level through structured guidance on developing academic writing and understanding critical perspectives which provide an excellent foundation for studying Film at a higher level. We have direct links with institutions such as the BBC, giving students, first hand experience of life in media. Additional revision sessions and support in the drafting of non examined assessments are a standard for the teachers of the course.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Media planner
- Multimedia specialist
- Programme researcher, broadcasting/film/video
- Public relations officer
- Runner, broadcasting/film/video
- Social media manager
- Television/film/video producer
- Web content manager
- Advertising account executive
- Broadcast journalist
- Editorial assistant
- Event manager
- Film director
- Information officer
- Magazine journalist
- Market researcher
- UX designer
- Writer

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- It is contained within the English faculty
- The challenge of the course
- The freedom to develop your own interpretations and ideas.
- The support you'll receive from your teachers

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 at GCSE Language or Literature

*“Relating a person to the whole world: that is the meaning of cinema.”*

ANDREI TARKOVSKY



# FRENCH



## COURSE OVERVIEW

The A level course in French is designed to develop further your competence and confidence in the key language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing but also allows you to become more familiar with the culture and society of French-speaking countries. Students will be expected to acquire an excellent command of French grammar and syntax and consolidate their learning with independent research and revision building on their own interests. The course includes a variety of aspects of French-speaking society such as social issues and trends; political and artistic culture; and the study of literary texts and films.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Sixth Form French classes are small, focused, and hard-working and consist of students who, like you, share the aim of improving their language skills and learning more about Francophone culture. New opportunities are developing all the time and Sixth Form students are likely to benefit most from any links made to schools in French speaking countries. In previous years, the “Language Leaders” award has given Sixth Formers the opportunity to work with younger students in the classroom and is highly recognised by employers.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

We can't ignore that our country is changing and now more than ever the skills of talented linguists are highly desirable to employers. Languages open the door to numerous subject—language-specific professions such as translation, teaching, marketing and travel and tourism but they are also widely recognised as a challenging and prestigious and compliment applications to university courses such as medicine, veterinary sciences, law and engineering amongst others. With your polished language skills travelling and working abroad becomes easier and international businesses will want you in their team!

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

It's an exciting time to be an MFL student at South Wirral. An entirely new French department consists of dedicated and inspiring teachers who have lived and worked in French speaking countries and had proven success with A Level groups. The new department is building resources tailored to what you need, for you to be successful and enjoy studying the subject. We won't lie to you and say French is easy but we will provide you with all the support you need to be successful in A Level French.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE French and Grade 4 in GCSE English

*“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way”*

*- Frank Smith*

# FURTHER MATHEMATICS



## COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level Further Mathematics is a versatile qualification, well-respected by employers and is a “facilitating” subject for entry to Higher Education. Careers for men and women with good mathematics skills and qualifications are not only well paid, but they are also often interesting and rewarding. People who have studied mathematics are in the fortunate position of having an excellent choice of career. Whilst the number of young people studying A-Level Further Mathematics is increasing there is still a huge demand from science, engineering and manufacturing employers.

Our A-Level Further Mathematics course follows the AQA specification which extends the methods you learned at GCSE but includes more applications of mathematics, such as Statistics and Mechanics:

**Statistics** – Collecting and analysing data and using this to make predictions about future events. Many A-Level & BTEC subjects, such as Psychology, Geography, Business Studies and the Sciences make use of statistical information and techniques. An understanding of probability and risk is important in careers like Insurance, Medicine, Engineering and the Sciences.

**Mechanics** – Modelling and analysing the physical world around us, including the study of forces and motion. Mechanics is particularly useful to students studying Physics and Engineering

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Continuity of study with teachers who know you and what you are capable of achieving
- We offer smaller groups than you may find in college with more one-to-one personal learning and more opportunities to get help
- Plenty of opportunities for independent learning to support you in developing as a student, ready for the next challenges in your life whether it's university or work.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Accounting & Finance
- Medicine, Engineering
- Forensic Pathology
- Teaching
- IT
- Games Development & Programming
- Scientific Research
- The Civil Service
- Design & Construction
- Astrophysics

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Small teaching groups
- Highly-qualified, supportive teachers who know you well
- Studying A-Level Further Mathematics is likely to improve your grade in A-Level Mathematics. The extra time, additional practice, further consolidation and development of techniques can contribute to improved results in A-Level Mathematics

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 8 in GCSE Maths and you must be taking A-Level Mathematics

*“The only way to learn mathematics is to do mathematics”*

*- Paul Halmos*

# GEOGRAPHY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Geography is the study of the world we live in, its environments, landscapes and natural disasters, and the relationship between people and environments. One of the most wide-ranging A level subjects, geography is a mix of social and physical sciences, combining study of the planet's physical properties with a focus on societies and how they interact.

A level - examined at the end of year 13

Paper 1 – 2 Hours (30% of the A level) - Tectonic Hazards, Landscape Systems, Process and Change, The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity, The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security, Coastal Landscapes and Change.

Paper 2 - 2 Hours (30% of the A level) - Globalisation, Regenerating Places, Superpowers, Global Development and Connections

Paper 3 – 1 hour and 45 minutes (20% of the A level) - Synoptic paper based on a resource booklet about a geographical issue.

Coursework – Independent Investigation (20% of the A level)

The coursework may relate to any aspect of Geography covered in the course.

Fieldwork - A level Geographers must complete a minimum of 4 days fieldwork across the two years. This year the trip will be to Devon for four days to study coasts.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Geography is taught by passionate teachers who know you best. We have a proven track record of getting students onto the best geography courses at top universities.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Geography is the subject that employers crave because geographers are multi-skilled and are creative as well as seeing the World through different perspectives, geographers excel at independent investigation.

There are a broad range of careers open to a geography graduate. You could do anything from working in the war room of a royal navy vessel, to working with the environment agency, running housing schemes, or working almost anywhere in the public sector. With further qualifications or training, you could also teach geography, do urban design or town planning, or become a chartered surveyor.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE Geography, however it is not compulsory to have studied Geography GCSE in these circumstances we will accept grade 5 in English and/or Science in lieu of a Geography grade.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- We are a small and friendly department within the humanities and languages faculty.
- We will be organising an excellent opportunity for you to study geography on a residential trip - location yet to be decided.

*“I really love the fact that Geography covers such a variety of topics, for example this year we are covering Superpowers including the USA and Russia and how they compete globally. I really enjoyed the fieldwork opportunities offered by the department and the teachers are great.”*

*- Geography Student*

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



## COURSE OVERVIEW

The course provides young people with a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification for entry into employment in the health and social care sector as well as higher education.

The Level 3 course contains 2 Units for the Certificate (AS) and 4 Units for the Extended Certificate (A level). The course is made up of units covering such topics as: • Early years growth and development through the life stages • Working in the Health Sector • Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs • Physiological disorders and their care

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Within the health and social care department we offer a flexible approach to learning taking into account the needs of the individual student. We offer smaller groups than you may find in college with more one-to-one personal learning and more opportunities to get help.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

It's all about helping people. Careers in healthcare are about helping people who are having problems with their physical health. Careers in social care are concerned with helping vulnerable people in the community and providing them with support so that they can benefit from a much more improved way of life.

Jobs opportunities include:

- Nurse.
- Counsellor.
- Occupational therapist.
- Social worker.
- Youth worker.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- You will receive continuity of study with good, friendly teachers and good pastoral care, and we offer the best advice because we know you well.
- You will also have the opportunity gain valuable experience volunteering within a health and social care setting.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 4 in GCSE English and preferably a level 2 pass in Health and Social Care

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

*- Winston Churchill*

# HISTORY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Over the 2 years you will study a fantastic AQA History A level course covering two examination units and one historical investigation:

- Breadth study: 1D – Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy (1603-1702). This is assessed by a 2 hour 30 minute exam with 3 questions. One compulsory historical interpretations question and then 2 essay questions. 40% of A level grade.
- Depth Study: 2O – Democracy and Nazism: Germany (1918-45). This is assessed by a 2 hour 30 minute exam with 3 questions. One compulsory source analysis question and then 2 essay questions. 40% of A level grade.
- Historical investigation - a personal study over a period of 100 years. The work must be between 3,000 – 3,500 words and will be assessed by teachers and moderated by AQA.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

We know you best and how to get the best out of you. We know you'll really enjoy our engaging units of study and a more personal teaching style. We will support you to make the transition from GCSE to A level but provide challenge to prepare you for university or your future career. Our impressive alumni record speaks for itself!

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

The key skills you learn through studying History open up a world of opportunities in a wide variety of careers. You will be researching historical information, note-taking, analysing evidence, writing essays and assignments, making decisions, justifying your arguments, completing presentations and meeting deadlines.

Some examples of careers that require these skills are:

- Archaeologist
- Barrister
- Civil Service
- History teacher
- Historian
- Journalist
- Management
- Police Officer
- Researcher
- Solicitor
- University Lecturer

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Staff with a lot of experience of teaching A level so we know how to get you results.
- You will receive excellent pastoral care, advice and guidance.
- You'll develop independent learning strategies to get you ready for university and your career.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE History - If you have not studied History at GCSE, you need a minimum Grade 4 in GCSE English.

*"We are not makers of history. We are made by history"*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr*



## COURSE OVERVIEW

This National Extended Certificate in Information Technology qualification is designed for students who are interested in an introduction to the study of creating IT systems to manage and share information. You will study a mix of 2 internally assessed pieces of work and 2 externally assessed examinations. One unit explores the way social media is used for business purposes. You will look at the impact of social media on how businesses promote their products and services. You will explore relationships between the hardware and software that form IT systems, the way they work individually and together as well as the relationship between user and system. The examined units focus on databases and spreadsheets, developing the key skills of planning, research, decision making, project management, IT skills, analytical skills and creative development.

When taken alongside complementary or contrasting subjects such as maths, science, arts or technology this qualification gives learners the opportunity to progress to a degree in an IT discipline or a degree where IT related skills may be advantageous. This BTEC goes well with Business level 3 qualifications.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

We have a dedicated staff of ICT specialists with an excellent track record of great results.  
We have links with a Social Media company to deliver course content

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Computer arts, Fashion Buying, Management, Accounting and Finance are just some of the varied jobs. The social media unit specifically provides a starting point for progression to roles such as social media specialist, content developer or web developer.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

Small teaching groups which means lots of support when you need it

Plenty of opportunities for independent learning to support you in developing as a student, ready for the next challenges in your life whether it's university or work

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE English, GCSE Maths

*"Technology should be an important ingredient. It may be and should be a tool for social development."*



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Are you interested in how the English Legal System works? Do you know what is the difference between Criminal and Civil Law? Would you like to understand how are laws made?

### **Criminal liability**

You will examine non-fatal offences against the person, for example GBH and ABH and how these crimes are sentenced.

### **Civil liability**

You will examine the law of negligence and how civil disputes can be solved outside of court, including what remedies are available.

### **Law making**

You will explore the process by which both Parliament and the EU create the law and how the courts develop and interpret these laws.

### **Dispute solving**

You will explore how the Criminal and Civil Courts operate and the different legal and lay personnel involved.

### **Legal system and criminal law**

You will learn about the operation of courts in England and Wales and the personnel involved in criminal and civil law. You will also learn about a variety of homicide offences (e.g murder) and property offences (e.g theft).

### **Law making and tort law**

You will learn how laws are made inside and outside of parliament, as well as how the courts develop laws. You will also learn about a variety of torts such as occupier's liability and the remedies available.

### **Further law and human rights**

You will examine how law interacts with society and technology and how it is influenced by our view of morals and justice. You will study in detail the development and impact of human rights law in England and Wales.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Small class sizes
- New exciting course
- Highly qualified and supportive teachers.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Studying Law also provides students with valuable transferable skills, for example reasoning, analytical skills and problem solving skills through the application of legal rules, together with an understanding of legal method and reasoning. These skills provide excellent preparation for those students who wish to progress to degree level study or pursue a wide range of careers.

Beyond the traditional law-related careers as a barrister or solicitor, a qualification in Law will allow you to develop a career as a para-legal or join government agencies such as the Police or the Crown Prosecution Service.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including at least a grade 5 in English Language.

*"It is better to risk saving a guilty man than to condemn an innocent one."*

*- Voltaire*

# MATHEMATICS



## COURSE OVERVIEW

A-Level Mathematics is a versatile qualification, well-respected by employers and is a “facilitating” subject for entry to Higher Education. Careers for men and women with good mathematics skills and qualifications are not only well paid, but they are also often interesting and rewarding. People who have studied mathematics are in the fortunate position of having an excellent choice of career. Whilst the number of young people studying A-Level Mathematics is increasing there is still a huge demand from science, engineering and manufacturing employers.

Our A-Level Mathematics course follows the AQA specification which extends the methods you learned at GCSE but includes more applications of mathematics, such as Statistics and Mechanics:

**Statistics** – Collecting and analysing data and using this to make predictions about future events. Many A-Level & BTEC subjects, such as Psychology, Geography, Business Studies and the Sciences make use of statistical information and techniques. An understanding of probability and risk is important in careers like Insurance, Medicine, Engineering and the Sciences.

**Mechanics** – Modelling and analysing the physical world around us, including the study of forces and motion. Mechanics is particularly useful to students studying Physics and Engineering

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Continuity of study with teachers who know you and what you are capable of achieving
- We offer smaller groups than you may find in college with more one-to-one personal learning and more opportunities to get help
- Plenty of opportunities for independent learning to support you in developing as a student, ready for the next challenges in your life whether it's university or work

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Accounting & Finance
- Medicine
- Engineering
- Forensic Pathology
- Teaching
- IT
- Games Development & Programming
- Scientific Research
- The Civil Service
- Design & Construction
- Astrophysics

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Small teaching groups
- Highly-qualified, supportive teachers who know you well
- Challenge

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 6 in GCSE Maths

*“Maths at SWHS didn't just help me achieve the grades I needed to go to University, but they helped me to communicate complex ideas, improve my problem solving skills, and made me a self-starter. These transferable skills were so valuable to me during my time studying Neuroscience at The University of Manchester - a course which also involved much more Maths than I first thought!”*

*- Maths Alumni*





## COURSE OVERVIEW

Have you enjoyed the components you have studied at GCSE (Performing, Composing, and Understanding Music) and would like to study these in more depth at A Level? Well look no further! A Level Music is an exciting and wide ranging subject, enabling you to further develop your ability in the following areas:

- **Perform** a short recital of music lasting more than 10 minutes. The minimum music grade for the performances is **grade 5** but it would be an advantage to be able to perform at a higher grade. Performance is worth **35%** of your A Level.
- **Compose** two pieces of music, one a free composition and one a set brief (just like GCSE) which has a combined total length of over 4.5 minutes. Record your music on Reaper. Composition is worth **25%** of your A Level.
- **Appraising music** (very similar to the listening and set works elements of GCSE) involves studying music and set works from the Western Classical Tradition, Popular Music and Musical Theatre. Appraising music is worth **40%** of your A Level.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Highly qualified staff.
- Continue to be taught by your GCSE music teacher who already knows your strengths, which can be built on and developed over the course of A Level Music.
- Your music teacher will offer interventions and 1:1 tuition, should the need arise.
- Your music teacher will continue to liaise with parents regarding your progress.
- You will be taught in a small group, enabling you to progress at the rate that is right for you.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Composer
- Performer
- Recording industry
- A&R Manager
- Concert Promoter
- Music Producer
- Tour Manager
- Music Business
- Music Journalist
- Music Education
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Radio and Television
- Music Therapy
- Music Industry Merchandising
- Music Technology
- Musical Theatre
- Sound Engineer

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Access to music recording software at any time, any day.
- Access to practice rooms to rehearse performances at any time, any day
- Take part in a range of extra-curricular clubs and performances throughout the year.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 minimum at GCSE

Grade 5 minimum in performing (you don't need to have taken the grade 5 exam)

*“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”*

— Plato

# PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS



## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will develop analytical and comprehension skills and provide you with an excellent foundation for further education. It is highly regarded by all universities and colleges.

The issues we cover enable you to develop skills to study concepts in observation and thought. You will learn how concepts affect individuals, communities and societies.

It will enable you to present coherent, widely informed and detailed arguments about belief, ethics and values. You will learn how to evaluate and use specialist language effectively. The main focus will be looking at a variety of philosophical and ethical issues and their application to real life as well as an in-depth study of Christianity. You will also learn how different issues connect and inform each other.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Excellent results at A2
- Focus on development of excellent exam skills
- Variety of teaching and learning styles are employed in lessons
- Focussed revision booklets to help you achieve your best grade

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Philosophy and Ethics can provide excellent training for a variety of careers, such as:

- Law
- Teaching
- Counseling
- Business
- Journalism
- Politics
- Writing
- Medicine
- The arts

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Great discussions and debates
- Learning to appreciate and understand interesting and stimulating issues
- Small teaching groups

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 4 in GCSE English  
GCSE Religious Studies is not compulsory for this course

*“The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do”*

*- Steve Jobs*

# PHYSICS



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Physics encompasses the study of the universe from the largest galaxies to the smallest subatomic particles. It is the basis of all other sciences, including chemistry and biology.

Our Physics course is designed to inspire learners. The course will develop your interest in and enthusiasm for understanding the inner workings of the universe.

Topics covered include:

Forces and Motion; Electrons, waves and photons; The Newtonian world; Astrophysics; Particle physics and Medical imaging.

Throughout the course we have built in opportunities to undertake exciting experiments, often recreating the greatest and most famous experiments in the history of Science.

To undertake an A level in Physics is to begin the journey to perhaps the hardest but most prestigious A level of all.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Access to use of high quality lab-equipment

Expert training and demonstrations on how to use high-level equipment

We aim to bring in 'Industry experts' over the course of AS/A2 to give talks on working in the Science industry e.g. a past student from Unilever to give insight into a day in the life of a Scientist there

We employ a range of teaching and learning techniques to ensure all students make progress on the course and develop the skills necessary to be successful

We promote independent study, 'Flipped learning', 'Mark-scheme manipulation' and a 'Mastery' approach to learning

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

Physics, with its grounding in mathematics, logic and analysis is the perfect launchpad for virtually any career.

It can specifically lead to careers in astronomy, computer science, engineering, design, programming, research, medicine and many, many more.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Using complex scientific equipment for practical work
- Talks and lectures from industry experts
- Small teaching groups
- Personalised learning
- Opportunities to develop wider skills through supporting clubs & activities with younger students.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Grade 5 in English & Maths

Grade 5/6at GCSE in Combined Science or 5/5/6 Triple Sciences

*"All of physics is either impossible or trivial. It is impossible until you understand it, and then it becomes trivial."*

*- Ernest Rutherford*

# PRODUCT DESIGN



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Want to be the next James Dyson or Jony Ive and create products used by millions of people across the globe? Product Design is the course for you. This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers. Especially those in the creative industries.

You will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put their learning into practice by producing prototypes of their choice.

Students will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer, alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Work is a mixture of Practical and Exam based assessment.
- Specialist teaching staff focused on key skill areas.
- Developing transferable skills

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Architecture
- Civil Engineering
- Product Development

Product Design can lead to a wide range of university courses, including Product Design, Architecture, Automotive Design, Jewellery Design, Packaging Design and some engineering courses. Students can progress to apprenticeships or full time employment in practical fields such as welding, building and carpentry.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Workshops you can use to improve your skills.
- Small teaching groups

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 in GCSE DT, Maths and Science

*"Design is the most immediate, the most explicit way of defining what products become in people's minds"*

*- Jony Ive (Apple)*

# PSYCHOLOGY



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Studying A level Psychology could lead to careers in the following areas: Clinical Psychology, Counselling, Educational psychology, Forensic psychology, Teaching, Health psychology, Occupational therapy, mental health work, Sport and exercise psychology.

You will use a variety of psychological approaches including evolutionary, positive and psychodynamic. You will carry out significant pieces of research covering a variety of perspectives and topics. We will apply the reality of applying psychological information to everyday situations and examine how psychological data is collected (through our own research).

You will develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of psychology and how they relate to each other. You will develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods in psychology. You will develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills. This qualification will stimulate interest in further study and careers associated with the subject. It will help you understand how society makes decisions about psychological issues and how psychology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Expert teaching from a Chief Examiner for WJEC
- Personalised learning
- Small teaching groups
- Active participation in lessons
- Challenging tasks

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

A Psychology qualification can open the door to a number of different careers.

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counsellor
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Teaching
- Health psychologist
- Occupational therapist
- Mental health worker
- Sport and exercise psychologist.

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- You will develop an interest in and enthusiasm for psychology, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs Grade 5  
Including GCSE Science Grade 5 or above  
GCSE English and GCSE Maths Grade 5 or above

*"Like all science, psychology is knowledge; and like science again, it is knowledge of a definite thing, the mind."*

- James Mark Baldwin

# SPORT - OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS LEVEL 3

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Sport is currently one of the fastest-growing industries in the UK and offers a huge range of professions in a variety of different areas. These can be from grass-roots level, all the way through to international level, and can focus on improving students' own or other athletes' performance through coaching, fitness training, technology, psychology or nutrition. Students can specialise in aiding athletes' recovery and rehabilitation from injury through sports massage and other treatments or could focus more on the business side of sport in areas such as event management and marketing, sports media or talent identification and development.

Overview of Course Complete three mandatory units:

- Body systems and the effects of physical activity exam 1 hour 30 minutes
- Sports coaching and activity leadership
- Sports organisation and development exam 1 hour exam

Students can choose from these optional units:

- Performance analysis in sport and exercise
- Organisation of sports events
- Biomechanics and movement analysis
  - Physical activity for specific groups
  - Nutrition and diet for sport and exercise
- Sports injuries and rehabilitation
- Practical skills in sport and physical activities
  - Sport and exercise psychology
  - Sport and exercise sociology

It will provide learners with the opportunity, through applied learning, to develop the core specialist knowledge, skills and understanding required in the sport and physical activity sector. In addition there is the opportunity to gain Higher Sports Leaders Award level 3.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Experienced teachers
- Personalised learning
- Small teaching groups

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Teacher
- Physio
- Talent Scout
- Coach
- Fitness Trainer
- Sports Media

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Small teaching groups
- Includes hands-on practical experience based upon real life scenarios.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An interest in sports is essential. Good GCSE passes are essential to follow this course. Prepared to demonstrate self-discipline and commitment to meet the necessary deadlines for course completion.

*"It never gets easier, you just get better"*

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT BTEC TECH AWARD LEVEL 2



## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course gives learners the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and understanding of child development and growth up to the age of five, how children learn through play and how meeting the needs of individual children will support their development, play and learning.

The course consists of 3 units:

Component 1: Children's Growth and Development Internally assessed unit

Component 2: Learning Through Play Internally assessed unit

Component 3: Supporting Children to Play, Learn and Develop Externally examined unit

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

Within the childcare/ health and social care department we offer a flexible approach to learning taking into account the needs of the individual student. We offer smaller groups than you may find in college with more one-to-one personal learning and more opportunities to get help.

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

A job in childcare can include:

- A nursery nurse/assistant
- An early years teaching assistant
- A childcare apprenticeship
- Childcare jobs on cruise ships
- Childcare jobs abroad e.g. America

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

You will receive continuity of study with good, friendly teachers and good pastoral care, and we offer the best advice because we know you well.

You will also have the opportunity gain valuable experience volunteering within a health and social care setting.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2 or more GCSE's at level 2 and above

*"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world."*

*- Maria Montessori*

# TRAVEL & TOURISM - LEVEL 2



## COURSE OVERVIEW

Level 2 Travel and Tourism requires you to have an interest in other cultures, countries and the travel and tourism industry as a whole. This Level 2 qualification provides a detailed study of the travel and tourism industry. The qualification is designed to provide you with a solid understanding of the tourism industry and the additional skills needed to progress into the next study level or to secure employment. Once you have achieved your Level 2 qualification you will progress onto the Level 3 course.

You will study three components, two will be internally assessed and one will be externally assessed. You will study customer service, travel and tourism organisations/destinations and influences on global tourism.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Specialist Travel and Tourism staff with a wealth of experience with an excellent track record of outstanding results
- Enthusiastic and dedicated staff that will support you through a new chapter in your life
- Small groups which will enable you to receive lots of individual help and support
- Regular trips to specialist travel and tourism industries and attractions
- Progression opportunities

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Travel Agent
- Overseas Representative
- Tour Guide
- Tour Operator
- Airline Cabin Crew
- Cruise Ship excursions manager
- Hotel Industry
- Car Ferries & Trains industry

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Regular subject specific trips to experience the touristic attractions and the travel industry
- Opportunity for work related learning within the Travel and Tourism industry

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2 or more GCSE's at Grade 2 and above

*"I am treated like an adult and the staff have given me lots of respect. I have enjoyed the map work and have discovered places that I didn't know existed in the UK. I am looking forward to the Echo Arena trip and to progressing onto the Level 3 course"*

*- Travel & Tourism Student*



# TRAVEL & TOURISM - LEVEL 3



## COURSE OVERVIEW

The travel and tourism industry is one of the biggest and fastest growing industries in the UK. This course informs you about the industry, providing a sound basis for further study. You will find out about the nature of the industry, its size and scale, and you will be introduced to the types of organisations that form its structure. Students will study 4 units. 2 of these units are coursework based assessment and take place during lesson time and 2 are externally assessed.

## WHY SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL?

- Specialist Travel and Tourism staff with a wealth of experience with an excellent track record of outstanding results
- Enthusiastic and dedicated staff that will support you through a new chapter in your life
- Small groups which will enable you to receive lots of individual help and support
- Regular trips to specialist travel and tourism industries and attractions
- Progression opportunities

## JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY

- Travel Agent
- Overseas Representative
- Tour Guide
- Tour Operator
- Airline Cabin Crew
- Cruise Ship excursions manager
- Hotel Industry
- Car Ferries & Trains industry

## WHAT YOU WILL LIKE ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

- Regular subject specific trips to experience the touristic attractions and the travel industry
- Small teaching groups

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs Grade 5 and above including Grade 4 GCSE English

*"Staff really boosted my confidence throughout Year 12 which resulted in gaining a Distinction in my first year of the course. I hope to continue this success in Year 13"*

*- Travel & Tourism Student*