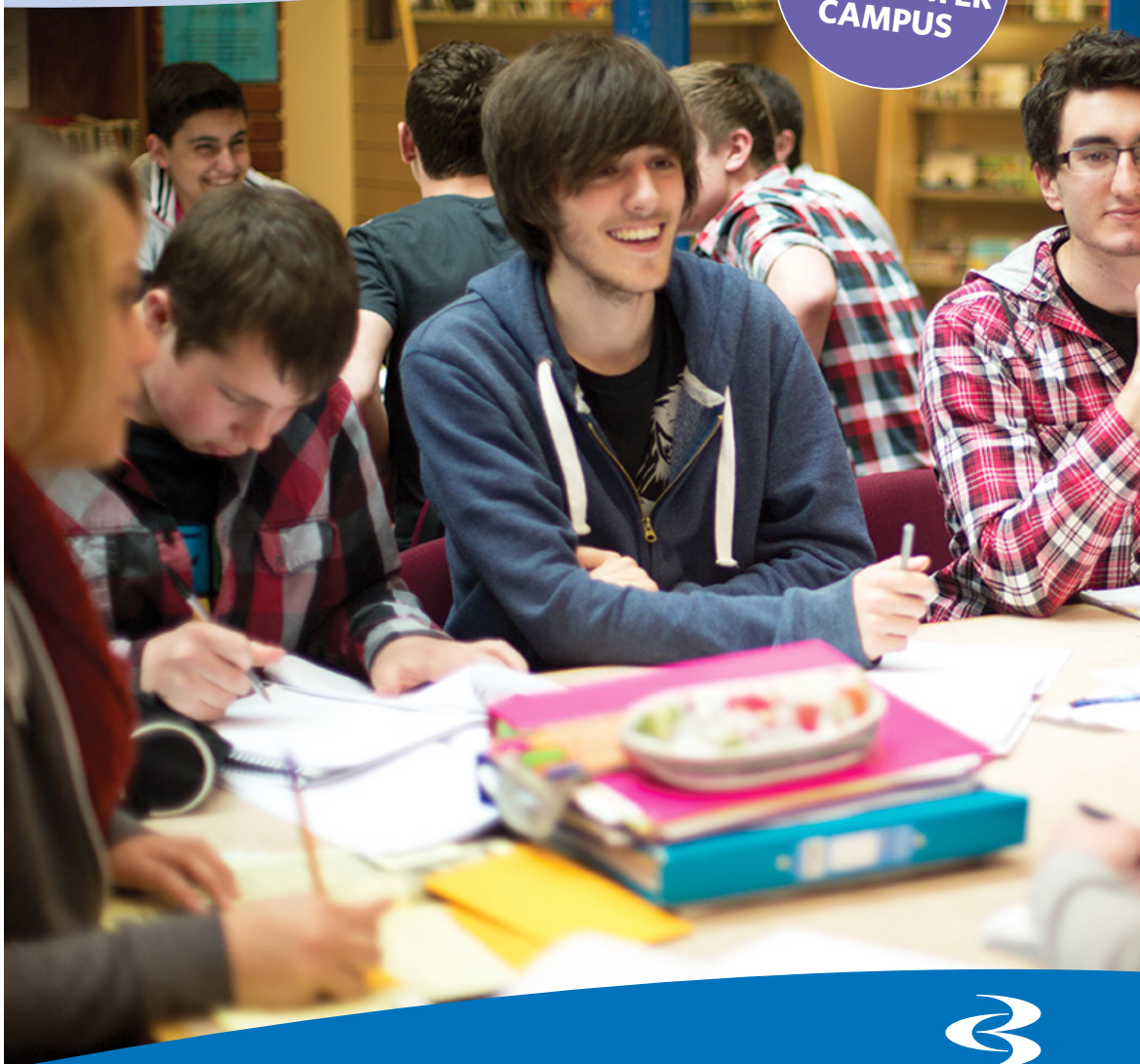


A LEVELS

A Broad Academic Challenge

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COLLEGE

BTC offers an exciting A Level programme across a wide variety of subjects, including some you may not have had the chance to study before.

Many subjects use a range of guest speakers, visits and residentials 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.

In the first year, you receive six hours of tuition a week per subject and five hours tuition per week in the second year. 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. In order to complete this independent study, you have access to a dedicated study room and floor in the LRC just for A Level students.

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.



“Each subject has six hours of teaching and learning per week!”

SUBJECTS

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

A LEVEL RESULTS

A Level students celebrated their results, marking yet another year of excellent academic and personal achievement. Despite the disruption caused by Covid-19, students continued their studies online and achieved outstanding results.

Andy Berry, College Principal & CEO said, "I could not be prouder of our students and staff. With the support of our large network of tutors and support staff, students demonstrated their resilience, innovation, perseverance and positivity throughout this unprecedented time. For most students, their hard work and determination has been fairly reflected in their results." He continued, "I was thrilled to hear about their exciting plans to pursue their passions at top universities such as Oxford, UCL, Cardiff and Exeter University."

Head of A Levels, Vanessa Hughes said, "Our staff and students worked extremely hard to ensure that learning continued throughout the lockdown, and students were not disadvantaged by Covid-19. Prior to lockdown, students were on track to have an amazing year and this has been reflected in the results. I'm delighted that most will be able to progress onto their chosen pathway and am so proud of them. I wish them all the best."

Many students did well, but here are just a few and what they had to say...

"I loved my time at BTC and was encouraged to push myself. I've worked extremely hard over the last two years and am beyond happy with the outcome - I couldn't have asked for better grades."

Maddie Kennard | A* A* A*

*Psychology, Physical Education, Biology
Oxford University to study Experimental Psychology
Formerly from Crispin School*

"I've enjoyed my time at BTC and the lecturers have been extremely supportive and helpful throughout. I'm very relieved to finally know my results and could not be happier."

Joshua Renton | A* A* A*

*Physics, Maths, Further Maths
Bath University to study Computer Science
Formerly from Bridgwater College Academy*

"I'm really pleased with my results and glad to know my hard work throughout my studies was reflected in my final grades."

Maisy Day | A* A A

*English Language & Literature, History, Psychology
Bristol University to study English and History
Formerly from Haygrove School*

SUGGESTED SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

This table has been designed to help you choose subjects to support your chosen career pathway, and ensure the subjects you choose furnish you with the maximum opportunity to make a successful progression.

FACILITATING SUBJECT	SUGGESTED COMBINATION	POTENTIAL CAREERS / DEGREES
English Literature English Language & Literature	History French Drama & Theatre Religious Studies Fine Art Sociology Media Law Government & Politics Psychology Business Studies English Language English Literature English Language & Literature Criminology	Curator Advertising Executive Media Buyer PR Officer Copy Writer Director Speech & Language Therapist Publishing Copy Editor Web Content Manager ESOL Teacher Theatre Director Journalist Civil Servant Marketing Manager
Maths Further Maths Chemistry	Physics Economics Biology Fine Art Computer Science Business Studies Design Technology Government & Politics Maths Chemistry Further Maths	Accountant Stock Trader Architect Advertising Executive HR Manager Management Consultant Retail Manager Surveyor IT Consultant Civil Engineer Sales & Marketing Chemical Engineer Healthcare Scientist Clinical Biochemist Nanotechnologist Pharmacologist



LEAD SUBJECT	SUGGESTED COMBINATION	POTENTIAL CAREERS / DEGREES
Physics Biology	Biology Psychology English Language Law Government & Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Chemistry Geology Physics Criminology	Biochemist Medical Doctor Vet Dentist Environmental Scientist Mining or Marine Engineer Geologist Palaeontologist Geochemist Macro Biologist Nurse Occupational Therapist Optometrist Mechanical Engineer
Geography History French Spanish	Biology Psychology English Language Law Government & Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Geology Criminology	Anthropologist Archaeologist Politician PR Officer Psychotherapist Nurse Social Worker Town Planner Prison Officer Teacher Meteorologist Barrister Interpreter Educational Psychologist Counsellor Detective
Media Dance Fashion & Textiles Graphic Communication Fine Art Photography Design Technology Drama & Theatre	English Language English Literature English Language & Literature Psychology Sociology Dance Business Studies Graphic Communication Physics Fine Art Geography Sport & Physical Education Media Fashion & Textiles Photography Design Technology Drama & Theatre Criminology	Journalist Film & TV Producer Public Relations Executive Fashion Designer Fine Artist Graphic Designer Art Director Photographer Teacher Dancer Actor Director Choreographer Architect Events Manager Researcher

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2021/22

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

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



SUBJECT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Art & Design Fashion & Textiles	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Art, Textiles or Graphics. Grade 5 or above in English and you will require a second interview.
Dance Drama & Theatre	Grade 5 or above in English and relevant experience is recommended. You will require a second interview.
Business Economics Photography Criminology	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English.
Computer Science	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.
Physical Education	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Sport or PE. A BTEC or equivalent in Sport will be considered.
Design Technology	One essay style subject* at grade 6 or above and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including English.
Biology Chemistry Physics	Grade 6 in the science you wish to study or two 6s in double science, and grade 5 or above in English and Maths.
French Spanish	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including French and/or Spanish.
Geography Law History - Early Modern History - Modern Government & Politics Media Religious Studies Psychology Sociology	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
Geology	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English, plus a science is recommended.
Further Maths	Grade 7 or above in Maths is essential, and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
Maths	Grade 7 or above in GCSE Maths and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.

* Dance, English language, English literature, geography, history, humanities, media studies, psychology, religious studies and sociology

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.

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 an essay, 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.

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 teaching and support.

Students' Union

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

Ambassador Programme

Become a role model for other students, visitors and prospective students, and enhance your CV.

College Academies

All students are encouraged to join an academy to complement their studies and pursue their aspirations. There are several to choose from including:

- Team BTC
- Dance
- Design
- Honours
- Photography
- Animation
- Drama
- Music
- Show Choir
- Media
- 999 Academy
- Technology
- Fashion

BTC Active

We want you to be happy and healthy in order to lead an active lifestyle. BTC Active offers all students a range of sport and activity sessions throughout the week that are planned to fit in with your timetable, so it's a great excuse to join in with friends and have fun.

Clubs & Societies

These vary from LGBTQ+, chess, politics and debating, to e-sports, Dungeons & Dragons, music and Knit & Natter.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This popular programme offers a mix of adventure, self-development and community service that looks great on your CV and will help you stand out from the crowd.

The Learner Voice

Elected Student Representatives liaise between the College staff and fellow students to shape our corporate culture and enhance our life together.

Fundraising & Volunteering

Join in with fun activities to raise money for charities such as Children in Need and RAG Day.

“A Levels kept my options open and I’ve studied what I love. It’s taught me how to juggle tasks to meet deadlines and given me a huge amount of confidence.”

RYAN SKONE

Photography, English Language, Maths



ACADEMY & SCHOLARSHIP

Honours Academy

The Academy will help challenge and stretch you to progress to leading universities and sought-after employment by offering additional tuition and skills development.

Entry is based on your GCSE grades. A minimum of four grade 7s is required along with completion of an application form, which you can access via the Academy pages on our website.



During the weekly sessions you have the opportunity to:

- Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
- Develop leadership skills and extend your learning within and outside of your area of study
- Increase your confidence, and improve your public speaking, social and presentation skills
- Take part in master classes from visiting experts
- Take part in trips, visits and residentials such as Oxbridge summer schools

Academic Scholarships

If you achieve at least eight GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English and maths (these subjects must be at 5 or above) with at least four at grade 8, you can apply for an Academic Scholarship. See the Scholarships pages on our website for more information.

“As part of the A Level community at BTC, you’ll have access to a dedicated study room furnished with comfortable workspaces, PCs and charging points.”

VANESSA HUGHES

Head of A Levels

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



Showcase events are a great way to explore your options.
Visit our website and keep an eye on our social media for dates.

VIRTUAL SHOWCASE EVENTS

Tuesday 19 January 2021	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 2 March 2021	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 9 June 2021	6pm - 8pm



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