



PROSPECTUS 2026/27



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WELCOME

RESULTS

The Sixth Form at Featherstone High School is large, well established, able to offer a wide range of subjects and courses and, perhaps most importantly, highly successful.



We understand that the Sixth form is a launch pad for what our students will do when they move on. To that end, our vision is based on ensuring that they achieve the best grades they are capable of; that they are fully prepared for future success in the next stage of their journey and that they are ready to take their place in society as learners and citizens in 21st century Britain.

Our results are consistently excellent and every year our students progress to take up places at the highest performing and most prestigious universities in the country. Our teaching and pastoral support is relentless in looking to maximise the number of students who can advance to the very best universities or the very best work opportunities.

We are fortunate to house our sixth form in a state-of-the-art building with its own library, café and suite of classrooms. Our staff are experienced specialists in their subject areas and the students themselves recognise what they are here to do and understand that everyone is supportive of their ambition and potential.

I invite you to visit the Sixth form at Featherstone and to see for yourself what a wonderful opportunity is on offer. We are heavily oversubscribed so be sure to apply fast and we will look forward to seeing you in the near future.

MR WALTERS, HEADTEACHER

A LEVELS 2025

32% of students gained top A*-A grades at A Level

63%: A* - B

88%: A* - C



LEVEL 3 BTECS 2025

79% of students studying BTEC Level 3 gained

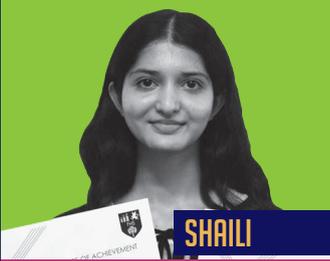
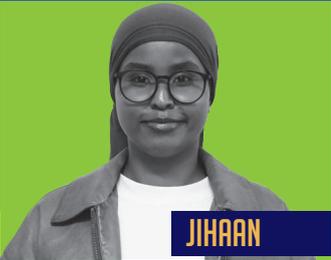
Distinction* - Distinction

98%: Distinction* - Merit

CLASS OF 2025

MOHAMMED ALIM (4 A*^S AT A LEVEL) ENGINEERING AT LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD

“I am forever indebted to the staff for the exceptional guidance they provided, with feedback and influence that have been integral to my achievements.”

 <p>SHAILI</p>	 <p>MUHAMMAD</p>	 <p>ROOP</p>	 <p>NABILA</p>
LAW UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	MEDICINE KING'S COLLEGE LONDON	ECONOMICS LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	HISTORY AND POLITICS UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
 <p>JOEL</p>	 <p>JIHAAN</p>	 <p>AARAYA</p>	 <p>KAIF</p>
HISTORY AND POLITICS UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	HISTORY AND POLITICS UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	PHYSIOTHERAPY BRUNEL UNIVERSITY	CIVIL ENGINEERING IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
 <p>JAGJOT</p>	 <p>REHAAN</p>	 <p>IZN</p>	 <p>LAKSHDEEP</p>
PILOT TRAINING	COMPUTER SCIENCE QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY	INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	COMPUTER SCIENCE KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

WHAT WE OFFER YOU

FACILITIES

Students at Featherstone Sixth Form have access to a purpose built separate building, largely dedicated to their studies.

Unlike some other Sixth Forms, Featherstone provides a different experience where students wear business attire and study in a more mature environment.

We have a dedicated library for sixth formers for quiet study as well as a social space and cafe.

Each student receives a Netbook to aid study.

CAREERS ADVICE

At FHS Sixth Form students are fully supported in making the important decision about their pathway after leaving school. All students are entitled to a minimum of 1 meeting with a qualified careers adviser to explore apprenticeships, employment and university options. Throughout Years 12 and 13, students are presented with numerous opportunities including

insight days, work experience and mentoring with employers such as SEGRO, GSK and HS2. Students applying to university are supported with a comprehensive UCAS programme including FHS Scholars which helps those applying to Russell Group universities.

ENRICHMENT

At Featherstone High School Sixth Form, we believe education extends beyond the classroom. Our wide range of enrichment opportunities helps students develop essential life skills, broaden their horizons, and prepare for future success. From leadership roles and community volunteering to clubs, sports, and creative arts, every student is encouraged to explore their interests and passions. We also offer academic enhancement programmes, university preparation workshops, and guest speaker events to inspire ambition and confidence. Whatever our students' goals are, our enrichment

programme ensures our students leave Featherstone ready to thrive in higher education and beyond.

- **University preparation programmes (e.g. Oxbridge and Russell Group mentoring)**
- **Academic mentoring and tutoring**
- **Guest lectures and workshops from university academics and professionals**
- **Student Leadership Team / Sixth Form Council**
- **Peer mentoring and buddy programmes**
- **Volunteering and community outreach**
- **Work experience placements and internships**
- **Science week activities tailored to the Sixth form**
- **University visits and taster days**
- **Apprenticeship and career insight sessions**
- **CV writing and interview skills workshops**

FANTASTIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & A SENSE OF COMMUNITY



FHS SCHOLARS

FHS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

This programme will be offered to students who have achieved very high GCSE grades (majority 7-9s).

Students will be competing for places to study at one of the top universities around the country; including Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge) and the Russell Group Universities for courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Law. For such courses and universities, students will be required to show that they can be stretched and challenged and achieve outside of their academic field. They will need to demonstrate some of the much sought after skills such as in-depth research ability, independent and creative thinking and presentation and interview skills.

Students can apply for the FHS Scholars Programme at the beginning of Year 12.

APPLYING TO TOP UNIVERSITIES

For those considering applying to Oxbridge, we offer a comprehensive package to support students. Students are encouraged to attend Oxbridge taster days and apply for residential courses. We also liaise with Oxbridge representatives regarding interviews and personal statement writing. Students applying for Russell Group Universities and courses may need to take exams such as BMAT or STEP and students will be supported and advised of these details to ensure they are successful.

APPLYING FOR MEDICINE

Students wishing to apply for Medicine are given the opportunity to complete work experience at a hospital in the summer term of Year 12, and participate in medical workshops with working health professionals and successful medical students from the school.

**30% OF STUDENTS
ACCEPTED TO RUSSELL
GROUP UNIVERSITIES**



4 STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO OXFORD 2025

LEARNING PATHWAYS



A LEVEL

5 x 9-4 GCSEs (APS 4.5 - 5)

GCSE grade 6 required in the subject you wish to study (grade 7 required for Physics, unless studying A Level Maths)

Grade 4 in English Language and Maths required

Please look at specific subject requirements for all subjects



BTEC/AAQ LEVEL 3

5 x 9-3 GCSEs (APS 3.5)

Grade 4 in English Language **OR** Maths required (grade 3 minimum)

National Diploma = 2 A Levels
Certificate/AAQ = 1 A Level

Science at grade 3-3 (Trilogy) required for certain subjects

Students will select one BTEC Diploma alongside one BTEC Certificate or AAQ qualification



A LEVEL & BTEC

5 x 9-4 GCSEs (APS 4.5 - 5)

You need a grade 6 at GCSE for the A Level you wish to follow

Grade 4 in English Language and Maths required

Students will select one A Level alongside a BTEC Diploma

RETAKES

Students may re-take English Language **OR** maths but **NOT BOTH**

For those students that have not secured a grade 4 in either Maths or English Language, you will be required to retake the GCSE

HERE TO HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT SUBJECT CHOICES

PROGRESSION

PROGRESSION INTO YEAR 12

The school will look at all students on an individual basis and whether they are suitable for the courses chosen. External students will be requested to show their birth certificate, current passport, proof of address and all relevant qualifications. **Students will have to complete entrance exams for Maths and Sciences and must be endorsed by the Head of Department.** Students that do not meet the required standard will be re-coursed. Students will have to complete course preparatory work over the summer for all subjects. It will be up to the discretion of the Sixth Form Team as to which courses students are able to follow.

PROGRESSION INTO YEAR 13

A Level

In order to continue into Year 13, students will need to have attained a minimum of 3 Es in the end of Year 12 exams. In circumstances where students have not achieved 3 Es, they will be required to attend an interview with the Director of Sixth Form to look at options and may be re-coursed.

BTEC Level 3 Courses

In order to continue into Year 13 students will need to be working towards their minimum target grades at BTEC Level 3 in all of their subjects. This includes passing any external assessments or exams.

In addition to the above the following will also be considered:

- Attendance 95%
- Effort
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Quality of class & home work
- Completion of work experience
- Passing any BTEC external examinations



YOUR OPTIONS

A LEVEL ROUTE

Most students will follow 3 subjects, each must be from a different box from option 1 - 4.

A LEVEL OPTION 1

Biology
Art
Business
Further Maths
Sociology
Geography

A LEVEL OPTION 2

Chemistry
Economics
Maths
Politics
Psychology
French

A LEVEL OPTION 3

Biology
History
Maths
Physics
Sociology
Spanish

A LEVEL OPTION 4

Chemistry
Economics
Maths
English Literature
Psychology
Computer Science

Those students who have gained 9s & 8s in the main at GCSE, may have the opportunity to study 4 A Level subjects. Further Maths can only be studied as a fourth subject.

BTEC LEVEL 3 ROUTE

All students will follow 2 different subjects, pick from either option one or option two.

OPTION 1

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA

Applied Science
Health and Social Care
Business

BTEC AAQ

Applied Science
Business
IT

OPTION 2

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA

Applied Science
Business

BTEC AAQ/BTEC EX. CERT

Applied Science
Health and Social Care**
Sport
Business
IT

Students will follow 2 BTEC subjects at Level 3 (one Diploma and one Certificate) which will be the equivalent of 3 A Levels.

**AAQ HSC requires minimum science grade of 3,3 due to complex Biology unit

All courses are subject to the viability of minimum and maximum class numbers and students meeting the course criteria.



A LEVEL & BTEC ROUTE

Students will have the option of selecting 1 A Level course with a Level 3 Diploma (subject criteria applies). Students should pick from either Option 1 or Option 2 only.

OPTION 1

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA

Applied Science
Health and Social Care
Business

A LEVEL OPTION

Biology	Chemistry
History	Economics
Maths	Maths
Physics	English Literature
Sociology	Psychology
Spanish	Computer Science

OPTION 2

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA

Applied Science
Business

A LEVEL OPTION

Biology	Chemistry
Art	Economics
Business	Maths
Further Maths	Politics
Sociology	Psychology
Geography	French



A LEVELS FOCUSED QUALIFICATIONS

WHAT ARE A LEVELS?

These are academic qualifications which require the ability to do extended reading and writing. A Levels provide a route to university.

To study A Levels you will need five GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English Language and Maths at grade 4) and at least a grade 6 in the subjects you wish to take for A Level. In addition students must have a minimum GCSE APS of 4.5. To study Maths and Sciences you will need an APS of 5. Most students will study three subjects. Students who have outstanding GCSEs (mostly 8s and 9s) will be guided to study four. Students will complete one of these qualifications, at the end of Year 12, to AS standard. All students in Year 13 will then complete three A Levels. The sixth form team will guide you on to the correct courses based on how well you have done at GCSE.

A LEVEL CRITERIA

In subjects not taken at GCSE an associated GCSE will be taken into account. For example: 6 in History, Geography or English Language/Literature for A Level Politics. BTEC Level 2 grades would only be accepted as one grade within the 5 x 9-4 grades and for Sciences a 6-6 must be obtained in either the Trilogy Science or Triple Science subject.

In Maths and Science subjects, grade 6-7 applicants must be endorsed by the Head of Department. Students will be expected to undertake preparatory work over the summer for all subjects. Students will complete entrances tests for Maths and Sciences.





ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON EDEXCEL

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Students can explore a wide variety of media (drawing, painting, etching, printing, digital and textiles) in workshops designed to encourage pupils to experiment and refine their expertise. We aim to arrange visits with professional artists or visits to galleries to give students a broader understanding of the subject.

Component 1(Personal Investigation and Written study):

Students work on their personal project made up of a body of art work and sketchbooks. Pupils will write a thesis which is a contextual academic response to their chosen theme.

Component 2 (Exam question):

Students develop a body of work and sketchbooks that culminates in an exam.

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

The Arts is the 3rd largest industry in the UK and this A Level will give you the opportunity to advance into a creative based career such as graphic design, textile design, illustration, web design, interior design, jewellery design, sculpture or fine art. Our students have gone on to study degrees in Art at top universities and have also studied a wide range of academic subjects at leading universities including Law.

CONTACT: Ms T Moghal

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths at a grade 4. Grade 6 in GCSE Art required.



BIOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Biological molecules
- Cells
- Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- Genetic information, variation & relationships between organisms

Year 2:

- Energy transfers in and between organisms
- Organisms respond to changes in their internal & external environments
- Genetics, populations, evolution & ecosystems
- The control of gene expression

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

A qualification in Biology will allow progression to university study and entry to careers in a wide range of occupations, including medicine, forensic science, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, radiology, and nursing.

CONTACT: Ms N Pedrosa

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Grade 6-6 in both Trilogy Sciences or Biology Triple Science subject required. Students must also obtain a grade 5 in Maths and have an APS above 5.0.



BUSINESS

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- What is business?
- Managers, leadership and decision making
- Decision making to improve marketing performance
- Decision making to improve operational performance
- Decision making to improve financial performance
- Decision making to improve human resource performance

Year 2:

- Analysing the strategic position of a business
- Choosing strategic direction
- Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
- Managing strategic change

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

A qualification in Business Studies will allow progression to university to study for a Business Studies degree, or combined with another subject, for example a language. Students with a Business Studies qualification have skills that are attractive to potential employers.

CONTACT: Ms V Sharma

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in GCSE Business Studies or associated subject e.g. English Lit/Lang, History or Geography if Business not studied at GCSE.



CHEMISTRY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Nomenclature & isomerism
- Atomic structure & periodicity
- Amount of substance
- Organic chemistry
- Energetics & equilibria
- Bonding & kinetics

Year 2:

- Transition metals & thermodynamics
- Rates & acids & bases
- Electrode potential & electrochemical cells
- Further organic chemistry
- Aromatic chemistry
- Polymers, amino acids, proteins & DNA
- H nmr & chromatography

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

There are a huge range of degree courses available to study either Chemistry itself or combined with other subjects such as: Medicinal Chemistry, Forensic Science and Toxicology or Pharmacology. Certain courses require an A Level in Chemistry. These include courses such as Chemical Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Biological Sciences, Environmental Science, Pharmacy and Dentistry.

CONTACT: Ms A UI Haq

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Grade 6-6 in both Trilogy Sciences or Chemistry Triple Science subject required. Students must also obtain a grade 6 in Maths and have an APS above 5.0.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

EXAM BOARD: OCR

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Inputs, outputs, storage function of the processor.
- Databases
- System software, design and development
- Computing related legislation
- Computational thinking
- Algorithms
- IDE features
- Programming techniques
- Data types and structures
- Programming paradigms
- Web technologies

Year 2:

- System development and evaluation
- Moral and ethical issues
- Networks
- Compression and encryption
- Boolean algebra using Karnaugh Maps
- Data representation
- Stages of compilation

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

It is excellent preparation for students looking to take computing studies at degree level, or for anyone considering any kind of career in computing.

CONTACT: Ms V Sharma

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Grade 6 in GCSE Computer Science or Maths (grade 6) required. Students must also have an APS above 5.0.



ECONOMICS

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- The operation of markets and market failure
- The national economy in a global context

Year 2:

- Individuals, firms, markets and market failure
- The national and international economy

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

A qualification in Economics will allow progression to university study for an Economics degree or combine with another subject for example Finance, Accounting, Management, Law and Sociology.

Students with an Economics qualification have skills that are attractive to employers in private businesses, insurance, banking, national and local government, hospital management and economic lawyers.

CONTACT: Mr D Walters

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Students will also require a grade 6 in Maths.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON EDEXCEL

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Post-2000 Specified Poetry - 'Poetry of the Decade' Anthology
- Prose comparison - 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' and 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles'
- Drama - 'A Streetcar Named Desire'
- Drama - 'Othello'
- Independent Coursework - comparison of two chosen texts

Year 2:

- Study of Shakespeare Critical Anthology
- Poetry - Christina Rossetti
- Completion of Independent Coursework
- Revision
- **Component 1:** Drama (30% exam)
- **Component 2:** Prose (20% exam)
- **Component 3:** Poetry (30% exam)
- **Component 4:** Coursework (20%)

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

English A Level is unique as it will support entry to the widest range of university courses ranging from Law through to History, Sociology or Psychology, when compared to any other single A Level.

CONTACT: Ms C Carey

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in **both** GCSE English Literature **and** Language required.



GEOGRAPHY

EXAM BOARD: OCR

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Glaciation
- Changing Spaces: Making Places
- Earth's Life Support Systems
- Power & Borders
- Trade in a Contemporary World
- Non-Examined Assessment
- Fieldwork

Year 2:

- Non-Examined Assessment
- Future of Food
- Climate Change

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Geography A Level provides an excellent foundation for further study at university, either through a Geography degree or as a supporting subject for other degrees. Qualifications in Geography are highly sought after in a wide range of occupations, including journalism, law, and business. It is the skills learnt studying Geography that make geographers eminently employable in the wider world. FHS Geography A Level students have gone on to study subjects such as Economics, Business and Geography at university.

CONTACT: Mr A Hughes

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in GCSE Geography required or in an associated subject e.g. English Lit/Lang or History if Geography not studied at GCSE.



HISTORY

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON EDEXCEL

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Germany and West Germany 1918 - 89 (30% exam)
- Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors 1485 - 1603 (30% exam)

Year 2:

- The rise and fall of fascism in Italy 1911 - 46 (20% exam)
- The Causes of the Russian Revolution 1917 (20% coursework)

A Level students will study four units, which will include several country's history, covering a 200 year period.

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

A good grade at A Level History is recognised by all universities as a facilitating subject for entry into a wide range of undergraduate disciplines and courses. The skills of analysis are invaluable in many jobs, and the ability to analyse and then prioritise information is vital to decision making. Studying A Level History also provides graduates the opportunity to enter into a wider range of occupations, including within law, journalism or education.

CONTACT: Mr A McGhee

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in GCSE History required or in an associated subject e.g. English Lit/Lang or Geography if History not studied at GCSE.



LANGUAGES

SPANISH & FRENCH

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Current Trends - Changing Families/ Cyber Society/New Partnerships
- Artistic Culture - Heritage/ Music/ Culture
- Cultural topic: A film

Year 2:

- Social Issues - Diversity/ Marginalisation/Criminality
- Political Life - Teenage politics/ Demonstrations/ Immigration
- Cultural topic - A Novel

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Most universities will offer the opportunity to study a combined degree such as Business & Languages with the opportunity to study abroad. Languages will open the doors to various industries such as travel & tourism, customer relations, law, international relations, international business and some governmental agencies.

CONTACT: Ms E Sanz

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in chosen language studied at GCSE required.



MATHEMATICS

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON EDEXCEL

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Pure Maths Units:

Algebra and Functions, Coordinate geometry in the (x, y) plane, Further Algebra, Trigonometry, Vectors, Differentiation, Integration, Exponentials and Logarithms, Proof, Algebraic and Partial Fractions, Functions and Modelling, Sequences and Series, Parametric Equations and Numerical Methods.

Applied Maths Mechanical Units:

Modelling in Mechanics, Constant Acceleration, Forces and Motion Variable Acceleration, Moments, Forces and Friction, Projectiles, Applications of Forces, Further Kinematics

Applied Maths Statistical Units:

Data Location, Measures of Location and Spread, Representations of Data, Correlation, Probability, Mutually Exclusive and independent Events, Statistical Distributions, Hypothesis Testing, Regression, Correlation, Conditional Probability, The Normal Distribution.

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Maths provides a pathway to a variety of areas including economics, medicine, psychology, architecture, teaching, engineering, environmental studies, and accountancy.

FURTHER MATHS: Students will be required to have an 8 or 9 in GCSE Maths and be studying A Level Maths.

CONTACT: Mr M Semar

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Grade 6 in GCSE Maths and an APS above 5.0 required.



PHYSICS

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Measurement & errors
- Particles & radiation
- Waves
- Mechanics & Materials
- Electricity

Year 2:

- Further mechanics & Thermal Physics
- Capacitors
- Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Nuclear physics
- Turning points in Physics

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

As well as pure and applied Physics itself, Physics is an essential qualification to work in different engineering disciplines. It provides additional understanding for Chemistry and offers great opportunities to better understand the applications of Maths. It is a qualification highly respected by employers and universities as one that is really able to showcase the intelligence, analytical skills and problem solving skills of those who take it. Physics has great application in financial analysis, law and video game design.

CONTACT: Mr T Matsvai

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang (grade 4). Grade 6-6 in both Trilogy Sciences or Physics Triple Science subject required. Students must also obtain a grade 7 in Maths, or be studying A Level Maths, and have an APS above 5.0.



POLITICS

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON EDEXCEL

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- UK Politics
- UK Government

Year 2:

- Core Political Ideas
- Government & Politics of the USA

A Level Politics will help develop your analytical and critical thinking whilst also developing your research and presenting skills. Politics will develop your extended writing skills and will provide an excellent foundation for any chosen subject at degree level. The subject makes an excellent combination with subjects such as History, Sociology, Economics and English.

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

A qualification in Politics is widely recognised as a pathway to studying for a university degree. It also provides the opportunity to enter a wide range of occupations, including local and national government, law, journalism and the Civil Service.

CONTACT: Mr M Thorley

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in associated subject required e.g. English Lit/Lang, History or Geography.



PSYCHOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Psychopathology
- Social Influence
- Research Methods
- Issues and Debates

Year 2:

- Research Methods
- Relationships
- Forensic Psychology
- Schizophrenia

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Psychology is a well regarded subject which is accepted by universities for students studying both Science (including Medicine) and Arts courses. There are a range of psychology specific careers such as: clinical and educational counselling, forensic and sport psychology and applied psychology. Psychology also equips you with skills and knowledge applicable in a range of professional sectors such as careers in biomedicine, criminology, the media, business management, the Civil Service, finance, law and business.

CONTACT: Ms E Sanz and Ms A Hussain

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in associated subject required e.g. English Lit/Lang, History or Geography.



SOCIOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

CONTENT OF COURSE:

Year 1:

- Families and Households
- Education
- Research Methods

Year 2:

- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory

PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Sociology is a subject that is widely recognised and highly respected by universities, especially for entry onto courses such as English, History, Psychology, Law, Politics and Medicine (with the appropriate sciences). The subject is also respected by employers in a wide range of careers which involve dealing with the general public such as teaching, police, social work and youth work. Sociology is particularly relevant for those working in market research and social science research. Moreover, it can lead to careers in advertising, journalism, business and law.

CONTACT: Ms E Sanz and Ms S Haling

ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-4 including English Lang and Maths (grade 4). Grade 6 in associated subject required e.g. English Lit/Lang, History or Geography.

BTEC LEVEL 3/AAQ

WHAT ARE BTECS/AAQS?

BTECs are qualifications that provide a practical, real-world approach to learning and skill development alongside a key theoretical background. BTECs continue to be developed and updated for industry requirements and in response to the needs of learners. This ensures that learners gain maximum benefit from their work whilst qualifying. This could be in readiness

for the workplace or continued study at degree level, whether in an academic environment or a more specialist vocational area. We offer the BTEC Extended Certificate or AAQ (equivalent to one A Level) and Diploma (equivalent to two A Levels). They offer natural progression to university or the world of work.

LEVEL 3 BTEC/AAQ CRITERIA

In order to access Level 3 courses students will need to attain a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 3-9 (grade 4 in English Language **OR** Maths). This can include BTEC courses previously followed. Please check individual subjects for entrance criteria.

All courses require students to pass external examination/assessment units. This will be a minimum pass mark of 40%. Failure to pass external exams will mean that students do not pass the course.

WORK RELATED QUALIFICATIONS





APPLIED SCIENCE

Level 3 Diploma

This course is ideal if you already enjoy science and are interested in developing a career in a science related profession. The course will cover the use of science and scientific skills, within a variety of vocational settings, as well as the study and research of a wide range of units. On completion of the course students will have a grounded knowledge of science in the three disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Level 3 AAQ

This qualification has the following units:

- Biology – Structure and function of cells and tissues, biological molecules, enzymes and their role in organisms
- Chemistry – Structure of the Periodic Table and its implications on physical and chemical properties of substances, through analysis of different bonding methods
- Physics – Waves and their applications; force principles and their application in transportation and construction of electrical circuits

- Practical – Practical applications across the sciences, including chromatography, colorimetry, and electrical circuits.

Students have a choice from two optional units covering the following topics:

- Scientific Investigation Skills – Investigative research, including planning, data collection, analysis, and evaluation.
- Contemporary Issues in Science – Contemporary scientific issues including the reliability of sources of scientific information and their associated validity.

CAREER PATHWAYS:

Forensic science, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, radiology, nursing, science technician, quality control technician/analyst or research assistant and laboratory research assistant.

CONTACT: Ms T Jeyachandran

LEVEL 3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-3 including a grade 4 in either English Lang or Maths plus a 3-3 in Trilogy Science required. Level 2 BTECs accepted at Pass level.



BUSINESS

Level 3 Diploma

This course consists of six mandatory units and two optional ones: Exploring Business; Developing a Marketing Campaign (external exam); Personal and Business Finance (external exam); Managing an Event; International Business; Principles of Management plus two optional units.

Level 3 Extended Certificate

This course will include exploring the business purposes, introduction to marketing, business communication and introduction to accounting. The course covers the key knowledge and practical skills required in a range of business industries.

CAREER PATHWAYS:

Advertising executive, human resources manager, public relations executive, recruitment consultant, retail manager, sales executive, building society manager, company secretary and distribution/logistics manager.

CONTACT: Ms V Sharma

LEVEL 3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-3 including a grade 4 in either English Lang or Maths. Level 2 BTECs accepted at Pass level.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 3 Diploma

This course covers topics such as equality, diversity and rights in health and social care. You will develop effective communication skills and find out the importance of personal and professional development. As part of your course you will attend vocational practice placements to practise the theory you have learnt in class. The core units also involve you learning about human anatomy and physiology, public health and lifespan development. Optional units include learning about sociological and psychological perspectives in health and social care.

Level 3 AAQ

These are the topics covered in the AAQ qualification:

- Unit 1: Human Lifespan and Development – exam
- Unit 2: Human Biology and Health – exam
- Unit 3: Health and Social Care Practice – coursework
- Unit 4: Promoting Health Education – coursework

The course consists of two externally examined units and two coursework units.

CAREER PATHWAYS:

If you are enthusiastic about caring and helping people and want to develop the skills and knowledge, you will find this course challenging and interesting. The course is vocational and taught by vocationally trained teachers. You will learn by completing assignments based on realistic workplace situations whilst having the opportunity to attend work placements to put your theoretical knowledge into practice. You will have three units that will be examined externally. This course will prepare you for entry into employment or for higher level study such as an HND or Degree courses in Social Work, Nursing, Education, Occupational Therapy, Policing, Law, and many more.

CONTACT: Mr J Andrews & Mr Gaddu

LEVEL 3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-3 including a grade 4 in either English Lang or Maths and 3-3 in Trilogy Science. Level 2 BTECs accepted at Pass level.



SPORT

Level 3 Extended Certificate

The Diploma consists of nine units (three external units and six mandatory units) which include two optional units) covering a wide range of topics including Sports Leadership and Sport Psychology.

The Extended Certificate consists of four units of which three are mandatory and two are external based on Functional Anatomy and Physiology. Mandatory content (83%). External assessment (67%).

A broad base of study for the sport sector, this qualification is designed to support progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

CAREER PATHWAYS:

Employment opportunities include health & fitness instructor, coaching assistant, PE teacher, coach, gym instructor and sports scientist.

CONTACT: Ms A McKeever

LEVEL 3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-3 including a grade 4 in either English Lang or Maths and 3-3 in Trilogy Science. Level 2 BTECs accepted at Pass level.



IT

Level 3 Extended Certificate

Students will learn how to apply IT solutions to real-world problems, gaining valuable skills in problem-solving, project management, and digital literacy that are highly sought after by employers and universities alike. The AAQ provides a strong foundation for those wishing to progress into apprenticeships, further study in computing or business-related fields, or a range of modern digital careers.

The Extended Certificate is for students who are interested in learning about the Information Technology sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in Information Technology-related subjects. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes A Levels.

Units Studied:

1. Information Technology Systems (100 % Exam)
2. Website Development (100% Coursework)

CAREER PATHWAYS:

Office administration, IT support, data analyst, web development and systems development and programming, junior administrator, receptionist, IT assistant, office support, trainee merchandiser, buyer or stock controller.

CONTACT: Ms V Sharma

LEVEL 3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA

5x 9-3 including a grade 4 in either English Lang or Maths. Level 2 BTECs accepted at Pass level.

APPLICATION

STAGE 1

Choose Featherstone Sixth Form and refer to the admissions criteria.

STAGE 2

Please read through this prospectus carefully so that you can make an informed decision. If you are unsure about anything, get some advice. In the first instance, speak to your form tutor, a member of the Sixth Form team or ring the school.

STAGE 3

Take a look at the Course Pathways. It will help you to make your choices at the right level.

STAGE 4

All students will need to apply online through the Featherstone High website.

Offer letters will be sent out after the receipt of a satisfactory reference.

STAGE 5

Final enrolment will happen during August 2026. Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day for internal students. All external students will enrol the day after GCSE results day. If you are offered a place, attendance at the induction day is mandatory. A place on a course is only guaranteed if you enrol and meet the subject criteria.

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