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Section 1 – Level 3 Courses

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Art and Design Fine Art A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: OCR

Course structure

This Art course is divided into AS in Year 12 and A2 in Year 13. Both courses must be successfully completed in order to achieve an A level pass, which range from A-E.

This course is suitable for students who have been successful in Art at GCSE, and builds upon the skills acquired during Years 10 and 11.

In Year 12, students produce a portfolio of work from starting points determined by the centre and also undertake a controlled assignment.

In Year 13, students develop their portfolio and a further controlled assignment.

Art requires dedication. Students will need to spend significant time working independently to develop skills and style.

Course description

Students will study four units: two in Year 12 and two in Year 13.

Assessment

Art is assessed by a mixture of portfolio work and the results of controlled assignments.

Progression

Students are recommended to start with a foundation course and then branch out into areas of specialist interest. These could include jewellery design, model making, graphic design, painter, illustrator or sculptor to name but a few.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a C grade or higher in Art.

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Biology A Level

Duration of Course: Two years

Examination Board: OCR

Course structure

Biology develops the ability to think through and develop ideas. Emphasis is placed on practical skills that stimulate interest and understanding and develop investigative skills.

Course description

Biology looks at the microscopic world such as cells and molecules like DNA, through to the macroscopic world such as plant and animal behaviour and the way the human body works.

The course includes the study of many topical issues, such as genetically modified foods, drug resistance and the use of fertility drugs in IVF. The course consists of two theory modules and one investigative module in each year.

Visits and speakers illustrate the relevance of the subject to future careers. Fieldwork provides an excellent opportunity to practice biological techniques at a site of special scientific interest.

Assessment

AS – the first and second modules cover cells, molecules (DNA, RNA, carbohydrates, proteins and fats), habitats, adaptations and health. The content is linked to areas in the news, for example when studying membranes students look at how new HIV drugs bind with receptors on cell surface membranes blocking the entry of the virus. Both modules are assessed in the form of a written examination. The third module is an investigative module.

A2 – the course covers genetics (human genome, PCR and DNA extraction), homeostasis and the environment. Students will be introduced to a range of techniques commonly used in scientific research including recombinant DNA technology used in genetic engineering. These modules are assessed by written exam. The third module is an investigative module.

Progression

Biology can open up careers such as animal technicians, pathologists, doctors, dentists, opticians and brewers.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including English, Mathematics and at least a B Grade in double Science. Students must be hard working and prepared to produce high quality homework.

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Business National Certificate (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examining board: OCR

Course structure

The course focuses on the world of work, researching and analysing business organisations and environments. The course includes links to real world businesses, including external and internal visits from industry based contacts and opportunities for practical research and application. This course helps students to prepare for work beyond the classroom. The course boasts excellent resources and provides extensive opportunities for students to improve their ICT skills.

Assessment

The course is 100% coursework. Students must complete the following six units:

- Investigating Business
- Customer Service
- Business Communication
- Finance for Business
- Motivation at Work
- Skills and the Entrepreneur

Progression

The course provides a work related programme of study so students could go straight into employment as it develops the skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers are looking for.

The qualification also enables students to progress to university. Many Business students have achieved degrees and been successful in obtaining employment.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a C grade or higher in English.

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Business National Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examining board: OCR

Course structure

The course focuses on the world of work, researching and analysing business organisations and environments. The course includes links to real world businesses, including external and internal visits from industry based contacts and opportunities for practical research and application. This course helps students to prepare for work beyond the classroom. The course boasts excellent resources and provides extensive opportunities for students to improve their ICT skills.

Assessment

The course is 100% coursework. Students must complete the following twelve units:

- Investigating Business
- Customer Service
- Business Communication
- Finance for Business
- Motivation at Work
- Skills and the Entrepreneur
- Marketing for Business
- E-marketing
- Training and Development
- Recruitment and Selection
- Career Planning
- E-Business

Progression

The course provides a work related programme of study so students could go straight into employment as it develops the skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers are looking for.

The qualification also enables students to progress to university. Many Business students have achieved degrees and been successful in securing employment.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a C grade or higher in English.

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English Literature A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: AQA

Course structure

This exciting course is divided into four units, two studied in each year, with a greater emphasis on modern prose. Students study a minimum of twelve texts, focusing in Year 12 on aspects of narrative in poetry and prose, and tragedy in two plays. Coursework consists of two 1500 word essays.

In Year 13 the emphasis is on studying genre across a range of texts. Coursework consists of one 2000 word essay comparing two texts and one 1500 word essay applying criticism.

Students are also required to undertake personal reading to develop their understanding of the links between genres and texts.

Course description

Four units are studied, two of which are examined and two of which are coursework.

Assessment

Students will be assessed by a mixture of examination and coursework.

Progression

English Literature can form the basis of many different courses in Higher Education, including English, and is a useful qualification for many careers including law, teaching, writing and journalism.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including either a B grade or higher in English, or C grades or higher in both English Language and English Literature.

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Government and Politics A Level

Duration of Course: Two years

Examination Board: AQA

Course structure

A level Government and Politics enables students to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to comprehend, synthesise and interpret political information, analyse and evaluate political knowledge, identify connections, similarities and differences between the areas studied. Students will also select relevant material and construct and communicate arguments clearly and coherently using appropriate political vocabulary.

Government and Politics is an ideal course for students who are interested in how the country is run and is a good subject to study in conjunction with other humanities subjects such as History, Geography, Law or Sociology. It is ideal for students who wish to continue subjects at university that require analysis and evaluation skills.

Course description

At AS level the specification concentrates on people, politics and participation, as well as governing modern Britain. Students will develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the political system in the UK to include studying a selection from the following topics for each unit:

Unit 1: Participation in the political process and voting behaviour, the role of the political parties in a democracy, the importance of pressure groups and protest movements in a democracy and the different types of electoral systems.

Unit 2: The core executive (the PM and cabinet system), multi-level governance (elected local and devolved government in the UK and EU), and the role of parliament in the UK's political system.

At A2 level learners study ideologies, political issues and ideologies in action.

Assessment

Each unit will be examined in either January or June. The exam is a written paper lasting 1 hour 30 minutes. Each unit will contribute towards 50% AS level (25% total A level marks). Two questions consisting of 3 parts worth 5, 10 and 25 marks for each unit must be answered.

Progression

Government and Politics can be studied to a higher level at university. For students wishing to study any analytical degree such as History, Law or English, it can be a very useful subject. It can be helpful in any number of professions including managerial positions, the legal profession or teaching.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including English at Grade C or higher.

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Design Technology – Graphic Products Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of Course: Two years

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Course Structure

The course consists of six units and is equivalent to one A level. Assessment is based on standard BTEC Pass, Merit or Distinction level.

Learners can apply their own knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to this subject as this course makes an explicit link between theoretical learning and the world of work. Applied and practical BTEC approaches allow students to achieve the skills they require for the workplace or progression into higher education.

Graphic Products will enable students to develop skills in the design process and will enable them to understand how design impacts upon the products that we use every day.

Course description

The course consists of six units of work, these include:

Unit code Group A units

- Typographic and Layout Design
- Words and Images in Graphic Design
- Graphics Media, Techniques and Technology
- Information Graphics
- Design for Advertising

Unit code Group B units

- Design Methods in Art and Design

Assessment

All units are assessed and graded, and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded.

Progression

This course can lead to study at a higher level, or to university courses that relate to Art and Design.

Graphic Products can be useful in a number of careers including Interior Design, Graphic Design and Product Design.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE, including a C grade or higher in Graphic Products.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Health, Social Care and Early Years National Certificate (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: OCR

Course structure

The OCR Nationals have been designed to provide students with a high quality industry recognised qualification geared to the specific requirements of key sectors.

This course has been developed to recognise students' skills, knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social Care sector, and the settings, job roles, principles and values involved. It enables students to carry out a range of tasks in a modern, practical way that is relevant to the workplace.

The course structure is suitable for students who have demonstrated that they can work consistently hard throughout the year. Students need to work in a self-disciplined manner because this course is assessed on 100% coursework. Action planning and target setting will help students to reach their goals. Students will be given the opportunity to discuss their progress with staff throughout the course.

This qualification is equivalent to one A level.

Course description

Students will study six units, four of which are mandatory, over the course of two years.

Assessment

Six units are assessed through portfolios of evidence. Students achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grade when they have completed all six units to the required standard.

Progression

Candidates achieving an OCR National Certificate in Health, Social Care and Early Years have the following progression opportunities:

- Enter employment at trainee level, e.g. as a care assistant, playgroup assistant, health care assistant
- Enter employment and undertake a related NVQ at a level appropriate to the job role, e.g. NVQ Care, NVQ Early Years Care and Education
- Undertake higher level qualifications in further or higher education, e.g. HNC, HND, degree.

Entry requirements:

5 A*–C grades at GCSE which must include English Language at C grade or higher and can include level 2 Health and Social Care.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Health, Social Care and Early Years National Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: OCR

Course structure

The OCR Nationals have been designed to provide students with a high quality, industry-recognised qualification geared to the specific requirements of key sectors.

The course has been developed to recognise students' skills, knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social Care sector and the settings, job roles, principles and values involved. It enables students' to carry out a range of tasks in a modern, practical way that is relevant to the workplace.

The course structure is suitable for students who have demonstrated that they can work consistently hard throughout the year. Students need to work in a self-disciplined manner because this course is assessed on 100% coursework. Action planning and target setting will help students to reach their goals. Students will be given the opportunity to discuss their progress with staff throughout the course.

This qualification is equivalent to two A levels.

Course description

Students will study twelve units; four of which are mandatory, over the course of two years.

Assessment

Twelve units assessed through portfolios of evidence. Students achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grade when they have completed all twelve units to the required standard.

Progression

Candidates achieving an OCR National Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years have the following progression opportunities:

- Enter employment at trainee level, e.g. as a care assistant, playgroup assistant, health care assistant
- Enter employment and undertake a related NVQ at a level appropriate to the job role, e.g. NVQ Care, NVQ Early Years Care and Education
- Undertake higher level qualifications in further or higher education, e.g. HNC, HND, degree.

Entry requirements:

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above which must include English Language at C grade or higher and can include level 2 Health and Social Care.

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History A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

The Edexcel History A level course is designed to allow students an appreciation of historical change in different societies at different times. It builds upon the skills of analysis of events and evidence that have been explored at GCSE.

In Year 12, students will study pursuing life and liberty – civil rights in the USA 1945-1968 and Stalin's Russia 1924-1953. Students will also study the struggle for independence in India 1900-1947.

In Year 13, students will study from Kaiser to Fuhrer Germany and will complete an individual enquiry on an historical individual or event from Russian history between 1825 and 2000.

History requires a commitment to wide reading and is essay based.

Course description

There are two units of study in Year 12 and two in Year 13.

Assessment

In Year 12, assessment is by examination. In Year 13, assessment is by examination and coursework.

Progression

History is an excellent academic subject to study at university. A level History is welcomed by universities for many courses of study and can lead to careers in law, journalism, teaching, management, the civil service and media based work, in T.V. and film.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE including a grade C or higher in History.

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Information and Communication Technology National Certificate (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: OCR

Course structure

This qualification is designed to provide students with the opportunity to improve and demonstrate their ICT skills through building a portfolio of coursework over the two years of the course.

The course encourages students to develop responsibility for their own progress by showing commitment to completing all coursework units to the highest standard.

In Year 12, students complete the following units:

- Digital Business Communications
- Collaborative Working
- Problem Solving

In Year 13, students produce work for the following areas of study

- Creating a Digital Showcase
- Advanced Spreadsheets
- Desk Top Publishing

Course description

Candidates study six units over two years. The award of a certificate is dependent on the satisfactory completion of all six units. The National Award is graded pass (E) merit (C) or distinction (A).

Assessment

All units are centre-assessed and externally moderated.

Progression

The course prepares students to undertake higher level studies in computing and IT as well as other degree or HND courses.

Students could go straight into employment as the course will provide individuals with good knowledge and understanding of ICT that many employers across a wide range of industries are looking for.

With further training students could go into ICT related work areas such as web design, programming, or as an ICT technician.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE including a minimum pass grade in 2 GCSE ICT equivalents and a grade C or higher in English.

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Information and Communication Technology National Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examining board: OCR

Course description

The course provides the ideal foundation for learners who wish to be competent users of ICT in the workplace, or would like to pursue ICT at degree level or as a career. The qualification will give learners the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically.

Course structure

Students must complete at least four of the eight optional units from any one specialist pathway.

<p>Mandatory units</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital business communication • Collaborative working • Problem solving • Creating a digital showcase <p>Optional units</p> <p><u>Non-specialist units</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced spreadsheets • Advanced databases • Desk top publishing • Career planning for ICT • Work experience in ICT 	<p><u>Creative specialist pathway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital imaging and photography • Digital video • Digital audio • Music technology • Cartooning and animation • Art and animation for computer games • Programming for computer games • Computer games production • Computer games technology • CAD/CAM 	<p><u>Websites specialist pathway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web authoring • Hosting and managing websites • Databases for e-commerce • Website security and regulations • Internet past, present and future • Scripting and coding for websites <p><u>Business enterprise specialist pathway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management • E-marketing • E-commerce • Producing a business plan
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Assessment

The course is 100% coursework. To achieve the Diploma students must complete twelve units, consisting of the four mandatory units and a further eight chosen from the optional units.

Progression

The course provides a work related programme of study and helps students develop the skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers are looking for.

The qualification also enables students to progress to university. Many previous ICT students have achieved degrees and been successful in obtaining employment. The Diploma also allows students to specialise in specific areas of ICT.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a C grade or higher in English and a B grade or higher in ICT.

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Law A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examining Board: WJEC

Course description and Structure

AS level Law

This course explores many aspects of the English Legal System. Topics include:

- Understanding legal structures and processes – considers where the law comes from and how it is enforced.
- Understanding legal reasoning, methods and personnel – looks at the way the courts apply the law to solve problems, as well as the role of judges, barristers, solicitors and others who work within the legal system.

There are two examinations each of 1 hour 30 minutes in the summer term, each including a mixture of essay and stimulus response questions.

A2 level Law

Students must have studied the modules and taken the examination for AS level. This second year involves a more specialised study of one aspect of the law chosen from:

- Contract and Consumer Law
- Criminal Law and Justice
- Freedom of the Individual
- Protection of Human Rights

There are two essay question examinations in the summer term, plus case studies.

In addition, studying Law allows for the development of various skills including: communication, problem-solving, information technology, study and working with others.

Progression

Law combines well with most subjects and provides a sound basis for further study at university, further education or employment.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Mathematics A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

This course is designed to further develop students' understanding of mathematical processes in a way that promotes confidence and develops abilities of logical reasoning. It also creates an awareness of the relevance of mathematics to other fields of study, to the world of work and to society in general. It encourages students to take an increasing responsibility for their own learning and their mathematical development.

The course comprises of core and applied elements. Core elements develop the skills learnt at higher GCSE and are focussed mainly around algebra and trigonometry. Applied elements look at creating mathematical problems from real life situations.

Course description

This course consists of six units of study, three in Year 12 and three in Year 13.

Assessment

All units are assessed by external examination.

Progression

Mathematics can be further studied at university, or can be the basis of science or engineering degrees. Mathematics can provide the foundations for many careers including accounting, business, teaching, science and engineering.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a minimum B grade in Higher Mathematics.

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Media Studies A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: OCR

Course structure

Media Studies A Level reflects the growing importance of Media Studies as a subject and allows candidates to engage with contemporary media. It combines theoretical and practical work, with a widespread choice of practical briefs, and gives candidates the flexibility to choose topics and interests.

It is designed to:

- enhance their enjoyment and appreciation of the media and its role in their daily lives
- develop critical understanding of the media through engagement with media products and concepts and through the creative application of practical skills
- explore production processes, technologies and other relevant contexts
- become independent in research skills and their application in their practical work and in developing their own views and interpretations.

In Year 12, students investigate the media in order to understand and evaluate how meanings and responses are created.

In Year 13, candidates are encouraged to demonstrate, develop and formulate their understanding of the media and its influential role in today's society, as well as debating major contemporary media issues.

The Media Studies A Level is naturally a progression from the GCSE qualification, but in no way requires learners to have field specific or previous knowledge; we recommend a healthy inquisitive nature and a desire to consume media texts, with an eye to read 'between the lines'.

Course description

There are two units of study in Year 12 and two in Year 13.

Assessment

In both Year 12 and Year 13, assessment is 50% examination and 50% coursework.

Progression

Students can gain further training in the Media industries at university and go on to work in film, TV, radio or production.

Media Studies A Level provides a suitable foundation for the study of Media related courses in higher education. It can also lead to careers in the media, film and TV, Performing Arts, advertising, journalism or teaching.

Entry Requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including a grade C or higher in English.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Music BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course Structure

Students will develop performance (both solo and ensemble) and listening skills in a variety of styles. Students will use these skills in composing and arranging with the aid of music notation software packages. Students will develop an understanding of the sound and music industry which will give an insight into professional roles and careers available in the industry. In conjunction with Deal Community Theatre Academy, students research, plan, produce and perform productions for the community throughout the two year course.

This qualification is equivalent to one A level.

Course description

Music students will be required to develop skills in composing, listening and performing. Students will study at least one instrument of choice and will develop technique and performance skills on this instrument.

Students will work closely with dance and drama students supplying music for pantomime, musical theatre and theatre in education.

Students will be given the opportunity to take part in music workshop, public performances and music in the community.

Assessment

Assessment is through a mixture of internally and externally assessed work. This is based on practical work and public performances.

Progression

This course will prepare students for university or a career in music.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Performing Arts BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course Structure

This course is held at our Community Arts Centre at the Landmark, Deal. This performing arts course offers a personalised learning path for students and allows the learner to study purely in either dance or drama. The course is equivalent to one A level and can earn up to 120 UCAS points.

Course description

Dance students will be expected to attend classes and workshops in a variety of dance styles, and will be given the opportunity to take part in performances throughout the course.

Drama students will learn a variety of acting techniques, and perform in plays, pantomimes and touring performances.

Students will be given the opportunity to take part in work-related learning projects, additional arts qualifications in dance and drama, arts festivals, visits to theatre productions, workshops with respected companies and opportunities to perform in a variety of venues in Kent.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification.

Progression

This course will fully prepare students for further study at university or possibly a career in performing arts or teaching.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Performing Arts BTEC Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course Structure

This course is held at our Community Arts Centre at the Landmark, Deal. The performing arts course offers a personalised learning path for students and allows the learner to study purely in either dance or drama. The course is equivalent to two A levels and can earn up to 240 UCAS points.

Course description

Students can choose to study a purely dance or drama pathway, or they can combine the two. Units include theatre for children, variety night, site specific work and theatre in education.

Actors will study voice control and projection, and character work using text, classical and contemporary performance.

Dancers will study contemporary, jazz, choreography, dance appreciation and urban and all students will be offered singing lessons.

This performing arts course imitates closely a performing arts company and students are expected to adopt a work ethic that suits this style of vocational learning.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification.

Progression

This course will fully prepare students for further study at university or possibly a career in performing arts or teaching.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Public Services Subsidiary Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course Structure

The aim of this course is to give students an insight into the work of the uniformed public services e.g. Police and Army. The course will be assessed by portfolio and will be certificated at pass, merit or distinction.

Students will undertake a mixture of class based and practical activities. They will work in realistic work based scenarios and be able to meet those in the public services on trips and visits. This course is equivalent to one A level.

Course description

Students will study five units, including three which are mandatory:

- Government, Policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and Teamwork in the Uniformed Public Services
- Citizenship, Diversity and the Public Services

plus the two optional units:

- Physical Fitness for the Uniformed Services
- System and Police Powers

Assessment

Assessment is based upon the successful completion of tasks throughout the course. These are added to a portfolio which is then assessed.

Progression

Upon completion students can use this qualification to apply for higher education or to enter work. It is especially useful for any student considering a career in the uniformed public services.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Public Services BTEC Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

This course is equivalent to two A levels. The aim of this course is to give students an insight into the work of the uniformed public services e.g. the police and army. The course will be assessed by portfolio and will be certificated at pass, merit or distinction.

Students will undertake a mixture of class based and practical activities. They will work in realistic work based scenarios and be able to meet those in the public services on trips and visits.

Course description

Students will study twelve units over two years. There are four core units:

- Government, Policies and the Public Services
- Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
- Citizenship, Diversity and the Public Services
- Public Service Data Interpretation

In addition, a further eight optional units chosen from the following will be covered:

- Physical Preparation, Health and Lifestyle
- Fitness Testing
- War, Conflict and Terrorism
- Police Powers
- Current and Media Affairs
- Responding to Emergency Service Incidents
- Crime and its Effects on Society
- Communication and Technology
- Planning for and Management of Major Incidents

Assessment

Assessment is based upon the successful completion of tasks throughout the course. These are added to a portfolio which is then assessed.

Progression

Upon completion students can use this qualification to apply for higher education or to enter employment. It is especially useful for any student considering a career in the uniformed public services.

Entry requirements

5 A*–C grades at GCSE.

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Religious Studies A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: WJEC

Course structure

Religious Studies gives students the opportunity to study the relationship between religion and culture. This subject requires an enquiring mind and a critical approach to ideas.

In Year 12, students will study a range of issues in an introduction to religion in contemporary societies including:

- Medical and Environmental issues
- Religion and TV
- Religion and Community
- Religion and the Individual

Students will also study an introduction to Hinduism and Islam

In Year 13, students will study two units:

- Hinduism
- Religion and the Human Experience.

Course description

This course consists of two units in Year 12 and two units in Year 13.

Assessment

All units are assessed by public examination.

Progression

Students can go on to study Religious Studies at university level. Religious Studies is ideal for many other courses including teaching and sociology.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Science Applied BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of Course: Two years

Examination Board: Edexcel

Course Structure

This course is equivalent to one A level.

Applied Science is a vocational subject where students are assessed through the completion of coursework. Applied Science provides the knowledge, understanding and skills for learners wishing to enter a career in the areas of laboratory and industrial science, medical science or forensic science.

This qualification provides access to a range of specialist units and therefore broadens and deepens the learner's experience in preparation for the world of work.

Course Description

Scientists work in industry, the health service, government establishments and educational institutions.

Fields of work include research and development and scientific analysis, and there are employment opportunities in almost every industry, from food and drink to pharmaceutical.

Assessment: Students are required to complete a portfolio of tasks that are accredited at pass, merit or distinction.

Progression

This course provides support for anyone who would like to progress to a more specific area of science including university study, further education or employment.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including double Science at C grade or above.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Science Applied BTEC National Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of Course: Two years

Examination Board: Edexcel

Course Structure

This course is equivalent to two A levels.

Applied Science is a vocational subject where students are assessed through the completion of coursework. Applied Science provides the knowledge, understanding and skills for learners wishing to enter a career in the areas of laboratory and industrial science, medical science or forensic science. This qualification provides access to a range of specialist units and therefore broadens and deepens the learners experience in preparation for the world of work.

Course Description

Scientists work in industry, the health service, government establishments and educational institutions. Fields of work include research and development and scientific analysis, and there are employment opportunities in almost every industry, from food and drink to pharmaceutical.

Assessment: Students are required to complete a portfolio of tasks that are accredited at pass, merit or distinction.

Progression

This course provides support for anyone who would like to progress to a more specific area of science including university study, further education or employment.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including double Science at C grade or higher.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Sociology A Level

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: AQA

Course structure: This course offers an insight into Sociology, the social structures and processes that are incorporated into society. The course provides an in-depth investigation into families and households and education as social structures and the social processes that are the causes and consequences of inequalities within society, as well as an investigation into the mass media and crime and deviance. Students will also undertake a unit of study: sociological research methods, looking at how and why sociologists use particular methods and the impact this has upon their findings.

Course description: Students at AS level will study family and households, education, and sociological research methods.

At A2 level the topics investigated are mass media and crime and deviance with sociological theories.

Assessment: The work is assessed through external examinations in January and in the summer. A variety of types of examination question may be set on the following topics:

- Unit 1 Families and Households (40% AS level). 1 hour exam, 60 marks. This looks at the links between family and society, changes within family relationships, demographic changes since 1900 and the changing status of children in society.
- Unit 2 Education and Sociological methods (60% AS level) 2 hour exam, 90 marks. This paper examines the role and purpose of the education system, explanations for differential educational achievement and application of sociological research methods to the study of the topic of education. Sociological methods investigates the difference between quantitative and qualitative research, the theoretical, practical and ethical consideration of research and the nature of 'social facts'.
- Unit 3 Mass Media (20% A level) 1 hour 30 minutes exam, 60 marks. Two compulsory questions and one question from a choice of two.
- Unit 4 Crime and Deviance, Sociological Theory and Methods (30% A level) 2 hours, 90 Marks. Two questions from crime and deviance topic, sociological research methods in context and theory and methods.

Progression

Sociology complements the study of other Sixth Form subjects on offer. Sociology is a good basis for many careers such as health care, social work or teaching. Studying Sociology will support any career involving an understanding and appreciation of people and society, as well as being studied to a higher level at university in its own right.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including English at C grade or higher.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Sport BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma (Single Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

The course consists of seven units – four core units and three specialist units.

Core Units:

Unit 1 - Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport

Unit 2 - Physiology of Fitness

Unit 3 - Assessing Risk in Sport

Unit 4 - Fitness Testing for Sport and Exercise

Specialist Units:

Unit 4 - Fitness Training and Programming

Unit 13 - Leadership in Sport

Unit 7/8 - Practical Sport

Course description

A BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma is a practical, work related course. Students will learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

The qualification is equivalent to one A level so when you have finished the course you can use it to gain employment, or use it alongside other qualifications to go into further or higher education.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification.

Progression

If students want to enter employment straight away they could work in a sport or leisure centre. If students decide to go to university or college and study for other qualifications, they could enrol on a degree or a BTEC Higher National course in subjects such as sports studies, leisure management, recreation management or teacher training.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including grade C or higher in PE at GCSE or a merit at BTEC level 2 Sport.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Sport BTEC National Diploma (Double Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

The course consists of thirteen units – eight core units and five specialist units.

Core Units:

- Unit 1 – Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport
- Unit 2 – Physiology of Fitness
- Unit 3 – Assessing Risk in Sport
- Unit 4 – Fitness Testing for Sport and Exercise
- Unit 5 – Sports Coaching
- Unit 6 – Sports Development
- Unit 7 – Fitness Testing for Sport & Exercise
- Unit 8/9 – Practical Team Sports

Specialist Units:

- Unit 8/9 – Practical Team Sports
- Unit 11 – Sports Nutrition
- Unit 12 – Current Issues in Sport
- Unit 13 – Leadership in Sport
- Unit 14 – Exercise, Health and Lifestyle
- Unit 15 – Instruction Physical Activity and Exercise

Course description

A BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma is a practical, work related course. Students will learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

The qualification is equivalent to one A level so when you have finished the course you can use it to gain employment, or use it alongside other qualifications to go into further or higher education.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification.

Progression

If students want to enter employment straight away they could work in a sport or leisure centre. If students decide to go to university or college and study for other qualifications, they could enrol on a degree or a BTEC Higher National course in subjects such as sports studies, leisure management, recreation management or teacher training.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE including grade C or higher at GCSE PE or a merit or higher at BTEC level 2 Sport.



Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Section 2 – Level 3 Full Time Courses

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Performing Arts BTEC Extended Diploma (Triple Award)

Duration of course: Two years

Examination board: Edexcel

Course Structure

This course will be held at our Community Arts Centre at the Landmark, Deal. It is a full time course run during term time. This performing arts course closely imitates a performing arts company and allows students to study dance or drama or combine the two disciplines and follow a dance/drama pathway. It is equivalent to three A levels and can earn up to 360 UCAS points.

Course description

Dance students will be expected to attend classes in ballet, tap, jazz and contemporary dance along with choreography and dance appreciation.

Drama students will explore acting techniques, devising, improvisation, voice and mime work.

Performances for dance and drama students will include pantomime, musical theatre, theatre in education, site specific theatre and masked performance.

Students will be expected to perform work in their specialist study area i.e. dance performance and/or contemporary theatre etc.

Students will be offered the opportunity to take part in work-related learning projects such as additional arts qualifications in dance and drama, arts festivals, visits to theatre productions, workshops with respected companies and opportunities to perform in a variety of venues in Kent.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification.

Progression

This course will fully prepare students for university, a career in performing arts or teaching.

Entry requirements

5 A*-C grades at GCSE.



Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Section 3 – Level 2 Full Time Courses

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Retail BTEC First Diploma

Duration of course: Two years

Examining board: Edexcel

Course structure

The course consists of six units:

- Introduction to Retail Services
- Retail Selling and Customer Services
- Merchandising and display for Retail Sales
- Advertising and Sales in Retail
- Introduction to Careers in Retail
- Retail Work Based Project

Course description

Retailing encompasses human resources, finance, law, sales, marketing and administration. Specialist study could include merchandising and display, food or fashion retailing, or transportation, and distribution and storage.

Assessment

All units are coursework based and an overall grade of pass, merit or distinction is awarded for this qualification. Students will receive the equivalent of four GCSEs for successfully completing this course.

Progression

The BTEC level 2 First Diploma in Retail is designed to introduce learners to working in the sector or prepare for further study, such as a BTEC National qualification or an appropriate NVQ. The course provides a work related programme of study so students could go straight into employment as the course develops the skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers are looking for in individuals.

Entry requirements

5 D-G grades at GCSE.



Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Section 4 – Level 2 GCSE Resit Opportunities

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

English Language GCSE

Duration of course: One year

Examination board: AQA

Course structure

This course is divided into three units:

Unit One: Understanding and producing non-fiction texts

External examination 40%

Section a: Reading

Section b: Writing

Unit Two: Speaking and Listening

Controlled assessment 20%

Part a: Presenting

Part b: Discussing and Listening

Part c: Role Playing

Unit 3: Understanding spoken and written texts and writing creatively

Controlled Assessment 40%

Part a: Extended reading

Part b: Creative writing

Part c: Spoken Language Study

Course description

Three units are studied, one of which is examined and two of which are assessed through controlled assessments (8 to 11 hours).

Assessment

Students will be assessed by a mixture of examination and controlled assessment.

Progression

English Language GCSE is an essential qualification for most careers, entry to many level 3 courses and university.

Entry requirements:

This course is aimed at students who have completed the foundation paper in Year 11 but have not attained a C grade or higher.

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Mathematics GCSE

Duration of course: One year

Examination board: Edexcel

Course structure

The course allows students to resit their GCSE Mathematics. Students will study the following topics: number, algebra, geometry, measures, statistics and probability.

Course description

This qualification in mathematics encourages students to develop confidence in, and a positive attitude towards the subject. It also allows students to recognise the importance of mathematics in their own lives and to society. This qualification prepares students to make informed decisions about the use of technology, the management of money, further learning opportunities and career choices.

Assessment

This qualification is externally assessed by two written papers of 1 hour 45 minutes each. Each paper accounts for 100 marks.

Progression

Maths GCSE is an essential qualification for many careers, entry to many level 3 courses and university.

Entry requirements

This course is aimed at students who have studied the course in year 11 but have not attained a C grade or higher.



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Section 5 – Other Courses

Walmer Castle Sixth Form College

Deal Town Football Academy

The Deal Town Football Academy is an opportunity for talented footballers to continue their development in the sport whilst studying for academic qualifications at Walmer Castle Sixth Form College.

The Academy places a high importance upon education and players get the best of both worlds by gaining qualifications which can enable them to keep their options open for a possible career in football, employment or to pursue further or higher education. Players will receive 12 hours of football coaching each week. The coaching will take place at Castle Community College.

Students must choose academic courses alongside the Football Academy. These can be level 2 or 3 qualifications and can be either sport or non-sport related. There are also opportunities available for students to gain experience of coaching and officiating.

Paul Murray is the Head Coach for the Academy and has a background as a former professional player as well as being a UEFA B licensed coach with a wealth of coaching experience at all levels. Paul's assistant at the Academy is Spencer Creedon, who holds the UEFA B license and is also a FA level 3 Goalkeeping coach.

The Academy play competitive league matches on Wednesday afternoons against other Football Academies and Sixth Form schools and colleges. There will also be matches in the Kent Youth League on Sunday mornings for those players able to play football at Under 18 level.

Trials for the Academy will take place in May 2012 and pupils must gain the academic qualifications needed for their chosen courses as well as passing the trial.

There is an annual subscription which includes all registration costs, league and cup fees and a full training kit. Scholarships are available for those players who meet all the entry criteria but are unable to raise the subscription fee.

For more details please contact Mr Murray at Castle Community College.