

# Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form Course Guide

# Standard entry requirements

In order to support appropriate selections, and ensure achievable and successful outcomes for our students, we have specific entry requirements in place for each subject. These can be found on each subject page.

In addition to meeting the subject entry requirements, internal applicants to Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form are expected to;

- Have at least 95% attendance for the previous academic year.
- Have a positive behaviour point score.
- Consistently demonstrate Grace values.

Please note; we retain the right to withdraw any courses that do not have viable students numbers.

## A Level Biology

### **What will I study:**

Units: Biological molecules; Cells; Organisms exchange substances with their environment; Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms; Energy transfers in and between organisms; Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments; Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems; The control of gene expression

### **How will I be assessed:**

Three examination papers (2 hours each) taking place in summer 2022. These will include multiple choice questions, long answer questions and examination of practical skills

### **Why Study A Level Biology:**

Biology is an essential, or at least a highly desired qualification, for a large number of careers as well as an excellent subject to study alongside many other subjects. Having a biology qualification shows you have developed skills in team work, analytical, problem solving and numeracy; all of which are highly valued by all employers and universities.

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.  
2x Grade 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science or Grade 6 in GCSE Biology.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

Biology is a key subject for lots of STEM careers, particularly in healthcare, medicine and jobs involving plants or animals. The list is pretty long and includes: nursing, dentistry, forensic science, psychology, physiotherapy, botany, environmental science, zoology, geology, oceanography, pharmaceuticals, energy, teaching, science writing, genetics and research.



## A Level English Literature

### **What will I study:**

You will study a range of texts including plays, prose and poetry. You will study critical theories and social and historical contexts. The texts you will study include a Shakespeare play, pre-1900 poetry, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Atonement* and *Feminine Gospels*.

### **How will I be assessed:**

You will sit 2 papers. Paper 1 will have a Shakespeare question and a question in which you will compare *Atonement* and pre-1900 poetry. There is also an unseen poetry question on paper 1.

Paper 2 has a questions that allow students to write about one main text and compare two others. This paper also has a question on unseen prose.

### **Why study A Level English Literature:**

English Literature is recognised as an academic subject. The ability to communicate articulately, analyse closely and research independently are taught, honed and perfected throughout the course. These skills are greatly desired by employers. The course will ensure that you are well prepared to study English Literature at degree level and, subsequently, English graduates are qualified to enter a range of careers: teaching, writing, advertising, publishing, journalism and many more. English Literature is also viewed positively by many other essay-based degree courses, should you decide not to pursue the subject.

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.

Grade 6 OR above in GCSE English Literature

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

Media and journalism, publishing, teaching, advertising, marketing, PR. Even careers such as business and Law.

## A Level Psychology

### What will I study:

**Paper 1:** Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology (Mental Abnormality)

**Paper 2:** Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods

**Paper 3:** Issues and Debates in Psychology, Option 1 - Relationships, Gender or Cognition and Development, Option 2 – Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour or Stress, Option 3 – Aggression, Forensic Psychology or Addiction.

### How will I be assessed:

There are three exams. Each lasts for two hours and counts for a third of the overall A level qualification. All exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions

### Why study A Level Psychology:

Psychology provides you with a wide range of transferable skills relevant to any career or further study, such as the ability to analyse, evaluate, think critically, conduct investigations and write reports. Psychology is both relevant and useful for any career that involves other people and as such the list is endless and there are lots of options in terms of career. Careers that use psychology include psychologists (such as clinical or educational psychologists), education, research, health and social care, sport, public services, marketing and PR, management and human resources. Psychology particularly goes well with mathematical and scientific subjects.

### Entry requirements:

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.  
A minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE English and Science.

### It can lead to careers such as:

Clinical Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Business careers such as Marketing and Human Resource Management, Nursing, Teaching, Counselling

## A Level Art ( Fine Art)

### **What will I study:**

The study of Fine Art an A-level will allow you to develop your skills to an advanced level and for you to develop a more creative and wider ranging approach to your studies. Art is time consuming, but very rewarding.

### **How will I be assessed:**

The A Level qualification requires a series of small projects that build to a coursework component called 'Personal Investigation' worth 50% of the whole qualification. This is followed by the externally assessed assignment worth 40%

### **Why study A Level Art**

A level Art and Design is a diverse, challenging and rewarding course which combines practical skills with an independent development of ideas. The full course is made up of 2 components through which students can experiment with a range of techniques and processes to create an exciting portfolio of their work. Students are encouraged to independently develop their own ideas and processes, based on the visual world around them. They will record ideas and processes from primary and secondary sources in a personal journal or sketchbook. Students will draw on historical and contemporary sources in order to contextualize their own work

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.  
Grade 5 in GCSE Art and Design.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

Past students from our courses have accessed careers such as graphic design, architecture, teaching, art therapy, motor vehicle design and interior design.

## A Level Sociology

### What will I study:

A **level Sociology** focuses on contemporary society, providing an awareness of the importance of social structure and actions in explaining social forces and issues.

### How will I be assessed:

**All papers are external exams taken at the end of the course.**

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods – 33.3%

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology – 33.3%

Paper 3: Crime and deviance with Theory and Methods – 33.3%

### Why study A Level Sociology

A Level Sociology is recognised as an academic A Level by all universities so will help you in securing a degree course. It provides an excellent foundation for anyone wishing to pursue a career in various job sectors, including social work, education, national and international NGOs and any aspect of the criminal justice system. The A Level also develops excellent research skills that can be transferred to many degree courses and jobs.

### Entry requirements:

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.

A minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE English and Grade 4 in one Humanities GCSE subject.

### It can lead to careers such as:

Human services administration, counselling, journalism, public office, law enforcement, corrections, social work or education.

## **BTEC National In Business** **(Extended Certificate)**

### **What will I study:**

The course is made up of four units: Exploring business, Developing a market campaign, Personal and Business Finance, Recruitment and selection process.

### **How will I be assessed:**

**Combination of assessment styles** The course will assess your work in the following methods:

**Internal assignments:** Work-related assignments set and marked by the centre.

**External Tasks:** Practical, work-related tasks, set and marked by Pearson.

**Written exams:** Written answers to practical questions set and marked by Pearson.

**Synoptic units:** Students can demonstrate that they can apply skills, knowledge and techniques learned across the qualification.

### **Why Study BTEC Business:**

For any chosen career path, it is vital to have an understanding of how different businesses operate internally and how the external environment can impact firms directly. The skills you will learn on this course, such as team working, problem solving and decision making will, therefore, be directly transferable to the workplace and university courses.

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.

Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

Accountancy, Banking and Finance, Business management, Law, Marketing, Sales, Human Resources Management, Hospitality, Estate agency and Property management, Retail management, Customer Service and entrepreneurship.



## **BTEC Health and Social Care**

### **What will I study:**

In Health and Social Care you will study four units. The units cover the areas of lifespan development, working within health and social care, meeting individual care and support needs and psychological perspectives within health and social care.

### **How will I be assessed:**

Unit 1 – Human lifespan development

This unit is mandatory and is examined with a written exam which is 1.5 hours in length.

Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care

This unit is mandatory and is examined with a written examination which is 1.5 hours in length.

Unit 5 – Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

This unit is mandatory and is examined with a piece of coursework which is internally marked and externally moderated.

Unit 11 – Psychological Perspectives

This unit is mandatory and is examined with a piece of coursework which is internally marked and externally moderated.

### **Why study BTEC Health and Social Care:**

BTEC Health and Social Care gives a wide and deep understanding of working with individuals who have a wide range of different needs, and age ranges. The course gives a detailed view of everyday life and how different individuals access provisions in order to be equal and valuable members of our society. The course also informs students of the range of services available with Health and Social Care, the types of careers which are available, and information about the rules and regulations which apply in different areas of care. The course consider theories which have developed our understanding of human patterns of behaviour, and how our learning from the things around us mould us into the individuals we become as we progress through our lives.

### **Entry requirements:**

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Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

Health and Social Care careers are increasing in number and offer employment in a large, progressive and ever changing environment. The skills can be transferred into

## **BTEC Sport**

### **What will I study:**

**Units:** Anatomy & Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health , Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry and Sports leadership

### **How will I be assessed:**

4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external. Mandatory content (83%).  
External assessment (67%).

### **Why study BTEC Level 3 Sport:**

If you have an interest in sport and enjoy taking part then this is the option for you. It has both practical and theory elements and will allow you to learn about the body's systems and all areas of sport in greater depth as well as developing skills such as: communication, team work, analysis and evaluation

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.  
Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

PE teacher, sports scientist, physiotherapist, nutritionist, personal trainer, gym instructor, sports journalist, sports development officer and many more

## **BTEC Applied Science**

### **What will I study:**

Principles and Applications of Science  
Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques  
Science Investigation Skills  
Laboratory Techniques and their Application  
Physiology  
Reproduction  
Genetics  
Diseases  
Organic Chemistry

### **How will I be assessed:**

There are 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 1 is optional.  
Coursework forms an important part of this qualification and prospective students should realise that this creates a steady workload.

### **Why study BTEC Applied Science?**

BTEC Applied Science supports progression to Higher Education Courses and it is taken alongside a programme of study that includes other appropriate qualifications.

### **Entry requirements:**

Standard Grace Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry requirements.  
Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature and Science.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

It can lead to careers in Biomedical Science and for Higher achievers Pharmacy is an option. Students can also progress to Animal Biology, Forensic Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dental Technology, Quantity Surveying, Chiropractic Nursing and Accounting degrees

## **BTEC Applied Law**

### **What will I study:**

Dispute Solving in Civil Law  
Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System  
Applying the Law  
Aspects of Family Law

### **How will I be assessed:**

There are three mandatory units that learners must complete, one internal and two external. Learners must complete and achieve at Near Pass grade or above in all mandatory external units and achieve a Pass or above in all mandatory internal units. Learners must also complete one optional Unit ( Family Law).

### **Why study BTEC Applied Law?**

**BTEC Applied Law** is designed to appeal to learners who are interested in a career in **law** or who are planning to go to university and want to gain a good understanding of **law**. This course carries the same UCAS points as the A-level

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Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths, English Language and English Literature.

### **It can lead to careers such as:**

It can lead to careers in the legal sector, journalism and the public services