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The Humanities faculty is made up of seven subjects including Classical Civilisation, Criminology, History, Law, Politics, Sociology and Theology. The faculty supports students in exploring human culture through discussions and debates,

allowing students to further express themselves, their ideas and theory. The faculty offers a range of enriching programmes and has a rich diversity of outstanding teaching and support.

Ms Turley, Head of Faculty – Humanities



The Social Science Faculty offers a broad curriculum at A level from Accounting, Business Geography and Psychology to BTEC courses in Travel and Tourism and Health and Social Care. The faculty is known for its outstanding

teaching, support given to all students and its excellent results.

Ms Poole, Head of Faculty – Social Science



Accounting

A level Accounting helps students to understand the responsibilities of the accountant and the impact of their recommendations on the business and the wider environment. Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively. Throughout the course a variety of accounting problems are encountered, as is the interpretation of accounting statements, reports, tables, graphs and charts.

Students will develop a wide range of skills across the course including recording transactions using double entry bookkeeping, verifying the accuracy of the bookkeeping and correcting any errors. Students will prepare financial statements for sole traders, partnerships and limited companies, including recording adjustments, by applying knowledge of accounting concepts.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many routes to working in accounting and finance, whether you want to begin this training after college or after university. Accounting students go on to pursue a wide variety of related careers, chartered accountant, apprenticeships, investment analyst, stockbroker, actuary.

COURSE

AQA A level Accounting



Applied Business

Applied Business is an exciting and varied subject that explores a wide range of topics including business environment, customers and communication, accounting concepts and business ethics. You will look at each of these areas by examining real businesses in depth.

You will learn the necessity of businesses being able to constantly adapt to changes in their internal and external environments including the actions of competitors, economic and political changes and the impact of new technology. You will also learn the skills needed to work effectively in the business environment including arranging meetings, working with documents, prioritisation and communicating effectively with shareholders. The course is 50% coursework and 50% examinations.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our students can progress to careers in business management, accounting and finance, marketing and advertising, the financial services, public relations or management consultancy.

COURSE

Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Business



Business

A level Business is an exciting dynamic subject that involves studying how and why business decisions are made. You will explore the main functions of a business (such as finance, human resources and marketing) and look at how businesses might be affected by the external environment. It is one of the most varied and interesting subjects available and is very well regarded by both employers and universities. Business would be a great course choice for any student considering a professional career or running a business.

You will gain a thorough understanding of how organisations operate, alongside developing a wide range of skills including analytical and critical thinking skills, problem solving, decision making, logical thinking, presentation and report writing skills. You will also develop strong oral and written communication skills. 10% of the course is quantitative, so numerical skills are developed throughout the course.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our students go on to study Business related courses at degree level. Institutions such as The University of Manchester, The University of Leeds, The University of Liverpool and Lancaster University are common choices.

COURSE

Eduqas A level Business



Classical Civilisation

Classical Civilisation is the study of the literature and art of ancient Greece and Rome. This includes epic poets Homer and Virgil, Sappho and Ovid, Plato and Seneca, as well as Greek art. This A level is therefore largely based on the literature of the ancient world, in translation. You do not need to have studied Latin or Ancient Greek.

You will learn about the Greek and Roman world via its material culture; what these civilisations created. You will study how people lived across the Greek and Roman worlds, what was important to them, how they saw themselves and others, and how they expressed their ideas and beliefs.

Classical Civilisation supports and compliments other A levels, including history, politics, literature, drama and art as well as offering an extended writing A level for students taking science and maths.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who study Classical Civilisation have gone on to study a wide range of courses including Archaeology, Architecture, Ancient History, Classics (languages), English Literature, Philosophy, History, Law, and International Relations. A number of former students are now archivists, architects, archaeologists, museum curators and teachers.

COURSE

OCR A level Classical Civilisation



“The people I've met here are incredibly nice and I'm looking forward to meeting more.”

Jiya Verma

Previous School: **St Matthew's RC High School**
Studying: **BTEC Health and Social Care**



Criminology

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology is aimed at developing your knowledge and understanding of a wide range of crimes and work done in the criminal justice system. The course covers a wide variety of crime related topics including biological and sociological theories of criminality, media representations of crime and many more. You will have the opportunity to acquire both practical and academic skills, and the flexibility of the course enables you to study crimes you find personally interesting.

The qualification is assessed using a combination of internal and external assessment. The internal assessment involves two eight hour controlled assessments, one in lower sixth and one in upper sixth. There are two external assessments, again one per year, both of which are 90-minute examinations with a total of 75 marks. The units taken in lower sixth are worth 50% of the overall final grade.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course could lead to a wide range of different careers including criminal justice services, police officer, prison officer, security services, court services, probation officer, social worker, youth worker.

COURSE

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology



Geography

A level Geography is for students seeking to understand how their planet works from physical topics such as plate tectonics, to human topics such as energy security. There are numerous day field trips offered. In addition, the department has offered residential field trips to Reykjavik, Iceland and California, USA. In Component 1 you'll study Water and Carbon Cycles, Coastal Systems and Landscapes and Hazards. In Component 2 you'll study Global Systems and Global Governance, Changing Places and Resource Security. Component 3 is an individual investigation (coursework) which must include primary and secondary data collection and analysis.

This course will equip you with a wide range of skills highly valued by universities and employers. Many of these skills are transferable to other courses of study such as essay writing, statistical skills, analytical skills, cartographic skills, graphical skills, problem solving, decision making, team working, etc.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Geography is relevant to so many career paths such as urban planning, hydrologist, volcanologist, disaster relief, civil engineering, overseas development, environment agency analyst, environmental campaigner and to many other careers such as accountancy, journalism, marketing and teaching.

COURSE

AQA A level Geography



Health and Social Care

This subject combines elements of a range of interesting topics that explore both health and social care in private and public sectors. An example of modules you will study for the extended certificate course includes; human lifespan development, meeting individual needs, working in health and social care and psychology. For the extended diploma you will study more units in addition to those mentioned. Some of these include understanding mental health, sociology, equality and diversity, anatomy and physiology etc.

You will gain a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification to enter employment as a health or social care worker, or progress to degree level at university. The course looks in detail at the role of the health or social care worker, their relationship with patients/ service users and their responsibilities towards patients/service users and the wider health and social care sectors. It provides opportunities to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This subject is ideal for students who want to follow a career in a caring profession either in Health or Social Care. You can progress onto a range of degree programmes such as nursing, social work, speech therapy, paramedics (degree) and many more.

COURSE

Pearson BTEC Level 2
Pearson BTEC Level 3
Extended Certificate
Pearson BTEC Level 3
Extended Diploma



History

A level History is made up of three units spanning a wide period of history. In Unit 1 Challenge and Transformation: Britain: c1851-1964, you will study Victorian and Edwardian Britain and also the World Wars and their legacies.

In Unit 2, The Cold War c1945-1991, you will study the evolving course of international relations during an era of tension between communist and capitalist powers which threatened nuclear Armageddon. This unit explores concepts such as communism and capitalism, aggression and détente and also encourages students to reflect on the power of modern military technology, what hastens confrontation and what forces promote peace in the modern world.

In Unit 3, the Historical Investigation, you will complete a coursework essay that will investigate a historical topic covering a period of 100 years.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking ahead, you can choose to study a range of different periods of History at university, or there are also degrees that are closely related to History such as American Studies, Classics, and International Relations. The many skills you develop by studying History, such as analysis, research, communication and judgement, make it ideal training for almost any profession.

COURSE

AQA A level History

“ Whilst at Loreto I have discovered passions and interests I never knew I had! From debating at Debate Club, to fieldwork at Colwyn Bay, I have been able to experience things I never imagined possible while doing my A levels. ”

Emily Battle

Previous School: **Reddish Vale High School**
Studying: **A level English Literature, Geography and Politics**



Law

A level Law gives students an insight into the law of England and Wales, including the study of the legal system, how laws are made, criminal law, tort law, concepts of law and the law of contract. In Paper 1, students learn to critically evaluate the legal system and to apply the criminal law. In Paper 2, Law making and the law of tort, students learn to critically evaluate how laws are made and to apply tort law. In Paper 3, students learn to discuss concepts of law and to apply contract law.

On this course you will learn to “think like a lawyer” and apply legal rules to the facts. You will also develop your ability to critically analyse and evaluate legal concepts, institutions and processes.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our A level law students go on to study law at Russell Group Universities and to pursue careers in the legal profession as solicitors and barristers. Others go on to undertake legal apprenticeships. Law is also a great A level to prepare students for a wide variety of careers including business, the civil service, local government, banking and finance.

COURSE

AQA A level Law



Politics

A level Politics is for students seeking the opportunity to study how government and politics works in the UK and the USA and who wish to understand the ideas that shape decision-making and the complex world we live in today.

In Unit 1, Government and Politics of the UK, you will study the UK constitution, government, the powers of the Prime Minister, UK political parties, elections and voting, referendums and pressure groups.

In Unit 2, Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics, you will look at Presidential elections, pressure groups, the Constitution, political parties and social issues. Students will also compare UK-US political culture, government and politics.

In Unit 3, Political Ideas, you will study the core ideas, Socialism, Liberalism, Conservatism and Feminism.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A level Politics is a subject that can lead to degrees and careers in law, journalism and other professions. Many students go on to study related subjects at university such as American Studies, Social Science or Public Policy. Past students have gone on to work as Parliamentary Researchers in the House of Commons and even the US Congress.

COURSE

AQA A level Politics



Psychology

A level Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Psychological research aims to understand all aspects of human behaviour and apply findings to benefit individuals in society. Research in psychology seeks to understand mental health treatment, and many other areas affecting health and daily life. Topics include: social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology, bio psychology and research methods.

A level Psychology is assessed by a mixture of questions on each exam paper including multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. There are three exams.

In Unit 1 topics covered are social influence, memory attachment and psychopathology. In Unit 2 topics covered are approaches in psychology, biopsychology and research methods. In Unit 3 topics covered are issues and debates, relationships, schizophrenia and forensic psychology.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour, it can be used in many careers that require knowledge of how people think and react, such as: clinical psychology, forensic psychology, health psychology, sports psychology, physiotherapy, social work, teaching, advertising, marketing, nursing, medicine, criminology, neuroscience, occupational psychology and management.

COURSE

AQA A level Psychology



Theology, Philosophy and Ethics

A level Theology, Philosophy and Ethics explores some of the biggest questions that humans ask. In Component 1, Christianity, you will study the origins, development and influence of Christian thought. You will also explore some of the challenges facing Christianity in the modern world, including the relationship between religion and science. In Component 2, Philosophy, you will explore a range of arguments for and against the existence of God, considering the contribution of science and psychology to this debate as well as the problem of why God would allow evil to exist. In Component 3, Ethics, you will explore issues such as whether morality is absolute or if rules can be broken for the greater good.

You also study a range of issues such as the use of animals for medical research, the justification of nuclear weapons and issues related to immigration.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Some students go on to study directly related degrees such as Theology or Philosophy or other humanities degrees such as Psychology, Sociology or History. Other students study Theology alongside science or maths and go on to study degrees such as Medicine or Computing. Common careers that this subject prepares you for are law, teaching, journalism and healthcare.

COURSE

Eduqas A level Theology, Philosophy and Ethics



Sociology

A level Sociology is the study of society. At Loreto, Sociology consists of studying five core units: Family & Households, Education, Research Methods, Crime & Deviance and Social Inequality. In the first year, you will study the Family & Household unit, examining the families which exist today, their purpose and function and the roles of family members such as adults and children. In the Education unit, you will explore debates around the purpose of the education system and discuss reasons for differences in achievement. The final unit in the first year is Research Methods, exploring ways in which Sociologists collect evidence.

In the second year, you will study Crime & Deviance, learning reasons for criminality together with explaining key patterns and trends around crime statistics. You will study the final unit of Social Inequality where you will explore the reasons for differences and inequality linked to social class, age, gender and ethnicity.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who study Sociology go into working environments and careers in a range of areas: education sector, the police, social work, media and journalism, advertising, criminal justice work and public relations.

COURSE

Eduqas A level Sociology



Travel and Tourism

BTEC Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism (Level 3) is ideal for students seeking employment in the Tourism industry such as cabin crew, travel agencies and tour operators. Many students progress to university in order to study at a higher level. Students learn about the role of different types of employment in the tourist industry including airline cabin crew, personal presentation standards, customer care and team working. There are thirteen units that need to be successfully completed over the duration of two years with two of those being external exams.

You will develop personal, learning and thinking skills. You will learn to work both independently and as part of a team through group work activities, role-plays and presentations. You will improve communication skills and research skills.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students typically progress to university and then on to careers in the travel and tourism industry. Some students decide to progress directly to employment. Possible careers include airline cabin crew, overseas representative, cruise ship, hotel industry, tour operator and travel agent.

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Pearson BTEC Level 2
Pearson BTEC Level 3
Extended Diploma



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