Haileybury Turnford

Sixth Form Options Booklet 2027-2029



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Introduction

WHAT DOES HAILEYBURY TURNFORD OFFER?

The Sixth Form is able to provide an extensive range of Level 3 courses including A-Levels, BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technical qualifications. We also offer level 2 English and Maths resit opportunities, which can be taken alongside level 3 subjects.

Sixth Form students will have new, dedicated facilities in a technology rich and supportive environment, from September 2027. All students are allocated a personal mentor to support them to set targets and monitor their progress throughout their Sixth Form journey.

There are opportunities to take responsibility and develop leadership skills where excellent support is given for career planning and university applications. The Sixth Form offers a wide range of co-curricular opportunities including overseas visits, enterprise activities and social events.

We have forged a strong relationship with our sponsor, Haileybury, which has enabled our Year 12 and 13 students' specialist access to their Medical, Dentistry and Vet programmes as well as offering advice to those students who wish to attend the most academic universities in England.

New entrants from other schools are warmly welcomed and a visit is strongly encouraged.

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE:

Making the right choice of subjects at A Level can always be difficult and you should gather as much information as possible before you make any important decisions about where and what you wish to study. It may help you to note the following points:

* Aim to choose subjects that you enjoy and that you are good at. However, you should bear in mind the requirements for any career or further education opportunities that you think may be of interest to you. If you do not know what you want to do in the future, then it is sensible to keep as many avenues open as possible at this stage.

* Different courses demand varying skills and aptitudes. You should read carefully about each subject and, if necessary, seek further advice, before completing your application form. You must meet the required entry criteria before you will be considered for a course.

A Level Accounting

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

including Level 5 in English and Maths. There is no requirement to have studied any particular GCSE for this course.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Paper 1: Financial Accounting (Preparation of Financial Statements for Business)

Paper 2: Accounting for analysis and decision-making (Management Accounting)

Both papers are assessed at the end of the course and carry equal weighting. The papers are 3 hours in length and include 50% computational and short answer questions with the remaining 50% of the paper being assessed through extended essay writing based on synoptic elements taught across the course

Where will it take me?

Accounting is a discipline that is valued throughout the world and is essential in all successful business enterprises. You will study to complete the Advanced Level over 2 years followed by an Apprenticeship route or study Accounting further at University. An apprenticeship route in Accounting will follow the AAT (Accounting Technician pathway) followed by the ACA or ACCA qualification to become fully qualified. The apprenticeship route has the added advantage of learning and earning at the same time when compared to University. University however will broaden your understanding of the business world and allow you to specialise in a business field once you have explored this further through your studies.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: PDF document found here. Web version found here.

2. Learning Journey Document: here

3. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: - walshb@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

Cambridge Advanced National (AAQ)
Extended Certificate in Applied Science

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

including Level 4 in Science

There are no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Extended Certificate in Applied Science provides students with a theoretical knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of science, preparing them for progression to undergraduate study and careers in the science and medical industry.

It covers core topics of biology, physics and chemistry and will equip students with relevant industry skills through researching, planning and performing a range of different laboratory investigations.

Year 12 Units

1. Fundamentals of Science: Examined unit at the end of Year 12
2. Investigating Science: Coursework unit in Year 12

Year 13 Units

1. Science in Society: Examined unit at the end of Year 13
2. Two further optional coursework units in Year 13

Where will it take me?

It will support entry to many higher education courses, such as Biological Science degree, Allied Health and Nursing degree, Life Sciences degree and Forensic Science degree. Many students who study the Applied Science route consider a career in the research science field, however, with the relevant work experience students could progress on to careers in management, teaching or higher-level research. Other possible career paths could include Forensics, Healthcare, Food Manufacturing, Environment and Conservation, Animal Health and Breeding, Engineering and Aerospace
Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-advanced-nationals/applied-science-level-3-h051-h151/#extended-certificate
2. Subject Leader email address: matthewj@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Art and Design

Entry Criteria

You need to have studied GCSE Art and Design

& achieved a minimum of level 5 GCSE

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Students who choose this course will have the opportunity to develop an individual approach to Fine Art and acquire technical skills associated with painting and drawing, printmaking, sculpture and lens-based image making. Students will be encouraged to develop learning skills such as researching, experimentation, applying knowledge and evaluating work as a continual process. Work in Fine Art is aimed at forming a means of personal investigations and expression.

Where will it take me?

Foundation Course in Art and Design.
Further Education courses, degree courses in creative subjects such as Art and Design, Illustration, Graphics, Textiles, Ceramics and 3D design.
Careers relating to Art and Design, Exhibition Designer, Print Maker, Illustrator, Interior Designer and Art Therapist

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Please click here
2. Learning Journey: Please click here
3. Contact details:

    Subject Leader email address: rockliffee@haileyburyturnford.com

    Faculty Leader email address: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Photography

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of a level 5 in English. You do not need to have studied Photography at GCSE

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Students who choose this course will have the opportunity to develop an individual approach to photography, acquire technical skills using digital camera controls, image manipulation and photoshop skills. Experience in the traditional method of photography in the dark room. Students will be encouraged to develop learning skills such as researching, experimentation, applying knowledge and evaluating work as a continual process.

A level consists of 2 main components:

Component 1 – Personal investigation (60%)

Component 2 – Externally set assignment (40%)

Where will it take me?

Foundation Course in Art and Design
Further Education courses, degree courses in creative subjects including digital and lens based media.
Careers relating to photography, graphic design, fashion, film, journalism and video making.

You could study a degree in business management, accountancy, tourism management or international business or progress to a career in banking, sales, product management or work for a charity

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Please click here
2. Learning Journey: Please click here
3. Contact email addresses:

    Subject Leader: rockliffee@haileyburyturnford.com

    Faculty Leader: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Biology

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs

graded 9 to 4 including Level 6 in Science and Maths.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Our current exam board is AQA Biology.

The content covers biology from the molecular and cellular level to ecosystems and the impact of human activity on the natural world. Students will explore topics such as biological molecules, cell structure, genetics, physiology, evolution, and ecology, gaining a deep understanding of how life operates across all levels of organisation.

The AQA specification places a strong emphasis on developing practical skills, data analysis, and the ability to apply biological principles to unfamiliar contexts. At Haileybury Turnford, our programme of study ensures students are not only well-prepared for their exams but also equipped with the independent learning, analytical, and investigative skills needed for higher education and beyond. Experiences beyond the classroom – such as fieldwork and enrichment opportunities – also provide valuable evidence for UCAS applications and CVs.

The course is assessed by **three written exams** at the end of Year 13:

Paper 1: Topics 1–4 (e.g. biological molecules, cells, organisms exchange substances, genetic information)
Paper 2: Topics 5–8 (e.g. energy transfers, responses to stimuli, genetics, ecosystems)
Paper 3: A synoptic paper including questions on any topic, data analysis, and an essay question.

Practical skills are assessed through **a separate endorsement of practical competency,** based on completion of required practical activities throughout the course.

Where will it take me?
As with all sciences, A Level Biology opens a wide range of exciting career paths. Students often progress into fields such as medicine, veterinary science, nursing, biomedical science, biochemistry, environmental science, genetics, zoology, and sports science. The subject also supports progression into research, education, science communication, and healthcare professions.
Recent students have gone on to study biomedical and environmental sciences, equipping them for diverse and rewarding professional careers.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/biology/a-level/biology-7402/specification/specification-at-a-glance
2. Faculty Leader email address: schultschika@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Business

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including, Level 5 in English and Maths. You do not need to have studied business at GCSE to study the A level but if you have, then you should have achieved a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE Business.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Theme 1: Marketing and people

Theme 2: Managing business activities

Theme 3: Business decisions and strategy

Theme 4: Global business

For A level you will study all four themes and will sit three exams at the end of your course

Where will it take me?

Business prepares you for progression to further study or the world of work. You will develop transferable skills like making decisions, solving problems, numerical skills, understanding the business environment and commercial awareness.

You could study a degree in business management, accountancy, tourism management or international business or progress to a career in banking, sales, product management or work for a charity

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/business-2015.html
2. Learning Journey Document: please click here
3. Contact details

Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

Subject Leader email address: tailors@haileyburyturnford.com

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business

(Equivalent to 2 A-Levels)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Exploring Business (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (controlled assessment)

Unit 3: Personal & Business Finance (external examination)

Unit 4: Managing an event (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 5: International business (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 6: Principles of Management (controlled assessment)

Unit 8: Recruitment & Selection (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 14: Investigating customer service (portfolio/coursework)

Where will it take me?

The Diploma is designed to be the substantive part of a 16–19 study programme for learners who want a strong core of sector study. This programme may include other BTEC Nationals or A Levels to support progression to higher education courses in business areas before entering employment. The additional qualification(s) studied allow learners either to give breadth to their study programme by choosing a contrasting subject, or to give it more focus by choosing a complementary subject. This qualification can also be used to progress to Higher Apprenticeships.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: please click here

2. Contact details

Subject Leader email address: tailorS@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

There is no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Investigating a Business (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign (controlled assessment)

Unit 3: Personal & Business Finance (external examination)

Unit 8: Recruitment & Selection (portfolio/coursework)

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in business-related subjects. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels. It will support entry to many higher education courses, depending on the other qualification's learners have taken. The qualification can also support progression to employment directly, or via an Apprenticeship.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: please click here
2. Learning Journey Document: please click here
3. Contact details

Subject Leader email address: tailors@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Chemistry

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

including Level 6 in Science (Chemistry) and Maths.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

· Module 1 – Development of practical skills in chemistry

· Module 2 – Foundations in chemistry

· Module 3 – Periodic table and energy

· Module 4 – Core organic chemistry

· Module 5 – Physical chemistry and transition elements

· Module 6 – Organic chemistry and analysis

For A level you will study all 5 modules and will sit three exams at the end of your course

Where will it take me?

A Level Chemistry is a valuable qualification respected by many employers. The course provides support for any further scientific career and is generally required for Medicine, Veterinary Science and related Sciences. In addition, any career in the technical or engineering industries would benefit by A level Chemistry.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/chemistry-a-h032-h432-from-2015/

2. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: matthewj@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: schultschika@haileyburyturnford.com

Level 3 AAQ BTEC National Extended Certificate in Early Childhood Development

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

There is no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method: Year 1

Unit 1: Children's Development (Exam) Children's development from birth to 8 years including theories, principles and factors relating to development.

Unit 3: Play and Learning (Coursework) The concept of play, the influence of theories and approaches to play and the benefits of play and learning activities for children.

Content & Assessment Method: Year 2

Unit 2: Keeping Children Safe (Exam) Health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities of an individual working in an early-years setting; emergency best practices and when to address concerns about a child's welfare.

Unit 4: Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting (Coursework) The influence of research findings on policy and provision for children and how this influences the behaviours and expectations of an individual; working in an early-years setting.

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about children's development and the education sector for 0-8 Year olds.

Early Childhood Development works well alongside subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Biology, English and Health and Social Care, with a view to progressing to higher education or pursuing a career working with children. The qualification can also support progression to employment directly, or via an Apprenticeship.

Many students go on to study Teaching, Child Psychology, Midwifery, Nursing, Counselling and Social Work or pursue a career in Medicine.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Please click here

2. Subject Leader email address: ridgewaye@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Design & Technology: Design Engineering

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Level 5 in English, Maths and Science. It is expected that you will have studied Design & Technology or Engineering at KS4.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Design Engineering develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills within a creative environment, enabling you to develop and make prototypes that solve real-world problems, considering your clients' needs and wants. You will identify opportunities for new products, initiate and develop design solutions, and make and test final prototypes.

During the course you will develop a number of skills including…
-Effectively communicating ideas and concepts.
-Working with and understanding the properties of materials and components.
-Skilful application of processes and techniques to engineer products and components.

We strongly recommend that students take either A Level Physics and/or Mathematics as their other subjects as these skills are a key part of the Engineering course.

How is it assessed?
25% Problem solving in Design Engineering written exam
25% Principles of Design Engineering written exam
50% Design and make coursework project

Where will it take me?

There are many future careers within the Engineering sector linked to this subject such as: Structural engineer, Aerospace engineer, Mechanical engineer, Marine engineer, Architecture as well as many others in this area. On successful completion of the Engineering Level 3 qualification, you can progress to, or within employment and/or continue your study in the same or related vocational area.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/304609-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-design-and-technology-h404-h406.pdf
2. Learning Journey Document: please click here
3. Contact details: Faculty Leader email address: hills@haileyburyturnford.com

OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate in Digital Media

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

There is no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Media products and audiences (OCR marked exam)

Unit 2: Pre-production and planning (OCR marked exam)

Unit 3: Create a media product (Teacher assessed and OCR moderated)

Unit 20: Advertising media (Teacher assessed and OCR moderated)

Unit 21: Plan and deliver a pitch for a media product

Unit 24: Cross– media industry awareness (Teacher assessed and OCR moderated)

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the Media sector including Advertising, Film and TV Pre-production, Production and Post Production and Print Media. It will support entry to many higher education courses, apprenticeships or employment. You will learn the knowledge and skills required on the latest Adobe Suite including Premiere, Photoshop, and In Design whilst also experiencing talks from specialist in a variety of media sectors. The Extended certificate is equivalent to one A level, the certificate (equivalent to one AS) is also available after consultation with Miss Gamby.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/258753-centre-handbook-certificates.pdf

2. Learning Journey: please click here

3. Contact details

Subject Leader email address: gambyc@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level English Literature

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Grade 6 in English Language and a Grade 6 in English Literature.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Exam 1: Love through the ages

Exam 2: Texts in Shared contexts (Option B: Modern Tines: Literature from 1945 to the present day)

NEA: Independent Critical study: texts across time

For A level you will study a variety of texts (prose, drama and poetry).

Where will it take me?

English Literature prepares you for progression to further academic study or the world of work. You will be able to develop your analytical and critical thinking skills throughout your study of the subject; while also building upon your contextual knowledge of how and why society is ever changing.

You could go on to study a degree in any of the humanities, and the skills needed for English Literature also mean that it is a valued subject for most other degrees.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found here:

1. Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-7711-7712-SP-2015.PDF
2. Contact details

   Faculty Leader email address: sharpd@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Economics

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Level 5 in English and Maths

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: The operation of markets and market failure
Unit 2: The national economy in a global context
Unit 3: Individuals, firms, markets and market failure Unit 4: The national and international economy
For A level you will study all four themes and will sit three exams at the end of your course

Where will it take me?

Economics is a subject particularly well suited to those who want to pursue a career in accountancy, banking, finance, commerce, the civil service, charities, law and journalism. Students holding a degree in Economics can also gain employment as economists in the Bank of England, investment banks and the Civil Service. The Civil Service is the largest employer of economists who work in every government department. There has never been a better time to study Economics as there is currently a shortage of economists.

Economics is a highly respected traditional A Level, which is highly regarded by both employers and universities. It goes well with most A Level subjects. It goes particularly well with subjects such as Business Studies, History, Geography, Politics, Sociology and Maths. It also complements A Level languages, sciences and ICT. Many students who study Economics at A Level choose to carry it on to degree level.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/a-level/economics-7136/specification/specification-at-a-glance
2. Learning Journey: please click here
3. Contact details

   Subject Leader email address: tailors@haileyburyturnford.com

   Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Geography

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 ideally with a grade 5 or higher in Geography, English and Maths.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment

Unit 1
Written Examination (2hours 30 minutes). Water & Carbon Cycles. Coastal System Hazards

Unit 2
Written Examination (2hours 30 minutes). Global Systems and Governance. Changing Places. Contemporary Urban Environments.

Individual Investigation
Non-examined assessment. Students complete an individual investigation of 3000-4000 words, which must include data, collected in the field, based on an issue or question defined and developed individually, relating to the specification

Where will it take me?

Geography is one of the most sought-after degrees by employers, as it develops and enhances a broad range of valuable key skills, such us literacy, numeracy, communication and collaboration.

Geography offers a variety of career paths in a range of sectors, including:- Development & Global issues; The Business World; Travel, Tourism & Leisure; The Physical Environment; Policy & Government and Geographical Information Systems. More information can be found here: RGS: Going places with Geography

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Link here
2. Learning Journey Document: please click here
3. Contact details Subject Leader: kaposie@haileyburyturnford.com
   Faculty Leader morgane@haileyburyturnford.com

Level 3 AAQ BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

There are no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method: Year 1

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (Exam) Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social development across the human lifespan

Unit 5: Promoting Health Education (Coursework) The purpose of health education, models and approaches to educating the public and encouraging behaviour change in the population

Content & Assessment Method: Year 2

Unit 2: Human Biology and Health (Exam) Organisation, Structure and Normal Physiological functioning of the hu- man body and the effect on the health of common disorders of the body system

Unit 3: Principles of Health and Social Care Practice (Coursework) The Principles that underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals, which are the foundation of all services within health and social care.

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the health & social care sector. Health and Social Care works well alongside other subjects such as Psychology, Biology, English, Applied Science or Early Childhood Development. The qualification supports progression to employment directly, or via an Apprenticeship.

Many students go on to study Midwifery, Nursing, Counselling, Play Therapy, Speech and Language, Social work, Family support work or pursue a career in Medicine.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Link
2. Subject Leader email address: ridgewaye@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level History

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Grade 5 in History and English. Pupils who have not studied History at GCSE level may still be considered.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Britain 1930-1997
Unit 2: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963
Unit 3: Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors, 1485 - 1603
For A level you will study and sit exams on units 1,2 and 3. You will also complete a piece of coursework which will be worth 20% of your final grade

Where will it take me?

The study of History creates independent learners, critical thinkers and decision-makers - all personal assets that will make you stand out as you progress to higher education and/or the workplace. As well as leading to careers directly involving History, History can also lead you to careers in fields such as law, the police, journalism, accounting and social work.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf
2. Learning Journey Document: please click
3. Contact details: bennettr@haileyburyturnford.com

Alternative Academic Qualification
BTEC National in
Information Technology

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Year 1	
Unit 3: Website Development	Coursework
Unit 1: Information Technology Systems	Exam
Year 2	
Unit 2: Cyber Security and Incident Management	Exam
Unit 4: Relational Database Development	Coursework

Where will it take me?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended certificate in IT is for learners who are interested in learning about the IT sector, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses. This can include courses that aren't related to IT. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels. It will support entry to many higher education courses, depending on the other qualification's learners have taken. The qualification can also support progression to employment directly, or via an Apprenticeship

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/btec-aaqs/information-technology/2025/specification-and-sample-assessments/btec-level-3-national-ext-cert-in-it-aaq-spec.pdf

2. Contact details:

   Subject Leader email address tagliarinis@haileyburyturnford.com
   Faculty Leader email address: camachoa@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Mathematics

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum grade 7 in GCSE Maths

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Pure mathematics

Statistics

Mechanics

For A level you will study all 3 MODULES and will sit three exams at the end of your course

Where will it take me?

Maths is one of the best subjects to develop your analytical, research and problem-solving skills. Not only will studying maths help give you the knowledge to tackle scientific, mechanical, coding and abstract problems, it will also help you develop logic to tackle everyday issues like planning projects, managing budgets and even debating effectively.

People with maths degree can go into: accounting, medicine, engineering, forensic pathology, finance, business, consultancy, teaching, IT, games development, scientific research, programming, the civil service, design, construction and astrophysics to name a few. Specific job roles include actuary, business analyst, so ware engineer, technology analyst, information engineer, speech technology researcher, and maths teacher. Jobs in the mathematical sciences; careers that studying maths at university prepares you for directly, tend to be very well paid. Most universities tend to look favourably towards people who study A level maths.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2017.html
2. Learning Journey: please click here
3. Contact details:

Faculty Leader email address: duncanr@haileyburyturnford.com

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including a Pass in BTEC Level 2 Music or Level 4 in GCSE Music. You may be asked to audition on your chosen instrument.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Practical Music Theory and Harmony (parboil/coursework)

Unit 2: Professional Practice in the Music Industry (controlled assessment)

Unit 3: Ensemble Music Performance (controlled

assessment) And one of the following units:

Unit 4: Composing Music (portfolio/coursework)

Unit 6: Solo Performance (portfolio/coursework)

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the music industry. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels. It will support entry to many higher education courses, depending on the other qualification's learners have taken.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/music-performance-2018.html#%2Ftab-Extended-Certificate_1
2. Learning Journey: please click here
3. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

Edexcel A Level Drama and Theatre

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

There are no other subject specific criteria

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Component 1: Devising (internally assessed)

Component 2: Text in Performance (externally assessed)

Component 3: Theatre Makers in Practice (externally assessed)

Where will it take me?

Drama is recognised by employers and Universities as a valid subject which helps students develop their leadership and management skills amongst other skills – if an employer sees you have the subject Drama on your CV, they know they are gaining a confident person who will be a natural leader with outstanding social skills who is unafraid of public speaking. Drama will also highlight your inter-dependent skills which are valued by all employers. Law firms, banks and estate agents look for Drama students as they are confident and work very well within the public Forum.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/performing-arts-2016.html#%2Ftab-Extended-Certificate-in-Performing-Arts_1
2. Learning Journey: please click here
3. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: waltersa@haileyburyturnford.com

Faculty Leader email address: nicholsons@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Physics

Entry Criteria

You must achieve at least a grade 6 in Combined Science or Physics at GCSE and also have a minimum of a level 7 in Maths

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Year 12 content...

1. Development of practical skills in physics
2. Foundations in physics
3. Forces and motion
4. Electrons, waves and photons Year 13 content...
5. Newtonian world and astrophysics
6. Particles and medical physics

At the end of the second year you will have 3 examinations which will give you your final A level grade. You are also required to complete several practical activities and demonstrate skills to pass a practical endorsement.

Where will it take me?

Physics is the study of all things great and small, as such it can take to into a range of exciting Science based career pathways.

A-level Physics is a highly sought-after qualification for employers and universities due to its problem-solving nature. As such the possibilities for your next step are endless.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/physics-a-h156-h556-from-2015/
2. Contact details:

Faculty Leader email address: schultschika@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Politics

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Level 5 in English.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Government and Politics of the UK

Unit 2: Government and Politics of the USA and Comparative Politics

Unit 3: Political Ideas

For A level you will study all three units and will sit three exams at the end of your course

Where will it take me?

Lively, relevant, controversial… there are many ways to describe A-level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose.

Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the UK country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence.

It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

Specification: A-level Politics Specification for first teaching in 2017 (aqa.org.uk)

Learning Journey: please click here

Contact details:
Subject Leader email address: allinghamh@haileyburyturnford.com
Faculty Leader email address: morgane@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Design & Technology: Product Design

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Level 5 in English, Maths and Science. It is expected that you will have studied Design & Technology or Engineering at KS4.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives you the theoretical knowledge, practical skills and confidence to succeed in a number of careers, especially those in the creative industries.

As part of the course you will investigate the historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put your learning into practice by designing and making prototypes to solve real life problems.

You will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer, alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers.

How is it assessed?

25% Technical principles written exam

25% Designing and making principles written exam

50% Design and make coursework project

Where will it take me?

Product Design could take you into a number of exciting career paths. Of course, there's product design! But, this course could also take you into architecture, industrial design, interior design, Computer Aided Design and many other careers in the design sector.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/a-level/design-and-technology-7552/specification
2. Learning Journey: please click here
3. Contact details: Faculty Leader email address: hills@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Psychology

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 5 including

Level 5 in English, Maths and one Science.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: A-Level

Content & Assessment Method:

This is an exam-based subject. You will sit three exams at the end of year 13.

Component 1: Psychology: Past to present—2 hours 15 minutes—33% of qualification

Component 2: Psychology: Investigating behaviour—2 hours 15 minutes—33% of qualification

Component 3: Psychology: Implications in the real world—2 hours 15 minutes—33% of qualification

Where will it take me?

Psychology prepares you for progression to further study or the world of work, in any sector. You will develop transferable skills like making decisions, solving problems, numerical and research skills. You will learn the basic principles of understanding how people 'tick' and what causes individuals to act/think in the way that they do. These skills will help you develop a better level of emotional intelligence, which will be invaluable to any career you pursue.

You could study a degree in psychology or any social science related to this field. Many students go on to study criminology, counselling, teaching, law or political sciences.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following: -

Specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/psychology-asa-level/#tab_keydocuments

Contact details:
Subject Leader: brainl@haileyburyturnford.com
Faculty Leader morgane@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Sociology

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 and a grade 5 in English as a minimum

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: A-Level

Content & Assessment Method:

You will follow the Eduqas specification. This qualification is all exam based. This involves studying:

Unit 1: Socialisation and culture—2-hour 30-minute exam—40% of qualification

Unit 2: Methods of sociological enquiry— 1 hour 45-minute exam—20% of qualification

Unit 3: Power and stratification—2 hour and 30-minute exam—40% of qualification

Where will it take me?

A Level Sociology can be the first step towards degree-level study of sociology and many other subjects. It is useful for ANY job as it involves studying society, people and behaviours.

Degree-level study of Sociology could lead to jobs such as:

Social or youth worker

Community development worker

Family support worker

International aid/development worker

Social researcher

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/sociology-asa-level/#tab_keydocuments
2. Contact details:

   Subject Leader: brainl@haileyburyturnford.com

   Faculty Leader morgane@haileyburyturnford.com

A Level Spanish

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4 including Level 5 in English and Maths and 6 in Spanish.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Academic

Content & Assessment Method:

We cover many different topics and themes in Spanish A level, from learning about tourism in Spain and its effect on its economy and environment; gender equality in the Spanish workplace; music trends and different festivals throughout the Spanish-speaking world, the effect of immigration on Spanish society; to Franco's dictatorship and how that effected Spain and still does to this day.

Exams

Paper 1: Written examination on (2 hours).

Students are required to demonstrate their listening, reading and translation skills Paper 2:

Written examination on (2 hours and 40 minutes).

Students are required to demonstrate their translation skills and provide a written response to a literary text and a film that we have studied throughout the course

Paper 3: Speaking examination on (between 21 and 23 minutes)

Students are required to discuss one theme from the course, give a presentation about at least two written resources and then answer ques on about said presentation

Where will it take me?

An A level in a language is a highly-valued skill in it's own right but it can be studied at de-

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: Please click here

2. Learning Journey: Please click here

3. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: theodoroua@haileyburyturnford.com

CTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Sport and Physical Activity

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4

Need to have an interest in sport and compete for a club

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: Body systems and the effects of physical activity — exam

Unit 2: Sports coaching and activity leadership—coursework/practical

Unit 3: Sports organisation and development—exam

Unit 8: Organisation of sports events—coursework

Unit 18: Practical skills in sport and physical ac vi es—coursework/practical

Where will it take me?

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about sport and physical activity, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, apprenticeships or employment in areas such as personal training, PE teaching and sports coaching. The course has been designed to ensure that students gain the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the 21st century.

Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: please click here
2. Contact details:

   Faculty Leader email address: cartwrightl@haileyburyturnford.com

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism

(Equivalent to 1 A-Level)

Entry Criteria

You must achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs graded 9 to 4.

Duration of the course: 2 years

Type of Qualification: Vocational

Content & Assessment Method:

Unit 1: The World of Travel and Tourism (external examination)

Unit 2: Global Destinations (controlled assessment)

Unit 3: Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism (portfolio/coursework) Unit 9: Visitor Attractions (portfolio/coursework)

Where will it take me?

This qualification is designed to support learners who are interested in learning about the travel and tourism industry alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in travel and tourism-related subjects. The qualification is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.
Further information about the subject and qualification can be found in the following:

1. Specification: please click here
2. Contact details:

Subject Leader email address: tailors@haileyburyturnford.com

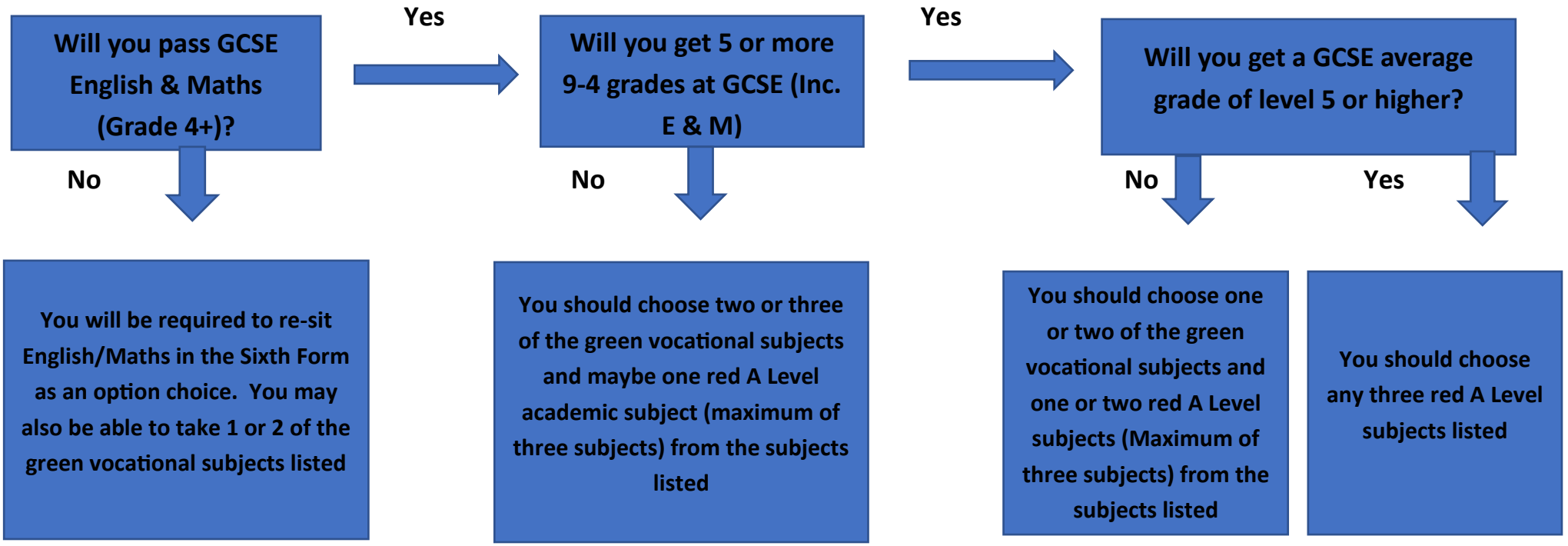
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A guide to your online application to Haileybury Turnford Sixth Form

What GCSEs do I need to take A Levels or Vocational courses?

Deciding which subjects, you would like to take can be very difficult. The following **guide** will help you match your predicted achievement at GCSE to the type of courses you can take in Sixth Form

How can I decide what subjects are suitable for me?



Year 12 Blocking 2027-2029

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
A Level English Literature	BTEC Business (Diploma)	BTEC Health & Social Care	A Level PE
BTEC Business	A Level Biology	CTEC Media Studies	A Level Product Design
A Level Business	A Level Art	A Level Engineering	A Level Sociology
A Level Mathematics	BTEC Applied Science	A Level Chemistry	A Level Physics
BTEC CPLD (Child Development)	A Level Drama	BTEC Travel & Tourism	A Level History
A Level Photography	A Level Economics	A Level Politics	CTEC Sports Studies
BTEC Music	A Level Spanish	A Level Accounting	BTEC IT
	A Level Geography	A Level Psychology	

These are the proposed Blocks for September 2027, but there is still flexibility with our proposed blocking whilst students are making applications to our Sixth Form. We will make changes should we feel it necessary to do so.

Additional Information:

Please note – you are not signing up to these courses, these are your initial thoughts only and will focus you on finding out more about these options from your Teachers and Subject Leaders. Your form tutor is also an excellent person to speak to. Subject choices will not be confirmed until your GCSE and vocational qualification results are available.

This is not intended to be your final opportunity to choose your subjects for Year 12. As part of planning the curriculum for next year this is a first stage in obtaining information.

There is no guarantee that all subjects listed will run or that students will be given all 3 choices.

Level 2 Courses:

Should you not perform as well as you had hoped during Year 11, then we would also require students to re-sit their GCSE English and/or Mathematics to achieve level 4 or higher in their Year 12 year. All students will endeavour to leave the Sixth Form with GCSE English and Mathematics level 4. The decision on whether to take these will be made after exam results in August.

Please complete your online application form before **Monday 7th December 2026.** If you have any specific questions, please contact me through the school or preferably by email at shivalkarn@haileyburyturnford.com

We look forward to exploring your future options with us and seeing you in our Sixth Form from September 2027. All good wishes for the rest of Year 11.

Mrs N Shivalkar
Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form

QR Code and link to application form



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