



YOUR PATHWAY TO

# SIXTH FORM

2024/25

**Loughborough**  
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A photograph of Loughborough College, a multi-story building with a mix of brick and white panels, and large glass windows. A telecommunications tower with multiple antennas is mounted on the roof. The building is set against a clear blue sky, with some greenery visible in the foreground.

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about all of our courses

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**Keep up-to-date:**



**A Levels are considered to be the traditional route following GCSEs and are the most common qualification for admission to university. A Levels are two-year qualifications which give you a chance to study an existing GCSE subject in greater depth, or perhaps try a completely new subject like Law, Politics or Environmental Science. You can expect an increase in difficulty compared to GCSEs and will see differences in the way you are taught and what is expected.**

Choosing your A Levels is a significant decision which can impact the options available to you if you enter Higher Education. Most Higher Education courses require specific subjects or combinations of A Levels, so it is important you choose subjects to meet entry requirements. If you're not sure what career or job you want to do, studying a selection of A Levels can be a good way of keeping your options open.

Our Sixth Form offers a range of subjects in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Professional Studies, Mathematics and the Sciences. Alongside the three A Levels on your study programme, there are various intervention sessions to help you be successful.

We also have a comprehensive tutorial programme which develops the skills you require to be successful in the future.

To make you stand out from the crowd, you will perfect your study skills, research techniques and further enhance your digital skills.

Our Sixth Form offer provides the perfect combination of academic and extra and super curricular activities. It can help you achieve excellent results and prepare you for your next steps, whether that be onto Higher Education, an Apprenticeship or employment.





# PROGRESSION ROUTES

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## SIXTH FORM



Three subjects from

TWO YEARS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Accounting            | History                 |
| Art                   | Law                     |
| Biology               | Mathematics             |
| Business Studies      | Further Mathematics     |
| Chemistry             | Media Studies           |
| Computer Science      | Photography             |
| Criminology           | Physical Education (PE) |
| Economics             | Physics                 |
| English Language      | Politics                |
| English Literature    | Psychology              |
| Environmental Science | Religious Studies       |
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APPRENTICESHIPS



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# APPLICATION PROCESS

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## APPLY

The first step in joining Loughborough College is to **submit an application form**, this can be done online or via a paper form. After receiving this, we will acknowledge receipt of your application.

## HAVE YOU GIVEN US ALL OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION?

**Predicted Grades** – you need to provide us with your predicted grades so that we can ensure you are applying for a suitable course and level. For A Level applicants, where this is not provided your application will be put on hold.

**Fee Status** – We may ask you to complete and return a Fee Status questionnaire based on your Nationality or your right to remain in the country.

**Are your course choices right for you?** – where your predicted grades indicate that the course choice(s) are not appropriate, we reserve the right to amend this, where a suitable choice is available within the same area.

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## APPLICANT EVENT

In order to secure a place at Loughborough College, you must first **attend an Applicant Event** for your chosen course(s). **Your invite will be sent via email** so please ensure you check your spam/trash folders regularly.

Where you are unable to attend, it is important that we are notified beforehand (details on how to do this will be included in the email invite) so that we can invite you in to the next available event.

**N.B. If an applicant doesn't attend two events in a row, without notifying us beforehand, then we will automatically assume that they are no longer interested and their application will be withdrawn.**



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## OFFERS

After attending an Applicant Event, the course leader will make a suitable course offer and this will be sent out to you. In order to secure a place on the chosen course, the acceptance of place form must be completed and returned to us within the **specified** timeframe.

Applicants who do not accept their offer may still be considered, however priority will be given to those who accepted their offer in the **specified** timeframe.

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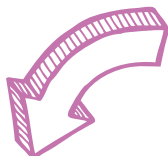
## PRE-PROGRAMME

In order to secure a place on the chosen course, students must then **attend** a Pre-Programme experience (taster day) OR notify us with a satisfactory explanation as to why they are unable to attend.

These events are **likely to be in late June/early July** and they are really important for students to attend to enable them to get a taste of what being a student at Loughborough College is like.

**Sadly however this event is not aimed at Parents/Guardians/Carers. Sorry – all the fun goes to our students for this one!**

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## REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

First you will be invited to complete an Online Registration, where you will be asked to log in and provide us with your personal details. You must also provide us with ID evidence and an appropriate photograph of yourself for your student ID badge.

Then on **National Results Day (Thursday 22nd August 2024)** you will be asked to log in again and upload proof of your results.

On, or shortly after, National Results Day you will be invited in to a Sign Up event with your chosen course area and this is where you formally sign up for your course. You will meet with a member of the teaching team who will assess your results and discuss appropriate courses.

**If you do not get the grades that you are expecting then please don't worry! We will work with you to help you find an alternative option.**

# ACCOUNTING

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**THIS A LEVEL HELPS STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACCOUNTANT AND THE IMPACTS OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BUSINESS AND THE WIDER ENVIRONMENT.**

Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

Course content includes topics such as Analysis and Evaluation of Financial Information, Budgeting, Accounting for Limited Companies, Capital Investment Appraisal, and Preparation of Financial Statements.

This A Level is a useful qualification, whether used professionally or personally, and an excellent complementary subject to Business, Economics or Maths.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 3 hour exams (50%) each.

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion of A Level Accounting, you will be prepared for further study at university or explore options to study professional qualifications such as AAT/ACCA/ACA/CIMA/CIOT.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA



# ART AND DESIGN: ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN

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## **IMPROVE YOUR VISUAL EXPRESSION AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS WHILE BUILDING A PORTFOLIO OF WORK FOR UNIVERSITY INTERVIEWS.**

As well as developing your skills in visual recording through practical work including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and mixed media, you will also build your critical thinking and research abilities with contextual studies of artists and their relationship to the world around them.

Your work will also involve an element of self-reflection, writing annotations to discuss your own work and its relation to briefs and artists studied, helping you to critique your own work and feed this into your future work.

## DETAILS

### **MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### **SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Art or Design at grade 5.

### **ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Year 12:  
10 hour Non-Examined Assessment.

Year 13:  
15 hour Non-Examined Assessment  
(40%) and personal investigation  
(60%).

### **PROGRESSION ROUTES**

A Level Art prepares you for degree-level study in Art and Design, and careers in everything from Graphic Design, Illustration and Typography to Sculpture, Fashion and Photography.

### **AWARDING BODY**

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# BIOLOGY

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**BIOLOGY IS A DIVERSE AND POPULAR SUBJECT. COVERING TOPICAL ISSUES, SUCH AS MEDICAL SCIENCE, GENETIC ENGINEERING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

If you enjoy learning about life and living organisms and want to delve deeper into concepts that you have been introduced to at GCSE, from biochemistry and cell biology through to behaviour and ecology, then A Level Biology will offer you an exciting, challenging and stimulating area of study.

In your first year of study, you will begin by gaining an understanding of the biological molecules which make up living things. This will enable you to understand how these molecules build up into cells, the fundamental unit of life.

In your second year of study, you will build upon the concepts introduced in the first year to develop an understanding of the complex biochemistry of photosynthesis and respiration and the detailed mechanisms of the nervous and endocrine systems.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three x 2 hour exams.

Paper 1 and Paper 2, 35% each, and Paper 3, 30%.

You will complete 12 compulsory practicals over the two years and a number of skills will be assessed by your teacher. This will make up the practical endorsement (CPAC).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Biology opens up a wide range of opportunities for university-level study, including but not limited to: Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Veterinary Science, Zoology, Radiography, Agriculture and Horticulture, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Dietetics, Nutrition, Applied Biology, Botany, Forensic Science and many other possibilities.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA



# BUSINESS

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**BUSINESS IS AN EXCITING, DYNAMIC SUBJECT, AND NO TWO BUSINESSES ARE THE SAME. STUDYING A LEVEL BUSINESS WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO CURRENT BUSINESS PRACTICES, GIVING YOU THE KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENTS. YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT ALL KINDS OF BUSINESSES, FROM SMALL TO LARGE, AND UK-BASED TO GLOBAL.**

You'll gain an understanding of how the functional areas in business work, such as finance and operations. Money is what keeps a business going, like the fuel in a car, and operations are the engine, allowing a business to produce goods efficiently, and to the quality demanded by customers.

You'll also look at the people, such as how a business recruits and maintains its staff, and marketing, in which you will explore how a business communicates with customers, reaching its target markets to improve sales.

You will study units including; managers, leadership, decision making, decision making to improve financial performance, and managing strategic change.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths and English Language at grade 5.

A previous study of business is not a requirement, however, you should have an interest in business and be prepared to use a variety of communicative skills.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2 hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Completion of this course will prepare you for further study at university in a range of subjects. You can also progress onto higher-level apprenticeships or enter the world of work. Knowledge of the principles of business is beneficial in any industry and may give you an edge over other candidates.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA



## LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE PAVES THE WAY FOR A DREAM JOB AT GLOBAL TECH GIANT

Two years ago, **Elin Onions** was in limbo after suffering a setback in her academic career.

Now, after joining Loughborough College, the 19-year-old has smashed her A Levels and is now set to embark on a degree apprenticeship with Raytheon UK.

Elin secured A Levels in Psychology (A), History (A), Sociology (A) and an Extended Project Qualification (B).

Elin said: **“I was in shock when I saw my results. It’s been crazy these last few months, but getting my results this morning has made it all worthwhile.”**

She will swap working in her local pub for the futuristic Raytheon offices on Monday where she will train to be a project manager over the next four years.

But she says she couldn’t have done it without the support of Loughborough College.

**“I wouldn’t have got the A grades without the teachers at Loughborough,”** Elin said. **“They don’t just help and support you, they inspire you to ask questions and build your confidence so you’re ready to tackle anything.”**

**“It’s such a friendly environment and they want you to fulfil your potential. You also get a lot fitter from climbing all the stairs!”**

**“I had a bad experience at another college and wanted a fresh start and wanted to succeed. I left my college after the first year. I spent all summer wondering what I should do and I decided I wanted to do A levels. Loughborough College helped me achieve that.”**

# CHEMISTRY

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## **THIS COURSE PROVIDES A CHALLENGING AND INTERESTING INTRODUCTION TO THE DISCIPLINE OF CHEMISTRY AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL.**

Studying Chemistry at A Level not only gives you a deep understanding of what substances are made up of and how they react but also develops your analytical and critical thinking skills.

The course starts by looking at the structure of the atom and using our current understanding to explain how and why reactions happen. You will then use this to explain the arrangement of the elements in the periodic table and discover why this allows us to predict the properties and reactivities of elements. Organic Chemistry is where you will learn about the molecules and interactions that are important for all life processes.

The second-year topics build on the solid grounding you will have gained from the first year, covering areas such as how batteries work and why the structure of DNA means it can contain all the information to maintain and reproduce life.

## DETAILS

### **MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

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### **SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

GCSE Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

### **ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Three x 2 hour exams.

Paper 1 and Paper 2, 35% each, and Paper 3, 30%.

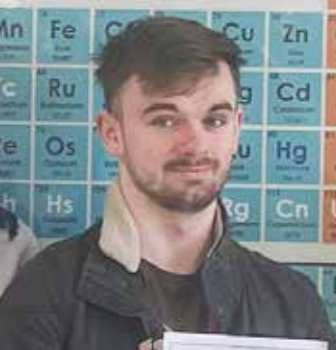
You will complete 12 compulsory practicals over the two years and a number of skills will be assessed by your teacher. This will make up the practical endorsement (CPAC).

### **PROGRESSION ROUTES**

Upon completing this course you will be equipped to progress onto university, a Higher Apprenticeship or work. Possible degree options include Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy or Maths. Relevant career paths include Research Chemist, Forensic Scientist, Teacher, Analytical Chemist, Chemical Engineer, Biochemist, Pharmacologist, Doctor, Toxicologist or Environmental Manager.

### **AWARDING BODY**

AQA



## CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE

The Royal Society of Chemistry has recognised Loughborough College students **Alex Berresford**, **Thomas Leighton**, **Aamina Ameen**, **Jimmy King**, **Tisha Jethwa** and **Muhammad Ahsan** in its prestigious national Olympiad competition. They joined students from across the UK to face a challenging written test and achieved the Sixth Form's best-ever results, achieving two Gold Awards, two Silver Awards and two Bronze Awards.

An important part of studying sciences at Loughborough are the supercurricular enrichment opportunities that enable students to explore their subjects beyond the curriculum and spark their ambition for their next steps.

Our gold medal winners Alexander Berresford and Thomas Leighton for example have secured offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities to study Engineering and Natural Sciences, respectively.

**Thomas Leighton**, one of our Gold award winners who has an offer from Cambridge commented:

**"The Olympiad was a good challenge which helped get me slightly ahead on content and stretch my application. Getting gold was a big surprise and has given me real confidence for my future studies."**

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

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**WITH COMPUTERS USED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF MODERN LIFE THIS COURSE IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THOSE WHO SEE THEIR EVENTUAL CAREERS IN COMPUTING.**

This A Level programme will provide learners with an understanding of, and the ability to apply, the fundamental principle and concepts of computer science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms, data representation and seeing relationships between different aspects of computer science.

Computer science will increase learners' ability to analyse problems in computational terms, through practical experience of solving such problems, and writing programs to do so. This will involve thinking creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5 and Maths at grade 6.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two x 2.5 hour exams (40% each), and a Non-Examined Assessment (NEA/Coursework) project (20%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students often progress to university to study computing. However, with the widespread use of computers, the course can be valuable alongside other subjects and careers, particularly, though not exclusively, in science and engineering.

### AWARDING BODY

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# CRIMINOLOGY

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**ON THE LEVEL 3 CRIMINOLOGY COURSE, YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF CRIME FROM A SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE: THE CAUSES OF CRIME, ITS SOCIAL IMPACT AND TAKE A LOOK INTO THE CRIMINALS THAT ARE COMMITTING THESE ACTS. CRIMINOLOGIST STUDY CRIME IN AN ATTEMPT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT MOTIVATES THE CRIMINAL TO ACT IN THAT WAY.**

In Year 12 you will achieve the Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology and by the end of Year 13 you will have achieved the Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology which is equivalent to one A Level.

This is predominantly an essay-based subject so English skills will be developed throughout the course, especially using key terminology and looking at improving academic writing skills. Maths and employability skills would be developed in this subject where appropriate alongside developing higher level thinking skills and critical analysis.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English Language at grade 5.

### COURSE CONTENT

#### Applied Certificate – Year 12

Unit 1: Changing Awareness of Crime – Internally assessed (Coursework)

Unit 2: Criminological Theories – Externally assessed (Exam)

#### Applied Diploma – Year 13

Unit 3: Crime Scene to Court Room – Internally assessed (Coursework)

Unit 4: Crime and Punishment – Externally assessed (Exam)

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two units are assessed by externally marked examinations and two units are assessed by internally marked written assignments.

50% exam, 50% coursework.

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

You can progress onto degree courses at many universities such as Criminology, Law, Sociology and Policing and Criminal Justice.

Long term, the qualification develops your understanding and skills so that you are able to consider employment in the criminal justice sector, such as in Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service and the Police Service.

### AWARDING BODY

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# ECONOMICS

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**THROUGH THE STUDY OF A LEVEL ECONOMICS YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AROUND YOU AND THE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND DEBATES THAT IMPACT OUR LIVES.**

This course intends to blend theory with real-life application in the search for better ways to manage our economy, resulting in a more equitable society. You will develop skills that are highly valued by universities and employers, including data interpretation, analytical and evaluative skills, problem-solving, and communication skills.

You will have the opportunity to take part in group work, classroom discussions, analysing news articles, problem-solving challenges as well as research into economic issues. There will be opportunity to join master class seminars on economic issues of the day such as behavioural economics, game theory and government policy.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2 hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Upon completion of this course, you will be prepared for further study at university or be ready for the world of work. Students who have gone on to study Economics at degree level have typically found employment in sectors including high street and city banking, charitable and not-for-profit organisations, consultancies, insurance and accountancy firms, government departments, and think tanks.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## DID YOU KNOW?

Studying Economics alongside A Level Business is a popular combination



## COLLEGE GRADUATE SET TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PRIME MINISTERS

Hard work and curiosity have paid off for a Loughborough College student who secured a hat-trick of A\*s to achieve his dream of studying Law at Oxford University.

**Finn Hewitt**, 18, of Birstall, will study for a BA(Hons) Law (Jurisprudence) at Jesus College, Oxford, where former Prime Minister Harold Wilson studied before moving into politics.

Finn excelled to ace his three 'heavy duty' A levels in Politics, History and Economics. He said: **"It's amazing recognition to achieve these results and it gives me so much confidence that I can carry forward to Oxford."**

**"I went to a few open days and I really liked the facilities, the environment and the teachers I'd spoken with. Crucially, Loughborough Sixth Form College offered the Politics and Economics courses that I really wanted to do which no one else was offering. That swung it for me."**

**"The College looks and feels like a mini university and I felt it would be more enriching to have that experience of different people, rather than my secondary school where I'd been for four years. I really liked the idea of taking on those 'heavy duty' subjects in a different learning environment and felt like I could really thrive."**

**"My tutors were exceptional. If I'd forgotten to ask a question during an online lesson, I could message them on Teams and they'd get back to me within an hour."**

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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**OUR A LEVEL QUALIFICATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKS AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO ENGAGE CREATIVELY WITHIN AREAS OF TOPICAL DEBATE.**

Learners will explore language use in various contexts and will carry out an independent investigation in an area of particular interest to them. Upon completion of the course, our students will have gained a solid understanding of how the English Language works in a variety of contexts.

The course takes a theory-based approach to analysing language, challenging students to observe language use around us in context. It is therefore advised that students should have an interest and find enjoyment in analysing the linguistic features of both written and spoken texts.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2.5 hour exams (40% each) and coursework assessment (20%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Any university course that requires analytical skills will benefit from the skills acquired in this course.

The majority of our learners decide to pursue careers in the following areas: Journalism, Creative Writing, Teaching, Academia, Web Design, Marketing and Advertising, Public Relations, and Law.

### AWARDING BODY

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## DID YOU KNOW?

English Language takes a scientific approach, analysing shorter texts and measuring your creative writing skills

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

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**THIS COURSE IS INTENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO ENJOY READING AND DEBATING POSSIBLE MEANINGS IN TEXTS. YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A RANGE OF WORK, INCLUDING CONTEMPORARY AND CLASSICAL PLAYS, POETRY, AND NOVELS.**

The course takes a historicist approach to literature, working with the view that each text is influenced by the times in which it was written, and that it may be interpreted differently according to the social contexts or beliefs of the reader.

English Literature provides excellent preparation for the workplace and for university.

The analytical and communication skills you learn provide a good basis for higher-level study in a wide range of subjects.

It also helps you hone your own skills in the effective use of English Language, as we study some of the greatest ever exponents of writing.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

Applicants must have a keen interest in reading.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

One 3 hour exam (40%), one 2.5 hour exam (40%) and one 2,500-word extended essay (20%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Any university course that requires analytical skills will benefit from the skills acquired on this course. English Literature graduates may go on to careers in Teaching, Academia, Journalism, Creative Writing, Public Relations, and Law.

### AWARDING BODY

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## DID YOU KNOW?

English Literature requires reading and analysing longer texts from a range of time periods, including pre-1900



# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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**THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COURSE ENABLES STUDENTS TO GAIN A WELL-INFORMED INSIGHT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE SCIENTIFIC PROCESSES THAT CONTROL AND AFFECT IT.**

This course allows you to develop an understanding of how different events and cycles within the environment interrelate, human impacts on these events and cycles, and strategies that can be used to minimise the problems caused.

The first year of study includes the living and physical environments and research methods, while the second year of study topics include energy resources, pollution, biological resources, sustainability, and further investigation of research methods.

The skills developed on this course enable students to gain a thorough understanding of the world in which we live and the risks and threats that our planet faces.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English Language at grade 5, Maths at grade 5 and grade 5 in at least one Science.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 3 hour exams (50% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Successful completion of this course may lead to further study in a scientific or geographic field or entry into a related industry. Relevant career options include Environmental Education Officer, Nature Conservation Officer, Recycling Officer, Sustainability Consultant, Water Quality Scientist, Environmental Health Practitioner, Landscape Architect, Transportation Planner or Toxicologist.

### AWARDING BODY

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## DYLANN PATEL

“ I chose to study at Loughborough College as I recognised that it was the most prestigious college near to me.

**A Level Biology** – The course was intense, but the encouragement from the lecturers allowed for me to consistently push through the work over the 2 years.

**A Level Psychology** – The course was enjoyable, understanding how and why people behave made me appreciate my behaviour and understand those around me and it helped me navigate the world a little bit better. With Autism, that has made life a tad-bit easier.

**L3 Applied Diploma of Criminology** – I have had a wonderful experience with Criminology, just as with Psychology it has made me understand more why people do the things they do.

My teachers in and out of my course have supported my mental health to make sure that I am doing okay.

I plan to go on and study Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Nottingham and then to study a master's degree which will then lead me to complete a PhD in Psychology. Aside from that, I aim to participate in the Nottingham Youth Advisory Board for the NHS in conjunction with the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Youth Advisory Board and I have plans to work for Childline.

Keep it positive – this means that things may not all be good now, but things will get better. Keep it productive – do what you love, happiness over everything.

# FILM STUDIES

**FILM STUDIES ENABLES LEARNERS TO DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF A DIVERSE RANGE OF FILM INCLUDING DOCUMENTARY, SILENT CINEMA, EXPERIMENTAL FILM, GLOBAL FILM AND SHORT FILMS. THIS IS A THEORY-BASED COURSE THAT DEVELOPS YOUR ANALYTICAL AND ESSAY WRITING SKILLS.**

In A Level Film Studies you will explore the significance of film in national, global and historical contexts helping you to understand its social, cultural, political, historical and technological contexts. This, coupled with exploration into the different ways in which spectators respond to film, will help you understand how films generate meaning and responses. You will learn how to analyse film using a range of different approaches and ideological frameworks.

In your first year you will study contemporary English language film and also investigate the role of the cinema in film. In your second year of study you will investigate global cinema and undertake a creative investigation in film.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language or English Literature at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2.5 hour exams (35% each), a Screenplay and Non-Examined Assessment (30%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Film Studies develops a solid foundation for progression to a range of Higher Education courses, as well as enabling direct progression into employment.

It provides a coherent, engaging and culturally valuable course of study, and the skills developed on the course will help to inform further study in English Literature and other analytically centred subjects.

### AWARDING BODY

EDUQAS

## DID YOU KNOW?

A lot of the core skills that we learn and develop in Film Studies are the same as in English Literature. If you love English Literature, why not consider studying Film alongside it?

# GEOGRAPHY

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**STUDYING GEOGRAPHY WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THE WORLD VIA THE CLASSROOM, LEARNING ABOUT BOTH NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ALONG THE WAY. THE GEOGRAPHY SPECIFICATION IS DESIGNED TO EXCITE YOUR MIND, CHALLENGE YOUR PERCEPTIONS, AND STIMULATE YOUR INVESTIGATIVE AND ANALYTICAL SKILLS.**

You will develop an understanding of the values and attributes in relation to the themes and issues being studied. Geography will also help you with team-working and time management skills through the challenges of fieldwork activities.

The qualification will also challenge your understanding of geographical concepts and processes to understand and interpret our changing world as a global citizen. It will allow you to explore and recognise issues like sustainability and the implications for your own and others peoples' lives.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE in Geography, Maths and English Language grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment Methods:

Two x 2.5 hour exams (40% each) and a Non Examined Assessment (20%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

This A Level may lead to a career in a relevant field or further study in Geography. According to the Higher Education Statistics Agency's 'Destination of Leavers from Higher Education' survey, Geography graduates are less likely to be unemployed after their degree course than those studying almost any other subject.

Degree courses at university include Earth Sciences, Human and Physical Geography.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

# HISTORY

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**THROUGHOUT THIS COURSE, YOU'LL STUDY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN HISTORY AND HOW THESE EVENTS HAVE SHAPED THE WORLD THAT WE LIVE IN TODAY. HISTORY IS ALL ABOUT CHANGE AND HOW WARS, LAWS, POLICIES, CATASTROPHES, AND INVENTIONS HAVE CHANGED THE WAYS IN WHICH PEOPLE LIVE.**

Studying A Level History will help you to develop a number of new skills, including how to assess information by investigating facts and using deduction, how to put over your point of view fluently, and how to work as part of a team. These skills will be beneficial in your future studies and employment.

In your first year of study there is also an opportunity to visit 17th century Bolsover Castle, and in your second year of study there is an opportunity to visit the Holocaust Centre based in Germany.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two 2.5 hour exams (40% each) and a Non-Examined Assessment (20%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

History gives you knowledge and skills which will prepare you for Higher Education and employment. Students who specialise in History may go on to become historical researchers, work in heritage organisations or become teachers. History also supports other career paths such as Journalism, Politics, Law, Social Work and Public Services.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## DID YOU KNOW?

The phrase 'Turncoat' comes from the 1640s. This is where the soldiers of one particular army would 'Turn their coat' inside out with the emblem of the opposing army stitched in the inside of their coat! The modern phrase for a turncoat that means coward comes from this action as soldiers would change sides mid-battle in the Civil War. We cover this period here at Loughborough College during our A Level History lessons.



# LAW

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**LAW IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT THAT GOVERNS OUR BEHAVIOUR, CAN REFLECT OUR MORAL BELIEFS, AND IS INTEGRAL TO OUR SOCIETY. IT'S A SERIES OF RULES THAT AFFECT US ALL EVERY DAY, AND OFTEN WITHOUT US EVEN REALISING IT. THIS IS A VERY CHALLENGING SUBJECT, WITH LOTS OF DETAIL, CASES, AND ACTS OF PARLIAMENT TO REMEMBER AND APPLY, AND WILL SUIT ANYONE THAT HAS A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.**

Even if you aren't aiming for a career in the legal profession, a grounding in Law is not only valuable to have on your CV, but will arm you with general knowledge of the laws that rule our land, and valuable transferable skills.

Alternatively, if you do see yourself as a Barrister, Solicitor, Legal Executive, or any career within a legal setting, then this course could be very rewarding. A Level Law will assist you should you wish to progress to a Law degree at university, or enhance your academic profile for further study or a career in another area.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 6.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2 hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

You may wish to continue your education at degree level or enter into employment within a relevant sector. Opportunities exist within the legal system, including Police Officer, Solicitor, Barrister, Para-Legal or Legal Executive. You may choose to pursue a career with the council or the legal department within company.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Law to study this A Level



# MATHEMATICS

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**MATHEMATICS FORMS THE BASIS OF SO MANY AREAS OF MODERN LIFE, FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO ECONOMICS AND COMPUTING. IT IS THE MOST ABSTRACT AND YET THE MOST WIDELY APPLICABLE OF THE SCIENCES, AND WILL DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN YOUR CRITICAL REASONING, LOGICAL PROCESSING AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS.**

A Level Maths will extend the methods you learned at GCSE and include applications of mathematics, such as Statistics and Mechanics. Statistics involves collecting and analysing data and using this to make predictions about future events. Many subjects make use of statistical information and techniques.

An understanding of probability and risk is important in careers like insurance, medicine, engineering and the sciences. Mechanics entails modelling and analysing the physical world around us, including the study of forces and motion. Mechanics is particularly useful if you are planning to progress onto studying physics or engineering.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths at grade 7.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2 hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Maths opens up a range of possibilities for Higher Education in all areas of Maths, Science and Business. It is essential for studying Engineering, Physics, Economics or Natural History and is also useful for Biology, Psychology, and computer-based courses.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

# FURTHER MATHEMATICS

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**THE A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS COURSE CONSISTS OF A LEVEL MATHS IN ONE YEAR, FOLLOWED BY A LEVEL FURTHER MATHS IN THE SECOND YEAR. IT IS INTENDED FOR ABLE AND COMMITTED MATHEMATICIANS WHO REALLY ENJOY THE SUBJECT.**

This increasingly popular subject extends the pure Maths, Statistics, and Mechanics covered in A Level Mathematics. It also introduces many new concepts, including imaginary numbers and decision Maths.

If you are planning to take a degree such as Engineering, Sciences, Computing, Finance/Economics, etc., or perhaps Mathematics itself, you will benefit enormously from taking Further Mathematics.

By taking this subject you are really demonstrating a strong commitment to your studies and will be identified as having excellent analytical skills, whatever area you are considering for a career.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths at grade 8.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Four 1.5 hour exams (25% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

This course provides a gateway to many competitive degree courses, including Maths, Physics, Engineering, Economics, or any other university course with a high Mathematical content.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

## DID YOU KNOW?

Further Maths can only be studied if you take A Level Maths. You will study A Level Maths in Year 12 and A Level Further Maths in Year 13.



## NIDA QASAMI

“ I have been studying Criminology, Law and Psychology. I chose to study at Loughborough College, because out of all the open days I attended at different colleges, I felt Loughborough College had a more comforting atmosphere.

Although my subjects can be content heavy, I have enjoyed learning about them and I cannot stress the importance of choosing subjects you are interested in.

My tutors are accommodating and helpful, they ensure we get all the support we need to reach our own potential whether that is giving us additional support, or catering lessons to our needs. Most importantly, they are friendly and approachable.

We were given one to one support, not just academically but also to help us mentally.

The facilities at the college are good, especially been able to study with friends or using the silent studying rooms in the library. The atmosphere across the whole college is impeccable.

I'd recommend Loughborough College as it's given me the opportunity to create good friends and gain more independence. The college provides a good balance between independence and helping. The atmosphere is 10/10.

My future plans are to be either a Medical Negligence Solicitor or a Criminal Defence Solicitor.

# MEDIA STUDIES

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**THE MEDIA PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE, SOCIETY AND POLITICS. THEY SHAPE OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIONS, IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW THEY OFFER. THE MEDIA HAVE REAL RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE IN OUR LIVES TODAY, PROVIDING US WITH WAYS TO COMMUNICATE, WITH FORMS OF CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN KEY ASPECTS OF SOCIETY.**

You will study a wide range of rich and stimulating media and be able to develop detailed analysis of how the media communicate meanings in a variety of forms. You will consider established media forms alongside more contemporary forms, developing an awareness of emerging and evolving media. You will also extend your experience of the media through the study of products which are less mainstream to gain a really well rounded exploration of the media as a whole. In addition to this you will have the opportunity to create your own media texts.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

One x 2 hour 15 mins exam (35%).

One x 2.5 hour exam (35%).

Non-Examined Assessment (30%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Gaining A Level Media Studies can open doors to job opportunities and further study of hands on jobs in Media such as TV and Film production, Journalism and Marketing.

### AWARDING BODY

EDUQAS

## DID YOU KNOW?

Many of the core skills that you develop in Media Studies are the same as in English Language. The two subjects complement each other well.

# PHOTOGRAPHY

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**YOU WILL EXPLORE RELEVANT IMAGES, ARTEFACTS AND RESOURCES RELATING TO A RANGE OF ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN, BOTH FROM THE PAST AND FROM RECENT TIMES, INCLUDING EUROPEAN AND NON-EUROPEAN EXAMPLES.**

Your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions will be demonstrated through practical and critical activities. You must show knowledge of relevant materials, processes, technologies and resources, as well as how ideas and feelings can be conveyed and interpreted through photography.

You will be required to work in one or more areas of photography, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, photojournalism, fashion, experimental imagery, multimedia or photographic installation. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations or choose to specialise in one particular area.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE in an Art or Design-based subject at grade 5, or a portfolio demonstrating a keen interest in photography.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Component 1:  
Coursework and 3000 word illustrated essay. Centre devised topic (60%).

Component 2:  
10 week exam, final 15 hours unaided. Externally devised topic (40%).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Higher Education routes include Photography and Graphic Design, while potential employment opportunities include Freelance or Agency Photographer, Picture Editor, Photo Journalist or Graphic Designer.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

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**THE COURSE ALLOWS YOU TO PURSUE YOUR SPORTING PASSIONS BY DEVELOPING A BROAD THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING OF FACTORS THAT AFFECT BOTH PARTICIPATION RATES WITHIN SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS OF ELITE ATHLETES.**

Paper one of the qualification is based on factors that affect participation; content includes the effect of exercise on a range of body systems, the process of learning new skills and the societal factors that impact upon opportunities that different individuals might be afforded.

Paper two is focused on the factors that affect elite performance. This content includes exercise physiology, nutrition, biomechanics, sports psychology as well as the role of technology within professional sport.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including :  
GCSE English at grade 6  
GCSE Mathematics – Grade 6  
Two GCSEs in Science – Grades 6

**Must be playing a sport at county level.**

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Consists of two externally examined papers and two non-examined assessments.

As practical coursework is a large part of the course (30% of the overall A level), you will need to self-assess and improve your performance. Students therefore need to be training and competing in one sport discipline to a high standard. We strongly advise that this is at county level.

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students may progress onto a degree or a degree apprenticeship in the sports and exercise science sector e.g. dietician, physiotherapist or teacher. Degrees in Sport and Exercise Science, Sport Coaching, Sport Management, Physiotherapy, Sport Journalism, Sport Performance, Sport Psychology are all popular choices after this course.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel





# PHYSICS

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**THE COURSE BUILDS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED AT GCSE, AND COVERS A RANGE OF TOPICS WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS UNDERLYING THE PHYSICAL WORLD.**

In this course you'll start by exploring ideas about the smallest constituents of matter, looking inside the atom.

The journey passes through areas including mechanics, waves, electricity, fields, gases and nuclear physics, looking both at the underlying physics concepts and at the real-world implications.

In the second year we look at the biggest ideas of all: the exploration of the universe. If you are curious about the world around you, and enjoy Maths, Physics could be for you.

## DID YOU KNOW?

It isn't vital to do Maths alongside Physics, but the two subjects go very well together.

If you want to study at a higher level or move into Engineering, it's advisable, and is sometimes a requirement, to do both.

Alongside the mainstream Physics A Level we also offer the Physics Olympiad as an optional stretching activity for most able and driven students.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths and Science (Double Science or two 'traditional' sciences) at grade 6.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2 hour exams (approximately 33% each). A number of practical skills must also be demonstrated throughout the course in 12 compulsory activities. This is reported separately. All students are expected to pass this component.

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

This A Level offers a pathway to Higher Education in all branches of Physics, many other sciences, and most Engineering courses. Physics is highly regarded by universities and employers since it requires students to solve a wide range of problems.

A Physics qualification is valuable in any profession requiring problem-solving skills, and a variety of employment routes are available, including Engineering, Finance, Banking and Teaching.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

# POLITICS

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**IN THIS COURSE, YOU'LL STUDY THE WAY THE COUNTRY IS GOVERNED, AND HOW YOUR VOTES MAKE A GOVERNMENT. THE COURSE IS BASED ON TWO DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, AND THEIR SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES.**

The first year focuses on the UK political system, and the roles that key people play, such as the Prime Minister and judges. It also looks at Britain as a political nation: how people vote, whether or not we have a constitution, and why this might be.

The second year is focused on the USA as a political model. Key issues here are the role of the president, the supreme courts, and the judicial process. Furthermore, you'll look at the role of the entrenched rights that Americans have over those of other countries, as well as evaluating the role of the Bill of Rights and the US Constitution.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Politics helps to prepare you for Higher Education, developing skills that are useful in any career. Students who specialise in Politics may become politicians, work in law or any civil service role.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

## DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Politics to study this A Level

# PSYCHOLOGY

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**PSYCHOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THE MIND AND BEHAVIOUR, PROVIDING THEORIES, SUGGESTIONS AND PRACTICAL WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING THE REASONS BEHIND OUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HUMAN BEHAVIOUR, AND WHY WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT, BUT ALSO SHARE SIMILARITIES, THEN A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY IS FOR YOU.**

Over the course of the two years you will study topics including Approaches in Psychology (different ways of explaining behaviour), depression, OCD, phobias, memory, attachment (how babies form relationships with their carers), social influence (for example, why people obey), research methods (including statistics), schizophrenia, gender development, offending behaviour, biopsychology (looking at how biological factors can explain behaviour) and issues and debates in Psychology (for example, the nature/nurture debate).

You will need to be able to apply theoretical concepts and analyse research. You should be prepared to contribute to discussions and listen to the opinions of others. There is a 10% Maths content to the course, including topics from GCSE Maths and also statistics.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language and one Science at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Psychology students often go on to study degrees in Psychology, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, Social Policy, Sociology, Media, Law, or other humanities-related courses. Psychology is particularly relevant for people-based careers, such as human resources, advertising, business, social work or politics.

If you want to become a Psychologist, this will involve studying an undergraduate degree and then postgraduate qualifications in the field of your choice, for example Clinical Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Educational Psychology.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Psychology to study this A Level

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS)

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**RELIGIOUS STUDIES IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT THAT COVERS SOME OF HUMANITY'S OLDEST QUESTIONS. THIS A LEVEL WE EXPLORE ISSUES CONCERNING MORALITY, PHILOSOPHY, AND THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS THROUGH HISTORY, AND THE IMPACT OF RELIGIOUS ISSUES ON CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.**

We will begin our studies by examining differing ethical approaches to current issues such as embryo research, capital punishment and the use of animals in scientific research. We will examine philosophical responses to the arguments for the existence of God, and to the problem of suffering, analysing how the arguments work and critiquing the evidence they draw upon. We will consider the philosophical debate concerning whether or not free will exists, or whether our behaviour is causally determined.

We will explore the development of Christian beliefs in the afterlife, and the influence of progress in scientific understanding on Christian beliefs. We will explore how Christian views around gender and sexuality have developed and how the religion is responding to social changes.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Two x 3 hour exams (50% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students who wish to take the subject further can apply for degree courses in Theology, Philosophy or Religious Studies or further study in Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Politics, English Literature or PPE, leading to successful careers in many fields, including law, education, business, social work, medicine, administration and the media.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

# SOCIOLOGY

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**A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY ALLOWS STUDENTS TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN AND HOW VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES IMPACT UPON DIFFERENT GROUPS' EXPERIENCE OF SOCIAL LIFE.**

In the first year, you'll examine the education system and the family unit, considering how and why these cornerstones of society have changed over time. You'll also study the development of social and educational policy.

In the second year, you'll build upon your existing knowledge, applying it to the criminal justice system and theories pertaining to criminal and deviant activity, as well as considering the impact of the mass media in contemporary society.

You'll need to be able to apply theoretical concepts and construct arguments. You should also have an interest in, or an awareness of, national and international current affairs, as they often inform class discussions.

## DETAILS

### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 5.

### ASSESSMENT METHODS

Three 2-hour exams (33.3% each).

### PROGRESSION ROUTES

A Level Sociology students have gone on to degree-level study of Sociology, Social Sciences, Psychology, Criminology, Literature, Economics, Law and Geography.

Any course requiring an understanding of the inequalities in society and the processes undertaken by social institutions would benefit from studying this syllabus. Employment opportunities include Teaching, Human Resources, Health and Social Care, the Probation Service and the Police Force.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to have studied GCSE Sociology to study this A Level

# STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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**WE ALSO PROVIDE LEARNERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AS STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE SUPPORTING COLLEGE EVENTS AND PROVIDING ADVICE AND SUPPORT TO CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS.**

Students Jess Brooks-Atherton and Erin Baker have both volunteered as student ambassadors during their time at Loughborough College.



## JESS

**“My highlight of being at college has definitely been being a student ambassador. As a student ambassador I help out in subject lessons, guide both parents and students around college and ensure open days run smoothly.**

“As Lead Ambassador I also spoke to potential students at our applicant events. I have gained numerous skills including leadership, communication, teamwork and organisation.”

## ERIN

**“My favourite experiences at college have been helping out at open days and mentoring other students which has allowed me to share my passion.**

“Volunteering as a student ambassador has given me self-confidence, communication skills and the ability to work under my own initiative.”

# PAPD

## (PERSONAL, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

We provide an extensive academic and enrichment programme which enables our learners to gain new skills and broaden their knowledge through a variety of supercurricular and extracurricular activities. This includes:

★ **Lunchtime enrichment clubs** where learners can choose from a wide range of activities such as STEM Club and science exploration, Student Council, Debate Club, Sustainability Club, Young Enterprise, volunteer groups, sport, LGBTQ+, Current Affairs and Politics discussion groups, colouring, art and much more.

★ **Competitions** where students have the opportunity to compete both regionally and nationally, for example in the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Olympiads, Birmingham City University's Law Competition, Senior UK Maths Trust challenge, BioArtAttack, Computer Science competitions, writing competitions and art competitions.

★ **Lunchtime lectures** and **guest speakers** are a regular feature of enrichment. Speakers from a range of industries, businesses, universities and organisations, deliver talks on topics relating to specific academic subjects, employability and academic skills, or general interest. We also have University talks to support students with writing personal statements, the UCAS process, apprenticeships, resilience and revision techniques, as well as providing details of specific university courses.

★ **Leadership Academy** is an opportunity for students to develop and practise skills, qualities and values associated with leadership. They gain hands on experience and insights into leadership in the professional and political worlds.

★ **Aim Higher Academy** - students with aspirations for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary have the opportunity to explore and develop their academic interests, research highly-selective degree courses, prepare strong applications and make a successful transition to undergraduate study.

★ **Trips and visits** - These are offered throughout the year to engage and inspire students in their chosen subjects and raise awareness.



Law students trip to a Prison

★ **Sixth Form Media & Creative Journal** publishes a range of submissions centred on Media/Film Studies as well as Creative Writing and offers an exciting opportunity for students across different subjects and curriculum areas to submit reviews, think-pieces, articles, essays, visual essays, and creative artefacts.

★ **Peer mentoring** is an opportunity for Year 13 students to mentor Year 12 students with their subjects, coping with the demands of A Levels and college life. This not only looks great on personal statements, but provides you with skills to prepare you for your next step.

★ **Academic Coaching Support** - Students will develop study skills to support progression aimed towards their next steps.



# STEM

(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS)

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**Loughborough**  
COLLEGE

DRIVES SUCCESS IN

**STEM**

**At Loughborough College, we actively promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and learning experiences for all learners and support progression into careers in these industries. We believe STEM education is essential for the evolving world that we live in today.**

Working closely with schools, universities and employers, our aim is to inspire students to consider STEM degree courses and careers, and to develop important transferable skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork, that are applicable across a wide range of professions.

Most of the teachers delivering these programmes within the Sixth Form have either a Master's degree or PhD and many have recent and relevant industry experience within the STEM sector. We also provide opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and skills through a range of extra- and super-curricular activities such as participation in national competitions, various enrichment opportunities and wider learning events. This has led to excellent exam results in our STEM subjects, which are above national averages.

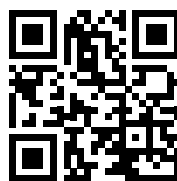
# SPORTS ACADEMIES

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All learners have the opportunity to join one of Loughborough College's Sport Academies allowing them to receive expert coaching that fits around their studies. There are no costs to access these academies.

## Our Sport Academies:

- **Athletics**
- **Badminton**
- **Basketball**
- **Cricket**
- **Esports**
  - EA FC Pro Clubs
  - League of Legends
  - Overwatch 2
  - Rocket League
  - Sim Racing
  - Valorant
- **Flag Football**
- **Football** (Men's & Women's)
- **Golf**
- **Handball** (England Handball EPA)
- **Netball**
- **Rugby Union** (Men's & Women's)
- **Triathlon**
- **Swimming**
- **Volleyball**



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website



# SUBJECT CHOICES

## WHY CHOOSE A LEVELS?

- The subjects available will help you on the path to your chosen career or university
- You feel comfortable taking exams
- You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment opportunities

### WHEN WILL I NEED TO PICK MY SUBJECTS?

Once we've received your application, you'll receive an invitation to attend one of our Applicant Events. During this event you will receive more detailed information about our subject offer. Following on from the event you will receive a Conditional Offer and will be asked to indicate your preferred three subjects.

### HOW MANY A LEVELS DO I NEED TO PICK?

If you're aged 16–18, you must choose three A Level subjects to make up your full-time course. If you're aged 19+, you may be able to study fewer than three A Levels, subject to availability.

### PRE-PROGRAMME EXPERIENCE EVENTS

Here you will choose four subjects that you would like to try out. During the event you will attend a lesson for each of these subjects and will then confirm your final choices.

**You don't need to decide what you want to study until you apply. For now, you just need to consider which subjects you may be interested in.**

**If you'd like to discuss your subject combination or find out more about your A Level options, come to an OPEN DAY or visit our website.**

# APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship offers hands-on experience and allows you to learn practical skills in your chosen field whilst also earning a wage.

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### INTERMEDIATE

Considered to be the same level as 5 GCSE passes; is a fantastic way to get started on your career journey.

## 3

### ADVANCED

The apprenticeship standard will provide you with a nationally recognised apprenticeship certificate. An advanced apprenticeship is **equivalent to two A Levels**.

## 4-5

### HIGHER

You'll work towards work-based learning qualifications such as a Level 4 competence qualification, and perhaps a learning-based qualification, Functional Skills, and (in some cases) a knowledge-based qualification such as a Foundation Degree. The higher apprenticeships that we offer can be found on our website.

## 6&7

### DEGREE

You can even achieve a degree-level qualification through an apprenticeship. Degree apprenticeships are helping to build the high-level technical skills needed for the jobs of the future.

The government is committed to expanding the number, range and quality of apprenticeships that offer training to degree level. Not all apprenticeships are available at Higher and Degree level, so make sure to check the full details when choosing your apprenticeship.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

An apprenticeship includes 20% 'off the job' study time either at College or in your place of work

# HIGHER EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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TO REWARD HIGH ACHIEVEMENT, WE OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE A LEVEL, APPRENTICESHIP OR LEVEL 3 STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO PROGRESS ON TO STUDY A DEGREE AT LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE.

**You could receive  
a payment of up  
to £1000\***

## WHY STUDY A DEGREE WITH US?

- >> Degrees awarded by top UK Universities including Loughborough University, Nottingham Trent University and University of Derby
- >> Become a member Loughborough Students' Union
- >> Supportive environment with help to develop key employability skills
- >> Have the opportunity to take part in Young Enterprise

**To find out more, please email [studentfinance@loucoll.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@loucoll.ac.uk)**

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# FAQs

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T GET THE GRADES I WAS EXPECTING?**

If you don't get your predicted results, don't panic! Our Student Recruitment team is on hand to help, and we'll make sure that we find another course that is suitable for you.

## **I NEED EXTRA SUPPORT WITH MY STUDIES. WHAT HELP CAN I GET AT LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE?**

There are staff on hand to help you with your academic progress. Our specialist advisors can also help with additional requirements, and we have a fantastic team of learning support assistants who can provide in-class assistance.

## **WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION FEES?**

There are no tuition fees for full-time students under 19 who are enrolled on a Further Education course. If you're over 18, see page 53 for guidance.

**DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER FINANCIAL HELP?** We offer a bursary fund to help with additional costs associated with your course, such as transport, kit or uniform, and childcare costs. Eligibility is based on household income. You don't need to request a bursary application form, as they are sent to everyone who has applied to study with us (usually in June/July). Further information is available here: [www.loucoll.ac.uk/student-services](http://www.loucoll.ac.uk/student-services)

## **CAN I WORK A PART-TIME JOB WHILST STUDYING?**

We recommend no more than 8-9 working hours per week. Research has shown that 10+ hours can negatively affect academic achievement, so make sure you're prioritising correctly.

**CAN I CHOOSE TO DO ANOTHER COURSE IF I CHANGE MY MIND?**

Yes. You can change your course before enrolment by contacting the student recruitment team on **01509 618375**. If you've already started your course and find that it isn't right for you, don't worry; there will be opportunities for you to discuss suitable alternatives.

**WHAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION?**

We encourage you to apply for your choices as soon as possible. Applications will be considered and offers will be made in order of date of application.

**CAN I SPEAK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT THE COURSES YOU OFFER?**

Yes, we have a dedicated student recruitment advisory team who will be happy to provide you with the information on our courses and answer any questions you may have. Give us a call on **01509 618375** or email us at **admissions@loucoll.ac.uk**

**WILL THERE BE EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES?**

Yes, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including Loughborough sports teams, overseas trips, university visits, UCAS fairs and National Citizen Service. There are also a range of enrichment clubs and activities, including Young Enterprise. Some activities may require financial contributions and eligibility criteria.

**WHAT WELLBEING SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE WITHIN SIXTH FORM?**

Loughborough college offer a range of mental health and wellbeing support. The Sixth Form team offer another layer of wellbeing support called Let's Talk Sixth Form. This gives students an opportunity to speak to someone about the general issues surrounding the demands of A Levels.

# SIXTH FORM FAQs

## **DO YOU OFFER THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)?**

Yes, but only to Year 13 students who have demonstrated in Year 12 that they have the academic ability to cope with this extra research project.

**HOW MANY A LEVEL SUBJECTS DO I NEED TO TAKE?** You will need to choose three subjects minimum with a maximum of 4. See page 46 for more details on subject choices.

## **I'M INTERESTED IN A LEVELS BUT I'M NOT SURE WHICH ONES**

That's okay! We know that deciding on A Levels can be a long process and that you can change your mind—a lot. When you initially apply, we'll ask you for your options, but you're not tied down to these subjects. We'll confirm your final choices at a later date.

## **DO I HAVE TO STUDY THE SUBJECT I WANT TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY AS AN A LEVEL?**

Not always; it depends on your chosen university course. Subjects like Medicine and Architecture have very specific entry requirements, whereas you can study Psychology or Law at university without having studied them at A Level. Check university entry requirements to see if they are asking for specific subjects.

## **ARE A LEVELS THE ONLY ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY?**

No. The college also offers Level 3 BTEC Extended Diplomas, which are the equivalent to three A Levels and many universities accept them as an alternative.

## **CAN I STUDY THREE A LEVELS AND BE A PART OF THE ACADEMY OF SPORT PROGRAMME?**

Yes, for more information about the Academy of Sport, contact [academysport@loucoll.ac.uk](mailto:academysport@loucoll.ac.uk)

## **CAN I STUDY A DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND ONE A LEVEL?**

Yes, but it is only recommended for high-performing students due to the demands that both courses will place on timetable and ability. We will need to ensure that your combination is suitable for future progression and doesn't clash on the timetable.

# FEES & FUNDING

**Funding your course may be easier than you think. To see if you qualify for funding support with your tuition fees, see the table below:**

Please refer to the coloured columns in the table below if you are:

- In receipt of JSA or ESA or Universal Credits OR
- Unemployed and in receipt of means tested benefits OR
- Employed and earn less than £20,319 annual gross salary

AGE AND STUDENT CIRCUMSTANCE									
COURSE LEVEL	16-18	19-23 AND RECEIVING BENEFITS/LOW INCOME		19-23		24+ AND RECEIVING BENEFIT/LOW INCOME		24+	
		First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously
ESOL	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ENTRY LEVEL	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 1	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 2	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 3	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
LEVEL 3 FREE COURSES FOR JOBS OFFER	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

★ Eligible for funding, no fee to pay

★ Not eligible for funding, likely to have to pay

★ Not eligible for free funding, however Advanced Learner Loans are an option instead

This information is based on current government funding guidelines for September 2024 entry, and are subject to change at any time.

## PLEASE NOTE:

The table provides generic funding guidance.

To ensure that you are entitled to funding, we will fully assess your eligibility prior to enrolling you.

Please ensure that you provide all prior qualifications held when asked to do so, as the college will retrospectively charge tuition fees should differing circumstances come to light.

Some courses are defined as full cost and as such do not qualify for free tuition.

Other courses are also not eligible for adult funding.

All of the above information applies to students who have resided in the UK/EEA for the past 3 years and are eligible for home funding.

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