



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COURSES ON OFFER 2010 - 2011

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At HAB Sixth Form we ensure that you are given every opportunity to succeed. We have the following learning support facilities to help you whilst studying at the centre:

Learning Centre

The Learning Centre is situated on the 8th floor of the tower block. It is open 30 hours per week and offers a perfect environment, fully equipped with the latest technology, for you to complete assignments.

APPLE Centre

A Positive Personalised Learning Environment is situated on the 7th floor of the tower block. There are learner support assistants to help you whatever your learning needs may be. They can provide regular one-to-one learning support sessions, or students can drop in there for support with any problem they may have.

Careers/Connexions Service

The Connexions Careers Adviser can help you with many aspects of planning your career or pathway. Careers is a large part of the mentoring programme in which students will have access to information on a range of careers and qualification pathways, support in preparing CVs and improve job interview techniques, and how to apply for employment or Higher Education.

All students will have an interview with the Connexions Personal Adviser within their first term at HAB Sixth Form.

Financial Support

Educational Maintenance Award (EMA) can provide you with up to £30 per week. To be eligible you need to be aged 16-18 and on a full time course. The amount you receive depends on your household income.

Students with disabilities

We have support workers who are available to provide help and advice if you have a physical or learning disability. The centre complies with Disability Discrimination Act; in addition to this the centre is working to improve the physical access and will make every effort to accommodate you if you have a physical disability. If you have a visual or hearing impairment we can adapt course materials or provide readers or communicators.

It is important for you to apply early so that we can discuss your requirements and make appropriate arrangements where possible.

Obtaining copies of this prospectus

If you would like to receive further copies of this prospectus, application forms or addition information, please telephone the Academy on 020 7237 9316, or drop in to pick one up.



Guide to Courses

AS level

The AS qualification equates to the first year of study of a traditional A level. The majority of students now take 4 subjects or equivalents in the first year of post-16 study. Most AS subjects have 3 assessment units. These units contribute to the full A level which has 6 assessment units. Each unit of the award is equally weighted, with the AS and A2 programmes each accounting for 50% of the overall A level grade. The AS is graded on an A-E scale.

A2 level

The programme of study in the second year of the full A level are called A2. A2 units represent the harder elements of the traditional A level. A2 modules do not make up a qualification in their own right but when taken together with the AS units they comprise a full GCE A level. They are graded on an A-E scale.

BTEC Award, Certificate and Diplomas and OCR Nationals

BTECS are vocational qualifications. They provide a more practical, real-world approach to learning and skills development alongside a key theoretical background. They continue to be developed and updated with and for industry and in response to the needs of learners. This ensures that learners gain maximum benefit from their work whilst qualifying. This could be in readiness for the workplace or continued study at the next level, whether in an academic environment or a more specialist vocational area. BTEC qualifications range from Entry Level to Postgraduate level. They offer natural progression along a vocational path, from and to academic qualification and university.



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Applications will need to satisfy the minimum entrance requirements stated for the courses for which they are applying:

To study AS Levels students will need to have gained at least a grade B in the relevant subject at GCSE.

To study BTECS, students will need at least 5 GCSEs at grades A-D.

In the event of insufficient numbers, it is possible that a course may not be able to run.

Applied Science

BTEC Level 3

What is the course about?

The Level 3 BTEC National in Applied Science is equivalent to 2 A-Levels. The BTEC National Diploma in Applied Science provides the knowledge, understanding and skills for learners wishing to enter a career as a science technician in the areas of laboratory and industrial science, medical science service or the forensic science service. It also provides progression to higher education vocational qualifications a full-time degree in Applied Sciences or Forensic Science. This qualification programme provides access to more specialist units and therefore broadens and deepens the learners' experience in preparation for the world of work.

The projects that students undertake form the basis of their unit results which are graded as a Pass, a Merit or a Distinction.

How is the course assessed?

100% centre assessed no final examination (not an exam based qualification)

What can the course lead to?

University and further education colleges or employment

Business Studies

BTEC Level 3

What is the course about?

The BTEC Level 3 course in Business Studies introduces you to a wide range of topics relating to working in business, setting up your own business and studying business-related courses at University.

You will investigate a diverse range of topics including Customer Service, Business Ownership, Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Economics, Business Law and many more.

The course is designed to equip you with skills that could lead you to working in a business. You will develop skills that will make you a better employee, and give you an understanding of how businesses and the UK economy work.

It is not necessary to have studied business before to follow this course.

How is the course assessed?

As this course develops your practical business skills it is assessed by 100% coursework

What can the course lead to?

Higher education or employment. Depending on the modules you study you may go on to careers in finance, marketing, human resources and many more.

Children's Care, Learning and Development

BTEC First Diploma

What is the course about?

This Edexcel award is equivalent to 4 GCSEs (grades A-C) taken over 1 year. It is intended for learners with an interest in the early years sector. This course is subject to awarding body accreditation.

The Edexcel Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development consists of six units. There are five core units plus 1 specialist unit.

Core units:

- Understanding Children's Development
- Keeping children safe
- Communication with children and adults
- Preparing and maintaining environments for child care
- Professional development, roles and responsibilities in child care

How is the course assessed?

All units are assessed through a range of activities including projects, assignments, practical work and evidence of reflective practice. An overall grade for the qualification is awarded to all learners who successfully complete the required units. Grades awarded are pass, merit or distinction.

What can the course lead to?

BTEC First Diplomas and Certificates offer direct progression on to BTEC National programmes. On completion of a BTEC National, students can progress to a BTEC Higher National or BTEC Foundation Degree programme.

A BTEC First also prepares students for employment in their chosen career.

Dance

AS / A-level

What is the course about?

The A-level Dance course develops the ideas, techniques and appreciation skills learnt at GCSE level. This course is taught through 6 Units. Unit 1: *Solo Choreography and Performance*, Unit 2 *Analysis and Recording*, Unit 3 *Understanding Dance*, Unit 4 *Group Choreography*, Unit 5 *Performance* and Unit 6 *Appreciation: Content and Context*. The AS dance course will comprise itself of the development of 3 of the six aspects of dance mentioned above.

How is the course assessed?

Each unit is assessed individually

Unit 1 = PRACTICAL EXAMINATION: SOLO CHOREOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE
(40% of the total AS marks, 20% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 2 = COURSEWORK ESSAY: ANALYSIS & RECORDING
(30% of the total AS marks, 15% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 3 = WRITTEN EXAMINATION: UNDERSTANDING DANCE
(2 hours 30% of the total AS marks, 15% of the total A Level marks (5231))

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Unit 4 = PRACTICAL EXAMINATION: GROUP CHOREOGRAPHY
(30% of the total A2 marks, 15% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 5 = PRACTICAL EXAMINATION: PERFORMANCE
(30% of the total A2 marks, 15% of the total A Level marks)

Unit 6 = 6231 WRITTEN EXAMINATION: APPRECIATION: CONTENT AND CONTEXT
(2½ hours 40% of the A2 marks, 20% of the total A Level marks)

What can the course lead to?

Higher education

Professional Dance School

Employment

Drama and Theatre Studies

AS-level

What is the course about?

The AS Drama and Theatre Studies course develops the ideas and techniques studied at GCSE level to develop your skills as a director, designer, performer and critic. The qualification is designed to enable students to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the language of drama and theatre as well as to develop their performing and analytical skills. There is a focus on studying plays, practitioners, improvisation, devising and of course performing. Students completing the course successfully will have a thorough understanding of drama and theatre, highly toned analytical and creative skills and an ability to communicate effectively with others.

How is the course assessed?

Assessed workshops

Performance

Exploration notes

Evaluation of a live performance

What can the course lead to?

Higher education or employment

English Literature

A-level

What is the course about?

The English Literature AS/A Level course is suitable for students who actively enjoy exploring and analysing challenging literature and are able to tackle controversial subject matter with objectivity. The purpose of the course is to further develop analytical skills from the foundations of GCSE, enabling students to become independent readers in their own right, readers who are able to skilfully link a wide range of texts that span the period 1800 to the present. There is an emphasis on extensive wider reading which is a compulsory requirement for the final examination and students will be expected to complete the majority of this outside of formal curriculum time.

How is the course assessed?

- **AS – Texts in Context Examination** [60% of overall AS and 30% of A Level]
Creative Study Coursework [Two pieces totalling 2500 words and worth 40% of overall AS marks and 20% of A Level]
- **A2 – Reading for Meaning Examination** [30% of A Level marks]
Extended Essay and Shakespeare Study Coursework [One comparative essay totalling 3000 words and worth 20% of A Level marks]

What can the course lead to?

- **Higher Education** – AS/A2 Literature provides an excellent grounding for many higher education courses; sharpening communication, analytical and problem solving skills.

Hairdressing

Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

What is the course about?

This is a 2 year course dedicated to giving you both the knowledge and skills required to become a qualified Hairdresser. You will study 9 units that cover everything from shampooing and styling through to cutting and colouring. We work together to build on every aspect of your personal growth within the industry. With our excellent salon and resources you can experience a realistic working environment. We also hope to introduce some beauty units into the programme on completion of the hairdressing these will include make up and manicure.

Together with the practical there is a lot of theory work so a good understanding of English, Maths and Science is desirable.

How is the course assessed?

An assignment for every unit

Practical observations/oral questions

Online test for the four core units

What can the course lead to?

On successful completion of the course you will be able to go on to an NVQ level 2; this qualification could be completed within 6 months due to the knowledge and skills gained within the Diploma.

Employment: On completing an NVQ 2 you will be a fully qualified stylist

Further Education: Some student's go on to complete a Level 3 qualification whilst in employment and from there you can specialize within any field of the Hair industry

Health and Social Care

BTEC National Certificate (level 3)

What is the course about?

This course is designed to provide a broad spectrum of knowledge that will enable you to enter a variety of gained has the equivalence of two GCE A Levels and it is possible to progress further into higher education as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

It will build the essential practical skills and understanding that will enable progression into employment or higher level education.

The level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Health and Social Care consist of eight core units plus another four specialist units combined to produce a total of 720 guided learning hours for the completed qualification. You will also need to undertake 100 hours of work placement in a health and social care setting.

How is the course assessed?

There are no examinations; you are assessed on the quality of your unit assignments, which will be internally and externally assessed.

What can the course lead to?

The qualification can lead to a wide variety of jobs in the Health and Social Care sector. The qualification gained has the equivalence of two GCE A Levels and it is possible to progress further into higher education as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

Mathematics

A-Level

What is the course about?

The AS/A2 Mathematics course develops the ideas and techniques studied at GCSE level to enable you to apply Mathematics to solve real life problems and to develop your interest in the subject. A knowledge of advanced mathematics is essential in a wide range of careers from the sciences to economics, business and computing. The AS course consists of pure mathematics (extending your knowledge of algebra, trigonometry and introducing the ideas of calculus) and decision maths (the study of algorithms, networks and optimising resources against constraints). In your A2 course, you will continue your study of pure mathematics alongside either a mechanics module (the mathematics of physical systems) or a statistics module (the analysis and interpretation of data and probability distributions).

How is the course assessed?

The course is made up of 6 units; 3 are assessed at the end of year 12 and 3 are assessed at the end of year 13.

There is no coursework for the subject.

What can the course lead to?

Lots of careers require a knowledge of maths and for many it can be an advantage to have a mathematical background. Maths A Level also puts you at a great advantage when applying for many university or college courses.

Media

OCR National

What is the course about?

This course allows you to investigate the media industry; how media products are made and the different job roles of people working in the media.

You will learn a range of media skills which will prepare you either for further education in the media or for working within the media industry.

You will use industry standard equipment and programmes to make magazines, TV programmes, radio programmes and a range of other exciting media products.

How is the course assessed?

As this course relies heavily on your practical media skills, it is assessed by 100% coursework.

What can the course lead to?

Higher education or employment .

An example of the career paths you may choose to follow after completing this course are:

Photography, Magazine Production, Studio Engineering, Production Runner, Journalism, Radio Presenter and many more.

Philosophy and Ethics

A-level

What is the course about?

Students will study two units: Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics.

Philosophy of Religion explores such questions as “Does God exist?”, “Is there life after death?” and “Why is there suffering in the world?”. Ethical questions include; “What is duty?” and “Is there a universal moral law?”

Students usually choose A Level Philosophy and Ethics because they have an enquiring mind, and are interested in challenging their thinking. They will develop their ability to construct sustainable arguments on ethical issues and evaluate theories about the existence of God.

How is the course assessed?

Unit 1: Religious Ethics- Exam 1 hour 30mins 50%

Unit 2: Philosophy of Religion - Exam 1 hour 30mins 50%

What can the course lead to?

This course is excellent in preparing students for the rigours and challenges of university and for this reason can be studied alongside all subjects. In addition, the skills obtained from this course are valued in many professions including law, journalism, publishing, broadcasting and teaching.

Psychology

A-Level

What is the course about?

AS Psychology

You will learn about five major approaches to psychology in the AS course: Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Psychodynamic Approach, Biological Approach and Learning Approach. In each one you will discover a key topic of research e.g. memory, learn about important studies related to that topic e.g. eye witness testimony, and find out how research is conducted in that area of psychology. You will learn to use statistical tests to help interpret data collected in class exercises.

A2 Psychology

The A2 course gives you an opportunity to study some uses of psychology in the real world. You will discover how the Approaches you have learned about come together to explain human behaviour. In all areas, you will be encouraged to use recent evidence from events in the news.

The modules that are taught include: Criminological Psychology, Child Psychology, Health Psychology, Sport Psychology and Clinical Psychology.

Is it the right subject for me?

The most important quality for anyone wanting to study psychology is to find people fascinating. Are you intrigued by why people act in the way they do? If so, then psychology will capture your imagination and you will never look at people in the same way again.

How is the course assessed?

100% examination

What can the course lead to?

Psychology is a very useful subject for any career where you interact with people. Occupations such as journalism, nursing and marketing all welcome trainees who have studied psychology.

If you are considering Higher Education, psychology can be an invaluable subject. Because it sits on the boundary between Arts and Science subjects, it combines elements of both. If you choose the Arts route, psychology shows a competence in scientific thinking and numeracy that will add breadth to your skills. Similarly, the Science route can often lack the opportunity to show your ability to construct a well argued essay, but psychology will show you can do this.

Sport (Development, Coaching, Fitness)

BTEC National Certificate

What is the course about?

The course has an accreditation worth 2 full A –Level Grades. It is a vocationally based course so all the study is set in the context of real life employment. When working on each of the assignments students will also have the opportunity to earn other important qualifications which are attractive when applying for further education or employment, examples of these are the Community Sports Leaders Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award and a qualification in First Aid.

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness)

Unit Core units — seven units must be taken GLH Level

- 1 The Body in Action
- 2 Health and Safety in Sport
- 3 Training and Fitness for Sport
- 4 Sports Coaching
- 5 Sports Development
- 6 Fitness Testing for Sport and Exercise
- 7 Practical Individual Sports

Unit Specialist units — five of six units must be taken

- 8 Sports Nutrition
- 9 Exercise, Health and Lifestyle
- 10 Instructing Physical Activity and Exercise
- 11 Sports Injuries
- 12 Working with Children in Sport
- 13 Work-based Experience in Sport

How is the course assessed?

100% coursework

What can the course lead to?

Higher education or employment in the sport and leisure industry.

Enrichment

Mentoring

Every post 16 student will be part of a mentor group with an assigned mentor who has responsibility for overseeing students' progress. Deciding on academic targets, discussing progress and working on applications to university or college are undertaken in conjunction with the tutor.

This is also scheduled time for students to do activities outside of their chosen subjects. Careers planning and university applications form a large part of this programme, as well PSHE, personal learning and thinking skills, driving theory and touch typing courses. Students take ownership of this time and use and are able to design their own programmes.

Business Mentoring

All post 16 students have access to the support of a business mentor who will assist in guiding their assigned mentees throughout their studies. Each student is set a series of personalised target grades based on their past academic performance. Where current achievement is below the target, a series of study strategies are agreed to close the gap. This process ensures that students are focused throughout their course, that they remain well motivated and retain a sense of realism about their academic performance and possible career options.

Work Placement

HAB Sixth Form has excellent links with business and industry. These are used to provide students with an opportunity to undertake work experience in an area related to their ultimate career interests. The placement will vary dependent on the nature of the courses that students choose to study, and will fit into your timetable.