



Holte Sixth Form

Courses for September 2026 Entry

Applications for Holte Sixth Form, September 2026 entry, open at 6:45pm on Thursday 27th November 2025. **The deadline for submission is 6pm on Thursday 18th December 2025.**

Holte School students, you can complete your application form by scanning this QR code:



or following this link: [Holte Sixth Form Application Internal September 2026 Entry \(Round 1\) – Fill in form](#)

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Post 16 Reforms

The Department for Education is reforming level 3 qualifications to make A Levels and their new technical alternative T Levels the main further education qualification options at age 16 in England. Apprenticeships will remain available as an alternative post-16 option.

Most young people pursuing a level 3 qualification in England are studying for AS/A Levels. Students interested in studying technical or vocational qualifications have generally taken Applied General qualifications, which include qualifications commonly known by their brand name, such as BTECs and Cambridge Technicals. Since September 2020, the government has been rolling out T Levels, which are two-year technical qualifications equivalent in size to three A Levels.

Other level 3 qualifications, including applied general qualifications, will sit alongside A Levels and T Levels, but they will need to demonstrate their quality and distinct purpose to continue receiving public funding. Overlapping qualifications, including BTECs that overlap with T Level subjects, and those that do not meet quality criteria, may no longer receive public funding.

AAQs (Alternative Academic Qualifications) are a new kind of qualification designed to help learners move into higher education with a greater sense of clarity and purpose. They sit alongside Technical Occupation Qualifications (TOQs) as part of significant reforms to the post-16 qualifications landscape.

September 2026 study programme options at Holte Sixth Form:

Some qualifications cannot be studied together. Please see our Year 12 Courses and Entry Requirements September 2026 document.	1 x A Level or 1 x Level 3	1 x A Level or 1 x Level 3	1 x A Level or 1 x Level 3 or 1 x Small AAQ
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	1 x A Level or 1 x Level 3 or 1 x Small AAQ		1 x double Level 3 (Sport and Physical Activity)

Level 3 Small AAQ in Applied Science

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Applied Science																												
Awarding body:	Pearson																												
Link to the specification:	Applied Science (AAQ) Pearson qualifications																												
Assessment:	4 units mandatory units, of which 3 are externally assessed. 2 optional units, of which one must be selected. Mandatory content (75%). External assessment (50%). Equivalent in size to one A Level.																												
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Where can this subject/qualification take you:	An AAQ in Applied Science is a qualification that can be used to pursue higher education at a university for a variety of science-related or healthcare-related degrees, such as Biological Sciences, Forensic Science, Health and Nursing, or Environmental Sciences. It can also lead to an apprenticeship or direct employment in fields like laboratory technician or technical specialist roles.																												
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 in GCSE Science																												
Contact for further information:	Mr A. Ali Ms M. Jones																												

A Level Art and Design: Fine Art

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Art and Design: Fine Art
Awarding body:	Pearson Edexcel
Link to the specification:	Edexcel A level Art and Design 2015 Pearson qualifications
Assessment:	60% coursework, 40% ESA that begins in February of Year 13
Outline of what will be studied:	Students will study different approaches to Art and use a variety of different media, techniques and materials including drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media. Students will explore their imaginative, experimental side in their creative outcomes, whilst gaining a knowledge of Art history as they research and analyse artworks
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Advertising, Animator, Architect, Art Therapist, Community Arts worker, Community Education Co-ordinator, Curator at a Museum or Gallery, Fashion Designer, Film & TV Industry: Art Director, Set Designer, Storyboard Artist, Set Decorator, Props Master, Concept Artist, Digital Painter, VFX Gaming Designers. Graphic Designer, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Landscape Architect, Landscaper, Make-up artist, Marketing (Digital), Photographic Stylist, , Tattooist/Body Piercer, Teacher, Textile Designer, Theatre Design, Visual Merchandiser, Web Content Designer
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 in GCSE Art or Ceramics
Contact for further information:	Miss K. Jarman

A Level Art and Design: Three Dimensional Design

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Art and Design: Three Dimensional Design (Ceramics)
Awarding body:	Pearson Edexcel
Link to the specification:	Edexcel A level Art and Design 2015 Pearson qualifications
Assessment:	60% coursework, 40% ESA that begins in February of Year 13
Outline of what will be studied:	Students will study different approaches to Ceramics and use a variety of different practical methods, construction techniques and materials as well as recording ideas via: drawing, painting, and mixed media. Students will explore their imaginative, experimental side in their creative outcomes, whilst gaining a knowledge of Ceramics history as they research and analyse artefacts
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Advertising, Animator, Architect, Art Therapist, Community Arts worker, Community Education Co-ordinator, Curator at a Museum or Gallery, Fashion Designer, Film & TV Industry: Art Director, Set Designer, Storyboard Artist, Set Decorator, Props Master, Concept Artist, Digital Painter, VFX Gaming Designers. Graphic Designer, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Landscape Architect, Landscaper, Make-up artist, Marketing (Digital), Photographic Stylist, , Tattooist/Body Piercer, Teacher, Textile Designer, Theatre Design, Visual Merchandiser, Web Content Designer
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 in GCSE Art or Ceramics
Contact for further information:	Miss K. Jarman

A Level Biology

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Biology
Awarding body:	AQA
Link to the specification:	A-level Biology 7402 Specification Specification At A Glance AQA
Assessment:	<p>Paper 1: 91 marks, 2 hours, 35% of A level</p> <p>Paper 2: 91 marks, 2 hours, 35% of A level</p> <p>Paper 3: 78 marks, 2 hours, 30% of A level</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biological molecules 2. Cells 3. Organisms exchange substances with their environment 4. Genetic information, Variation and relationships between organisms 5. Energy transfer in and between organisms 6. Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments 7. Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems 8. The control of gene expression
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Biology is a great choice of subject for people who want a career in health and clinical professions, such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, optometry, nursing, zoology, marine biology or forensic science
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Biology or 55 in GCSE Combined Science</p>
Contact for further information:	<p>Mr C. Walsh</p> <p>Mrs S. Chowdhury</p>

A Level Business

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Business
Awarding body:	WJEC Eduqas
Link to the specification:	https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/h4mljngz/eduqas-a-business-spec-from-2015.pdf
Assessment:	<p>Component 1: Business Opportunities and Functions Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 33% of qualification</p> <p>Component 2: Business Analysis and Strategy Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 33% of qualification</p> <p>Component 3: Business in the Changing World Written Examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 33% of the qualification.</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>The WJEC Eduqas A Level Business course explores how businesses start, grow, and succeed in a changing world. Students study key areas such as enterprise, marketing, finance, human resources, and operations, developing an understanding of how businesses make decisions and respond to opportunities and challenges.</p> <p>The course also covers strategic analysis, data interpretation, globalisation, and the impact of economic, ethical, and environmental factors on business activity. Assessment is through three written exams that test knowledge, application, and evaluation of real business scenarios.</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Studying A Level Business can lead to a wide range of opportunities in higher education and the workplace. It provides an excellent foundation for degrees in Business, Management, Marketing, Accounting, Economics, or Finance, and develops transferable skills such as problem-solving, analysis, and decision-making. The qualification is also valued by employers, opening career paths in areas like business management, entrepreneurship, finance, human resources, and marketing.
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Level 2 Pass in Enterprise (or equivalent) would be an advantage</p>
Contact for further information:	<p>Ms L. Latif</p> <p>Mrs F. Jamila</p>

Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate in Business

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Business
Awarding body:	Pearson
Link to the specification:	Specification - BTEC National Extended Diploma in Business
Assessment:	Unit 1: Exploring Business- Mandatory Coursework Unit 2: Developing a Marketing Campaign- Exam Unit 3: Personal and Business Finance -Exam Unit 8: Recruitment and Selection Process- Optional Unit
Outline of what will be studied:	Unit 1 - In this introductory unit, learners study the purposes of different businesses, their structure, the effect of the external environment, and how they need to be dynamic and innovative to survive Unit 2 - Learners will gain skills relating to, and an understanding of, how a marketing campaign is developed. Unit 3 - Learners study the purpose and importance of personal and business finance. They will develop the skills and knowledge needed to understand, analyse and prepare financial information. Unit 8 - Learners explore how the recruitment process is carried out in a business. The unit gives learners the opportunity to participate in selection interviews and review their performance.
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Studying BTEC can lead to a wide range of opportunities in higher education and the workplace. It provides an excellent foundation for degrees in Business, Management, Marketing, Accounting, Economics, or Finance, and develops transferable skills such as problem-solving, analysis, and decision-making. The qualification is also valued by employers, opening career paths in areas like business management, entrepreneurship, finance, human resources, and marketing.
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Level 2 Pass in Enterprise (or equivalent) would be an advantage
Contact for further information:	Ms L. Latif Mrs F. Jamila

A Level Chemistry

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Chemistry
Awarding body:	OCR A
Link to the specification:	OCR Level 3 Advanced GCE in Chemistry A H432 Specification
Assessment:	<p>Periodic table, elements and physical chemistry Paper 1 100 marks 2 hours 15 minutes written paper</p> <p>Synthesis and analytical techniques Paper 2 100 marks 2 hours 15 minutes written paper</p> <p>Unified chemistry Paper 3 70 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper</p> <p>Practical Endorsement in chemistry (04) (non-exam assessment)</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Content is split into six teaching modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module 1 – Development of practical skills in chemistry • Module 2 – Foundations in chemistry • Module 3 – Periodic table and energy • Module 4 – Core organic chemistry • Module 5 – Physical chemistry and transition elements • Module 6 – Organic chemistry and analysis
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>An A-Level in Chemistry is a prerequisite for many courses, including medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, and pharmacy.</p> <p>It is vital for a broad range of careers in science and technology, including chemical engineering, biochemistry, forensic science, and environmental science.</p> <p>The subject is well-regarded for its analytical and problem-solving rigor, which makes it a valuable asset for many professions beyond direct science roles.</p> <p>As the "central science," it helps link physical sciences (like physics and maths) with biological and applied sciences.</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Chemistry or 55 in GCSE Combined Science</p>
Contact for further information:	<p>Mr C. Walsh</p> <p>Mr A. Ali</p>

A Level Computer Science

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Computer Science
Awarding body:	OCR
Link to the specification:	OCR A Level Computer Science H446 Specification
Assessment:	<p>Computer systems (01) 140 marks 2 hours and 30 minutes written paper (no calculators allowed)</p> <p>Algorithms and programming (02*) 140 marks 2 hours and 30 minutes written paper (no calculators allowed)</p> <p>Programming project 70 marks</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>An understanding of and ability to apply the fundamental principles and concepts of computer science including; abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation. Component 2 will allow learners to develop the ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems including writing programs to do so.</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>A Level in Computer Science, lead to a variety of opportunities in the technology industry such as software development, data analytics, network engineering, cybersecurity, IT consulting and many more. Additionally, it can also be a good step for pursuing higher education in computer science or related fields.</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 4 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Computer Science</p>
Contact for further information:	<p>Ms L. Latif</p> <p>Ms S. Seville</p>

Level 3 Small AAQ in Early Childhood Development

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Early Childhood Development
Awarding body:	Pearson
Link to the specification:	L3 AAQ BTEC Nat Early Child Ext Cert Spec
Assessment:	<p>5 0% Exam and 50% Pearson Set Assignment</p> <p>Children's Development - Exam Keeping Children Safe – Exam</p> <p>Play and Learning – Assignment Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting – Assignment</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children's development – Children's developmental progress from birth up to eight years, including the theories, principles and factors relating to development, and the potential impact of a range of factors on a child's progress through the developmental milestones. 2. Keeping Children Safe – Health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities of an individual working in an early years setting; emergency best practices and when to address concerns about a child's welfare. 3. Play and Learning – The concept of play, the influence of theories and approaches to play, and the benefits of play and learning activities for children. 4. Research and Reflective Practice – The influence of research findings on policy and provision for children and how this influences the behaviours and expectations of an individual working in an early years setting.
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Teaching, Speech and Language Therapist, Psychology, Counsellor, Social Work, Play Therapist
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics
Contact for further information:	Mrs S. Jafar

Subject:	English Language and Literature
Awarding body:	Pearson Edexcel
Link to the specification:	Edexcel AS & A level English Language & Literature 2015 Pearson qualifications
Assessment:	Unit 1: Voices in Speech and Writing. Exam – 2 hours and 30 minutes (40%) Unit 2: Varieties in Language and Literature. Exam – 2 hours and 30 minutes (40%) NEA: Investigating and Creating Texts (20%)
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Unit 1: Voices in Speech and Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of non-fiction texts from a studied anthology and an unseen text • <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams <p>Unit 2: Varieties in Language and Literature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unseen non-fiction texts • Comparison of <i>The Great Gatsby</i> and <i>Othello</i> <p>Unit 3: NEA: Investigating and Creating Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils write their own fiction and non-fiction pieces based on stimulus texts • Commentary explaining and analysing their own writing process
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>An A Level in English Language and Literature is highly valued by universities because it demonstrates strong analytical, communication, and critical thinking skills. It can lead to degrees in English Literature or English Language, Creative Writing, Journalism or Media Studies, Law, Linguistics, Education, Drama and Theatre Studies, History or Politics, Philosophy or Cultural Studies</p> <p>The skills you develop — writing, analysis, argumentation, and interpretation — are transferable to many professions. Possible careers include: Journalist, Teacher or Lecturer, Lawyer or Legal Executive, Editor or Publisher, Marketing or PR Specialist, Author or Screenwriter, Speechwriter or Politician, Librarian or Archivist, Human Resources or Recruitment</p>
Entry requirements:	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature
Contact for further information:	Mr G. Edwards

Level 3 Extended Certificate in Food Science and Nutrition

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Food Science and Nutrition
Awarding body:	WJEC Eduqas
Link to the specification:	<u>WJEC Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (Applied Qualification) in Food Science and Nutrition (Extended Certificate)</u>
Assessment:	50% NEA, 50% exam (1 NEA and 1 Exam in each year)
Outline of what will be studied:	The qualification develops knowledge and understanding in areas such as nutrition and nutritional needs and food safety, as well as supporting learners to develop their practical food production skills to produce quality food items to meet the needs of individuals and specific situations.
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Food Science is an applied science that combines expertise from biology, chemistry, engineering, and health sciences to address pressing issues such as food security, malnutrition, and diet-related chronic diseases. The Food Science and Nutrition sector plays a critical role in improving global health, food quality, and sustainability. This sector encompasses two key components: food science, which focuses on food production, safety, processing, and innovation, and nutrition, which examines the relationship between diet and health to prevent and manage diseases.
Entry requirements:	Level 2 Pass in Food (or equivalent) or a grade 4 in GCSE Science
Contact for further information:	Mrs V. Thomas

A Level Geography

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Geography
Awarding body:	Edexcel
Link to the specification:	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Geography/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/pearson-edexcel-a-level-geography-issue-6.pdf
Assessment:	<p>Paper one (30%) Physical Geography including Tectonics, Coasts, Water and Carbon</p> <p>Paper two (30%) Human Geography including Globalisation, Diverse Places, Superpowers and Migration</p> <p>Paper three (20%) Source based exam with a focus on key players, attitudes and actions as well as futures</p> <p>NEA (Non-Examined Assessment) (20%) – 1 piece of coursework linked to the students' topic of choice from the geography course</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>The topics included in the A Level are Tectonics, Coasts, Globalisation and Diverse Places (Year 12) and Water, Carbon, Superpowers and Migration (Year 13).</p> <p>In addition to the content, there is an expectation that all students will complete fieldwork outside of the classroom through both day trips and residential visits over the 2-year course (which has included visits to both Birmingham and Dorset over the last few years).</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>This course will enable students to be inspired by their geographical understanding, to engage critically with real world issues and places, and to apply their geographical knowledge, theory and skills to the world around them. Students will grow as independent thinkers and as informed and engaged citizens, who understand the role and importance of geography as one of the key disciplines relevant to understanding the world's changing peoples, places and environments.</p> <p>It is seen as a gateway subject for many Russell Group Universities due to the academic nature of the subject. Geography as a subject is incredibly well regarded at University with the vast majority of university graduates gaining employment in a wide range of modern careers alongside the classic geography based fields including environmental management, urban planning, surveying, teaching and sustainability consulting to name few.</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 4 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Geography</p>
Contact for further information:	Mrs L Taylor

Level 3 Small AAQ in Health and Social Care

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Health & Social Care
Awarding body:	Pearson
Link to the specification:	L3 AAQ BTEC Nat HSC Ext Cert Spec
Assessment:	4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external. Mandatory content (75%). External assessment (50%)
Outline of what will be studied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Lifespan and Development – PIES and factors affecting growth and development, interventions and the different professionals providing care and treatment 2. Human Biology and Health – Human body structure and systems, normal physiological functioning and the impact of common disorders 3. Health and Social Care Practice – Core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care, and the effect of social determinants on an individual health status 4. Safe Environments in Health and Social Care – Appropriate provisions in services relevant to different needs; governance relating to safe environments.
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Nursing, Teaching, Social Work, Speech and Language Therapist, Play Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapy, Radiographer
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Grade 4 in GCSE Science Level 2 Pass in Health and Social Care (or equivalent)
Contact for further information:	Mrs S Jafar

A Level History

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	History
Awarding body:	AQA
Link to the specification:	A-level History 7042 Specification AQA
Assessment:	<p>A Level History consists of the following units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth Study 1K The making of a Superpower: USA, 1865-1975 [40% of A-level] • Depth Study 2S The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007 [40% of A-level] • Historical Investigation (NEA unit) [20% of A-level] <p>The breadth study and depth study are both externally assessed via a 2 hr 30 minute written examination at the end of Year 13.</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Unit 1K: Making of a Superpower, USA 1865-1975</p> <p>Unit 2M: Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007</p> <p>NEA: Witch-hunting in Western Europe c.1560-1660</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>You will be taught a variety of skills and shown how these can be transferred into further education and a number of jobs.</p> <p>The study of History can lead to careers in teaching, journalism, law, archaeology and others.</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE History</p>
Contact for further information:	Mrs S Bashir

Level 3 Small AAQ in Information Technology

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Information Technology
Awarding body:	Pearson
Link to the specification:	Information Technology (AAQ) Pearson qualifications
Assessment:	<p>4 units of which 4 are mandatory and 2 are external. Mandatory content (100%). External assessment (66.6%)</p> <p>Unit 1: Information Technology Systems · An external examination set and marked by Pearson · 90 marks</p> <p>Unit 2: Cyber Security and Incident Management · An external examination set and marked by Pearson · 90 marks</p> <p>3 Website Development</p> <p>4 Relational Database Development</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Information Technology Systems – Information technology systems, including the relationship between software and hardware, and the issues related to IT systems · Cyber Security and Incident Management – Types of cyber security attacks, the vulnerabilities in networked systems and how to plan and respond to attacks · Website Development – The development tools, techniques and processes used in website development and how to test usability, functionality and fitness for purpose Relational Database Development – Structure of data, data design and database management systems (DBMS).</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>This qualification can lead to progression to the following degrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · BA Business Studies · BSc Information Systems · BSc Computer Science
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics</p> <p>Level 2 Pass in Digital Information Technology (or equivalent) would be an advantage</p>
Contact for further information:	<p>Ms L. Latif</p> <p>Ms S. Seville</p>

A Level Law

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Law
Awarding body:	AQA
Link to the specification:	A-level Law Specification Specification for first teaching in 2017
Assessment:	<p>Paper 1: 2 hours • 100 marks • 33% of A-level</p> <p>Paper 2: 2 hours • 100 marks • 33% of A-level</p> <p>Paper 3: 2 hours • 100 marks • 33% of A-level</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>The nature of law and the English legal system - This topic introduces students to the foundations of law, including its purpose, sources, and relationship with concepts like justice, morality, and society. It provides essential context for understanding how laws are created, interpreted, and applied within the English legal system.</p> <p>Criminal Law - Criminal law explores offences against individuals and society, focusing on concepts like liability, fault, and justice. It directly connects to the nature of law through debates on morality, the role of punishment, and how legal rules uphold social order.</p> <p>Tort Law - Tort law deals with civil wrongs and compensation, such as negligence and nuisance. It links to the nature of law by examining how legal principles balance individual rights with societal interests, and how justice is achieved through remedies and liability.</p> <p>Human Rights - Human rights law protects fundamental freedoms under the Human Rights Act 1998. It reflects the nature of law through its emphasis on justice, equality, and the rule of law, and challenges students to consider how legal systems uphold or restrict individual liberties.</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Solicitor, Barrister, Legal Executive, Paralegal, Civil Service, Lawyer
Entry requirements:	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Contact for further information:	Mrs S Jafar

A Level Mathematics

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Mathematics
Awarding body:	Pearson Edexcel
Link to the specification:	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Mathematics/2017/specification-and-sample-assesment/a-level-l3-mathematics-specification-issue4.pdf
Assessment:	<p>100% External Examinations – 100 marks per paper</p> <p>Paper 1 – Pure Mathematics (2 Hours)</p> <p>Paper 2 – Pure Mathematics (2 Hours)</p> <p>Paper 3 – Statistics and Mechanics (2 Hours)</p> <p>Calculators can be used for all papers</p>
Outline of what will be studied:	<p><u>Pure Mathematics (Paper 1 & Paper 2)</u> Proof, Algebra and functions, Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane, Sequences and series, Trigonometry, Exponentials and logarithms, Differentiation, Integration, Numerical methods, Vectors</p> <p><u>Statistics (Paper 3)</u> Statistical sampling, Data presentation and interpretation, Probability, Statistical distributions, Statistical hypothesis testing</p> <p><u>Mechanics (Paper 3)</u> Quantities and units in mechanics, Kinematics, Forces and Newton's laws, Moments</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p><u>1. University Courses</u> STEM Degrees: Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, Data Science. Economics & Finance: Economics, Accounting, Actuarial Science. Medical & Biological Sciences: Medicine, Pharmacy, Psychology (especially with statistics). Social Sciences: Geography, Psychology, Sociology (with quantitative research).</p> <p><u>2. Careers</u> Finance & Banking: Investment banking, actuarial work, accounting. Technology: Software development, AI, data analysis. Engineering: Civil, mechanical, electrical, aerospace. Education: Teaching, tutoring. Research & Academia: Mathematical modelling, scientific research.</p> <p><u>3. Professional Qualifications</u> It's often a prerequisite for careers like: Chartered Accountant, Actuary, Statistician, Data Scientist</p>
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics (Higher)</p>
Contact for further information:	Mr A. Nur

A Level Physics

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	A Level Physics																												
Awarding body:	OCR A																												
Link to the specification:	AS and A Level - Physics A - H156, H556																												
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Where can this subject/qualification take you:	Physics is a great choice for students who are interested in all disciplines of engineering. It also goes side by side with A Level Mathematics so would be beneficial interested in Mathematics as a future career.																												
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Contact for further information:	Mr C. Walsh Mr S. Neylon																												

A Level Psychology

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Psychology
Awarding body:	AQA
Link to the specification:	Psychology AS and A-level 7181, 7182 Specification
Assessment:	100% examination (3 x 2hr papers)
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Social Influence</p> <p>Memory</p> <p>Attachment</p> <p>Clinical Psychology & Mental Health</p> <p>Approaches in Psychology</p> <p>Biopsychology</p> <p>Research Methods</p> <p>Issues & Debates in Psychology</p> <p>Relationships</p> <p>Schizophrenia</p> <p>Forensic Psychology</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	The range of topics studied would provide a range of skills useful for a number of pathways/careers, including; chartered psychology careers (e.g., educational, clinical, sports), medicine, teaching, advertising, marketing, civil service.
Entry requirements:	<p>Grade 5 in GCSE English Language</p> <p>Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics</p>
Contact for further information:	Mr R Stergiou

A Level Religious Studies

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Religious Studies
Awarding body:	OCR
Link to the specification:	www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/
Assessment:	Three written exams: Paper 1 – Philosophy of Religion Paper 2 – Religion and Ethics Paper 3 - Development of Islamic Thought
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Philosophy of Religion Ancient philosophical influences; the nature of the soul, mind and body; arguments about the existence or non-existence of God; the nature and impact of religious experience; the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil; ideas about the nature of God; issues in religious language.</p> <p>Religion and ethics: Normative ethical theories; the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance; ethical language and thought; debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience; sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.</p> <p>Development of Islamic Thought Islamic beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world; sources of Islamic wisdom and authority; Islamic practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within a tradition; significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought; key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	<p>University Pathways to the following degrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theology, Religious Studies or Philosophy. • Law • Politics, International Relations or Sociology • Psychology • Education or Social Work • History or English Literature
Entry requirements:	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language Grade 5 in GCSE Religious Studies
Contact for further information:	Dr S. Farouk

A Level Sociology

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Sociology
Awarding body:	OCR
Link to the specification:	OCR A Level Sociology Specification H582 (draft, specification updating for 2026)
Assessment:	100% examination (3 x 2hr papers)
Outline of what will be studied:	<p>Socialisation, Culture & Identity</p> <p>Families & Relationships</p> <p>Researching & Understanding Social Inequalities</p> <p>Globalisation & the Digital World</p> <p>Crime & Deviance</p>
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	The range of topics studied would provide a range of skills useful for a number of pathways/careers, including; journalism, law, criminology, civil service, politics, marketing, social work, teaching.
Entry requirements:	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Contact for further information:	Mr R Soteriou

Level 3 CTEC in Sport and Physical Activity

September 2026 Entry

Subject:	Sport and Physical Activity	
Awarding body:	OCR	
Link to the specification:	Cambridge Technicals - Sport and Physical Activity	
Assessment:	Single 5 units total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 coursework units • 2 exam units 	Double 10 units total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 coursework units (1 of which is a practically assessed unit) • 3 exam units
Outline of what will be studied:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body systems and the effects of exercise • Sports coaching and activity leadership • Sports organisation and development • Organisation of sports events • Biomechanics and movements in analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body systems and the effects of exercise • Sports coaching and activity leadership • Sports organisation and development • Working safely in sport, exercise, health and leisure • Performance analysis in sport and exercise • Organisation of sports events • Physical activity for specific groups • Biomechanics and movements in analysis • Sports injuries and rehabilitation • Practical skills in sport and physical activity
Where can this subject/qualification take you:	University courses such as; sport science, physical education, sports coaching, physiotherapy, sports management or sports business. Employment such as; NHS (physiotherapy, occupational therapist), fitness instructor, personal trainer, sports coach, sports agent or sports manager. Apprenticeship opportunities such as; sports and leisure, coaching, health and fitness or exercise and well-being.	
Entry requirements:	Grade 4 in GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics Leve 2 Pass in Sport (or equivalent) would be an advantage	
Contact for further information:	Mrs N. Green	

Enrichment Courses

September 2026 Entry

In addition to three A Level/Level 3 qualifications, students in Year 12 study one enrichment course from the following:

REQUIRED			ONE REQUIRED
Course	GCSE English Language	GCSE Mathematics	Additional requirements/notes
Arts Award (Gold)	4	4	Not to be chosen with A Level Art and Design
Core Mathematics (Level 3)	4	5	Not to be chosen with A Level Mathematics UCAS points
English Language (GCSE)	1, 2 or 3	4	Students must re-sit GCSE English Language if a grade 4+ not achieved
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (Level 3)	5	4	UCAS points
Further Maths (AS Level)	5	7 (Higher)	Must be studying A Level Mathematics UCAS Points
Mathematics (GCSE)	4	1, 2 or 3	Students must re-sit GCSE Mathematics if a grade 4+ not achieved
Speech (Level 3 Certificate Grade 6)	4	4	UCAS Points
Sports Leadership (Level 3)	4	4	Not to be chosen with Level 3 Sport and Physical Activity UCAS Points

The above courses are dependent on numbers

For further information about Holte Sixth Form, please contact:

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Sixth Form Courses and Entry Requirements for September 2026

Grade 4 or above in either GCSE English Language or GCSE Mathematics (unfortunately, we cannot accept students who do not achieve a grade 4 or above in **both**)

Excellent attendance -- Excellent punctuality

Excellent attitude to learning -- Exceptional behaviour record

Excellent reference from your Year 11 Year Manager, Year Co-ordinator and/or SLT

REQUIRED		ONE REQUIRED	
Course	GCSE English Language	GCSE Mathematics	Additional requirements/notes
Attendance to all education visits off site and on site related to the qualification is mandatory			
Applied Science (Level 3 Small AAQ) Pearson	4	4	Grade 4 in Science Not to be chosen with Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics
Art and Design: Fine Art (A Level) Pearson	4	4	Grade 5 in GCSE Art or Ceramics
Art and Design: Three Dimensional Design (A Level) Pearson	4	4	Grade 5 in GCSE Art or Ceramics
Biology (A Level) AQA	5	5	Grade 5 in GCSE Biology or 55 in Combined Science Not to be chosen with Applied Science
Business (A Level) WJEC Eduqas	5	5	Level 2 Pass in Enterprise (or equivalent) would be an advantage
Business (Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate) Pearson	4	4	Level 2 Pass in Enterprise (or equivalent) would be an advantage
Chemistry (A Level) OCR A	5	5	Grade 5 in GCSE Chemistry or 55 in Combined Science Not to be chosen with Applied Science
Computer Science (A Level) OCR	4	5	Grade 5 in GCSE Computer Science Not to be chosen with Information Technology
Early Childhood Development (Level 3 Small AAQ) Pearson	4	4	Not to be chosen with Health and Social Care
English Language and Literature (A Level) Pearson	5	4	Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature
Food Science and Nutrition (Level 3) WJEC	4	4	Level 2 Pass in Food (or equivalent) or Grade 4 in Science
French (A Level)	4	4	Grade 5 in GCSE French
Geography (A Level)	4	5	Grade 5 in Geography
Health and Social Care (Level 3 Small AAQ) Pearson	4	4	Grade 4 in Science Level 2 Pass in Health and Social Care would be an advantage Not to be chosen with Early Childhood Development
History (A Level) AQA	5	4	Grade 5 in History
Information Technology (Small AAQ) Pearson	4	4	Not to be chosen with Computer Science
Law (A Level) AQA	5	4	
Mathematics (A Level) Pearson Edexcel	5	5 (Higher)	
Physics (A Level) OCR A	5	5	Grade 5 in GCSE Physics or 55 in Combined Science Not to be chosen with Applied Science
Psychology (A Level) AQA	5	5	
Religious Studies (A Level) OCR	5	4	Grade 5 in Religious Education
Sociology (A Level) OCR	5	4	
Spanish (A Level)	4	4	Grade 5 in GCSE Spanish
Sport and Physical Activity (Single Level 3 CTEC) OCR	4	4	Level 2 Pass in Sport (or equivalent) would be an advantage
Sport and Physical Activity (Double Level 3 CTEC) OCR	4	4	Level 2 Pass in Sport (or equivalent) would be an advantage