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Welcome to High Pavement Sixth Form

High Pavement Sixth Form is right on the doorstep of Nottingham Trent University’s City campus, so it really is the next step on your way to university.

Our staff have extensive years of sixth form teaching between them. This means they know exactly what it takes for you to succeed at A Level and beyond. Part of that experience is helping you develop the independent study skills you’ll need at university, while providing the support you need to succeed at A Level.

You’ll notice the difference to school. You’ll have more independence and be treated like an adult, but you will also have a dedicated Progress Tutor to guide you through your studies and an Achievement Coach to ensure you have the personal support you need.

High Pavement is a dedicated Sixth Form with a vibrant atmosphere and friendly and supportive staff. We can also offer you confidential additional learning support if you need it.

Outside of your studies there are plenty of extracurricular activities to get involved in.

If you think you might be better suited to studying a more practical course, Nottingham College also offers a range of career-related (vocational) courses, as well as apprenticeships. So why not take a look at our website?

In 2020 Nottingham College will open the doors of its brand new City Hub campus. All of our students will be able to access the City Hub’s facilities, no matter which campus they are based at. You could have a meal in the restaurant, see a show at the theatre, or use the fantastic learning resources, and lots more!

We’ve got a modern, purpose-built campus and fantastic facilities. But did you know that our roots can be traced back to the original High Pavement School in 1788?

We think it’s the perfect combination of academic history and forward thinking.

All our A Level students will take three or four AS subjects in year one, and then go on to complete their full A Levels in year two. This provides you with increased flexibility should you wish to change your A Level programme after the first year or even move into a vocational pathway instead. It means you will sit AS exams after the first year.
We have a great working relationship with Nottingham Trent University (NTU) - who give our students lots of crucial advice, hints and tips on applying to university.

A great location - at the heart of Nottingham’s student hub, and you’ll get opportunities to take part in enrichment activities and to socialise at any Nottingham College campus.

Twice-yearly University and Careers Fair with representatives from many major universities, local and national employers, and opportunities to take part in employment workshops and fun activities.

The vast majority of students go on to university. These include highly competitive institutions such as Russell Group members (including Oxbridge).

A different type of study - more independence, no uniform, and being on a first-name basis with your tutors.

27 different subjects to choose from.

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Fantastic support and guidance to help you achieve your goals.

Reasons to choose High Pavement Sixth Form

A unique experience
A great student lifestyle

College is not all about what you do in the classroom. There’s a whole world of opportunity to explore when you’re not studying.

Our Students’ Union – representing you
They sit at the top table when it comes to decision-making about things that affect our students. When you enrol at Nottingham College you automatically become a member.

You can get hundreds of online savings, cheap cinema tickets and shop discounts with the TOTUM card, powered by NUS Extra, all for just £15 a year.

You can become a student ambassador and represent the College at open days and other events. It’s a great way of boosting your CV or UCAS application.

Every year we run elections for roles on our student council. You could make a real difference to the student experience by putting yourself forward.

Taking care of you
Our Student Wellbeing team run activities, sessions and programmes to support your wellbeing. They also organise trips, host events and encourage you to get involved in a whole range of activities and movements in College and nationally.

So, if you’re passionate about the environment, why not join the Green Society, and if you want to champion LGBTQ rights, join our LGBTQ society. If you want to suggest setting something up, we’re up for that too!

Sports and activities
Love sport? You could take part in sports clubs and inter-college competitions. If you want to relax, we host stress-busting sessions to help you with your studies.

We also have a wide range of sports on offer for beginners, plus activities such as British Sign Language and driving theory skills.

Our specialist sports academies offer dedicated training in different sports, with the opportunity to gain coaching qualifications alongside your studies. You could even be in with the chance to apply for USA university sports scholarships. Find out more on our website.

If you come to an open day or apply for a course, you’ll get much more information on what College life is all about.

Activities could include:
- five-a-side football
- badminton/short tennis
- boxing
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- computer games
- driving theory
- indoor cricket
- interview prep
- table tennis
- tai chi
- volleyball
- yoga
Before you enrol we can:
• make any special access arrangements you need for your application and enrolment
• arrange for you to meet your tutor before you start
• assess your support needs and set up everything you need before you start at High Pavement Sixth Form

Once you’ve enrolled you may access:
• learning support workshops
• one-to-one and in-class support
• support with reading, writing and maths
• specialist learning materials
• personal assistance
• exam and study support

Deaf students
Our Deaf Access Communicators all use British Sign Language (BSL), and will work with you to make sure you are able to be fully involved both in lectures and in your wider student experience, while supporting you to be independent. Deaf awareness training is also given to tutors, staff and students across the College.

Visually impaired students
If you are visually impaired, we can work with you to make sure you are able to be fully involved both in lectures and in your wider student experience, while supporting you to be independent.

Removing barriers
We want to make sure that we enable you to achieve. If you have a physical disability, medical condition or mental health issue (like experiencing bereavement, abuse, bullying or anxiety) we can help you to make sure that it doesn’t get in the way of your learning. You can access support at any time and you won’t need to tell your family, friends or tutor.

Equality, diversity and inclusion
Nottingham College is positively committed to creating an environment which is free from discrimination and where there is mutual respect and equality for all.

Who do you talk to?

Your Personal Tutor: if you need help with your course, let them know right away.
Achievement Coach: if you are worried about things outside your course and you need to speak to someone, they’ll be able to help you. If they can’t resolve the issue they will put you in touch with someone who can.
Careers Adviser: they can help you get advice and information about your next steps, plus work and training options. They can also access a range of support to develop the skills you need to progress to university, and ultimately into employment.
Specialist UCAS Advisers: they are at High Pavement to help with choosing your options, completing your UCAS application, and preparing for interviews. This can be particularly useful in preparing for Oxbridge, or those more difficult to access application processes, such as for medicine and veterinary science.
Student Services: if you need to talk to someone confidentially to discuss money or get some health advice, they are here for you.

Helping you to succeed

We appreciate that studying for A Levels can be stressful at times. We’re passionate about helping you to succeed, as well as making your time here rewarding and enjoyable. The College has a dedicated Student Support team to help you through those times.

How we can help

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Your Library - a wealth of information

With access to over 70,000 resources, our Library is the place for all your information needs. The Library will support your study and personal development needs, by providing a wide range of resources to help you throughout your course. High Pavement Library has a range of desktop PCs, laptops, and Microsoft Surface Go’s, all equipped with the Microsoft Office Suite and internet access, for use on a drop-in basis. PCs can be pre-booked up to three weeks in advance. You can even borrow items such as digital and video cameras, charging cables and headphones!

Free WiFi and WiFi printing is also available, along with scanning facilities and both colour and black and white printers and photocopiers. There are a range of quiet/silent study spaces for independent study as well as group working areas.

Our qualified and experienced Library staff are on hand to help you with your day-to-day studies, including finding information; researching a topic; using the PCs; creating documents and presentations; and compiling bibliographies/reference lists. You can also access support in these areas from the Library pages of the student intranet.

We also have an extensive collection of online resources available for access 24/7. Our Library staff can show you how to use these in either one-to-one or group sessions. These are accessible from your mobile or tablet as well as from a desktop.

Information for parents and carers

Your child will be with us for up to two years. During that time we support them with one-to-one tuition, a dedicated team of Careers Coaches and expert teachers who will develop their academic or technical understanding of their chosen areas of study.

College is a place where young people develop the independence they need to succeed at university. With that comes an expectation of independent learning. This means private study and homework as well as taught classes. Please do all you can to support them during their study, and if you have any concerns, don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

Attendance is vital too. We expect 100% attendance in all scheduled classes and tutorials unless there is a very good reason. If, for whatever reason, students can’t come to College, we need them to tell us in advance by following the College absence procedure.

Learning Support

The College has an excellent Additional Learning Support (ALS) team. They support students who, for whatever reason, are finding things difficult. For example, they may have a learning difficulty or disability, or may be going through an emotional time.

Support for Parents

At the start of the year parents are given:

1. the Parent Handbook which outlines what you can expect from us and what to do if you have any concerns, as well as information about parents’ reports, parents’ evenings, awards ceremonies and dates of exams results.

2. access to our Parent Portal, which gives you access to your child’s timetable and allows you live access to monitor their attendance and progress. You will also be invited to two Parents’ Evenings over the course of the year. The first is just before Christmas, with a second in the spring, and you will have opportunities to discuss progress and future progression with your child’s tutors.

Support

At the application stage we will identify students who can take advantage of our:

HE Plus - which is a scheme run by the University of Cambridge, to support applicants from schools and areas that have not traditionally sent a high number of students to Oxbridge.

Access Champions Programme - which supports university applicants from postcodes where fewer 18-year-olds progress to higher education.

Not everyone has the same start in life, but we believe everyone deserves the best chance to reach their potential. At Nottingham College we have a long tradition of giving extra support to people who need it. We have extra programmes to help when students are from communities that have been less successful in accessing university education over the years.

Opportunities for all

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Don't meet the specific entry requirements?

If you don't have the GCSE grades you need to meet our A Level entry requirements, don't worry. You could improve your GCSE grades with Nottingham College in just one year. See nottinghamcollege.ac.uk for more details or to order a Full-Time Course Guide.

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How many subjects?

You will study three A Levels, but in exceptional circumstances students may be able to choose four. Depending on your personal circumstances and GCSE grades, it may be possible to do two A Levels (usually combined with GCSE resits in English Language and Maths).

Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C), including English Language and Maths. Some courses have additional entry requirements, such as a grade 6 (B) in certain subjects. Please see the table on the opposite page for full details. If you already have GCSEs from the older grading system, don't worry, we still accept them of course. Students will have the opportunity to apply to study Core or Further Maths or complete the Extended Project alongside their A Levels, to support their application to competitive universities with high entry requirements.

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<td>Biology</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths plus grade 6 or above in either GCSE Biology, Additional Science, or Science Trilogy.</td>
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<td>If you achieve grade 5 in higher Maths you will also be enrolled onto a Core Maths qualification.</td>
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<td>Business</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths and preferably grade 5 or above in English Language.</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths plus grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry, Additional Science, or Science Trilogy.</td>
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<td>If you achieve grade 5 in Maths you will also be enrolled onto a Core Maths qualification if choosing Chemistry and not taking either Biology or Physics, discussion and approval by a chemistry tutor will be necessary.</td>
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<td>Computer Science</td>
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<td>Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths, plus an initial assessment.</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and Maths, plus Grade 6 or above in four other GCSEs.</td>
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<td>Fashion &amp; Textiles</td>
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<td>Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art &amp; Design or Textiles.</td>
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<td>Film Studies</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in English Language.</td>
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<td>Geography</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE Geography. We will accept a grade 6 in GCSE Physics or Biology in place of GCSE Geography if studied as separate science qualifications.</td>
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<td>Grade 6 or above in English Language. You must have also completed an additional essay writing GCSE Subject such as Geography or History</td>
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<td>Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths. If you gained grade 5 on the higher paper, you may be able to choose A Level Maths following an initial assessment. Successful applicants with Grade 5 or 6 will complete a two-day bridging course in September.</td>
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<td>Physics</td>
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<td>Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths and in either GCSE Physics or Science Trilogy.</td>
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<td>If not studying A Level Maths, discussion and approval by a physics tutor will be necessary.</td>
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<td>Politics</td>
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<td>Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language. You must also have completed an additional essay-writing GCSE subject such as Geography or History.</td>
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<td>Psychology</td>
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<td>At least two grade 5s and a grade 4 from GCSE English Language, Maths and any Science (not GCSE Psychology).</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
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It’s quick and easy to apply for your course online - just head to nottm.co/apply, choose the course you’re interested in, and fill in the application form. You can apply for more than one course, so if you’re not sure what you want to study, don’t worry.

Stay Connected
Follow Nottingham College on social media for all the latest news, events and competitions, and to connect with your course and other students.

Apply online
### Geography

**Course content:** Geography is about the relationship between people and the environment, including topical issues such as climate change and globalisation. Hands-on experience of fieldwork is an essential part of the course: field trips, day visits and local studies will be integrated into the programme.

**Topics include:** natural hazards, globalisation, geographical investigations and the global challenges of the 21st century such as: how to feed nine billion people, the causes and impacts of migration and the potential fight for energy and water security.

**Assessment:** examinations (80%) and coursework (20%).

**Next steps:** you could progress to a related higher education course such as geography, planning, development, environmental studies or earth sciences. Geography graduates are among the most employable and move into a variety of areas, such as: planning, logistics, sustainable management, the energy sector, site management and surveying.

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### History

**Course content:** This subject builds on the skills and knowledge you gained at school.

**Topics include:** a Breadth Study: Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964, and a Depth Study: The English Revolution, 1625-1660. Both topics are assessed by exams which are made up of a combination of source-based questions and essays. You will also undertake an historical investigation into any aspect of history that interests you, which carries 20% of the overall A Level marks.

**Assessment:** examinations and coursework.

**A Level:** Two 150-minute exam papers, each worth 40% of the marks, and a 3,000-3,500 word historical investigation worth 20% of the marks.

**Next steps:** History A Level can lead to higher education in a wide range of subjects and is particularly useful for related subjects such as history, politics, law or teaching. History is a highly regarded academic subject which develops skills valued by employers and universities.

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### Philosophy

**Course content:** Philosophy is about asking, and attempting to answer, fundamental questions such as: what is knowledge; do we see the world as it is, or is our perception of the world misleading; does God exist and what is the problem of evil; what is the nature of mind and can we explain the mental purely in terms of the physical; what is moral goodness, and what is the nature of moral language.

This engaging and thought-provoking course helps you to develop knowledge and understanding of the content, including through the use of philosophical analysis (conceptual analysis and argument analysis). By the end of the course you will be able to analyse and evaluate the philosophical arguments within the subject content to form reasoned judgements.

As a result, the course blends well when combined with other A Levels such as psychology, sociology, law and English literature, and even some of our science subjects such as physics and biology.

**Topics include:** Epistemology and Moral Philosophy.

**Assessment:** written exam: 3 hours.

**Next steps:** students may progress to a philosophy degree or a combined degree such as Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), or a range of dual honours degrees which combine philosophy with, for example, theology, physics, linguistics, languages, music, or mathematics.

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### Politics

**Course content:** You will study the features of government and political systems at local, national and international levels. You do not need to have studied the subject before, but you must have an interest in politics and current affairs.

**Topics include:** UK Politics, UK Government, Core Political Ideas and American Politics.

**Assessment:** examinations.

**Next steps:** you could progress to a related higher education course such as politics, political studies, political history, sociology or international relations. There are lots of careers open to you, such as journalist, poll researcher, local government officer or civil servant.

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“My dream career would be in the environment and conservation sector. The teachers at High Pavement were so helpful, and I’m excited to take my studies to a higher level at Oxford.”

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**Religious Studies**

**Course content:** Faith and religion remains an important and relevant discipline to many people living in a modern world. Many people live their lives according to faith, spiritual practice and religious truth. This course will offer a choice of different religions, ensuring you have a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Religious studies combines philosophical reasoning concerning the divine with practical ethos concerning happiness and the living of a good life. In addition, religious studies explores the nature of truth through faith by reflecting on the core beliefs of a relevant world religion.

**Topics include:** philosophy of religion and ethics, study of religion.

**Assessment:** two written exams.

**Next steps:** you could progress to a related higher education course such as Religious Studies, Theology and Philosophy with careers in Clergy and Social/Human Science.

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**Sociology**

**Course content:** if you are interested in what makes society tick and how we are affected by the society we live in, this is the course for you. You’ll learn to question and challenge ideas and assumptions, critically examine evidence, and experience lots of discussion and debate.

**Topics include:** education and methods in context, families and households, research methods, education and methods in context, families and households, beliefs, crime and deviance, theory and methods.

**Assessment:** three written exams.

**Next steps:** you could progress to a related higher education course such as sociology, politics, social policy, criminology, anthropology and development studies. There are lots of careers open to you, such as social worker, counsellor, probation officer, teacher, charity worker or housing officer.
Art & Design

Course content: this practical course is a great way to learn new techniques and develop ideas. You’ll be encouraged to experiment and develop your own unique style. You’ll study drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, screen printing, lino and mono printing, photography, creative textiles, graphics, computer graphics, and art history. You’ll visit art galleries and museums, and undertake projects and workshops with industry partners, artists, and the local community.

Assessment: a combination of examinations and coursework, including a personal investigation with 3,000 word study and a controlled assignment (15-hour exam).

Next steps: you could progress to further studies on a foundation diploma in art and design, or a higher education course in fine art, graphic design, textile design, or 3D design. There are lots of careers open to you, such as fashion designer, graphic designer, illustrator, interior designer or textile designer.

Fashion & Textiles

Course content: this practical course explores the use of traditional materials, techniques and processes to communicate and demonstrate your individual ideas. It can be used to explore fashion, interior or fine art textiles. You will get the opportunity to use a variety of materials and techniques including print, knit, weave, structure and natural fibres. An important aspect of the course is to consider the work of artists and designers to help inform your own personal creativity.

Assessment: a combination of examinations and coursework, including a personal investigation with a 3,000 word study and a controlled assignment (15-hour exam).

Next steps: you could choose to move on to a related higher education course such as fashion design, pattern cutting or fashion business. You could be working towards a career as a fashion designer or garment technologist.

Interested in journalism, graphic design or photography?

Then why not become a reporter for Screever - High Pavement’s very own student magazine. It’s written by students, for students. Become a published writer and build your very own portfolio!

Get some essential practical experience if you’re interested in going on to do print/broadcast journalism, creative writing, English or many other media-related degrees at university.

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Film Studies

High Pavement Sixth Form

Course content: film is a major art form of the 21st century, and this course provides deeper understanding and enjoyment of a variety of films through practical work, analysis and the study of critical approaches to film.

In year 1 you’ll focus on learning how the language and techniques of film making such as editing, camera or cinematography, lighting, sound, performance/costume and setting are used to create meaning. This is done through studying conventional Hollywood and British film genres and their production, alongside a practical portfolio that allows you to create pieces such as a storyboard, script or even a short film.

The second year is more far-reaching in its scope as you’ll begin to use the skills and knowledge gained in the first year to analyse examples of film from World Cinema, Experimental Film and recent contemporary classics such as Fight Club.

Assessment: assessments, examinations and a portfolio of work.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as media studies, film production, history, teaching, humanities, social sciences or film production.

Media Studies

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Course content: this course aims to develop a critical response to the media by exploring a wide variety of media, drawing on fundamental media concepts and theoretical framework. You will gain an understanding of how media products are constructed, why the producers of a text are important in media industries; how audiences are grouped and targeted; how the digital revolution allows us to become producers ourselves and how the representation of people, places and events is evident in media.

Topics include: Media Products, Industries and Audiences; you will study a number of set texts from advertising and marketing, newspapers, video games, music videos, radio and film marketing.

Media Forms and Products in Depth: you will study three areas of media in detail. Television in the Global Age; Magazines: Mainstream and Alternative Media; and Media in the Online Age.

Cross Media Production: this is your opportunity to get creative! You’ll research, plan and create your own products to meet a brief set by the exam board. Previous students have created music videos, short films, sequences from TV shows, pages from magazines, print marketing for films, TV or music industry, website and more.

Assessment: two exams worth 70% and a creative coursework portfolio worth 30%.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course: media, teaching, humanities, social sciences or film studies. Potential careers include: journalist, broadcaster, digital marketing executive, special effects designer, web designer and many more. This industry is one of the fastest growing areas of employment, so many job roles might not even exist yet!

Photography

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Course content: experimental and practical in approach, this course is designed to build on your existing skills.

Topics include: history of photography (equipment, materials, photographers and photographic movements), general photographic theory, darkroom skills for black and white photography, digital photography, using Photoshop, and photographic contextual studies.

Assessment: a combination of coursework, personal investigation and controlled test, for example a major coursework assignment, supported by developmental work and a sketchbook personal investigation, and a controlled assignment.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as photography, media or art and design. There are lots of career opportunities open to you, such as a professional photographer in fashion, nature, portrait, events, fine art, commercial and many other genres.

“I’m the first in my family to go to university. My family were all so happy and proud when I told them my results.”

Kain
Science, Maths & Physical Education

Chemistry

Course content: the Salters’ Chemistry course has a structure that gives focus to the applications and implications of chemistry: industry, materials, medicine, environment, and food. All topics are dealt with in a way that links them to how they affect our life. A range of learning styles are employed, including teaching, multimedia resources, textbook, workbooks, online assessment, independent study, and practical laboratory work. Topics include: general chemistry, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, analytical chemistry and many more advanced topics in Year 2.

Assessment: three exams at the end of the second year, plus practical assessment throughout.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as medicine, agriculture, materials technology, energy, pharmacy, physiotherapy or chemical biochemistry.

Physics

It is expected that you will be studying maths alongside physics. You will need to take an initial maths assessment.

Course content: you will use maths skills and scientific reasoning to find answers to your questions about how the world works. This exciting and challenging course is highly regarded by universities and future employers. Topics include: mechanics, materials, electricity, waves, quantum physics, further mechanics, fields, thermal physics, nuclear and particle physics, amongst others.

Assessment: theoretical exam and practical tasks.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as physics, engineering, medicine, health studies or sport science. There are lots of careers open to you, such as oceanographer, medical physicist, astronomer, clinical scientist or meteorologist.

Biology

Course content: biology is the study of life in all of its forms. It combines problem solving with practical skills, and enables you to develop a scientific approach to the subject. Biology complements arts, humanities and other science A Level subjects. The first year will focus on many of the fundamentals of biology: biological molecules, transport in and out of cells, cell structure and organisation, enzymes, DNA replication, protein synthesis, mutations and patterns of inheritance, evolution, adaptation and animal and plant physiology.

The second year will build on these by delving into some important and fascinating subjects such as: photosynthesis and respiration, speciation, forensics, determining time of death, microbiology, diseases and immunology, muscle structure, the effects of exercise and drugs on the body and the nervous system.

Assessment: examinations and some practical assessment.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as biochemistry, biomedical science, dentistry, medicine, midwifery or nursing. There are lots of careers open to you such as: dentist, optometrist, physiotherapist, vet, pharmacist, midwife or nurse.

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“The lecturers at High Pavement gave me lots of support. I loved studying here.”

Theo
Maths

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Course content: many of our students take this subject alongside sciences, business studies, economics, psychology, sociology and geography. As part of the course you will study pure mathematics, building on the work you did at GCSE level and extending your range of mathematical skills and techniques to solve more difficult problems.

Topics include: pure maths mechanics and statistics. You will need your own calculator. Your tutor will advise you which calculator to buy.

Assessment: a combination of examinations.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as maths, business, accountancy, science, computing, engineering or economics. Maths is essential to everyday life and is relevant to a huge range of scientific, technological and engineering careers.

Core Maths

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At the end of the course you will achieve AQA Certificate Level 3 in Mathematical Studies, equivalent to one AS Level.

Course content: core maths is designed for students who are not studying A Level maths but want to continue learning some form of mathematics. Core maths will help you understand and apply clear, mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial maths. These practical mathematical skills will also help you with your other A Level subjects, in particular with sciences, geography, business, psychology, and economics.

Topics include: modelling, statistics, finance, working with graphs and gradients, risk, estimation, problem solving and use of technology.

Assessment: two written examinations.

Next steps: universities and employers from many different sectors are in strong support of core maths qualifications. The course will help you retain, deepen and extend your mathematics to be better prepared for higher education and employment.

Interested in engineering?

If you are aiming high, and want a combination of A Level Maths, A Level Product Design, and a BTEC in Engineering to set you up for higher level study, you could consider the Innovation and Creative Engineering Design course, which is based at our Highfields campus. This specialist hybrid course will prepare you for university and give you the unique opportunity of getting hands-on experience with industry-standard equipment.

For more information just visit our website, or pick up a copy of our Further Education Full-Time Course Guide.

Further Maths

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Your tutor will discuss entry requirements during the first year of your A Level maths programme. An early start in the first year is possible for some students.

Course content: further maths will extend your work in pure maths, statistics and mechanics and may include a numerical methods unit or decision maths unit. You will need your own scientific calculator. A graphical calculator is also strongly recommended - ask your tutor for advice before buying one.

Assessment: a combination of examinations.

Next steps: you could progress to a related higher education course such as maths, business, accountancy, science, computing, engineering or economics. There are lots of careers open to you, such as aeronautical engineer, actuary, software engineer, mathematician, biochemist, veterinarian or chemical engineer.

“I’m going to study Medicine at the University of Cambridge. I feel very proud to have secured a place at one of the best universities in the world. “I wouldn’t have achieved it without the support and love from my teachers at Nottingham College.”

Simranjeet
Computer Science

Course content: Computer science is a practical subject that enables you to apply the academic principles learned in the classroom to real-world systems. It is a creative subject that helps you to develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand the power and limits of human and machine intelligence. There is an emphasis on learning computer programming and the mathematical skills used to express computational laws and processes.

Topics include: software development, algorithms, exchanging data, and programming.

Assessment: A combination of examinations and practical projects.

Next steps: You could progress to a related higher education course in computer science. The qualification is also well thought of by employers for students wanting to go straight into employment.

Business

Course content: A level Business is a dynamic and engaging subject with a holistic approach to business. You will study models, theories and techniques to help you develop a deeper understanding of business issues relevant in the modern world. You will develop the knowledge and skills needed to analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions - all skills that are needed for further study and employment.

Topics include: An introduction to business and objectives, financial control, operational control, marketing decisions, and human resource management. In the second year you will gain a greater understanding of strategic choices and the importance of issues such as globalisation.

Assessment: Written examinations.

Next steps: You could progress to a range of business, economics and accountancy degrees, or degrees in psychology, sociology, maths and history. Our students have also moved on to Higher Apprenticeships with companies such as Rolls Royce. The subject allows a career in management, retail, marketing, accountancy, HR, event planning, logistics, supply chain management - and many other areas of business.

Economics

Course content: Economics studies the problem of scarce resources alongside the unlimited desires of humans and society. The course studies this problem from two perspectives. Firstly, it looks at how markets work to set prices and how economies deal with failures of the market mechanism. Secondly, the course looks at the wider economic problems faced by government, such as achieving economic growth and managing inflation. The course ends with a unit that brings both of these areas of economics together, for a study of applied economics, looking at specific economic problems.

Assessment: Examinations.

Next steps: You could progress to a related higher education course such as economics or business finance. To enter an Economics degree course the majority of universities require A Level Maths. There are lots of careers open to you, such as economist, investment analyst, actuary, market researcher, data analyst or accountant.
Law

Course content: this highly stimulating course provides you with a general overview of the English legal system. It will help develop your skills in analysis, problem-solving and evaluation, and will encourage you to think logically, critically and independently. If you are passionate about learning about the way our country is operated from a legal perspective you will love this subject.

You'll gain an understanding of the role of law in today's society and will explore the relationship between law, morals, justice and society.

You will consider contemporary issues, exploring a wide range of interesting cases and Acts of Parliament to improve your knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of a whole range of issues affecting the legal system today.

Topics include:
- the nature of law and English legal system
- Private law
- Public law
- Legal skills

Assessment:
- two 90-minute written examinations.
- A combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Next steps:
- many students progress to university to study Law with the intention to go on to become barristers or solicitors. However, A Level Law can open the door to many opportunities, not just in the field of law - it provides an excellent foundation for university and career choices, from journalism; business and teaching, to politics; banking; research and public relations.

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English Language

Course content: this course is perfect if you enjoy analysing spoken and written language and you are a keen reader and writer. Your technical vocabulary and communication skills will increase significantly. It combines well with a wide range of other A Level subjects.

Topics include:
- language, the individual and society (written paper), and non-exam assessment (NEA) which involves a language investigation of your choice, allowing you the freedom to explore your own areas of interest.

Assessment:
- a combination of examinations and non-exam assessment. (The exam component will be worth 80% of the final grade).

Next steps:
- this course is a pathway to a huge range of higher education courses and careers, for example teaching, journalism, playwriting, marketing, PR and media. The skills you learn will be invaluable for essay writing, dissertations, report writing and presentations in later life.

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English Literature

Course content: this course combines a detailed study of literature with the opportunity to read more widely and independently. Throughout the course you will be encouraged to attend theatre productions of the texts studied and to watch film versions of set and related texts.

Topics include:
- during the first year, we look at aspects of tragedy, examined in two papers: one on drama, the other on prose and poetry. In the second year the connecting genre is crime, with three texts studied and wider reading encouraged in preparation for writing on an unseen extract.

The NEA component (20%) of two coursework essays gives the option of choosing texts for independent study and applying critical ideas.

Assessment:
- examinations and non-exam assessment (NEA).

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You’ll then plan, research and develop your project, which you’ll then critically evaluate in a final presentation. This qualification is welcomed by top UK universities, as it shows you are developing many transferable skills ready for your degree.

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English Combined

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Course content: if you enjoy English, but feel that you can’t choose between language (looking at a wide range of techniques and language in society) and literature (reading and commenting on written texts), this is the course for you. You’ll focus on spoken language and language production as well as studying a wide range of literary texts – a chance to do both aspects of English in one A Level.

Topics include: integrated analysis and text production, analysing novels, poetry and an anthology, comparative analysis and text adaptation through independent study.

Assessment: examinations and non-exam assessment (NEA).

Next steps: this course, as with other English subjects, is a pathway to a huge range of higher education courses and careers, for example, teaching, journalism, playwriting, marketing, PR and media. The skills you learn will be invaluable for essay writing, dissertations, report writing and presentations in later life.

Spanish

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Course content: you will take part in stimulating activities to develop your linguistic skills alongside your understanding of the culture and society of the countries where Spanish is spoken. We select a broad area of study to prescribe certain aspects for closer examination. The core content includes:

Social issues and trends, political and artistic culture: grammar and options from literature and film.

Topics include: how Spanish-speaking society has been shaped socially and culturally and how it continues to change. In the first year, aspects of the social context are studied, together with aspects of the artistic life of Spanish-speaking countries. In the second year, further aspects of the social background are covered, this time focusing on matters associated with multiculturalism. Students also study aspects of the political landscape, including the future of political life in the Hispanic world, by focusing on young people and their political engagement. Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of themes relating to the culture and society of countries where Spanish is spoken, and their language skills. They will do this by using authentic spoken and written sources in Spanish. The choice of works (literary texts and films) offers opportunities to link with the themes.

Assessment: Two written exams and one oral exam, which together assess speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Next steps: you could follow with a language degree course at university, or any degree course and continuing language studies as subsidiary. Alternatively, students find immediate employment in the target-language country or make a job application in the future with the skill of speaking two or more languages.
A Levels

If you are thinking of returning to education to get additional A Levels and go to university, we would love to hear from you. We will discuss a specific programme of study with you at interview.

As a guide, most adults either study one A Level intensively over one year, or two to three A Levels over two years.

You can apply online and then we may invite you in to discuss the right programme for you.

Our guidance will reference latest SFA funding guidance for students looking to access funded qualifications.

Access to Higher Education (HE) courses

If you want to study for a university-level course but don’t yet have the necessary qualifications, then an alternative to A Levels could be an Access to HE course.

Access courses are specifically designed for adults aged 19+ returning to education. Our one-year Access to HE courses offer a fast-track route to degree-level study, and are tailored to specific careers like law or nursing, or cover broader areas including science, social sciences and business.

It is our goal to help you begin your journey to a new career, and we do all we can to ensure that the transition to full-time education runs as smoothly as possible.

We create a relaxed environment for all our students, as we believe that this helps inspire learning. You will have the chance to join like-minded people on our Access courses, in a mature environment with supportive tutors.

Fees and Finance for Access to HE courses

Some students aged 19 or over may be eligible for tuition fee remission, meaning they wouldn’t have to pay tuition fees. If not, they may be able to get help with the cost of Access to HE course fees through an Advanced Learner Loan.

These loans are designed to help students pay for course fees, so they don’t have to pay them upfront. Students don’t have to pay anything back until their income is over £25,725 per year.

What’s more, if you are on an Access to HE course, if you then go on to complete a higher education qualification funded by Student Finance England, you will not have to pay back your Advanced Learner Loan.

Find out more on our website or gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

Your options

We offer Access to HE courses in:

- Art, Design and Fashion
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- Media and Journalism
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Aged 19+
Preparring for the future

If you’d like to stay local for your university-level study, did you know we offer higher education right here at Nottingham College?

We offer foundation degrees, degree top-ups, Higher National Certificates and Diplomas (HNC/Ds) and Higher Apprenticeships.

Our class sizes are small and there’s plenty of one-to-one support from our friendly staff. Employers help shape the curriculum, and we have staff with current industry experience, so you can be confident that our courses will prepare you for your future career.

Nottingham College is a supportive environment where you’ll be studying alongside like-minded people.

For a full list of courses or to order a university-level course guide visit: nottm.co/he

Our higher education partners include Nottingham Trent University and Pearson Edexcel.

Close links with Nottingham Trent University:

We enjoy a great relationship with our neighbours, Nottingham Trent University (NTU). This means we can give you a taste of what your life at university could be like.

NTU also offer expert help with higher education applications and decisions about your future.

Over the last 11 years NTU has offered expert advice and support to help our students achieve their goals.

We were awarded the highest level of judgement at our last HE review by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), highlighting the quality of student experience and academic standards in our HE offer.

94%
of our HE students were in employment or further study within 15 months of finishing their course. Half of those surveyed were employed in higher skilled occupations.

[Graduate Outcomes Survey]

Moving on to higher education

Our students progress to a range of different universities, including Oxbridge and many Russell Group universities.

• Nottingham Trent University
• The University of Leicester
• The University of Oxford
• De Montfort University
• Sheffield Hallam University
• The University of Derby
• The University of Nottingham
• Leeds Beckett University
• The University of Manchester
• The University of Sheffield
• The University of Bristol
• The University of Cambridge
• Manchester Metropolitan University
• The University of Warwick
• University College London

...and many more
The original High Pavement School was established in 1788, and became a Sixth Form in 1975. We’re immensely proud of our former students (or alumni), and the High Pavement Society is made of that - alumni who want to keep in touch, share memories, and support High Pavement after they leave us.

When you leave the College and embark on the next chapter of your life, you can choose to join the High Pavement Society, so you can keep in touch for many years to come.

The High Pavement Society proudly sponsors a number of annual awards for our students.

Here are just a few of our other notable alumni:

**John Bird** - Satirist, actor and TV personality, known for the award-winning satirical TV show Bremner, Bird and Fortune, among others.

**Peter Bowles** - Seasoned actor, known for To the Manor Born, Rumpole of the Bailey, and more recently for his role as the Duke of Wellington in ITV’s Victoria.

**Dr. Rebekah Tennyson** - Clinical psychologist, who progressed to the University of Cambridge and now works in child and adolescent mental health, along with completing research in the field of fertility preservation for young people with cancer.

**Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE** - Successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, and the first black Lord Lieutenant of Greater London.

**Simon House** - Composer, musician, and member of the band Hawkwind.

**Professor Kenneth Burton FRS** - Biochemist, renowned for his work on DNA.

Could you be one of the next High Pavement alumni to inspire future generations?
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   NCT/Trent Barton
   All buses to city

2. Adams/25 Stoney Street
   The Lace Market, Stoney Street, Nottingham, NG1 1 NG
   NCT/Trent Barton
   All buses to city

3. Basford
   644 Nuthall Road, Basford,
   Nottingham, NG8 6AQ
   NCT
   Yellow 70/71
   Turquoise 79/79A

Which bus should I catch?

Closest tram stops

1. High Pavement Sixth Form
   Nottingham Trent University

2. Adams / 25 Stoney Street
   Lace Market

3. Basford
   Cinderhill/David Lane