



Abbot Beyne School

Sixth Form Subjects

2022 – 2024

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Making Your Choices

This booklet is designed to give you the relevant subject information for making decisions as to which courses to study at Abbot Beyne Sixth Form. These decisions are very important and many factors should be considered before making a final choice such as subjects that will lead to a fulfilling life in a career that you will enjoy, which degree you may wish to study at university or simply which courses you believe you will be successful in during your time in Sixth Form.

We will enrol Sixth Form students onto two year Advanced Level courses from September 2022 that will be examined at the end of Year 13 in almost all cases. The courses on offer are A Levels and BTEC Level 3 qualifications.

Entry Requirements for all subjects:

- Five Grade 4s or above, including English and Maths, but each case is considered individually;
- Some subjects also have their own extra requirements;
- If students do not gain English and Maths at the required levels then there may still be an A Level / BTEC Level 3 route open to them.

We want to ensure that the courses students embark upon are those which give:

- The best progression towards university, apprenticeships or employment;
- The best chances of success.

Please read the course descriptions carefully, watch the subject videos on the school website and talk with your teachers about your options. Ask questions to ensure that the courses you choose suit your aspirations and talents.

Further details about each course can also be found on the websites for the Examination Boards.

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Biology A Level

Exam Board	OCR
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. Triple Science at Grade 6+ in Biology or Combined Science at Grade 66+.
Why choose this course?	You <u>love</u> Biology and anything that can be linked to it. You want to develop your interest in and enthusiasm for the subject. You enjoy making links between different facts and ideas and communicating detailed information. You would like to understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.
What will be studied?	Development of practical skills in Biology; Foundations in Biology; Exchange and Transport; Biodiversity, Evolution and Disease; Communications, Homeostasis and Energy; Genetics, Evolution and Ecosystems.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination and assessment of practical skills.
What next?	A selection of science-based careers including Biological or Biomedical Science, Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Immunology, Radiotherapy, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Dentistry, Audiology and Nursing.
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BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	GCSE Art and Design Grade 5+
Why choose this course?	You will gain practical experience as well as focusing on materials, techniques and processes for specific specialist areas in greater depth. You will have an enthusiasm for Art and Design and will be seeking a career in this expanding and exciting creative industry.
What will be studied?	Working as artists, you will explore materials and techniques to broaden your experience of Art and Design. You will build a varied portfolio with evidence of acrylic and oil painting, drawing medium, printmaking, digital photography and editing, ceramics, resin, wire, textile art processes, contextual research, design, an artist blog and reflections.
How will I be assessed?	Your BTEC Level 3 Art and Design qualification will take a unit-by-unit approach and offer a combination of assessment styles both internally and externally set and assessed; these are predominantly practical with written tasks throughout.
What next?	With a range of specialist materials, techniques and processes evidenced in a portfolio, you could go straight on to an Art and Design degree course. Alternatively, you could study a Foundation course to further explore Art and Design specialist areas.
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BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. BTEC Level 2 Pass in Sport (or above) or GCSE PE at Grade 5+. Those with no PE/ Sport qualification at GCSE may be considered.
Why choose this course?	You will participate in a range of practical sessions to extend your knowledge and understanding. You will attend trips and visits to sports teams, sports venues and local universities, where you will meet with industry professionals and experts in a range of sport related fields.
What will be studied?	Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Well-being, Professional Development in the Sports Industry and Sports Psychology.
How will I be assessed?	Examination and internally marked assessments.
What next?	You can go on to work at the cutting edge of elite sport, supporting top athletes as sports scientists, sports psychologists, strength and conditioning coaches, sports therapists, coaches and in many other roles. You may also opt to pursue a career in teaching, community coaching or working within the health and leisure sectors.
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BTEC National Extended Certificate in Business Studies

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. It is not a requirement to have studied Business Studies previously.
Why choose this course?	You will have a keen interest in how businesses start, grow, sustain success and adapt to the changing business environment. You may wish to start your own business in the future or simply to gain a clear insight into the way all successful businesses operate. Whatever job you do in the future, you will work within a business of some kind and a knowledge of how businesses function will provide you with invaluable insight.
What will be studied?	Exploring Business; Developing a Marketing Campaign; Personal and Business Finance; Market Research.
How will I be assessed?	Two units are assessed internally via coursework and a further two units are examined externally.
What next?	You may wish to study Business Studies or a related subject at university or to use Business Studies to complement other A Level subjects for many degree programmes. Alternatively, you may wish to use the principles you have learnt in order to have a career in Business. Business courses at university are as diverse as: Business Studies; Management Studies; Finance; Accounting; Marketing or Human Resource Management.
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Chemistry A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. Triple Science at Grade 6+ in Chemistry or Combined Science at Grade 66+ and Grade 6+ in Maths
Why choose this course?	If you enjoy problem solving, are a good mathematician, like practicals and are interested in how things are made on an atomic level, then Chemistry is the subject for you. If you are interested in any of the medical degrees then Chemistry is a must.
What will be studied?	Physical Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry and Organic Chemistry.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination and assessment of practical skills.
What next?	Chemistry, often in conjunction with other science-based subjects, can lead to the following types of degree course: Biomedical Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Dentistry, Dietetics, Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, Geology, Medical Science, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Sports Science, Veterinary Science. A Level Chemistry is a prerequisite to any Medical Degree.
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Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology

Exam Board	WJEC
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in English Language.
Why choose this course?	Criminology provides an introduction to criminal justice and gives a context for Humanities learning. It enables students to gain an understanding of how laws are created, the process from crime scenes to courtroom as well as reasons as to why individuals commit crimes.
What will be studied?	Changing Awareness of Crime; Criminological Theories; Crime Scene to Courtroom; Crime and Punishment.
How will I be assessed?	50% internal and 50% external examination.
What next?	Together with other relevant qualifications, such as A Level Psychology and Sociology, it develops the understanding to support entry to higher education courses in the Humanities or Social Science disciplines. This course also supports students in pursuing courses including law, police work, criminology and criminal justice.
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Economics A Level

Exam Board	Pearson (Edexcel)
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in Maths.
Why choose this course?	You will be interested in the way the UK and world Economy functions as well as having an analytical and enquiring mind.
What will be studied?	Introduction to markets and market failure. The UK economy – performance and policies. Business behaviour and the labour market. A global perspective.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Economics opens up a whole array of degree programmes in the broad areas of Business, Commerce and Economics and jobs that specifically desire Economics qualifications include: Economist, Financial Risk Analyst, Accountant, Actuary or Public Servant.
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English Language A Level

Exam Board	OCR
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in English Language.
Why choose this course?	This course will lead you to probe the way that we gain language as children and how we use language every day in order to achieve different goals and purposes. If you like English but have quite a scientific mind, then this is definitely the course for you, it is more about the science of language and how we use it and less about reading lots of books.
What will be studied?	Deconstructing the meaning of individual words and sentences and looking at how grammar is used in the English Language; language and gender, power and technology; language acquisition and change over time.
How will I be assessed?	80% examination and 20% coursework.
What next?	English Language can lead to a variety of different career paths such as: teaching, including teaching English as a foreign language; journalism, editing and other jobs in the media; marketing and public relations; speech therapy; writing and politics.
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English Literature A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in English Language and English Literature.
Why choose this course?	Studying English Literature opens up a world of inspiration and nurtures creativity, whilst also developing a range of transferable skills that are essential for the world of work today. It is a chance to discover how literature explores and makes sense of the world through stories, poems, novels and plays as well as opening up your eyes to different perspectives and life experiences.
What will be studied?	A range of texts focused on the theme of love, including Shakespeare, prose texts and poetry throughout the ages (post 1900) as well as texts linked to issues of the modern day.
How will I be assessed?	80% examination and 20% coursework.
What next?	English Literature can lead to a variety of different career paths such as: teaching; author or poet; librarian; journalist and publisher; talent agent; web content manager; marketing executives and social media management.
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Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English.
Why choose this course?	It provides a coherent introduction to both the study of media and also to the development of your own media production skills as you will plan, film and edit your own short film.
What will be studied?	Media Representations; Pre-Production Portfolio; Responding to a Commission; Film Production - Fiction.
How will I be assessed?	Examination and internally marked assignments.
What next?	Progression into higher education to study a media-related degree such as Media Studies or a more practical degree such as Media Production for those students interested in pursuing a career in Media.
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Fine Art A Level

Exam Board	OCR
Entry Criteria	GCSE Art and Design Grade 5+
Why choose this course?	Fine Art is a great way to continue developing your skills in painting and drawing. If you enjoy Art and expressing yourself, whilst developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues in ways that are personal to you, then Fine Art is the perfect course choice.
What will be studied?	You will learn skills in critical thinking, practical research and personal development through the progression of projects based around classic art themes evolving into themes chosen by yourself. You will experiment with media, techniques and themes to find what you enjoy and what you are good at and then develop a portfolio of work based around a theme of your own choice, choosing a media that you are most confident in, culminating in a series of final pieces.
How will I be assessed?	60% Coursework and 40% Practical Exam.
What next?	Fine Art gives you all sorts of exciting career opportunities, including: Games Designer, Architect, Jewellery Designer, Art Technician, Set Designer, Art Valuer, Artist in Residence, Arts Administrator, Community Arts Worker, Art Therapist, Illustrator, Lecturer, Multimedia Artist, Mural Artist, Museum/gallery Curator, Painter, Printmaker, Sculptor and teacher.
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French A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 6+ in French.
Why choose this course?	You will develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of the culture and society of countries where French is spoken.
What will be studied?	Social Issues and Trends; Political and Artistic Culture; Grammar and literary texts and films.
How will I be assessed?	Speaking and Written assessments.
What next?	A French degree can take you all over the world, communicating in French to work in journalism, sales, marketing, PR, logistics, business, banking, finance, accountancy, law, media, tourism, diplomacy and security.
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Further Maths A Level

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 7+ in Maths.
Why choose this course?	The primary reason for choosing Further Mathematics at A Level is that you really enjoy studying Maths and want to learn more. An A Level in Further Maths will give you the opportunity to learn and practise Mathematical skills in greater depth, providing a much broader knowledge of the subject.
What will be studied?	Within the Pure modules, there is a large focus on using algebra. In contrast, the Applied units allow for the study of new mathematical concepts, not studied at GCSE or in the standard A Level in Maths.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Further Maths is becoming more of a requirement for many university courses which have a large mathematical and scientific content. Some of the most interesting and well-paid careers revolve around Maths. Careers in finance, medicine, engineering, and business are all open to people with a background in Maths, as well as careers in technology.
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Geography A Level

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in Geography.
Why choose this course?	As a subject which covers so many of the vital issues that affect the world of today, such as climate change, migration and natural hazards, there has arguably never been a better time to study Geography. With the mix of technical and social skills, Geography students are highly sought after and have some of the highest rates of employment.
What will be studied?	Dynamic Landscapes and Physical Systems; Dynamic Places and Human Systems; Synoptic Decision Making; Non Examination Assessment (NEA) - an individual fieldwork investigation which must include data collected in the field.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination (80%) and NEA Fieldwork (20%).
What next?	Many Geographers go on to pursue careers in cartography, surveying, urban planning, education, environmental consultant, sustainability consultancy, politics, tourism, the armed forces and many more professions.
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History A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5 in History or English.
Why choose this course?	History is one of the most successful A Levels at Abbot Beyne. It involves the development of the skills learned throughout school and the opportunity to study in detail topics which are new. History gives you the skills to communicate with others, write fluently and analyse data; it improves your level of perception and enhances problem-solving skills.
What will be studied?	Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855-1964; the English Revolution 1625-1660; an independent historical investigation into the causes of the persecution of witches during the 16 th and 17 th Century across Europe.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination (80%) and NEA investigation (20%).
What next?	Employers value the research, analytical, teamwork and communication skills developed through studying History. Students follow university courses such as History, Law, Politics, Journalism, Archaeology and Business-related courses.
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Maths A Level

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 6+ in Maths.
Why choose this course?	The main reason to choose this course is because you enjoy doing Maths. An A Level in Maths will give you the opportunity to learn and practise your skills. Whatever your individual reasons for choosing to study A Level Maths, it will always be an asset to your future and this course will be both challenging and rewarding.
What will be studied?	Pure Maths, including Algebra; Statistics and Mechanics.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Studying Maths at A Level will widen the career opportunities available to you. It is a highly regarded A Level when applying for university courses and can lead to careers in the fields of accountancy, insurance, medicine, engineering and the sciences.
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Music A Level

Exam Board	OCR
Entry Criteria	5 Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and GCSE Music Grades 5+ or equivalent.
Why choose this course?	This is an excellent course for students with a passion for music to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills further. It is particularly useful if you are wishing to study Music at university.
What will be studied?	You will perform a recital of music of your own choosing which will include up to six pieces, compose two pieces of music based on the areas of study, and study 4 out of 6 specified areas of musical study.
How will I be assessed?	The performance and composition portfolios are recorded for assessment. There is also a listening examination paper based on the areas of study.
What next?	This is an excellent subject for you to study if you wish to take a career in Music or the Performing Arts.
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National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English.
Why choose this course?	If you want to make a real difference in this world, Health and Social Care is a great start towards this aspiration and will help you to make a real change to service users and their families in difficult situations. By working in health care you help others improve their physical health, and by working in social care you help improve the sociological wellbeing of those in your community.
What will be studied?	Human Lifespan Development; Meeting the needs of the individual; Working in Health and Social Care; Sociological Perspective, Psychological Perspective, Supporting the Individuals needs and Physiological Disorders and their Care (optional unit).
How will I be assessed?	Examination and internally marked assessments.
What next?	Further study at university, an apprenticeship or stepping into employment are all open to you. Students go on to study a wide range of higher education degree courses including Nursing, Midwifery, Teaching, Social work, Psychology, Counselling and Sociology.
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National Extended Certificate in Information Technology

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. Grade 4+ or equivalent in an ICT qualification will be of benefit but is not essential.
Why choose this course?	We live in a digital world where IT skills and knowledge are an ever increasing aspect of learning, working and everyday lives. With input from employers and higher education institutions, this course combines up-to-date industry knowledge and requirements with the right balance of the practical, research and behavioural skills that you need to succeed in higher education and in your career.
What will be studied?	Information Technology Systems; Creating Systems to Manage Information; Using Social Media in Business; Website Development.
How will I be assessed?	Examination and internally marked assignments.
What next?	This course can lead to progression to higher education in the areas of IT, Digital Media and Computing and to apprenticeships or employment in a range of IT sector roles. e.g. web developer, data analyst, social media specialist or business analyst.
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National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. Merit or above in BTEC Performing Arts or Grade 5+ in Drama and English or experience in extra-curricular Drama.
Why choose this course?	If you enjoy collaborative learning, creating, performing and watching performance work this course is for you. You will develop confidence and communication skills and work with a team to use problem solving skills.
What will be studied?	Investigating Practitioners' Work; Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance; Group Performance Workshop; Acting Styles or Musical Theatre Technique.
How will I be assessed?	Examination and internally marked assessments.
What next?	This course supports progression to university or drama school and employment in acting, dance, musical theatre, teaching and education, health, creative arts and voluntary work.
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Photography A Level

Exam Board	OCR
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English.
Why choose this course?	Photography is a great course if you have an artistic flair and want to expand your creative horizons through taking and editing photographs. It is a limitless course that allows you to develop professional working practices and techniques while exploring your own individuality through lens-based media.
What will be studied?	Depth of field, rule of thirds, shutter speeds, macro and ISO levels; how to use image manipulation programs to make the most of photographs and how to take images to a new level.
How will I be assessed?	60% Coursework and 40% Practical Exam.
What next?	Future careers include: Advertising, Commercial work, Editing, Fashion, Film, Food, Forensic, Industrial, Architectural, Portraiture and Wedding photography, Sports and Travel.
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Physics A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English. Triple Science at Grade 6+ in Physics or Combined Science at Grade 6+ and a Grade 6+ or above in Maths.
Why choose this course?	Physics is an exciting and challenging subject that delves deeply into the understanding of the fundamental structure of the universe. Ideas in classical and quantum physics are developed in detail such as the investigation of subatomic particles, waves, mechanics, electricity, fields and nuclear physics.
What will be studied?	Particles and radiation; Waves and optics; Mechanics and materials; Electricity; Further mechanics and thermal physics; Fields; Nuclear physics; Astrophysics.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination and assessment of practical skills.
What next?	Previous students have used their Physics A Level to study in the fields of research, education, engineering, medicine and nuclear focused degrees.
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Psychology A Level

Exam Board	EDEXCEL
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in English Language.
Why choose this course?	Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind. You will have an exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of why people think and behave as they do, learn how to study people using scientific methods, plan research, collect data and analyse it using appropriate statistical methods.
What will be studied?	Social Psychology: Cognitive Psychology, Biological Psychology, Learning theories, Clinical Psychology and Criminological Psychology.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Psychology can be studied alongside any other subject and is useful in a variety of professions such as healthcare, social work, business, tourism, police work, the media and teaching.
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Sociology A Level

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in at least one of History, English or RE.
Why choose this course?	Sociology's prime benefit is gaining a greater understanding of the complex and confusing, yet charmingly simple nature of humans, and the societies in which we organise ourselves. You will study the taboo areas within our society as well as the reasons for inequalities in all aspects of our society depending on our gender, ethnicity, age and social class.
What will be studied?	Education and Research Methods; Families and Households and the Mass Media; Crime and Deviance in Society.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Employers value the research, analytical skills, teamwork and communication skills developed through studying Sociology. Many of our students continue their study of Sociology, following courses such as Sociology, Criminology, Social Work, Health and Social Care, Law, Politics, Journalism, and Business-related courses.
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Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics (Core Maths)

Exam Board	AQA
Entry Criteria	Five Grade 4s or above, including Maths and English, and Grade 5+ in Maths.
Why choose this course?	This qualification is designed to prepare students for the mathematical demands of work, study and life. It is for students who do not wish to study the full Maths A Level course. Core Maths is an AS course and is taken in addition to your three A Level choices.
What will be studied?	Topics covered focus on the applications of mathematical skills that you learnt at GCSE e.g. how percentages apply to tax calculations and financial maths or how to interpret data accurately, taking into account any bias from the media. Core Maths will also help with other A Level subjects in particular with Science, Geography, Business Studies and Psychology.
How will I be assessed?	Written examination.
What next?	Employers from all different sectors are firmly behind the Core Maths qualification. Many roles in today's workplace require high levels of budget management and problem-solving skills. Core Maths will be a useful tool in equipping you with these skills.
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