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Hello and welcome to the City of London Academy (Southwark).

The City of London Academy Sixth Form is a centre of excellence, sponsored by the City of London Corporation. We offer you a broad, high quality education with an added focus on our Business & Enterprise and Sport specialisms.

Our enrichment programme offers you a choice of the latest opportunities, from skills-based activities to working within the local community and the City of London. We have a strong tradition in Mathematics, Science and the Arts with plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. There is also Sport at all levels, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the opportunity to take up a unique placement through the Lord Mayor of the City of London’s Cultural Scholarship Programme.

We have received national recognition for our work in a number of areas, including the Investors in Careers award for our exceptional work in supporting students’ progression towards their choice of higher education or the world of work; Artsmark Gold; the e-Safety Mark and Inclusion Quality Mark with Centre of Excellence status in recognition of our culture, ethos and values. Our Sixth Form was recently awarded a certificate for outstanding progress from ALPS in recognition of performing in the top 25% of the country in 2017.

Our Sixth Form team sees your personal development and happiness as central to your success and we will support you to excel as an organised and motivated learner and will help you make a positive, informed decision about your Sixth Form study programme.

Student leadership is a key feature of our ethos and our elected Head Girl and Boy lead a thriving Student Voice committee. Working together to represent students’ views across the school, they deliver an inspirational range of social and charitable activities. We are an Academy that takes pride in nurturing talents, celebrating success and preparing you for your future roles in the community, society and the world. You can be sure you are joining a vibrant and high achieving Sixth Form.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community as a member of the City of London Academy (Southwark) Sixth Form.

Bryce Wilby  
Head of School

Anthony Brosnan  
Vice Principal  
Director of Sixth Form
Our Achievements
Our achievements

- A top performing Sixth Form Academy in London Borough of Southwark (APS per student)
- Recognised by the Department for Education as one of the top ten non-selective schools/colleges for progression to higher education
- 99% Pass rate A*–E and 73% A*–C
- 100% of students progressing to higher education or apprenticeships
- Significant increase in students securing places at Russell Group universities including The Royal Veterinary College
- Holders of the Investors in Careers Award for our dedication to student wellbeing and personal development
- One of ten Academies in the country to be awarded the prestigious Basketball Academy Status

What our students do after Sixth Form

- Attend Russell Group universities including: Cambridge, Oxford, Exeter, Imperial College, King’s College, University College London, Queen Mary’s, Nottingham
- Study popular undergraduate courses such as: Business, Management, Law, Medicine, Computing, Politics, Biological Sciences and Sociology
- Participate in Apprenticeships: Business, Drama, Administration and Photography
- Pursue their interests in sports and the arts: Sports and Exercise Science, Drama and Theatre Practice and Music
Helping you achieve your goals

Whether you aim to continue your studies at university, enter employment or are undecided, we have a support programme for you.

As well as on-going support and guidance with university applications, you will have the opportunity to take part in a range of access schemes that encourage and support your progression into Higher Education. These include:

**Balliol College Floreat Access Programme**
Alongside working closely with our link colleges in Oxford and Cambridge (St Anne’s and Pembroke Colleges) we are now also working with Balliol College, Oxford, to provide a humanities and social science access programme. Students are presented with undergraduate-style reading lists and are engaged in seminar style discussions with Oxford academics. Advice regarding admissions and interviews is also given and the opportunity to attend a summer school in Oxford.

**Realising Opportunities**
Through University College London and a range of Russell Group and top-performing research-intensive universities, selected students attend subject-specific lectures, as well as receiving e-mentoring support from current students. They are also offered online study skills modules and a summer school place.

**Goldsmiths University Progression Scheme**
This offers a range of events aimed at encouraging students to explore university life and make a successful transition. There are subject-specific lectures and master classes, e-mentoring, a summer school, workshops and trips.

**Pathways to Excellence Programme**
Students who achieve 5 A*-A or 5 Grades 9 -7 at GCSE, or show exceptional ability during the course of the year, are eligible for our Pathways to Excellence Programme. This has been set up with the aim of challenging academically able students, raising aspirations to Russell Group universities and providing encouragement and support with applications to summer schools, taster days and university courses.

**Students on this programme benefit from:**
- Mentoring from Russell Group university students and high-achieving alumni
- Subject-specific lectures, workshops and university taster days
- Trips to Russell Group universities
- Meeting with Outreach Officers and Professors from competitive universities
- Professional links with the City
- Bespoke study skills sessions, stress management and exam technique

“Very fast paced, but nonetheless a fantastic experience. The environment is well built for young, hungry students driven by desire, and support has been great. Blessed to have been part of the sixth form experience at cola, I’m just living life and I hope the same for any student who attends this school.”

- Aimydj Elenda
We are committed to providing students with access to elite universities such as the Russell Group and Oxbridge, and to courses such as medicine, veterinary science and dentistry. Our Scholarship Fund recognises that there may be additional financial demands on students pursuing this pathway, and is therefore designed to ensure that finance is not a barrier to your success. Students who qualify for this Scholarship Fund, currently £1000 over two years, will need to have achieved seven or more grades 7 or above at GCSE including English or mathematics.

Careers Support
We appreciate that some students will wish to consider alternative pathways including routes into employment, and we support students interested in careers, school leavers’ programmes and apprenticeships.

“The fact that my teachers are accessible by email means that I can always receive feedback and improve my work to a higher standard. For me, the Resource Centre at the new site has been the best place to complete work and revise because of the laptops that are available to us at all times, and the positive working environment. Also, we are always informed about insightful opportunities like competitive work experience in 6th form Google Classroom.”

- Abigail Ani

Career Ready Programme
Through this programme, students are offered a series of masterclasses on employability skills, paid internships for the summer holidays and a range of sector-specific insight days and work experience opportunities. This is run in collaboration with Bacon’s College and St Michael’s Catholic College, with the support of Southwark Council.

Careers Events
We hold regular careers events throughout the year, including career-specific talks from Tuckers Solicitors, InternFirst, All About School Leavers, Step Forward, City of London Apprenticeships, Southwark Council Apprenticeships and many more employment providers. We have also run Speed-Networking and interviewing events which include a focus on apprenticeships, personal finance, CV writing and interview skills workshops. Students are also offered regular and inspiring trips and visits to a wide range of business and institutions, such as Goldsmiths University, Lloyds of London, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and a number of university fairs.
The Lord Mayor’s Cultural Scholarship

We offer students the opportunity to gain powerful insights into cultural organisations and develop competitive and impressive CVs and university applications. As the founding school for the Cultural Scholarship Scheme, the City of London Academy (Southwark) is one of only three Schools across London that offer this prestigious programme.

Created by Geoffrey Bond OBE, DL, FSA, a former Sheriff of the City of London, the scheme offers unique placements for Sixth Form students at prominent cultural organisations, including Sir John Soane’s Museum, the Royal Opera House, Buckingham Palace, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Archives, Guildhall Art Gallery and Library, Ham House and Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum.

“I had a very positive impression [of the Society of Antiquaries] .... the helpful employees made the placement all the better. I learned about the impact that technology has on the SAL and how it can develop further”
- Jeffrey Sylvester

“I really enjoyed working on everything [at Ham House]. I gained loads of skills and would love to do it again.”
- Ceri Johnson

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Academy runs a successful Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme with over 70 students involved. Students have the opportunity to complete Bronze, Silver and start the Gold award. We have a 88% completion rate - the highest in Southwark - and we are extremely proud that our school has won an award for supporting young people through such a prestigious programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is globally recognised. Students take part in an exciting and challenging programme of activities, gain employable skills and strengthen their CV. As a programme highly regarded by universities, the DofE award carries UCAS points.

The course is split into four sections: volunteering, physical activity, skills development and an expedition.
Basketball Academy

Our Basketball Academy was launched in September 2013 to create a centre of excellence. Staffed by two full-time National Basketball League coaches, Strength & Conditioning Coach and Physiotherapist, we are accredited as one of just ten “Basketball Schools” by Basketball England. We are also one of twenty schools offering the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence “AASE” Programme.

Our teams compete in the Men’s and Women’s Elite Academy Basketball Leagues. These are the top leagues in the UK for school basketball and we are proud to be one of only six Academies in the UK with this offering. We regularly take students to the States for exposure tournaments, where they will play in front of 400-500 college scouts.

Since City of London Basketball Academy launched, in 2013, our students have earned scholarships at universities including Wake Forest in North Carolina, California’s Santa Clara University and Wagner College in New York. This summer, eight CoLA pupils flew to the States to begin four-year basketball scholarships, continuing our respected record of sending students to America’s elite universities.

We are also one of 16 schools in England offering the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in England Development (EDP) Programme, a training and development route for young players with basketball talent.

We have had an extremely successful year with our U19 girls capturing the Academy’s first elite basketball award, lifting the WEABL trophy and being crowned national champions. The boys U19 also had another solid season making the playoffs for the second consecutive year, capturing some great wins along the way. The Academy has also kept up the fine tradition of producing both regional and national team players in recent years with six players called up to national team squads. The Basketball Academy students participate in a vibrant, disciplined and purposeful learning environment where they have the opportunity to excel, both on court and in their academic studies.

Applying to our Sixth Form

Please visit our website www.cityacademy.co.uk/sixthform, to find out more about our Sixth Form, our entry requirements and the application process. All applicants must complete the Sixth Form application form available on our website. The deadline for application forms is 10th January 2018.

To apply for the Basketball Academy

Applicants must apply for a place at the City of London Academy as above and check the Basketball Academy box. They must fulfil specific academic entry requirements in order to join the Basketball Academy.

If you have any questions regarding applying to our Basketball Academy, please email: basketball@cityacademy.co.uk
A Level Subjects

Art and Design: Graphic Communication
AQA 7203

A Level units include a personal study and an externally set task. These are assessed by practical exam and a portfolio of work.

Enrichment opportunities include: art gallery / museum / degree show visits; workshops including: Royal Academy life drawing; guest speakers; summer school courses; work experience contacts; University of the Arts London portfolio lecture and surgery.

Suitable for undergraduate study in Foundation Art (general or subject specific), Fine Art, Architecture, Product Design, Information and Interface Design and Spatial, MA courses (chosen field).

Art and Design: Textile Design
AQA 7204

A Level units include a personal study and externally set task. These are assessed by practical exam and a portfolio of work.

Enrichment opportunities include: art gallery / museum / degree show visits; workshops including: Royal Academy life drawing; student-to-student teaching to enrich portfolio material; guest speakers; summer school courses; University of the Arts London portfolio lecture and surgery.

Fine Art
A Level units include a personal investigation and an externally set task. These are assessed by practical exam 15 hours, a portfolio of work and a 1000 to 3000 words essay.

Enrichment opportunities include: art gallery / degree show visits; various workshops such as life drawing at the Royal Academy, annual community exhibition; and the practice of a range of skills such as drawing and painting, mixed-media, including collage and assemblage, sculpture, ceramics, installation, printmaking (relief, intaglio, screen processes and lithography), moving image and photography and techniques which include traditional painting and drawing.


Biology
A Level units include: Biological Molecules; Cells, Exchange of Substances; Genetic Information; Energy Transfer; Responding to Change; Genetics Population; Evolution and Gene Expression. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: trips to educational sites; practical experience; scientific talks and lectures; and close collaboration with King’s College London Neurobiology Department which delivers hands-on workshops throughout the year with an optional work experience programme in June / July.

Suitable for undergraduate study in Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Biochemistry, Biology, and Social Sciences.

Business Studies
A Level units include: what is business?; managers; leadership; decision making to improve performance (marketing; operational; financial; human resources); analysing the strategic position of a business; choosing strategic direction; strategic methods and managing strategic change. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Real life skills
Students will develop the knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions – all skills that are needed for further study and employment.

Assessment success
We use a variety of assessment styles including multiple choice, short answer, data response, essay and case studies so that students feel more confident and engage with the questions. Real life case studies will be used wherever possible to make it easier for students to relate to and apply their knowledge and skills developed throughout the course.

Suitable for undergraduate study in Business Administration, Economics, Politics, Finance, Accounting, Management, Marketing, and Human Resources.
A Level Subjects

Chemistry
AQA 7405
A Level units include: physical chemistry and inorganic chemistry; physical chemistry and organic chemistry; and practical skills. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: leading KS3 science clubs; acting as lesson mentors; British Science Association Crest Awards; museum / laboratory visits; industry and university links including: University of York, King’s College, London, The Salters’ Institute, BP and Zeneca Agrochemicals.

Suitable for undergraduate study in Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering, Forensics, Medicine, Teaching, Philosophy and Geology among others.

Computer Science
OCR H446
A Level units include: computer systems, algorithms and programming; and a programming project. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers, both 2 hours, 30 minutes) and non-exam assessment.

Enrichment opportunities include: links with universities; trips to the BETT education technology show and Bletchley Park, birthplace of British code-breaking and modern information technology; codes and ciphers workshop exploring encryption techniques.


Drama and Theatre
AQA 7261/7262
A Level units include: knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre; study of two set plays; analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers. These are assessed by written exam (3 hours) and the process and performance of devised drama.

Enrichment opportunities include: Academy musical production; drama club; stage management; Shakespeare Schools’ Festival; trips to local and West End theatres; workshops by professional actors from prestigious drama schools including Central and RADA; links with theatre companies. Appropriate for undergraduate study in Performing Arts, Drama, Music, Psychology, Law, and English.
A Level Subjects

Economics

OCR H060/H460

A Level units include: microeconomics, macroeconomics and themes in economics. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: trips to institutions like the Bank of England and the City of London; guest speakers from FTSE 100 companies, government institutions and universities discussing microeconomic and macroeconomic issues; access to key economic publications.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Economics, Econometrics, Accounting, Business Economics, International Relations, and Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

English Literature

Edexcel 9ETO

A Level units include: Drama – A Streetcar Named Desire; Prose – The Handmaid’s Tale by M. Atwood and Frankenstein by M. Shelley; Poetry – selection of contemporary poetry from Poems of the Decade: An Anthology, and John Keats Collected Poems;

Coursework – comparing a text of choice to The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald. These are assessed by written exam (3 exams: two are 2 hours, one exam is 1 hour) and coursework.

Enrichment opportunities include: Poems of the Decade conference with lectures and workshops; theatre trips to productions of set texts; screenings of plays studied on the course; tutorials and drop-in sessions; creative writing workshops.

Appropriate for undergraduate study / further study in Journalism, Teaching including English as a Foreign Language, Librarianship and Information Management, Advertising and Copywriting, The Arts, Marketing and Public Relations.

English Language and Literature

Edexcel 9ELO

A Level units include: Voices in Speech and Writing – Anthology of non literary and digital texts, A Streetcar Named Desire; Varieties in Language and Literature – The Great Gatsby and The Whitsun Weddings; Investigating and Creating Texts – Free choice of texts based on a single topic. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers, both lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes) and coursework.

Enrichment opportunities include: theatre trips to productions of set texts; screenings of plays studied on the course; tutorials and drop-in sessions; creative writing workshops.

Appropriate for undergraduate study / further study in Journalism, Teaching including English as a Foreign Language, Librarianship and Information Management, Law, Advertising and Copywriting, The Arts, Marketing and Public Relations.
A Level Subjects

Extended Project Qualification

AQA 7993

Entry Requirement: Pathway E or D students must pass course suitability period.

Key skills include: selecting and evaluating sources in terms of reliability and validity; organisation and time management strategies; designing, analysis and evaluation of primary research; writing skills; information analysis; evaluation skills; oral presentation skills. The Extended Project Qualification is assessed by research project and presentation.

Enrichment opportunities include: Westminster University research sessions; support from Ipsos MORI market research company; research sessions with CoLA library team.

The course is taught in lecture style workshops delivered by Westminster University, Global Market research company Ipsos Mori and Southampton University. Appropriate for undergraduate study in any field, and very regarded by Universities.

French

AQA 7652

A Level units include: listening, reading and writing; writing; speaking. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers: 2 hours 30 minutes and 2 hours) and speaking exam (21-23 minutes).

Enrichment opportunities include: dedicated time with native-speaker assistant; access to multimedia languages lab and modern languages library including books, magazines and DVDs; film and theatre visits; trips abroad; work experience in French-speaking organisations.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Modern Languages, Interpreting and Translation, Education, Joint Honours with a wide range of subjects including English, Maths, Engineering, Law, Business and Accountancy.

Geography

AQA 7036/7037

A Level units include: physical geography, human geography and fieldwork investigation. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers, both 2 hours, 30 minutes) and a fieldwork project of 3,000-4,000 words.

Enrichment opportunities include: field trips to the Brecon Beacons National Park, Jurassic Coast and Iceland.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Geography, Archaeology, Religious Studies (Theology), History, Philosophy, Literature and Languages, Environmental Studies, Environmental Science or Sustainable Development.
German

AQA 7662

A Level units include: listening; reading and writing; speaking. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers: 2 hours 30 minutes and 2 hours) and speaking exam (21-23 minutes).

Enrichment opportunities include: access to multimedia languages lab and modern languages library including: books, magazines, and DVDs; film and theatre visits; trips abroad; work experience in German-speaking organisations.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Modern Languages, Interpreting and Translation, Education, Joint Honours with a wide range of subjects including English, Maths, Engineering, Law, Business and Accountancy.

Politics

Edexcel 9PL0

A Level units include: Government and Politics of the USA, A comparative study of the USA; Political Ideologies. These are assessed by written examination (2 papers, all 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: Developing investigative approach in study seminars; trips to the houses of parliament and universities.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in History, Law, International Relations, English, Economics, and Business Studies.

History

OCR H505

A level units include: Britain 1930-1997, The American Revolution 1740-1796, Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992 and Vietnam. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, 1 x 2.5 hours, 1 x 1.5 hours and 1 x 1 hour) and a piece of coursework of around 3000-3500 words.

Enrichment opportunities include trip to Washington DC, a trip to SOAS university to research coursework and student conferences. The subject utilises a wide range of resources including academic works, journals, fiction films and documentaries.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in History, Politics, Law, International Relations, Economics, Accountancy, Marketing and Business Studies.
A Level Subjects

Mathematics
Edexcel 9MA0

Two of the three A Level units are in Pure Mathematics plus an additional applied unit, Statistics and Mechanics (3 papers, 2 hours each).

Enrichment opportunities include: High-profile guest speakers including leading Mathematicians such as Field Medal winner, Professor Tim Gowers; Internal Maths study support and extension classes to stretch every student; Senior Maths Challenge and Senior Team Challenge; Visits to University Maths Departments and external lectures.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Mathematics, Sciences, Accountancy, Engineering and Business.

Mathematics Further
Edexcel 9FM0

A Level Further Maths units are: Core Pure 1, Core Pure 2 plus two options. The options taken at the Academy are Mechanics and Decision Mathematics. These are assessed by written exam (4 papers, each 1 hour 30 minutes).

Enrichment opportunities include: STEP (Cambridge entrance paper), MAT (Oxford entrance paper) taught as part of the timetable by Academy staff; High profile guest speakers such as well-known mathematician Marcus du Sautoy; Senior Maths Challenge and Senior Team Challenge; External lectures at leading Universities.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Mathematics, Engineering, Sciences, and Finance.
Media Studies
Edexcel Level 3 Advanced 9771

Prospective learners should know this is a deeply theoretical course. As well as involving themselves in practical media productions, such as magazine and film. Students are expected to write extended responses both for production coursework and examination. Students should have excellent skills in written English and preferably a good grounding in IT and/or Photography.

To be successful students will need to develop and demonstrate the following knowledge and skills:

- A critical approach to media issues;
- Appreciation and critical understanding of the media and their role both historically and currently in society, culture, politics and the economy;
- An understanding of the dynamic and changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences;
- Knowledge and understanding of the global nature of the media;
- Apply theoretical knowledge and specialist subject specific terminology to analyse and compare media products and the contexts in which they are produced and consumed; engage in critical debate about academic theories used in media studies;
- Sophisticated practical skills by developing a creative media production.

Enrichment opportunities such as film festival visits and excursions to media institutions will be offered to students and the course is aimed as a foundation for students who are interested in a range of undergraduate courses and careers in media production, film and journalism.

Music Technology
Edexcel 8MT0/9MT0

A Level units include: recording; technology-based composition; listening and analysing; producing and analysing. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers: 1 hour and 30 minutes, and 2 hours and 15 minutes) and portfolio.

Enrichment opportunities include:
Record, mix and master work in a professional standard music studio including four practice rooms and two classrooms linked to a studio control room; professional musicians to assist with recording assignments; school performances.

Appropriate for undergraduate study / further study in Music Production, Music and Sound Technology, Audio Engineering, Sound Designing, Theatre Studies, Creative Music Technologies, Music and Performing Arts.
Photography
Edexcel 9ADO/9PYO

A Level units include: personal investigation and an externally set assignment. These are assessed by practical exam and portfolio.

Enrichment opportunities include:
Visits to galleries; off-site photo-shoots; workshops hosted by professional photographers; annual community and school exhibitions; access to facilities including a darkroom, digital SLR cameras, specialised lighting, photo-studio, and Adobe Photoshop.


Physical Education
OCR H555

A Level units include: physiological factors affecting performance; psychological factors affecting performance; socio-cultural issues in physical activity and sport; performance in physical education. These are assessed by 3 written exam (1 x 2hr paper: 2 x 1 hr papers) and then a practical and oral assessment.

Enrichment opportunities include:
Personalised coaching and practical support from dedicated basketball coaches; use of state-of-the-art facilities including a fitness suite, sports hall, dance studio and extensive AstroTurf; after school activities; regular sports conferences.

A Level Subjects

Psychology
OCR H567

A Level units include: research methods; psychological themes through core studies; applied psychology. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each of 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: lectures by visiting speakers, the use of cutting edge technology including iPads, Google Classroom and instruments for measuring psychological responses. Students have the opportunity to plan and conduct four research projects on topics of their choice.


Physics
AQA 7408

A Level units include: measurements and their errors; particles and radiation; waves; mechanics and materials; electricity; further mechanics and thermal physics; fields and nuclear physics; astrophysics. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each of 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: Practicals using specialised equipment to investigate and experience physics phenomena; after school talks and lectures; visits to cutting edge research laboratories.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Pure Physics or Joint Honours with Medical, Theoretical or Astrophysics. Other courses include Architecture, Finance and Business, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Aeronautical Engineering.
Religious Studies
OCR H173/H573

A Level units include: philosophy of religion; religion and ethics; developments in religious thought (Christianity). These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: full day Central London study sessions featuring university philosophers such as Peter Vardy; evening lectures in partnership with local schools on topics such as ‘God versus Science’; and access to an extensive range of library journals.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Geography, Archaeology, Religious Studies (Theology), History, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Law, History and Medicine.

Sociology
AQA 7191/7192

A Level units include: families and households; education with research methods; crime and deviance with theory and methods; beliefs in society. These are assessed by written exam (3 papers, each 2 hours).

Enrichment opportunities include: a variety of trips such as Museum of Childhood; guest speakers; opportunities to debate the Criminal Justice System with ex-police officers; development of learning through wider reading.


Spanish
AQA 7692

A Level units include: listening, reading and writing, speaking. These are assessed by written exam (2 papers: 2 hours 30 minutes and 2 hours) and speaking exam (21-23 minutes).

Enrichment opportunities include: dedicated time with native-speaker assistant; access to multimedia languages lab and modern languages library including books, magazines and DVDs; film and theatre visits; trips abroad; work experience in Spanish-speaking organisations.

Appropriate for undergraduate study in Modern Languages, Interpreting and Translation, Education, Joint Honours with a wide range of subjects including English, Maths, Engineering, Law, Business and Accountancy.
This is intended as an Applied General qualification, equivalent in size to three A Levels. It is a two-year, full-time course that meets entry requirements in its own right for learners who want to progress to higher education courses.

This course will give you an insight into the sports industry through subjects relating to sport, health, exercise and fitness. You’ll participate in a range of practical sports activities during your time on the course. You’ll also have the opportunity to engage with local schools to plan and deliver coaching sessions, building your communication and organisational skills, and helping to build your confidence.

Who is this qualification for?
The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport is intended to be an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners wanting to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the sports sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A Levels and has been designed as a full two-year programme.

What does this qualification cover?
The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. Employers and professional bodies have also been involved and consulted to confirm that the content is appropriate and consistent with current practice for learners who may choose to enter employment directly in the sport sector. The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that allow learners to gain experience of the sport sector that will prepare them for further study or training. Learners will study mandatory units:

- Unit 1: Anatomy and Physiology
- Unit 2: Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being
- Unit 3: Professional Development in the Sports Industry
- Unit 4: Sports Leadership
- Unit 7: Practical Sports Performance
- Unit 8: Coaching for Performance
- Unit 9: Research Methods in Sport
- Unit 19: Development and
Provision of Sport and Physical Activity
• Unit 22: Investigating Business in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry
• Unit 23: Skill Acquisition in Sport.

Learners will also choose six optional units that have been designed to support progression to the range of sector-related courses in higher education, and to link with relevant occupational areas.

What could this qualification lead to?
Learners who have completed this qualification in two years may progress to further learning at Level 3.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting, or contributing to admission requirements for many relevant courses. Learners can progress to higher education on full degree single or combined courses, for example:
• BA (Hons) in Sports Development and Management
• BSc (Hons) in Sports Management
• BSc (Hons) in Sports Business Management
• BSc (Hons) Sport and Leisure Management
• BSc (Hons) Sports Science (Outdoor Activities)
• BSc (Hons) in Exercise, Health and Fitness
• BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise Psychology.

Learners should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes with the specific higher education providers.

How does the qualification provide employability skills?
In the BTEC National units there are opportunities during the teaching and learning phase to give learners practice in developing employability skills. Where employability skills are referred to in this specification, we are generally referring to skills in the following three main categories:
• cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
• intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
• interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

There are also specific requirements in some units for assessment of these skills where relevant, for example, where learners are required to undertake real or simulated activities.

How does the qualification provide transferable knowledge and skills for higher education?
All BTEC Nationals provide transferable knowledge and skills that prepare learners for progression to university. The transferable skills that universities value include:
• the ability to learn independently
• the ability to research actively and methodically
• being able to give presentations and being active group members.

BTEC learners can also benefit from opportunities for deep learning where they are able to make connections among units and select areas of interest for detailed study. BTEC Nationals provide a vocational context in which learners can develop the knowledge and skills required for particular degree courses, including:
• reading technical texts
• effective writing
• analytical skills
• creative development
• preparation for assessment methods used in degrees.
Our Basketball Academy was launched in September 2013 to create a centre of excellence. Staffed by two full-time National Basketball League coaches, Strength & Conditioning Coach and Physiotherapist, we are accredited as one of just ten “Basketball Schools” by Basketball England. We are also one of sixteen schools offering the Diploma in Sporting Excellence “DiSE” Programme. Our teams compete in the Men’s (EABL) and Women’s (WEABL) Elite Academy Basketball Leagues. These are the top leagues in the UK for school basketball and we are proud to be one of only nine Academies in the UK with this offering for both girls and boys. We regularly take students to the States for exposure tournaments, where they will play in front of 400-500 college scouts. Since City of London Basketball Academy launched, in 2013, our students have earned scholarships at universities including Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania, California’s Loyola Marymount University, Wagner College in New York, Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts and Eastern Michigan University just outside of Detroit, Michigan. This summer, four CoLA pupils flew to the States to begin full four-year athletic scholarships obtained due to their outstanding basketball ability, continuing our respected record of sending students to America’s elite universities each year.

Gedi Juozapaitis - CoLA (2010-17) to Flagler College, Florida USA

Emerald Ekpiteta - CoLA (2015-17) to Niagara University, Niagara, NY

Cheyenne Scott - CoLA (2015-17) to Florida Tech University, Melbourne, Florida
We are also one of 16 schools in England offering the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) Programme, a training and development route for young players with basketball talent on the National Team pathway.

We have had another extremely successful year with our U19 girls reaching the WEABL Semi-finals. The boys U19 also had another solid season making the playoffs for the third consecutive year, capturing some great wins along the way. The Academy has also kept up the fine tradition of producing both regional and national team players in recent years with three players called up to national team squads. The Basketball Academy students participate in a vibrant, disciplined and purposeful learning environment where they have the opportunity to excel, both on court and in their academic studies.

Thai Segwai-Lodge - CoLA (2015-17) to Central Connecticut State University, Connecticut

Toyosi Abiola - CoLA (2010-2017) to Eastern Michigan University, Michigan

Khaleah Edwards - CoLA (2015-17) to Wagner College, New York City
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