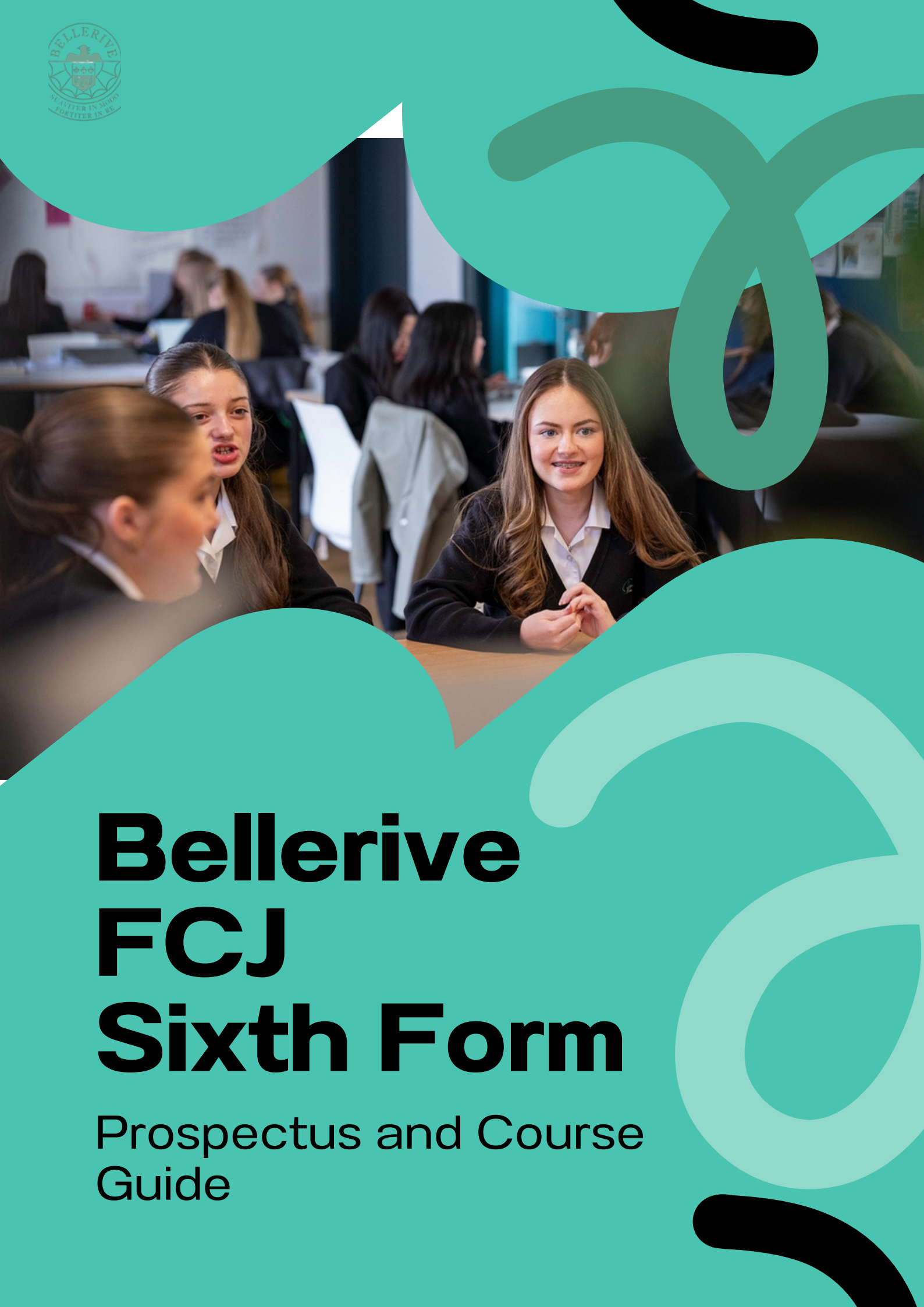




Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form

Prospectus and Course
Guide



Welcome from our Head of Sixth Form

Miss J Rowlands

Joining a sixth form is the start of an exciting new chapter. Here, you'll find a small and welcoming community where everyone knows your name and your teachers take the time to understand you as an individual.

We've been educating young women in Liverpool since 1844, and while our history is long, our focus is firmly on the future. We're proud of our supportive environment where you'll feel encouraged to aim high and achieve your very best.

Life in our Sixth Form is about much more than lessons. You'll have the chance to explore a wide range of enrichment and social activities, make lasting friendships, and grow in confidence. We also provide personalised guidance for whatever comes next, including support in applying for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Apprenticeships.

There are plenty of opportunities to develop your leadership skills too, including joining our senior student team and helping to shape Sixth Form life for others.

We can't wait to welcome you into our community — a place where you'll be supported, challenged, and inspired to take your next steps with confidence.

PS-Whenever you see a QR code throughout the prospectus, scan it to watch a video which will tell you more!





**‘Students relish
being part of
the vibrant
sixth-form
community.’**

OFSTED, 2026

Life at Bellerive Sixth Form



Trips

Students have the opportunity to go on a variety of curriculum-based and enrichment trips throughout their time at Bellerive Sixth Form. Recent trips have included Disneyland Paris, Alton Towers and Chester Zoo.



Social Justice

As well as taking part in Charity Fundraising, students at Bellerive Sixth Form have opportunities to take part in campaigning activities around important issues such as climate change.



Financial Support

Our 16-19 Bursary means that eligible students can receive support with uniform costs, travel expenses, some school trips and other education-related costs.



Careers Support

Every student benefits from one-to-one careers support, work experience and links with universities.



Higher Achievers Pathways

As a small Sixth Form, we can ensure that every student receives bespoke support. This includes support for students looking to study Medicine or Veterinary Science at University, and those looking to study at Oxbridge.

We work with the University of Liverpool to support students in applying to both the Liverpool Scholars programme, which supports students to apply to top universities, and the Liverpool Pathways programme, helping students to begin careers in Finance, Medicine and Engineering.



Course Guide

'Leaders' oversight of student progress is sharp and focused.'
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What courses are on offer?

Bellerive Sixth Form offers a range of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses. Students might choose to follow an A Level or BTEC-specific pathway, or may opt for a pathway which blends the two.

How many courses do I need to pick?

The vast majority of students will choose three courses.

What if I don't know what courses to choose?

All applicants will receive a one-to-one guidance interview with a member of the Sixth Form team. We will help you to consider your interests and future aspirations to make sure that you are on the right course for you.

Subject Choice Blocks

Please note that these are provisional and may change to reflect student demand.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Art and Design (A Level)	Applied Science (BTEC)	Business (BTEC)	French (A Level)
Biology (A Level)	Chemistry (A Level)	English Literature (A Level)	Maths (A Level)
Business (A Level)	Criminology (Applied Diploma)	Physics (A Level)	Religious Studies (A Level)
English Language (A Level)	Geography (A Level)	Politics (A Level)	Sociology (A Level)
Health and Social Care (BTEC)	History (A Level)	Psychology (A Level)	Spanish (A Level)
	Performing Arts (BTEC)		Sport (BTEC)
			Travel and Tourism (BTEC)



BTEC Applied Science

Entry Requirements: Grade 44 in GCSE Combined Science or two grade 4s in separate Science.

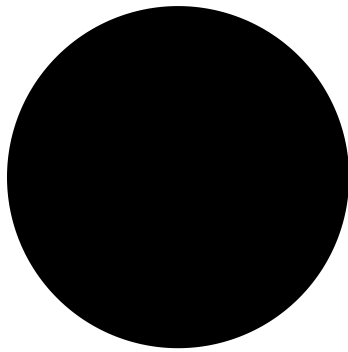
Study a combination of Biology, Chemistry and Physics in this course which looks at the practical application of Science in the world.



A Level Art and Design

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths

This course is designed to allow you to pursue your personal interests in Art and Design.



A Level Biology

Entry Requirements: Grade 66 in Combined Science or two grade 5's in separate Science.

Biology is the subject that allows students to understand the importance of living healthily and develop a better understanding of the world we live in. It continues to be one of the most employable degrees, with the health care sector being a major employer.



A Level Business Studies

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths

Find out how the business world operates using business models, theories and techniques. You will have the opportunity to apply theoretical understanding to your own life and experiences, and discover contemporary developments in the business sector.



BTEC Business

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.

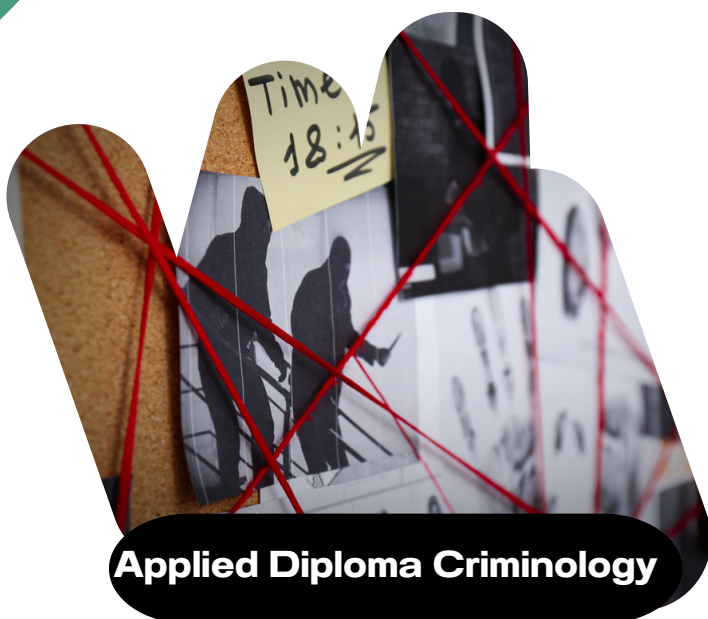
Business is one of the fastest growing university subjects. In BTEC Business you will explore how business works, develop clear research skills and apply your theoretical understanding to the real world with industry speakers and visits.



A Level Chemistry

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in GCSE Combined Science or two grade 5s in separate Science.

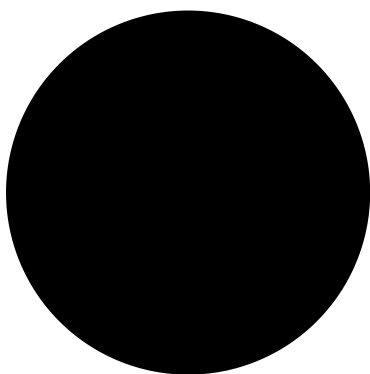
Chemists are leading research on the world's most pressing matters including climate change, energy, and the challenges around human health. In studying A Level Chemistry you will develop the skills and knowledge needed to make a positive impact on the world we live in.



Applied Diploma Criminology

Entry Requirements: GCSE English at grade 4.

In this course you will learn about criminological theories, analysing criminal situations and making recommendations for policy. The qualification includes elements of psychology, law and sociology and is designed to support students in progressing on to university.



A Level English Language

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Literature.

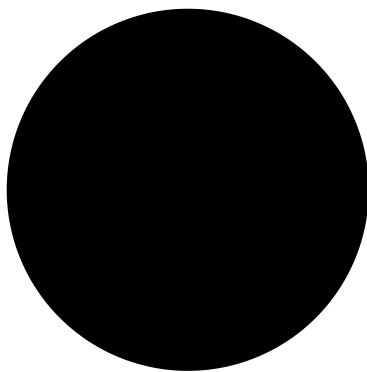
Are you interested in why certain people speak the way that they do? Have you ever noticed that men and women speak differently? Do you know what makes a good communicator? If you want to explore these questions, A Level English Language is for you!



A Level English Literature

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Literature.

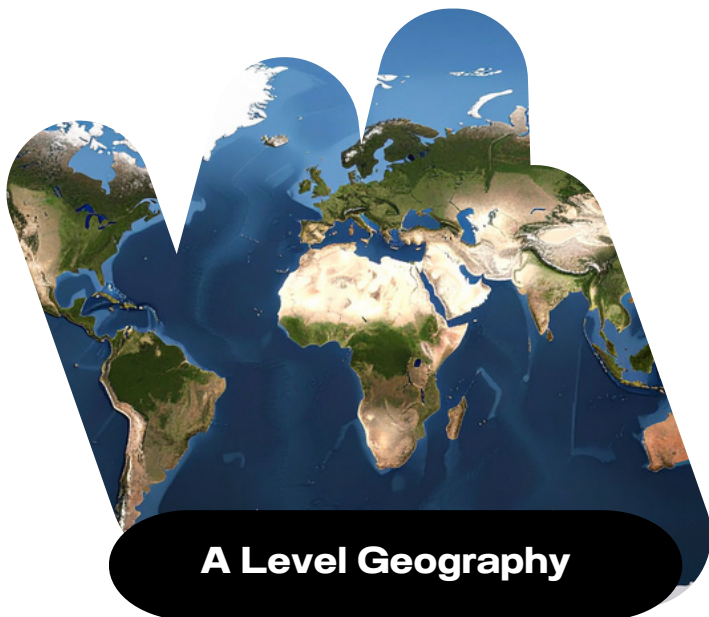
A Level English Literature encourages you to explore the relationship between texts and the context they were written in. A love of reading is essential!



A Level French

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE French.

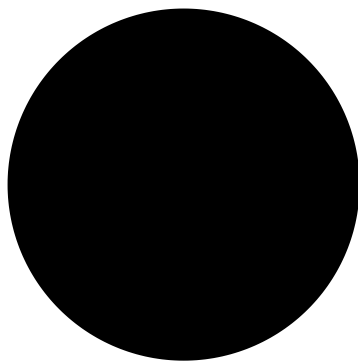
Studying A Level French will help you to develop your understanding of the world and your own language. You will become more open-minded and adaptable and your self-confidence will grow! You will be able to communicate with over 220 million French speakers around the world. In A Level French you will learn about the cultural references, arts and literature of the country.



A Level Geography

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE Geography and/or grade 4 in GCSE English.

Geography is the subject preparing students for jobs that do not exist yet, by utilising resources that have not been discovered yet, by technologies that have not been invented yet, to solve problems that are in the present day and may happen in the future.



A Level Government and Politics

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE History and/or grade 4 in GCSE English.

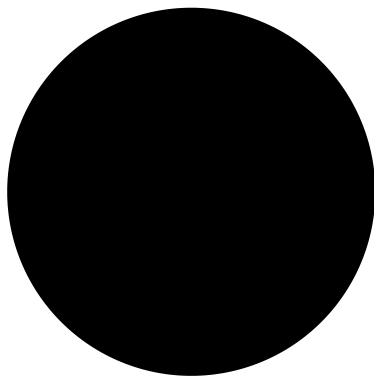
Politics has never had a greater impact on our daily lives. In studying Government and Politics A Level you gain a real insight into how a country is run.



BTEC Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English, Maths and Science.

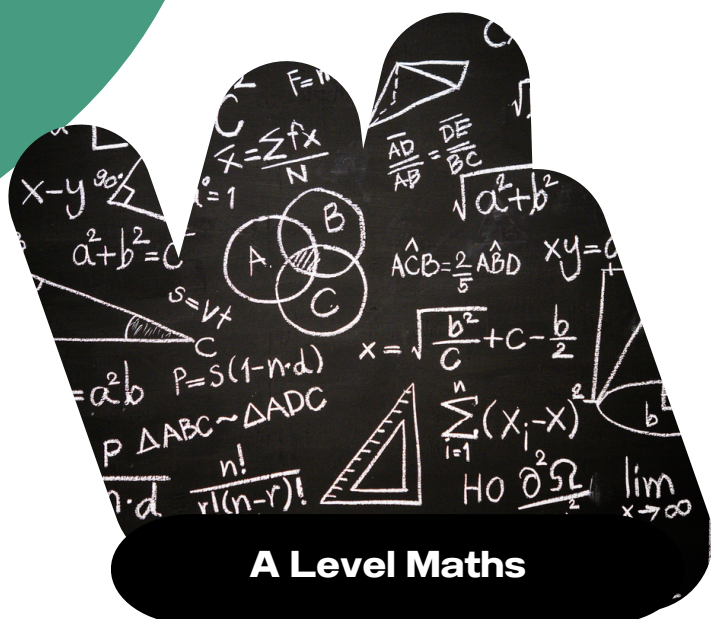
This qualification provides learners with an insight into the health and social care sector and supports access to a range of higher education courses and career opportunities, including nursing, social work and community work.



A Level History

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE History and/or grade 4 in GCSE English.

History prepares students for jobs that value people who can form judgements based upon evidence. Find out about how and why the world we live in is influenced by past events and people while developing communication, literacy, interpretation, evaluative and analytical skills.



A Level Maths

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

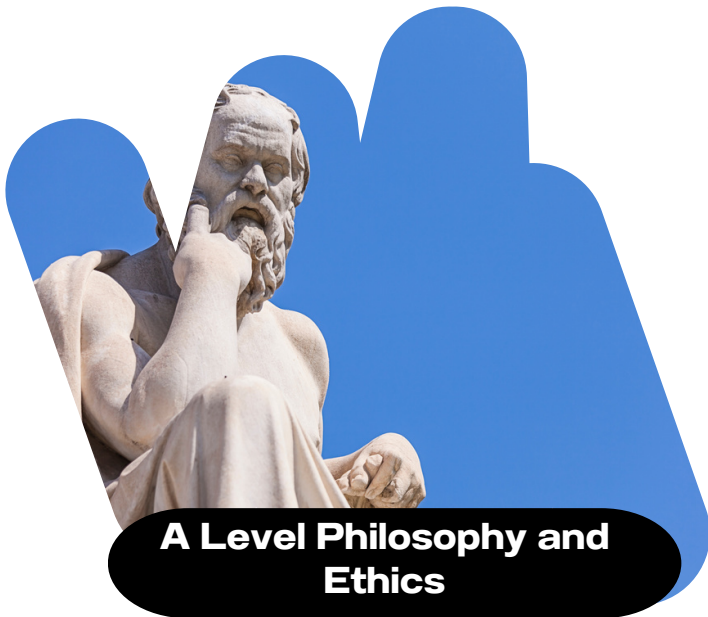
Maths is a subject held in high esteem by job providers and universities. People with an Maths A Level earn 11% more over their lifetime than those without. It is a foundation for many careers, including those in Science, Engineering and Technology.



BTEC Performing Arts

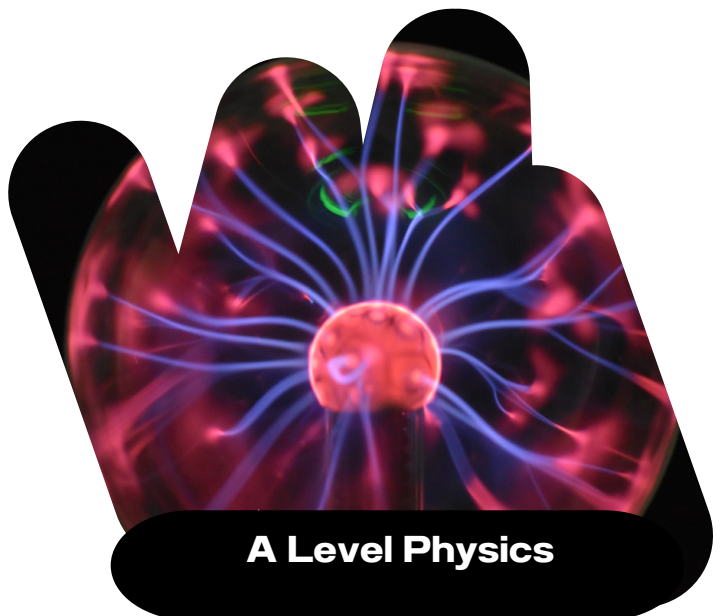
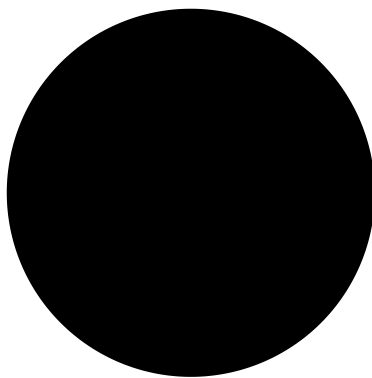
Entry Requirements: GCSE English at grade 4.

This is a hands-on course for those who have a genuine love of Acting, Dance and/or Musical Theatre. Students will develop performance skills, learn to manage projects and gain self-analysis skills.



Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE RE and/or English.

Philosophy and Ethics gives you the skills and knowledge needed to explore the questions that have challenged humans for centuries, such as 'does God exist?' 'How do we know right from wrong?' and 'Is religion sexist?'. It is a subject that is highly-regarded by many universities.



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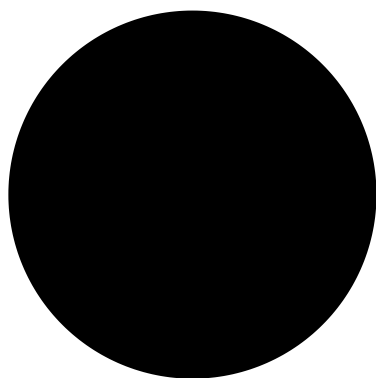
Physics explores the fundamental nature of almost everything we know of. They probe the furthest reaches of the earth to study the smallest pieces of matter. Join them to enter a world deep beneath the surface of normal human experience.



A Level Psychology

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English, Maths and Science.

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour and, as such, it is part of our everyday lives. This course is for anybody who has a critical mind and will help to develop transferable skills of analysis and evaluation.



A Level Sociology

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE English.

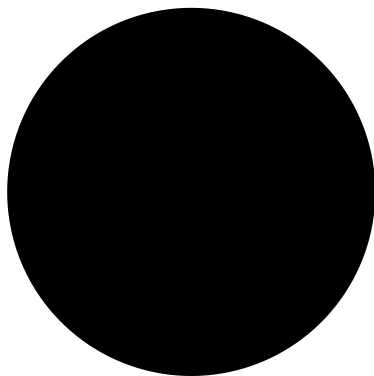
Sociology is for those who question why certain things exist in our society. As sociologists, we try to explain how and why the world we live in is changing through a range of theoretical perspectives including Feminism, Marxism and Functionalism.



A Level Spanish

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in GCSE Spanish.

In Spanish A Level you will find out more about Spanish culture, History, Art and more. You will analyse issues that affect young people of your age in other countries and analyse Spanish films and literature in Spanish.



BTEC Sport

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.

Since 2021 there has been a 20% increase in UK employment in the sports and fitness occupations. BTEC Sport helps you to gain confidence by developing skills in independent learning, communication and teamwork.



BTEC Travel and Tourism

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.

This hands-on course equips you with real-world skills in customer service, destination management, marketing and sustainable tourism.

Application Process for internal students

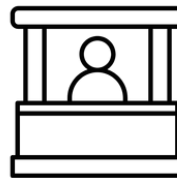
For Year 11 students already studying at Bellerive FCJ Catholic College



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Year 10 Taster Day

In Year 10, you will be invited to take part in a Year 10 Taster Day where you will experience six of our Sixth Form subjects. This day is designed to get you thinking about life at Sixth Form



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Open Evening

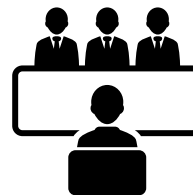
You will then be invited to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening.



03

Application Week

All Year 11 students will be invited to make an application to Bellerive Sixth Form towards the end of the Autumn term. At this stage, you will make your provisional subject choices, although there is still opportunity for you to change these before enrolment in September.



04

Guidance Interviews

During the Spring Term, you will be invited to meet with a member of Bellerive's Sixth Form team to discuss your Sixth Form application.



05

Induction Day

Once GCSEs are finished, you will be invited into school for our Sixth Form transition day to help you get your time in Sixth Form off to the best start



06

Enrolment Day

You will enrol in Sixth Form once you have collected your results on GCSE results day. You will then officially be part of Bellerive Sixth Form!

Application Process for external students

For Year 11 students studying somewhere other than Bellerive. We warmly welcome applications from girls across the city and beyond. You do not need to be a practising Catholic to attend Bellerive Sixth Form



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Open Evening

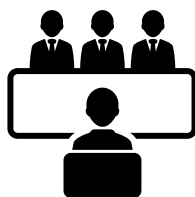
Your journey to Bellerive will begin with our Sixth Form Open Evening . You will have the opportunity to meet subject teachers and find out more about life at Bellerive



02

Applications Open

After attending our open evening you will be emailed an application form. At this stage, you will make your provisional subject choices, although there is still opportunity for you to change these before enrolment in September.



03

Interviews

During the Spring Term, you will be invited to meet with a member of Bellerive's Sixth Form team to discuss your Sixth Form application. These will take place after school.



04

Induction Day

Once GCSEs are finished, you will be invited into school for our Sixth Form transition day to help you get your time in Sixth Form off to the best start. This is a great way to get to know the Bellerive community!



05

Enrolment Day

Once you have collected your GCSE results, you will come to Bellerive to formally enrol at Bellerive.