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# SIXTH FORM

## COURSE BOOKLET



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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

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elcome to South Bank University Academy! Our motto "Create a better future" reflects our commitment to providing quality education to all students . We are a unique school, genuinely led by our values.

At our school we believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and we strive to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and lifelong learning.

Our core values of social responsibility, endeavour, kindness, empathy, and community guide everything we do at South Bank UA. We encourage our students to treat one another with kindness and respect, to take ownership of their learning and to persevere through challenges and setbacks.

We are proud of our diverse community of students, teachers, and staff and we believe that our differences make us stronger. As a school community we are committed to promoting equality, inclusivity, and social justice.

We support our students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their education, make a positive impact in the world and become responsible citizens. Our curriculum is broad and powerful and we have excellent specialist facilities, giving students a high quality of education. Ofsted recognised this in awarding the school another Good judgement in June 2022. We enrich our curriculum with a range of initiatives, including the innovative Day 10, nominated for the TES Schools Awards 2023.



**Principal Annette Moses**  
South Bank University Academy

  
**Ofsted**

**Good  
Provider**

"At South Bank University Academy pupils are safe and well cared for. They enjoy coming to school and like the strong sense of community"

**Ofsted**

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## OUR VISION

At South Bank UA, we are dedicated to offering Sixth Form education with a distinctive and forward-thinking approach. Our mission is clear: to offer a unique and innovative learning experience that prepares our students for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Situated in the heart of London, South Bank UA harnesses its location to the fullest; our full-time careers service boasts exceptional partnerships with various educational institutions, global employers, charitable organisations and - uniquely - with the LSBU Group. These partnerships include Morgan Stanley, Accenture, Construction Youth Trust, WiseUp Network, Envision UK and many more.

Our careers and pathways education is meticulously measured against statutory benchmarks, tailored to each individual student, and continuously refined based on results and feedback. We are committed to empowering our students with the skills, knowledge, and connections they need to thrive in their future with our wide range of workshops and visits as well as through our pastoral curriculum time.

We prioritise the growth and development of every individual student, according to their individual needs; with small class sizes and a focused approach with high standards of care, we create a nurturing learning environment

that fosters students' potential. Our expert staff body is dedicated to supporting students every step of the way, ensuring that they receive the guidance and encouragement they need to excel.

We have a dedicated sixth form space with newly-refurbished common room, a roof terrace and a range of study spaces to support students' collaborative and independent learning. All students in the Sixth Form receive a Chromebook and a personal locker with charging cable, giving them access to learning on a powerful, flexible basis.

Alongside our high-quality educational support services, we offer a wide range of enrichment activities to cater for all interests, including sport, clubs, gaming, charity and community work and many more. Our student leadership team gives students the opportunity to influence and improve both the day-to-day running of the school and its strategic direction, representing the student body and developing their professional leadership skills.

We offer a wide range of study options, in two distinct pathways; A Level and Vocational. Our vocational pathway offers both extended diplomas at level 3 and diplomas at level 2 so we are able to offer courses with a wide range of entry requirements.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## Key stage 5 pathways options all include LSBU Group Future Pathways Programme

We offer a wide range of study options, in two distinct pathways; A Level and Professional. Our Professional pathway offers both extended diplomas at level 3 and diplomas at level 2 so we are able to offer courses with a wide range of entry requirements.

### Academic A Level Pathway

Students choose 3 subjects (or four for the first half term and drop one in October) and study them over fifteen hours, five days a week. Entry requirements: Grade 5 in both English and Maths as well as at least two other subjects, Grade 6 in relevant subjects (Grade 7 or above in some specialist subjects e.g. Further Maths - full details available on request).

### Professional Pathway

Entry requirements for Level 3 Diplomas: Grade 4 in English or Maths (minimum Grade 3 in the other), as well as at least three other subjects.

Entry requirements for Level 2 Diplomas: At least four subjects at Grade 3 qualifications.

Years 12-13 (6th Form)	A levels	Professional Pathways <small>Requirement for three A Levels</small>	Future Pathways Programme <small>Options include University Group Programme</small>
<b>Level 3</b>	Art	Business & Enterprise	Careers
	Biology	Computing	Extended Project (EPQ)
	Chemistry	Digital Media	Work Experience (WEX)
	Computer science	Music <small>Requirement to one A Level</small>	
	Design Technology		
	Drama		
	Economics		
	English		
	Further Maths		
	Geography		
	History		
	Maths		
	Physics		
	Psychology		
	Sociology		
	Spanish		
Years 12-13 (6th Form)	GCSEs	Professional Diplomas	Future Pathways Programme
<b>Level 2</b>	English	Computing Diploma	Careers
	Maths	Digital Media Diploma	Professional Tasters
			Extended Project (EPQ)
Years 12-13 (6th Form)	Curriculum	Delivered	Group Progression Options
<b>Option A</b>	Level 2 BTEC	SBUA	SBUA/SBUS/LSBTC
<b>Option B</b>	A level*	SBUA	LSBU/LSBTC
	Level 3 BTEC	SBUA	LSBU/LSBTC

# ART

## Course

Pearson Edexcel A Level Art & Design

## Description

Art is amongst the highest expressions of human culture, embodying ideals and aspirations, challenging beliefs and assumptions, and creating new possibilities for it to pursue. Studying art at A-level is an exciting and challenging opportunity for students to develop their own art practice, taking their knowledge and skills to the next level. The two year course begins with a series of workshops, simultaneously turning much of what they have understood art to be on its head and also securing and developing knowledge and skills gained in GCSE. A-level art is not for the faint hearted, to do well students require a lot of commitment and they need to be driven and open to exploring new ways of looking and making. After the workshops, students then begin their personal investigation. This is a practical investigation supported by written material. Students are required to conduct a practical investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme, supported by written material. The focus of the investigation is identified independently by the student and must lead to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes. In year 2 students produce a second project responding to an externally set theme.

## Career Links

The UK is a global leader in the creative industries, in 2019 it was estimated that it contributed £115.9 billion to the UK economy. Studying art can lead to a wide range of jobs within this sector, for example; advertising, architecture, design, fashion, publishing, film & television (CGI Directing, Costume, hair & make up, SFX), software, gaming, curation, craft based jobs (e.g tailoring, restoring antiques, Jewelry, Ceramics etc). Studying art teaches students to create their own solutions to problems. In an ever changing world, this is one of the most important skills to nurture.



# BIOLOGY

## Course

OCR A Level in Biology (A)

## Description

The study of life itself, A level Biology explores the theories and principles involved in living systems, in all their intricate beauty. Topics you will learn about include: lifestyle, transport, genes and health, development, plants and the environment, the natural environment and species survival, energy, exercise and coordination, as well as practical biology and research skills. By the end of the course, you will know about the principles of genetics, molecules, taxonomy, natural selection, evolutionary theory, global warming, bacteria and viruses, and more. You will gain an understanding of how society makes decisions about scientific issues, as well as some of the ways in which the scientific community contributes to the success of the economy and society. It also presents the opportunity to sharpen several skills which can be applied in non-science contexts too; these include a critical awareness of social and environmental issues, plus analytical and evaluative skills.

## Career Links

A level Biology is on the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects and it makes an excellent choice, offering access to a wide range of university courses and careers. You'll need biology for most degrees in medicine, biology, biomedical sciences, dentistry, dietetics, physiotherapy, orthoptics and veterinary medicine. Biology is usually required or recommended for courses in biochemistry, environmental science, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, sports science, physiology and speech therapy.





# BUSINESS

## Course

Pearson Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business & Enterprise

## Description

The BTEC Level 3 Diplomas are broadly equivalent to two/three GCE A Levels. The programme aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the operations and structures of businesses and also to equip students with the skills required to succeed in employment or at university. The course will involve businesses in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Students that successfully complete their programme of study could progress onto a Business related degree or Higher National Diploma. Previous Level three students have gone directly into employment in areas of growth in finance, administration and management. You will be expected to complete assignments at home and work in class. There are also exams in the course that are taken in January and May.

## Career Links

Students on The Pearson Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business and Enterprise can pursue a degree in Business or Management, The business industry has a wide variety of career paths to pursue. Here are some areas of business that you can pursue a career in: **Accounting, Marketing, Sales, Finance, and Human resources.**



# CHEMISTRY

## Course

OCR A Level in Chemistry (A)

## Description

A level Chemistry studies the material world and through it, we can describe and explain our experiences. For example, what happens when sugar dissolves in tea? Why is mercury a liquid at room temperature? How do we make plastics? What can we do about global warming? How and why will it be affected if oil runs out? Chemistry will continue to be at the forefront of responding the needs of society; with chemists central to making advances in designing new materials, efficient energy use, drug development, and technology, to name but a few.

## Career Links

Chemistry A level is on the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects, with its broad variety of tested skills. It is a respected choice for many degrees and careers. Chemistry has been described as the 'central science' and is often combined with either physics or biology. However, it is a compulsory choice for anyone wishing to pursue medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, as well as chemistry-based degrees, such as pharmacy, pharmacology, and biochemistry.



# COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Course

AQA A Level in Computer Science

## Description

A Level Computer Science is a two-year programme that explores key concepts in computer science in greater detail. The culmination of seven years of study in this subject, produces students who are able to follow a software life cycle and produce a comprehensive and complex solution to a thoroughly analysed problem. These students are also able to enthusiastically discuss how data is represented and stored, how computer systems and network operate, and the consequences of computing.

The students sit two papers, each worth 40% of their final mark. They also produce documented evidence of following the software development methodology which carries a maximum contribution of 20%.

## Career Links

After university, there are numerous interesting fields of study and professions that you can go in to. Computer science will lead on to robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, big data processing, networking, ethical hacking, computer game development, home automation or even teaching. So much of the world uses computers nowadays that having a good understanding of how computers work and how to program them will set you up for success in many strands of life.



# DIGITAL MEDIA

## Course

OCR CTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Digital Media

## Description

Students will develop professional and social skills through interaction with performers, clients and peers; as well as theoretical and technical knowledge and understanding to underpin these skills. This will allow your creativity and flair to be harnessed in the design and production of media products used within the industry. Students will learn conceptual ideas, and visualise these all the way through the production cycle; from planning and pre-production right through to editing, post production and presentation of products. You will also learn how to analyse target audience requirements, research market demand and bring a media concept alive working in line with legal and regulatory requirements, in a safe and effective way, protecting themselves and those they're working with from injury or harm. Students will also gain an understanding of how different businesses and organisations in the media sector work. When it comes to progression or employment, you will learn about the variety of opportunities available, and the roles and responsibilities of media businesses and organisations within the sector. This will make sure you develop clear ideas about where you might like to take their career and what progression routes they'd like to follow.

## Career Links

Digital Media Studies students can go onto study Media, TV or Film at University as a practical degree, a theoretical degree or a combination of the two. Students can also gain apprenticeships within the sector such as The BBC, ITV, Sky just to name a few. This can lead to a very broad range of professions in media, film and journalism. A good degree in a subject like Media Studies can also develop a wide range of transferable skills including analysis, visual communication, problem solving, as well as communication, presentation and organisational skills.



# DRAMA

## Course

AQA A level in Drama & Theatre

## Description

AQA A level Drama is a captivating course that delves into various aspects of theatre, performance, and dramatic techniques. Students explore a range of plays, develop their acting skills, and learn about the history and theory behind theatre. The course typically involves practical work, written coursework, and performance assessments. It's a fantastic option for those interested in the performing arts and looking to enhance their creativity and understanding of theatre.

## Career Links

With an A level in Drama, you can pursue various paths in the field of performing arts. You can choose to further your studies by pursuing a degree in Drama, Theatre Studies, or Performing Arts. These degrees can lead to careers in acting, directing, playwriting, stage management, or even arts administration. Additionally, a Drama background can be valuable in industries like education, public relations, event management, and even corporate training where communication and presentation skills are crucial. Your creativity and understanding of performance gained from A level Drama can be beneficial in roles that require strong communication and interpersonal skills. or even teaching. So much of the world uses computers nowadays that having a good understanding of how computers work and how to program them will set you up for success in many strands of life.



# ECONOMICS

## Course

Edexcel A Level in Economics

## Description

A level Economics is divided into two parts: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Microeconomics explores the concept of an ideal free market based on perfect competition, and compares it with the complexity and inefficiency of real modern market phenomena. Macroeconomics looks at economics from a national point of view and explores themes like Inequality, Unemployment and Immigration, Economic Growth and Trade/Budget deficits. It also considers the trade-offs that governments face as they try to resolve problems such as the financial crisis of 2008. Economics also explores themes in behavioural economics, the fast-emerging counterpoint to classical 'ideal behaviour'. After doing an A level in Economics, you will understand the assumptions behind economic terms such as 'free markets', which increasingly dominate political debate. You will also realise the bluntness of economic policy tools and the extent to which economic concepts and methods help us understand and tackle issues such as climate change, inequality, and racism.

## Career Links

As well as leading into Economics-based degrees, A level Economics is a good background to a wide range of other degrees. Be aware that top Economics degree courses may well also require A level Maths. Although it is not in the Russell Group list of 'facilitating subjects' A level Economics is well respected for the breadth you need to show to get a good grade.

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# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## Course

AQA English Literature Specification A.

## Description

A level English Literature follows on from GCSE English Literature at SBUA. The skills and knowledge that students learn taking A level English literature will prepare them for a wide range of university courses - not just English - including humanities subjects and the social sciences. An English A level qualification prepares students for life beyond university as well. There are several careers that directly lead from studying this course, which include law, teaching, journalism, public relations, marketing and job roles within the media. During the course at SBUA students will study a Shakespeare play as well as modern and Victorian plays, novels and poetry. Students will sit two examinations and complete an extended coursework essay on two literary texts of their choice. The course is an exciting look into the texts and the conditions the texts were produced in. You do not have to be an avid reader to take A level English Literature but it will help if you do like reading.

# EPQ - EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

## Description

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an independent research project which involves writing an essay of 5000 words, or creating a product. As the project evolves, you are required to complete a production log to record specific stages of the project and this also contributes to your project result. The third component of the project is an oral presentation. Generally, the whole process from start to finish takes about 120 hours. Most students use the summer vacation at the end of Year 12 to do the preliminary research and then complete the project in the early part of Year 13. It is a formal 'level 3' qualification that attracts slightly higher UCAS Tariff points than a new AS-Level.

## Career Links

EPQ allows you to gain more UCAS points and is valued at 50% of a full A level in the UCAS tariff. The greatest advantage of an EPQ is in helping convince top universities to make you an offer. EPQ provides clear evidence of that you have interests and ability which go beyond the A-Level curriculum. It demonstrates your capability of undertaking independent reading, research, and essay writing which is the mainstay of most undergraduate degrees. You will be able to include this in your UCAS applications making it unique and successful among competing applicants.

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# FURTHER MATHS

## Course

Edexcel A Level in Further Maths

## Description

Enhance your mathematical journey with A Level Further Maths! This advanced qualification builds on the foundations of A Level Maths, delving deeper into topics like complex numbers, matrices, and advanced calculus. Our curriculum includes modules in Core Pure Mathematics, Further Statistics, and Decision Mathematics with Edexcel, designed for those who excel in mathematics and are eager for a greater challenge. Further Maths enhances problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, preparing you for prestigious university courses and careers in fields such as mathematics, physics, engineering, and computer science. Experience the thrill of tackling higher-level concepts and push your abilities to new heights with A Level Further Maths!

# GEOGRAPHY

## Course

Edexcel Geography A Level

## Description

Geography encourages students to engage in their wider world and think critically about a variety of global issues facing the planet today. Deemed by many reports as “the must-have A Level”, it tackles a variety of topics from energy security to geopolitical relationships, from sports regeneration to combating rising sea levels, from managing tectonic hazards to water conflict. It does far more than simply analyse places, it places them in a broad, environmental and economic context enabling students to deepen their understanding of the world today and what the future may hold.

## Career Links

Students with A level Geography have access to a wide range of possible career and higher education possibilities. Recruitment surveys show that only 5.8% of geography graduates were still job-hunting six months after they graduated, against an average of 7.3% across all subjects. The course develops a vast number of sought-after skills including collecting, analysing and interpreting primary data, communicating your findings through reports, presentations and video, whilst also identifying and developing links between the human and the physical landscapes. Geography combines well with all other A level subjects. Taken with sciences, it supports applications to traditional science-based courses like engineering, environmental sciences and oceanography. Taken with other humanities subjects, Geography supports an equally wide range of university courses such as economics, business studies, law, media, politics and philosophy. Geography includes and integrates the arts, natural sciences and social sciences, providing a correspondingly broad base of knowledge, understanding and skills that are welcomed by universities and employers alike





# HISTORY

## Course

OCR History A Level (H505)

## Description

History is the study of the past. It examines the political, economic, social, and cultural issues of different eras and cultures. At its most ambitious, the subject is the study of everything. In A level History you will cover enough in breadth and depth to develop a good understanding of events in their historical context, and to develop an historian's approach to the past. "Why was a particular course of action followed?" is a fundamental question underlying the study of history, and its primary purpose is not to judge but to comprehend. From an intellectual standpoint, A level History is about the acquisition of vital learning skills: you need to be able to read and digest large amounts of information and to pick out what is and is not relevant to the question you are dealing with. History will teach you how to analyse, reflect, and to argue clearly in class and in writing. However, it will also improve your understanding of the world today and how it works. This will enable you to play a fuller part in creating a better future for yourself and for others by making you better informed and therefore able to make ethical decisions for yourself and others.

## Career Links

History can lead on to a very wide range of careers from law, politics, architecture, finance and business through to creative media, journalism, broadcasting and tourism management. Furthermore, History is a very practical subject, because it involves:

- Learning about people – how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team-building at work!)
- Learning about countries, societies and cultures – so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?
- Learning to locate and sift facts – to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!)
- Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others – whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports – and having the confidence to defend your findings.



# MATHS

## Course

Edexcel Maths A Level

## Description

Unlock your potential with A Level Maths at our sixth form college! Dive into an engaging curriculum covering Pure Mathematics, Statistics, and Mechanics with Edexcel, designed to challenge and inspire you. Experience hands-on learning with opportunities like our exciting trip to Trinity College, Cambridge, where you can explore advanced mathematical concepts in a prestigious setting. Our department also boasts outreach links with King's College London and Dulwich College, providing you with unique resources and mentorship. Plus, put your skills to the test in the senior UK Maths Challenge, with progression opportunities to the prestigious Andrew Jobbings Kangaroo

## Career Links

Studying A Level Maths opens doors to a wide range of careers and degree opportunities, from engineering and finance to data science and actuarial science, equipping you with essential analytical skills valued by employers across many fields. Join us and elevate your mathematical journey!



# MUSIC

## Course

RSL Level 3 Diploma for Music Practitioners

## Description

At SBUA, Students choose music in 6th form because they have a love of music and want to be doing music for a long time. They relish the opportunities to participate in a wide range of musical experiences which will help them to learn the skills and understanding to develop their music further, whether as a career in itself, part of a portfolio career, or simply as a continuing part of their life. The Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners provides music industry qualifications that will equip learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding for entry to employment in the music industry or progression to further study at a higher level. The course focuses on performing and composing music.

## Career Links

Music students graduating from SBUA can go on to study Music at University or at specialist Music Colleges, including prestigious Conservatoires such as Trinity. Sectors where our music students can find employment include film, games industry, advertising, theatre, community music, cultural organisations, education as well as in live performance and recording in the music industry. Careers this can lead to include Composer, Session Musician, Bandleader, Musical Director, Music Teacher and many more. Besides careers, a creative music qualification can feed a life-long love of music making.



# PHYSICS

## Course

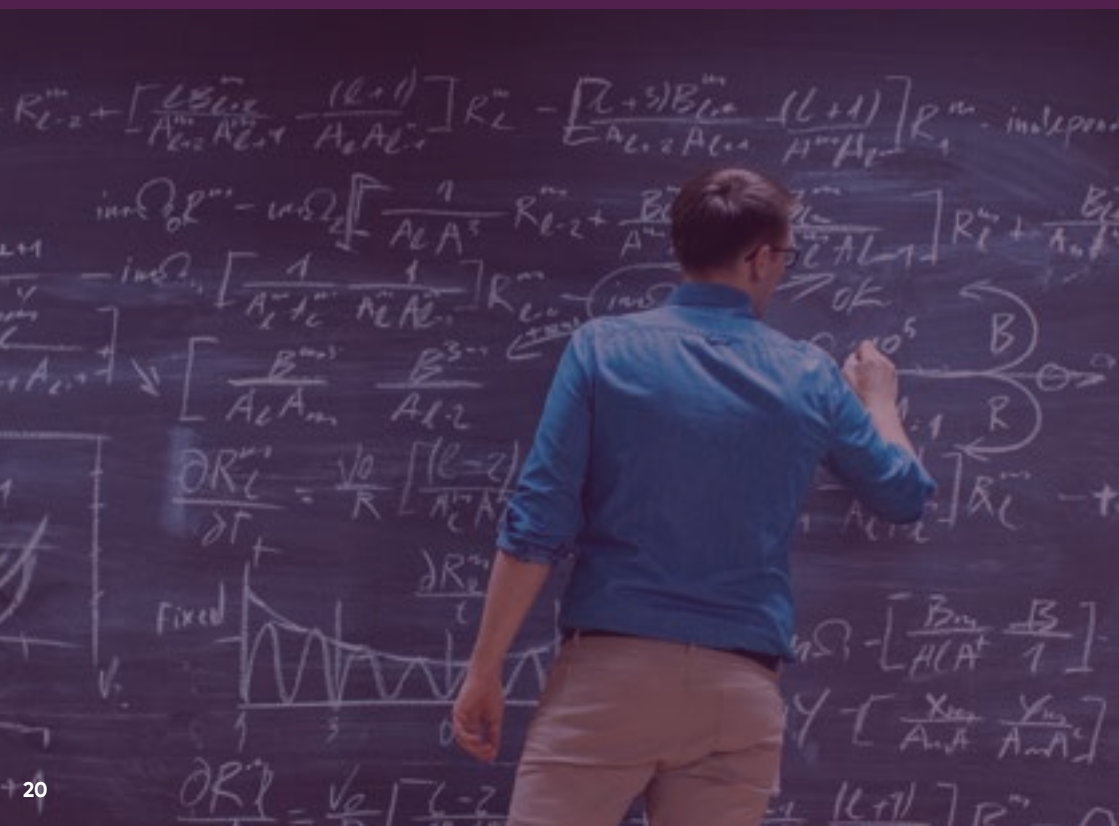
OCR A Level in Physics (A)

## Description

A level Physics gives the opportunity to explore the phenomena of the universe and to look at theories that explain what is observed. This subject combines practical skills with theoretical ideas to develop hypotheses to describe the physical universe. You will learn about everything from kinematics to cosmology and many recent developments in fascinating topics, such as particle physics. If you are interested in the limits of space, the beginning of time and everything in between this is the subject for you. Physics is more than a subject – it trains your brain to think beyond boundaries.

## Career Links

Physics is a highly respected A level, on the Russell Group's list of 'facilitating' subjects. A good grade in A level Physics demonstrates to an employer that you have analytical and mathematical skills that you can apply to real life situations. There are many possible career paths that it will create for you, for example: Engineering, Medicine, Forensic Science, Astronomy, Cosmology, Electronics, Power generation, Finance and many more.



# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

## Course

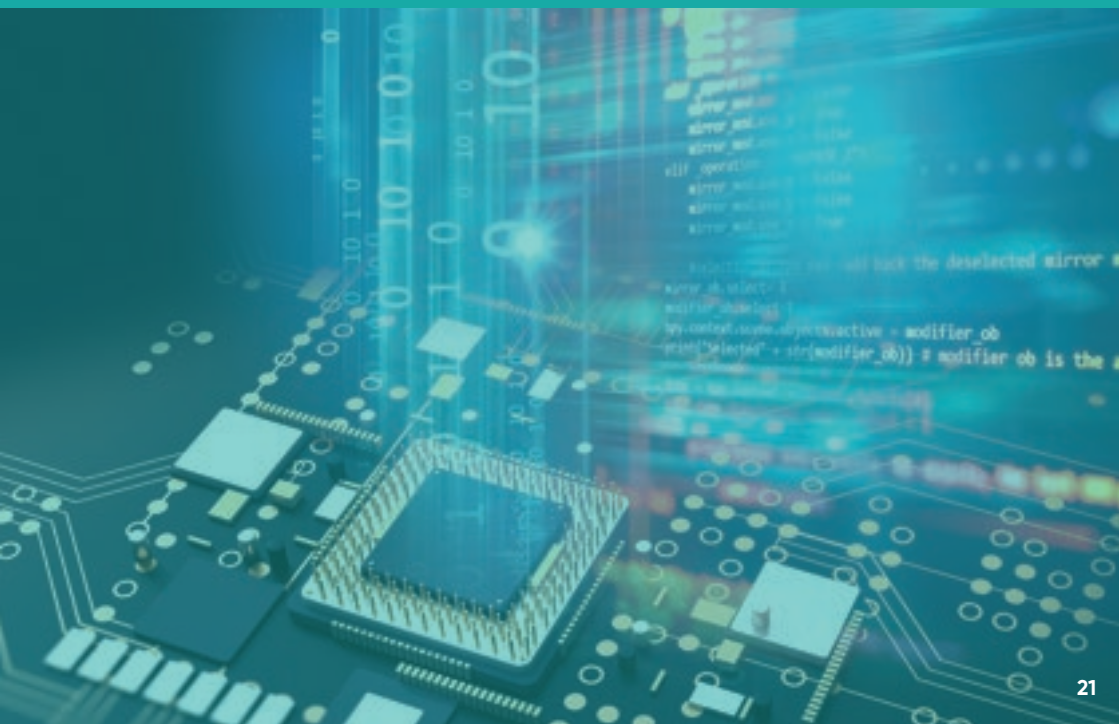
AQA Design Technology:Product Design (7552)

## Description

Design is everywhere - opportunities are endless, and literally shape the world around you. This A level is an exciting opportunity to develop and enjoy the creative aspect of design within an enjoyable and stimulating course whilst allowing your innovative style to take root. Opportunities for design are closely linked to the real world of product manufacture, and have a three-dimensional outcome. Product Design has many strands and leads to so many vocational paths. This country really needs, now more than ever, fantastic designers to lead the pathway in innovation. This subject builds on the experience of GCSE and allows you to further your design education. You will study design knowledge, and learn to use manufacturing skills, propose prototype and concept solutions to designing situations.

## Career Links

Music students graduating from SBUA can go on to study Music at University or at specialist Music All design related Further Education and Degree level courses. These can include Art and Design, Architecture, Engineering, Graphic Design, Animation, Product Design, Computer Aided Design, Town Planning, Industrial Design, Car Design and Media Presentation, Animation, Pure Graphic Design and Marketing.



# PSYCHOLOGY

## Course

AQA A Level in Psychology

## Description

Psychology is the 'scientific study of the mind and behaviour', and the A Level offers an introduction to the 'core' areas of the discipline. Social Psychology focuses on the social interactions people have with each other. Cognitive Psychology looks at how we perceive and interpret the world around us. Developmental Psychology considers how people develop and change from before they are born, throughout their lives. Psychologists interested in Psychopathology study the causes of mental disorders, such as OCD, Phobias and Schizophrenia. Biological Psychology looks at the role of evolutionary forces and genetics in behaviour. It investigates how the nervous system and hormones work, how the brain functions, and how changes in these can affect behaviour. Finally, in order to find things out Psychologists use a variety of Research Methods and A level Psychology deals with how experiments are designed and analysed. .

## Career Links

A degree in Psychology does not require you to have studied Psychology A Level. However, many courses ask for a science subject, of which Psychology is one. While A Level Psychology is not currently in the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects, it will provide you with the skills required of an undergraduate - an inquiring mind and the ability to use scientific research findings to support and challenge various claims about why people behave the way that they do.



# SOCIOLOGY

## Course

AQA A Level in Sociology

## Description

A level Sociology enables you to develop knowledge and understanding of essential sociological theories and methods (such as Functionalism, Marxism, and Feminism) with which sociologists make sense of the diversity of societies, and of the forces which have and will continue to shape social change. Sociology will help you to think about society in a new and critical light, questioning the status quo and developing a sophisticated understanding of the real issues that affect the society we live in. It is an excellent subject for showing you how society works and to make you aware of the range of conditions that individuals within society experience. Students often comment that they did not realise how varied the human experience can be and how powerfully group identity shapes a person's future.

## Career Links

Sociology is not classed as a Russell Group facilitating subject, but provides an excellent starting point for any social science degree from Economics, Psychology, and Politics to Criminology and Philosophy. You do not need to have an A level in Sociology to take Sociology at university, though it helps.



# SPANISH

## Course

Edexcel A Level Spanish

## Description

Spanish A -Level students focus on achieving a high level of fluency and precision in both spoken and written communication. They engage with more advanced topics, such as politics, immigration, multiculturalism, global issues, art, history, and contemporary society in Spanish-speaking countries. Students are introduced to complex grammatical structures, including the subjunctive mood, advanced tenses, and idiomatic expressions. Critical analysis is a key component, as students explore Spanish literature, films, and other authentic texts. In-depth cultural understanding is developed, which helps to prepare students for potential use of Spanish in higher education or professional contexts, with the ability to express nuanced opinions and ideas confidently.

The Edexcel A Level Spanish assessment consists of three main papers: Paper 1 focuses on listening, reading, and translation (80 marks), where students comprehend spoken and written Spanish and translate between Spanish and English. Paper 2 is a writing exam (80 marks) requiring students to write an essay on themes such as social issues, political culture, and literary texts, specifically studying a chosen literary work and a film. Paper 3 assesses speaking skills (60 marks), including a presentation on a chosen topic followed by a discussion. Overall, the assessment emphasises understanding and using the language effectively, engaging with a range of texts, and demonstrating critical analysis.

## Career Links

Spanish students go on to study a higher education course in Modern Languages at university, or those with a European or international dimension. Alternatively, students can study a language with other subjects such as Business Studies, Law or Sciences. Potential Careers include Interpreter, Teacher, Translator, Journalist, Tourism Officer.





# OUR FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

We believe that an inspiring learning environment plays a crucial role in shaping students' academic success. Our modern facilities are equipped with cutting-edge technology, spacious classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, dedicated study areas, and extensive resources, providing all our students with the perfect setting to excel in their studies.

## Academy Facilities:

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- + Multi-functional Sports Hall
- + Astroturf multi-use games area
- + Great technology spaces including 3D Printers, CNC Router
- + Modern science Labs
- + Digital media suite
- + High quality computing
- + Learning Resource Centre
- + Spacious canteen with family dining
- + Lockers with charging points
- + Free gym membership at the LSBU Academy of Sport
- + Sixth Form Silent Study Area
- + Sixth Form Common Room
- + Sixth Form Communal Terrace

## LSBU Group Facilities:

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- + New, world-class learning hub and library
- + Business Incubator
- + Sport and Fitness Centre
- + Industry-standard Labs and Workshops
- + Specialist Facilities for Engineering, Business, and Health
- + Study Spaces
- + Digital Engineering Facilities
- + Virtual Reality and Gaming Technology
- + Robotics and 3D printing
- + Computer Engineering and Design

# ENRICHMENT

We run a comprehensive after school enrichment programme of courses, clubs and activities available to all students. In addition to teaching students new skills these programmes increase students' wellbeing and support them in pursuing their personal aspirations. Students learn new skills they carry with them throughout their lives including vital leadership skills such as oracy, communication, team-work, commitment and responsibility.

Alongside this, our enrichment programme allows for the students to further develop the skills they have learnt during their Future Pathways projects and during curriculum time, so they have a complete understanding of what they are learning.

"Enrichment activities at our school provide fun challenges, helping us develop skills beyond academics. I participate in the football club to help boost my motivation and provide a refreshing break from studies." - **Sadia**

# SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

South Bank UA puts the safety and wellbeing of our students at the core of our work. We want all students to learn how to keep safe and stay happy. This will allow them to thrive both academically and emotionally, and enable them to contribute positively to the wider community. We are committed to ensuring that consistent and effective procedures are in place to fulfil its statutory obligation to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care.

We have a dedicated and compassionate pastoral team that works to build a strong, positive relationship with students and their families. They understand that students are individuals and no two students share the same personal journey. We strive to ensure that the time with us here will be happy, healthy, successful, and extremely positive for all our students.

Our commitment to providing high-quality personalised care, that supports students' educational and personal development. This includes Social, Moral, Spiritual, and Cultural (SMSC) support, personal development, careers guidance, work-related learning, sex and relationships education, and religious studies.

# EMPOWERING EDUCATION WITH FUTURE PATHWAYS

As a key component of our comprehensive approach to education, our unique Future Pathways Programme sets us apart. Your child will experience an exceptional learning journey, beyond the traditional curriculum, providing an inspiring and transformative experience.

Ocurring once every 10 teaching days, students in Year 7 delve into a world of alternative activities designed to broaden their horizons. Our carefully curated experiences enable students to explore new interests and develop essential transferable skills, forging connections between their learning and

the real world.

Our Future Pathways Programme allows us to embed our school values in a unique and innovative way: social justice, kindness, empathy, endeavour, and community. Through this programme, we foster a sense of social responsibility, encouraging students to actively contribute to their communities through service projects whilst allowing them to understand social mobility.

We complement their ongoing projects with educational trips and meaningful interactions with leading companies across London.

## Brands we work with

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## Nearest railway & tube stations:

Elephant & Castle

## Bus Routes:

12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176  
(East Street, Walworth Road)

21, 53, 63, 353  
(Old Kent Road)

42 & 343  
(East Street)

