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Teign Sixth Form College  
**COURSE GUIDE**



# About US

Teign Sixth Form College combines smaller, vibrant teaching classes with supportive pastoral care, all within a wider school community. At the heart of our provision is providing opportunities for students to excel academically and individually.

We offer a range of Level 3 courses, delivered by experienced subject specialists with a proven track record of providing a high-quality education, alongside a wide and varied Enrichment programme supporting pupils to develop skills, independence and resilience.

Teign Sixth Form College is centred around knowing our students really well, identifying when intervention is required and ensuring every student is supported. Sixth Form students act as outstanding role models and hold many leadership positions in the wider school community.

The success of this approach is reflected in our results and many students choose to go onto university, including Russell Group and Oxbridge institutions, apprenticeships and employment.

Please follow the QR codes throughout to find out more.







## A wide range of Level 3 Courses

Students typically study three courses and can choose from A Level, BTEC or Diploma qualifications. All courses offered on this pathway are Level 3 but differ in the entry requirements, course delivery and examinations, details of which can be found on each subject page on the website.

In addition to the core subjects students have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Core Maths worth half an A Level as well as the Level 3 Sport Leadership Award worth 16 UCAS points.

**"I enjoy the smaller class sizes as the teacher gets to know you well"**

*Amy, Year* **13**





# Foundation Pathway

Our **Foundation Pathway** offers a **one-year, Level 2 bespoke programme** delivered by our post-16 team, designed to help students develop and achieve personal goals.

This one-year programme combines academic learning with a range of interactive enrichment and practical life skills sessions, aimed at enhancing students' confidence, resilience, motivation, skills, and social networks. Through this tailored support, students will gain valuable experiences and tools to thrive both in their studies and beyond.

Further information regarding the specific programme content can be discussed directly with the college team. This allows prospective students and their families to receive personalised guidance and insights into how the programme can meet their individual needs and goals.

**“The Foundation Pathway has provided me with lots of opportunities to support with further education and beyond”**

*Oliver, Year* **12**





# Life SKILLS



The Life Skills lesson equips you with the skills needed going forward. Topics covered include:

- **Health and Well-being**
- **Relationships**
- **Living in the Wider World**

Students have a fortnightly lesson and benefit from visiting guest speakers throughout the year.

**“I enjoy Life skills as we can help each other get through any tough times”**

*Erin, Year* **12**



# Post-16

## Enrichment

Students have a fortnightly Enrichment lesson and are offered a wide variety of opportunities, including:

- Independent cooking lessons
- Sport and fitness
- DT projects including metal, wood, CAD, textiles, fashion
- Mental Health Ambassador
- Library Assistant
- In-class support

**"Enrichment time allowed me to try something different which was lots of fun"**

**Brooke, Year 12**





# Student Support

Students attend tutorials three times a week. They are supported by an experienced and dedicated tutor who knows them well and can help monitor progress, provide help and guidance and ensure support is in place if needed.

Our student services team are here to help students throughout their studies. There is access to the school nurse, NHS counsellor and experienced on-site careers guidance.

Tutorials ensure students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to study independently, explore post-18 destinations and become global citizens.

Financial support is available for eligible students through the Sixth Form Bursary Scheme, see our website for more details.

We have secure cycle racks available and a bus stop directly outside.





# Independent Study

Students have four hours of supervised study a week working in the quiet study area supported by our Sixth Form Assistant.

Remaining study can be completed elsewhere and provides a stepping stone for students to work independently and manage their time effectively.

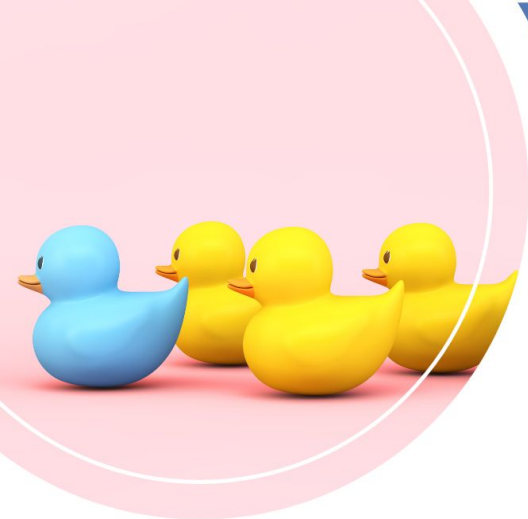
Students are taught research-led study skills to make effective use of this time.

**“Study time improves my focus and eliminates any distractions”**

**Sam, Year 13**







# Leadership

Sixth Form students are role models to each other and the wider school community. Students take on a wide array of leadership roles, including house captains, subject representatives and student council.

Student voice is highly valued and students develop transferable skills including team work, communication and resilience.

**“Being a house captain allows me to be a role model for the younger years”**

*Emma, Year* **13**





## Post-18 Support

Students choose from an array of destinations, courses and locations post-18.

Students benefit from a range of support from university trips, UCAS Exhibition, Apprenticeship Show and visiting experts, along with dedicated UCAS support within College.

**“The Plymouth University trip really supported my personal statement writing”**

*Eliya, Year* **13**





# I went to **Teign Sixth Form College** and now I study ...



- Experimental Psychology at Oxford University
- History and Politics at Exeter University
- Graphic Design at Falmouth University
- Paramedic Science at Bristol University
- Computing at Bournemouth University
- Midwifery at Plymouth University
- English Language and Linguistics at Sheffield University
- A football apprenticeship
- Entomology at Harper Adams University
- Music Performance and Production at BIMM University
- Chemistry at Loughborough University





# Level 3 Courses Available



## Art and Design

Fine Art *A Level*

Photography *A Level*

## Drama, Performing Arts and Music

Drama & Theatre Studies *A Level*

Music Performance *BTEC*

## English

English Literature and Language *A Level*

## Food and Nutrition

Food Science & Nutrition *Diploma*

## Humanities and Social Sciences

Criminology *Diploma*

Geography *A Level*

History *A Level*

Philosophy & Ethics *A Level*

Politics *A Level*

Psychology *A Level*

Sociology *A Level*

## Information Technology

Computer Science *BTEC*

## Languages

French *A Level*

Spanish *A Level*

## Mathematics

Mathematics *A Level*

Core Mathematics *AS Level*

Further Mathematics *A Level*

## Science

Biology *A Level*

Chemistry *A Level*

Health & Social Care *BTEC*

Physics *A Level*

Applied Science *BTEC*

## Travel and Tourism

Travel & Tourism *BTEC*

## Sport

Sport and Physical Activity *BTEC*

## Extra

L3 Sports Leaders Qualification

Extended Project Qualification





# A LEVEL, AS LEVEL Courses

## A Level Biology

A Level Biology gives students an exciting insight into the contemporary world of biology. Students will learn about the core concepts of biology and about the impact of biological research and how it links to everyday life. Students learn to apply their knowledge, investigate and solve problems in a range of contexts.

## A Level Drama and Theatre Studies

Students will learn to how to play and breathe life into a role, how a director gives life to the ideas in the play and how to interpret an ordinary script into a stunning visual performance.

They will experience the wonderful diversity within theatre and learn to analyse, interpret and create imaginative, stylish and effective performances.

## A Level Chemistry

OCR Chemistry develops knowledge and understanding of the different areas of Chemistry. It develops an appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods and also competence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills. It helps students understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society. It develops students' interest in further study and careers associated with the subject.







### **A Level English Literature and Language**

Students will explore diverse and exciting texts, covering a wide range of authors and contexts right up to the present day.

They will develop a deep understanding of how language works, analytical thought and clear communication, their knowledge and skills will be in high demand.

### **A Level Fine Art**

Students will be able to explore, experiment and research in various creative techniques and develop their skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of Fine Art media.

Students are required to work in one or more areas of Fine Art such as portraiture, landscape, still life, human form, abstraction, experimental imagery, narrative, installation, working in a genre.

### **A Level French**

Students will build on skills acquired at GCSE, developing further their knowledge of French language and grammar, and developing the valuable transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

Most excitingly, students will gain insight into another culture and society, whilst at the same time enhancing employment prospects and facilitating foreign travel. The interest in this course lies not only in the development of French language but also the topics covered are interesting in their own right

### **A Level History**

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree"  
– Michael Crichton

History students become independent learners and thinkers who develop research skills and the ability to question established ideas.





## A Level Geography

This A Level course leads on naturally from the GCSE course, with a very up to date format that focuses on important current issues found on local, national, and global scales.

There are four units for the A Level qualification –

- Component 1: Changing Landscapes and Changing Places
- Component 2: Global Systems and Global Governance
- Component 3: Contemporary Themes in Geography
- Component 4: Independent Investigation

## AS Level Core Mathematics

Core Mathematics has been designed to maintain and develop real-life maths skills. What students study is not purely theoretical or abstract, it can be applied on a day-to-day basis and will include a financial maths element. It will also help with other A Level subjects, in particular Science, Geography, Business Studies and Economics.

## A Level Mathematics

This course is designed to give a broad mathematical education at A Level by building on the skills and knowledge gained at GCSE through individual modules which include 'pure' and 'applied' mathematics.

The course includes GCSE content stretched to more difficult situations. Students will also study statistics and mechanics giving them a broad base for many subjects at university or in employment.

## A Level Further Mathematics

This course is an additional A-Level on top of the Mathematics A-Level. It is generally considered to provide further challenge as well as providing a broader experience of Mathematics.

Further Mathematics compliments the Mathematics A Level by building on the skills obtained, whilst broadening students' Mathematical knowledge of new topic areas.







## A Level Philosophy and Ethics

If you like to try to answer unanswerable questions, then this is the subject for you!

Following an introduction in the first year to Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought, students build on the areas studied in year 1 including the debate between religion and science, miracles, life after death and the meaning and interpretation of religious language.

## A Level Politics

Never has there been a more interesting time to study this subject!

The course encourages students to develop a critical awareness of the nature of Government and Politics and to demonstrate rights and responsibilities within society.

In the second year students extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the context of the UK political system learning about systems in place in the USA.

## A Level Photography

Students will be able to explore, experiment and research various photographic techniques, both lens based and digital imaging. They will develop their skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad range of photographic and digital media.

The course will help students develop imaginative and creative skills. Students will also be encouraged to become independent learners, developing individual learning skills and managing their time efficiently.

## A Level Physics

"Physics is really nothing more than a search for ultimate simplicity, but so for all we have is a kind of elegant messiness" – Bill Bryson

A Level Physics takes concepts and ideas that you have seen at GCSE and explores them in greater depth, answering questions that were only hinted at and revealing the messiness. Physics takes you on a journey that starts by asking what reality is made of and ends, after careful observation, practical work and calculation by asking what reality actually is.



## A Level Sociology

Sociology examines how people behave individually and collectively based on the culture and identity into which they are born as well as their own lived experiences.

Subjects covered are Families and Households, Education and Sociological Research Methods and The Media, Crime and Deviance and Sociological Theory combined with Sociological Research Methods.

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The EPQ is an optional qualification that requires students to complete a project on a topic of their choice. The project can be in the form of an essay or report or an artifact e.g. a musical composition, piece of artwork or dramatic project.

Depending on the grade achieved, students can gain between 8 – 28 UCAS points.

An EPQ will help develop a range of extra study skills, helping prepare for the demands of university work.

It is valued by higher education institutions as it demonstrates dedication to independent learning and is often included in offers made by institutions to applicants.

## A Level Spanish

You will build on skills acquired at GCSE, developing further your knowledge of Spanish language and grammar as well as transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

Most excitingly, you will gain insight into another culture and society whilst at the same time enhancing employment prospects and facilitating foreign travel.

## A Level Psychology

The course develops a broad knowledge and understanding of core areas of Psychology such as social, cognitive, developmental, biological and individual differences.

It will engage students in issues and debates in Psychology as well as studying topics including relationships, forensics and mental disorders such as depression or schizophrenia.





# LEVEL 3 BTEC and DIPLOMA Courses

## Criminology Diploma

This course covers the following:

### BTEC Applied Science

BTEC Applied Science is a full-time rigorous Science course with a level of demand equivalent to A Level, but mainly assessed by coursework. Units studies cover areas of laboratory science, investigative science and electronics. You should be highly motivated and well organised.

### BTEC Computing

Students will study the principles of Computer Science including programming and algorithms, computer systems including networks, data representation and computer architecture, cyber security and one of the following - game design, app development or website development.

- Changes Awareness of Crime - understanding types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and why some crimes are unreported
- Criminology Theories - why people commit crime
- Crime Scene to Courtroom - examining information to review the justice of verdicts in criminal cases
- Crime and Punishment - evaluating the effectiveness of social control to deliver criminal justice policy







## **BTEC Sport and Physical Activity**

The OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity introduces the sector for students looking to build a career in sport.

This course provides a practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background, giving students the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare for employment.

## **Level 3 Sports Leadership Qualification**

### **Extra-Curricular Activity**

Outcomes - 12 Credits, 16 UCAS points (plus a great addition to your CV and demonstrates many skills that employers and Universities will be looking for)

## **BTEC Music Performance**

This is a music vocational course based on four units of study. Each unit will last two terms providing the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques suited to your personal musical strengths. A portfolio of written evidence is compiled by you throughout the course.

The course gives you the opportunity to plan and perform your own gigs, go on outings to watch bands perform, meet outside professionals and work together in peer groups to develop your performing and overall musicianship.

## **BTEC Health and Social Care**

If you have an interest in Nursing, Primary Education, Social Work or any health and social related careers then this is the course for you.

The course includes many different disciplines to help you understand people and their needs, it combines biology, sociology, psychology, nutrition and ethics. It also includes human lifespan development, working in health and social care and meeting individual care and support needs.





## Food Science and Nutrition Diploma

Students will cover three units within this course covering the following:

- Unit 1 – Meeting nutritional needs of specific groups
- Unit 2 – Ensuring food is safe to eat
- Unit 3 – Experimenting to solve food production problems

This course can support entry to Higher/Further Education courses e.g. BSc Food and Nutrition, BSc Human Nutrition, BSc (Hons) Public Health Nutrition, BSc (Hons) Food Science and Technology, or employment opportunities within the food and drink sectors of hospitality and catering, food production or the food retail industry.

## BTEC Travel and Tourism

Through your studies you will look at a wide variety of subjects relating to the Travel and Tourism industry.

You will learn about how the industry works and the employment opportunities available.

You will develop the skills required in Travel and Tourism, helping you to develop a range of teamwork, professional and personal life skills needed for a career in this industry. The course will help you develop your skills in customer relations and service, research, teamwork, independence and your general awareness and knowledge of the World around you.

BTEC Travel & Tourism provides a variety of career opportunities within the Travel & Tourism industry. This includes everything from working in a Travel Agency, to holiday rep, flight crew, Tour guide and more, alongside supporting those wishing to move onto Higher Education.







# Step Ahead With Work Experience

## WHY DO WORK EXPERIENCE

### ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE THROUGH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Implement recently acquired skills in practical situations!



Improve employability  
Acquire in-demand skills.

### NETWORK

Meet people who can help  
your career.



BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE  
With hands-on experience.

### EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Relate what you learn to  
real jobs, experience what  
it is really like in different  
industries.



Actively seeking opportunities to apply your skills in real-world scenarios. Work placements, volunteer positions, and project-based work can provide invaluable hands-on experience that enhances your CV and builds your own professional network. Consider taking on leadership roles or participating in team-based activities to develop soft skills such as communication, collaboration, and problem-solving. Continuous learning through online courses, MOOCs, workshops, and certifications can also keep you updated with industry trends and best practices. By integrating these experiences, you not only grow professionally but also gain a competitive edge in your career journey.







# EIGHTH SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

## Entry Requirements

To ensure each pupil is on the most suitable Post-16 pathway students need to have secured the following to continue onto study our Level 3 courses:

- 5 GCSE grades at grade 4 or above
- At least a grade 5/6 in the subject chosen at Post-16, or the same grade in a related subject where it has previously been studied at GCSE
- Demonstrated through previous education a positive approach to learning, including a positive attendance record.

Individual course entry requirements can be found on our website and discussed at applicant interview.

For more details and to apply scan the QR code.





## 1 RESEARCH COURSES & ATTEND OUR OPEN EVENT

Check out our course guide and college website. Engage with our careers advisor, teachers, as well as friends and family for more insights.

Join us at the Open Evening in the Autumn term, and keep an eye on our website and social media for this year's date. Interact with the teaching staff and explore the facilities. Should you miss the open event, don't hesitate to reach out, and we can schedule a site visit at a different time.

## 4 ATTEND OUR APPLICANT WELCOME MORNING

Applicants will receive an invitation to join our Applicant Welcome Morning at the end of the summer term. This event provides a chance to discuss your courses and studying with our Post 16 team. Meet fellow students enrolled in the same courses and receive essential information before the summer break, including transition work for each course.

## 6 START STUDYING WITH US

The morning of your first day with us will begin with an induction, you will meet your tutor, receive timetables and other key information, before lessons begin that afternoon.

# How To Apply

## 2 COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

Show your interest in studying with us by clicking the link on our website. Apply during the autumn term to secure an interview.

## 3 ATTEND YOUR INTERVIEW

After we receive your application, you will be invited to an interview at the College. This will give you the chance to talk about your courses, ensuring that you can make an informed decision and select the right courses for your future path.

## 5 GET YOUR GCSE RESULTS

Please reach out to us after you have gathered your results. Securing top grades will open up more opportunities for you when selecting a college course.



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