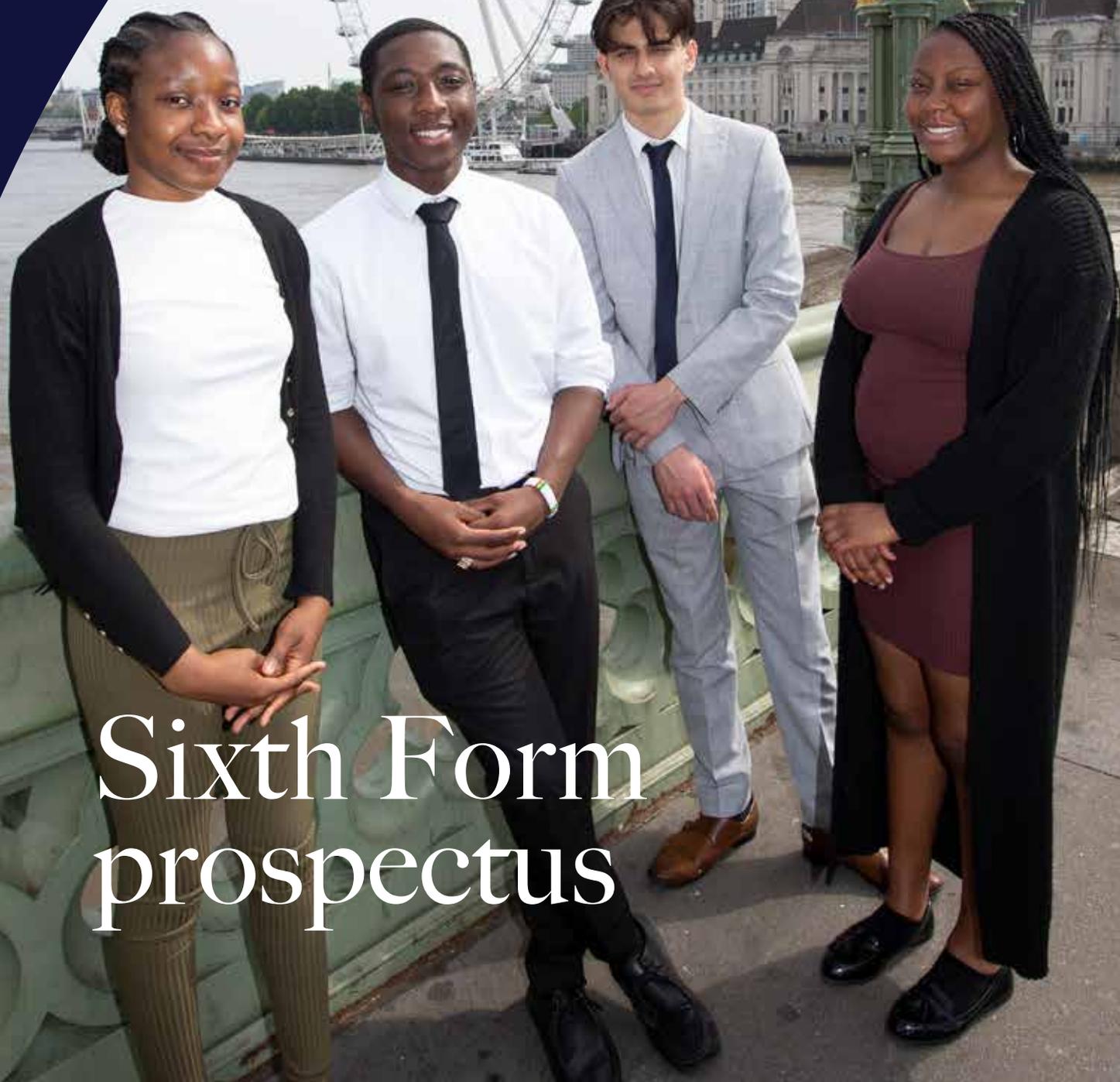




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# Sixth Form prospectus



# History

A state-funded comprehensive school for boys, with a mixed sixth form, Westminster City School has a long and rich history.

Our present building in central London opened in 1877. We now combine characterful Victorian buildings, which have been restored and modernised, alongside superb new facilities that include a £6 million state-of-the-art building with space for music and art.

We remain a proud member of the United Westminster and Grey Coat Foundation, which includes state and independent schools – Emanuel School, Sutton Valence School, Queen Anne's School, and our nearby sister school, The Grey Coat Hospital – and there are many opportunities for collaboration across our Foundation throughout the academic year.

Our inspirational alumni continue to make a difference across the globe. Recent notable alumni include the actor John Boyega, known for his leading role in the latest Star Wars films, and Wes Streeting, MP for Ilford North.

Keep up-to-date with our latest news and activities by following Westminster City School on social media:

 @wcsch  wcs\_school  @WCS\_school

# Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering our Sixth Form for your A Level studies.

In the 2020-21 academic year, over 90% of our Year 13 applied to start university in autumn 2021, receiving offers from a range of institutions. Almost half of these offers were for top Russell Group universities, including King's College London, UCL and the University of Durham.

We encourage our young people to aim high and, in autumn 2021, launch an exciting new initiative to support this – our Polar Capital Aspire Scheme (PCAS). You can read more on page 5 but PCAS means all who join our Sixth Form will be gifted a laptop and those considering a three-year degree at a UK university can apply for a PCAS bursary, worth over £20,000 per year, for each year of future university study.

Our central London location allows you to go beyond your subjects, deepening and expanding your knowledge and enjoyment. This can mean that you attend workshops or lectures with business leaders at our Sixth Form, participate in conferences or research programmes at top universities or simply visit the many museums, galleries, theatres, exhibitions and more that are found across London.

Within our Sixth Form, we also provide extra-curricular activities, strong pastoral support and careers guidance. You may become one of our prefects, represent our School at a Model United Nations public speaking event or explore social science topics on an educational trip to Vienna. You will take part in our active careers programme, which offers regular talks on employment opportunities, and you can join one of our pathways programmes, if you are interested in law, medicine, policing and criminology, or finance. All of these experiences, and more, help ensure you develop the life-skills needed to flourish in the future.

As a sixth form that is smaller than some, we offer a friendly atmosphere so, from the moment you join us, you will be part of our supportive community. Our teachers and pastoral team will quickly get to know you and our strong induction programme will help you settle in and make friends. Our diverse student body reflects the modern city around us and we are proud to have 14 out of 17 possible ethnic groups represented, with links to over 100 different countries.

I understand that choosing your sixth form is a major decision, so I hope our prospectus will provide further information. If you have any questions then please contact us by telephone or email, while attending our open events in September, October or November will also enable you to see our Sixth Form for yourself.

I look forward to welcoming you to Westminster City School's Sixth Form soon.

**Ms Katie Dennis, Head of Sixth Form**

# Notable news

**Our Sixth Form is never short of news, with activities and events each week, alongside lessons. While pandemic restrictions curtailed many of our usual trips during 2020-21, we still had much to celebrate. Here are some highlights:**

We began Michaelmas term 2020 following our record-breaking A Level Results Day 2020, which saw a string of great results for our Sixth Form. Almost 10% of our year group received an A\* and our pass rate rose to a fantastic 100%.

Throughout our Michaelmas term, students enjoyed WCS Insights, our online career programme. This enabled our young people to hear from professionals in their field, featuring careers like finance, science, law and journalism. Our first event saw sixth formers hear about working at the Houses of Parliament with a speaker who is very familiar with Westminster City School – our alumnus Wes Streeting, Labour MP for Ilford North.

Our students continued to learn more about future study and careers in finance, law, policing and criminology, or medicine through our innovative pathways programmes. During 2020-21:

- Pathway to Medicine students attended fortnightly meetings to discuss journals and present topics they had researched
- Pathway to Law students joined online sessions as part of City University's Widening Participation programme
- Pathway to Finance students attended careers sessions on internships and work experience, and received coaching on placement applications

In January 2021, essays by two of our sixth formers were placed in the top ten in our Foundation Essay Writing Competition. This competition asks sixth formers from across our Foundation schools to write an extended essay on a given topic(s).

In March 2021, one of our Year 12 was chosen, ahead of hundreds across the UK, to join the prestigious 2021 Target Oxbridge programme. Stephen submitted his application after seeing Target Oxbridge advertised in our Sixth Form. He is now receiving mentoring with current students and alumni from Oxford and Cambridge, and will take part in a summer programme from both universities.

In May 2021, a number of our sixth formers successfully participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project through The Brilliant Club, which prepares young people to apply to top universities.

Our 2020-21 academic year ended with our outgoing Year 13 students enjoying a prom, a wonderful way to mark their successful two years in our Sixth Form.



# Polar Capital Aspire Scheme

**Funding from Polar Capital, an investment company just a few doors from our Sixth Form, supports the aspirations of our sixth formers.**

When you join our Year 12 in the autumn, you will receive a free laptop for your academic work during our Sixth Form and beyond, whether you go onto further study or into employment.

In addition, if you are planning to do a three-year UK university course, you can apply for our two Polar Capital Aspire Scheme (PCAS) bursaries, worth over £20,000 per year, for each year of your future university study. Each PCAS bursary covers full university tuition fees and provides a monthly stipend of up to £1,000 for living expenses. Although Polar Capital is based in the financial industry, applications are welcomed from students who may not be thinking of future employment in finance, as well as students who are.

Further benefits to receiving a PCAS bursary include:

- travel costs to attend your first choice UK university open day
- being linked to two Polar Capital mentors, who will meet you periodically throughout your time at university, to support your study and careers planning
- opportunities to join events at Polar Capital (like the company's annual summer party) where you can network with other staff
- the chance to enjoy a summer internship at Polar Capital, if of interest to you
- the possibility, upon graduation, to undertake a traineeship at Polar Capital, if of interest to you



*"Westminster City School's Sixth Form provides a great working environment that allows students to thrive and succeed. The teachers always want the best for you and all endeavour to motivate you in achieving your goals.*

*"After university, I wish to do a law conversion course and then work for a magic circle law firm. Westminster City School's Sixth Form has given me some great work experience opportunities, as well as helping me attend open days at law firms like Clifford Chance. This has ensured that I understand the type of law that I wish to study, and the type of lawyer that I wish to be, in the future."*

Noah studied A Levels in English Literature, History and Religious Studies within our Sixth Form. He will read theology and religion at the University of Durham in autumn 2021.



# Achievement

**In the 2020-21 academic year, 94% of our Year 13 applied to start university in autumn 2021.**

By spring 2021, almost half of our year group held offers for top Russell Group universities. This included six students with offers for King's College London, three for University College London, three for University of Durham and two for Imperial College London.

In addition, our Year 13 held offers for other fantastic universities in London, like SOAS and Goldsmiths, and out of London, like Loughborough, Kent and Essex. Alongside traditional subjects like science, economics and law, we had a student with an offer to study architecture at the Glasgow School of Art and students opting for degrees with placement years and study abroad options. Such opportunities help build vital skills and knowledge for success in future careers.

Just like our current students, you will be well supported in your higher education aspirations while in our Sixth Form. Our staff provide extensive advice and guidance on applying to university, plus support via mock interviews, talks from university representatives, attendance at UCAS higher education fairs, university visits, and mentoring.

*"During my two years within Westminster City School's Sixth Form, staff have offered extra-curricular activities related to the subjects and the career that I hope to pursue, as well as helping me when I have been confused or stressed.*

*"I applied to King's College London since the university is well-known for amazing teaching and research. I'm planning to study biochemistry because I've always had a love for science. After my undergraduate degree, I hope to do a PhD."*

Vishnupriya studied A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Sociology within our Sixth Form. She will read biochemistry at King's College London in autumn 2021.



# Life in our Sixth Form

**Our aspirational culture encourages and inspires our students to be their best and go on to a rewarding future.**

Once you join our Sixth Form in September, your day will begin with morning registration and form time, allowing you to start your day calmly with those who know you best – your friends and your form tutor. We also hold two Sixth Form assemblies during the week, which enable you to feel part of our wider community. Regular speakers at our assemblies include representatives from business and industry, and from universities, providing extensive advice and guidance on your future plans.

During the day, you will undertake lessons taught by our subject specialist teachers. This is a good experience and preparation for your future study at university. You will also have the opportunity to work with our excellent Sixth Form Student Support Officer, who will help you learn how to study independently more effectively.

Your day will include a morning break and lunch. Our Dining Hall serves hot and cold food, although, as the oldest members of our School, you are also allowed to leave our School site at break and lunchtime, if you wish. Extra-curricular activities take place over lunch, as well as before- and after-school.

Each day you will spend time in our dedicated Sixth Form area, which provides space for academic work and for relaxing with your friends. You will also make use of our Library, which has its own study area for sixth formers. Our Library holds over 10,000 books, with new titles added regularly.



*"I chose Westminster City School's Sixth Form for my A Levels because it would be a new experience for me, and because I was impressed at the support given to sixth formers when applying for university study. I found it very easy to settle in to Year 12 as all students and staff were so friendly and welcoming."*

*"My two years in Westminster City School's Sixth Form has given me many great opportunities, like the chance to partake in our Pathway in Policing and Criminology. This helped further develop my understanding further of different branches of psychology."*

Priscilla studied A Levels in Maths, Psychology and Sociology within our Sixth Form. She will read psychology at the University of Leeds in autumn 2021.





*"Making the decision to join Westminster City School's Sixth Form was easy. I saw it as opportunity to study in the centre of the city and meet people from all over London. I settled in swiftly, making friends during the induction sessions arranged by staff. Teachers are always friendly and the central London location means there are always places to go and eat with your new mates.*

*"Westminster City School's Sixth Form has helped me harness my academic potential and given me opportunities to visit many different places of work and study. It is with the input and support of our Sixth Form staff that I came to a decision on where to take my next steps - a degree in mechanical engineering will combine everything I am interested in with everything that I am good at."*

Gabriel studied A Levels in Maths, Physics and Economics within our Sixth Form. He will read mechanical engineering with a placement year at Loughborough University in autumn 2021.



# Support

**As a relatively small London sixth form, we maintain a supportive family atmosphere and get to know each student.**

We understand that the transition from school to sixth form can feel daunting, whether you started at Westminster City School in Year 7 or join us in Year 12 from a different school. We run a number of induction events and activities for our new sixth formers, led by our Head of Sixth Form and dedicated pastoral support staff, to help you feel immediately at home.

Once you join our Sixth Form, the immediate responsibility for your personal welfare rests with your form tutor. You will see your form tutor each day, thus building a close and strong bond. Form tutors register attendance, monitor academic progress and promote students' general wellbeing.

Our Sixth Form Student Support Officer is another member of staff who you will get to know while studying with us. Our Sixth Form Student Support Officer is available to help and guide all our sixth formers, providing advice and mentoring to ensure you meet your goals, now and in the future.

As well as supporting you, we also expect your support for our School. Sixth formers make up the oldest year groups at Westminster City School, so are looked upon by our younger pupils as role models. While many of our students provide mentoring to younger pupils, we also ask Year 12 students to apply for our Sixth Form leadership roles – Head Boy and Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, and prefects.

# Global citizens

**Our Sixth Form is about so much more than academic studies, as we strive to develop our students beyond the classroom.**

We take advantage of our central London location to help you go further with your A Level subjects, making the most of nearby lectures, seminars, museums, theatres, galleries and more, by undertaking trips of historical, geographical, literary, religious or scientific interest.

Back at our Palace Street site, to further life across our School and provide guidance to younger pupils, we have a number of one-year leadership roles for our sixth formers. You can apply for these positions and will be interviewed by our Headteacher and our Head of Sixth Form, which helps prepare you for future applications and interviews, for university and employment. This rewarding experience develops important transferable skills (like public speaking) that are useful in any future career.

As well as our four innovative pathways – in Law, Policing and Criminology, Finance, and Medicine – that help you explore a particular industry further, we also offer a range of extra-curricular clubs. These take place before- and after-school, as well as at lunch. You may find yourself acting as a world leader at a Model United Nations competition, standing as a politician in our School's mock general election or mentoring younger pupils. In addition, our flourishing Army Cadet Force meets weekly and provides a wonderful opportunity to take part in outdoor pursuits.

Music remains at the heart of Westminster City School. We have a busy orchestra and other musical ensembles who meet before- and after-school, and at lunch. We also offer individual instrumental lessons in brass, string and woodwind, plus piano, guitar and drums. There are performance opportunities throughout the year, including our weekly assemblies, at our services at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, and concerts at external venues.



*"I found settling into Westminster City School's Sixth Form very easy! Staff helped our transition from secondary school by carrying out taster sessions and 'get to know each other' days prior to our admission in September. Also, as our Sixth Form is a bit smaller than many colleges, we were all able to form close friendship bonds across the year group.*

*"When I first started my A Levels, the thought of choosing a degree in less than two years was overwhelming. However, I found our Sixth Form's extra-curricular programmes (partaking in Model UN, running a mock election, and joining a prestigious Question Time event at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, and more) allowed me to explore my subjects at a higher level and decide what to pursue in the future. I also undertook our Sixth Form's Pathway to Policing and Criminology with the University of East London, which led to me create presentations, engage in lectures, and work alongside undergraduates. This aided my academic studies and developed skills I will need at university."*

Maariya studied A Levels in Politics, Psychology and Religious Studies within our Sixth Form. She will read politics and international relations at SOAS in autumn 2021.





*"Before joining Westminster City School's Sixth Form, I was convinced I wanted to be an engineer. However, once in our Sixth Form, I was introduced to so many different opportunities, with speakers coming in, plus events and seminars to attend. The central London location of our Sixth Form not only ensures it is easy and safe for you to access, it also enables you to interact with the many different businesses and organisations nearby. All of these opportunities gave me a chance to see the many different options available to me and helped me fall in love with a new subject.*

*"I've made applications to universities that I feel have the best resources for my chosen degree - criminology. Birmingham specialises in social sciences and, as a Russell Group university, has the professors, resources and experiences for me to get the most out of my course, like a year abroad placement, as well as broaden my understanding of the subject."*

Eliakim studied A Levels in Maths, Physics, and Philosophy and Ethics within our Sixth Form. He will read criminology at the University of Birmingham in autumn 2021.



# Opportunity

**We make the most of our unique location, in the heart of London, and have built strong links with external organisations that benefit our young people.**

Our Sixth Form is well connected with a number of major businesses and companies. For example, our Polar Capital Aspire Scheme (PCAS) has been made possible by the strong link we have established with Polar Capital, an investment company based just a few doors from our Palace Street site. First launching in September 2021, PCAS means every member of our Year 12 will be gifted with a free laptop and that you can apply for one of two generous PCAS bursaries, worth over £20,000 a year, for each year of your future study at a UK university. Read more on page 5.

As well as Polar Capital, our Sixth Form is well connected with other major businesses and companies, including Deutsche Bank, Google, AT&T and PWC. Whether visiting us to offer a lecture or interactive workshop, or hosting you at their own offices for a discussion, these connections allow you to gain a fascinating insight into how businesses operate, whilst building good professional and personal networks.

On an academic level, we have a good relationship with a number of world-leading universities, including the University of Warwick, Imperial College London and University College London. These enable you to attend high-profile lectures, summer schools and placements, whilst building valuable knowledge about future university study.

Since music plays a key role in our School, we provide many opportunities for you to enjoy and to participate. Arts organisations, like VOCES8 and the English National Opera, frequently visit us to host workshops and activities for our young people.

Our School retains a unique connection to nearby Westminster Abbey. We use St Margaret's Church for our regular church services and our annual Celebration of Achievement Evening, every July, takes place in College Gardens.

Our central location ensures a safe and easy commute for both students and staff, while allowing us to undertake regular visits and trips to museums, galleries, theatres, exhibitions, lectures and other places of interest, both across London and further afield.

# Choosing your A Levels

Our A Levels are challenging, exciting and rewarding. All can lead to fantastic university courses, apprenticeships and future careers.

Most of our sixth formers study three A Levels, as this is the number required by universities and workplaces. Your time in our Sixth Form is your chance to specialise and think about the three subjects you would like to study! We advise our students to select A Level subjects that they enjoy and feel they are strong at. This makes it much more likely that you will enjoy your A Levels and perform well.

Sometimes our students study A Level Further Mathematics as a fourth subject. If you would like to be considered for four A Levels, then you must attain Grade 7 and above in all your GCSE subjects and your progress will be closely monitored. If there are concerns over your progress, then you will be required to drop to three subjects. We find that students who study three A Levels are more likely to get three very high grades, while students who study four A Levels usually spread themselves too thin and end up with four lower grades.

## How to choose your A Levels

When thinking about your A Level options, try to choose subjects that:

- You enjoy – we all work harder if we enjoy what we are doing
- You believe you will do well in – know your own strengths and weaknesses (and ask your family, friends and teachers for advice, if you are unsure)
- You think will help you in the future – if you know what you want to study at university or what career you would like, try to ensure your A Levels will enable you to enter that university course. If you are unsure, then try to ensure your A Levels give you flexibility in the future

If you do already have a specific university course or career in mind, then you need to ensure your A Levels support your ambitions. Make sure to do your research and select the right subjects. Below are a few examples of careers that require you to study particular A Levels:

- Medicine – Chemistry and Biology or Maths. For the third subject, you may choose from Biology, Maths, Politics, History, Economics, English Literature, Philosophy and Ethics
- Engineering – you must study Maths. It is likely you will need to study Chemistry and/or Physics. Please check with the particular course and/or provider you have in mind
- Law – it is recommended that you study one or more of Politics, History, English Literature or Philosophy and Ethics
- Finance and/or Accounting – it is recommended that you study Maths
- Business – it is recommended that you study Business and/or Economics
- Pharmacy – you must take Chemistry and at least one of either Maths, Biology or Physics

When thinking about your A Levels, do your research and talk to others, such as your family, friends and teachers. You can also ask our advice at our open events and in your course discussion meeting (which takes place after you have applied to us). Remember, you can always contact us on telephone: 020 7963 6300 or email: [enquiries@wcsch.com](mailto:enquiries@wcsch.com).

## Your Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Like many of our sixth formers, you may wish to do the EPQ, which is worth half an A Level, alongside your A Levels. The EPQ allows you to undertake an independent project, on an academic topic of your choosing, that is relevant to your future plans.

## Looking ahead

From the moment you join our Sixth Form, whether you have your future mapped out or are still undecided, we will provide you with guidance on higher education and employment opportunities.

# Biology

**Qualification:** A Level

**Exam Board:** Pearson Edexcel

**Specification Code:** 9B10

A Level Biology lets you study life itself, as you explore the theories and principles involved in all living systems. You build a strong understanding of your different topics and how they relate to each other, while developing valuable skills for future study and employment in analytical thinking, report writing and the clear communication of scientific work and ideas. There are also numerous opportunities for you to undertake practical experiments within our well-equipped science laboratories.

## What you study in Year 12

- Biological molecules
- Cells, viruses and reproduction of living things
- Classification and biodiversity
- Exchange and transport

## What you study in Year 13

- Energy for biological processes
- Microbiology and pathogens
- Modern genetics
- Origins of genetic variation
- Control systems
- Ecosystems

## Assessment

You are assessed by three exams taken at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1: Advanced biochemistry, microbiology and genetics (worth 30% of your A Level)

Paper 2: Advanced physiology, evolution and ecology (worth 30% of your A Level)

Paper 3: General and practical principles in biology (worth 40% of your A Level)

## Entry requirements

If taking GCSE Separate Science, a Grade 7 in Biology or, if taking GCSE Combined Science, Grade 7 and 6, plus Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

## Looking ahead

From conservation to cancer research, biologists are tackling many of today's important challenges, so skilled people are needed for this vital work.

A Level Biology can lead to further study at university and to many exciting STEM career possibilities like nursing, dentistry, forensic science, psychology, physiotherapy, botany, environmental science, zoology, geology, oceanography, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, genetics, and research.

# Business

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 9BSO

A Level Business is an excellent preparation for a wide range of university courses and for the world of work. Having a good idea about how businesses operate puts you at an advantage in your future career plans.

Aimed at anyone who wishes to develop an understanding of business operations, A Level Business helps you appreciate how and why business decisions are made, and how they affect a variety of people – both within the business and externally. You study internal business function areas like finance, marketing, production and human resources, as well as external factors such as law, economics and politics. A Level Business also develops a range of important skills, such as problem-solving, communication and conducting research, valued by universities and employers.

## What you study in Year 12

Marketing and how people meet customer needs:

- The market
- Marketing mix and strategy
- Managing people
- Entrepreneurs and leaders

Managing business activities:

- Financial planning
- Managing finance
- Resource management
- External influences

## What you study in Year 13

Business decisions and strategy:

- Business objectives and strategy
- Business growth
- Decision-making techniques
- Managing change

Global business:

- Globalisation
- Global markets and business
- Global marketing
- Global industries

## Assessment

You are assessed by three two-hour written exams at the end of your course. These three exams papers will assess the content of all four themes.

## Entry requirements

L2 Distinction in BTEC Enterprise or GCSE Grade 6 in Business. If you have not studied BTEC Enterprise or GCSE Business, then GCSE Grade 6 in English and in Mathematics.

## Looking ahead

A Level Business is accepted as an entrance qualification for a variety of university degrees, especially courses like business studies, banking, accountancy, retail management, human resource management, marketing, finance, and production management.

The knowledge and experience of business organisations, that you develop through A Level Business, can be invaluable for future employment in a wide range of settings. You could consider roles such as a business manager, purchasing manager, customer service manager, sales accounts manager and importer/exporter, or a teaching career.

# Chemistry

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7405

A Level Chemistry attempts to answer the question: What is the world made of? The search for that answer makes A Level Chemistry a truly fascinating subject, as you study the wide breadth of chemistry, from how catalysts are used in exhaust systems to how nuclear magnetic resonance is used for MRI scans in hospitals.

Your experimentation work in our well-equipped laboratories also develops a range of useful skills, including problem-solving, teamwork, communication and analysis, that are needed for future study and employment.

## What you study in Year 12

- Physical chemistry
- Inorganic chemistry
- Organic chemistry

## What you study in Year 13

- Physical chemistry 2
- Inorganic chemistry 2
- Organic chemistry 2

## Assessment

You are assessed by three exams, taken at the end of Year 13. A separate endorsement of practical skills is taken alongside your A Level, assessed by your teachers through 12 required practicals.

## Entry requirements

If taking GCSE Separate Science, a Grade 7 in Chemistry or, if taking GCSE Combined Science, Grade 7 and 6, plus Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.

## Looking ahead

A Level Chemistry can open many doors, since it is rightly seen as a challenging and academic course that impresses universities and future employers. If you are thinking to read law, then A Level Chemistry demonstrates that you can cope with difficult concepts, yet it also brings balance to your studies if you are contemplating an arts degree.

While A Level Chemistry is often required if you wish to study veterinary medicine or medicine, meaning it can lead to careers in healthcare, it is also useful for employment in fields related to biological sciences, physics, mathematics, pharmacology and analytical chemistry.

# Computer Science

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7517

Computers are involved in every aspect of our lives today, be it work, play or even sleep! Understanding how technology works now, helps us know what to expect tomorrow. Whether you are a die-hard programmer or concerned about the impact of social media on geopolitics, A Level Computer Science will be relevant to you.

While mainly a technical/analytical course, A Level Computer Science still lets you explore the broad spectrum of modern computing, from the underpinning theory to the practical consequences. Over the two years, you cover everything from low-level processor architecture through to the social, ethical and environmental issues raised by our increasing dependence on technology. A Level Computer Science will also develop your analytical thinking and problem-solving skills, which are highly valued by universities and employers.

## What you study in Year 12

- Fundamentals of computer systems, communications and networking
- Fundamentals of programming, data structures and data representation
- Theory of computation
- Computational thinking (problem-solving)
- Functional and object-orientated programming
- Consequences of using computers

## What you study in Year 13

- Programming paradigms and the software development lifecycle
- Theory of computation
- Foundations of databases and big data
- Advanced data structures and algorithms

## Assessment

You are assessed at the end of Year 13.

- Paper 1 – online (worth 40% of your A Level)
- Paper 2 – written (worth 40% of your A Level)
- Software development project (worth 20% of your A Level)

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in Computer Science or, if you have not studied GCSE Computer Science, Grade 6 in Mathematics and you will be asked to attend a meeting with our computer science staff.

## Looking ahead

Computing is so pervasive in modern society that studying computer science can help you into any industry. The analytical thinking and structured problem-solving skills you learn are highly valued by universities and employers. A Level Computer Science remains a strong subject that will easily take you into any computing or technology degree, and give you an advantage in all kinds of engineering and many business- and research-related courses, where big data and machine learning are rapidly growing in importance.

After university, there are many interesting fields of employment available, including work in robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, big data processing, networking, ethical hacking, computer game development, home automation or teaching. In addition, since many creative industries depend on technology now, you will find that they also look for candidates with good technical skills.

# Economics

Qualification: A Level

Exam Board: Edexcel

Specification Code: 9EC0

A Level Economics is not simply all about numbers. It is the study of the world around us from social, financial and cultural perspectives, as you gain a good grounding in economic theories and the interrelationships between macroeconomic and microeconomic issues.

A Level Economics develops your analytical, numeric, communication and problem-solving skills, thus supporting future study and employment in a number of well-paid fields. Yet it also raises your awareness of the many economic issues that affect you, and others around you, every day of your life.

## What you study

Microeconomics includes:

- The economic problem and economic methodology
- Individual economic decision-making
- Price determination in a competitive market
- Production, costs and revenue
- Perfect competition, imperfectly competitive markets and monopoly
- The labour market
- The distribution of income and wealth, poverty and inequality
- The market mechanism, market failure and government intervention in markets

Macroeconomics includes:

- The measurement of macroeconomic performance
- How the macroeconomy works
- Economic performance
- Financial markets and monetary policy
- Fiscal policy and supply-side policies
- The international economy

## Assessment

You are assessed by three examinations taken at the end of Year 13.

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in Economics or in English and in Mathematics (if you have not studied GCSE Economics).

## Looking ahead

Economics is a highly regarded academic field of study. Graduates are sought after across a range of employments, including the more obvious fields of finance, banking, sales and marketing, and public policy, but also for roles within government, the civil service, the media and more. Indeed, a degree in economics boosts your employability in many areas, regardless of the industry, as there is strong demand for highly numerate graduates throughout the global labour market. It is also worth noting that salaries for graduates in economics tend to be amongst the highest of all university disciplines.

# English Literature

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: Edexcel  
Specification Code: 9ET0

A Level English Literature gives you a wonderful chance to study a selection of novels, plays and poems covering a variety of genres and periods. It is a great choice if you are a keen reader, if you are enthusiastic about texts from different eras, and if you enjoy analysing writing and debating your views.

A Level English Literature is also looked upon favourably by universities and employers, since it develops high levels of critical thinking, analysis and interpretation, plus essay writing.

## What you study in Year 12

- *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley
- *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood
- *A Streetcar Named Desire*, by Tennessee Williams
- Poems of the decade
- Unseen poetry

## What you study in Year 13

- *King Lear*, by William Shakespeare
- Shakespeare: A Critical Anthology
- Metaphysical poetry

## Assessment

You are assessed by three examinations (worth 80% of your A Level) and a 3,000-word piece of coursework (worth 20% of your A Level).

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in English Language and in English Literature.

## Looking ahead

While many students go on to read literature at university, it is not your only option. A Level English Literature can lead to a variety of degrees, opening up doors for careers in journalism, publishing, editing, teaching, media, marketing, politics or, indeed, any profession that requires analytical thinking, strong verbal and written communication, imagination and creativity.

# Geography

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7037

Never before has there been a better, or more important, time to study A Level Geography. By dealing with vital and topical issues like climate change, migration, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards, A Level Geography is one of the most relevant and topical subjects you can study. The course is designed to excite your mind, challenge perceptions, and develop your investigative and analytical skills in preparation for your next steps beyond school.

A Level Geography also enables you to develop a combination of other transferable skills - including problem-solving and critical thinking - that are highly regarded by universities and employers.

## What you study in Year 12

- Physical geography: coastal systems and landscapes (exploring the dynamic nature of coastal zones, their processes and landforms); and hazards (hazards in the lithosphere and atmosphere, including volcanic, seismic, wildfire and storm hazards)
- Human geography: changing places (investigating our relationship with places and how/why places change); and global systems and global governance (exploring the complex nature of globalisation and the local, national and international impacts of increasing global interdependence)

## What you study in Year 13

- Physical geography: water and carbon cycles (investigating the magnitude and significance of these cycles at a variety of scales and their central importance to human populations)
- Human geography: contemporary urban environments (exploring the processes of urban change in contrasting modern-day cities around the world and their environmental and social impacts)
- Non-examined assessment of 3,000-4,000 words: this independent fieldwork investigation, based on a geographical topic of your choice, requires you to collect, present and analyse your own data

## Assessment

You are assessed by examination (worth 80% of your A Level) and your non-examined assessment (your internally marked fieldwork report, worth 20% of your A Level).

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in Geography or English (if you have not studied GCSE Geography).

## Looking ahead

A Level Geography takes you places and you may be interested to learn that graduates in geography have amongst the highest rates of graduate employment (source: Royal Geographical Society). Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects, and is well respected by universities.

Geography graduates can be found in a range of careers. Obvious roles include working on sustainability and green issues, urban regeneration, energy supply, and managing climate change. However, an understanding of global systems economics can help a career in business, while considerations around issues of migration and development can help a career in law, human rights, or international relations.

# History

Qualification: A Level

Exam Board: OCR

Specification Code: H505

The philosopher and writer, Santayana, said: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." He was right – by studying history, and building our understanding of major historical events and trends, we also build a better understanding of the world around us today. A Level History helps you apply your knowledge of past events to appreciate, and to make informed decisions about, the present and the future.

By studying A Level History at Westminster City School, you learn the events of the Chinese revolution and uncover why students from 91 schools were encouraged to drag their teachers out into the streets and clear away the evil habits of the old society. You compare the turbulent past of Chinese history to the events of the French Revolution. You also study the developing British political history, watching the country face war, riots, strikes and controversial leadership of Prime Ministers like Churchill or Thatcher.

A relevant, exciting and challenging option, A Level History will develop your critical thinking abilities and important transferable skills (like research, communication and debate) that prepare you for your future. For example, the analytical skills developed by A Level History help if you wish to read law at university. A Level History can lead to further study at university, as well as to a range of rewarding and successful careers.

## What you study in Year 12

- France in revolution 1774-1815
- Britain 1930-1997
- China and its rulers 1839-1989
- Civil Rights in the USA 1863-1968

## What you study in Year 13

- China and its rulers 1839-1989
- Civil Rights in the USA 1863-1968
- Revision

## Assessment

Assessment: You are assessed by examinations and coursework at the end of Year 13.

- Exam 1 – Britain 1930-1997 (worth 25% of your A Level)
- Exam 2 – France in revolution 1774-1815 (worth 15% of your A Level)
- Exam 3 – China and the rulers 1839-1989 (worth 40% of your A Level)
- Coursework on African American civil rights in the USA 1863-1968 (worth 20% of your A Level). This is an

in-depth study on a provocative topic and means you will ask important questions like: why has it taken so long for different races to be treated as equals?

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in History or in English (if you have not studied GCSE History).

## Looking ahead

Historians have a huge impact and history remains a popular discipline at university, either alone or in combination with another subject. A history degree is helpful for a number of careers, including positions in government or with NGOs, journalism and the media, teaching, banking and commerce, the law, publishing, research, social work, and more.

Notable individuals with history degrees include Kenneth Ceanult (former CEO of American Express), Susan Wajcicki (CEO of YouTube), filmmaker Louis Theroux, and former Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Prince Charles also has a degree in history!

# Mathematics

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: Edexcel  
Specification Code: 9MA0

If you have a flair for numbers, then A Level Mathematics is for you. A Level Mathematics ensures you learn to hone your ability to solve mathematical, abstract and scientific problems, and develop your research skills. You also further your logical abilities, meaning you have the tools needed to tackle a number of diverse areas, from managing your finances to project planning. All of these skills are invaluable for progression to university and future employment.

## What you study in Year 12

- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry
- Differentiation
- Integration
- Vectors
- Exponentials and logarithms
- Trigonometry
- Data representations and interpretations
- Statistical distributions
- Probability
- Statistical sampling
- Quantities and units
- Dynamics

## What you study in Year 13

- Algebraic methods
- Functions and modelling
- Differentiation
- Sequence and series
- Trigonometry 2
- Integration
- Parametric equations
- Numerical methods
- Vectors in 3D plane
- Normal distribution
- Conditional probability
- Regression and correlation
- Forces
- Moments
- Kinematics

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 7 in Mathematics.

## Assessment

A Level Mathematics consists of three components and you are assessed with two pure papers and one applied paper. Each paper has equal weighting and is marked out of 100.

## Looking ahead

A Level Mathematics provides numerous opportunities for further study and employment, and can play an integral part in many careers. Those who have studied mathematics at university go into fields that include: accounting, medicine, engineering, forensic pathology, finance, business, consultancy, teaching, IT, games development, scientific research, programming, the civil service, design, construction, and astrophysics, to name just a few!

Jobs in the mathematical sciences - careers that studying mathematics at university prepares you for directly - tend to be very well paid, since the combination of a skills shortage and a growing need for mathematical knowledge means more employers want graduates in mathematics.

# Further Mathematics

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: Edexcel  
Specification Code: 9FM0E0

Please note: to study A Level Further Mathematics, you must also study A Level Mathematics.

A Level Further Mathematics extends your thinking beyond A Level Mathematics, covering and expanding on various topics. It introduces you to the ideas of complex numbers, hyperbolic functions, matrices, and critical path analyses. You also learn to employ calculus techniques across a wide range of applications, including the use of integration to calculate probabilities of continuous random variables. Greater knowledge of mathematics is much admired by universities and employers, as are the transferable skills developed in analysis, problem-solving and numeracy.

## What you study in Year 12

- Complex numbers
- Matrices
- Series
- Algebra and functions
- Proof
- Vectors
- Calculus
- Frequency distributions
- Chi-squared test
- Momentum and impulse
- Work, energy and power
- Elastic collision

## What you study in Year 13

- Complex numbers
- Hyperbolic functions
- Polar coordinates
- Differential equations
- Improper integral
- Maclaurin series
- Methods of difference
- Hypothesis testing
- Probability generating functions
- Quality tests
- Elastic strings, springs and energy

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 8 Mathematics.

## Assessment

A Level Further Mathematics consists of four components and you are assessed with two pure papers and two applied papers. Each paper has equal weighting and is marked out of 75.

## Looking ahead

A Level Further Mathematics provides numerous opportunities for further study and employment, and can play an integral part in many careers. Those who have studied mathematics at university go into fields that include: accounting, medicine, engineering, forensic pathology, finance, business, consultancy, teaching, IT, games development, scientific research, programming, the civil service, design, construction, and astrophysics, to name just a few!

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# Music Technology

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: Edexcel  
Specification Code: 9MT0

If you enjoy popular music, and want to learn more about the way in which it has developed technologically, then A Level Music Technology is for you. The course will stretch you, as you learn to do things that you never thought were possible with sound, using music technology. Those who enjoy A Level Music Technology are enthusiastic, have initiative and imagination, and relish a challenge. However, the most important quality is a love of music, and a desire to learn more about the ways in which it is recorded and produced.

A Level Music Technology can be studied with any combination of subjects, and can be used as a route into a range of music technology-based university courses. It also helps build your confidence, communication and creative abilities, which are useful for future study, employment and everyday life.

While some knowledge of notation will be helpful, if you play confidently by ear or can improvise well, then you will enjoy A Level Music Technology.

## What you study

Recording and production techniques for both corrective and creative purposes including:

- the use of recording and mixing techniques to capture, edit and produce a recording
- the use of sound creation and manipulation techniques to create, edit and structure a technology-based composition
- the capture, arrangement of sounds, and mixing and mastering techniques, as used on commercially available recordings
- the use of sound creation and processing techniques to correct and mix a recording

Principles of sound and audio technology including:

- the knowledge and understanding of the principles of sound and of audio technology in relation to commercially available recordings
- the knowledge and understanding of the principles of sound and of audio technology in relation to theoretical and practical contexts

The development of recording and production technology including:

- the knowledge and understanding of the history and development of recording and production technology from current digital technologies back to the mono/analogue recording technologies of the 1950s

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in English, plus a good working knowledge of one or more music technology software program. It is not essential to have studied

GCSE Music but you must be able to play an instrument or sing to a good standard. You will also be required to attend a meeting with a member of staff from our Music Department.

## Assessment

Assessment: There are four components to your assessment:

- Component 1: Recording (coursework: 20% of A Level). You use production tools and techniques to capture, edit, process and mix an audio recording.
- Component 2: Technology-based composition (coursework: 20% of A Level). You produce a technology-based composition through creating, editing, manipulating and structuring sounds.
- Component 3: Listening and analysing (exam: 25% of A Level). You sit a written exam in which your knowledge and understanding of recording and production techniques and principles are tested.
- Component 4: Producing and analysing (exam: 35% of A Level). You apply your knowledge and understanding of editing, mixing and production techniques in a practical exam.

## Looking ahead

A Level Music Technology combines well with almost any other A Level. It is an excellent choice if you are thinking of a future career in music production or wish to study music at university. Studying music technology can lead to a variety of careers, ranging from music producer to professional musician, and from music teacher to a sound technician for film, theatre, TV and radio.

# Philosophy and Ethics

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7062

A Level Philosophy and Ethics is a broad essay-based subject, providing knowledge and understanding of philosophical concepts, key thinkers (from Plato to Aristotle, to Kant and Freud), themes, texts and ways of thinking. It also draws light on many important ethical issues, like cloning, abortion and animal testing.

By studying A Level Philosophy and Ethics, you will develop a new view on the issues which face modern society today, whilst developing transferable skills needed for future studies and employment, as well as in everyday life.

## What you study in Year 12

- Arguments for the existence of God – design, ontological and cosmological
- Religious experience
- Evil and suffering
- Ethical theories – natural moral law, situation ethics and virtue ethics
- Christianity – God, sources of wisdom and authority, good conduct and moral principles
- Expressions of religious identity

## What you study in Year 13

- Religious language
- Miracles
- Self, death and afterlife
- Meta-ethics, the meaning of right and wrong
- Free-will, moral responsibility and the conscience
- Christianity – science, gender and sexuality, secularisation, migration, and pluralism
- Dialogues between Christianity, philosophy and ethics

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in English Literature.

## Assessment

You are assessed by two three-hour examinations taken at the end of Year 13.

## Looking ahead

A Level Philosophy and Ethics can sit alongside A Levels in the humanities, sciences and mathematical subjects. It is well respected by universities and employers since it nurtures transferable skills like empathy and understanding, good verbal and written communication, analytical abilities, independent learning, problem-solving, and team work.

Possible future careers include roles in fields within medicine, nursing, law, teaching, journalism, politics, and more.

# Physics

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: OCR  
Specification Code: H556

Please note: to study A Level Physics, you also need to study A Level Mathematics.

Physics is a fundamental scientific discipline, with the main goal of physicists being to understand how the universe behaves. Physics is the natural science that studies matter, its motion and behaviour through space and time, and the related entities of force and energy. Studying physics will enable you to gain a range of important skills, developing your analytical, mathematical and problem-solving abilities.

A good grade in A Level Physics demonstrates to university admissions tutors, and to future employers, that you have strong analytical and mathematical skills which you can apply to real-life situations.

## What you study in Year 12

- Practical skills
- Foundations of physics
- Forces and motion
- Electrons, waves and photons

## What you study in Year 13

- The Newtonian world and astrophysics
- Particles and medical physics

## Entry requirements

If taking GCSE Separate Science, a Grade 7 in Physics or, if taking GCSE Combined Science, Grade 7 and 6, plus Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

## Assessment

You are assessed by three exams taken at the end of Year 13, all of which include content on practical skills and the foundations of physics

- Modelling Physics paper – assessing content on forces and motion, Newtonian world and astrophysics (worth 37% of your A Level)
- Exploring Physics paper – assessing content on electrons, waves and photons, and particles and medical physics (worth 37% of your A Level)
- Unified Physics paper – assessing all content, with a particular focus on how ideas link together (worth 26% of your A Level)

A separate endorsement of practical skills is taken alongside your A Level, assessed by your teachers through 12 required practicals.

## Looking ahead

A Level Physics is well regarded by universities and, with an ongoing shortage of people to fill STEM roles, can lead to excellent employment prospects.

Even if you don't become a physicist, learning to think like one equips you with problem-solving skills and abilities that can be applied to further study and different careers. These range from opportunities in the sciences, medicine, engineering, cosmology, computing industry and geology, to a host of other disciplines such as management, law, banking and finance.

# Politics

Qualification: A Level

Exam Board: Edexcel

Specification Code: 9PL0/01 9PL0/02

Are you interested in current affairs? Want to know what happens inside the Houses of Parliament? Ever wondered why certain politicians are so popular? Then A Level Politics is for you! On this A Level, you learn how the country is run, how you can influence your future, and how democracy works.

If you wish to understand what is happening in the world today, then you should study A Level Politics.

## What you study in Year 12

- Democracy – what can we do?
- Political parties – who believes what?
- Prime Ministers – can they do anything? Who are the best?
- Parliament – what is it there for?
- Elections – how do parties win them?
- Political beliefs – what is conservatism, liberalism, socialism and feminism?

## What you study in Year 13

- US elections – why did America vote for Trump?
- US presidency – can the President do whatever they like?
- US Congress – what does the Congress do?
- US Supreme Court – can the highest court in the land stop the President?

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in an essay-based subject.

## Assessment

You are assessed by three two-hour examinations at the end of Year 13.

## Looking ahead

Many of our students so enjoy A Level Politics that they read politics or international relations at university. Yet the skills developed on A Level Politics, like communication, debate and research, are helpful on many different degree programmes.

Future careers can include work in politics, as well as in law, journalism, the caring profession, teaching, and a range of management and business areas.

# Psychology

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7182

A-Level Psychology is the perfect choice if you are interested in investigating, understanding and explaining human behaviour from a scientific perspective. It develops your understanding of key theoretical concepts and approaches, plus your appreciation for the methods that psychologists use when conducting research. You study a range of topics, learning how to evaluate conflicting theories and how to apply this knowledge.

A Level Psychology is a science, so expect to develop and use your scientific and mathematical skills! A Level Psychology ensures you develop an inquiring mind, plus the ability to use scientific research to support and challenge claims about why people behave as they do. These skills and abilities are much valued by universities and future employers.

## What you study in Year 12

- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Memory
- Research methods
- Social influence
- Attachment

## What you study in Year 13

- Psychopathology
- Schizophrenia
- Issues and debate
- Research methods
- Gender
- Forensic psychology

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in English Literature and 66 in Combined Science or at least 6 in one part of Separate Science.  
GCSE Grade 6 in Maths is desirable.

## Assessment

You are assessed by three examinations taken at the end of Year 13.

## Looking ahead

A Level Psychology is a respected academic subject that combines well with other courses, including the arts and sciences. It is a good option for progression to university and useful in any career where an insight, interaction or understanding of human behaviour and development is beneficial.

People with skills in psychology are sought after in fields such as business, management, teaching, research, social work, and in careers within medicine and healthcare.

# Sociology

Qualification: A Level  
Exam Board: AQA  
Specification Code: 7192

A Level Sociology lets you study society, as you examine social behaviour from a variety of different perspectives. You develop knowledge and understanding of the essential sociological theories and methods, plus excellent research skills, that are highly valued by universities and employers.

A Level Sociology helps you think about society in a new and critical light, questioning the status quo and developing a sophisticated understanding of the real-life issues that affect our society today.

## What you study in Year 12

- Education
- Families and households
- Research methods

## What you study in Year 13

- Crime and deviance
- Beliefs in society
- Sociological theory

## Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 in an essay-based subject.

## Assessment

You are assessed by three exams, consisting of a mixture of short answers and extended essay writing questions.

- Paper 1 – education with theory and methods
- Paper 2 – families and households/beliefs in society
- Paper 3 – crime and deviance with theory and methods

## Looking ahead

A Level Sociology complements a wide range of other subjects. It can provide an excellent starting point for any social science degree (eg economics, psychology, politics or criminology) but is also useful for the humanities, the arts and law, since you develop important transferable skills in research, analysis and the evaluation of social issues.

A Level Sociology can lead to careers in teaching, advertising, research, marketing, business and more.

# Extended Project Qualification

Qualification: 500/2372/X

Exam Board: Edexcel

Stand out from the crowd when applying to university!

Once you join our Sixth Form, you will be invited to complete the EPQ, subject to your timetable. The EPQ is highly regarded by universities, with admissions selectors known to give lower offers to those with an EPQ qualification.

For your EPQ, you will form your own question to research a topic that interests you. In recent years, our sixth formers have completed their EPQ on questions like: 'What makes a murderer?', 'What caused the 2008 financial crash?', 'How can we minimise the risks of an asteroid impact?', 'What can stem cell research offer to medical science?', 'What is the best way to treat mental health conditions?', 'What is the impact of social media?', and more.

## While writing your dissertation/essay, you will learn:

- How to research and form a question
- How to structure and write a university-standard dissertation
- How to reference a university-standard essay

As well as helping you prepare for future study at university, the EPQ is fantastic qualification which students greatly enjoy.

## Assessment

You will be assessed by one piece of coursework and a presentation at the end of Year 12.

## Entry requirements

You must meet the general entry criteria for our Sixth Form.

In September of Year 12, you will be asked to choose whether to do your EPQ during your time in our Sixth Form.

## Looking ahead

Your EPQ will teach you to form a question, undertake research, and write a dissertation (an extended essay). It will help you develop your independent learning skills, which should also have a positive impact on your other A Level studies. On average, students who study an EPQ gain higher grades in their other A Level subjects. In addition, these skills are valuable for future study, with universities keen to make offers to applicants with an EPQ.

# Location

Based in the heart of London, our Sixth Form is just minutes from major landmarks like Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

Transport links to our Sixth Form are excellent, enabling a safe and smooth commute for both students and staff. We are only a short walk from Victoria train and tube station (Circle, District and Victoria lines), and from St James's Park tube station (Circle and District lines). We are also served by around 20 different bus routes.

## Apply online

Applications from male and female students, for entry to Year 12 in the following September, must be received by 31 December. You can apply online at: [www.wcsch.com](http://www.wcsch.com).

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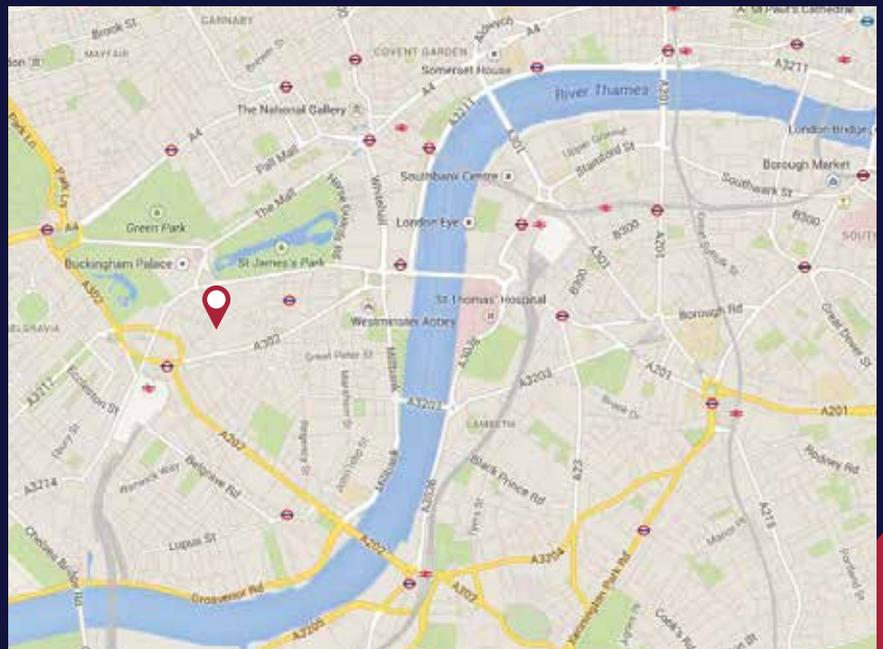
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*"Westminster City School staff have supported my aspirations and goals. During my time in our Sixth Form, teachers helped me successfully apply to programmes, such as Realising Opportunities and Sutton Trust, which allowed me to prepare for future university study and gave me an insight to future university life. However, my best memory of the last two years will be our trip to look around the University of Oxford.*

*"I've applied to Imperial College London as they offer a world-class education and have exceptional facilities that will enable me to develop my understanding of the truths about the laws of physics that oversee the world around us."*

Jason studied A Levels in Maths, Physics and Economics within our Sixth Form. He will read physics at Imperial College London in autumn 2021.





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# Joining our Sixth Form

Year 12 applications from male and female students must be received by 31 December, for entry the following September.

## Your application

To apply to join our Sixth Form in September, you must complete our online application form, available on our website. We then invite most applicants to attend an interview.

Our Sixth Form will offer around 80 places for Year 12 entry in September. Offers will be made on a first come-first served basis, so early application is advised. All applications must be received by 31 December.

We generally require five GCSEs, including Mathematics and English Language or English Literature at Grade 5 and above. We will accept equivalent qualifications. Please note that there are subject-specific entry requirements, so check these against the A Levels that you are interested in.

## Transition

We understand that the transition from school to sixth form can feel daunting, whether you started at Westminster City School in Year 7 or are joining us in Year 12 from a different school. To support you, we run a number of induction events and activities, led by our Head of Sixth Form and dedicated pastoral support staff, to help you feel immediately at home.

## Keeping in touch

During the academic year, your parents/carers will receive regular updates via telephone, text, letter and parents' evenings. Our Headteacher holds a termly Headteacher's Forum, where your parents/carers can meet and discuss topics of interest with him and other parents/carers.

We send a weekly email bulletin to all parents/carers, containing our latest news and diary dates, while our website and social media channels are regularly updated.