



BARKING ABBEY SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM BOOKLET 2022



Five reasons to join Barking Abbey Sixth Form

- 1 Track record of Academic success. 87 pupils to the top 24 Universities in 2020.
- 2 More degree Apprenticeships than any State school in the country in 2020.
- 3 Sporting Success - Over £3M of sponsorship.
- 4 Personal support and development: UCAS or apprenticeship applications.
- 5 The widest range of subjects for you to succeed in.

"Barking Abbey Sixth Form is a strength of the school. The proportion of students who go to top British universities and those in the United States is impressive. So, too, is the impact of the sports academy where striking achievements in sport build students' confidence to excel in their academic work." **Ofsted**

"The Sports Academy programme provides talented students a unique blend of academic study, expert coaching, personalised training and high quality competition." **Going the Extra Mile: Excellence in Competitive School Sport**

At Barking Abbey School our students are encouraged to work and study hard and achieve all they are capable of academically. Equally importantly, we believe that they should become well-rounded citizens, who demonstrate good character habits in all aspects of their life, personal and professional. Standards and expectations are high, we lead a distinctive learning community, and we purposefully and explicitly prioritise the development of students' character and academic accomplishments in equal measure, so that they flourish as socially aware, skilled citizens equipped to take their place on the world stage.

Central to our ethos are the school's 4 character strengths, they represent the core values that we are committed to developing at our school: Bravery, Excellence, Self-Discipline and Teamwork, underpinned by our motto: To Give and Expect the Best. Our bespoke programme of Character Education provides students the space to practise these positive character habits alongside their academic study, balancing the two elements to create a full and rounded educational experience. We believe that when we understand what a good life looks and feels like, when we value others enough to purposefully enable their own character development, then together, we'll flourish.

Aristotle once wrote "We are what we habitually do." The habits that children learn and practice when they are growing up follow them through into adulthood. Just as a school can be a place where each student can flourish academically, we believe that a school can also be a place where a child practises habits of Bravery, Excellence, Self-Discipline and Teamwork to enable them to make the right choice at the right time for the right reason. Our core purpose of developing character is planned and active.

Our hugely successful Sixth Form offers a wide range of both A-Level and BTEC qualifications, to ensure students are able to successfully follow their chosen pathway, whether it be a Russell Group University, United States Sports Scholarship, or Degree Apprenticeship. We provide high quality teaching by staff with a track record of success: for example our Geography Department is the only one in the country to receive the Geographical Association Centre of Excellence Award 3 times.

We offer an outstanding, experienced Pastoral Care system, ensuring every student is fully supported throughout their time with us. In addition, Key Stage 5 students enjoy the use of our brand new, state of the art Sixth Form Centre. This is an exciting time at Barking Abbey and we hope you will join us in ensuring even greater success in the future.

We understand that making the choice about where and what to study in the Sixth Form is a major decision for students and families. With a focus on excellent academic teaching and our character education programme, Barking Abbey School Sixth Form offers a truly distinctive experience at this important stage of your life.



RUSSELL GROUP SUCCESS



THE CLASS OF 2020 HAVE JUST FIRMED THEIR UCAS CHOICES
AND HAVE SELECTED A WIDE AND VARIED ARRAY OF RESEARCH-INTENSIVE
UNIVERSITIES AS THEIR FINAL CHOICES

HERE IS A SMALL SELECTION OF THE RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES THEY HAVE CHOSEN:

8 HAVE CHOSEN **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)**
21 HAVE CHOSEN **KINGS COLLEGE LONDON (KCL)**
27 HAVE SELECTED **QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**
3 HAVE SELECTED **THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**
5 HAVE SELECTED **IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**
8 HAVE CHOSEN **THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM**
6 HAVE CHOSEN **THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM**

THE UNIVERSITIES OF **CAMBRIDGE, MANCHESTER, LEEDS, EXETER, CARDIFF**
AND **DURHAM** HAVE ALSO FEATURED IN THEIR SELECTIONS

MOST OF THESE COURSES HAVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS RANGING FROM AAB- A*A*A*

BTEC

FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS OUR BTEC STUDENTS IN IT, BUSINESS, SPORT AND
PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE) HAVE CONSISTENTLY ATTAINED AN AVERAGE GRADE
BETWEEN A DISTINCTION (GRADE A EQUIVALENT) AND DISTINCTION
(GRADE A* EQUIVALENT) AT CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL.

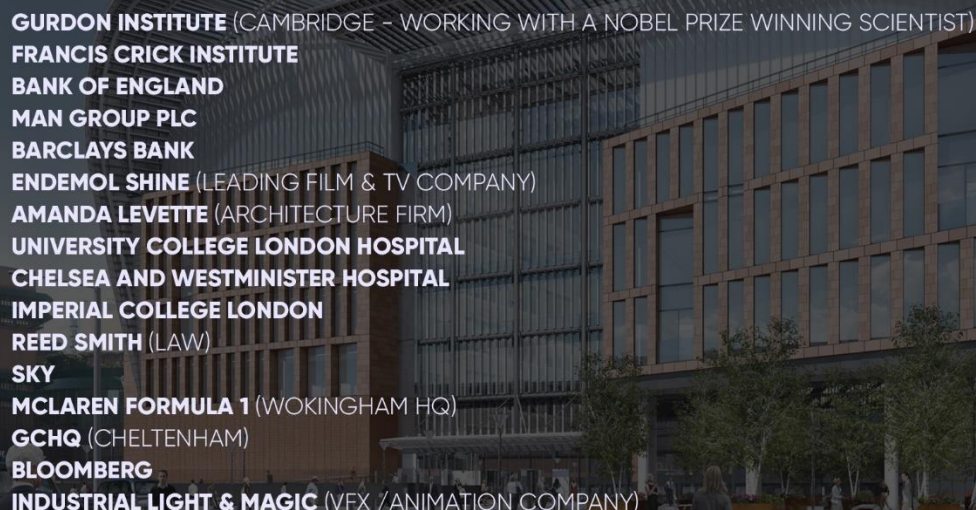
**50% OF OUR CANDIDATES GO ON TO RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY DEGREES
AND 20% AVAIL OF HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS**



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

80% OF OUR SIXTH FORMERS AVAIL OF AT LEAST ONE WORK OR RESEARCH BASED PLACEMENT IN A LONDON BASED COMPANY OR INSTITUTIONS. MANY OF THESE ARE HOUSEHOLD NAMES OR ARE GLOBAL INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED BRANDS.

BELOW IS A SMALL SELECTION OF THE OPPORTUNITIES STUDENTS ENJOYED IN SUMMER 2019



GURDON INSTITUTE (CAMBRIDGE - WORKING WITH A NOBEL PRIZE WINNING SCIENTIST)
FRANCIS CRICK INSTITUTE
BANK OF ENGLAND
MAN GROUP PLC
BARCLAYS BANK
ENDEMOL SHINE (LEADING FILM & TV COMPANY)
AMANDA LEVETTE (ARCHITECTURE FIRM)
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON HOSPITAL
CHELSEA AND WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL
IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
REED SMITH (LAW)
SKY
MCLAREN FORMULA 1 (WOKINGHAM HQ)
GCHQ (CHELTENHAM)
BLOOMBERG
INDUSTRIAL LIGHT & MAGIC (VFX / ANIMATION COMPANY)

OUR UNIVERSITY PREPARATION SUCCESS

FROM INITIAL COURSE RESEARCH AT THE START OF YEAR 12 THROUGH TO CLEARING GUIDANCE ON RESULTS DAY (YEAR 13) OUR STUDENTS GET A PERSONALISED AND TOP QUALITY UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT THEIR SIXTH FORM STUDIES.

- STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN TUTOR GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS WITH SUBJECT SPECIALISTS IN THEIR CHOSEN AREA OF POST 18 STUDY
- EXPERT ADVICE ON PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING WITH INDIVIDUAL FEEDBACK FROM MAY (YEAR 12) - NOVEMBER (YEAR 13)
- TOP QUALITY PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC REFERENCES WRITTEN BY EXPERIENCED STAFF FOR THE UCAS PROCESS
- AN EXCEPTIONAL UNIVERSITY LIAISON AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME INCLUDING SEVERAL HUNDRED SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES
- ADMISSION TEST PREPARATION FOR MEDICINE, LAW AND OXBRIDGE WITH ONLINE PROGRAMMES, MASTERCLASSES AND PERSONALISED TUTORING
- INTERVIEW PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR MEDICINE, OXBRIDGE AND OTHER UNIVERSITY COURSES WITH BOTH IN SCHOOL AND EXTERNAL TUTOR PRACTICE
- WEEKLY BULLETINS AND ASSEMBLIES WHERE STUDENTS ARE OFFERED UNPRECEDENTED GUIDANCE AND ADVICE



EVERY YEAR THE SCHOOL INVITES JANE MARSHALL, ONE OF THE UK'S LEADING EXPERTS ON UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS, TO RUN PERSONAL STATEMENT MASTERCLASSES AND MOCK ADMISSION INTERVIEW PREPARATION. HER EXPERTISE IS AN INVALUABLE COMPONENT OF THE SCHOOL'S UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMME.

OUR SPORTING SUCCESS (ACADEMIES)

BARKING ABBEY SPORTS ACADEMIES HAVE ACHIEVED UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS WITHIN THE SPORTING ARENA INCLUDING A RECORD NUMBER OF NATIONAL TITLES

- **6 FOOTBALL NATIONAL TITLES**
 - **12 BASKETBALL NATIONAL TITLES**
 - **8 NETBALL NATIONAL TITLES**
 - **OVER 20 PLAYERS WITHIN FOOTBALL ACADEMY HAVE PROGRESSED TO PROFESSIONAL CLUBS**
 - **OVER 50 BA SPORTS ACADEMY STUDENTS HAVE REPRESENTED ENGLAND IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS**
 - **THIS YEAR OUR BASKETBALL ACADEMY HAS NOW REACHED MORE THAN 100 OF ITS PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE US COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL CIRCUITS (ALL ON FULL SCHOLARSHIPS)**
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OUR CREATIVE SUCCESS:

DANCE



- DURING THE PAST 4 YEARS, **100 %** OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE AUDITIONED FOR UNDERGRADUATE DANCE PROGRAMMES HAVE RECEIVED **UNCONDITIONAL OFFERS**. DURING THE PAST 8 YEARS, **100% AUDITION SUCCESS RATE**
- **100%** OF STUDENTS ACHIEVE **DISTINCTION*-MERIT GRADES** AT POST 16.
- STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON PROJECTS WITH THE **UK'S LEADING DANCE COMPANIES AND CHOREOGRAPHERS** INCLUDING A PARTNERSHIP WITH **BOY BLUE**.
- STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM A PARTNERSHIP WITH **TRINITY LABAN** AND **THE PLACE** (EUROPE'S FOREMOST DANCE CONSERVATOIRES) WHERE OUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS WITH DANCE PRACTITIONERS AND LIVE MUSICIANS.
- MANY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN AUDITIONING FOR **LEADING YOUTH GROUPS** INCLUDING **IMD LEGION**, **BOY BLUE YOUTH** AND **CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING** SCHEMES AT **TRINITY LABAN** AND **THE PLACE**, WHERE THEY TRAIN, **CREATE AND PERFORM WITH THE INDUSTRY'S MOST NOTORIOUS CHOREOGRAPHERS AND DANCE ARTISTS**.
- OUR STUDENTS PERFORM ON SOME OF **THE WORLDS LARGEST STAGES** INCLUDING THE **HIP HOP INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ARIZONA**, **BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT**, **THE GREATEST DANCER** AND **MOVE IT!**
- STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OTHER ROUTES IN DANCE SUCH AS JOURNALISM ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH WRITERS FROM THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE'S PUBLICATION **THE DANCE GAZETTE**, WHERE THEY ARE MENTORED AND SUPPORTED TO WRITE THEIR OWN REVIEWS.
- OUR ALUMNI OPERATE WITHIN AN ARRAY OF CAREERS IN THE DANCE INDUSTRY INCLUDING- PERFORMING, CHOREOGRAPHING, TEACHING, DANCE PHYSIOTHERAPY, JOURNALISM, DANCE HISTORY, DANCE ADMINISTRATION, TO NAME BUT A FEW.



A LEVEL SUBJECTS

SUBJECT	EXAM BOARD
Art and Design and Graphic Design	AQA
Biology	AQA
Business	EDEXCEL
Chemistry	AQA
Computer Science	OCR
Design & Technology	OCR
Economics	AQA
English Literature	EDEXCEL
Geography	EDEXCEL
History	OCR
Maths	EDEXCEL
Further Maths	EDEXCEL
Physical Education	AQA
Physics	AQA
Psychology	AQA
Religious Studies	OCR
Sociology	AQA

BTEC SUBJECTS

Level 3 BTEC in Business

Level 3 BTEC in Performing Arts Dance

Level 3 BTEC in Sport

Level 3 BTEC in Information Technology

Level 3 BTEC in Applied Psychology

Subject specific information can be found on our website: www.barkingabbeysschool.co.uk

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

This is a programme for our top academic students who have achieved at least Grade 7 with an average point score of 50+. Students will need to be fully committed academically and have a strong desire to achieve the highest possible grades.

See website for further information.

GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING YOUR OPTIONS

- ALL students will study a minimum of 3 A Levels, one subject should be chosen from 3 of blocks A, B, C and D.
- You can mix A Levels with BTEC courses. e.g. Level 3 BTEC Business Diploma (Block A and B) (worth 2 A Levels) with another A Level subject from either Block C or Block D.
- You may decide to do a BTEC Extended Diploma worth 3 A Levels, for example, in Sport or Business.

Art and Design and Graphic Design



Why choose Art & Design or Graphic Design at Key Stage 5?

As a very successful department we aim to help pupils make progress from KS4 and to equip them with the creative and academic rigour necessary to be successful at 'A' level and in their future choices and careers. Pupils will learn to find their creative identity as they work with like-minded pupils in a thriving studio environment. They will become proficient in a wide variety of media. The skills learnt will be those required by further education and employers; discipline, perseverance, creative thinking and self-belief.

In Year 12, pupils will build upon a foundation of practical skills and academic study to help them to independently develop their own personal investigation which will constitute their coursework for 'A' level. The personal investigation reflects the individual passions, skills and interests of each pupil as they are taught how they design their own project which meets all of the assessment objectives. With the project constituting 60% of your mark as coursework, the skills in planning and designing a unit of work will then be applied to the theme you choose to from the exam paper given in Year 13.

Why choose Art & Design or Graphic Design at Barking Abbey?

- Consistently excellent success rates:
- 67% A*-B, 89% A*-C, A*-C 100% in Art and Graphic Design in 2020.
- Experienced teachers who will work with you, and will challenge you, in achieving your full potential.
- Fully accessible studio space for lessons and after school.

Possible career pathways

Art and Design can lead to a career in the UK's creative industries worth over £92bn...

- Architect
- Furniture /interior/ exhibition designer
- Photographer
- Digital designer, games designer
- Illustrator
- Film set designer, special effects work.
- Theatre designer. Make-up Artist.
- Publishing. Gallery owner

What do our students say about Art & Design or Graphic Design?

"Thank you for the motivation, inspiration, knowledge, kindness, support, patience and understanding. I now have a greater promise of a brighter and successful future in which I will never forget you all and your hard work."

"Thank you for teaching me in how to become a better artist. I've always enjoyed the lessons and Art will always play an important part in my life."

"Art ended up becoming the lesson I'd look forward to. The staff are supportive, kind, encouraging and even funny!"

Recent student university destinations

Universities are very keen for pupils to take 'A' levels in the creative arts and for those choices to be furthered at university level. Our students have progressed on to some of the country's leading universities such as:

- UCL-Bartlett School Of Architecture
- King's College, University Of London
- Birmingham University
- Goldsmiths, University London
- Hertfordshire University

Transferable/ Employable skills

Students will develop transferable skills that support higher education and the transition to employment, including:

- Critical thinking and analysis.
- Communication of ideas and how you convey them.
- Belief in a vision and to persevere in seeing it being fulfilled.
- Problem-solving, decision-making and reasoning.
- Commercial application of skills.
- Research and information gathering.
- Innovation and independence.

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr. Sizer - Head Of Art
Mrs. Harris - Head of KS5

Email/Social Media

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Biology



Why choose Biology at Key Stage 5?

Biology A-level will give you the skills to make connections and associations with all living things around you. Biology literally means the study of life - and if that's not important, what is? Being such a broad topic, you're bound to find a specific area of interest, plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

Why choose Biology at Barking Abbey?

We have seen many of our students accepted to study courses in Russell Group Universities based on their excellent results. We have a team of dedicated teachers with over 15 years teaching experience each to support our students to achieve their potential.

Recent student university destinations

Recent destinations include:
Cambridge: Medicine
Imperial: Biomedical sciences
UCL: Medicine

Possible career pathways

- Biology
- Psychology
- Sport and exercise science
- Medicine

Transferable/ Employable skills

A level biology is a highly-challenging and demanding course, therefore you will learn to: *Analyse data from experiments (**data-handling, analytical and problem-solving**) *Present findings of your research (**communication**) *Study and revise different units for the synoptic paper (**time-management and organisation**) *Working with others through practical work (**teamwork**).

What do our students say about Biology?

"Teachers are caring, helpful, and always ready to help."

"Enjoy plenary activities as they help to enhance my knowledge and understanding of the topics."

(Current year 12 students).

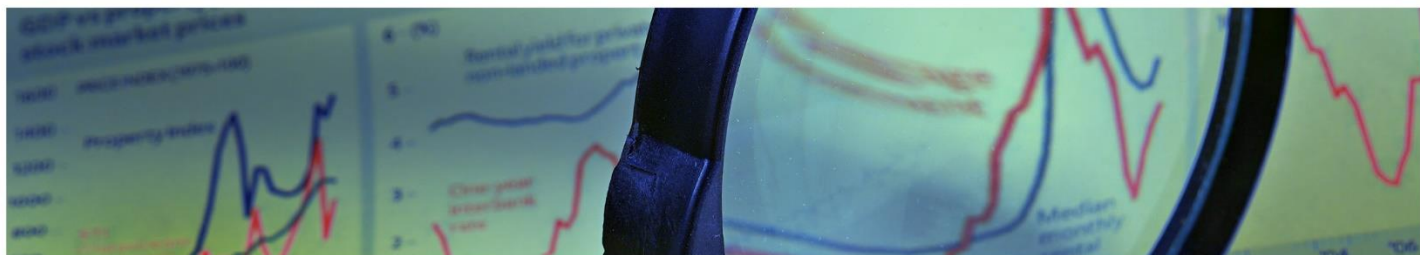
Key Stage 5 staff

Miss Maloney – Head of Biology/ Co- Head of Science
Mr Moloney- Biology teacher
Miss Frempong – Biology teacher
Miss Rajakumar– Biology Teacher

Email/Social Media

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Business



Why choose Business at Key Stage 5?

We aim for students to develop enthusiasm, passion and genuine curiosity for Business. By examining small and large businesses, students develop a critical understanding of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants. Whether students' progress to studying Business at Higher Education or not, they gain life skills and develop transferable employability skills. They will be able to understand current affairs with more clarity and confidence, as they have studied business behaviour from a range of stakeholder perspectives, but also examined the influence of the PESTLE factors, in an abundance of situations. This has allowed students to generate enterprising and creative approaches to business opportunities, problems and issues. Our young learners will be aware of the ethical dilemmas and responsibilities faced by organisations and individuals, as social trends are prominent throughout Business. Overall, students acquire a range of relevant business and generic skills, including independence, decision making, problem solving, the challenging of assumptions and critical analysis.

Why choose Business at Barking Abbey?

- A Level Business – we have experienced increasing demand for this qualification, and achieved 43% A*-B in 2020.
- BTEC National Level 3 – we offer the flexibility to combine studying a BTEC Diploma qualification worth 2 A Levels, with another A Level subject, or to study the Extended Diploma which is worth 3 A Levels. This course is challenging yet compromises a mixture of assessment methods including written examination, controlled assessment and coursework.

Possible career pathways

Business can lead to a magnitude of career options within exciting organizations, some including:

- Banking
- Financial management
- Advertising/Marketing
- Accounting
- HR (Human Resources)
- Law
- Public sector work
- Owner of your own business!

Key Stage 5 staff

Mrs Maisuria – Head of Department
 Miss Sharma – BTEC Co-ordinator/Teacher of Business
 Mrs Steadman – Head of 6th Form/Teacher of Business
 Ms Jones – Teacher of Business
 Mr Jeffrey – Head of Economics
 Mr Bukhari – Teacher of Business
 Mr Raja – Teacher of Business
 Miss Haque – Teacher of Business

Email/Social Media

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Recent student university destinations

Our students have progressed on to some of the country's leading universities:

- Queen Mary University of London
- Loughborough University
- City University of London (The Business School)
- Middlesex, University London
- Goldsmiths, University London
- Cardiff University
- Essex University

Transferable/ Employable skills

Students will develop transferable skills that support higher education and the transition to employment, including:

- Critical thinking
- Numeracy/financial planning
- Communication
- An understanding of the business environment
- Commercial awareness
- Decision making and reasoning
- Teamwork and relationship building
- Leadership

What do our students say about Business?

"The Business Department at BA is supportive and beneficial. All the teachers in the department do everything they can to make sure that I'm always on track and focused."

"Having studied Business since Year 9, and now in Sixth Form, I have found the department extremely helpful and committed to making us do well. Teachers will use their spare time to give extra feedback and support when necessary."

"The lessons are a mix between theory, activity and exam practise, which has made me feel confident and prepared for exams and Higher Education."

Chemistry



Why choose Chemistry at Key Stage 5?

The subject provides an important background for students who wish to study a technological, engineering or scientific subject at a higher level or work in a related field. It is a pre-requisite for all university courses into medicine. Studying chemistry provides you with a range of skills and knowledge that are highly valued by employers in all sectors and in lots of different jobs. You will also be taught the skills to perform practical work that will allow you to deepen your understanding of the chemistry concepts covered in the course.

Why choose Chemistry at Barking Abbey?

We have seen many of our students accepted to study courses in Russell Group Universities based on their excellent results. We have a team of dedicated teachers with over 15 years teaching experience each to support our students to achieve their potential.

Recent student university destinations

Cambridge: Medicine
KCL: Medicine/ Dentistry/ Pharmacy/ Pharmacology/
Biomedical science
Portsmouth: Biochemistry
QMUL: Pharmacology

Possible career pathways

Possible careers include:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Chemical Engineering
- Environmental sciences
- Veterinary science
- Nursing
- Industry and Research
- Forensics

and many more

Transferable/ Employable skills

A level chemistry is a highly-challenging and demanding course, therefore you will learn to: *Analyse data from experiments (**data-handling, analytical** and **problem-solving**)
*Present findings of your research (**communication**)
*Study and revise different units for the synoptic paper (**time-management** and **organisation**) *Working with others through practical work (**teamwork**).

Key Stage 5 staff

Ms Kapil – Head of Chemistry
Ms Baporia – Co-Head of Science
Mr Adebayo – Chemistry teacher
Mr Roe – Head Teacher

What do our students say about Chemistry?

"Chemistry teachers make sure you know what areas you need to improve on. The teaching is tailored to your ability and support is always given. The teachers help to ensure you are on top of your work. The amount of support given is amazing."

Email/Social Media

All enquiries can be emailed to:

For further information please contact Ms Kapil:
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Computer Science & ICT



Why choose Computer Science or IT at Key Stage 5?

We live in a digital age, and there is no going back. As we move towards the future, technology will keep developing and help us overcome problems for which we do not have a solution right now.

Computer Science and IT are now at the heart of modern society. Computer Science has dramatically changed the world we live in and the world needs Computer Scientists and IT professionals to create the future.

Why choose Computer Science at Barking Abbey?

****2018/19: 72% A-C****

- Well supported throughout with regular feedback
- Taught by experienced subject specialists who can guide you in your career aspirations
- State-of-the-art facilities with endless resources for your benefit

Possible career pathways

- Forensic Computer Games
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Computer Games Designer
- Software Engineer
- Web developer
- Database Administrator
- IT consultant

& many more

What do our students say about Computer Science & ICT?

"With the World's modern technological focus, Computer Science is becoming more useful every day. At Barking Abbey the teachers help make this subject really enjoyable and are always there to aid and assist your learning. The course is very rewarding, teaching us a range of topics from programming to computer components, and I am really grateful for being given the opportunity to learn about this subject in an enriching environment."

"Studying Computer Science at Barking Abbey has been a phenomenal experience and has offered me the opportunity to expand my problem solving skills and deepen my knowledge of the various sectors of the subject. The level of support in lessons is second to none."

Recent student university destinations

- King's College London
- Queen Mary
- Manchest
- The University of Nottingham

Transferable/ Employable skills

- Manage time, learn independently and take on responsibility
- Be effective communicators, capable of teamwork
- Design, program test and evaluate software systems
- Identify and handle ethical, social and legal issues in relation to software

Key Stage 5 staff

Mrs Wright: Head of Computing Department
Mr Ahmed: Teaching and Learning lead Computing
Mr Gillary: Teacher of Computing

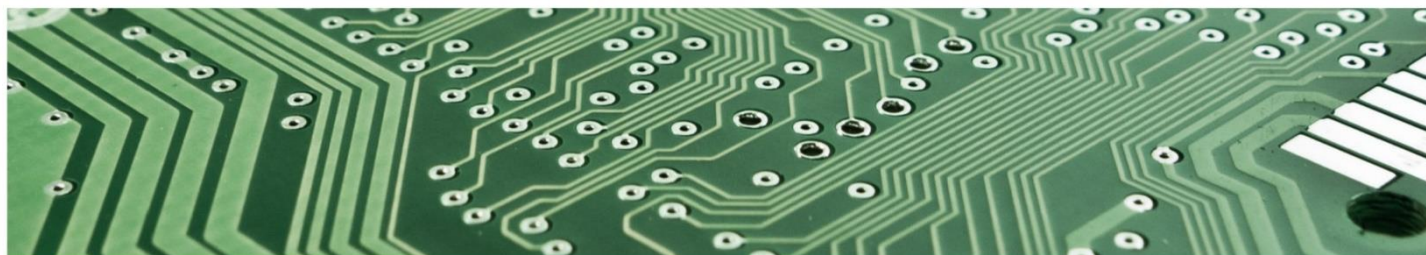
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Design Technology



Why choose Design Technology at Key Stage 5?

A level Design Technology (Product Design) is one of the most dynamic, relevant subjects for those considering any career in the 21st century. You will quickly master an extensive list of transferable skills such as problem solving, communication skills across a wide range of media, well-honed analytical skills, and a deep understanding of issues relating to global production, manufacturing and advertising.

We all love "new tech" and exciting products but DT allows you to understand how and why they have been designed and allows you to see what might be the "next big thing".

DT A level (Product Design) is a fantastic unifying subject across many other A levels such as Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Business studies and Art and Design.

Why choose Design Technology at Barking Abbey?

We are very lucky to have an extensive range of facilities from traditional machinery through to state of the art 3D printers and laser cutters.

We also have experienced Engineers as part of our support staff who can provide individual support at all times allowing students to develop their skills to that of degree level.

Possible career pathways

- All forms of Engineering
- Architecture
- Product Design
- Graphic Design
- Enterprise
- Manufacturing (Higher Degree Apprenticeships)

What do our students say about Design Technology?

"The DT teachers at Barking Abbey were so enthusiastic and always willing to spend extra time helping us with our project work and developing new skills we never thought we would have."

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr Cohen
Ms Bashorun
Mr Runglall

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Recent student university destinations

Some of our recent students have gone onto the following destinations;

- Loughborough University: Product Design
- Imperial University: Mechanical Engineering
- Ravensbourne University London: Multi Media Design

Transferable/ Employable skills

Being a Product Design student means possessing the following skills that make you desirable to employers and universities;

- Analytical skills
- Broad problem solving skills
- Communication skills, both verbal and visual
- High level of IT literacy
- Confidence and independence

Economics



Why choose Economics at Key Stage 5?

Economics A level offers an insight into how the UK economy operates in a global context. You will develop skills of analysis and learn to evaluate different economic policies. The course also offers an insight into how businesses compete and operate to maximise profits.

Why choose Economics at Barking Abbey?

By studying economics at Barking Abbey you will learn using a variety of class activities which are fun and well-paced. Regular assessments will help you track your progress and help you plan your revision. The lesson content is varied and offers plenty of up-to-date material and real life statistics to bring the course to life.

Possible career pathways

- Banking
- Finance
- Trading
- Management consultancy
- Civil Service
- Statistics
- Management
- Forecasting

What do our students say about Economics?

"We learn a different perspective on how the world operates."

"I learned how to write persuasive arguments."

"I enjoyed debating different issues around poverty and inequality."

Recent student university destinations

- Bristol University
- Reading university
- London School of Economics
- University of Central London
- Warwick University
- City University

Transferable/employable skills

- Ability to analyse statistics and information
- Ability to interpret different data sources
- Awareness of how businesses operate in the macroeconomy
- Skills of evaluation and making informed judgements
- Using economic models to explain and forecast economic data

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr J Jeffery
Mr U Raja

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English Literature



Why choose English Literature at Key Stage 5?

Studying English literature opens up a world of inspiration and creativity, whilst also nurturing skills that are essential for today's global environment. Literature helps to shape and define the world through the written word. It sharpens your own ability to write academically, debate eloquently, become analytical & insightful in your reading of texts whilst making thoughtful, relevant contextual references.

At Barking Abbey School, you will have the opportunity to Study English Literature at Advanced or AS Level. The ability to develop your skills of analysis, interpretation and self-expression thorough the introduction to essential literary genres in the shape of prose, poetry and drama texts. The chance to study the work of great canonical authors from Shakespeare to Chaucer as well as contemporary writers such as Margaret Atwood and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Whilst the taught texts will be led by two passionate teachers in the duration of the course, you'll have the freedom to work independently in your Non-Examination Assessment giving you autonomy to select your own choice of text.

Why choose English Literature at Barking Abbey?

- Enrichment opportunities with trips to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and English in Action led by expert speakers and poets.
- Extracurricular clubs such as 'The Literary Society' for avid readers and 'Context Club' for intellectuals looking to extend on critical theory.
- Our partnership with Penguin Publishing also sees us with many advantages from work experiences to visits from authors.

Possible career pathways

The study of Literature remains to be one of the most sought-after qualifications for employers because of its versatility. Naturally lending itself to the traditional, academic professions to more modern, innovative career pathways:

- Legal profession
- Advertising Agencies
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Television & Media Organisations
- Events Management
- Publishing Companies
- Journalism, Editorials
- Advisory work
- Researchers, Writers
- Librarians
- Education Consultants
- Teaching

Recent student university destinations

Our former Literature students have been successful in enrolling to prestigious Russel Group Universities in London as well as receiving scholarships to study abroad in America.

Key Stage 5 staff

The English department consists of teachers who are passionate in teaching Literature at an advanced level, with expert subject knowledge and various specialties including:

Mr Black (Shakespeare and 17th Century Drama)
Ms Howells (American Literature and Austen)
Mr Hussein (Study of Shakespeare and Chaucer)
Ms Khan (Postcolonial Literary & Cultural Studies)
Mr Raphael (Modernist Novels & Postmodern Poetry)
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Geography



Why choose Geography at Key Stage 5?

Geography is a highly valued, facilitating subject which bridges the divide across the physical and social sciences. You will learn about the world we live in through a range of human and physical topics, transforming your ability to engage with the world around you. A Level Geography is a stimulating and challenging subject, which looks at a range of issues that are relevant to students in the modern world, including migration, globalisation, hazards, climate change and water. These issues permeate almost every industry and are foremost in current and future government policy making due to their connections to economic security. Students are encouraged to develop enquiry skills, and through their investigation, gain an appreciation of the vital role that Geography has in the understanding and resolution of these scenarios.

Why choose Geography at Barking Abbey?

Geography is a well-respected and high achieving subject at Barking Abbey, and the department has achieved the prestigious Centre of Excellence Award 4 times.

Between us we have over 40 years experience of teaching A-Level Geography, and have developed excellent links with the exam board, enabling us to achieve consistently high results.

Possible career pathways

Studying Geography can give you a whole host of exciting career options, and at degree level, Geography is one of the most sought after subjects by employers. Geography can lead to a wide variety of careers including:

Urban Planning	International Relations
Charity work	Human Rights
Journalism	Law
Energy Supply	Hazard Management
Environmental Consultancy	Surveying

"A Geography degree offers a broad range of employment opportunities, allowing graduates to pursue a flexible and varied career path".

The Guardian

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Recent student university destinations

Recent destinations include:

Students who have completed this A Level have gone on to study a diverse range of courses at respected UK universities. These include:

- Queen Mary & LSE: Geography
- Leeds: Journalism
- Queen Mary: Dentistry
- Bristol: Economics & Management
- Southbank: Mechanical Engineering

Transferable/ Employable skills

*Cognitive Skills

- Non-routine problem solving – expert thinking, meta cognition, creativity
- Systems thinking – decision making and reasoning
- Critical thinking
- ICT literacy

* Interpersonal Skills

- Communication: gives you the skills and confidence to express yourself both verbally & in written form.
- Cross cultural understanding – Geography will give you a global outlook

*Numeracy Skills

**These skills will potentially help a geographer to stand out in the labour market.

History



Why choose History at Barking Abbey?

Track record of success:

2018 results

A*-A 52%

A*-B 82%

A-C 100%

2019-20 Similar results!

Get taught by experienced examiners

Our teachers have had experience in marking for various A level exam boards. For example, Miss Folorunsho has marked for OCR and has very strong links to senior examiners that create and quality assure the exam papers, therefore we can equip you in terms of attaining an A* or A.

Get taught by experts from Oxford University

Ms Hendly-Carter graduated from Oxford, therefore she can train you in getting into Oxbridge if you desire that route. She also has links to the top professors for the courses we study. These links will help widen your horizons and cultural capital through Q and A sessions with these historians.

Boost your Knowledge

People who study history are fearless explorers of the past. They investigate past politics, societies, cultures, languages, health, art, education, money, conflicts and more, look at how things have developed over time and connect the dots to understand how we got where we are today.

Opportunities to pursue your interest

The coursework unit of the A level course allows you to write an essay on any topic of history you find interesting. Most schools tell you what topic to do but at BA we allow you to pick what interests you. As a result students have based their coursework around diverse topics such as American Independence, Holocaust, war in Congo, decolonisation of Africa, Apartheid, Indian Independence etc .

Past students have said that the coursework element of our course was the biggest thing that set them up well for the independence and skills needed for University, especially for their dissertation.

Possible career pathways

It might be about the past, but there are plenty of careers in history that you can pursue today. Why study history? Because it's great news for your future!

- Law
- Academia
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Business
- Medicine

Key Stage 5 staff

Ms Folorunsho - Head of History
Ms Brunskill - Assistant Headteacher
Ms Khatun - History Teacher
Ms Hendly - Carter - History Teacher

Transferable/ Employable skills

Some of these skills include analysing, researching, communication and problem-solving. You'll also gain the ability to prioritise information and learn how to make vital decisions. This helps you to build a important skill-set needed for progression into university or a career.

Recent student university destinations

Students who have completed this A Level have gone on to study a diverse range of courses at respected UK universities. These include:

- Oxford
- Cambridge
- Most Russell Group universities such as: UCL, Glasgow, Warwick, Durham, Kings, Queen Mary etc

Between us we have over 30 years' experience of teaching A-Level History and have developed excellent links with the exam board enabling us to achieve consistently excellent results as a department. Our retention of staff is very high meaning that you will receive consistent high quality teaching and learning.

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A Level Maths

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cdot \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) dt$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(t) e^{-\frac{jn\pi t}{L}} dt$$

$$b(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cdot \sin(\omega t) \cdot dt$$

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n \cdot e^{\frac{jn\pi t}{L}}$$

$$C(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \cdot e^{-\frac{j\omega t}{L}} dt$$

Why choose A Level Maths at Key Stage 5?

A level mathematics is one of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects – so-called because choosing it at A-level allows a wide range of options for degree study. Sciences such as Biology, Chemistry and Physics use many mathematical techniques, and subjects such as Geography, Psychology and Sociology are likely to have components, which would benefit by those with some prior study of Mathematics.

Some of the most interesting, high profile and well-paid careers revolve around Mathematics. Careers in finance, computing, engineering, and business all demand people with these qualifications.

Maths is easily the most popular A level choice in the UK- over 86000 students chose it in 2019. Book your place on the journey to a bright and successful future!

Why choose A Level Maths at Barking Abbey?

- Excellent exam results, on average over the last 10 year 30% of our students got an A*/A and 75% got an A* to C grade.
- An experienced and dedicated team of A level teachers who provide a rich learning experience for over 150 students.
- Provision of mathematical enrichment that is unrivalled - In house Step/MAT preparation, UKMT SMC, British Maths Olympiad, Free maths festivals/shows and access to summer schools/maths programmes at universities such Imperial and LSE.
- 5 hours of teaching time per week and an after school maths support programme.
- Allocated a specialist A level maths teacher as a form tutor.

Possible career pathways

Here are a selection of possible careers that A level Maths could lead into

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| • Acoustic consultant | • Statistician |
| • Actuarial analyst | • CAD technician |
| • Actuary | • Civil Service fast streamer |
| • Astronomer | • Financial manager |
| • Chartered accountant | • Financial trader |
| • Chartered certified accountant | • Game designer |
| • Data analyst | • Insurance underwriter |
| • Data scientist | • Machine learning engineer |
| • Investment analyst | • Meteorologist |
| • Research scientist (maths) | • Operational researcher |
| • Secondary school teacher | • Quantity surveyor |
| • Software engineer | |
| • Sound engineer | |

This list is not exhaustive, medicine, dentistry, optics, investment banking are all open to a strong mathematician.

Recent student university destinations

We have been highly successful in placing our students in top universities across the UK.

Students have regularly been accepting places from:-

- Cambridge (Maths, Physics)
- Oxford (Maths, Physics)
- LSE (Economics and PPE)
- Warwick (Maths)
- Imperial (Engineering and Maths)
- Kings, UCL, QMW, Nottingham, Manchester, Bristol, City... (Range of degrees)

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr Chokshi (Bsc Hons in Maths)- Head of KS5 Maths Teaching A level/Further Maths since 1994 at grammar and comprehensive schools in Essex

Mr Sapal (Bsc Hons in Physics)- A level/FM teacher Teaching A level/Further Maths and A level Physics in grammar and comprehensive schools since 1999

Mr Hussain (BEng Computing)- A level teacher since 2006

Mr Falzon – Assistant Head teacher and A level teacher since 1985

Miss Taylor – HOD and A level teacher in numerous schools across Essex since 1992

Mr Thamarajah – A level teacher since 2009

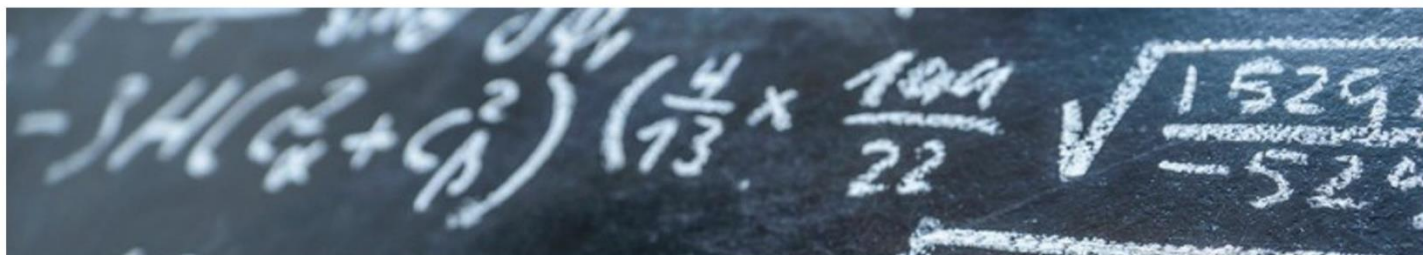
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A Level Further Maths



Why choose A Level Further Maths at Key Stage 5?

Further Maths is the gold standard, required, by many top universities for Mathematics, Science and Engineering courses, as well as Computing and Economics. It is studied alongside A level Mathematics.

If you have a love of mathematics, then Further Maths is the perfect match for you.

You will develop your problem skills to a very high level and become fluent in the art of passing STEP and MAT exams.

You will experience a range of mathematics from Complex Numbers to Polar Curves in Pure Maths moving onto Probability Generating Functions in Statistics and modelling Elastic Collisions in 2D in Mechanics.

Much of the maths you will encounter is akin to 1st year degree mathematics. Many universities have a reduced entry requirement if Further Maths is one of the A levels being studied.

Why choose A Level Further Maths at Barking Abbey?

- Excellent exam results, on average over the last 10 years. The majority of the grades are at A* to C, enabling access to the best universities in the country.
- An experienced and dedicated team of A level teachers who provide a rich learning experience for over 150 students.
- Provision of mathematical enrichment that is unrivalled- In house Step/MAT preparation, UKMT SMC, British Maths Olympiad, Free maths festivals/shows and access to summer schools/maths programmes at universities such Imperial and LSE.
- 10 hours per week for Further Maths-after school maths support programme.
- Specialist A level maths teacher as a form tutor.

Possible career pathways

Here are a selection of possible careers that A level Maths could lead into

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Acoustic consultant | • Statistician |
| • Actuarial analyst | • CAD technician |
| • Actuary | • Civil Service fast streamer |
| • Astronomer | • Financial manager |
| • Chartered accountant | • Financial trader |
| • Chartered certified accountant | • Game designer |
| • Data analyst | • Insurance underwriter |
| • Data scientist | • Machine learning engineer |
| • Investment analyst | • Meteorologist |
| • Research scientist (maths) | • Operational researcher |
| • Secondary school teacher | • Quantity surveyor |
| • Software engineer | |
| • Sound engineer | |

This list is not exhaustive, medicine, dentistry, optics, investment banking are all open to a strong mathematician.

Recent student university destinations

We have been highly successful in placing our students in top universities across the UK. Since further maths was introduced, students have regularly been accepting places from:-

- Cambridge (Maths, Physics)
- Oxford (Maths, Physics)
- LSE (Economics and PPE)
- Warwick (Maths)
- Imperial (Engineering and Maths)
- Kings, UCL, QMW, Nottingham, Manchester, Bristol, City... (Range of degrees)

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A Level Physical Education



Why choose PE at Key Stage 5?

Studying A Level Physical Education will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the non-exam assessment component, you will also develop a wide ranging knowledge into the how and why of Physical activity and sport.

Why choose PE at Barking Abbey?

We are a hugely popular and successful department with amazing A level achievements and students consistently outperforming their other options in PE.

2020 – A*-C 96%
2019 – A*-C 46%
2018 – A*-C 90%

Possible career pathways

Physical education lends itself to a range of careers in sports and fitness as well as other industries that you may not have considered before. For example, did you know that many nutritionists, physical therapists and chiropractors have a degree in PE? Some careers that you could consider doing with PE include:

- Sports science
- PE teacher
- Physiotherapist
- Professional sportsperson
- Sports coach/consultant
- Sports policy at local and national level
- Diet and fitness instructor
- Personal trainer

What do our students say about PE?

"including my practical ability in an A level helped me achieve my A**"

"I enjoyed the wide variety of topics, it made it interesting and I learned a lot about all aspects of PE"

"I was able to relate many of the theories and strategies to help improve my own performance in sport, real life applications made this easier to understand"

Key Stage 5 staff

Miss Blaney – Head of PE
Mr Leather – A Level specialist
Mr Cope – A level specialist and Head of Year 7

Recent student university destinations

Recent destinations include:

- Jacksonville State, USA: Exercise science
- Louisiana State, USA: Sport science
- Loughborough: Sport and exercise science
- Essex: Physiotherapy
- Winchester: Physiotherapy
- Birmingham: Sport, exercise and health science
- Birmingham: Sport and physical education

Transferable/ Employable skills

Communications skills

Through playing team sports and problem solving with others, you'll develop clear communication skills that will help you in the workplace.

Analysis and evaluation

A-Level PE involves analysing your own and others' performance while looking for ways it could be improved. This is a particularly useful skill to have in your career as you'll often have to critique your own work and identify areas for improvement

Leadership Skills

Group work, team sports and coaching activities help to develop leadership skills as well as an analysis on how we learn new skills all improve leadership skills.

Social skills

Physical education is a very social subject and can involve a lot of group work. You'll learn how communicate and socialise with people in an effective way. When you start working, you'll encounter people from a range of different backgrounds, each with different personalities. Studying PE will help you learn how to best communicate with people in a team in order to produce the best results.

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Physics



Why choose Physics at Key Stage 5?

Physics and the problem-solving skills it develops is useful in many different job families including agriculture, plans and land, environmental sciences, construction, engineering and manufacturing, medicine and nursing, medical technology, and science and research.

Why choose Physics at Barking Abbey?

You will be able to draw on the expertise, experience and enthusiasm of our knowledgeable teaching staff, and in addition have access to our well-resourced facilities and specialist Physics practical resources. Physics is a great subject, and we look forward to working with you!

Recent student university destinations

- Oxford: Physics
- Cambridge: Medicine
- KCL: Medicine
- London Southbank: Therapeutic Radiography

Possible career pathways

- Aerospace engineer
- Airline pilot
- Architect
- Astronaut
- Astronomer
- Civil engineer
- Geoscientist
- Geotechnician
- Medical physicist
- Nuclear engineer
- Oceanographer
- Palaeontologist
- Pathologist
- Physicist
- Psychiatrist
- Surgeon
- Biomedical engineer
- Broadcast engineer
- Building services engineer
- Clinical engineer
- Telecommunications engineer
- Television/film producer
- Veterinary surgeon
- Zookeeper
- Electrician
- General practitioner
- Hospital doctor
- Lighting technician
- Mining engineer
- Offshore drilling worker
- Paediatrician
- Petroleum engineer
- Pharmacologist
- Plumber
- Teacher
- Prosthetist and orthotist
- Quantity surveyor
- Radiographer
- Software developer

Transferable/ Employable skills

- Teamwork
- Technical ability
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Organisation
- Numeracy
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Administration
- Analytics
- Discipline
- IT
- Ability to understand technical plans

What do our students say about Physics?

"Every day is a new challenge, the idea of learning about physics concepts that happen all around us is very fascinating."

"The variety within the subject- physics offers more than just math and mechanics. You gain a wide range of skills from the course."

"I am enjoying learning about new concepts and solving maths problems within the subject."

"Exploring fascinating principles, from quantum phenomena to astrophysics, and being able to utilise my knowledge of these topics to solve challenging yet rewarding problems."

"The teaching style is interesting and so is the course"

Key Stage 5 staff

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Psychology



Why choose Psychology at Key Stage 5?

Why do some people feel they are not born the 'right' sex? How can we best treat people with OCDs/depression? Why do we remember experiences years ago and forget others? What is the role of prison in modern day society? A-level Psychology will help you to make sense of how the brain works and the impact this has on our behaviour. You will learn a number of skills including the use of research evidence to support your arguments, to learn new facts about how the brain works and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society and culture you live in and to everyday life; plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

Why choose Psychology at Barking Abbey?

We are one of the most popular A-Levels and as a Science, Psychology is highly regarded at prestigious universities especially.

"Despite never having studied Psychology before, it is my favourite subject as there are so many new and interesting things to learn. Psychology relates to real life as I use my memory all the time and the way I act is socially influenced by others. I've particularly enjoyed the discussions in class where there have been debates about criminality, gender dysphoria and obedience to authority as it has given me a chance to voice my opinion in class, backed up by evidence"

Possible career pathways

Studying Psychology can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Law
- Clinical psychology/medicine
- Sports psychology
- Counsellor
- Forensic psychology
- Teaching

What do our students say about Psychology?

"It's very practical as we get to carry out psychological experiments and observations to back up our understanding".

"We get to learn about why people have phobias, why human and animals attach, criminal profiling and androgyny, amongst other topics. It's fun. What's not to like about it?"

Recent student university destinations

Students who have completed this A Level have gone on to study a diverse range of courses at respected UK universities. These include:

- UCL, Kings and Queen Mary: BSc Psychology
- UCL: Studying Law

Transferable/ Employable skills

- Gives you the skills and confidence to express yourself both verbally and in written form (communication)
- Enable you to be a critical thinker (analytical)
- Enhances a statistical understanding of psychological behaviours/treatments (**mathematical**)

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr Warner – Head of Psychology Department
Ms Allen – Psychology Teacher

Between us we have over 15 years' experience of teaching A-Level Psychology.

The HOD is an experienced AQA examiner and is a Team Leader for Paper 3. We have excellent links with the exam board enabling us to continually review and improve student performance.

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Religious Studies



Why choose Religious Studies at Key Stage 5?

- A very popular subject which is open to those who have done GCSE RS and those who have not.
- The A Level is widely accepted at all universities as an entrance to the vast majority of degree courses.
- Students find the study of Philosophy and Ethics thought provoking and see the world in a different way.
- The subject develops essay writing skills, evaluation and trains you to become a champion at arguing.

Why choose Religious Studies at Barking Abbey?

- It is a very popular subject at A Level and has been for a number of years. Currently there are 4 classes running with nearly 80 students studying the subject.
- There is a strong and experienced teaching team who deliver the subject in an interesting and effective way.
- Students perform well in the subject with over 80% achieving grades A* - C.
- Interesting and stimulating course content.

Possible career pathways

The A Level in this subject opens up an enormous possibility of career opportunities which are not always subject related. These can include:

- Law
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Journalism
- Management
- Computing

Recent student university destinations

- University of Kent: Philosophy
- Queen Mary: Sociology
- SOAS: History
- University of Birmingham: Computer Science
- Oxford: Study Law

Our Religious Studies alumni currently work in the following areas:

- Religious Studies teachers in local schools
- Barrister and other legal posts
- Primary School teachers
- Computing Engineering
- Business and Finance

Key Stage 5 staff

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Sociology



Why choose Sociology at Key Stage 5?

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you? Whether men or women are more likely to commit a crime? A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all. You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts, and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society you live in so you are bound to enjoy learning about topics that are relevant to everyday life; plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

Why choose Sociology at Barking Abbey?

We are one of the most popular A-Level subjects in the Sixth Form and achieve consistently excellent exam results.

2019: A*/B 40%

2018: A*/B 54%

Between us we have over 30 years' experience of teaching A-Level Sociology and have developed excellent links with the exam board enabling us to achieve consistently excellent results as a department.

Possible career pathways

Studying sociology can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Social work
- Advertising
- Policing
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Law
- Teaching

The skills you learn in sociology are marketable and having it on your CV shows you understand the world around you. More and more employers see it as a highly desirable subject.

What do our students say about Sociology?

"Despite having no understanding of sociology before Year 12, it has quickly become my favourite subject and opened my eyes to things in society that I hadn't noticed before. Sociology is very relevant to everyday life as well as relatable and interesting. I've really enjoyed this course as it has given me a chance to voice my opinion in class."

Recent student university destinations

Students who have completed this A Level have gone on to study a diverse range of courses at respected UK universities. These include:

- Greenwich University: Social Work
- LSE: Sociology BA
- University College London: Social Sciences / Law

Transferable/employable skills Sociology will...

- Give you the skills and confidence to express yourself both verbally and in written form (**communication**)
- Enable you to think critically (**analytical**)
- Give you a global outlook (**cross-cultural understanding**)
- Help you to influence and motivate others by extracting data to create a compelling argument (**leadership**)

Key Stage 5 staff

Ms Pudney – Head of Sociology Department
Mrs Hackin – Sociology Teacher
Ms Allen – Sociology and Psychology Teacher

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LEVEL 3 BTEC

Business

Dance

Information Technology

Psychology

Sport

(Please read the following information carefully)

What makes vocational Qualifications different?

- Students develop skills, knowledge and understanding in the vocational area they are studying.
- Each vocational course is made up of a number of units, allowing students to build up their qualification in stages.
- Students are assessed through coursework and examinations.
- Students produce evidence for their key skills qualification through their vocational course.
- Students take responsibility for their own learning by planning their work, doing research and regularly reviewing their progress.

Why do we offer these BTEC courses?

- They prepare students for the world of work and provide a good starting point for other qualifications such as NVQs that can be studied in the workplace.
- Employers value the qualities that vocational students bring to the workplace e.g. organisation, time management, communication and research skills.
- Universities value the independent study skills that vocational students bring to their courses.
- The courses are flexible so that they meet the needs of a wide range of students. They are available at different levels in a variety of formats. They can be taken alongside other qualifications such as traditional A levels.
- They give students the opportunity to try a range of activities such as designing products, organising events, investigating how professionals work and working in teams.

Level 3 BTEC Dance



Why choose Dance at Key Stage 5?

Dance is not only an excellent subject in its own right but also facilitates the development of transferable life and employability skills such as innovation, collaboration, resilience, self-discipline and leadership. Studying Dance will enable you to stand out within applications for university, apprenticeships and careers within the industry and beyond. In a world that is ever evolving in new technology and innovations, it is a desired skill for individuals to demonstrate creativity alongside academia. Regardless of your desired career and Post 18 pathway, it has been continually proven that Dance is a valued subject to have 'the edge' over other candidates.

Join the BA Dance Family

Why choose Dance at Barking Abbey?

Barking Abbey Sixth Form's Dance Department can offer you the following:

- 100% Distinction*-Merit success rate
- 100% audition success rate and unconditional offers onto undergraduate Dance courses
- Level 3 National Diploma in BTEC Dance (2 A Levels)
- Level 3 Extended Certificate in BTEC Dance (1 A Level)
- Professional dance training in all dance genres
- Thriving and supportive learning environment
- Industry insight and experience
- Audition preparation, UCAS support and Apprenticeship opportunities
- Professionally trained teachers

Opportunities

- Do you want to work with some of the UK's leading dance companies and conservatoires such as Boy Blue, IMD Legion, Trinity Laban and The Place?
- Termly in-house performances and projects with industry professionals
- Workshops, mentoring and seminars with professional dance companies
- Annual performances at The Barking Broadway Theatre
- Audition opportunities for youth groups such as Boy Blue Youth, and Centre for Advanced Training schemes
- Work experience

Student Credits

The Brit Awards
The MTV and EMA Awards
Street Dance the Movie
Music videos for various artists (Kanye West, Stormzy, Little Mix, etc)
Move IT!
Hip Hop International Dance Championships (Arizona)
Britain's Got Talent

Careers in Dance

Our alumni currently work in the following roles within the dance industry:

Choreographer, Performer, Teacher (any subject), Arts Administrator, Journalist, Dance Critic, Dance Teacher, Physiotherapist, Dance Historian, Costume/set/lighting Technician, Management Specialist, Youth Worker, Events Planner, Yoga/Pilates/Personal Training, Dance FilmMaker, Academic Researcher/Lecturer, Dance Videographer/Photographer, Rehearsal Director, Movement Therapist, Tour Manager, Press and Public Relations Specialist.

Student destinations

- London Contemporary Dance School
- Trinity Laban
- Royal Academy of Dance
- Middlesex University
- Urdang
- London Studio Centre
- Bird College
- Tiffany Theatre College

Key Stage 5 staff

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BTEC Information Technology



Why choose Btec Information Technology at Key Stage 5?

Technology is synonymous to our century. Information technology is an industry that continues to grow and develop. IT is certainly the field with the highest abundance of job opportunities in many parts of the world. Even when other fields are shrinking in availability sometimes, IT is always constantly growing and providing opportunities for work.

Why choose Information Technology at Barking Abbey?

- Well supported throughout with regular feedback
- Taught by experienced subject specialists who can guide you in your career aspirations
- State-of-the-art facilities with endless resources for your benefit

Possible career pathways

- Applications Developers
- Systems analysts
- Software architects
- IT support technicians
- Systems project managers
- Software engineers
- Technical and network support professionals
- Web specialist and developers

And Many More...

What do our students say about Information Technology?

"ICT is one of my favourite subjects. The course in itself is enjoyable and rewarding, the teachers are very experienced and help out whenever you need it. I would definitely recommend IT to a student who is considering it as a possible career path as it provides essential knowledge for everyday life and the field is becoming a very promising industry."

"Already having an interest in Information Technology, I found this course to be very enjoyable, teaching me the fundamentals from in-depth problem solving to coding. I would recommend this course to anyone with an interest in computers or software as this is a very lucrative industry."

Recent student university destinations

- University of Exeter
- Queen Mary University
- University of Manchester
- University of Birmingham
- University of Southampton

Transferable/ Employable skills

- Show initiatives and leadership abilities
- Manage and prioritise workload and time effectively
- Write accurately clearly and concisely in variety of styles
- Gather, interpret and analyse information
- Effectively use computers and technology

Key Stage 5 staff

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BTEC Applied Psychology



Why choose BTEC Applied Psychology at Key Stage 5?

Why do some people feel they are not born the 'right' sex? Does the advertising of food products have any impact on how much or what we actually eat? Why might we not be very good eyewitnesses? Are young people addicted to using mobile phones? How do we explain and best treat any sort of addictions? BTEC Psychology will help you to make sense of how the brain works and the impact this has on our behaviour. You will learn a number of skills including the use of research evidence to support your arguments, to learn new facts about how the brain works and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society and culture you live in and to everyday life; plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

Why choose BTEC Applied Psychology at Barking Abbey?

This is the first year that the course has been run at Barking Abbey. It offers an exciting addition to the A-Level that is offered and would suit students who like a combination of coursework and exams (Two pieces of coursework and two exams). It enables students to plan and carry out research into various aspects of the course.

Possible career pathways

Studying BTEC Psychology can give you a range of career options, including:

- Sports Psychology
- Counsellor
- Forensic Psychology
- Teaching

What do our students say about BTEC Applied Psychology?

"It's very practical as we get to carry out psychological experiments, questionnaires and observations to back up our understanding."

"We get to learn about why people conform, why people get stressed, why people commit crime and how best to change their behaviour amongst other topics. It's fun. What's not to like about it?"

Recent student university destinations

This is the first year that BTEC Psychology has been offered to Barking Abbey students. As it is equivalent to one A-Level it is a very useful addition to other BTEC or A-Level courses to apply to a range of university courses.

Transferable/ Employable skills

- Gives you the skills and confidence to express yourself both verbally and in written form (**communication**)
- Enable you to be a critical thinker (**analytical**)
- Enables you to carry out research into areas of Psychology (**mathematical**)

Key Stage 5 staff

Mr Warner – Head of Psychology Department

The Head of Department has taught A-Level Psychology for over 15 years.

The HOD is an experienced AQA examiner and is a Team Leader for A-Level and so is very knowledgeable about the taught areas.

Email/Social Media

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Level 3 BTEC National in Sport



Why choose BTEC Sport at Barking Abbey Sixth Form?

Sport is not only an exceptional subject in its own right, but it also facilitates the development of transferable life and employability skills, such as innovation, collaboration, resilience, self-discipline and leadership. If you want a hands-on course that gives you the opportunity to develop your practical skills and specialist knowledge that you will need to kick-start your career, then BTEC Nationals are a winning choice for you! Undertaking this qualification will enable you to stand out within applications for university, apprenticeships and careers within the industry and beyond. Did you know England Rugby star Jack Nowell studied a BTEC, as well as Team GB gymnast Rebecca Tunney and swimmer Molly Renshaw? It's not just professional athletes who are winning with BTEC; there are thousands of talented coaches and trainers who are enjoying successful careers, thanks to this qualification.

Barking Abbey's Physical Education Department can offer you the following:

- Level 3 National Diploma in Sport (2 A Levels)
- Level 3 National (Extended Diploma) in Sport (3 A-Levels)
- 100% Distinction* – Pass success rate
- Unconditional offers onto undergraduate Sport courses
- Scholarships into leading universities
- both in the UK and United States
- Thriving and supportive learning environment
- Industry insight and experience
- UCAS support and Apprenticeship opportunities

Careers in PE & Sport

Our alumni currently work in the following roles within the PE and Sport industry:

Teaching, Sports Development, Sports Journalism, Sports Marketing, Commentator, Leisure Centre Managers, Fitness / Gym Instructors, Head of Outdoor Centres, Swimming Teachers, Recreation Assistants, Lifeguards, Pilates or Yoga Instructors, Community Health Officers, Elite Performance Coaches, Sports Analysts, Physiotherapists, Sports Therapists, Strength and Conditioning Coaches, Nutritionists, Sports Events Managers.

Opportunities

Do you want to work with some of the UK's Sporting Professions? If so, choose this course because you will get the chance to have:

- Involvement in the schools' enrichment programme, but in particular, the sporting opportunities we have on offer
- Meet with industry experts in the field of sports science, sports psychology, sports coaching and sports development
- Attend university workshops / seminars
- Complete additional sports related qualifications e.g., Sports Leadership
- Links with local businesses to complete work experience

All of which, will provide you with the core knowledge and skills you will need to progress to university, apprenticeships or employment.

Social Media

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Student Destinations

United Kingdom	United States of America
Bath University	Akron University, Ohio
University of Brighton	Butler College, Kansas
University of Chichester	Fresno Pacific, California
University of Exeter	Louisiana State University
Loughborough University	Itawamba College
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