



BLYTHE BRIDGE
— SIXTH FORM —

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COURSE HANDBOOK

2027–2028

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Business, Finance & Technology

Business & Finance

Course Content

This qualification explores how businesses operate and the role of finance in supporting organisational success. Students examine business activities, marketing, customer service, budgeting, financial planning and enterprise, while developing an understanding of the factors that influence decision-making in modern organisations.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop commercial awareness, financial literacy, communication, analytical and organisational skills. The course encourages critical thinking, problem-solving and the ability to interpret business and financial information. It supports progression to higher education courses in Business, Accounting, Finance, Economics, Marketing and Management. Career pathways include accounting, banking, financial services, business administration, human resources, marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

Computer Science

Course Content

Computer Science explores how computers process information and how technology can be used to solve problems. You will study programming, algorithms, software development, data representation, computer systems and computational thinking, alongside creating your own programming project.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops logical reasoning, computational thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills. Students gain experience of designing solutions, writing programs and analysing complex systems. These highly sought-after skills are valued across almost every sector of the modern economy. Computer Science supports progression to higher education courses in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Data Science, Digital Technologies and Games Development. Career opportunities include software development, cyber security, systems analysis, web development, data analytics, network engineering and technology consultancy.



Design, Arts & Performance

Fine Art

Course Content

A Level Fine Art allows you to explore a wide range of artistic disciplines, including painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media and digital art. Through practical projects and artist research, you will develop your own creative style and produce a portfolio of personal work.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Fine Art encourages creativity, innovation and independent thinking while developing practical, observational and critical analysis skills. Students become confident in presenting ideas, managing long-term projects and responding to creative briefs. The qualification provides an excellent pathway to higher education in Fine Art, Illustration, Graphic Design, Architecture, Interior Design, Fashion, Product Design and Creative Arts. Career opportunities include illustration, architecture, design, animation, advertising, art therapy, gallery work, teaching and the wider creative industries.

Photography

Course Content

Photography is a creative and expressive art form. Students develop practical skills in image creation, digital editing and visual communication while studying the work of influential photographers and artists. Through personal investigations and creative projects, students build a portfolio that reflects their ideas and artistic development.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop creativity, visual analysis, technical photography skills and digital editing expertise. The course encourages independent thinking, problem-solving and the ability to communicate ideas through visual media. It supports progression to higher education courses in Photography, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Media, Visual Communication and Creative Arts. Career pathways include professional photography, photojournalism, digital media, content creation, marketing, advertising and design industries.



Dance

Course Content

A Level Dance combines practical performance, choreography and critical appreciation. Students explore a range of dance styles and practitioners while developing performance technique and creative choreography skills.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Dance develops confidence, resilience, creativity, teamwork and leadership. Students learn how to communicate ideas through performance, work collaboratively and analyse artistic work critically. The qualification can lead to higher education courses in Dance, Choreography, Performing Arts, Musical Theatre, Physical Theatre and Arts Management. Career opportunities include performing, choreography, teaching, community arts, event management, theatre production and the wider creative industries.

Music

Course Content

This qualification develops students' understanding of music through performance, composition and listening. Students explore a wide range of musical styles, genres and historical periods while developing their practical musicianship, analytical skills and creative techniques.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop performance, composition, listening and analytical skills, alongside creativity, self-discipline and effective communication. The course encourages independent learning, critical thinking and artistic expression. It supports progression to higher education courses in Music, Music Technology, Composition, Performance, Music Education and Arts Management. Career pathways include performing musician, composer, music producer, sound engineer, teacher, arts administrator and careers within the wider music and creative sectors.



Design & Technology

Course Content

A Level Design & Technology focuses on product design, innovation and engineering principles. You will investigate real-world problems, develop creative design solutions and manufacture prototypes using a range of materials, manufacturing processes and CAD software.

Skills, Progression & Careers

This course develops creativity, problem-solving, project management and technical design skills. You will learn how to research user needs, generate ideas, evaluate solutions and communicate your designs professionally. The combination of practical and analytical skills is highly valued by universities and employers. Design & Technology supports progression to higher education courses in Product Design, Engineering, Architecture, Industrial Design, Manufacturing, Automotive Design and Construction Management. Career opportunities include product designer, engineer, architect, CAD technician, project manager, and design consultant.

Performing Arts (Drama)

Course Content

Drama combines practical performance with the study of theatre, practitioners and performance techniques. Students rehearse, devise and perform original work while exploring a range of theatrical styles.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Drama develops confidence, communication, teamwork and creativity. Students learn how to collaborate, present ideas effectively and respond constructively to feedback. These transferable skills are highly valued in many professions. The subject supports progression to courses in Drama, Performing Arts, Theatre Studies, Acting, Directing and Arts Management. Career opportunities include acting, theatre production, directing, teaching, broadcasting, event management and the wider creative industries.

English & Media

English Literature

Course Content

A Level English Literature explores a range of poetry, prose and drama from different periods and genres. Through literary study, you will examine themes, contexts and interpretations while developing a deeper appreciation of language and storytelling.

Skills, Progression & Careers

English Literature develops exceptional communication, analytical and critical thinking skills. Students learn to evaluate evidence, construct persuasive arguments and express complex ideas with confidence and clarity. These highly transferable skills are valued across many professions. The subject supports progression to higher education courses in English, Law, History, Journalism, Media, Politics, Philosophy and Humanities subjects. Career pathways include publishing, journalism, law, teaching, marketing, public relations, communications, civil service and management.

Media Studies

Course Content

Media Studies explores how media products are created, distributed and consumed. You will study television, film, advertising, social media, magazines and online media while also producing your own creative media content.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops creativity, communication, research and analytical skills. Students learn how media industries operate, how audiences respond to media products and how messages are constructed and interpreted. Media Studies supports progression to degree courses in Media, Journalism, Film Production, Communication, Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations. Career opportunities include broadcasting, journalism, publishing, marketing, content creation, digital media production and public relations.



Health & Education

Health and Social Care

Course Content

Health & Social Care provides an understanding of health, wellbeing, human development and professional care practice. Students explore how individuals are supported throughout life and how health and care services meet people's needs.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops communication, teamwork, empathy and problem-solving skills. Students gain an understanding of professional practice and develop valuable transferable skills through coursework and applied learning. It provides an excellent foundation for higher education courses in Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Paramedic Science and Public Health. Career routes include nursing, social care, healthcare management, therapy services, education and community support roles.

Education

Course Content

Education explores child development, learning and practice, providing students with an understanding of how children and young people develop and learn. Students examine the role of professionals, safeguarding responsibilities, inclusive practice and factors that influence educational achievement.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop communication, teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills, alongside an understanding of child development, safeguarding and professional practice. The course encourages empathy, organisation and the ability to work effectively with children and young people. It supports progression to higher education courses in Education Studies, Childhood Studies, Primary Teaching, Early Years and Special Educational Needs. Career pathways include teaching, learning support, early years education, youth work, educational welfare and wider children's services.



Humanities

History

Course Content

A Level History explores significant political, social and economic developments that have shaped the modern world. Students investigate historical events, sources and interpretations while completing independent historical research.

Skills, Progression & Careers

History develops research, evaluation and critical analysis skills. Students learn to assess evidence, build balanced arguments and communicate effectively through extended writing. These skills are highly respected by universities and employers. History supports progression to degrees in History, Law, Politics, International Relations, Archaeology and Humanities subjects. Career opportunities include law, teaching, journalism, politics, civil service, heritage management, research and public administration.

Geography

Course Content

A Level Geography examines the physical and human processes shaping our world. You will study topics including climate systems, natural hazards, urban environments, global governance and changing places, supported by fieldwork investigations.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Geography develops research, fieldwork, analytical and data interpretation skills. Students learn how to evaluate evidence, solve problems and understand complex global issues. The subject bridges both science and humanities and is highly regarded by universities. Geography supports progression to degrees in Geography, Environmental Science, Geology, Town Planning, International Development and Sustainability. Career opportunities include environmental consultancy, planning, conservation, GIS mapping, transport, business, government, tourism and teaching.



Politics

Course Content

Politics focuses on how governments, political systems and democratic processes operate. Students explore key political issues, institutions, ideologies and current affairs in the UK and internationally.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Politics develops research, analysis, debating and communication skills. Students learn to evaluate differing viewpoints, construct balanced arguments and engage with contemporary political issues. The course supports progression to degrees in Politics, International Relations, Law, Economics, Public Policy and History. Career opportunities include politics, law, journalism, civil service, diplomacy, public relations and business management.

Philosophy & Ethics

Course Content

Philosophy & Ethics explores fundamental questions about existence, morality, religion and human nature. Students examine different philosophical and ethical viewpoints and evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops critical thinking, debate, analysis and evaluation skills. Students learn to construct evidence-based arguments, consider alternative viewpoints and communicate complex ideas effectively. Philosophy & Ethics supports progression to higher education courses in Philosophy, Ethics, Theology, Politics, Law and International Relations. Career opportunities include law, teaching, public service, journalism, politics, community work and management.

Mathematics

Mathematics

Course Content

A Level Mathematics builds on GCSE knowledge through the study of pure mathematics, statistics and mechanics. Topics include calculus, algebra, probability, vectors, forces and motion.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Mathematics develops logical reasoning, problem-solving, resilience and analytical thinking. Students gain valuable quantitative skills that are highly sought after across a wide range of industries. The subject supports progression to higher education courses in Mathematics, Engineering, Economics, Finance, Data Science, Computer Science, Medicine and Physics. Career opportunities include engineering, actuarial science, accountancy, finance, software development, teaching and scientific research.

Further Mathematics

Course Content

Further Mathematics extends the concepts studied in A Level Mathematics and introduces more complex areas including decision mathematics, advanced statistics, algorithms, matrices and complex numbers.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops advanced problem-solving, logical thinking and mathematical reasoning skills. Students strengthen their ability to model complex situations, analyse data and develop robust solutions. Further Mathematics is particularly valued by competitive universities and supports progression to courses such as Mathematics, Engineering, Physics, Computer Science, Economics and Actuarial Science. Career pathways include data science, software engineering, quantitative finance, research, statistics, investment banking and engineering.

Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish

Course Content

This qualification develops linguistic proficiency and cultural understanding through the study of contemporary Spanish society, politics, history and artistic culture. Students enhance their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills while exploring authentic Spanish-language materials and works of literature and film.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop advanced communication, analytical and research skills, alongside cultural awareness and confidence in a second language. The course encourages independent learning, critical thinking and global awareness. It supports progression to higher education courses in Spanish, Modern Languages, International Relations, Translation, Business and Linguistics. Career pathways include teaching, translation, interpreting, diplomacy, international business, tourism, journalism and public sector roles.

French

Course Content

This qualification develops students' fluency in French while exploring the culture, society and history of French-speaking countries. Students study contemporary social issues, political life, literature and film, strengthening their ability to communicate effectively in a range of contexts.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop advanced communication, listening, reading, writing and analytical skills, alongside cultural understanding and international awareness. The course encourages independence, critical thinking and adaptability. It supports progression to higher education courses in French, Modern Languages, International Business, Politics, Linguistics and European Studies. Career pathways include teaching, translation, interpreting, international marketing, diplomacy, tourism and global business.



Sciences

Biology

Course Content

A Level Biology explores life at every level, from cells and biological molecules through to ecosystems and global sustainability. You will study genetics, disease, physiology, evolution and biodiversity, supported by practical investigations throughout the course.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Biology develops strong analytical, practical and communication skills, alongside the ability to interpret data and evaluate scientific evidence. Students become skilled at problem-solving, investigation and applying scientific concepts to real-world issues. The subject is highly regarded by universities and supports progression to higher education courses in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pharmacy, Biomedical Science, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Environmental Science and Sports Science. Career pathways include healthcare, research, biotechnology, environmental management, forensic science and teaching.

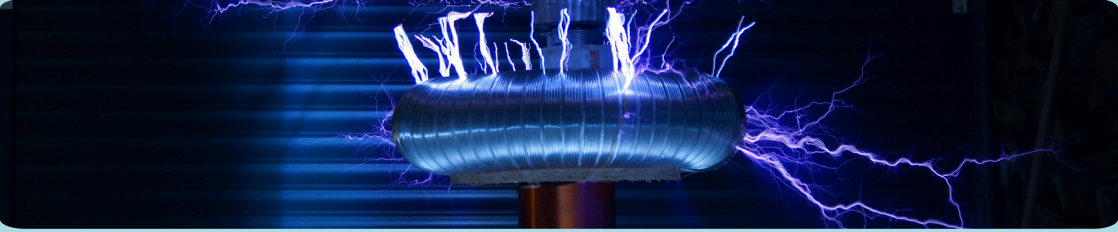
Chemistry

Course Content

A Level Chemistry explores the structure, properties and reactions of matter. Topics include atomic structure, bonding, energetics, organic chemistry, kinetics and analytical techniques, supported by extensive practical investigation.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Chemistry develops logical thinking, mathematical reasoning, data analysis and practical laboratory skills. Students learn to solve complex problems, evaluate evidence and communicate scientific ideas clearly. Often referred to as a facilitating subject, Chemistry opens doors to a wide range of university courses including Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Environmental Science and Materials Science. Career pathways include healthcare, pharmaceuticals, chemical engineering, forensic science, research and development, manufacturing and environmental protection.



Physics

Course Content

A Level Physics explores the laws that govern the universe, from forces and motion to particles, waves and astrophysics. The course combines mathematical modelling with practical scientific investigation.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Physics develops advanced problem-solving, analytical and mathematical skills. Students learn how to apply theoretical concepts to real-world situations and evaluate evidence through experimentation. It is one of the most highly regarded facilitating subjects for university entry. Physics supports progression to higher education courses in Physics, Engineering, Astrophysics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Architecture and Medicine. Career opportunities include engineering, aviation, computing, data science, research, renewable energy, finance and technology sectors.





Social Sciences

Psychology

Course Content

Psychology investigates human behaviour, thought processes and mental health. Students study topics including memory, attachment, social influence, biopsychology, stress and forensic psychology.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Psychology develops research, analytical and evaluative skills. Students learn how to interpret evidence, assess theories and apply knowledge to real-life situations. These skills are highly valued across health, education and business sectors. The subject supports progression to degree courses in Psychology, Counselling, Nursing, Social Work, Criminology, Education and Health Sciences. Career opportunities include psychology, mental health services, teaching, policing, social care, human resources and market research.

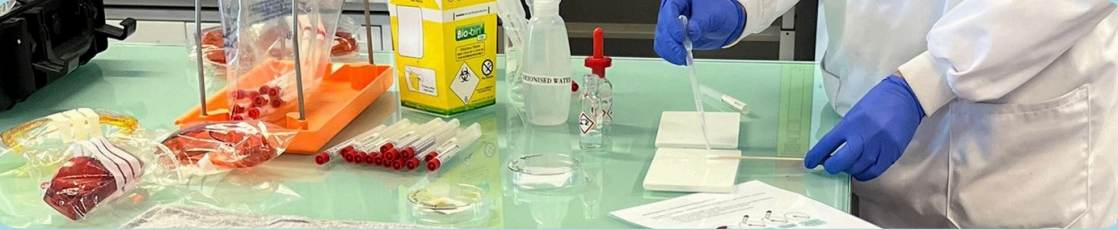
Sociology

Course Content

Sociology examines how society influences individuals and how social structures shape everyday life. Students explore education, families, beliefs, crime and social inequality.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The course develops critical thinking, research and analytical skills while encouraging students to evaluate different perspectives on contemporary social issues. Sociology provides excellent preparation for higher education courses in Sociology, Social Policy, Criminology, Social Work, Politics and Education. Career opportunities include social work, policing, community development, public relations, journalism, teaching, research and the criminal justice sector.



Criminology

Course Content

Criminology investigates crime, criminal behaviour and the criminal justice system. You will study the causes of crime, media representations, crime scene investigation, forensic evidence and approaches to crime prevention and punishment.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop research, analytical, evaluative and communication skills whilst exploring contemporary social issues. The course encourages critical thinking and the ability to assess evidence from different perspectives. Criminology provides an excellent foundation for higher education courses in Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law, Policing, Sociology and Psychology. Career pathways include policing, probation services, forensics, youth justice, law, intelligence services, social work and criminal justice agencies.





Mental Health

Course Content

This qualification explores the factors that influence mental health and wellbeing and examines how individuals, organisations and communities can support positive mental health outcomes.

Skills, Progression & Careers

Students develop an understanding of wellbeing, social responsibility, research and communication. The course encourages empathy, critical thinking and the ability to evaluate contemporary issues affecting individuals and society. It supports progression to higher education courses in Mental Health Nursing, Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Public Health, Health Promotion and Community Development. Career pathways include mental health services, counselling, youth work, social care, wellbeing coaching and healthcare professions.





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Physical Education

Course Content

A Level Physical Education combines scientific theory with practical sporting performance. Students study anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, psychology and socio-cultural influences on participation in sport.

Skills, Progression & Careers

PE develops leadership, teamwork, communication and performance analysis skills. Students gain a scientific understanding of physical activity while improving their ability to evaluate performance and make informed decisions. The qualification supports progression to degrees in Sports Science, Physiotherapy, Sports Coaching, Physical Education, Sports Therapy and Exercise Science. Career routes include coaching, physiotherapy, teaching, personal training, sports development and performance analysis.

Sports Studies

Course Content

Sports Studies combines practical and theoretical learning, covering areas such as coaching, fitness training, leadership, sports development and performance analysis.

Skills, Progression & Careers

The qualification develops leadership, teamwork, communication and organisational skills while providing valuable industry-specific experience. Students learn how sport is managed, developed and delivered in a variety of settings. Sports Studies supports progression to higher education courses in Sports Science, Sports Coaching, Sports Development, Physical Education, Physiotherapy and Exercise Science. Career opportunities include coaching, fitness instruction, sports development, teaching, leisure management and sports therapy.



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