

# A LEVELS

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CAMPUS**



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# A Levels



**BTC offers an exciting A Level programme involving a variety of subjects, including some you may not have had the chance to study before, for example economics, law, politics and psychology.**

During your two years of study you will receive five and a half hours of lessons per subject per week. You are expected to complete a significant amount of study out of the classroom, which will be a combination of homework and self-directed study. To complete this independent study, you have access to a study room available just to A Level students, and a dedicated floor in the LRC.

Many subjects use a range of guest speakers, visits and residential to enrich your learning. In the last few years these trips have included sociology students visiting HM Prison Bristol, law students going to Parliament, students studying French going to Paris, and trips to Prague, Italy and many more.

Alongside your A Levels, you also have one hour each week with your personal tutor and tutor group. This time is set aside for you to complete group activities and have 1:1s with your personal tutor who sets and monitors your personal targets. The personal tutorial programme also includes guest speakers, progression events and the UCAS exhibition.

In addition to your A Level subjects and tutorials, enrichment forms the fourth part of your A Level programme. The A Level department offers a wide range of interesting and engaging enrichment activities to enhance and support your academic experience.

## Subjects

Art & Design	Geography
Biology	Geology
Business	Government & Politics
Chemistry	History – Early Modern
Computer Science	History – Modern
Criminology (Diploma)	Law
Dance	Maths
Design Technology	Media
Drama & Theatre	Photography
Economics	Physical Education
English Language & Literature	Physics
English Language	Psychology
English Literature	Religious Studies
Fashion & Textiles	Sociology
French	Spanish
Further Maths	



**I chose BTC as I could study more than one creative design A Level subject, such as Photography and Fine Art. I also liked the ethos of independent and self-directed learning; the teaching staff explained the importance of being an independent learner, a discipline that prepared me well for Higher Education. The facilities also swayed my decision to study A Levels at BTC, they are simply amazing and university standard.**

I liked that I was treated as an adult, and that I was in charge of my learning. I used the photography studios and dark rooms out of class times. The facilities were excellent, and I could use them as much as I pleased, enabling me to work on my own creative projects.

I am currently working at Asif Khan studio, which is an architecture firm. I'm working on the design and construction on a range of projects.

**James Della Valle | Fine Art, Physics, Maths**  
*Kingsmead Community School*  
**BSc Architecture University College London, Bartlett School of Architecture**

# HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS

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## Consider the subjects you study at school

Write a list of the subjects you really enjoy studying at school.

*Would you like to continue studying some GCSE subjects at A Level?*

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## Read the subject overviews in the prospectus

One of the fantastic things about our A Level programme is that you can study new subjects.

*Add topics of interest to your list.*

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## Visit our website

Each A Level subject page on our website includes more detail and activities designed to give you an idea of what it's like to study that subject. They include each tutor's contact details, so feel free to ask them subject-specific questions.

*Complete the online taster activities.*

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## What do you want to study at university or which career interests you?

Firstly, it's fine if you have no idea, but if you do know, you should find out if certain subjects are needed at A Level. For example, if you wish to study medicine, it's usually compulsory to have studied Biology and Chemistry.

*Visit [www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk) and [digital.ucas.com](http://digital.ucas.com)*

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## Apply to BTC

If you have decided on your three subjects, pop these on your application form, but if not, submit an online application for A Levels.

*Apply online or use the form at the back of the prospectus.*

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## Interview

You'll be invited to an interview with one of our experienced A Level tutors then sent a conditional offer.

*Ask questions and discuss your subject choices.*

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## A Level subject tasters

If you accept your offer and secure your place at BTC, you'll be invited to take part in subject tasters. These are another chance to discover what it's like to study a subject. If you attend and want to change your subject choice, just send us an email.

*Take part in subject tasters.*

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## Enrolment review

After you have been with us for a couple of weeks, there's still time to change subjects. You'll meet your tutor to complete an enrolment review where we double check you are happy with your choices and make changes if necessary.



**I chose BTC because of the friendly and inclusive atmosphere, plus there are lots of enrichment opportunities to get involved in and great facilities. I try to make the most of the extensive resources in the College library and joined the Italian group to increase my language skills.**

The staff are always willing to help you at a moment's notice and we have a student forum that gives us the chance to raise topics that are important to us. I'm proud to be a Student Rep. My role is to gather feedback from my peers and present it to the Head of Department at the forum meetings.

After College I plan on studying French and Beginners Russian at the University of Bath, and aspire to teach French, either at a college or secondary school.

**Stardust Dootson** | A Levels (Biology, Chemistry & French)  
Broadoak Academy



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The standard entry requirement for A Levels is a minimum of five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English.

You do not necessarily have to have studied your chosen subjects at GCSE level to take them at A Level, but some subjects have specific entry requirements.



SUBJECT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art, Textiles or Graphics. Grade 5 or above in English and you will require a second interview.
<b>Fashion &amp; Textiles</b>	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art, Textiles or Graphics. Grade 5 or above in English and you will require a second interview.  A previous qualification in Textiles is not essential, but you will need to demonstrate a keen interest and dedication to developing your skills.
<b>Dance Drama &amp; Theatre</b>	Grade 5 or above in English and relevant experience is recommended. You will require a second interview. Practical interview to be prepared for during normal working conditions.
<b>Business Computer Science Economics Psychology</b>	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English. You may find this subject challenging if you achieve lower than a 6 in Maths.
<b>Physical Education</b>	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Sport or PE. A BTEC or equivalent in Sport will be considered.
<b>Biology Chemistry Physics</b>	Grade 6 in the science you wish to study or two 6s in double science, and grade 5 or above in English and Maths.
<b>French Spanish</b>	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including French and/or Spanish.

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>Business Economics Photography Criminology Design Technology English Language English Literature English Language and English Literature Geography Law History - Early Modern History - Modern Government &amp; Politics Media Religious Studies Psychology Sociology</b>	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
<b>Geology</b>	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English, plus a science is recommended.
<b>Further Maths</b>	Grade 7 or above in Maths is essential, and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
<b>Maths</b>	Grade 6 or above in Maths and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.



# College Life



**There's more to our A Level programme than just studying. To enrich your course, help you flourish and make the most of your time, we offer a range of activities to get involved in. See some examples below:**

## Extended Project

One enrichment option is to take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), this is equivalent of half an A Level and is in addition to your three chosen A Level subjects. Students are required to choose a topic they find particularly interesting and conduct a research project culminating in a report or piece of art, model or film installation. The project will enrich your academic portfolio and develop your initiative, as well as improving your research, organisation, reflection and evaluation skills. This enrichment is particularly recommended for those students intending to apply to university.

## Honours Academy

This Academy is for A Level students who are ambitious, driven and keen to access a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. The Academy will help stretch and challenge you to progress to leading universities and sought-after employment by offering additional tuition and skills development. The Academy has links with a wide range of higher education institutions, including Oxbridge, undertakes a range of project work and has access to many guest speakers from different walks of life as well as academia.

## Pathways to Medicine

Pathways to Medicine is an extension of the Honours Academy programme and designed to support students applying for medicine-based courses at university, whether this be a medical degree or a qualification in nursing, children's nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy etc. Those enrolled on the programme have access to a range of guest speakers, undertake an independent research project and receive 1:1 support with their university applications.

## A Level Academic Scholarship

If you are ambitious and predicted to achieve highly in your GCSEs, then you can apply for the A Level Academic Scholarship. This offers students specialist, additional tutoring and support.

## College Academies

All students are encouraged to join an academy to complement their studies and pursue their aspirations.

There are lots to choose from including:

- Team BTC
- Dance
- Photography
- Drama
- Music
- Show Choir
- Creative Enterprise
- Media
- 999 Academy
- Esports
- Technology
- Fashion



## Students' Union

Run by student-elected officers who focus on the wellbeing of their peers and the overall experience of studying at College.

### BTC Active

We want you to be happy and healthy so you can lead an active lifestyle. The BTC Active team offers a range of sessions throughout the week that are planned to fit in with your timetable, so there really is no excuse not to join in with friends and have fun.

### Clubs & Societies

Our clubs and societies are designed to enhance your studies as well as your leisure time. For example, we have a coding club, an engineering club and a driving club - all of which develop your skills and enhance your employability.

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This popular programme offers a mix of adventure, self-development and community service that's a fantastic adornment to your CV and will help you stand out from the crowd.

### The Learner Voice

Students are at the very core of our College and 'Learner Voice' is really important to us. Elected Student Representatives liaise between the College and students to bring about change, shape the College culture and enhance your experience.

### Fundraising

Students regularly organise one-off events to raise money for charity or increase awareness of a particular issue. Examples include events for World Aids Day and Mental Health Awareness Day, as well as the annual Raise & Give (RAG) Day, where students and staff raise money for charities such as the Motor Neurone Disease Association, The Hawk and Owl Trust and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.



“I love studying at BTC because our tutors present the work in a way that's easy to understand, and everyone's friendly and willing to help you if you're stuck. My tutors are very supportive, and they create the perfect environment to develop your interests and explore your options.”

**Ryan Skone** | A Levels (Maths, Photography & English Language)  
*Bridgwater College Academy*

### Previous A Level students have gone on to top universities including:

#### Oxford University

*Law*

#### Imperial College London

*Chemistry*

#### Bath Spa University

*Business & Management  
Media Communications  
Creative Writing/Publishing  
Multimedia Journalism*

#### University of the West of England

*Forensic Science  
Business & Management  
Primary Education  
Nursing*

#### The University of Manchester

*Politics & Modern History  
Planning*

#### Oxford Brookes University

*Architecture  
Sociology*

#### Aberystwyth University

*Animal Behaviour*

#### Plymouth University

*Accounting & Finance  
Management, Government  
& Law  
Computing  
Geology  
English & Creative Writing*

#### Loughborough University

*Medicinal & Pharmaceutical  
Chemistry  
English & Sport Science  
Chemical Engineering*

#### Queen's University Belfast

*Dentistry*

#### Royal Veterinary College (University of London)

*Biological Sciences*

#### De Montfort University

*History*

#### Cardiff University

*Geology  
Mathematics  
English Language & Literature*

#### University of Winchester

*Archaeology*

#### University of Exeter

*Psychology  
Mathematics*

#### Bournemouth University

*Multimedia Journalism  
Media Production  
Marketing*

#### University of Chichester

*English Literature & Language  
Creative Writing*

#### The University of Salford

*English Literature*

#### University of Bristol

*Chemistry  
Sociology  
Physics*

#### University of Southampton

*English*

We're excited to welcome you to our campuses, however in light of Covid-19, please check our website for updates or changes to the proposed schedule. Better still, register at [www.btc.ac.uk](http://www.btc.ac.uk) for our events and we'll send any updates straight to your inbox.

## OPEN EVENINGS

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### **Bridgwater campus**

Tuesday 12 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 19 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 9 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

### **Taunton campus**

Wednesday 13 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 18 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 8 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

## ONLINE Q&AS

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Tuesday 19 October 2021	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 16 November 2021	6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 26 January 2022	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 15 June 2022	6pm - 7pm

**Register at [www.btc.ac.uk/events](http://www.btc.ac.uk/events) For further information about these events please call 01278 441216**



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