



— Christleton —
Sixth Form

Subject Guide
2021 – 2022

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We hope you enjoyed reading our Sixth Form prospectus and discovering why we believe Christleton Sixth Form is the right choice for your studies.

In this guide, you can read about the subjects that will be available to students entering our Sixth Form in September 2021*. More detailed subject information is available on our school website.

The minimum requirement to gain entry to our Sixth Form is five GCSEs at grade 9-4/A*-C, including English and maths. Please check this guide for information and guidance in regards to subject specific entry requirements. All applications are given careful consideration and students will be given advice and guidance on their most appropriate study path.

Any student who, following publication of the exam results in August, has not met the entry requirement for Sixth Form or their chosen subjects, should make an appointment with a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss their options.

Making your Sixth Form choices

A-levels

A-levels are now two year courses with all the exams at the end of Year 13. They have more content and are becoming more difficult. The changes mean that we strongly advise that for most students **three** subjects should be chosen. In exceptional circumstances, students may wish to choose four subjects, but due to the increased challenge of the exams and extra workload required to be successful, we would expect these students to be achieving mainly 9-8/A*-A grades at GCSE.

BTEC Courses

Chosen by over one million learners every year, BTEC offers a range of professional qualifications for anyone taking their first steps into the world of work, progressing through their careers or planning to enter university. These qualifications are the equivalent of one A-level and are valued by many top universities. BTEC qualifications are rapidly becoming the main entry route into post-18 education. Students who study a BTEC or mixed programme will study all of their subjects over a two year period. BTECs all now have both a course work and an externally assessed element.

Year 12 students also have a choice of taking either an Extended Project Qualification or Core Maths, in addition to their three A-level/Btec courses.

Extended Project Qualification

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an exciting qualification that puts students in control and gives them the chance to explore a subject they are really interested in. Worth half an A-level and earning extra UCAS points, this qualification helps to develop the independent and individual research skills valued by universities and employers.

Core Maths

Core Maths is a new qualification designed for students who have achieved a grade 4 or above at GCSE maths. It helps to develop mathematical and thinking skills, and supports A-level courses such as Psychology, Computing, Sciences and Geography, as well as technical and vocational qualifications. The equivalent of an AS level, this qualification also earns extra UCAS points to help with university applications.

**Please note that all courses are subject to change depending upon student numbers and it may not be possible to run a course if there is insufficient demand from students.*

To find out more about our Sixth Form, please contact our Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs Jenny Brown, brownj@christletonhigh.co.uk



ENGLISH LITERATURE (AQA)

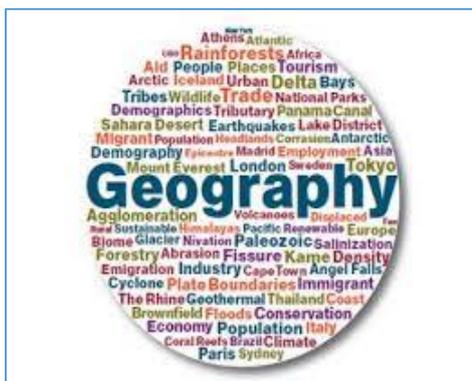
Readers required! We all love stories: listening to them, telling them, watching, reading and writing them. This course helps students to explore and analyse how writers achieve their effects.

Whether your taste is for comedy, tragedy, crime fiction or works that changed the world – there's a feast of literature to be savoured and enjoyed.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5 or above in English Literature.



GEOGRAPHY (Edexcel)



The world is changing and Geography allows you to see why and how it is changing. Geography can enhance communication skills, ICT, teamwork, problem solving and environmental awareness through the study of global challenges.

There will be day visits and residential field trips in addition to classroom-based learning.

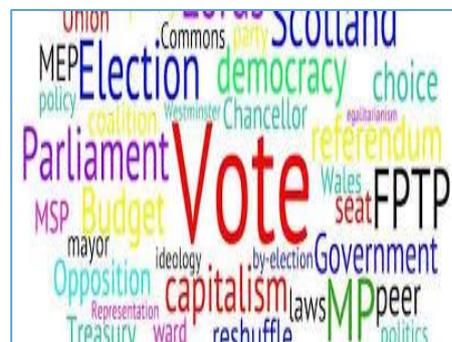
Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in Geography and PREFERABLY a grade 5 in English.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (Edexcel)

The main aim of the course is to develop awareness of the nature of politics and the relationship between ideas, institutions and processes, in particular with reference to the political systems of the UK and USA.

It will appeal to students who enjoy debating current affairs.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in HISTORY or essay based subject and PREFERABLY a grade 5 in English.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BTEC (Pearson)



Health & Social Care is a broad subject area. Students learn how social, psychological and physiological issues can impact on the life of those needing 'care'. A good basis for nursing, teaching and social care.

Requirement: If Health & Social Care was studied at GCSE level, a 'merit' is essential; if not, students will be considered if they have met the overall entry requirements for Sixth Form.



HISTORY (Edexcel)



The aims are to develop historical skills and understanding, and to stimulate interest and debate about important historical events of the 16th and 20th Centuries. A lively course that encompasses the pursuit of freedom and equality through protest, rebellion and disorder, and the ambition of 'A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage'.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in History and PREFERABLY a grade 5 in English.

ICT BTEC (Edexcel)

This is a great practical course for those who are interested in an introduction to the study of creating IT systems to manage and share information.

You will get the opportunity to develop skills as a website developer, and investigate the use of sophisticated techniques to capture user interest and to ensure that customers are served effectively through the use ICT.

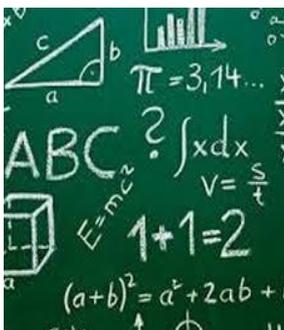
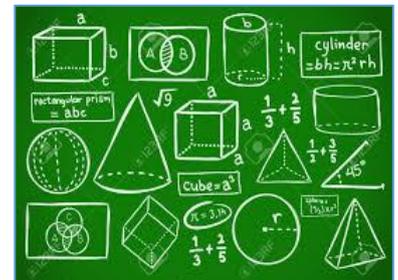


Requirement: Students will be required to have a GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths.

MATHEMATICS (Edexcel)

Mathematics supports a wide range of university courses including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering and Economics. This course builds on the Higher GCSE topics and introduces new ideas such as calculus. It also includes some Statistics and Mechanics.

Requirement: GCSE grade 6 in Maths is essential. A pre-A level study skills pack will be available for those who need to consolidate their understanding of algebra.



FURTHER MATHEMATICS (Edexcel)

For talented mathematicians who need more challenge!

You will take your A-level studies to a higher mathematical level and achieve two A-level grades in Maths. You will cover modules in Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. You must also opt for A-level Maths.

Requirement: GCSE grade 7-9 in Maths.

MEDIA STUDIES (Eduqas)

A real interest in all aspects of the media is important for this course. You will develop a media vocabulary, an understanding of how texts target a specific audience and the issue and debates that surround the media. You will also have the opportunity to create your own professional standard media texts and have an insight into the world of journalism, film production, and advertising and marketing.



Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in Media (if studied) OR a grade 5 in English.

MFL: FRENCH / GERMAN / SPANISH (AQA)



If you are passionate about a Foreign language and strive to become a fluent speaker, you will enjoy this course. You will broaden your knowledge by learning thematically through artistic and political culture and social issues and trends. You will have weekly sessions with a native speaker and will study a book or film from contemporary authors and directors. All culminating in a rich grammatical and cultural knowledge that will enhance your education.



Requirement: GCSE grade 6 in the MFL. You must have taken the higher paper at GCSE.

MUSIC (OCR)

This course explores the theory, history and practical applications of music beyond GCSE standard, towards degree level.

You will develop your composition skills to a high level and perform a recital on an instrument or voice. Independent thinking and a range of creative, logical and intellectual skills are developed.



Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in Music or equivalent experience. Grade 5 Standard in Performance (Instrument or Voice). To check you meet the criteria please email Mr Phillips, Head of Performing Arts, phillipss@christletonhigh.co.uk

PERFORMING ARTS (Pearson) BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

This is a practical vocational course, requiring imagination, sensitivity and the ability to get on well with others. You will learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. You will be encouraged to find your own unique artistic voice as a performer. This dynamic and exciting course will expand your public speaking skills, creativity, emotional awareness, risk taking, confidence and self-awareness.



Requirement: GCSE grade 4 in Performing Arts or Drama or an equivalent level (if studied) or a strong interest in Drama/Performing Arts. To check you meet the criteria, please email Mr Phillips, Head of Performing Arts, phillipss@christletonhigh.co.uk



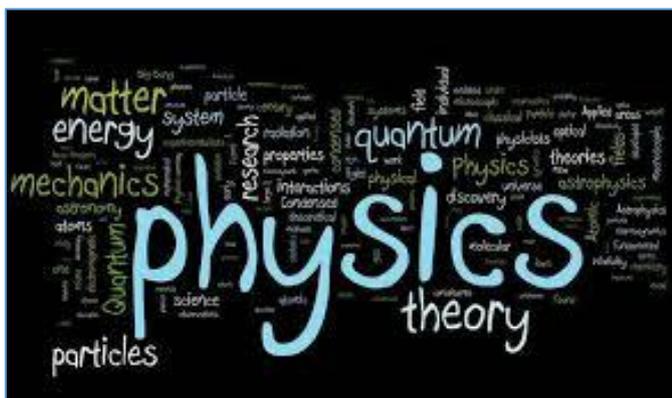
PHOTOGRAPHY (AQA)

In Photography, you will learn how to create a variety of kinds of photographs and other artworks involving digital processes and will grow in your capacity to analyse, evaluate and understand work of this kind. You will generate and develop personal ideas and will develop expertise in using a camera and digital editing software, including Photoshop. Candidates will be able to explore ideas creatively as well as working to a brief in the way industry professionals do.



Requirement: GCSE grade 5 or above in Photography or another Art course, or an interview with the Head of Department to demonstrate skills and interest in photography. PREFERABLY a grade 5 in English.

PHYSICS (AQA)



Physicists try to understand how the universe works and this syllabus provides an opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of both classical and modern Physics. Students develop transferable skills which can open up many career pathways. In particular, Physics provides a firm grounding for engineering, high level environmental work, electronics, many aspects of IT, other sciences, architecture, medicine and veterinary science. Confidence using algebra and trigonometry is **essential** due to the high mathematical demand of the course.

Requirement: GCSE grade 6-6 in Combined Science or 6 in Physics, and preferably a 6 or above in Maths and 5+ in English Language.

PSYCHOLOGY (AQA)



Psychology can be defined as the scientific study of human behaviour. The aim of the subject is to study various aspects of people's lives with the hope that understanding and insight can be gained. Psychology is a scientific subject, based on research, and your success will depend on your ability to learn and evaluate the theories studied.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in Science and PREFERABLY a grade 5 in Maths.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Eduqas)

A course that has relevance to a whole variety of careers, from Medicine to Law or Journalism. You will study and debate **ethical, religious and philosophical issues** with real life examples from the news eg on medical ethics, sexual ethics, terrorism, immigration or the death penalty. The specification offers an academic approach to the study of religion and Religious Studies is accepted, like the facilitating subjects, as suitable preparation for study at the Russell Group universities. Students need a grade 5 or above if they did RS GCSE, but it is not a requirement to have taken Religious Studies.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5+ in English Language and a grade 5 in RS, if studied.



SOCIOLOGY (OCR)

This subject provides an excellent grounding for many careers and equips students with the ability to think critically about aspects of our society. If you have viewpoints on youth culture, education and crime, you will enjoy putting them forward and developing them fully in Sociology.

Requirement: GCSE grade 5 in an essay based subject and PREFERABLY a grade 5 in English.



SPORTS STUDIES BTEC (Edexcel)



Pearson (Edexcel) BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate (equivalent of one A-level) takes a multidisciplinary approach, encouraging development of different methods of enquiry, with the focal point being the performer and the performance. The specification is based on developing key skills for future careers in the sporting industry – such as sports nutritionist, physiotherapist, sport psychologist and personal trainer. Students will develop knowledge of anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, professional development in the sports industry and the psychology of sport.

Requirement: GCSE grade 4 or above is expected in Physical Education (if studied). Students will also have demonstrated a strong commitment to PE/Sport at KS4.

