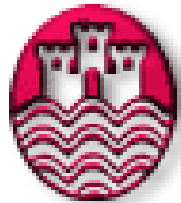


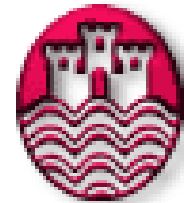
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AS/A2 GCE

Examining Board: CCEA

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Section A - The Study of Poetry 1900-present

Chosen Poets: Elizabeth Jennings/ Philip Larkin
Assessment: External examination (Open book)
Weighting: 12% A level

Section B – The Study of Drama 1900-present

Chosen Text: Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*
Assessment: External examination (Closed book)
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Unit 2 - The Study of Prose Pre 1900

Chosen Text: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*
Assessment: External examination (Closed book)
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Chosen Text: *Othello*
Assessment: External examination (Closed book)
Weighting: 20% A level

Unit 2 – The Study of Poetry Pre 1900 and Unseen Poetry

Section A - The Study of Poetry Pre 1900

Chosen Texts: Blake's *Songs of Innocence* and *Songs of Experience*
Assessment: External examination (Closed book)
Weighting: 10% A level

Section B – Unseen Poetry

Assessment: Extract-based question
Weighting: 10% A level

Unit 3 – Internal Assessment

Chosen Texts: Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* and Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*
Assessment: Internal Assessment: 2500 words
Weighting: 20% A level

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ICT

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

Examining Board: **OCR**
Specification: **Cambridge Technical in IT Introductory Diploma (Level 3)**

Length of Course: **2 years**

Pupils are assessed in 6 coursework units. It is recommended that pupils have studied ICT at GCSE if considering this course. Due to the coursework-based nature of the course it is recommended pupils have at least a C in 'English to enable them to gain a good grade for their written communication skills. The course is recognised by both Queen's University Belfast and University of Ulster for ICT-based degrees.

Course Content

Year 13

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Unit 2 – Information Systems

This unit allows the student to demonstrate the information organisations hold and how this is valuable to an organisation. It will help the student understand the legislation governing information which goes in and out of an organisation and the constraints and limitations that apply to it. Students will discover that if systems are in place, and information held is correct, then the communication within the organisation is a powerful tool and can give any organisation a competitive edge with the use of management information systems.

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This unit helps students learn advanced skills in Photoshop, skills that are used in the graphic design industry. Students will complete 4 mini Photoshop tasks demonstrating a range of skills, and then complete a major task—planning, designing and evaluating a variety of graphic design products for a given scenario. In addition, students will learn the theory behind this area of ICT, including the hardware and software used in graphic design and the properties of various file formats and print mediums.

Year 14

Unit 12 – Website Production

This unit will prepare students to design, create and test a fully functioning professional website, that uses a range of advanced and dynamic features. It also provides essential knowledge on the architecture, design and security issues that need to be considered when creating websites. Pupils use WordPress to create their websites, equipping them with skills that can be used in industry.

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The aim of this unit is to help students understand how spreadsheets can be used to solve complex problems. Students will learn how to create a complex spreadsheet model and to use a range of formulae and functions. They will also learn how to automate and customise their spreadsheet models, the importance of testing spreadsheets for functionality and produce relevant documentation to support the spreadsheet.

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This unit gives students the understanding of what social media is, the scope and impact it has, how it is evolving and the opportunities these platforms provide to businesses when promoting themselves or utilising consumer information. By reviewing business practice, students will be able to identify how to improve service and customer delivery, raise awareness of business and products/services and improve market intelligence to develop a competitive advantage.

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MEDIA STUDIES

AS/A2

Examining Board : WJEC

Length of Course: **1/2 years**

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About the course:

This course offers candidates a framework through which they can study the distinctive contributions which the mass media make to their understanding and enjoyment of the world in which they live. Through a variety of approaches to the changing media environment students will develop a critical and analytical approach to the range of media texts as well as the media institutions which create and circulate them. Candidates will further explore the kinds of relationships the texts propose with audiences through a range of research, pre-production and production activities.

Components studied in Year 1 – AS Level

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2. **Investigating Media Forms and Products - 35% External Exam**
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Components studied in Year 2 – A2 Level

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2. **Media Forms and Products in Depth—35% External Exam**
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Entry requirements:

At least 5 GCSEs grade C or above (one of which must be English). GCSE Media Studies is desirable but **NOT** compulsory. Students will also be expected to have competent ICT skills, particularly in Photoshop, and a keen interest in film, television, radio, print -based media and digital technology.

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Year 14 A2	A2 2	A Study of Acts, Galatians and 1 Corinthians and Ephesians Paul's letter to the Galatians, 1 Corinthians and Ephesians There will also be a section of Paul's understanding of the Resurrection.	2 hour External Exam	30% of A Level
	A2 4	The Continued Development of the Christian Church in The Roman Empire to 325AD A study of Church life and worship (i.e. Baptism and the Eucharist), heresy and schism, definition of the Christian faith, key Christian writers and the meeting of the Council of Nicaea. There will be a synoptic element as part of both A2 modules	2 hour External Exam	30% of A Level

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About the course

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Students will:

- be expected to become actively involved in Sports coaching, assisting with sports activities within the Carrickfergus community.
- have the opportunity to work along side PE teachers, gaining experience in the care of children and young people
- gain an extensive knowledge in the areas of Anatomy, Physiology, Nutrition and coaching
- become actively involved in producing healthy lifestyle plans including exercise and nutrition programmes
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Unit	Weighting
Unit 1: Anatomy & Physiology (EXAM)	33%
Unit 2: Fitness training & programming for Health, Sport & Well-Being (Pre release Exam)	33%
Unit 4: Sports Leadership	11%
Unit 3: Professional development in the sports industry	11%
Unit 5: Application of Fitness Testing	11%
*PE Primary Programme where they will design and teach PE lessons to P7 pupils from feeder Primary Schools.	Optional

The BTEC Extended Certificate in Sport consists of 7 units taught over 2 years.

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Entry requirements: Due to the written portfolio nature of this course, Sports Studies students should have a grade C or above in GCSE English or equivalent. Students should also either have a grade C or above in GCSE Physical Education or a Merit in BTEC Sport Studies. In the absence of studying GCSE PE or BTEC Sport Studies, students should have achieved a GCSE Science qualification grade C or above and be a participating member of a sports club. Enhanced criteria may be applied in the event of this course being oversubscribed.

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Examining board: **EDUQAS**

Length of course: **2 years**

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Written examination: 3 hours = 50% of qualification

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Course Content Year 1

Unit 1—The United Kingdom Tourism Product

The aim of this unit is for learners to:

- Understand what the UK offers to inbound and domestic tourists
- Appreciate the range of employment opportunities available in the tourism industry.

Assessment — External Assessment 1 hour 30 mins

Unit 2—Worldwide Tourism Destinations

The aim of this unit is for learners to understand that:

- All destinations have a range of attractions and facilities
- Destinations acquire an image and reputation that affects the types of tourists to whom they appeal.

Assessment — Internal Assessment and External Moderation.

All assessments must be conducted under controlled assessment conditions.

Course Content Year 2

Unit 3—The Dynamic Tourism Industry

The aim of this unit is for learners to understand that:

- Tourism is an ever-changing industry which has to adapt quickly to external pressures and changes in society at the national and global scale.

Assessment — External Assessment 1hr 30 mins

Unit 4—Event and Itinerary Planning

The aim of this unit is for learners to:

- Understand the process of event management and the nature of tour itineraries within the UK.

Assessment — Internal Assessment and External Moderation.

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Future Careers

Here are just some future careers using Travel and Tourism: Air Cabin Crew, Cruise Ship Rep, Holiday Rep, Tour Guide, Travel Agent, Tourism Officer/Manager, Careers in Museums/Art Galleries, Careers in Historical Buildings/Monuments, Theatre/Cinema Administration/Management, Outdoor Pursuits Manager, Leisure Club Manager, Tour Operator, Theme Park Manager, Entertainment Manager, Club Manager, Youth and Community Worker.

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- Destinations acquire an image and reputation that affects the types of tourists to whom they appeal.

Assessment — Internal Assessment and External Moderation.

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Course Content Year 2

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The aim of this unit is for learners to understand that:

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Assessment — External Assessment 1hr 30 mins

Unit 4—Event and Itinerary Planning

The aim of this unit is for learners to:

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Future Careers

Here are just some future careers using Travel and Tourism: Air Cabin Crew, Cruise Ship Rep, Holiday Rep, Tour Guide, Travel Agent, Tourism Officer/Manager, Careers in Museums/Art Galleries, Careers in Historical Buildings/Monuments, Theatre/Cinema Administration/Management, Outdoor Pursuits Manager, Leisure Club Manager, Tour Operator, Theme Park Manager, Entertainment Manager, Club Manager, Youth and Community Worker.

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A2

Examining Board: **AQA**

Length of Course: **2 Years**

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This Accounting course equips you with the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to assess the performance of all types of business organisations. It will enable you to effectively analyse and evaluate financial data so that you can make judgements, decisions and recommendations about how businesses can manage their financial affairs.

NOTE... the Accounting course is LINEAR – this means it is a 2 year course with no externally assessed AS exam. Only the 2 exams at the end of Year 14 contribute towards the A-level result. However, a school produced grade will still be awarded solely to determine the suitability of continuing to A2 study in Accounting. This grade will be based on an **internally assessed** Accounting paper during the summer exam period (May/June)

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1 written paper: 3 hours / 0% of A level

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Unit A2 1 Periodic Trends and Further Organic, Physical and Inorganic Chemistry	Written paper	2 hour s	40%	20%
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AS EXAM STRUCTURE

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Context 1 - Young People in Society - Education and Career Planning, Citizenship and Globalisation.
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What do I need to be able to take this course?

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AS/A2

Examining Board: CCEA

Length of Course: 1/2 years

Overview

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What do I need to know before taking the Courses?

You do not need to have studied Politics for GCSE in order to take AS or A2 level Government and Politics. It is more important to have an enquiring and lively mind, along with an interest in politics and current affairs, a desire to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course will appeal to those students who:

- Enjoy voicing their opinions, debating current affairs and political issues
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What does the Course lead to:

Skills: Aside from preparing students for specific fields of employment, Government & Politics teaches many transferrable academic skills such as the ability to properly formulate and communicate effective argument, along with the capacity to solve problems, think analytically, critically and logically.

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HISTORY

AS/A2

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Length of Course: **1/2 years**

Overview

The History AS/A2 Level consists of 4 Units all focused within the 20th century. The first 2 Units are studied in Year 13 and are each tested by examination at the end of that year.

The study of History provides pupils with opportunities to develop skills of comprehension, translation, interpretation, analysis and evaluation. Pupils will engage with contemporary source material, analysing their context and validity and will also learn to critique the main interpretations and debates within Nazi (AS) and Irish (A2) Historiography

AS Structure:

1. Germany 1919 - 1945

- The Weimar Republic 1919-1929
- The Decline of the Weimar Republic and the Rise of the Nazis
- Developments in Nazi Germany 1933-1945

1 hour 30 min exam

*Source and Interpretations paper
50% AS
(20% A Level)*

2. Revolutionary change in Russia 1914 - 1941

- The Revolutions of February and October 1917
- Lenin's Russia 1917-1924
- Stalin's Rise to Power and Dictatorship 1924-1941
- The Economy 1924-1941

1 hour 30 min exam

*Structured essays
50% AS
(20% A Level)*

A2 Structure:

1. Clash of Ideologies in Europe 1900 - 2000

- The foreign policy of Tsarist Russia
- The Relationship between Soviet Union and Western governments from October Revolution 1917 to end of WWII
- Soviet Foreign Policy during the Cold War and response of Western governments

1 hour 15 min exam

*One Overview Synoptic Essay
(20% A Level)*

2. Partition of Ireland 1900- 1925

- The Crisis over the 3rd Home Rule Bill up to September 1914
- Political Events 1914-1918
- Developments 1919-1923
- Events in Ireland 1921 - 1925

2 hour 30 min exam

*Sources and Interpretations paper
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HISTORY

AS/A2

Examining Board: **CCEA**

Length of Course: **1/2 years**

Overview

The History AS/A2 Level consists of 4 Units all focused within the 20th century. The first 2 Units are studied in Year 13 and are each tested by examination at the end of that year.

The study of History provides pupils with opportunities to develop skills of comprehension, translation, interpretation, analysis and evaluation. Pupils will engage with contemporary source material, analysing their context and validity and will also learn to critique the main interpretations and debates within Nazi (AS) and Irish (A2) Historiography

AS Structure:

1. Germany 1919 - 1945

- The Weimar Republic 1919-1929
- The Decline of the Weimar Republic and the Rise of the Nazis
- Developments in Nazi Germany 1933-1945

1 hour 30 min exam

*Source and Interpretations paper
50% AS
(20% A Level)*

2. Revolutionary change in Russia 1914 - 1941

- The Revolutions of February and October 1917
- Lenin's Russia 1917-1924
- Stalin's Rise to Power and Dictatorship 1924-1941
- The Economy 1924-1941

1 hour 30 min exam

*Structured essays
50% AS
(20% A Level)*

A2 Structure:

1. Clash of Ideologies in Europe 1900 - 2000

- The foreign policy of Tsarist Russia
- The Relationship between Soviet Union and Western governments from October Revolution 1917 to end of WWII
- Soviet Foreign Policy during the Cold War and response of Western governments

1 hour 15 min exam

*One Overview Synoptic Essay
(20% A Level)*

2. Partition of Ireland 1900- 1925

- The Crisis over the 3rd Home Rule Bill up to September 1914
- Political Events 1914-1918
- Developments 1919-1923
- Events in Ireland 1921 - 1925

2 hour 30 min exam

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Exam Structure

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Extended Certificate Level 3

CTEC LEVEL 3
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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
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AS/A2
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A Level Health and Social Care is an ideal qualification for those wishing to attend university or begin a career in Health and Social Care or Teaching.

This course aims to:

- Develop interests in health, social care and early years;
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AS UNITS

TITLE OF UNIT	ASSESSMENT METHOD	AWARD WEIGHTING
AS Unit 1: Promoting Quality Care	Internally assessed	25% of AS, 10% of A2
AS Unit 2: Communication in Health, Social Care and Early Years Settings	Internally assessed	25% of AS, 10% of A2
AS Unit 3: Health and Well-Being	Externally assessed (2 hour examination)	50% of AS, 20% of A2

A2 UNITS

TITLE OF UNIT	ASSESSMENT METHOD	AWARD WEIGHTING
A2 Unit 3: Providing Services	Externally assessed (2 hour examination)	30% of A2
A2 Unit 4: Health Promotion	Internally assessed	15% of A2
A2 Unit 5: Supporting the Family	Internally assessed	15% of A2

Entry requirements: Students wishing to enrol on the A level in Health and Social Care course will need at least a C grade in GCSE English. Having a GCSE C grade or above in Child Development, Home Economics or C grade in GCSE Health & Social Care is desirable.

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Examining Board: **AQA**

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Portfolio: Portraiture Photography (Sept to Jan) &
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PERFORMING ARTS

BTEC LEVEL 3

Examining Board : **PEARSON**

Length of Course: **2 years**

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

About the Course:

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You will study the following units:

UNIT 1	Investigating Practitioners' Work
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UNIT 3	Group Performance Workshop

Students will then study **1 additional unit** chosen from an interesting list which includes:

Variety Performance	Interpreting Classical Text for Performance
Movement in Performance	Improvisation

Entry requirements:

Due to the written portfolio nature of this course, Performing Arts students should have a grade C or above in GCSE English or equivalent. Students should also either have a grade C or above in GCSE Drama, or a M+ in BTEC Performing Arts. In the absence of having studied either of these subjects, the student must have a keen interest in performing to an audience, and, in the event of the course being oversubscribed; preference will be given to those who have experience either in school productions or through membership of a local theatre group. Students studying Performing Arts are expected to become actively involved in extra-curricular performances and will be required to attend rehearsals out of class time. This will include students being available for occasional Saturday morning and evening rehearsals.

Career Pathways—Studying Performing Arts can lead to a career on stage, television or film. Other career opportunities are available in make-up, set and costume design and theatre production. It can also lead to careers in teaching and working with children. In addition, there is evidence to suggest that involvement in music, dance and drama can improve concentration, develop self-discipline, self expression and confidence and enhance communication skills.

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