Macmillan Academy

Post 16

IT’S YOUR FUTURE
At Macmillan Academy Post 16, we provide a vibrant learning community where the emphasis is on encouraging each individual's personal development, as well as striving towards academic excellence.

Being a sixth form student is one of the most exciting times of your life.
Macmillan Post 16 is a vibrant and active sixth form which aims to provide a whole education for you both academically and through a broad range of extra curricular activities. You will engage with many different learning opportunities whilst with us which will help you to become highly skilled in both your subject areas and in your own personal development. You will receive excellent careers education and will grow the appropriate skills and attributes to follow your desired career path, going on to universities, apprenticeships and careers, locally, nationally or even internationally.

We as a Post 16 team are dedicated to providing you with the best education possible at a crucial time in your life. We want you to enjoy your time with us and gain everything you need to go on to have a very bright future and one you will be very proud of.

Post 16 Team
FIVE REASONS TO CHOOSE MACMILLAN

**01. We’ll provide the best teaching**
Our teachers are friendly, experienced and real experts in their subjects. Above all, they are committed to helping you get the grades you need for whatever you plan to do next. We are very proud that many of our students exceed their target grades.

**02. We put YOU first**
It’s your life! Your future! We will help you put together a programme of study that gets you to where you want to go. Before you enrol you can use our open evening, or taster week to get some ideas, then talk through your options in detail at your one-to-one interview. At every stage, we are here to listen, advise and support you in your choices.

**03. We can help you develop your talent**
If you have been identified as Gifted and Talented (G&T) at school or if you have done exceptionally well in your GCSEs, we will put together a special programme of activities and study to help you make the most of your abilities.

**04. We will support you – whatever your needs**
We don’t want anything to come between you and your ambitions. If you require help managing your time, need guidance on revision, or you are dealing with any learning difficulty, you will get the right support.

**05. We can offer you an exciting, fulfilling student life**
Our Getting Involved programme offers you opportunities to try new things, take existing skills and interests further and meet new people – all great preparation for life at university and life after college. You can join the Team Macmillan sports department, go on trips in the UK or abroad, or take part in activities related to your studies. You can also be part of the Student Union which organises social events right through the year.
We provide an extensive programme full of opportunities.

Broaden your experiences and develop skills in order to equip yourself effectively for later life, including community work, opportunities for work experience and visits to events.
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STUDENT UNION

01. It's run by you
The students' union is run by students for the students! The Students' Union promotes the interests and welfare of Post 16 students, providing a channel of communication between each other, the college and external organisations as well as giving you the chance to meet new people, try new things and get more involved with college life.

02. It's for you
It's all about making your voice heard so that you can get the most out of your time here.

03. You'll meet people who are into what you're into
If you want to meet new people, learn new skills, experience something new or just have fun, we can help! You could join one of our growing number of societies, play competitive or social sport, represent your favourite subject, or campaign on issues that are close to your heart. And if what you want isn’t on offer, let us know and we can get it started together.
The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award is an internationally recognised scheme which helps young people push themselves personally and physically to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

We offer Silver and Gold levels at Post 16. Should you complete your Gold Award, you will have the opportunity to have it presented at Buckingham Palace in the presence of a member of the Royal Family.

Universities and employers value the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and the qualities young people gain from doing it.
HELPING HAND

For 16-19 year old students
A bursary of £1,200 per year is available for students in, or previously in care, or for those in receipt of income support.

All students in 2021/2022 with a household income of up to £21,000 per annum could receive assistance by any of the means mentioned above.
Experts from various universities regularly visit the academy to give presentations and pass on advice and information regarding university life, student finance and applying to higher education.

In addition to this, you will be able to attend university open days around the UK.

We are proud of our links with local and regional universities. We are pleased to be a PARTNERS member with Newcastle University and have close links with Durham University through its Supported Progression scheme and The University of Leeds' Access2Leeds scheme. The University of York’s Next Steps programme is well worth a thought when considering universities.
AT THE HEART OF OUR THINKING

Our priority is to help you to reach your potential and maximise your future career prospects.

Macmillan Post 16’s Open Events are an excellent opportunity for you to come and find out more about A Levels and Vocational Courses. Meet the teachers, tour the campus and get expert careers advice.

For more information contact the recruitment team on: 01642 736583
Email: post16@macademy.org.uk
Studying in Post 16 is demanding so you will need to have been successful at GCSE level.

There is an expectation that you will need to work regularly at home so you will need to be committed to your courses and motivated to succeed. To study BTEC courses you will need to have achieved 5 grade 4s or better at GCSE. To study A Levels you will need to have achieved 5 grade 5s or better at GCSE (as well as achieving at least grade 4 in GCSE English and mathematics). In some subjects there are more specific entry requirements (these can be found under each subject on the website).
A Level Courses
ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN
A LEVEL

This is a broad-based course exploring practical, critical and contextual work through a range of 2D and/or 3D processes and media. Art, craft and design gives you the skills and knowledge to create personal and imaginative work.

BIOLOGY
A LEVEL

Amazed by animals? Dazzled by DNA? Then biology is the course for you! Biology is a vast subject dealing with the study of life including; structure, function, growth evolution and distribution.
Chemistry is the science of the composition, structure, properties, and reactions of matter, especially of atomic and molecular systems.

If you have ever wondered how fireworks are made or what the crystalline structure of a sapphire looks like then chemistry is the science subject for you.

It is impossible to over-emphasise the role that computers play in the modern day world.

A level computing will give you a valuable insight into the inner workings of computer systems, from the internet to your smartphone and home computers. You will do a lot of practical work, gaining skills in using modern software.
DRAMA AND THEATRE
A LEVEL

Take your interest and enthusiasm for drama to a more creative level. Develop performance skills through being directed, devising and directing your own interpretations.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
A LEVEL

This course will allow you to develop your interest in and appreciation of English, through learning about its structures and functions, developments and variations. You will learn how to analyse and explore language use as well as developing as a writer.
ENGLISH LITERATURE
A LEVEL

This course will allow you to develop your interest in and appreciation of English literature through learning how to analyse and respond to prose, poetry, drama and critical texts.

You will develop your ability to respond to texts using a wide vocabulary of literary terms; you are encouraged to explore the works of authors who interest you.

GEOGRAPHY
A LEVEL

We live in a constantly changing world. A level geography investigates and explores, in part through your own research, the key ideas and hot topics of our early 21st century world.
With the political climate ever changing in the UK, the legacy of Trump’s administration in the US and the repercussions of Brexit remaining to be seen, there has never been a better time to study politics. If you have an interest in the world around you or you are willing to learn about current affairs then this is the course for you. You will study UK politics, American politics and political ideas.

The course that you will study enables you to explore major British, European and World developments from around 1485 to 1964. You will look at the origins of these developments and their impact at the time.
Mathematics is two thirds pure maths and one third applied maths. The pure section is comprised of algebra, functions, series, trigonometry (including radian measure and graphs), vectors in three dimensions, and calculus. The applied section includes topics in both statistics and mechanics such as probability, statistical distributions and Newton’s laws.

The further mathematics content is one third pure maths and two thirds applied. The pure content includes proof, complex numbers, matrices, algebra, functions, calculus, vectors and polar co-ordinates, hyperbolic functions and differential equations. The applied content includes topics in mechanics and statistics which follow on from the content of A level mathematics.
MEDIA STUDIES
A LEVEL

This course will allow you to develop your interest in and appreciation of the media, through learning about its structure and function and exploring its platforms, audiences and developments.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
A LEVEL

Linguistic competence is increasingly valued, both in further education and in the job market, where there are fewer unemployed language graduates and quite often higher paid ones compared to some other disciplines!

Post 16 offers both French and Spanish. Travel broadens the mind and developing an international perspective is both enjoyable and essential in our global world. What are you waiting for?
MUSIC
A LEVEL

“Music can change the world” - Beethoven

If you have a passion for music this is obviously the subject for you. This subject gives you the opportunity to learn about music, compose and perform for a live recital.

PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND RELIGION
A LEVEL

Philosophy, ethics and religion is an exciting new course that will allow you to study diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. It is a thought provoking and contemporary subject that will lead to inspiring discussions.
A LEVEL PHYSICS

Physics is the science of matter, energy, space and time. It covers a scale ranging from sub atomic particles such as quarks to stars and the entire universe. On the A level physics course you learn about both fundamental concepts and physics in everyday settings.

A LEVEL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

A level physical education allows you to study the full range of sports sciences including physiology, psychology, biomechanics and sociology. You will learn the fundamentals of each discipline as well as the impact they can have on sports participation and performance.
Psychology is a social science that studies the mind and behaviour of individuals. It is a fascinating subject which is new to most students and suitable for a diverse range of career paths.

This course has been designed to encourage you to take a broad view on design and technology, to develop your capacity to design and make products and to appreciate the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing. You will develop a wide range of skills including traditional hand skills along with CAD/CAM.
Sociology is a fascinating and diverse subject that looks at how society functions including everyday topics such as family, education, crime and deviance.

Does where you live make a difference to you, your lifestyle and your future? Does being female/male make a difference to your life chances? Why do some people commit crime and others don’t? The world we live in is constantly changing. Sociology helps you to understand why, how it was, how it is now and maybe even how it might be in the future.
Vocational Courses
The BTEC business qualifications are designed to provide work-related qualifications as well as providing career development opportunities for those interested in degree and professional development programmes.

According to the Engineering Council UK, “engineers on average enjoy better remuneration than many other professions.”

There are huge opportunities and many skills gaps within this diverse and rapidly developing sector, both within the UK and abroad.
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
BTEC

The health and social care sector is growing year on year, as we as a country cares for each other and the most vulnerable. This course is a step to a career in this sector.

You could study the diploma or extended diploma which both cover a wide range of interesting and relevant units.

ICT
BTEC

ICT is everywhere. The use of ICT is moving at such a fast pace that people without relevant skills are being left behind.

Every industry will use ICT in some capacity and employers are looking for highly trained young professionals who have relevant ICT skills. BTEC ICT at Macmillan Academy allows you to develop ICT skills and understanding in a wide range of areas.
This qualification is for students who want to continue their education through applied learning and to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the legal sector.

It aims to give a coherent introduction to study of the legal sector. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

This qualification will enable you to develop the essential knowledge and skills needed for building a career in the sports industry with a specific focus on sports development, coaching and fitness.

You will gain an insight into the various different occupational routes you can take, helping you progress in employment, or move on to further study.
OUR OPEN EVENTS

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR OPEN EVENTS AND WHEN THEY ARE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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