



# LONGSANDS SIXTH FORM **PROSPECTUS 2026**

Giving you the opportunity to  
*learn, thrive and succeed*

“ Longsands Sixth Form helps to foster our independence as we can take responsibility for our learning. We also have our own facilities which supports both focussed study and time where we can socialise.

- Year 13 scholar



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# Welcome from the **EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL**

## **Welcome to Longsands Sixth Form**

Thank you for showing an interest in our ambitious Sixth Form. Located at the heart of the St Neots community, Longsands Sixth Form is a thriving 16-18 provider. Our mission is simple yet powerful: to provide an exceptional education that aids our young people to learn, thrive and succeed.

Our staff are deeply committed to helping scholars achieve their very best, and in return, our scholars are eager to succeed. This partnership leads to excellent academic outcomes and rich personal achievements - whether through trips, additional study, or exciting career opportunities.

The key to successful post-16 education is a broad and balanced curriculum, taught by passionate subject specialists, enabling every scholar to pursue ambitious pathways that match their talents and aspirations. At Longsands Sixth Form, we deliver exactly that. We develop curious minds and instill strong values that prepare our scholars to thrive in life beyond education. Our Sixth Form offers a strong core of traditional A Level subjects, complemented by a diverse range of additional options.

Learning extends far beyond the classroom. Scholars enjoy a programme of extra-curricular activities, from competitive sports and clubs to trips and additional study.

Our purpose-built Sixth Form building provides dedicated spaces for independent study and socialisation, and we are investing further in our facilities to support learning. We are very excited about the future developments that will enhance our Sixth Form even more.

As Executive Principal, I am proud of what Longsands Sixth Form provides, and want the very best for every young person in our care. Please take the time to read about what our Sixth Form offers. I look forward to welcoming you.

**Francis Bray**  
Executive Principal





# SIXTH FORM REFURBISHMENT

We are delighted to share our exciting plans for the refurbishment of our Sixth Form building over the coming years.

A total of £700k will be invested by Astrea Academy Trust into the Sixth Form to provide improved facilities such as a café and spaces for learning and socialising.

This building is exclusive to our Sixth Form scholars, providing them with their own facilities separate from the main school.

The work will be completed in phases during 2026, aiming to be completed by September 2026, ready for the next cohort, offering a vibrant, purpose-built space for study and socialising.

**I am delighted to share these exciting plans with our school community. This investment will create a vibrant, modern Sixth Form centre that our scholars truly deserve.**

**We aim to complete the work during the summer holidays to avoid any disruption to learning, and I can't wait to see our new space in action. It will be a fantastic place for young people to study, socialise and prepare for their future.**

- Francis Bray, Executive Principal

Please note, the Sixth Form reserves the right to amend or cancel any refurbishment plans.

# *Support* **SCHOLAR SUPPORT**

Our exceptional and comprehensive system of pastoral care at Year 12 and 13 ensures that all our scholars are individually supported to achieve their very best.

At the start of Year 12, each scholar will be allocated a tutor who will be their point of contact. As well as daily group meetings, tutors will meet with scholars on a one-to-one basis every three weeks for academic coaching to help carefully monitor their progress.

The happiness and wellbeing of our scholars is vital to their success in school. Our pastoral support system ensures that no scholar slips through the net, and all have access to any support they need to flourish.

The support offered to scholars can take many forms, from developing time management and planning skills, to life goals and mental health and wellbeing support.

Our high expectations regarding scholar behaviour ensures an excellent atmosphere in which to learn. In the Sixth Form, we recognise scholars are young adults and respond to this by providing greater freedom. However, it is also important to maintain high levels of support and have monitoring procedures in place to ensure that with this greater freedom, standards and progress do not slip.

**We provide a supportive and happy environment for our scholars to study in.**



# *Belonging*

## **BELONGING**

In order to create a sense of teamwork, belonging, and to inspire scholars, we have a House system that all scholars and staff feel proud to be part of.

Houses are led by Captains, Vice Captains and Junior Vice Captains who will lead their House through our core values.

### **AUSTEN**

represents the Longsands values of cultural understanding and creativity

### **DARWIN**

represents the Longsands values of dedication, perseverance and hard work

### **HAWKING**

represents the Longsands value of achievement

### **SEACOLE**

represents the Longsands values of respect and development of moral awareness

### **TURING**

represents the Longsands values of skills and appreciation of diversity

Many different activities and events are organised each year through the House system. House points are awarded to scholars who display positive behaviours, and make a valuable contribution to the life of the Sixth Form and the wider school, all of which will contribute to the House Cup being awarded to the winning House at the end of the academic year.

# Enrichment

Our Sixth Form scholars have a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills and passions outside the classroom. They are encouraged to take part in our extensive range of extra-curricular activities, and we work with our scholar body to ensure that we offer opportunities that are inclusive of all tastes and talents, including sports and creative projects.

Sixth Form subjects run a host of curriculum enrichment activities, including popular trips. Scholars can also take part in a range of extra-curricular activities and clubs run throughout the academy.

Our enrichment opportunities include a broad range of experience based learning, so that our young people develop the life skills essential for post-18 opportunities.

We also support our Sixth Form scholars to take on leadership opportunities – whether that is taking on a new responsibility or acting as a positive role model for scholars in the main school. Sixth Form scholars can become academic leaders and mentors to inspire younger scholars in the main school, and explore their own passions through the Extended Project Qualification (see page 18). Additionally, scholars can build their leadership capabilities in a range of sports including football, rugby and netball.

These opportunities also help strengthen university and job applications and interview discussions.





# *Charity* LONGSANDS CHARITY PAINT RUN

**Sixth Form take part annually in organising a Charity Paint Run. This helps fund events for the Sixth Form such as Prom, and allows us to give back to a chosen charity.**

The scholars very much enjoy this explosion of colour and exercise, running (and dodging paint) around a 2k course on the school field! We come together for this event in fancy

dress and crazy 'safety' glasses which always creates a fun atmosphere! We look forward to what this year brings and hope to raise as much money as we can.

Throughout the year, we also take part in Wear It Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Each event is embedded in the Sixth Form calendar and very much supported.

# PREPARING YOU FOR LATER LIFE

We are very aware of the intense competition for places at the most prestigious universities and top employers. We work hard to ensure all scholars are well informed about future choices, and that they have a smooth transition to the next stages of their lives.



## CAREERS DEVELOPMENT

Scholars take part in a comprehensive careers programme including topics such as; exploring careers options, UCAS application writing, and interview preparation. Intensive one-to-one support from our skilled and experienced tutor team ensures that every scholar can make informed decisions about their future and is fully equipped to make successful applications to their chosen destinations.



## LONGSANDS ALUMNI

Scholars are encouraged to keep in touch and maintain strong links with the school through the alumni scheme, and we are always thrilled to hear about the successes of our former scholars.



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have put together a comprehensive Personal Development programme and a range of learning opportunities to ensure that you are fully prepared to manage both your current lives and also your future experiences.



**“I received lots of help with my personal statement and university applications.”**

- Year 13 scholar

# POST SIXTH FORM LIFE SKILLS

At Longsands Sixth Form, we feel it's imperative we prepare our scholars for life both during and beyond their time in Sixth Form. For this reason, we have a Personal Development (PD) programme that is taught across three strands – Relationships, Health and Wellbeing, and Living in the Wider World.

## **As part of your Personal Development studies you will be encouraged to:**

- Develop a clear sense of direction for your chosen career and take proactive steps to pursue it by exploring labour market trends and educational opportunities that support your goals.
- Have a clear understanding of the learning pathways and qualifications that you will need to pursue your career.
- Actively research and reflect on workplaces, their culture, and expectations.
- Assess and manage risk and personal safety in a wide range of contexts, including online.
- Recognise and challenge prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination, and to understand rights and responsibilities.
- Take appropriate actions to improve your physical and mental wellbeing.
- Manage your own money and plan your finances (e.g. budgeting, borrowing, debt, and credit agreements).
- Successfully manage your online presence.
- Recognise and manage negative influence, manipulation, and persuasion in a variety of contexts, including online.
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships.

# SCHOLAR GRADES



A LEVEL RESULTS DAY 2025

In September 2025, we celebrated the successes of our Year 13 scholars who collected their A Levels.

## AMONG OUR HIGH ACHIEVERS WERE:

**Vinnie H:** 3 A\*s and 1 A. Earning him a place at Warwick University to study Physics.

**Mia F:** 2 A\*s and 1 A secured her a place at Oxford University to study Biochemistry.

**Bethany W:** 2 A\*s and 1 A. Bethany went on to Brunel University to study Physiotherapy.

**Megan C:** 3 As. Megan went to Lancaster to study Medicine.

**Daniel S:** 3 As. Daniel secured a place at Sheffield to study Computer Science.

**Eva H:** 3 Bs means Eva got into Sheffield Hallam to study Physical Education.

# MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS 2025

**57%**  
Started university

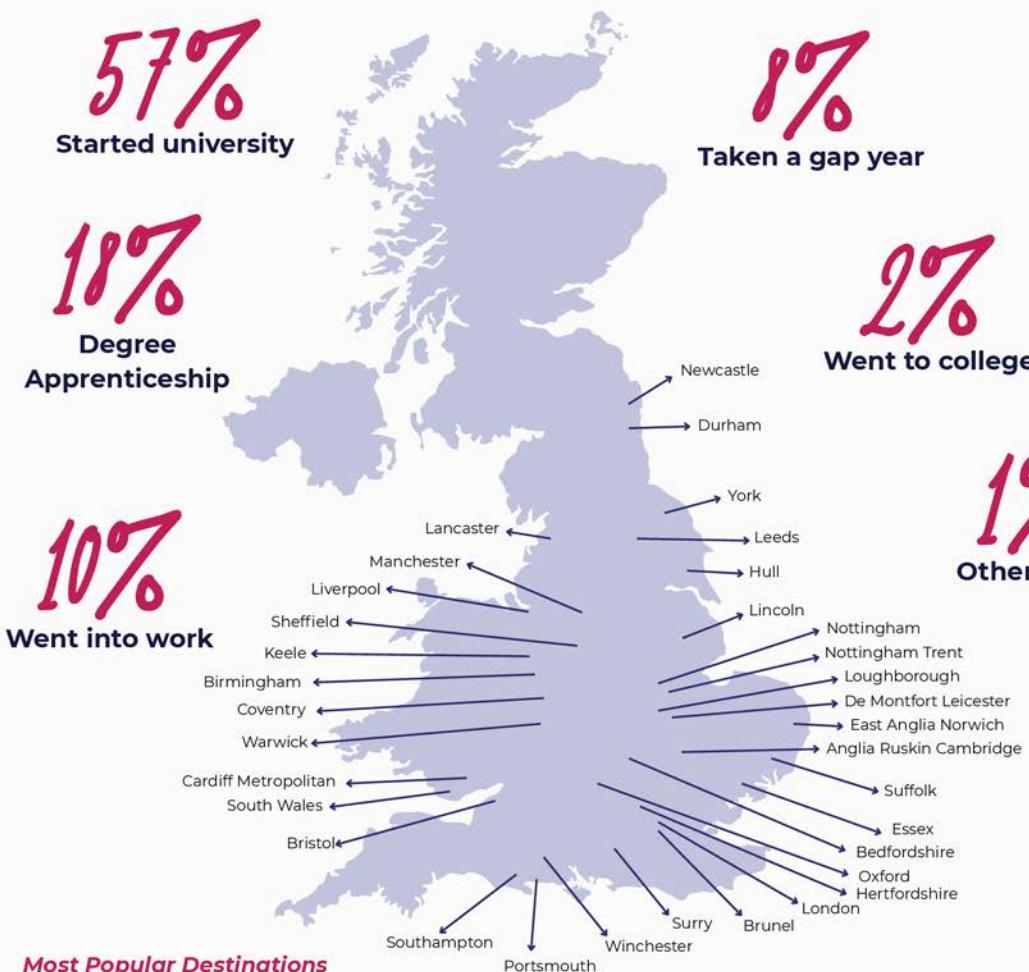
**8%**  
Taken a gap year

**18%**  
Degree Apprenticeship

**2%**  
Went to college

**10%**  
Went into work

**1%**  
Other (RAF)



## Most Popular Destinations

1. University of Nottingham
2. Loughborough University
3. Anglia Ruskin University
4. University of Leicester
5. University of Bath
6. Sheffield Hallam University
7. Nottingham Trent University
8. University of Essex
9. University of Hertfordshire
10. Durham University

## Most Popular Subject Fields

1. Sport
2. Law
3. Chemistry
4. Psychology
5. Computer Science

# Careers and Employability

## As part of our excellent support for post-18 progression, we offer:

- Qualified careers advisers.
- One-to-one guidance interviews with a qualified adviser from Form the Future.
- Sustained, relevant, and timely careers education, information, advice and guidance, covering all post-18 progression routes, built into the Personal Development curriculum.
- Well-developed links with leading universities.
- Links with local and national employers through our partner Growth Works.
- Support in applying for access programmes, summer schools and taster courses.
- Expert advice and guidance on fees, loans and university finance - delivered by our partners at Neaco.
- Guidance on CVs, applications, and interviews, including a mock interview.
- Extensive guidance and support on all aspects of the UCAS application process, from making choices all the way to Confirmation and Clearing.
- Guidance on work-related learning and support in finding a work placement.

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The school has ensured that there is a comprehensive programme of careers guidance. Sixth Form students benefit from links with further education providers and local businesses to make informed choices about their next steps.

- OFSTED 2024

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# Work Experience

Work Experience in Year 12 is a focal part of the career development our scholars complete with local and regional companies and organisations.

From finance and learning how to handle money, to politics and how to vote, we aim to ensure that our scholars are prepared for the world they are about to step into.

**29% of employers say experience is critical when recruiting young people, and a further 45% say it is significant.**

- UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES)

## **Where our scholars have completed their work experience:**

- AAB - Automation Technology
- Altair Media - Media Planning Agency
- BB&C - Architect
- Cambridge Magistrates Court - Law
- Coversure St Neots - Insurance Brokers
- Dynamite Productions Ltd - Video Production Agency
- Great Paxton Church of England Primary School - Education
- Ian Sollom MP - Politics
- MASS - Technology
- M Group Highways Limited - Civil Engineering
- MBDA Systems - Defence Weapon Systems
- Royal Papworth Hospital - Healthcare
- Shelley & Co - Solicitors
- The Kite Trust - Charity Organisation
- Whiting LLP Chartered Accountants - Accountancy

**“Doing work experience has helped me understand what working life is like. It gave me more confidence, new skills and a clearer idea of the career I'd like to go into.”**

# MOST ABLE PROVISION

## Excellent Support for Scholars

We support our scholars throughout their time with us, knowing that they may have aspirations to apply for top universities, degree apprenticeships and highly competitive courses such as Medicine.

We also know that these scholars may also have to cope with some of the burdens that can come with being a high achiever. We work with these scholars on imposter syndrome, fear of failure, and overcoming perfectionism, supporting them to achieve superb A Level results whilst also being happy and thriving at our Sixth Form.

## Oxbridge and Medicine Candidates

Individual support is given to Oxbridge applicants, and they benefit from intensive personal statement advice and support from our established links with Wadham College, Oxford and Jesus College, Cambridge. During Year 12, our future medics benefit from regular meetings, receiving advice on getting work and voluntary experience. They are trained in the entrance tests (UCAT and BMAT) and provided with free resources to help them prepare for these tests over the summer of Year 12.

## Mastering the Application Process

Throughout Year 12, we work with our most able scholars to access the super curricular opportunities that they need to be able to make a successful application to Oxford, Cambridge or another top Russell Group university. This includes MOOCs, podcasts, lectures, books and webinars to give the scholar the chance to delve into their chosen subject and explore it independently. Many of these scholars also take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

## Support, Advice and Preparation for Interviews

In Year 13, we offer support for Admissions Tests and have extensive experience of delivering high quality practice interviews, which we hone each year based on feedback from our applicants.

Applicants for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science benefit from practice interviews for both academic style interviews and the now widely used Multiple Mini Interview format.

We have a track record of success with scholars getting places for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and for subjects including (in the last couple of years) Engineering, Archaeology, Maths, Natural Sciences and Asian and Oriental Studies at Oxford and Cambridge.

# The EPQ

At Longsands Sixth Form, we actively support scholars who wish to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This project can be completed on a topic of the scholars' choosing and is excellent preparation for degree level study as it allows scholars to develop research and writing skills that are invaluable in higher education.

## **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) example questions:**

To what extent is force-feeding a morally acceptable course of treatment for a patient suffering from anorexia nervosa based on Article 2 and Article 3 of The European Human Rights Act of 1998?

**To what extent was Stalin the greatest reformer in Russia during the period between 1855 and 1964?**

To What Extent is a Psychopaths' Behaviour out of Our Control?

**What is the future?**

Is Dementia an ever-growing problem in an ever-aging society?

**Will Athletes Ever be Immune to Pressure?**

To what extent is the insanity plea effective and appropriate as a legal defence?

**Why do Paralympic long jumpers take off on their prosthetic leg?**

To What Extent was it the Correct Decision to Keep Tiered Examinations To Accurately Differentiate Students Achievement in Mathematics?

**To what extent was the one child policy in China (1979-2016) a success and should it be implemented across the world today?**

To what extent was the United States justified in using the atomic bomb in 1945 for ending the war?

**What effect is loneliness having on our society?**

Does captivity have a psychological impact on animals?

**How does exposure to domestic violence effect adolescents?**

**DID YOU KNOW?** A strong EPQ result can lower the grade requirements for some university courses

# Entry Requirements

We know that making your post-16 choice is an important decision and we are here to support you in understanding the opportunities available at Longsands Sixth Form. We welcome applications from scholars in St Neots and beyond.

Scholars in our Sixth Form are required to study 3 subjects at A Level, sitting the final examinations at the end of Year 13. For some scholars, it may be appropriate to study a fourth A Level subject.

## Entry Requirements:

Scholars must have achieved five strong passes (grade 5+) at GCSE level, including English Language and Maths, and a grade 5+ in the desired A Level subject. Some subjects may have additional entry requirements which are noted on the subject page.

## Admissions Timeline:



# How to Apply

## How to Apply:

Applications for Longsands Sixth Form are required to be submitted via the MyChoice16 website.

### Step-by-Step Application Process:

1. Log into your MyChoice16 account
2. Select 'My Applications'. Here, you can access all the sections of your application and see your progress in each section. To start a new application, click 'Start a New Application'; to continue an existing one, click 'Continue' next to your application.
3. You will need to complete all sections of your 'Profile Template' before creating a new application. For any additional applications, your profile will have saved, so only the 'Course Choices' will need completing.
4. Your qualifications will be uploaded by the school, you will not be able to amend them - so you can skip this section. Your form tutor will also add your reference.
5. Complete any additional fields or checkboxes and click the 'Send Application' button to send your application. Your application will now be at the next status.
6. The school will then check your application is suitable and meets the requirements. You may be asked to discuss this with your teacher.
7. Once your application is sent, you will need to monitor the progress and respond to any notifications you have been sent.

**SCAN TO APPLY**



**Please note: The Sixth Form reserves the right to amend the subject/course offer depending on staff availability and subject popularity. Any decision to change the offer will be communicated to applicants as quickly as possible.**



# A LEVELS



## A LEVEL

AQA 7127

### Assessment

100% Exam

### Entry Requirements

Grade 5+ in Maths and English Language

# ACCOUNTING

### Why Study Accounting?

Studying Accounting helps scholars to understand the responsibilities of the accountant, and the impacts of their recommendations on a business and its stakeholders in a modern economy. A Level

Accounting will enable you to develop a range of transferable skills, including numerical reasoning and communicating in a timely and professional way.

You will build knowledge and understanding of key financial and accounting concepts, principles, and techniques including: bookkeeping, financial reporting, and supporting management decision-making. This will develop your ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned financial and non-financial choices and communicate these to stakeholders effectively.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Accounting Scholars:

- University of Bath – Accounting and Finance
- Accountancy Apprenticeships
- PwC Flying Start Degree Programme

### Where can Accounting take me next?

Many of our scholars choose to study Accounting at university or gain employment through one of the many advanced accounting apprenticeship programmes in the county. An advanced apprenticeship is a popular and cost-effective way of obtaining professional qualifications such as ACCA and CIMA or a degree.

If you decide not to take accounting further, then you could use your A Level in Accounting to secure a place at university studying a related subject such as marketing, finance, human resources, or administration.

Alternatively, you could go straight into studying for a professional qualification such as ACCA or CIMA.



## BIOLOGY

### Why Study Biology?

Many important and contentious issues which modern society must address relate to the study of Biological Sciences, such as political and ethical issues around health, the environment, animal welfare, food production, and DNA manipulation.

The ever-present challenge to test, track, treat and cure disease lies at the heart of biology. A Level study allows you to develop your biological knowledge, problem solving, and analytical skills and develop informed opinions. It is a well-respected A Level and will provide you with the foundation for pursuing many career paths.

As well as studying theoretical aspects, the course includes a large practical component ranging from the sub cellular level DNA manipulation through to ecology field work.

### A LEVEL

AQA 7402

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

7+ in Biology or 77 in Combined Science (with a 7+ in Biology) and 6+ in Maths

### Where can Biology take me next?

Biology is a highly regarded A Level that will unlock careers and further studies in a huge array of fields from finance to medicine. Many of our scholars have pursued Biology based degrees at university.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Biology Scholars:

- Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities, and apprenticeships in a great range of areas.
- University of Nottingham – Medicinal and Biological Chemistry

### Enrichment:

The department runs a field trip at the end of Year 12 to undertake ecological skills for the Practical Endorsement.

There is a weekly revision clinic available to assist scholars, and all scholars participate in the Biology Olympiad competition. Alongside this, there is also a Medical Society for scholars interested in this area.



## BUSINESS

### Why Study Business?

A Level Business is designed to encourage learners to develop enthusiasm for business by developing a holistic appreciation for business concepts. It aims to help you develop a creative approach to business opportunities and problem solving.

You will study marketing, finance, human resources and operations in Year 1, giving you a detailed appreciation of the integrated nature of the main business functions. In Year 2, you will explore the external environment and its effect on strategic decision making.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Business Scholars:

- University of Lincoln – Business Management
- Nottingham Trent University – Business Management
- University of Reading – Business and Management with Year Abroad

### A LEVEL

AQA 7132

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

5+ in Business Studies

### Where can Business take me next?

The majority of our scholars who study A Level Business go on to study at university. Many of these are in Business-related subject areas such as Accounting, Management and Marketing. If you decide not to go to university, you could go on to an advanced apprenticeship programme or gain employment in marketing, finance, human resources, or administration. It is also important to note that the skills and concepts you learn in your Business A Level are easily transferable to a range of academic fields.

### Enrichment:

The department organises visits to local businesses, and trips to Worburn Safari Park and the Bank of England.

We also provide the opportunity for scholars to be part of the Young Enterprise Team.



# CHEMISTRY

## Why Study Chemistry?

Chemistry is the central science underpinning and complementing much of Biology and Physics. From looking at reaction mechanisms and pathways to calculating equilibrium constants it will challenge and develop your problem-solving abilities.

Chemistry will help you learn how to piece together different information, and develop skills vital to solving many of today's problems - from tackling the climate emergency to developing new treatments and medicines.

## Recent Destinations for Longsands Chemistry Scholars:

- Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities, and apprenticeships in a great range of areas.
- University of Oxford – Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)
- University of Liverpool – Medicine
- Keele University – Biochemistry

## A LEVEL

OCR A H432

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

7+ in Chemistry or 77 in Combined Science (with a 7+ in Chemistry) and 6+ in Maths

## Where can Chemistry take me next?

Chemistry is a highly respected and well-regarded A Level that will unlock careers and further studies in a huge array of fields - from finance to medicine. Studying Chemistry opens many doors to whatever you would like to do in the future.

### Enrichment:

There is a Medical Society, and a weekly clinic after school, including prep for the Chemistry Olympiad which runs in January.

Scholars can participate in the Cambridgeshire lower sixth challenge which will run in June/July of Year 12.



## A LEVEL

OCR H408

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English Literature

# CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

### Why Study Classical Civilisation?

Classical Civilisation investigates the millennium between 800 BC and 200 AD when some of the most important intellectual innovations in human history happened.

You will read texts over 2000 years old, looking at battles for power in the classical world and getting inside the minds of extraordinary individuals, as well as looking at their art and architecture.

You will learn to develop an independent, critical approach to literature, history and politics and to form strong analytical skills. The ancients are surprisingly modern, or perhaps we aren't as modern as we think!

This A Level is open to any scholars, no matter what GCSE subjects you took. All texts are studied in translation, so no knowledge of any language other than English is needed.

### Where can Classical Civilisation take me next?

The study of this A Level often leads to the university-level study of Classics, Drama, English, History, History of Art, Philosophy, Politics, Law and more.

Classical Civilisation is on UCL's list of preferred A Level subjects and on Trinity College, Cambridge's list of Suitable Arts A Levels.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Classical Civilisation Scholars:

- University of Cambridge – Archaeology
- University of Nottingham – English and Classics
- University of Reading – Classical Civilisation

### Enrichment:

As part of your A Level course, we will try to visit the British Museum and run trips to attend relevant theatre productions.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE

### Why Study Computer Science?

Advances in computing are transforming the way we work, and the A Level in Computer Science offers both theoretical and practical knowledge that enables scholars to apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real world systems.

Building on the GCSE, the course values computational thinking, helping scholars to develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence.

There is an expanded Maths focus, much of which is embedded within the course, and an increased emphasis on coding and programming in different programming languages widening scholars' skill set.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Computer Science Scholars:

- Degree Apprenticeship at MASS
- University of Sheffield – Computer Science

### A LEVEL

AQA 7517

### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

### Entry Requirements

5+ in Computer Science and/or in Maths

### Where can Computer Science take me next?

This course is the perfect steppingstone to a degree in any computing specialism or a degree apprenticeship in the tech industry. We have several local partner businesses who actively employ our scholars directly into apprenticeships or full-time employment.

### Enrichment:

The department actively engages scholars in projects, competitions and visits, including: Digital Divide project, EGX Games Expo, Computing History Museum, University of Suffolk and FXP Games Competition.

We have a dedicated Cyber Lab onsite for Sixth Form computer scientists, and we work with local businesses who deliver seminars and workshops with us, including MASS Cyber Security Specialists and Lilac James Web Services.



## ECONOMICS

### A LEVEL

AQA 7136

#### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

#### Entry Requirements

5+ in Maths and

English Language

#### Why Study Economics?

A Level Economics aims to develop your appreciation for the contribution which economic factors make to the wider social environment, particularly how individuals, households and firms make rational, and sometimes irrational, decisions when faced with choices concerning scarce resources. You will be encouraged to challenge your view of the world around you as you develop into a critical thinker. Fascinating concepts will be explored, including opportunity cost, diminishing marginal returns, supply and demand, choice, externalities, multiplier effect, allocative efficiency and many others.

The learning material of A Level Economics is split into micro-economics and macro-economics. Micro-economics focuses on the operations of markets and market failure whilst macro-economics focuses on national and international economies.

In Year 1, you will develop a sound grounding of both micro and macro-economics. In Year 2, you will build on these topic areas with greater sophistication and further application to real-life scenarios. The final examination is taken at the end of Year 2 in the form of three written papers.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Economics Scholars:

- University of Kent – Economics

#### Where can Economics take me next?

The majority of scholars who study A Level Economics go on to study Economics, Business and Finance, or politics-related degrees at university. If you decide not to go to university, you could go on to an advanced apprenticeship programme or gain employment in marketing, finance, human resources, administration, or politics.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

### Why Study English Language and Literature?

English Language and Literature enables you to experience the best of both worlds in the study of English. While reading and analysing great literature, such as *The Great Gatsby* and *Frankenstein*, you will also have the opportunity to work on recasting text creatively.

While developing these analytical and creative skills, you will also gain an insight into the world of linguistic study. By exploring a range of modes of texts, you will become an expert in tackling linguistic theory and applying them to your own analysis.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands English Language and Literature Scholars:

- University of Exeter – English
- University of York – English
- University of Liverpool – English and History

### A LEVEL

AQA 7707

#### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

#### Entry Requirements

5+ in English Literature

### Where can English Language and Literature take me next?

English is also very effective in developing transferrable skills such as interpretive abilities, communication, and the ability to decipher how language works. These skills are highly valued in a range of University courses and careers such as: Business and Finance, Teaching, Print Media, Law, Social Media, Broadcast Media, Marketing, Advertising, Publishing and Journalism.

#### Enrichment:

In recent years, the department has organised theatre trips at the Globe, Cinema Trips, British Library Workshops, and an A Level Revision Conference.



## A LEVEL

AQA 7717

### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English Literature

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

### Why Study English Literature?

English Literature is a highly respected A Level that is valued by universities and employers. For many years, the subject was a 'Facilitating Subject' – one of 9 subjects that was considered highly desirable for entry to the Russell Group Universities.

If you enjoy reading and delving into stories and the craft of writing, then this is the course for you.

English Literature is also very effective in developing transferrable skills such as communication, an understanding of how language works, close analysis, and the ability to construct a well-argued case.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands English Literature Scholars:

- University of Warwick – English Literature
- York University – English

### Where can English Literature take me next?

English Literature is a highly-respected qualification that can lead to a range of university courses and graduate careers such as: Business and Finance, Journalism, Teaching, Print Media, Social Media, History, Law, Broadcast Media, Marketing, Advertising, Publishing – even Politics!

### Enrichment:

In recent years, the department has organised theatre trips to the Globe, British Library Workshops, and an A Level Revision Conference.



## FILM STUDIES

### Why Study Film Studies?

Film Studies is an exciting and engaging course that will give you a new appreciation of cinema. If you love going to the cinema, watching films and talking about them with friends, then this might just be the course for you.

Learn about the importance of the technical elements of film, alongside ideas of representation, context, and ideology. If you watched films passively in the past, then this course will equip you with the ability to analyse the 'poetic' and more symbolic nature of film.

With an eclectic range of twelve excellent pieces of Cinema to study over the two years, you will leave the course as the ultimate 'film buff'. Longsands Sixth Form was selected as a 'commended centre' for the quality of our short film and script production from the course.

### A LEVEL

Eduqas A670QS

### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English Literature

### Where can Film Studies take me next?

Many of our scholars go on to study Film at University with a view to building a career within the industry. Others seek a more practical route into Television and Film production.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Film Studies Scholars:

- Bournemouth University – Film
- University of Lincoln – Film Production

### Enrichment:

In recent years, the department has organised Theatre Trips at the Globe, Cinema Trips, British Library Workshops, and an A Level Revision Conference.



## FINE ART

### A LEVEL

OCR H601

#### Assessment

60% Coursework

40% Exam

#### Entry Requirements

5+ in Fine Art or  
General Art

#### Why Study Fine Art?

Through the study of Fine Art, you will develop the skills of:

- Control and manipulation of media and techniques: to create skillfully crafted work.
- Analytical and critical thinking: to appreciate the work of artists and designers.
- Creative problem-solving: by finding practical solutions to express ideas.
- Presentation and communication: to share your observations, ideas, and feelings through your work.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Fine Art Scholars:

- Arts University Bournemouth – Illustration
- University of East Anglia – History of Art

#### Where can Fine Art take me next?

Illustration, Interior Design, Fashion & Textile Design, Teaching, Architecture, Product Design, Art Therapy, Printmaking, Animation, Game Design, Interior and Stage Design, and any field where practical and creative skills are an important aspect of the work.

#### Enrichment:

There are trips to Cambridge and London for A Level scholars to visit Art Galleries and to sketch and photograph for project work.

Within the department, there is a dedicated Sixth Form Art Room where scholars can work independently during their free periods.



# FRENCH

## A LEVEL

AQA 7652

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 2 Written Exams and 1 Oral Exam

### Entry Requirements

5+ in French

#### Why Study French?

At French A Level, you will learn about aspects of French culture and contemporary society. You will study highlights of French-speaking artistic culture, including francophone music and cinema, and learn about politics in the French-speaking world.

How does current French cinema and music reflect the issues faced in contemporary French society? Have you ever considered how enjoying an authentic French film such as *La Haine* can provide an interesting way to learn about French, widen your vocabulary, and develop a range of analytical and critical skills.

Would you like to find out more about the issues surrounding multiculturalism in French speaking countries? How successful is cultural diversity and what can be done to promote true integration – is there such a thing?

#### Where can French take me next?

There are multiple opportunities to study and work abroad with your language skills. You can study French at degree level or a combined degree - for example with History, Engineering or Business.

Graduate programmes offer training in both the UK and abroad including MI5, Hilton Group and L'Oréal. And of course, it opens up careers in teaching, tourism, translation, interpretation, and intelligence work.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands French Scholars:

- University of Oxford, University of Leeds, Nottingham Trent University
- Paris

#### Enrichment:

Scholars can enjoy opportunities to visit the Institut Français in London, have support to organise work experience, and participate in translation and poetry competitions.



## FURTHER MATHS

### Why Study Further Maths?

A Level Further Maths, taken in addition to A Level Maths, provides scholars with an opportunity to gain greater depth and breadth in this subject.

For someone who enjoys mathematics, it provides a challenge and a chance to explore more sophisticated mathematical concepts. Scholars find it enjoyable and rewarding and say that spending more time doing maths boosts their grades in their standard A Level Maths.

Taking Further Maths at Longsands Sixth Form will provide you with unrivalled levels of support and advice. Our Maths Clinic is widely used by scholars to complete assignments in a friendly, helpful, and encouraging environment.

We have extensive experience of scholars applying to study Mathematics and related subjects at top universities. As of this, we can offer high quality advice on applications, support for entrance exams,

### A LEVEL

OCR (A) H245

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 4 papers

### Entry Requirements

8+ in Maths

practice exams and practice interviews (e.g. for Oxbridge). We use textbooks and internet resources with comprehensive coverage of each unit of work, and graphical calculators are available for Further Maths scholars to borrow.

### Where can Further Maths take me next?

A Level Further Maths is essential for studying Mathematics, and highly desirable for some STEM related degrees, such as Physics, Engineering and Computer Science.

### Enrichment:

There is a Future Mathematicians Group for those aiming to study maths at a top university.

The Department offers Entrance exam (including STEP and MAT) preparation sessions and Oxbridge interview training.

**"I'm sitting in my maths lecture doing calculus and hyperbolics and I'm one of the few that actually knows it and understands it, so I just thought I'd say a big thank you for your top teaching putting me ahead of my year."**

- Sixth Form Scholar who went on to study Maths at University of York



## GEOGRAPHY

### Why Study Geography?

If you want to change the world in which we live, you must first understand it, and this is exactly what Geography allows you to do. The course covers a mixture of physical and human Geography topics, and explores how they are interconnected. With this knowledge you could be the one to change mankind's future and save our planet from destruction.

Studying Geography gives you the opportunity to explore some of the big issues facing the world today, and in particular how we manage these challenges. You will have the opportunity to study some of the inequalities that plague us and consider how they can be overcome. Geography is a highly valued subject among universities and employers, and is regarded as a facilitating A Level.

During the course you will have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork training to develop your research and

### A LEVEL

OCR H481

### Assessment

80% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

20% 1 Non-Exam

Assessment

### Entry Requirements

5+ in Geography

independent study skills, as well as explore the use of GIS and statistical analysis, making you a well-rounded and highly skilled individual.

### Where can Geography take me next?

Business/Finance, Urban planning, Surveying, Journalism, Data Analysis, Charity work for NGO, Meteorology... and many more!

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Geography Scholars:

- University of Leicester – Geology
- University of York – Human Geography and Environment

### Enrichment:

Scholars take part in 4 days of fieldwork in Snowdonia, investigating carbon and water cycles, glacial processes and changing spaces.



# GERMAN

## Why Study German?

At German A Level, you will learn about aspects of German culture and contemporary society, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. You will study German-speaking artistic culture, including music and cinema, and learn about political engagement and who wields political power in the German-speaking world.

Would you like to be able to truly enjoy, understand and discuss a German film in depth and reflect on the issues faced in contemporary German society? Would you like to find out more about the challenges surrounding multiculturalism in German speaking countries? Have you ever been to one of Germany's many festivals or celebrated Christmas and New Year the German way? Explore this through virtual and/or real-life encounters.

## Where can German take me next?

Opportunities to study and work abroad are significant. You could

## A LEVEL

AQA 7662

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 2 Written Exams and 1 Oral Exam

### Entry Requirements

5+ in German

study a Single or combined Honours Degree in German with Engineering, German with Business or German with Law. You could teach languages in schools or further education, work in tourism, undertake translation and interpretation work, or even become an intelligence analyst, where you can use your language skills to gather and analyse information - the opportunities are endless.

## Recent Destinations for Longsands German Scholars:

- University of Nottingham – Modern Languages
- University of SOAS in London
- University of Warwick
- Amazon

### Enrichment:

Scholars can enjoy opportunities to visit the Goethe Institute in London, have links to our partner school in Aachen, Germany and participate in translation and poetry competitions.



# HISTORY

## Why Study History?

Everything happening around us today has been influenced by, and is a result of, what has happened in the past.

History can also help us predict what could happen in the future. One of the most flexible of qualifications, History provides an excellent pathway to degrees such as History, Law, English and Philosophy, and beyond that to a range of interesting careers.

This intellectually rigorous course is an excellent way for scholars to develop highly sought after and transferable skills. These include being able to effectively communicate complex ideas, the ability to research, analyse, and evaluate information, and the capacity to make substantiated judgements, all whilst developing independent work skills.

## Recent Destinations for Longsands History Scholars:

- Oxford University – History
- Cambridge University – Archaeology
- University of Leeds – History

## A LEVEL

AQA 7042

### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

### Entry Requirements

5+ in History

## Where can History take me next?

History A Level is a well-respected and recognised A Level. It can clearly lead on to further study in History or associated subjects at university.

However, it is also an excellent A Level for teaching skills; studying History will help you to acquire critical thinking skills and develop an enquiring mind.

It also teaches analysis and evaluation to a high level. All of these will help you when applying for any subject at university, or when applying for jobs or apprenticeships.

### Enrichment:

As part of your A Level course, we will take scholars to various exhibitions as appropriate to the course.



# LAW

## Why Study Law?

Law affects most aspects of our lives, yet most of us have little understanding of the English legal system. How important do you think it is to know your rights, to know what you can and cannot do if you are stopped and searched by the police, to know how to appeal if you think an outcome is unfair, or maybe we should we be asking what would happen if you didn't know? You will probably be familiar with seeing or hearing headlines such as 'murderer jailed for life – but released after just 6 years', or 'householder charged for restraining a burglar'. How fair is this? Who do you think is right? We know there are always two sides to an argument – which side would you argue for and why? We aim to generate an interest in the legal principles and enable scholars to develop an understanding of the Law and how the English Legal System works in practice, and why it is the envy of the western world.

By studying A Level law, it shows any employer that you are able to work in a logical and methodical manner, pay attention to detail and communicate effectively, thus, you have an impressive set of skills to offer any employer and a wide range of professions to choose from.

## A LEVEL

AQA 7162A

### Assessment

3 Exams

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English and

5+ in Maths

### Where can Law take me next?

Many of our scholars go on to study law at a higher level. A degree in law is extremely credible and opens many doors for opportunities within the workplace. Law Enrichment at university can be studied as a single subject but can also be combined e.g. Law with English, with Business, with Criminology, with Psychology and many more variations.

### Enrichment:

We invite local Magistrates to come and talk to scholars, and we organise trips to local Law courts when available.

We also have a number of alumni lawyers who enjoy coming in to speak to scholars about their jobs and encourage scholars to participate in the law bar mock trial, which is where teams compete to prepare legal arguments, prosecute and defend cases.



# MATHEMATICS

## Why Study Mathematics?

A Level Mathematics is highly regarded by universities and employers. Maths A Level will develop your reasoning, communication and problem-solving skills as well as your logical thinking. You will have opportunities to uncover the beauty of calculus, make connections between algebra and geometry, and gain knowledge and intuition to help you assess the data you come across in the media.

As a Maths scholar at Longsands Sixth Form, you will benefit from access to superb online resources (Integral), comprehensive textbooks that we will loan to you and unrivalled levels of support from teachers both in lessons and outside of lessons via our very popular weekly Maths Clinic.

If you enjoy the satisfaction of learning and understanding mathematics, and the thrill of solving a challenging

## A LEVEL

OCR (A) H240

## Assessment

3 Exams

## Entry Requirements

7+ in Maths

problem, then A Level Mathematics could be for you.

## Where can Mathematics take me next?

A Level Mathematics is essential or highly desirable for many STEM degrees, including Mathematics, Physics, Engineering and Computer Science.

## Recent Destinations for Longsands Mathematics Scholars:

- University of Bath – Mathematics
- Loughborough University – Automotive Engineering (with placement year)

## Enrichment:

The Senior Maths Challenge takes place in the Autumn term.

**“Every time that I lost belief in myself, you were there to support me and persuade me that I was good enough. I will forever be grateful for this”**

- Sixth Form Scholar who went on to study Maths at University of Cambridge



## MEDIA STUDIES

### Why Study Media Studies?

In a world that is now more media reliant than ever and where media is an increasingly manipulative tool (fake news, fact checking, Cambridge Analytica, political bias, Facebook etc), it is imperative that young people are educated in Media Studies. This exciting and vibrant course offers scholars the opportunity to study all areas of the media including film, radio, magazines, music videos, newspapers, advertising, marketing, video games, TV, and online media.

Scholars will learn to critically analyse texts from each industry area and also create texts for the NEA controlled assessment unit, developing skills learned and putting them into practice.

A Level Media Studies allows scholars to learn transferable skills that would be invaluable in any professional career or further education route of study. You will also gain the ability to explore, analyse, and evaluate information and successfully communicate complex ideas.

### A LEVEL

Eduqas A680QS

### Assessment

2 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment

### Entry Requirements

Grade 5+ in Maths and English Language.

Grade 5+ in Media if studied.

### Where can Media Studies take me next?

The skills you gain from studying Media are valued in a range of University courses and careers, such as: Teaching, Print Media, Digital Media, Social Media, Broadcast Media, Marketing, and Advertising.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Media Studies Scholars:

- University of Lincoln – Film Production

### Enrichment:

Due to the crossover in curriculum, Media scholars attend trips with English scholars. In recent years, the departments have organised Theatre Trips to the Globe, British Library Workshops and an A Level Revision Conference.



## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

### A LEVEL

Edexcel 9MTO

#### Assessment

20% Recording  
20% Composition  
25% Listening Exam  
25% Producing Exam

#### Entry Requirements

6+ in GCSE Music, or equivalent level on a musical instrument

#### Why Study Music Technology?

A Level Music Technology is for you if you are creative, passionate about music and its place in the world, and keen on continuing a practical approach to education.

A Level Music Technology lessons continue to combine practical studio work with sound theory at a high level, with a course that is stimulating and varied in its content. The A Level course offers academic rigour as well as opportunities to enjoy working with your peers practically.

#### Where can Music Technology take me next?

This A Level can help lead to multiple avenues including University courses specialising in sound production and studio recording, further education in live sound, careers in film composition and score writing, as well as creating music for video games and other moving image productions.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Music Technology Scholars:

- Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts – Creative Sound Production
- University of Hertfordshire – Music Technology
- University of Surrey – Music Performance

#### Enrichment:

The department runs various concerts and performances throughout the year, including weekly rehearsals for a range of musical ensembles.



# PHOTOGRAPHY

## A LEVEL

OCR H603

### Assessment

60% Coursework

40% Exam

### Entry Requirements

5+ in Visual Arts or similar

#### Why Study Photography?

Through the study of Photography, you will develop the skills of:

- Control and manipulation of media and techniques: to create skillfully crafted work.
- Analytical and critical thinking: to appreciate the work of artists and designers.
- Creative problem-solving: by finding practical solutions to express ideas.
- Presentation and communication: to share your observations, ideas and feelings through your work.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Photography Scholars:

- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Professional Photography

#### Where can Photography take me next?

Illustration, Graphic Design, Advertising, Web and Multimedia Design, Interior Design, Fashion & Textile Design, Teaching, Architecture, Product Design, Art Therapy, Printmaking, Animation, Game Design, Interior and Stage Design, and any field where practical and creative skills are an important aspect of the work.

#### Enrichment:

There is a dedicated Sixth Form Art Room, where scholars can work independently during their free periods.

There are trips to Cambridge and London for A Level scholars to visit Art Galleries and to sketch and photograph for project work.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Why Study Physical Education?

Sport has evolved and revolutionised over many years, from the amount of sport now available to us, to the mechanics behind how we move in sport. A Level PE explores many different aspects of the sporting world.

You will step deep into the history of sport and discover the many contemporary issues that surround sport in today's society. You will begin to understand the psychology behind great athletes, as well as developing your knowledge and understanding of the importance of your body during exercise.

You will gain vital academic and social skills through both the written and practical aspects of the course. These include analysing and evaluating performance, independent research skills, academic writing and leading and working together in a team.

### A LEVEL

OCR H555

### Assessment

3 Exams

1 Non-Exam Assessment/  
Practical Performance

### Entry Requirements

6+ in Physical Education

6+ in Biology

### Where can Physical Education take me next?

A Level Physical Education is essential or highly desirable for many sports degrees, including Sports, Physical Education, Strength & Conditioning and Physiotherapy.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Physical Education Scholars:

- University of Hull – Sport Rehabilitation
- University of Essex – Sports Therapy
- Loughborough University – Sports and Exercise Science

### Enrichment:

The PE Department organises university trips to sports science labs and rehabilitation clinics. They also work with local sporting businesses and invite guest speakers.



## PHYSICS

### Why Study Physics?

Physics is the study of how the Universe works; from the unfathomably small e.g. the interaction between two electrons, to the unfathomably large e.g. the interaction between two galaxies, and everything in between.

Physics includes the study of challenging, abstract concepts such as quantum theory and particle physics. It also covers 'everyday' phenomena such as materials, motion, waves, and electricity. It is a greatly valued A Level due to the high level of demand and academic rigour, transferable to many other areas and looked at extremely favourably by universities and employers.

Physics tests a wide range of skills and abilities to solve problems dealing with the physical world. It demonstrates an ability to think logically as well as a high degree of resilience due to the difficult nature of the course.

### A LEVEL

OCR A H556

### Assessment

100% Exam

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

7+ in Biology or 77

Combined Science (with a 7+ in Physics) and 6+ in Maths

### Where can Physics take me next?

Any course or employment would look favourably on a Physics A Level, and it is particularly useful for anything in the area of STEM. Further study of mechanics, engineering, electronics and optics tends to require scholars to have an A Level in Physics as well as Maths.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Physics Scholars:

- University of Cambridge – Natural Sciences
- University of Bristol – Physics with Astrophysics

### Enrichment:

Longsands Talks invites speakers from various science and engineering backgrounds, including past scholars and Cambridge University Professors.

The department runs weekly clinics after school, and organises a trip to the Cambridge University Physics Department (Cavendish Lab) and a Cambridge College.



## A LEVEL

Edexcel 9PLO

### Assessment

3 Exams

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English

# POLITICS

### Why Study Politics?

Politics goes to the beating heart of who we are as a nation. Tackling issues such as decision making, voting, political processes, and how our country works. It is a subject for history enthusiasts and people who enjoy human geography alike.

We also believe that our co-curricular offer should match the live paced nature of the subject itself. Therefore, we offer trips to parliament, the supreme court, Brussels and New York as part of our mission to develop our young people into the next nation of political thinkers. Our team consists of genuine experts in their field who take pride in inspiring scholars to go beyond their potential.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Politics Scholars:

- University of East Anglia – History and Politics
- University of Sheffield – Politics
- Newcastle University – Politics and International Relations

### Where can Politics take me next?

Scholars of politics leave us as well-rounded and hard-working young people who go on to study Politics, Economics, International Relations, English, History and Geography, to name a few.

However, beyond higher education it also leads to careers as researchers, political advisors, communications consultants and even Members of Parliament.

### Enrichment:

The department organises a trip to Houses of Parliament and host visits from political figures.



# PSYCHOLOGY

## A LEVEL

AQA 7182

### Assessment

100% Exams

Made up of 3 papers

### Entry Requirements

5+ in Biology or 55 in Double Science

#### Why Study Psychology?

Studying Psychology offers a scientific insight into human thinking and behaviour. For A Level scholars, it is a subject which offers a brand-new direction of interest and possibility.

As an academic discipline, it is rapidly growing in importance and complexity, offering a wide choice of future employment opportunities.

Scholars should consider Psychology if they have an interest in understanding people, have the motivation to work independently, and are willing to acquire new thinking skills.

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Psychology Scholars:

- University of Lincoln – Psychology with Mental Health
- University of York – Psychology
- Durham University – Psychology

#### Where can Psychology take me next?

There are numerous careers in Psychology, although all of them will require further study. These careers include Clinical psychology (working with patients), Educational Psychology (working with scholars who need educational support), Forensic Psychology (working with the Police to catch criminals and prevent crime), and Counselling Psychology (working with patients).

#### Enrichment:

The department runs a Psychology Clinic and a Psychology Reading Library.



# SOCIOLOGY

## A LEVEL

AQA 7192

### Assessment

3 Exams

### Entry Requirements

5+ in English

### Why Study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society and of people and their behaviour. A Level sociology includes a range of topics such as Families and Households, Education, Crime and Deviance, and Beliefs in Society. In studying these topics, sociologists create theories that seek to explain human behaviour and the workings of society.

These theories often develop from various perspectives such as Functionalism, Marxism or Feminism. Sociology is an evidence-based subject, which means it is not simply based on personal opinion, but methodically collected evidence.

Research can be carried out in a number of different ways, for example: interviews, questionnaires, observations and secondary sources. If you are interested in how society works, then Sociology is the subject for you.

### Where can Sociology take me next?

Studying Sociology can lead to a degree in Sociology, which opens the door to a wide range of careers, including pathways into the police force, social work, the probation service, or the prison service.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Sociology Scholars:

- Nottingham Trent University – Sociology
- Aberystwyth University – Sociology

### Enrichment:

We encourage our sociologists to be critical thinkers and keep abreast of key sociological issues and research. Our scholars are also supported to compete in super-curricular competitions such as the BSA Young Sociologist of the Year.



# LEVEL 3



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

### Why Study Health and Social Care?

If you are interested in working with children, vulnerable adults, or in the medical field, then this is the subject for you. You will study principles of health and social care, anatomy and physiology, the person centred approach, supporting people with mental health conditions, supporting people in relation to sexual health, pregnancy and postnatal health, and supporting healthy nutrition and lifestyles.

Subjects that complement this course are: A Level Biology, A Level Psychology, and A Level Sociology.

### LEVEL 3

AAQ Level 3 (H125)

#### Assessment

60% Coursework

40% Exams

#### Entry Requirements

4+ in Biology

Five Grade 4s including English Language and Maths

#### Recent Destinations for Longsands Health and Social Care Scholars:

- University - Teaching (PE, Health and Social Care)
- Apprenticeships in Early Years education and pre-school.
- Dentistry, Midwifery, Nursing Counselling

#### Where can Health and Social Care take me next?

Nursing (Adult, Child, Learning Disabilities/ Mental Health), Midwifery, Health and Social Care, Health Science, Paramedic Science, Public Health and Wellbeing, Social Work.

#### Enrichment:

The department organises talks by Health and Social Care professionals.



## SPORT BTEC

### Why Study Sport BTEC?

Which sports person is more likely to be successful in their field, an athlete from the 1950s or from the current age? For example, if Pele was to play Football in the modern era would he be as successful?

Have factors in the game itself changed so dramatically that the 'level' of World Class sports performers has changed? Who is the best sports coach in the world? What coaching skills and abilities make this leader stand out in their sporting successes? How can we measure the impact coaches have on their teams/players? What is it they do that makes them successful? How do we acquire skills in sport? How can you learn skills in sports faster? What is the optimum age for acquiring skills in sports?

### BTEC

Single/Double/Triple

### Assessment

Single: 4 units of work - 2 internally assessed, 2 externally assessed

Double: 9 units of work - 6 internally assessed, 3 externally assessed

Triple: 14 units of work - 10 internally assessed, 4 externally assessed

### Entry Requirements

Merit in Sport BTEC or 4+ in Physical Education

### Where can Sport BTEC take me next?

Sport BTEC is essential or highly desirable for many sports degrees, including Sports, Physical Education, Strength & Conditioning and Physiotherapy.

### Recent Destinations for Longsands Sport BTEC Scholars:

- University of Hertfordshire – Sports Therapy
- University of Bedfordshire – Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation

### Enrichment:

The PE Department organises university Sports Science lab visits. They also work with local sporting businesses and invite guest speakers.



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