

# EXCEL

**AT ANDOVER**  
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**TOP 5%** VALUE ADDED ALL COLLEGES > GOOD OR OUTSTANDING OFSTED 2018 > **TOP** UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

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**SIXTH FORM**

COURSE GUIDE 2020-21

# WELCOME TO ANDOVER SIXTH

Over the last 10 years, Andover College has established itself as one of the best colleges within the region. We have gone on an incredible journey investing significant amounts in the college estate ensuring our students have access to top class facilities. Alongside immensely talented staff, the college is committed to delivering an education that we feel is hard to beat. We know all our students. Not just in name but in how we can empower them to excel. We create a personalised package that can incorporate a range of different support structures including outstanding Additional Learning Support, careers advice and Wellbeing teams.

Recent results have placed the college in the higher echelons of colleges throughout the UK. This has helped reinforce our belief in what we call the 'Andover Promise'. We support students in identifying the most appropriate course from our extensive range of A Level, vocational and technical qualifications; we deliver an outstanding learning experience in an environment which is tailored to get the best out of all and then we watch our students flourish.

We are incredibly proud of all our students. They work hard and treat one another with respect. Each year they are celebrated at Andover College's Annual Achievers' Awards ceremony. Their achievements leave you astounded at what is possible with ambition, dedication and a willingness to learn. Take a look at the student profiles in the prospectus, come and visit the college and chat to them. You could step into their shoes next year!

Come and have a look for yourself!

**Ben Stokes, Assistant Principal**

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# WHAT MAKES ANDOVER SIXTH DIFFERENT?

**Andover Sixth offers an extensive range of subjects at AS and A Level, including the Extended Project Qualification, providing excellent preparation for university. Our students' consistently high academic results take them on to study at top universities all over the UK.**

Ofsted rated all of our teaching Good or Outstanding and our talented teachers will work with you to unlock and develop your talent and potential. Our commitment to smaller class sizes means you get more personalised support, while our High Achievers' Academy stretches our gifted and talented students further and develops confidence and self-belief.

We pride ourselves on giving our students all the knowledge, skills and support needed to flourish while at college. Keep reading to find out more about why Andover College is so different to anywhere else...

## UNIVERSITY PREP PROGRAMME

**Here to help you move UPP and stand out from the crowd.**

We know some degree and career pathways are often highly challenging and competitive, so Andover College has designed a range of 'University Prep Programmes' to complement your main Study Programme and help you build the skills, experiences and confidence to give you the edge for your university applications and future career progression.

As part of the UPP programme you will be offered a range of opportunities, support and experiences to help you build additional skills and experiences.

We currently offer the UPP programme in the following subjects:

- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths
- Media and Journalism
- Education
- Law
- Business and IT

**99.1%**  
PASS RATE

**73%**  
A\*–C

**100% LAW, 80% FILM STUDIES,  
69% CRIMINOLOGY A\*–B**



## WE ADD VALUE

**Government data puts Andover College's A Level programmes in the top 5% of all colleges in the country for the last three years for Value Added. This means in 2017/2018 Andover was 13th in the country out of 350 colleges nationwide and second in Hampshire.**

### WHAT IS VALUE ADDED?

Value added measures the extent to which students achieve grades beyond their original target. It shows the improvement students make and demonstrates the quality of teaching and learning at the College. Value Added is a more accurate measure of success as it takes into account the different starting points and measures progress in the same way across the board. Parents can be assured that an outstanding college like Andover, with top Value Added scores, will ensure all students go beyond their initial targets and fulfil their true potential.

# STUDENT WELLBEING & SUPPORT

**Starting college and studying a subject that you are passionate about is exciting but it can be daunting too. We know how important it is to stay focused on your studies but recognise that life can get in the way sometimes.**

That's why we have a highly experienced Student Wellbeing Team to ensure you are able to cope with any obstacles life throws at you and to offer specialist advice and support. The team includes qualified Careers Advisers and Counsellors as well as staff dedicated to listening and empowering you to resolve any challenges you might face to enable you to be as successful as possible at college and beyond.

The Wellbeing Team provide our students with additional support and guidance for any worries or difficulties you have which are affecting your time at college including:

- Counselling
- Careers Advice
- Sexual Health Nurse
- Confidential one-to-one services
- Childcare support
- Carer support

**OUR SPECIALIST TEAM ARE ALWAYS ON HAND TO HELP AND SUPPORT STUDENTS, IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR NEED SUPPORT PLEASE CONTACT [WELLBEINGANDOVER@SPARSHOLT.AC.UK](mailto:WELLBEINGANDOVER@SPARSHOLT.AC.UK) FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

## PASTORAL SUPPORT TUTORS

When you start college, you will be allocated your own personal tutor. The tutor's sole responsibility is to ensure that you have all the support required to fulfil your full potential. Unlike many colleges, we believe in appointing experts to the role who will liaise with teaching staff and student services to provide tailored guidance. Your personal tutors will help you with any issues you have and will provide the coaching you need to succeed. The tutorial programme also offers extensive support for both higher education, employment and wellbeing.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

If you need help to improve or develop a study skill such as spelling or writing, or have additional learning needs, then we have a specialist team trained to help you.

Do you have a learning difficulty such as dyslexia, or a physical disability? Don't worry. We have specialists to help in class and in personal sessions.

## CAREERS

We do everything we can to make sure that you have a plan of what you want to do once you leave and we will do everything we can to get you started. Our Careers guidance aims to expand the horizons of all students, of all ages, enabling you to make informed career decisions in order to progress towards high personal and professional achievements and a fulfilling future.



# ENRICHING COLLEGE LIFE

At Andover, we try to be creative and different. Enrichment gives students an opportunity to broaden their personal development. We focus on this taking place through the curriculum so that students learn the wider context of their studies and are able to take their learning beyond the classroom. Bringing learning to life – we organise a number of exciting excursions including New York, Harry Potter Studios, The Guardian Head Office and even climbing the O2 for charity.

Students are encouraged to develop and lead their own activities so they gain life and employability skills. Last year, students raised a significant amount for a wide variety of charities. Activities included a quiz and curry night, sky dive, car wash, cake sales, and climbing the O2.

Our Student Hub led by our team of Ambassadors will provide opportunities for student led enrichment activities as well as a place for students to forge friendships and meet new people. In addition, subject mentors will be available to provide study support.

We also have chilled spaces with a contemporary feel, The Restaurant and Coffee Bar. There is a wide variety of meals and snacks to choose from at refreshing prices. Being so close to town you can also do a spot of shopping or grab a coffee on your breaks!



## OUR OPEN EVENTS:

**Tuesday 1 October 2019**  
4.30–7.30pm

**Wednesday 2 October 2019**  
4.30–7.30pm

**Wednesday 20 November 2019**  
4.30–7.30pm

**Thursday 6 February 2020**  
4.30–7.30pm

**Thursday 25 June 2020**  
4.30–7.30pm

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

### What will my timetable be like?

This gives you an idea of how often you will be at college and how much time you will have for extracurricular activities and revision.

### What is the student support like?

This will let you know how supported your time at college is going to be, how much help you can receive and who you can go to if you need advice.

### How will my work be assessed?

Asking this question will let you know whether you will be doing coursework, taking exams or both. Everyone's learning style is different – choose the course that works for you.

### What facilities will I have access to?

When you visit colleges and sixth forms ask what facilities each has and what you will have access to on a regular basis.

### Where can this course take me?

You can expect to be advised on every step of your journey into college and beyond. Our Careers team can help you with advice about the right course for you then your next steps, such as UCAS applications, job search and interview preparation.

# FACILITIES

## SCIENCE LABORATORIES

Our suite of laboratories are equipped with everything the budding scientist needs. Our science programmes prepare you for the world of research and technical development. Our labs are equipped to industry standard with equipment like an IR spectrometer, specialist dissection tools for A Level Biology dissections, a vortex mixer and Rubens Tube.



## SPORTS CENTRE AND FOOTBALL STADIUM

Our sports students are spoilt for choice having access to everything Andover Leisure Centre can offer. Classes are taught in the centre providing a superb range of sports facilities as well as discounted gym membership.

The football academy is based at the Portway Stadium – home to Andover Town Football Club and linked to the new AFC Bournemouth Second Chance Programme.



## IT SUITES

Not only are there multiple computer spaces throughout the College for your day to day study, we have the latest computer hardware and software to take your technical skills up to the highest level.

## CREATIVITY UNLEASHED – VR ROOM

Our new creative hub provides a stimulating space for all of the visual and creative arts to come together to make great art, music, film, dance and theatre. Based in our former motor vehicle and construction workshops, alongside our 100+ seat theatre and two dance areas – our new creative and gallery space is bright and inspiring.

- Art & Design Workshops
- Digital Futures Hub
- Green screens & editing suites
- Photography studios
- Textiles studios
- Dance studio
- 1803 Studio Theatre



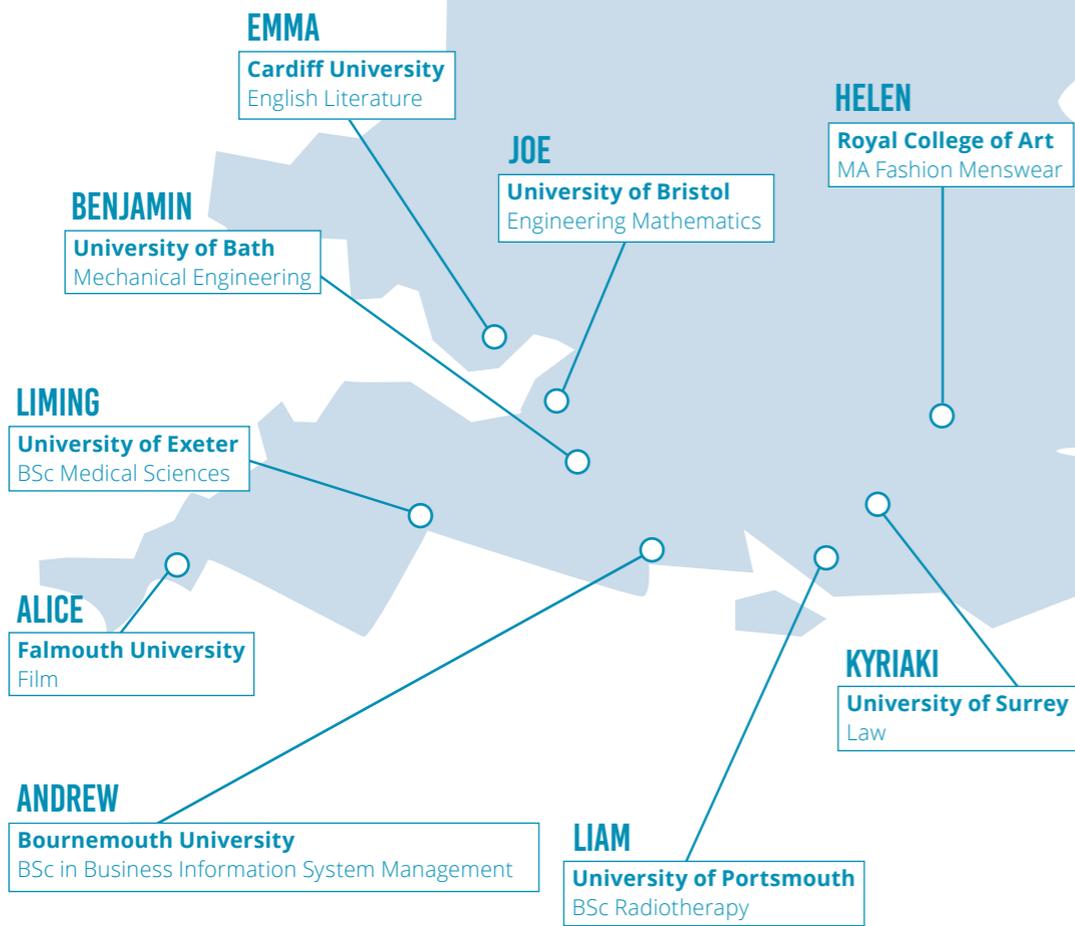
## KEEP SOCIAL

We love to share our student's experiences. So be sure to check out our social media accounts to keep up to date with what we're up to. Don't forget to follow!



# ANDOVER ALUMNI

We are immensely proud of all our students. They progress on to higher levels of study across a range of top universities and degrees.



## HOW TO APPLY

**1 CHOOSE**  
Choose the subjects you want to follow so they fit with any career plans you have. Come along with your family or friends to an Open Evening to find out more – see our back cover for dates.

**2 APPLY**  
Complete the online application form. We will then ask you in for an interview or your school will let you know when we're coming in to hold interviews.

**3 TASTER DAY**  
Once you have received your offer you will be invited to an Applicant Welcome Day after GCSE exams where you will meet your tutor, other students and experience what college life is really like!

**4 ENROL**  
During the summer we will send you a time and date when you need to come in and enrol. Don't worry if you didn't get the grades, or did better than expected – come and talk to us about all the options available to you.

### UCAS POINTS

Did you know that BTEC Level 3 Diplomas are equivalent to A Levels and will give you UCAS tariff points for university entry?

Diplomas	A Level	UCAS
D*	A*	56
D	A	48
-	B	40
M	C	32
-	D	24
P	E	16

### MY QUALIFICATIONS TABLE

We have put together this table to help you to piece your future together.

My chosen subjects	Grades needed	My predicted grades

**WELCOME TO ANDOVER COLLEGE  
TIME TO REACH YOUR POTENTIAL**

# ACCOUNTING

## COURSES

### AAT Accounting



## AAT

### 1 YEAR LEVEL 2 AAT • 2 YEARS LEVEL 3 AAT

You will explore many aspects of accounting including preparation of final accounts for sole-traders, partnerships, limited and manufacturing companies. Topics covered are invaluable tools used in all aspects of accounting by those who are self employed through to managers. This course requires you to think logically and have an interest in problem solving. The AAT course has been introduced as a replacement for the A Level qualification due to its significance in the industry as well as attracting additional UCAS points. It provides the best preparation for students both in terms of industry and university study.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including English Language and a minimum level 5 in Maths). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

AAT is widely sought after by employers and in Higher Education. Career paths may include finance manager, director within industry, management accountant and chartered accountant.



**YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MATHS GENIUS TO BE GOOD AT ACCOUNTING. IT IS A LOGICAL SUBJECT AND IF YOU LIKE FOLLOWING A PROCESS RATHER THAN BEING ESPECIALLY CREATIVE, THEN THIS COULD BE THE COURSE FOR YOU. PUTTING YOUR FOOT ON THE FIRST RUNG OF A NEW LADDER COULD OPEN UP A WHOLE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES.**

AMANDA – ACCOUNTING LECTURER

# BUSINESS

## COURSES

**Business** A Level

**Business** BTEC Level 3  
Certificate/Extended Certificate



## BUSINESS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

In the first year, students will undertake two themes which address the core fundamentals of business. These include internal and external influences that can affect a business and its operations. Students will also learn to manipulate, analyse and interpret financial data to evaluate the changing business environment and propose strategies to support the business in terms of its survival. In year 2, students apply their knowledge and understanding from year 1 to a global context, including ethical considerations, international trading regulations and marketing. This course is 100% exam based.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including English Language and a minimum level 5 in Maths). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

In the current dynamic business climate, students are required by employers and universities to possess the right blend of technical and academic skills. These desirable skills enable students to become highly skilled, work-ready individuals with a bright future in any business environment or setting, such as an apprenticeship, Higher Education or into employment.

## ENTERPRISE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### BTEC LEVEL 3 BUSINESS – CERTIFICATE/ EXTENDED CERTIFICATE • 2 YEARS

The Certificate offers an introduction to a vocational sector through applied learning of topics such as Marketing, Legal Structures and importance of Enterprise within an economy. The course supports progression to Higher Education or for learners who wish to enrol on an Apprenticeship. A passion for Enterprise would be complementary.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including Maths and English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

In the current dynamic business climate, students are required by employers and universities to possess the right blend of technical and academic skills. These desirable skills enable students to become highly skilled, work-ready individuals with a bright future in any business environment or setting, such as an apprenticeship, Higher Education or into employment.

# CREATIVE ARTS

## COURSES

**3D Design Studies** A Level

**Animation/Graphics**

BTEC Level 3 Cert/Sub Diploma

**Art, Craft & Design** A Level

**Fashion, Textile Surface Pattern & Construction for Fashion & Interiors** A Level

**Film Making** A Level

**Film Studies** A Level

**Fine Art** A Level

**Graphic Design** A Level

**Media Studies** A Level

**Photography** A Level



## 3D DESIGN STUDIES

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject introduces you to a wide range of makers and designers. You will carry out research and analysis of works related to 3D Design; designing structures, concept architecture, products and furniture. You will explore materials, design drawing and model making, developing your technical understanding of materials and making processes, as well as strengthening your capabilities to generate ideas through drawing.

*"The Mind is like an umbrella it's most useful when open."* Walter Gropius

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

3D Design can lend itself to many different career paths including car design, architecture, product and furniture design, and model making, among many others.

You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## ANIMATION/GRAPHICS

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/SUB DIPLOMA

This course combines both artistic and creative components of animation with the required practical and technical skills. It will develop your visual storytelling, character development and editing skills. Throughout the duration of the course you will study the animation production process and 2D and 3D software skills in our Digital Media Suite.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 4/C or above in English and a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

BTEC Animation/Graphics can be continued at Higher Education and offers career paths in animation, publishing, modelling and directing. You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.



**WHETHER YOU ARE CHOOSING ONE OR TWO CREATIVE SUBJECTS, THE IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS CHANGE YOUR WAY OF SEEING AND THINKING. WHEN YOU DO THIS, EXCITING THINGS HAPPEN, YOUR UNIQUE VIEW CAN START TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.**

HELEN, CURRICULUM LEADER

## ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will develop work in 2D and 3D disciplines exploring a wide range of materials, techniques and processes before applying your knowledge to one specialist area such as design, jewellery, printmaking or sculpture. This course offers a more applied approach than the other art-based subjects we offer.

You will be set regular homework. It is expected that you use the studios to develop your classroom projects independently. Students are expected to purchase equipment and materials for their study, kit lists will be given by the subject specific staff.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 4/C or above in English and a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Art, Craft and Design can be continued at Higher Education and offers career paths including model-making for film and television props, medical prosthetics, stage design and interior design. You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## FASHION, TEXTILE SURFACE PATTERN & CONSTRUCTION FOR FASHION & INTERIORS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will develop skills in a broad range of textile and fashion based processes and technologies within a functional or decorative context. The emphasis is on surface pattern and you will apply this work to different products within a purpose built studio and explore printing and image transfer, stitch, weave, felt making and off drape garment making.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/ A\*–C (including a 4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Fashion and textile design can lead to a career path in menswear and women's wear, textile surface pattern, costume design and fashion marketing.

You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## FILM MAKING

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject introduces you to a wide range of filmic and other visual references whilst developing your skills as a filmmaker. You will learn about the use of moving image as a means of communicating personal ideas through storyboards, shot types, movement and angles, set design, composition, lighting and sound. By taking this course as a budding filmmaker, you will be discovering and experiencing different ways to interpret all kinds of genres on screen.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and/or a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Filmmaking can lead to career progression through university courses in film production, animation, editing, sound design, journalism, communication studies, or guide you in ways to various other careers within the film industry. You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## FINE ART

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will experiment with new techniques, ideas and ways of working to produce a collection of coursework based on a theme that explores a variety of materials including acrylic, gouache and watercolour paints and pastels. In addition, you will be taught to use printmaking equipment for relief-printing, calligraphy and etching.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/ A\*–C (including a 9–4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

Students are required to purchase a basic art kit and then add to it as and when required for specific topics. Advice on costs will be discussed at interview.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Fine Art can lead to career opportunities in areas such as illustration, film set and theatre stage design, gallery curation and conservation and game design.

You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Graphic design is all around us; we see it in logos, advertising, magazines, packaging, signs, posters, apps, websites and book jackets. You will develop skills in a number of graphics disciplines, learning about identity and branding, typography, illustration, magazines, advertising and layout. You will use the Adobe suite; Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign as well as traditional printmaking skills.

*"Design is thinking made visual."* Paul Rand

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Graphic design lends itself to many different career opportunities including illustrating, computer game design, web design, TV and broadcasting.

You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject delivers a dynamic introduction to photography techniques and processes. You will experience both digital and wet room photography, studio lighting, Photoshop editing, camera techniques, composition, presentation and printing. You will also research both historical and contemporary photography to support your studies.

*"You don't take a photograph you make a photograph."* Ansel Adams

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Photography can lead to careers in photojournalism, fashion photography, wildlife photography, fine art, weddings and forensic photography.

You may also wish to progress on to a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design offered at Andover College, rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 4/C or above in English and in a creative subject and a portfolio of Art and Design work). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.



"I have really enjoyed being a student of the art department; it is inclusive, collaborative and creative. The art lecturers embraced my interests, encouraging me to be individual. They are all practising artists and are passionate, sharing knowledge and enthusiasm with everyone in the studios."

ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS

# DIGITAL FUTURES



## COURSES

Animation	Film Making
Computer Science	Fine Art
Core Maths or A Level Maths	Graphic Design
Creative Media Production	Music Technology
Creative Media	Photography
IT	3D Design

## WELCOME TO YOUR DIGITAL FUTURE!

We've designed a new way of teaching those vital digital skills that will give you a head start at university or with employers, bringing together all the inter-related subjects into a digital hub. Employers say their most valuable staff combine technical IT skills such as coding and networking with an understanding of the creative skills required for Game Design, Film Making or Animation... and of course everyone needs to be able to apply mathematical skills to their work too!

With us you can develop the complete package of skills for your future, working collaboratively on projects so technical wizards work with creatives and vice versa. Our inspiring new approach backed by top employers will prepare you for jobs and careers that are yet to be created. Whether you're interested in networking and hardware or app development, gamification or animation, get your Digital Future sorted at Andover College.

**Find out more about our wide variety of courses, in digital futures, in our Full-Time Course Guide.**

## COURSES CAN BE COMBINED WITH THE FOLLOWING A LEVELS:

### Animation

A Level • 2 Years

### Computer Science

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/ Sub-Diploma • 2 Years

### Core Maths or A Level Maths

A Level • 1-2 years

### Creative Media Production

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma • 1-2 Years

### Creative Media

BTEC Level 3 90 Credit Diploma/Extended Diploma • 1-2 Years

### Information Technology

BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Vocational Studies • 1 Year

### BTEC Level 2 Award • 1 Year

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma • 1-2 Years

- Tech Support
- Creative Digital Tech

### Film Making

A Level • 2 Years

### Fine Art

A Level • 2 Years

### Graphic Design

A Level • 2 Years

### Music Technology

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma • 1-2 Years

### Photography

A Level • 2 Years

### 3D Design

A Level • 2 Years

## APPRENTICESHIPS

We also offer Digital Learning Design and Microsoft-certified courses at our Sparsholt campus.

**Visit [sparsholt.ac.uk](http://sparsholt.ac.uk) to find out more.**



# CRIMINOLOGY

## COURSES

**Criminology** Level 2

**Criminology** Level 3 Certificate/Diploma



# MADDIE

"I feel the college gave me the right balance of individual responsibility but enough support when needed. It is an extremely supportive community and there was easily accessible support from members of staff and one-to-one tutor sessions, plus the inside scoop on how university works from the careers adviser.

The unique range of subjects provides the opportunity to study a topic that you may have been unaware existed or would only have been able to start once at university."

**CRIMINOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY**

## CRIMINOLOGY

### LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN INTRODUCTION TO PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINOLOGY • 1 YEAR COURSE – EQUIVALENT TO 1 GCSE

This course introduces you to the different types of crime and possible explanations as to why some people commit crime including biological, psychological and sociological theories. You will also examine the role of the criminal justice system and how it works to both punish offenders but also to support their rehabilitation.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-3/A\*-D (including English Language).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course provides opportunities to continue studying in further education at Level 3 including Criminology.

## CRIMINOLOGY

### LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA • 1 – 2 YEARS

Each year the course comprises of two units; one assessed through a controlled assessment and the other is assessed by an exam. During the first year, you will study the psychology of crime as well as analysing how the media reports crime. In year 2, you will investigate the techniques used in the investigation of a crime and you will also consider the effectiveness of different strategies used to reduce criminality from custodial sentences through to community orders. The 2 year course is equivalent to one A Level and can be taken alongside other A Levels and BTEC Certificate/ Subsidiary Diploma subjects.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including Maths and a minimum level 5 in English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Studying criminology alongside other Level 3 subjects can provide entry into Higher Education. Popular degree courses that criminology students have progressed to include; BA (Hons) Criminology, BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology, BA (Hons) Forensic Studies and LLB (Hons) Law.

# ENGLISH

## COURSES

**English Language** A Level

**English Language & Literature** A Level

**English Literature** A Level

**Extended Project Qualification** AS Level



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will study how language is used in written, spoken and electronic forms and identify how these genres affect how language is structured. The course also examines language in a wider geographical context and explores accents and dialects in the UK, Australia and America.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

A Level English is highly valued by employers and in Higher Education. Career paths may include speech therapy, journalism, teaching, translation and editing.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will explore aspects of both English Language and Literature. In addition to studying contemporary texts such as *The Handmaid's Tale* and poetry by Seamus Heaney you will analyse non-fiction texts, looking specifically at the ways in which writers and speakers present places, people and events.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English Literature and English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

A Level English is highly valued by employers and in Higher Education. Career paths could include teaching, journalism and media or writing.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will explore classic literary texts, from novels to plays and poetry. The course uses literature from a range of periods, such as Chaucer, Shakespeare and literature of the 21st century to develop your literary analysis skills, focusing specifically on your understanding of writers' techniques.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

This subject is highly valued in Higher Education and by employers. Career paths could include teaching, journalism, media, copy editor or a writer.

## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

### AS LEVEL • 1 YEAR

The key aspect of the Extended Project Qualification is the freedom you have to explore. Through the Extended Project Qualification, you will develop and explore a range of your skills as an independent learner in a subject of your choice. This allows you to develop skills that can range from research and project management to control and analytical skills. It is a qualification highly recommended by universities and employers.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C in English Literature or English Language) BTEC Level 2 Qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

This course allows your career progression in areas such as marketing, PR, events management, teaching and journalism as well as entry in to Higher Education.

# FINANCIAL STUDIES

## COURSES

**Financial Studies** Level 3 Certificate/Diploma



**JORDAN**

"I would never have got through college if it wasn't for my lecturers. They never let you give up and they encourage you every single day to do your best and succeed."

FINANCIAL STUDIES

## FINANCIAL STUDIES

### LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA • 1 – 2 YEARS

In the first year, students will undertake units which will address the personal financial life cycle and the different types of financial products individuals will engage with during this time, such as student accounts, mortgages and life savings. By the end, students will be equipped to make appropriate decisions regarding their own financial sustainability.

In the second year, students use their knowledge and understanding from CeFS to incorporate this into the wider financial environment, considering the ethical and social influences upon how financial providers operate, technological advances on this sector and the global financial industry and its interconnectedness.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including Maths and English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

In the current dynamic financial climate, students are required by employers and universities to possess the right blend of technical and academic skills. These desirable skills enable students to become highly skilled, work-ready individuals with a bright future in any financial or business environment or setting, such as an apprenticeship, Higher Education or into employment.

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**FINANCIAL STUDIES PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A STRONG GROUNDING FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY WITHIN FINANCE AND BUSINESS-RELATED DISCIPLINES, EXAMINING CONCEPTS SUCH AS THE ECONOMIC CYCLE, PERSONAL FINANCE AND EXTERNAL INFLUENCES ON THE FINANCIAL MARKET AND CUSTOMERS. WITH EMPLOYERS HIGHLY VALUING FINANCIAL CAPABILITY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS THIS IS A GREAT COURSE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN THIS INDUSTRY.**

HANNAH, FINANCIAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS LECTURER

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## COURSES

**Health and Social Care** BTEC Level 2 First Certificate

**Health and Social Care** BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Extended Certificate

**Health and Social Care** Foundation Diploma/Diploma



# AMY

"The work experience on my course was invaluable in helping me decide that I wanted to become a primary school teacher. My lecturers have been brilliant in teaching me the expectations of the workplace environment as well as giving me the confidence to pursue my career choice."

**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

### BTEC LEVEL 2 FIRST CERTIFICATE • 1 YEAR

This course is the first step in pursuing a career in Health and Social Care where the units that you study develop your skills to be able to support others such as communication, equality and diversity and health living. As well as completing coursework and two exams you will also participate in a work placement to put into practice what you are learning in the classroom. Through the year guest speakers provide workshops and there are off-site visits to local care providers to give you an insight into a variety of different settings.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at 9-3/A\*-D (including English Language).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Potential progression to a level 3 Health and Social Care course, apprenticeships or work based learning courses.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/ EXTENDED CERTIFICATE • 1 YEAR

This course teaches you the skills and knowledge needed to progress into a career in health and social care, or to study at university. Taken alongside other subjects, you will study a range of units including equality, diversity and rights in Health and Social Care and developing effective communication in Health and Social Care.

All lecturers have a professional background in the health and social care sector such as mental health and working with adults with learning difficulties.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including English Language and Maths or Science) or a Distinction in BTEC level 2 Health and Social Care (including a minimum level 4 in GCSE English and a minimum level 4 in GCSE Maths or a pass in level 2 Science.)

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Depending on what other subjects are studied alongside the Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care a range of Higher Education courses are available, including; Midwifery/Nursing, Teaching, Psychology, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

### FOUNDATION DIPLOMA/DIPLOMA • 1-2 YEARS

This course covers a range of units such as Psychology, Sociology, Safeguarding and Physiology. During the course there will be a range of guest speakers providing workshops and also off-site visits to local care providers to give you an insight into a variety of different settings.

During the course you will complete work experience in different Health and Social Care settings. This provides you with valuable experience to demonstrate your suitability to prospective employers and universities.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including English Language and Maths or Science) or a Distinction in BTEC level 2 Health and Social Care (including a minimum level 4 in GCSE English and a minimum level 4 in GCSE Maths or a pass in level 2 Science.)

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

A range of Higher Education courses are available, including; Midwifery/Nursing, Teaching, Social Work and Speech Therapy.

# HUMANITIES

## COURSES

**Classics** A Level

**Film Studies** A Level

**Geography** A Level

**History (Early Modern)** A Level

**History (Modern)** A Level

**Philosophy, Religion & Ethics**  
A Level

**Politics** A Level

**Media Studies** A Level

**Modern Languages - French,  
German & Spanish** A Level

## CLASSICS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will study elements of the language, literature, religion and history of the classical world to gain an understanding of the culture, politics and social life of Greece and Rome at significant periods in our history. You will read, amongst other texts, Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* and plays by Euripides, Aeschylus, Sophocles and Aristophanes.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English Language or Literature). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

A Level Classics demonstrates a depth of thought and analysis that is valued by many employers and universities, and can lead to careers in research, archaeology, historian and curator.

## FILM STUDIES

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Film is one of the main cultural innovations of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years. Those wishing to study it characteristically bring with them a high degree of enthusiasm and excitement for what is a powerful and culturally significant medium. As well as gaining an appreciation of film as an art form in terms of its visual storytelling, studying film can enhance your understanding of the world in terms of competing values, attitudes and beliefs. This course also incorporates a creative production element where you will be able to put what you have learnt into practice by making a short film or writing a screenplay.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a C/5 or above in English Language and Literature). BTEC Level 2 qualification considered in subject related courses. No prior study in this area is required.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Film Studies encourages the analytical and career paths for students of Film may include practical avenues such as film-making, directing, producing and editing. A qualification in Film Studies also allows you to move into more theoretical pathways such as film criticism, journalism, teaching and education.

## GEOGRAPHY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will study our relationship with and the impacts upon the environment, society, other people and different cultures. You will develop skills on how to gather and evaluate information, collaborative working, clear communication of ideas, and the ability to define key issues and how to identify possible solutions. You will also gain the ability to look at global issues such as environmental responsibility and global interdependence.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English Language). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Geography commonly leads to careers in climatology, surveying, environmental law and leisure and tourism.

## HISTORY (EARLY MODERN)

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will explore the key religious and political changes that emerged within early-modern period – 1500–1700, with particular focus on Europe, and the impact of the rise in Protestantism. You will study the Tudor dynasty; with consideration of the extent to which individual monarchs shaped religious, political and social change in the period. You will also study the Dutch Revolt; a period of vital religious and social upheaval in Europe. Finally you will study the witch trials of the early modern period; largely focusing on those that occurred in England, but also in Europe and America.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (with a minimum 5 in English).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This subject gives you desirable transferable skills which will benefit you in a variety of degree options, and could lead to careers in teaching, journalism, research, archaeology or the heritage industry.

## HISTORY (MODERN)

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will explore the major political and cultural changes in the 20th century America through consideration of the changing political landscape, the development of the civil rights movement, and important changes to society. Your understanding of race relations will be expanded through the study of Apartheid in the 20th century South Africa. You will learn about the rise of Nationalist government, and the radicalisation of resistance. In the breadth study you will consider the British Experience of Warfare and how, since 1790, strategies and tactics have been developed and the impact this has had on the battlefield and the home front.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (with a minimum 5 in English).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This subject gives you desirable transferable skills which will benefit you in a variety of degree options, and could lead to careers in teaching, journalism, research, archaeology or the heritage industry.

## PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION & ETHICS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will develop your understanding about the human condition; the world of morality that we inhabit, our beliefs, values and limitations and the challenge presented by others. You will also be interested in developing your background knowledge in religion, though by no means will you need to have your own spiritual beliefs. You will relish the challenge of articulating ideas, arguments and perspectives in written form.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a grade 5/C or above in English). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course has numerous career paths including philosopher, teacher, academic, researcher, social work and journalism. Philosophy and Ethics is a traditional, rigorous academic pursuit that complements many other subjects.

# FINLAY

“I have enjoyed my time at Andover College because you have the ability to grow and develop as a person as well as academically. I also enjoyed spending time with the friends I have made and everything I have learned from my courses.”

**PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS, CLASSICS AND MODERN HISTORY**

## MOLLY



“The college has prepared me for my future as it has taught me interpersonal communication skills, which will be key to advancing in the film industry.

I have enjoyed taking opportunities that have come up as a result of studying film making.”

FILM MAKING, FILM STUDIES AND MODERN HISTORY

## POLITICS

**A LEVEL • 2 YEARS**

Current affairs is a major aspect of politics, and in A Level Politics we will consider the potential impacts that current, and immediate, political issues could have on our government and society. You will also explore the processes and institutions that are at the heart of the politics in both the UK and in America. This will involve learning about different democratic systems, political figures, and the far-reaching consequences of political developments. You will also consider the various ways in which people engage with politics; and what influences people’s choices at the polling booth.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (with a minimum 5 in English).

**▶ WHAT NEXT?**

This subject gives you desirable transferable skills which will benefit you in a variety of degree options; including Politics, International Relations and Contemporary History. This could lead you into careers in local, national or even international politics, as well as careers in education, research or journalism.

## MEDIA STUDIES

**A LEVEL • 2 YEARS**

As a Media Studies student, you will analyse how media products use language and representations to create meaning. You will learn about the media industry and how the industry affects how media products are made. You will investigate media audiences, exploring who are the people who watch, read and consume the products and considering how different people might respond to products differently, and why. You will study many different media forms, such as: Television, Online Media, Film Marketing, Magazines, Newspapers, Radio, Video Games, Music Video and Advertising.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 5/C or above in English Language and Literature). BTEC Level 2 qualification considered in subject related courses. No prior study in this area is required.

**▶ WHAT NEXT?**

If you are looking for a job in this area, studying Media at A Level and at degree level is a route into careers such as TV and film production, advertising, journalism, interactive media, and digital marketing. It could help to provide you with the foundation to secure roles in technical production, special effects, web design and post-production.

## MODERN LANGUAGES – FRENCH, GERMAN &amp; SPANISH

**A LEVEL • 2 YEARS**

All three languages have a similar specification structure. You will be encouraged to:

- Develop the knowledge and skills learnt at GCSE level
- Gain a useful insight into another culture
- Enhance your employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel and experience the enjoyment and motivation of improving your linguistic level.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Five GCSEs 9–4/A\*–C (including French, German or Spanish at a 6/B or above).

**▶ WHAT NEXT?**

Modern languages are highly regarded by employers and in Higher Education. Career paths could include interpreting, business services and finance, tourism and Government.

# LAW

## COURSES

**Applied Law** BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Extended Certificate

**Law** A Level



# STEPHANIE

"I have enjoyed the lecturers' approach to teaching, which was current, fun but also informative. I was very comfortable leading up to exams because of this and because they taught me the right techniques to tackle my exams confidently."

LAW, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND PSYCHOLOGY

## APPLIED LAW

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/ EXTENDED CERTIFICATE • 1 – 2 YEARS

The qualification will provide the opportunity for learners to showcase their skills and apply their knowledge in an appropriate, work-related context, in the study of Law. The course provides an introduction to the legal sector and key aspects of law to develop both knowledge and application. Learners will be able to present their ideas in a range of ways including report writing, presentations and leaflets. This course is assessed by a combination of controlled assessment and coursework.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including English Language).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

The qualification can lead to many different career paths including those in the legal profession, Government, civil service, probation service and police force, among many others.

## LAW

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

The qualification will provide the opportunity for learners to pursue a further interest in Law enabling a development of both knowledge and application of the legal system. The A Level course not only provides an awareness of law in the UK but also a wider understanding of law in both a European and global context. This takes into consideration the changing nature of law and its interaction with morality, justice, society and technology. The course is 100% exam based.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/B in English Language).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

The qualification can lead to many different career paths including those in the legal profession, Government, civil service, probation service and police force, among many others.

# SCIENCE & MATHS

## COURSES

**Statistics** A Level

**Biology** A Level

**Chemistry** A Level

**Computer Science** A Level

**Environmental Studies**  
A Level

**Mathematics** Core

**Mathematics** A Level

**Mathematics**  
Further Maths

**Physics** A Level

**Applied Biology** BTEC  
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

**Applied Chemistry** BTEC  
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

**Applied Forensic Science**  
BTEC Level 3  
Subsidiary Diploma

**Applied Medical Science**  
BTEC Level 3  
Subsidiary Diploma

**Applied Physics** BTEC  
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma

**Applied Science** BTEC  
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma



# SHEA

"This college provides a learning environment not many other colleges can. The relationships you form with your peers and lecturers really help you to excel and develop as a learner. I have definitely enjoyed the wide variety of trips for my subjects, especially for biology, as they are engaging and help you to see why your courses are relevant to the modern world.

Being selected for the HE+ programme and the different career fairs helped me to think of what I wanted to do right from the start of college."

**MATHS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY AND EPQ**

## STATISTICS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Using and understanding data is becoming essential in many carers. This course will help you understand statistics such as probability, statistical inference and methods. It works well alongside other subjects such as psychology, biology and business studies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 6/C in Maths or above). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course can lead to careers in banking, finance and accounting whilst also supporting careers that require statistical understanding. In particular, sport science, psychology and sociology based degrees and careers.

## BIOLOGY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Biology is the study of life, from whole ecosystems to the structure of the human body. You will explore topics such as genetic engineering, human health and disease, biodiversity, ecology, physiology of exercise and climate change. This course allows you to combine practical testing with theory to enhance your learning.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 6/B in Higher Maths or above and a 6/B in Biology or 6/B in core plus B/6 in Additional Science and a 5/C or higher in English). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

There are many different career paths including medicine, ecology, dentistry, midwifery, nursing and other biomedical and healthcare professions. Biology is highly regarded within Higher Education.

## CHEMISTRY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

You will develop an understanding of how chemists seek to utilise the world's natural resources to provide the food, products, medicines and energy sources required in everyday life. Your learning will take place in our well-equipped laboratories combining both practical and theory based lessons, so that you gain an understanding of how chemistry supports the development of new technologies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 6/B or above in Maths and a relevant Science subject). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

A Level Chemistry can lead to careers in chemical engineering, bio-chemistry, veterinary nursing and medicine. Chemistry is commonly taken alongside Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Environmental Science.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Computer Science is relevant to the modern and changing world of computing. It is a practical subject where you will apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real world systems.

It is a creative subject that combines invention and excitement, and can look at the natural world through a digital prism. Learners will develop computational thinking, helping develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence. Learners will develop an ability to analyse, critically evaluate and make decisions.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Six GCSEs 9–4/A\*–C (including 6/B or higher in Maths, English Language and Science).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

The A Level Computer Science programme will enable you to progress to a variety of careers including cyber security, IT software development and the gaming industry.

## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Environmental Studies is the scientific study of how the environment supports us and how our way of life threatens these support systems. The subject will cover strategies on how we can promote sustainable living. The course will also explore environmental and ethical issues surrounding wildlife and conservation.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including 5/C in Maths, English and a Science subject). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Environmental studies complements career paths in nature conservation, forestry, climatology and the energy and water industry. This subject is also highly sought after in Higher Education.

## MATHEMATICS – CORE

### 1 YEAR

Core Mathematics was developed to enable the study of mathematical topics in practical, real-life contexts. It can be studied alongside other subjects such as humanities, arts, sport and media.

This course will encourage you to:

- Problem solve using statistical techniques
- Apply mathematics to your studies, work or interests
- Develop mathematical modelling, communication and reasoning skills.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 5/C in Maths or above). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### WHAT NEXT?

This course can help you to progress into a wide variety of careers including accountancy, business, education, industry, technology, psychology and science.

## MATHEMATICS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject is about working with patterns and structures found in science and technology. From computers and space exploration to body scanners and medicine, understanding these patterns help explain and control natural happenings and situations.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Six GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 7/B in Maths or above). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course can help you to progress into a wide variety of careers including accountancy, aerospace, biosciences, engineering and exploration geophysics.

## MATHEMATICS – FURTHER MATHS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject is designed to broaden your mathematical knowledge and skills. It may be studied alongside or after taking AS Level Mathematics and will provide you with a stimulating experience if you enjoy Maths. This course helps you to develop excellent analytical skills that will transfer into whatever area you are considering for a career.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Six GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including an 8/A in Maths or above). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course can help you to progress on to any mathematically rich degree and can lead to a wide variety of careers. These include accountancy, aerospace, biosciences, engineering and exploration geophysics.

## PHYSICS

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

This subject mainly deals with theoretical concepts, asking questions and trying to answer them. The study of physics is applied everywhere including the development of sustainable forms of energy, developing and designing sports equipment and even the treatment of cancer. You will focus on concepts such as radioactivity, electricity, magnetism and forces, learning skills and problem solving techniques that will benefit you through life.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including a 6/B or above in Mathematics and a 6/B in Additional Science or a 6/B in Physics).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Physics lends itself to a number of different career paths including physicist, engineer, technician, medicine and astronomy.

## APPLIED BIOLOGY

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

This course provides a viable alternative to the traditional A Level Biology route. It will enable you to develop an understanding of the structure and functions of the human body as well as exploring genetics and genetic engineering. You will undertake a wide range of practicals through these units, alongside microbiology, to develop knowledge and skills in this subject area.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C including English, Maths and Science plus a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This pathway provides progression opportunities in to Higher Education as well as enhancing skills and understanding to gain employment in the science industry.

## APPLIED CHEMISTRY

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

This course provides a viable alternative to the traditional A Level Chemistry route. It will develop your chemical laboratory techniques and practical analysis skills to support your theoretical understanding of chemistry. Due to its vocational context, you will learn the industrial applications of both chemical reactions and organic chemistry and how chemistry is leading the way in technological developments.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C including English, Maths and Science plus a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This pathway provides progression opportunities on to university, as well as enhancing skills and understanding to gain employment in the science industry.

## APPLIED FORENSIC SCIENCE

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

This pathway is popular alongside other related courses such as Criminology, Public Services and Psychology. It provides a scientific approach to the process of criminal investigations and explores genetics, forensic evidence, collection and analysis as well as understanding the psychological reasoning of criminal behaviour. It combines both practical and theory to develop your understanding of forensic science.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C including English, Maths and Science plus a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This pathway provides progression opportunities on to university to study Criminology, Forensics and Psychology, etc. It also enhances skills and understanding to gain employment in the science industry.

## APPLIED MEDICAL SCIENCE

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

The Applied Medical Science programme will enable you to develop an understanding, from a vocational context, of important medical topics that impact greatly on the Healthcare profession. You will explore practical techniques such as microbiology as well as developing an understanding of diseases and infections. Alongside these areas of biology, you will examine the role of physics in medicine.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C including English, Maths and Science plus a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This programme will support progression into industry related careers such as technician and research. Learners can also gain entry on to university.

## APPLIED PHYSICS

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

This course provides a viable alternative to the traditional A Level Physics route. It will develop your ability to use mathematical tools to understand and solve scientific problems. You will also cover units on energy changes, sources and applications and electrical circuits and their industrial applications. The course will develop a deeper understanding of the world around us.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C including English, Maths and Science plus a BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This pathway provides progression opportunities in to Higher Education as well as enhancing skills and understanding to gain employment in the science industry.

## APPLIED SCIENCE

### BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

This course provides a viable alternative to the traditional A Level Science route. It will enable you to develop an understanding from a vocational context in order to see how science works in the real world and develop knowledge and skills that can be used in the industry. Science is, and should be, hands-on so you are expected to fully engage with practical experiments. If you want to study a BTEC Science course you must complete this certificate. You will then be able to progress on to a Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C (including English, Maths and Science).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Continued study in Further Education through the Subsidiary Diploma Applied Science of your choice as well as progression to Higher Education such as Research, Technician and Physiotherapist.

# SOCIAL SCIENCES

## COURSES

**Psychology** A Level

**Sociology** A Level

**BTEC Applied Psychology**  
Certificate and  
Extended Certificate



## PSYCHOLOGY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You will gain an understanding of the process of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research. You will also be introduced to classic and contemporary research within five key areas of psychology: social (influence from others), developmental (children's development), cognitive (thought processes), individual differences (mental disorders) and biological (brain structure).

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Six GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English, Science and Maths). A GCSE points score above 5.5 is recommended. BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses. (Level 2 Psychology provides an alternative programme of study for this subject area).

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Potential career paths include therapy, counselling, scientific research, advertising and health and social care.

**VALUE ADDED FOR A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY PLACES IT AMONGST THE VERY BEST IN THE COUNTRY! >**

## SOCIOLOGY

### A LEVEL • 2 YEARS

Sociology is all about the study of human society, the relationships we develop and how our behaviour is shaped by the world around us. Sociology includes looking at how gender, ethnicity and social class affect our life choices and our life chances, why young people get involved in subcultures and gangs, and how social media and developments in technology affect the way we see ourselves and the way we interact with each other. You will critically analyse the world around you and the theories which attempt to explain it. Sociology is an academic subject which links well with other subjects such as Politics, Psychology and Philosophy, Religion and Ethics.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C (including a 5/C or above in English). BTEC Level 2 qualifications considered in subject related courses.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This subject has a number of possible career paths including teaching, law, journalism, politics, media, youth and social work.

## APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

**NEW FOR 2019!**

### BTEC APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (CERTIFICATE AND EXTENDED CERTIFICATE) • 2 YEARS

Due to the ever growing popularity of psychology, we have introduced the BTEC Level 3 Psychology course. This subject will enable you to understand the relationship between behaviour, performance and mental processes then apply it in order to understand such things as; events, treat mental health issues and how to treat criminals.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9-4/A\*-C including Maths, English and Science.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Media, advertising, therapy, forensic and criminal psychology, sport psychology and teaching.

# SPORT & LEISURE

## COURSES

BTEC Level 2 First Award in Sport

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma in Sport

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science

BTEC Level 3 90–Credit/Extended Diploma in Sport (Football Studies)

BTEC Level 3 90 Credit Diploma/Extended Diploma in Sport (Coaching, Development and Fitness)



## SPORT

### BTEC LEVEL 2 FIRST AWARD IN SPORT • 1 YEAR

This course is aimed at learners looking to progress onto a Level 3 course in Sport, building the fundamental skills and underpinning knowledge to build upon in the future. The course covers a range of practical and theoretical aspects and provides an ideal opportunity to move into employment. The course is flexible and allows you to take other GCSE subjects alongside it. You may also gain additional qualifications in Coaching, First Aid and Level 1 AIQ in Healthy Living. You should be prepared for all lessons; either practical or theory based, and apply yourselves at all times.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at 3/D or equivalent.

### ► WHAT NEXT?

The course provides progression on to Level 3 courses such as the BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport. The development of skills such as leadership, confidence and discipline on the course will support entry into a range of sport and non-sport related careers.

## SPORT

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN SPORT • 1 – 2 YEARS

This course is ideal for learners looking to combine their passion and interest for Sport with other subjects. Many study A Levels such as Biology and Psychology en route to university. You will learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. You will develop an understanding of the human body and how it responds to exercise. The importance of fitness testing and training will be examined in order to understand how performance in sport can be maximised.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C or equivalent (including 4/C or above in English).

### ► WHAT NEXT?

A large majority of students continue to study sport into Higher Education at renowned universities on sport related degrees such as: Sport Science, Sports Journalism and Sports Development. The programme also supports entry into employment in sports-related roles such as coaching and the leisure industry.

## SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE • 1 – 2 YEARS

Taken alongside subjects such as Biology or Psychology, this course is for those students intending to study towards a degree in Sport and Exercise Science. It replaces the A Level in Physical Education and is similar in its scientific content. Students will learn about anatomy and physiology, applied sports psychology and biomechanics in sport and exercise. The theoretical content will be applied to sporting contexts so that students develop an understanding of how this impacts on athlete performance.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C or equivalent (including 4/C or above in English, Maths and Science).

### ► WHAT NEXT?

A large majority of students continue to study sport into Higher Education at renowned universities on sport related degrees such as: Sport Science, Nutrition and Sports Psychology.

# BRENDAN



"I am now able to study sport on a high level in university and carry on studying my passion because of Andover College. All my lecturers were always supportive and approachable, giving me any extra help or support I needed. I have had the chance to go to visit many universities, play in the FA Youth Cup against Ipswich Town and represent Andover Town who I was able to captain this season."

**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT**

## SPORT

### BTEC LEVEL 3 90 CREDIT/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT (COACHING, DEVELOPMENT AND FITNESS)

Our Coaching pathway looks at the sport industry in its entirety. We focus on topics of sports development, sports coaching and the current issues that exist in sport. In addition, you will explore the human body, sports psychology and fitness and training examining how this can be adapted to enhance sports performance. Students will be required to demonstrate a willingness to engage in a variety of sports developing their skill and ability as well as understanding the underpinning sport science that helps everyone to progress. Within all of our Sport courses we look to embed secondary learning outcomes such as gym instructor and coaching qualifications which allow students to gain employment in industry.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE's at 9-4/A-C (including English and Maths).

### ► WHAT NEXT?

All of our Level 3 qualifications have UCAS points attached to them allowing students to progress on to Higher Education to study a sport related degree. Students have also been successful in obtaining football scholarships in the US. Through additional qualifications, students can gain direct employment as coaches or gym instructors, for example.

## FOOTBALL STUDIES (INCLUDING THE ACADEMY)

### BTEC LEVEL 3 90 CREDIT/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT (FOOTBALL STUDIES)

Our Level 3 Football Studies programme looks at football as an industry. Applying all of the units and topics from the 90 Credit and Extended Diploma BTEC qualification to Football, you will develop an understanding of how subjects such as nutrition and psychology affect performance. We investigate what makes football such a unique industry in the UK and what barriers people face when trying to progress in sport. Alongside the theory elements, you will access football training led by UEFA qualified coaches to support your development as a performer. Within all of our Sport courses we look to embed secondary learning outcomes such as gym instructor and coaching qualifications which allow students to gain employment in industry.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE's at 9-4/A-C (including English and Maths).

### ► WHAT NEXT?

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**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR FOOTBALL ACADEMY IN OUR FULL-TIME COURSE GUIDE.**

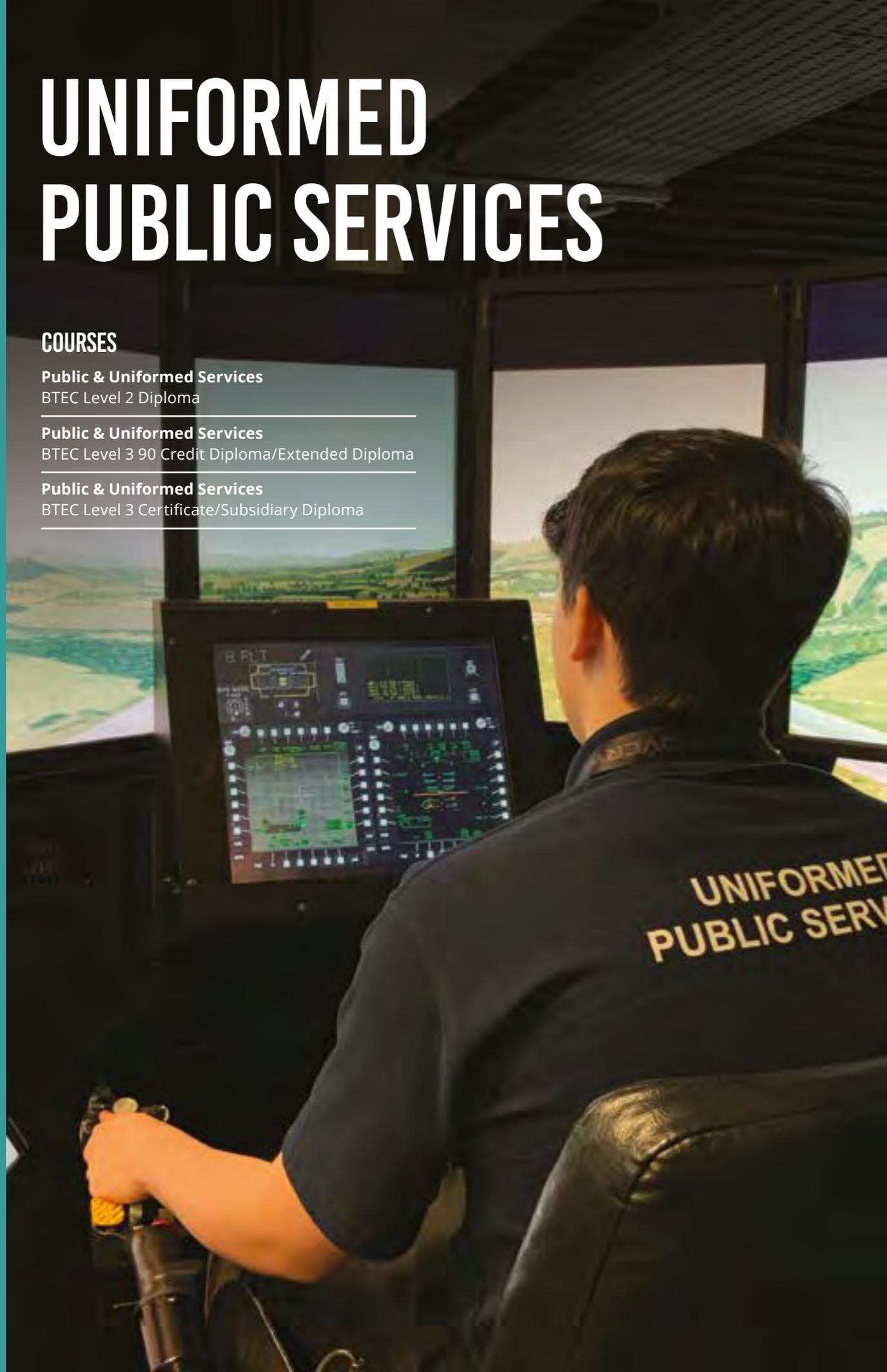
# UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

## COURSES

**Public & Uniformed Services**  
BTEC Level 2 Diploma

**Public & Uniformed Services**  
BTEC Level 3 90 Credit Diploma/Extended Diploma

**Public & Uniformed Services**  
BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Subsidiary Diploma



## PUBLIC & UNIFORMED SERVICES

### BTEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA • 1 YEAR

Aimed at learners looking to study a Level 3 BTEC in Uniformed Public Services. This course focuses on the fundamental skills, discipline and fitness required for a career in the public and uniformed services. An aptitude for developing leadership skills and team work is essential. You will go on a number of field trips and excursions to a variety of Public Service operators to carry out course related activities and gain a real life insight.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at 9–3/A\*–D.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

Progression to Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services or employment in the public and uniformed services. The skills learnt on the course are transferable and relevant to the private sector.

## PUBLIC & UNIFORMED SERVICES

### BTEC LEVEL 3 90 CREDIT DIPLOMA/ EXTENDED DIPLOMA • 2 YEARS

The course is delivered through a wide range of both theoretical and practical units to develop both the academic and personal skills required for a career in the uniformed public services. You will be required to participate in weekly outdoor activities designed to develop your confidence, teamwork and leadership qualities. You will also need to be able to meet deadlines and be driven by achieving realistic goals.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C or Level 2 BTEC Diploma at Merit, or equivalent.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course can provide entry in to Higher Education to study degrees such as Criminology as well as progressing into a career in the uniformed public services.

## PUBLIC & UNIFORMED SERVICES

### BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE/ SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA • 1 – 2 YEARS

This course is aimed at students who want to study Public Services as part of a wider curriculum, often working alongside Criminology, Psychology or Sociology. You will gain knowledge and understanding of a wide range of public services including the Emergency Services, Armed Forces and other Uniformed Services, studying modules such as government policies, leadership and teamwork and citizenship and diversity. This course mixes classroom theory with hands-on practical experience.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at 9–4/A\*–C or Level 2 BTEC Diploma or equivalent.

### ▶ WHAT NEXT?

This course, in combination with A Levels in other disciplines, seeks to support you if you are intending to progress on to Higher Education or applying for your chosen public service career.

# GETTING HERE

We are very conveniently located and try to make travelling here as easy as possible.

We even offer a number of subsidised tickets on buses and train services. For more information, please visit the transport section of our website.

Students join us from over 100 schools in the area. You can see just some of our local schools below.



## BY BUS & COACH

The college is a three-minute walk from the bus station. We also provide a subsidised bus service from Amesbury, Durrington and Shrewton to and from the College. Other areas may be incorporated if there is sufficient demand for a service and we have previously provided services in Upavon and Pewsey as well as the Winterbournes and Wallops.

## BY TRAIN

Direct services link Andover with towns and cities including Salisbury and Basingstoke.

## BY CAR

Follow signs for Town Centre and Leisure Centre. At the roundabout take the first exit into Charlton Road where you will find us on the right.

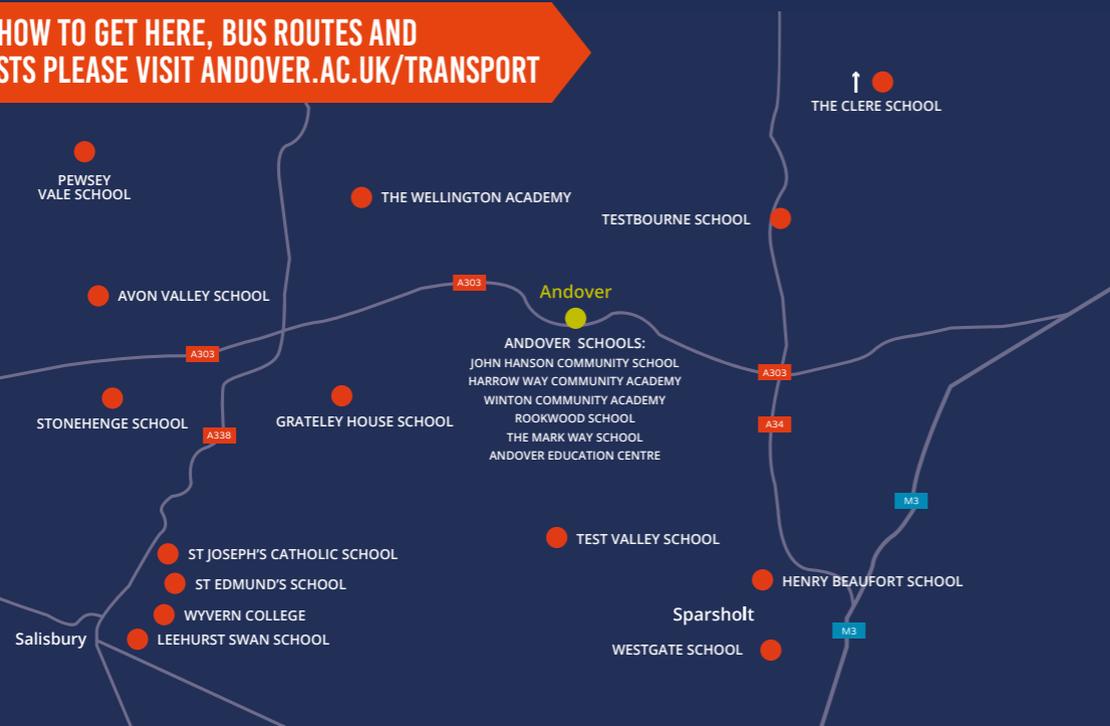
## PARKING

There is no onsite parking available to students at the College, however there are a limited number of permits available for parking at Shepherds Spring Lane, just a three-minute walk away. For further details and pricing please speak to our friendly reception team on **01264 360000** Visit [www.andover.ac.uk/transport](http://www.andover.ac.uk/transport) for more information (Subject to change).

## ACCESSIBILITY

We have good footpath access for wheelchair users and those with visual impairment and all of our buildings are fully accessible for wheelchair users. Should you require any special assistance please contact us on **01264 360000**.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET HERE, BUS ROUTES AND SUBSIDISED COACH COSTS PLEASE VISIT [ANDOVER.AC.UK/TRANSPORT](http://ANDOVER.AC.UK/TRANSPORT)



# MONEY MATTERS

## BURSARY FUNDS

If you are aged 16–18 and in care, a care leaver, receiving Income Support or Universal Credit and financially supporting yourself or someone who is dependant on you, receiving Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment as well as Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit you may be entitled to a bursary to help cover the cost of travel, books, equipment etc.

## DISCRETIONARY LEARNER SUPPORT

Funding is also available to students whose household income is below £32,000, this can help with costs associated with your studies including specialist uniform, protective equipment, travel or even childcare. The income threshold of £32,000 is increased by £1,600 for each dependent child living in the same house as the bursary applicant.

Please visit [www.andover.ac.uk/information/finance-funding](http://www.andover.ac.uk/information/finance-funding) for more information.

The Advanced Learner Loan can cover the cost of tuition fees for a range of level 3 to 6 courses including; A Levels, Access to Higher Education courses, General and Vocational qualifications. Repayments don't begin until you finish the course and are earning over £25,725 a year. Apply to college as normal and once you receive a funding and information letter, usually in July, you can complete a loan application. For further details please go to [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan) or for help and money advice please go to [www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en](http://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en)

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT LOAN

If you are 19+, but not eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan then you may be able to apply for a Career Development Loan to pay your fees. Visit [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

## CHILDCARE SUPPORT

Are you under 20 and have a child? You could be eligible for help from the Care-to-Learn Loan Scheme. Find out more by visiting [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn) If you are 20 or over and your household income is less than £32,000 then you may also get childcare support through our College Learner Support Fund.

## NEED HELP?

If you are experiencing financial difficulties that may force you to withdraw your application, please call our Student Finance team on **01264 360014** before making any decisions! Visit: [www.andover.ac.uk/information/finance-funding](http://www.andover.ac.uk/information/finance-funding)

All course information is correct at time of print. However, changes may take place throughout the year and the website will hold the most up to date information. The college reserves the right to change or amend a course as necessary. If you require this guide in an alternative format, please contact us.

## OUR OPEN EVENTS:

**Tuesday 1 October 2019**

4.30–7.30pm

**Wednesday 2 October 2019**

4.30–7.30pm

**Wednesday 20 November 2019**

4.30–7.30pm

**Thursday 6 February 2020**

4.30–7.30pm

**Thursday 25 June 2020**

4.30–7.30pm