

Sixth Form Prospectus



Newton Abbot College

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"The study programmes for 16 -19 year-olds are effective. Students go on work experience and cements that prepare them for life beyond school."

Ofsted, 2019

Welcome...

At Newton Abbot College our mission is to provide our Sixth Form students with the best possible educational experience we can.

An experience that supports, challenges and inspires them to achieve their potential and develop into well-rounded, kind, resilient and responsible young adults, who have a deep love of learning and a curiosity about the world in which they live.

We passionately believe that all students can make exceptional progress, inside and outside of the classroom; and are constantly encouraging them to be the very best version of themselves, always looking to better what they have achieved before, whether it be, for example, applying to Oxbridge, completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award or securing our Sixth Form Medallion.

We have the highest expectations of our students and ourselves – and make no apologies for this – because we know that aiming high ensures we deliver the best quality lessons that inspire and engage; and ensure that our students

achieve beyond what they thought was possible, which in turn enables them to develop a self-belief and resilience that will guarantee their success as they go forward into the adult world of work and university study.

At Newton Abbot College we treat all individuals with care and compassion, creating a supportive and collaborative environment that gives our Sixth Form students the confidence to play their part as role models to our younger students in our college culture and community.

Being a Sixth Form student at Newton Abbot College is about making the most of the opportunities we offer; embracing and embodying our values of courage, perseverance, kindness, respect, achievement, hard work, resilience and aspiration on a day to day basis; and most importantly, being happy!



Amy Grashoff
Headteacher

At Newton Abbot College Sixth Form we pride ourselves on supporting all students to realise their potential.

We build a strong team around our students which encompasses pastoral and academic support to ensure every student can achieve. We invest in these relationships at the start of each academic year with a team building 'away day', followed by a robust induction programme to ensure all students make a flying start and feel valued from the outset.

Our small class sizes mean that students are offered bespoke and personalised support, advice and guidance. We value every student as an individual and encourage them to challenge themselves and hold high aspirations. We are proud of our sixth form and strive to create opportunities for our Sixth Formers to become leaders and role models within the wider college and the local community. We support all our students to aim high as we firmly believe that every student can achieve amazing things and every year we see students surpass their expectations.

We have a strong track record of post-18 destinations ranging from Oxbridge and Russell Group university places, to high quality apprenticeships and training programmes.

We provide our students with a range of challenges and opportunities that enable them to flourish as individuals and develop transferable skills. We work with students to embed a culture of excellence and high expectations across everything we do. We encourage our students to embrace all aspects of sixth form life; from the academic to the social side. We want our Sixth Formers to feel at home in Sixth Form house. We understand that an environment of care, nurture, and fun contributes to academic success.

Thank you for considering Newton Abbot College Sixth Form as the next step of your educational journey. We look forward to working with you towards securing a bright and happy future!



Natasha Martin
Associate Senior Leader:
Head of Sixth Form



Charlotte Tonge
Deputy Head of
Sixth Form

Our mission

Our mission is to provide all our students with the best possible educational experience we can.

What drives us?

- Having **high expectations** and standards in all we do
- Delivering **high quality lessons** that inspire and engage
- Creating and **maximising opportunities** and outcomes
- Treating all individuals with **care and compassion**
- Creating a **strong culture** and college community

- ✓ **Courage**
- ✓ **Perseverance**
- ✓ **Hard work**
- ✓ **Achievement**
- ✓ **Kindness**
- ✓ **Respect**
- ✓ **Pride**
- ✓ **Aspiration**

Results at Newton Abbot College Sixth Form are consistently strong and compare favourably to local and national averages.

The majority of our students make excellent progress and secure the grades they need for their first choice university or degree apprenticeship.

"Students in the Sixth Form are achieving significantly above average in the majority of their A Level subjects because teaching is good."

Ofsted, 2019

Sixth Form facilities

Common room

Our Sixth Form Centre has its own common room in the heart of the house. It is a comfy environment that can be used during non-contact time and breaks to socialise and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Hair and beauty salon

All Sixth Form students and their families can book in for treatments at a significantly reduced cost.

Students can book appointments during their non-contact time and breaks, but a family member can be booked in for any time during the college day.

Kitchen area

Our students have access to kitchen facilities throughout the day. This includes a kettle, fridge, toaster and microwave.

Chromebooks

All sixth formers are provided with a personal Chromebook to use for the duration of their studies with us.

Outdoor social space

We have a number of dedicated Sixth Form only benched areas for students to use during break times.

Recreational equipment

The Sixth Form Centre is equipped with a range of recreational equipment for Sixth Form students to exclusively use during break times and before and after college.

Study area

There is a dedicated Sixth Form study area, with a reading library housing textbooks from all subject areas.

This area is also fully resourced to cater for all stationery needs.

Private study is supervised and supported by our Academic Mentor.

College facilities

Sports facilities

We have access to facilities within Newton Abbot Leisure Centre, including the fitness suite, gymnasium and swimming pool.

The college's sport facilities consist of all-weather pitches and a field that are bookable in advance. These facilities are accessible for students during their non-contact time and breaks.

Media suite

Students taking Media Studies can use the equipment during their lessons and during private study.

We have industry-level design and editing programmes as well as a range of cameras and equipment for students to gain practical skills and experience.

Science laboratories

For those taking Science courses, students will have access to the fully equipped science labs during lesson time to support their studies.

Study Centre

Students have access to a large collection of books and resources, including fiction and non-fiction, to support their studies. It also contains DVDs and newspaper productions.

College restaurant

Sixth Form students are welcome to use the Green Tree Restaurant to purchase food throughout the day and also use as a place to study.

Art and Photography

Students studying Art and Photography can access dedicated study spaces and specialist equipment to enable them to work on ambitious projects. Art studios, the photography darkroom, and the art study room are available during lessons and private study sessions. Students are given the opportunity to exhibit their work in an end of year gallery show.

Performance studios

There are separate studios for Drama, Music and Performing Arts that students can use during lesson time and as a space for rehearsals.

We have a state-of-the-art dance studio which is equipped with professional composite dance flooring, air conditioning, and sound system. All exams and performances take place in the Daphne Collman Auditorium that is fully equipped with a full lighting and sound system and can seat 213.

We have a recording studio and live room that are used for rehearsals which include a stage area and stage lights.

Our studios include an iMac suite that has 16 macs for students on Level 3 courses in Music and Performing Arts to use for their written work and research.



Academic support

To ensure every student is equipped to succeed we provide each learner with a personal Chromebook to keep for the duration of their studies with us. We also run a loan scheme for digital cameras for students completing Photography or Media Studies. We remove financial barriers to any additional specialist equipment students need through the Sixth Form bursary scheme.

At Newton Abbot College students have timetabled private study sessions each week. We have two Sixth Form Academic Mentors who work alongside our students during these private study sessions.

Our mentor is also on hand to offer one-to-one individualised support as well as bespoke small group workshops whenever students feel that they need additional support and guidance.

We encourage students to use the dedicated Sixth Form study area before and after college. Any students working during this time will be provided with refreshments to help encourage good study habits.

The study sessions help our students develop good routines as they become more independent in their studies and meet the challenges of their post-16 studies.



Anita Brown



Emilie Lourdelet

Pastoral support

We have an experienced and dedicated Sixth Form counsellor to whom students can self-refer or can be referred to by the Head/Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Students can receive a block of appointments or just have a single session.

Our Sixth Form counsellor can be accessed when additional support is needed with academic work or personal circumstances.

Our Sixth Form tutor team have many years experience guiding sixth formers through their journey with us. They deliver a robust tutor programme, and are there every day for immediate pastoral support. Often the tutor team is a student's first port of call when needing help with any personal or academic issues.

The Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form and our two Academic Mentor are also available to support students on a daily basis. Our students can access these staff whenever they need them for one-to-one support.



Careers support

Throughout Year 12 and 13 all students receive high quality careers and post-18 guidance from their tutor, academic mentors, our CSW Careers Development Consultant, and through our programme of guest speakers from industry and academia.

Students have access to our impartial Careers Advisor from CSW to help them make informed choices about their future. Careers appointments take place on college site and are arranged by the college's Careers and Education Information and Guidance Co-ordinator.

Our students undertake a work experience week in a placement they secure themselves with the support of the college. Here students are encouraged to select a work placement that will help them with their post-18 pathway.

We also arrange a mock interview day for students which is run with the support of external employers. This allows students to experience the interview process and develop their interview techniques.

We ensure that students have the opportunity to attend events with external providers such as the UCAS Convention and the Apprenticeship Skills Show.

Underpinning all our support networks is our tutor programme, which runs daily throughout the academic year.

Financial support

Students that meet the eligibility criteria will receive financial support through the Sixth Form bursary. The support provided to students will be personalised to meet their specific needs.

Any students that are eligible for the bursary are encouraged to apply for free school meals.

If you feel that you would be entitled to receive this financial support, we can provide one-to-one guidance on how to complete the application form.

Students that are in receipt of a bursary will also have their stationary starter packs topped up throughout the year.



Your study programme

Registration and tutor period

Our experienced and knowledgeable team of sixth form tutors provide pastoral and academic guidance, and support with post-18 pathways. Our daily tutor programme includes group sessions and 1:1 support. Students are with their tutor for Year 12 and 13 which builds quality relationships and consistent support.

Subject lessons

You are required to study the equivalent of three subjects on our level three pathway. This can include A Levels or Applied options, or a combination of both. You will receive nine hours of classroom-based teaching per subject across a fortnight.

Our subject teachers have a wealth of specialist subject knowledge and expertise. Our small class sizes allow for high quality teaching and personalised support to ensure every student achieves their potential.

Our level two pathway students study practical and theory lessons in hairdressing techniques. They also complete a work placement one day a week. They may also have lessons to support retaking GCSE English and Maths.

Private study periods

Every student has 12 hours of private study time across a fortnight to work independently on their home learning, super curricular activities and preparing for future pathways. These sessions are supported by our Academic Mentor.

Free periods

Free periods are opportunities for booking support meetings with staff, attending appointments such as driving lessons and socialising on or off site.

Personal Development

All students receive two hours of Personal Development lessons across the fortnight. Sessions focus on preparing students with the skills, knowledge and social and cultural awareness they need to be successful learners and healthy and happy young adults.

Enrichment

In addition to our programme of trips, visits and guest speakers, all students take part in weekly enrichment. There is a wide range of options to choose from, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Ten Tors, competitive sports teams, recreational sport, student leadership, MOOCs, iDEA, cooking, outdoor learning, and volunteering in and out of school. Enrichment enhances the Sixth Form experience by offering opportunities for students to have fun with friends, build skills to support post-18 pathways, and explore personal and academic interests.





Applied Human Biology

Pearson BTEC Level 3
National Extended Certificate

Career progression

- Midwife
- Research scientist
- Environmental scientist

The BTEC Applied Human Biology course provides a practical, hands-on approach to Human Biology with lots of opportunities to carry out experimental work. It offers a part coursework/part externally assessed exam alternative to A Level Biology.

On this course, you will...

...develop a greater understanding of how the human body works by studying three mandatory units, covering the human body and its functions; practical microbiology and infectious diseases; human biology and health issues.

...study a unit focusing on the functional physiology of the human body to include the musculoskeletal system, endocrine and nervous systems and the role of homeostasis in controlling and coordinating the body systems.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Combined Science GCSE.

Biology

H420 OCR A Level

Career progression

- Research scientist
- Environmental scientist
- Doctor

Biology is a demanding A Level that involves the in-depth study of a wide range of exciting topics with practical skills integrated into the theory.

On this course, you will...

...study a wide range of exciting topics in all organisms that relate to molecular biology, immunology, ecosystems, and evolution.

...study the foundations of Biology, including biodiversity and disease.

...develop an understanding of homeostasis and energy.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Biology GCSE at Grade 6 or above or Combined Science at Grade 6 or above.

Chemistry

H432 OCR A Level

Career progression

- Doctor/Nurse
- Chemist
- Nutritionist/Dietician

A Level Chemistry involves a balance of practical and theoretical work. A good chemist is a great problem solver, who can apply their knowledge and skills to new situations. These skills are transferable to whatever career you choose in the future.

On this course, you will...

...improve your practical skills, learning how to use complex equipment to produce both qualitative and quantitative results.

...use your mathematical skills to problem solve in familiar and new situations.

...develop an understanding of how organic molecules interact.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications, including Chemistry GCSE at Grade 6 or above, or Combined Science at Grade 6 or above.

Computer Science

OCR H446 A Level

Career progression

- Computer programmer
- Network engineer
- Web developer

"Computer Science is no more about computers than... Biology is about microscopes... Science is not about tools. It is about how we use them, and what we find out when we do." Edsger Dijkstra.

On this course, you will...

...use logical and algorithmic thinking to learn how to program in Python, producing an in-depth programming project for your coursework.

...look into the hardware of computers and networks, from the tiny processor architecture to how the World Wide Web works.

...identify ethical, moral, social and environmental issues that can arise through the use of technology, while also understanding key computing related laws.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language and Grade 6 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

Mathematics

Pearson Edexcel A Level

Career progression

- Engineer
- Accountant
- Actuary

A Level Mathematics is an ideal course if you have always enjoyed the subject and wish to develop your mathematics skills. It will take your GCSE mathematical knowledge to the next level, with a variety of pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics.

On this course, you will...

...learn about calculus, a branch of mathematics that involves the study of rates of change.

...develop your understanding of trigonometry and how it can be used beyond triangles.

...learn to apply Newton's laws of motion in real life scenarios.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language, and a Grade 6 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

Further Mathematics

Pearson Edexcel A Level

Career progression

- Engineer
- Banker
- Business consultant

Further Mathematics is studied alongside A Level Mathematics giving you the opportunity to achieve two A Levels in Mathematics. The subject deepens the content covered in A Level Mathematics as well as introducing new concepts like complex numbers, matrices and differential equations.

On this course, you will...

...explore a whole new range of numbers called complex numbers. These are numbers with both real and imaginary units.

...solve simultaneous equations in 3 dimensions with the use of matrices.

...develop an understanding of how algorithms can be used to analyse and find the most effective and efficient solutions.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language, and a Grade 8 or above in Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

Physics

Pearson Edexcel A Level

Career progression

- Astrophysicist
- Meteorologist
- Engineer

Physics is the study of the world around us. We look at many topics ranging from what is inside a proton, how electricity can be generated, why lenses help us see clearly and how old the Universe is.

On this course, you will...

...measure experimentally how strong the gravitational field at the Earth's surface is.

...be able to explain why we can swing a bucket of water over our heads without getting wet.

...measure how the thickness of lead affects how much gamma radiation is absorbed.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least four other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 in Mathematics and Physics, or Grade 6 or above in Combined Science.



"I really enjoy my time here at Newton Abbot College. My chosen A Level courses were part of my original reason for my decision to come here. I was told when looking around at different places it would be unlikely that I would be able to do all the subjects I wanted to, however when I asked about it here, I was able to do all four as long as I passed all my subjects at GCSE and attained the required grades to meet the entry requirements of each course.

I currently study English Literature, Maths, Chemistry and Physics and I still couldn't tell you which is my favourite! One of my favourite things has been the smaller class sizes, especially as I came from a smaller school at Dawlish College. I have got to know my teachers and classmates well and I always feel comfortable asking questions in class or expressing my own opinions on a topic. I have made friends across the different subjects and have always been made to feel welcome here since my first day. Looking back at making the decision to come to Newton Abbot College, I still feel like it was the right one for me".

Mimi, year 13



Business

AQA 7132 A Level

Career progression

- Project manager
- Business analyst
- Social media manager

The focus of A Level Business is on management and decision-making with regard to start-ups and small to medium-sized businesses operating within national markets.

On this course, you will...

...study a mix of traditional areas of study such as operations, finance and marketing with modern topics including big data, relationship marketing, dynamic pricing and supply-chain management.

...in the second year of the course, you will examine more complex business scenarios and focus on strategy.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English
- Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

Economics

Eduqas A Level

Career progression

- Investment banker
- Accountant
- Business analyst

The basic economic problem addresses how we can solve the world's desire for unlimited needs and wants with the scarce resources available. The A Level Economics course explores how governments, firms, and individuals tackle this problem.

On this course, you will...

...consider many economic conundrums that still test firms and governments. These include:

- Why does the price of fuel fluctuate?
- What is austerity?
- What is globalisation and why does it create such controversy?

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.

Politics

Pearson Edexcel 9PLO A Level

Career progression

- Journalist
- Politician
- Broadcast presenter

Politics affects everything we do in life and the Politics course at A Level looks at the major functions of government and politics in Britain and beyond. You will also study comparative politics and key political ideas and thinkers.

On this course, you will...

...study, debate and discuss current political affairs.

...develop your understanding of the way the British and American political systems operate.

...be able to evaluate the effectiveness of our political systems and compare with what is used in the USA.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/ Level 2 qualifications.



"Having been at Newton Abbot College since year 7, it was a no-brainer for me to return for Sixth Form. I chose to make the most of the variety of subjects that Sixth Form offer by studying Politics, Sociology, Maths and Geography.

I enjoy all my subjects - they are all extremely interesting, fun to learn, and the atmosphere of the classroom is also great. I was originally going elsewhere for Sixth Form, following my passion for football, but I made the decision to stay at Newton Abbot College as you really get the feeling of belonging to a college that genuinely cares about your success.

You are treated even more like an adult, with a lot of personal responsibilities to take on. For me, Newton Abbot College is a great place to study and there is a clear community feel that makes you want to do well. I encourage anyone that is looking to apply...to do so - you won't regret it!"

Zak-Ray, alumni



Food Science & Nutrition

WJEC CBAC Level 3

Career progression

- Dietician
- Environmental health officer

This course allows you to learn the theory of food science and apply that learning in a practical context. You will understand the science of nutrition and nutritional needs in a wide range of contexts through practical sessions, and gain skills to produce quality food items to meet the needs of individuals.

On this course, you will...

...cook a range of dishes demonstrating high level practical skills.

...learn about nutrients and their functions in the body, as well as what happens if you have too much or too little of a nutrient.

...learn how to analyse a diet and make recommendations based on nutritional knowledge.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either a Merit in Catering or Grade 5 in Food and Nutrition.

Product Design

AQA 7552 A Level Design and Technology

Career progression

- Architect
- Product designer
- Carpenter

This course allows you to develop your product design skills and learn about the complex relationships between design, materials, manufacturing and marketing.

On this course, you will...

...explore new technologies. You will look at how the latest innovations are being used to create the next generation of products.

...have access to fully equipped workshops including CAD/CAM and design facilities.

...complete mini-projects and theory sessions, produce a design portfolio and a final product.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either Grade 5 in Design and Technology or a Distinction in Engineering.

Fine Art

AQA A Level Art and Design

Career progression

- Illustrator
- Fine artist
- Fashion designer

On this course you will develop artistic skills, broaden your knowledge and develop a unique style.

You will select a theme for your personal investigation practical project and develop a personal portfolio of work that expresses your interests and skills.

On this course, you will...

...explore a wide range of artistic experiences: drawing, acrylic painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, film and mixed media.

...visit local and national exhibitions.

...have the opportunity to go on an Art study trip to a European destination such as Rome, Venice, Berlin or Barcelona.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including an Art related subject.

Information Technology

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology.

Career progression

- Social media specialist
- Content developer
- Web developer

This course involves studying information technology systems, systems to manage information, using social media in business and website development.

On this course, you will...

...explore the impact of social media, develop a plan to use social media and implement a social media business plan.

...look at the role of computer systems and the implications of their use in personal and professional situations.

...study the principals of website development, design and develop a website.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

Photography

AQA A Level Art and Design

Career progression

- Wedding photographer
- Fashion photographer
- Advertiser

On this course you will develop contemporary photographic skills, broaden your knowledge of photography and develop a unique style.

You will select a theme for your personal investigation practical project and develop a personal portfolio of work that expresses your interests and skills.

On this course, you will...

...learn both chemical and digital photography, including pinhole photography, darkroom techniques, and the use of Photoshop.

...visit local and national exhibitions.

...have the opportunity to go on an Art study trip to a European destination such as Rome, Venice, Berlin or Barcelona.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.



English Language

AQA 7702 A Level

Career progression

- Journalist
- Primary school teacher
- Interpreter

English Language looks at the science of linguistics. We study why we make linguistic choices and how external factors influence the way we communicate. The course guides students to consider how they can apply linguistic theory to real life.

On this course, you will...

...learn how children acquire language in order to speak, read, and write.

...explore how English came into existence and continues to adapt.

...investigate any language related topic which interests you for your non-examined assessment (NEA).

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least two other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

English Literature

AQA 7712 A Level

Career progression

- Architect
- Product designer
- Carpenter

This course challenges students to read with insight and perception, analysing the nuances of a text whilst also considering the wider historical contextual implications. Students learn how to structure analytical essays and achieve an academic register in their writing.

On this course, you will...

...learn about the literature of love across time and its historical influences.

...study post-1945 literature and look at the presentation of modern society and all its complexities.

...embark on an extraordinary wider reading journey where you will broaden your horizons in terms of genre, style and content in order to complete a comparative extended essay on a topic of your choice as part of the course's non-examined assessment (NEA).

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Literature and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

French

AQA 7652 A Level

Career progression

- Interpreter
- Foreign diplomat
- Teacher

Are you keen to develop your GCSE French language skills? Does learning about the society and culture of France and French speaking countries interest you? Are you up for a challenge? If so, A Level French may be the course for you.

On this course, you will...

...develop fluency in your written and spoken French.

...develop a solid understanding of the culture and society of the French speaking world, including undertaking an individual research project on a topic of your choice.

...study a critically acclaimed film and novel in French.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 or above in GCSE French.

Spanish

AQA 7692 A Level

Career progression

- Interpreter
- Foreign diplomat
- Teacher

The A Level Spanish course celebrates all that is great about the Spanish speaking world, its culture, its society and its artistic heritage. This, coupled with the development of your GCSE Spanish language skills, creates a challenging yet stimulating and rewarding course.

On this course, you will...

...develop fluency in your written and spoken Spanish.

...develop a solid understanding of the culture and society of the Spanish speaking world, including undertaking an individual research project on a topic of your choice.

...study a critically acclaimed film and novel in Spanish.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish.



Sport

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport

Career progression

- PE teacher
- Physiotherapist
- Personal trainer

This course is the equivalent of two A Levels and is perfect for students who would like to study a sports course at university or want key life skills that all employers look for in sport and other industries.

On this course, you will...

...learn a wide range of different skills and aspects of the sporting world.

...study anatomy and physiology, sports leaderships and health and nutrition.

...play sport.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including grade 5 in science, including either Grade 5 in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC Sport.

Sports Coaching

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development

Career progression

- Sports coach
- Sports development officer

This course is the equivalent to two A Levels and is designed for students that prefer the more hands-on leadership aspect of sports courses. It is 100% coursework assessed and covers a wide range of subjects and skills within the sports industry.

On this course, you will...

...develop your leadership qualities.

...learn about self-employment in the sports industry.

...understand sports injuries.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either Grade 5 in GCSE PE or Merit in BTEC Sport.



Women's Hairdressing

VTCT Level 2 Certificate

Career progression

- Hairdresser
- Personal stylist

This course follows on from Health and Beauty Services and will develop the knowledge and skills to prepare learners for employment as a junior stylist.

On this course, you will...

...develop a greater understanding of the different subjects within the hair sector.

...cover: client consultation; colouring and cutting women's hair; working on each other and clients to get you ready for the next steps within the hair sector.

...get a work placement that will help you to understand elements of the course.

This course comprises: 50% coursework and 50% assessment.

Entry requirements

- There are no formal entry requirements; however, a genuine interest in and enthusiasm for the subject is essential.



Geography

AQA 7037 A Level

Career progression

- Meteorologist
- Urban planner
- Research scientist

Geography is changing fast! With issues such as global warming becoming hot topics in the media, together with our concerns over globalisation and the potential exploitation of developing economies, the increasing risk from natural disasters, and the rise of new world economies, the subject has never been more relevant.

On this course, you will...

...experience four days of fieldwork including a residential.

...study a range of topics that will give you the breadth and depth of knowledge to understand and interpret issues affecting people and the natural environment.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including GCSE Geography.

History

AQA 7042 A Level

Career progression

- Teacher
- Journalist
- Curator

A Level History will help students to understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history, and the nature of change over time. A Level History will help students to gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives.

On this course, you will...

...study Stuart Britain in depth to consider issues of change, continuity, cause and consequence.


...study in depth the challenges faced by the USA at home and abroad as it emerged from the Second World War as a superpower.

...undertake an independent historical investigation.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including GCSE History.



"I have really enjoyed studying Music-Digital Production Level 3 at Newton Abbot College. The facilities are great, with access to a variety of musical instruments and equipment, including a live room where we can rehearse. We are always pushed as musicians, and our teachers truly believe in us. We are given the opportunity to experiment and grow as musicians and find our sound. There are plenty of performance opportunities throughout the two years and I have formed a really good relationship with my teachers and peers".

James, Alumni

Drama and Theatre

Pearson Edexcel A Level

Career progression

- Stage manager
- Actor
- Director

Students will develop a variety of dramatic and theatrical skills, including performing, directing, and critical evaluation, alongside an understanding and appreciation of drama and theatre in a social, cultural, and historical context.

On this course, you will...

...develop your creative and exploratory skills to devise an original performance, starting with a performance text and an influential theatre practitioner.

...develop and demonstrate your theatre-making skills, appropriate to your role as a performer or designer.

... focus on the work of theatre makers and the various theatrical choices that are made by key members of the creative and production team in order to communicate ideas to an audience.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a performance-related subject.

Media Studies

Eduqas A Level

Career progression

- Film producer
- Marketing officer
- Theatre designer

Media Studies is an exciting, modern subject where students decode and analyse media texts. Students explore a variety of industries including newspapers, gaming, online media, television and magazines. Students analyse audience effects and producer's intent and learn how to create their own products.

On this course, you will...

...study a variety of texts in detail, learning media language techniques and their meanings.

...research, plan and produce a music video using industry-grade programming and a variety of camera equipment.

...evaluate and discuss media theories and apply them to a wide range of texts.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in English Language and Literature and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least two other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

Music-Digital Production

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Career progression

- Musician
- Sound engineer
- Audio director

Master the skills needed to create and produce music to a professional level using computer software. Learn to write, produce, and edit music and sound for a variety of mediums on any type of computer.

On this course, you will...

...design music and sound for media.

...learn to remix and rework existing pieces of music.

...mix and master music to a professional level.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a music/performance-related qualification.
- Auditions may be required.

Music Performance

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Career progression

- Musician
- Sound engineer
- Audio director

This course will develop your performance skills as well as musicianship. You will form a band and perform as an ensemble as well as a solo artist. You will also learn about the music industry as a whole.

On this course, you will...

...form and perform as a band.

...develop your knowledge of the music industry.

...develop your solo performance or composition skills.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a music/performance-related qualification.
- Auditions may be required.

Performing Arts

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Career progression

- Theatre performer
- Musician
- Stage manager

This course develops your practical and academic skills in acting, singing and dancing. Through performance-based modules you will grow as a performer and practitioner and gain a wider knowledge of the performing arts industry.

On this course, you will...

...develop your understanding and skills in musical theatre, choreography, vocal skills and character development.

... explore devising, improvisation, different dance and theatre styles.

...explore a variety of productions and practitioners.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including a Performing Arts related subject.



Applied Psychology

Pearson BTEC Level 3

Career progression

- Healthcare worker
- Police officer
- Social worker

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind, brain and behaviour. It seeks to understand and explain why we think, act and feel as we do. Applied Psychology uses psychological approaches and principles to find solutions to problems humans encounter in everyday life.

On this course, you will...

...study the core psychological approaches and learn how to apply them to explain contemporary issues such as aggression, gender development and consumer behaviour.

...learn about research methods and techniques used in psychology and carry out your own psychological investigation.

...develop an understanding of the causes and treatments of various psychological disorders including depression and OCD.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including two Science GCSE qualifications.

Health and Social Care

OCR Level 3

Career progression

- Nurse
- Healthcare worker
- Social worker

This course focuses on developing the skills, knowledge and understanding of what happens in health, social care and childcare settings. Students will gain an insight into the requirements of working within this sector.

On this course, you will...

...develop a greater understanding of the different elements of meeting the needs of individuals within care and ways in which high quality care can be provided for all.

...cover a variety of topics that are essential in understanding the health, social and childcare sectors.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including either two Sciences, or Biology.

Philosophy and Ethics

OCR H573 A Level Religious Studies

Career progression

- Lawyer
- Journalist
- Politician

This course aims to introduce you to the fascinating study of philosophy and dares you to question how we know what we know! You will discuss key ethical issues and examine the developments in Christian thought.

On this course, you will...

...study the work of a range of philosophers, starting with the ancient Greek influences of Plato and Aristotle.

...enjoy developing critical thinking skills and improve your essay writing whilst broadening your view of the world.

...delve into the arguments for and against the existence of God, investigate the nature of religious experience, and consider the possibility of life after death.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Religious Studies.

Psychology

AQA 7182 A Level

Career progression

- Healthcare worker
- Police officer
- Criminologist

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind, brain and behaviour. Psychology seeks to understand and explain how we think, act and feel. It is about what makes people unique and interesting and why they behave as they do.

On this course, you will...

...develop knowledge of the causes and treatments of psychological disorders including depression, OCD and Schizophrenia.

...learn about research methods and techniques used in Psychology and explore some classic and contemporary psychological experiments.

...debate the causes of human behaviour including nature versus nurture and free will versus determinism.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications, including Grade 6 in Biology.

Sociology

AQA 7192 A Level

Career progression

- Lawyer
- Social worker
- Social researcher

Sociology is a fascinating, wide ranging and dynamic discipline that examines the nature of contemporary society. Sociology tries to understand how society works and it helps provide us with answers to important social questions.

On this course, you will...

...look at the familiar social world in a new analytical way.

...develop the ability to build complex and coherent arguments.

...gain a better understanding of how and why societies function the way they do.

Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop students' skills in independent research and project management.

The EPQ requires students to carry out research on a topic of their choice that is not covered by their other qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical topics, an artefact or a production.

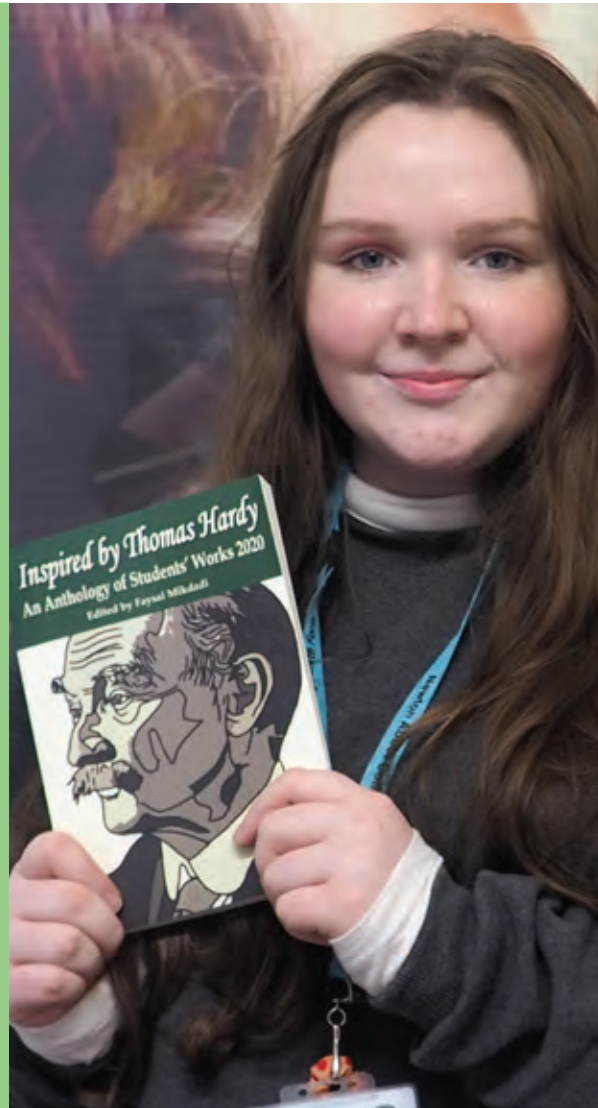
Entry requirements

Students must have:

- A minimum of Grade 5 or above in both English Language and Mathematics.
- Grade 5 (equivalent) in at least three other GCSE/Level 2 qualifications.

"Doing an EPQ is a great opportunity to develop your understanding in an area of your own interest. It is really handy when writing your personal statement as it evidences extra-curricular work and provides an insight into you as a candidate for university, setting you apart from those that haven't done it. It's also great that the EPQ is the equivalent to doing an AS Level, as it's always useful to have those extra UCAS points. All the universities I visited recommend and encourage you to complete the EPQ, as they say it sets you up for the skills they are looking for. All in all, I've thoroughly enjoyed the process and it has helped to improve my research, time management skills and, most importantly, my critical thinking skills. It is a great opportunity that I highly recommend!"

Esme, Alumni



Personal Development

All students study Personal Development for one hour per week in year 12 and year 13. We have carefully tailored a two year Personal Development Programme which meets the specific needs of our students here at Newton Abbot College Sixth Form. Personal Development is delivered by experienced Sixth Form and PSHE teachers and follows two main aims:

- To make our Sixth Formers the best possible learners they can be and therefore increase their chances of academic success.
- To make our Sixth Formers happy, safe and responsible young adults who are able to live and contribute to the modern world beyond education.

The Year 12 programme covers:

- Academic Skills Development
- Physical and Mental Health
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Bullying and Discrimination
- Future Plans

The Year 13 programme covers:

- Academic Skills Development
- Future Plans
- Personal Safety
- Community and Responsibility
- Money and Careers

The topics chosen are age appropriate and build on the important education that our students are receiving in KS4 Values.

Join us

If you are currently in year 11 studying at NAC you will receive support from your Tutor, Head of Learning, CSW and the Sixth Form Leadership Team with your next steps. Your place is already guaranteed subject to meeting entry requirements. You will have a 1:1 meeting in which you will fill out a preferences form to indicate the subjects you would like to study when you join us in Year 12.

Ivy Education Trust

We welcome our Ivy Education Trust partner school students to join our Sixth Form. Following the completion of your application form, you will then be invited to attend a tour of our college site and have an informal conversation.

External applicants

If applying externally, please fill out an application form that can be found on our website, or by scanning the QR Code.

You will then be invited for a tour of our college site and to have an informal conversation with us.



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