



Loreto
sixth form college



Humanities & Social Sciences

Accounting

Applied Business

Business

Classical Civilisation

Criminology

Economics

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Law

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

Theology, Philosophy
and Ethics

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Humanities and Social Sciences offer a broad curriculum, including supporting students in exploring human culture through discussions and debates, allowing students to fully express themselves, their ideas and theory. The subjects are known for offering enriching programmes, outstanding teaching and extensive support given to all students.

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Psychology

- **Are you fascinated by how the human mind works and how the brain affects behaviour?**
- **Do you often wonder why people behave in the way they do?**

If so psychology is the subject for you!

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Psychological approaches explain why we behave in different ways using research to understand all aspects of human behaviour. Psychologists apply their knowledge and findings to benefit individuals in society.

THE COURSE

You will begin the course learning about why some individuals are susceptible to obeying authority and others are more able to avoid it. You will also learn how early experiences can affect future romantic relationships. A range of psychological disorders will be studied, including anxiety disorders and depression. The course will allow you to develop essential research skills and data analysis needed for scientific research.

ASSESSMENT

Psychology A level is assessed by three examinations which include a variety of styles of questions. Your lessons will involve a wide variety of activities and there are a range of resources in the department that can help support your independent learning. The department has a large team of experienced teachers many of whom are examiners for AQA, with a history of excellent results.

OPPORTUNITIES

To enhance your learning you will be invited to hear different speakers on topics such as psychological disorders and forensic psychology and have the opportunity to ask questions to psychologists working in a range of fields including sport, education and clinical. You will get the opportunity to visit a university taster day and attend a psychology conference in London which includes talks by leading psychologists.

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

ASSESSMENT

Exams





Sociology

- Can anyone be a success if they work hard enough?
- Are mobile phones ruining childhood?

As a Sociology student you will tackle these questions and many more like it, covering five key units. If you enjoy discussions and debates, and like thinking outside of the box, then Sociology could be a great subject for you.

THE COURSE

Sociology is the study of society. This is a fascinating and thought-provoking A level that helps students to develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. At Loreto, students will study five core units: Family, Education, Research Methods, Crime and Social Inequality. This A level involves asking questions to explore the surrounding world including the changing role of the family, how education shapes who we are and explanations for crime. Themes of poverty, inequality and discrimination will also be significant as students look to uncover the underlying causes of social issues. Loreto College follows the Eduqas specification and Loreto Sociology students consistently perform significantly above national averages, in one of the UK's biggest centres.

SKILLS

A level Sociology allows individuals to develop critical thinking and analytical skills, examining issues related to society from a number of perspectives. Because of this Sociology is highly regarded as it equips students well to help them navigate social life, make informed decisions and develop empathy towards each other.

OPPORTUNITIES

Students who study Sociology have a wide range of career opportunities. The knowledge and skills gained from studying Sociology are applicable to many fields, including social work, law, education, public health and medicine. At Loreto, the Sociology department will help you to navigate these decisions and provide you with the necessary support you need along your journey.

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

ASSESSMENT

Exams





Politics

- How do the American and British Political systems differ?
- What powers does a Prime Minister have?

Politics shapes our daily lives. Decisions made by law makers have long lasting effects on society. This is an exciting A level for any student who is curious how government can affect societal change.

THE COURSE

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.

SKILLS

You will develop essay writing, analytical, interpretative and communication skills. Why not join our lively, student run Politics society and further your skills?

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

ASSESSMENT

Exams





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 including chartered accountant, apprenticeships, investment analyst, stockbroker and actuary.

COURSE

AQA A level Accounting

ASSESSMENT

Exams



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

ASSESSMENT

Coursework and exams



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

ASSESSMENT

Exams



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

ASSESSMENT

Exams



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. As the course is modular each assessment (including those taken in lower sixth) is worth 25% 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 and youth worker.

COURSE

WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

ASSESSMENT

Controlled assessments and exams



Economics

In A level Economics you will study four themes. In the first year you will study an introduction to markets and market failure and the UK economy – performance and policies. In the second year you will study business behaviour, labour and the global economy.

During the course you will develop your analytical and evaluative skills. You will learn how to interpret graphs and how to manipulate numerical data. In order to do well on the open response questions you will develop the ability to analyse competing arguments before arriving at an informed evaluative judgement which can be fully justified using the knowledge which you have assimilated over the two year course and the information provided.

Economics is an essay-based subject and the majority of the marks awarded at A level come from structured analytical and evaluative essay writing.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of our students leave college to take up places at Russell Group universities including Oxford, Cambridge and LSE. Many Economics graduates gain employment in commerce and banking and some secure roles within the City of London itself.

COURSE

Edexcel A level Economics

ASSESSMENT

Exams



Geography

- How can we combat climate change?
- How do physical forces shape our planet?
- Is globalisation a force for good?

As a geography student you will tackle these questions and many more like it. If you enjoy analysing data, seeing the world from different perspectives and want to make our planet a better place then Geography could be a great subject for you.

THE COURSE

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 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.

SKILLS

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.

OPPORTUNITIES

In addition, the department offers a residential fieldtrip to Reykjavik, Iceland where students cross the mid Atlantic Ridge between two continents, go trekking on a glacier, visit the Blue Lagoon and see the Northern lights!

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

ASSESSMENT

Coursework and exams





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

ASSESSMENT

Exams



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 4500 word 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

ASSESSMENT

Coursework and exams



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

ASSESSMENT

Exams



Travel and Tourism

Students learn about the different types of employment skills in the travel and tourism industry that include customer service, personal presentation, teamwork, selling and soft skills which allow you as an employee to deliver high levels of satisfaction to the customer. There are thirteen units that need to successfully be completed for the level 3 qualification over the duration of two years and twelve units over a duration of one year for the level two qualification. On both courses, there are two external exams.

You will develop personal, learning and thinking skills which are vital to work in a fast-paced industry that focuses on providing the highest levels of customer satisfaction. Additionally, you will learn to work independently and as part of a team through group work and activities, role plays and presentations. Over the duration of the course your personal communication and research skills will become second to none as you continue to study these coursework orientated qualifications.

FUTURE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students typically progress to university and then to careers in the travel and tourism industry. Some students decide to progress directly to employment. There are over 2500 direct and indirect careers in the travel and tourism industry including cabin crew, overseas holiday rep, cruise ship steward, hotel receptionist, tour guide and travel agent.

COURSE

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

ASSESSMENT

Coursework and exams



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