



**SWANWICK
HALL**
SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM COURSE GUIDE



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HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Welcome

Welcome to Swanwick Hall, where the possibilities for your academic journey are boundless! We are absolutely delighted that you are considering us as your next educational destination.

At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, we take immense pride in our close-knit and welcoming community. Our focus is on providing guidance and unwavering support to all our students, ensuring that each one thrives academically while exploring their diverse interests and passions. Come here, go anywhere with the solid foundation you'll build at Swanwick Hall! Our commitment to excellence is evident in our dedicated teachers and pastoral team, who work tirelessly to offer a well-rounded education and a transformative experience for every student. Swanwick Hall Sixth Form is a unique community where you'll find like-minded peers, inspiring challenges, and a nurturing environment.

Are you ready to embark on a journey of growth, self-discovery, and success? Join our vibrant student body and be part of our ongoing legacy. Take a closer look at the diverse array of courses we offer and apply online to seize the opportunity to craft a future filled with endless possibilities. Come here, go anywhere - the world is yours to explore! Together, let's unlock your potential and create lasting memories on this incredible academic adventure.

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Why Swanwick Hall

A wide range of subjects to enable you to have the widest choice of future careers.

Ambitious Sixth Form Team helping you to aim high through academic excellence and wonderful opportunities.

A comprehensive programme of activities personalised to your individual needs, designed to help you to grow as a person and into adulthood.

Individual support from our dedicated team of pastoral and academic mentors and tutors.

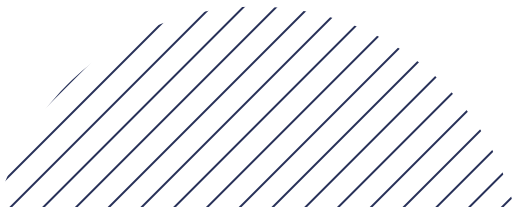
Dedicated, subject specialist teachers who are passionate about their subjects and teaching.

An adult like environment where you can have a democratic say in your education.

A newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre with social and study areas a hot drinks station and a café.

Superb support for university and apprenticeship preparation.

Inclusivity, support and ambition is at the heart of everything that we do.



Courses

At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, we take immense pride in offering a diverse and high-value selection of courses, carefully designed to provide a knowledge-rich, literacy-focused, and culturally enriching experience. We firmly believe in equal access to education, empowering our students with the skills and confidence to forge their unique future pathways. Our ambitious range of subject choices spans across humanities, design and technology, and creative arts, complemented by essential core subjects. This carefully crafted curriculum ensures that our students have the opportunity to explore a broad array of subjects, enabling them to develop a well-rounded education that will serve as a strong foundation for their future.



Art and Design (Fine Art)

This lively and popular course is suitable for students that have a passion or interest in Art and Design and have achieved a higher grade in this subject at GCSE level. It is a subject that develops creative and analytical skills alongside practical visual communication techniques. During the course, students will explore ideas that will lead them on a personal journey allowing the opportunity to produce outcomes in a range of media and techniques. They will learn how to analyse, evaluate and respond to the work of a range of different artists and practitioners.

How you will study

During the first term, students will work on a range of skills and ideas to extend their knowledge of artists and experiment with a variety of media. There will also be a focus on gaining confidence to work on bigger scales, trying new techniques and improving existing skills. This work will lead into the assessed Personal Investigation which will begin with a starting point of the student's choice.

Related courses

PRODUCT DESIGN

COMPUTER SCIENCE

BUSINESS STUDIES

Entry Requirements

A GCSE equivalent to grade 6 or above in Art or a creative based subject OR by interview.

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

Biology

Biology continues to be a highly popular subject for A-level students at Swanwick Hall School. The study of Biology forms the basis of new and exciting fields, such as Biotechnology, Biomedical science, Genomics and Conservation.

Throughout the A Level Biology course you will have the opportunity to study a wide range of biological topics that will allow you to broaden and deepen your understanding of the biological world. In year 12, you will examine the structure and role of key biological macromolecules including proteins, carbohydrates and lipids and nucleic acids. You will also explore the ultrastructure of cells and learn about cell recognition and the role of the immune system. You will study different gas exchange systems including those in fish, humans and plants and will explore processes such as protein synthesis and DNA replication.

In year 13, you will have the opportunity to learn about key biochemical processes including photosynthesis, respiration and homeostasis. You will explore inheritance and populations and will look at the evolutionary processes that have led to the great wealth of diversity we see in the natural world, in addition to exploring how this diversity can be studied and manipulated through the use of genomics and biotechnology such as genetic engineering and genetic screening.

How you will study

Your biology learning will take the structure of traditional lessons usually supported with lesson booklets and extensive exam question practise punctuated with practical work, independent study and a gradual introduction to scientific essay writing. As Biology covers a huge depth and breadth of content, you will need to hone your independent learning skills, taking the time to further read on content covered within class in your own time.

Related courses

SPORTS STUDIES

PHYSICS

MATHS



Business Studies

This is equivalent to an A Level qualification and will equip you with sound specialist knowledge and skills for everyday use. Whether you want to work in finance, marketing, HR, operations or even start your own company, Business Studies will give you a grounding in all of the fundamental functions of a firm. You will understand what really makes a business tick, what qualities the best leaders and managers have and how they bring them to bear to ensure their success.

This will help you to develop independence and confidence in using skills that would be relevant to the Business and Enterprise sector. The qualification contains practical activities that build on theoretical knowledge so that you can put your learning into practice while also developing valuable transferable skills such as: Verbal Communication/Presentation, Research, Analytical Skills, Digital Presentation.

This course allows you to develop employability skills that will help you to adapt to the ever-changing roles needed to survive in the global economy.

How you will study

Traditional class teaching is supplemented by problem solving simulation and case studies using the theories covered in the course to analyse real world businesses, from local sole traders right up to international conglomerates. It is important that students get to see the application of the theories they learn in action.

Related courses

MATHS

GEOGRAPHY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria. You do not need to have studied Business before.

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

Chemistry

Chemistry is everywhere in the world around you! It's in the food you eat, clothes you wear, water you drink, medicines, air, cleaners... you name it. Chemistry sometimes is called the "central science" because it connects to other sciences, such as biology, physics, geology and environmental science. There is something for everyone within the AQA chemistry course. It is split into three major strands - physical, inorganic and organic. Physical chemistry gives an insight into bonding, energy and reactions, linking well to mathematics. Inorganic chemistry looks at trends and properties of elements. Organic chemistry brings in the idea of reaction mechanisms, analysis techniques and functional groups - all based on carbon! There are required practicals built into each of these strands. Each of these has a specific skill focus, such as data analysis, risk assessments or referencing. You will complete twelve required practicals over the two-year course, handing in laboratory write-ups for your teacher to mark. These will need to be up to a sufficient standard so that you achieve a practical endorsement for this course.

How you will study

Chemistry involves the study of what everything in life is made of. This includes atoms, bonding and reactions. To understand this, you will need to have a real understanding of the basic principles of chemistry which are then applied throughout the course. To help you achieve this, you will use textbooks and the internet to read around the subject, whilst backing all of this up with detailed practical work.

Related courses

BIOLOGY

PHYSICS

MATHS



Computer Science

Computer Science is the forefront of the technology revolution. Software Developers, Game Developers, Application Designers, Online Banking. A-Level Computer Science is the first step towards developing the relevant skills and experience to pursue a future career in the world of computing. From developing complex programs to understanding complex binary, learn and understand the language of computers. Also investigate the ethical, moral, legal, cultural and economic issues around the computing industry and how that impacts society, with discussions on AI, the laws around computing and the opportunities to research issues. The subject also provides the opportunity to experience more interactive 'unplugged' activities to develop a deeper understanding into computing concepts.

How you will study

Computer Science is about developing practical programming skills and theoretical knowledge of computers and programming during this course. Topics of study include programs, data structures, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies, computer architecture, communication, data representation, organisation and structure of data, algorithms, and software applications. The subject also provides the opportunity to discuss, investigate, design, prototype, refine and implement, test and evaluate a computerised solution to a problem they have chosen.

Related courses

MATHS

PHYSICS

MEDIA & FILM STUDIES

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 GCSE Computer Science and 5 in GCSE Maths

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

OCR

Criminology

Criminology is the study of crime and criminals. It looks at the causes of crime, the social impact of crime, and the individuals involved in the crime from the perpetrator themselves to the people who work within the criminal justice system including the police, CPS, courts, prisons and probation. We study criminology to understand what motivates the criminal to act in a criminal manner; once this is known we can study how crime can be managed, controlled and prevented through different crime policy strategies. Criminology offers a theoretical understanding of criminality which allows candidates to analyse crime in a nature-nurture framework. You will develop an awareness of different types of crimes that are committed and consider the media impact in our perception of crime. You will consider how crime is socially constructed according to time, place and culture and how this leads to crime policy development and reform. The course will lead to an understanding of the methods of investigating crime and the personnel involved from crime scene to courtroom. Criminology will allow you to develop an overview of the structure of the criminal justice system and assess the effectiveness of the different agencies who work within social control.

How you will study

Criminology involves the study of biological, psychological and sociological theories of criminality. It is multi-disciplinary and will contain elements of social science, law, biology and statistics throughout the two-year programme. You will analyse situations of criminality and study real life case studies and crime scenarios. Your own viewpoints are encouraged through discussion and wider reading, and there is a huge emphasis of independent research and flipped learning.

Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

PSYCHOLOGY



English Combined

English Language and English Literature is considered a high-status academic subject and as such is looked upon favourably by employers and university admissions officers. Students who decide to study English Language and English Literature are able to show that they have a broad and varied skill set. Studying English Language and English Literature shows that you have excellent powers of analysis, exceptional communication skills and the ability to read and absorb significant amounts of information. In addition to these skills, a key skill you will develop is the ability to listen to the views of others (peers as well as literary critics) and use these to formulate and extend your own thinking. At Swanwick Hall we expect students who choose this subject to enjoy reading and discussing texts. Most lessons are discussion based and allow students to explore and interpret texts in an engaging and active way. We expect a high level of participation from students in lessons and we expect students to be proactive and independent in their approach to their learning. English Language and English Literature is taught by a team of highly skilled and experienced teachers all of whom have excellent subject knowledge, but even more importantly they have a genuine enjoyment of and passion for the subject, something naturally we are really keen to instil in students.

How you will study

Our combined English Language and English Literature course allows you to see how linguistic and literary methods are related and to explore these links in your work. The variety of assessment styles used, such as recreative writing, commentary writing, discursive essays and research-based investigative writing, allows you to develop a wide range of skills. These include the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment. We believe this course offers opportunities for you to develop your subject expertise by engaging creatively, critically and independently with a wide range of texts.

Related courses

PSYCHOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

MEDIA & FILM STUDIES

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 or higher in English Language or English Literature

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

Food Science and Nutrition

This course allows our students to develop a range of skills and confidence within both academic study and practical work. The course revolves around developing a strong understanding of the key elements of nutrition, applying this to different needs and types of people to gain a strong understanding and knowledge about Food Science and Nutrition. Students are expected to investigate the different working and scientific properties of food and nutrients and form opinions on their outcomes. They will have the opportunity to learn about the relationship between the human body and food, as well as developing practical skills linked to experimental work and the cooking and preparation of food. This course provides an insight into the industry by completing tasks and gaining understanding of topics in a work-related context. There is a strong emphasis on practical work, making this an ideal choice for learners who prefer to learn by doing.

How you will study

You will complete 3 units for the Diploma (unit 1 and 2 others). The mandatory unit will enable students to demonstrate understanding of nutrition and nutritional needs of groups in a wide range of contexts.

Unit 1 in year 12 is a combination of coursework and externally assessed exam, which is a 90 minute written paper divided into three sections:

- Section A is short answer questions – based mainly on Nutrition and Hygiene and Safety
 - Section B is extended answer questions – Placing Nutrition and Hygiene and Safety into contexts to demonstrate application of knowledge
 - Section C relates to a case study – Usually a target group such as elderly or athletes, where you have to analyse their current lifestyle, needs and devise a diet and lifestyle plan to improve quality of life.
- The paper will be graded Level 3 Pass, Level 3 Merit and Level 3 Distinction.

Controlled Assessment also supplements the assessment of this course and must cover topics from three separate units to demonstrate a wider understanding. The Controlled Assessment partially practical based. This is graded as Level 3 Pass, Level 3 Merit and Level 3 Distinction.

Year 13 is a combination of coursework and externally assessed pre release exam completed over 8 separate hours in May/June of the final year. This assessment enables students to demonstrate their wide range of knowledge on pathogenic bacteria – food poisoning sources and high quality food safety management systems in the context of evaluating a company's performance and making recommendations.

The coursework for the final unit runs for several months which enables students to undertake a chosen study based on a current topic of interest. Examples being; provision for free school meals in primary schools where wrap around care is provided, Osteoporosis and the menopause, and diabetes in young working professionals.

Related courses

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

PRODUCT DESIGN

SPORTS STUDIES

Entry Requirements

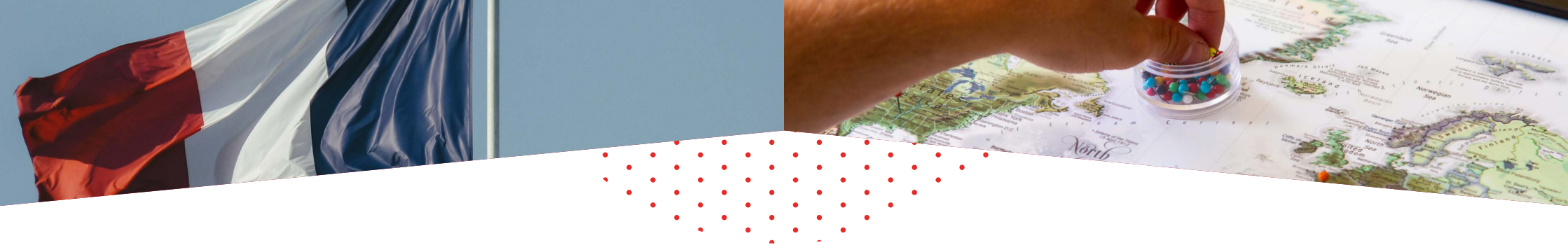
Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

WJEC



French

The A-level French course aims to build both your linguistic competence and your understanding of contemporary issues and themes from France and the rest of the French speaking world. You will develop your vocabulary and grammatical understanding which will support your understanding of the topics that you study which range from music, literature, heritage and cinema, through to political issues such as immigration, crime & punishment and the role of the volunteer. In addition, you will study a film and a book and you will undertake a research project of your own choice on a topic of interest to you. Your research project must be linked to France or the francophone world and will form the basis for your speaking exam.

How you will study

Studying French at A-level involves developing the skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking. You will study articles linked to the key themes of the course which will form the basis of activities to develop all of your linguistic skills and competence. You will be expected to discuss these issues in the target language and be able to develop and express opinions in both the written and spoken form.

Related courses

SPANISH

GEOGRAPHY

HISTORY

Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or above in French on the higher paper at GCSE

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

Geography

Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments. Studying Geography at A Level enables students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. This is made possible through developing an in-depth understanding of physical and human geography, including understanding the complexities of people and environmental questions and issues. Due to its multidisciplinary approach, the study of geography encourages students to become critically analytical, reflective and independent learners.

Geographers learn how to carry out data analysis, and how to understand and interpret current affairs and world issues. They learn how to use geographic information systems that turn maps from a two-dimensional representation of a country's physical contours into a tool that showing social features and attitudes: not simply where people live, but how and what they think. They learn about the physics of climate change, and the interaction of weather events and flood risk, and the way people's behaviour is influenced by the space around them.

How you will study

The course is taught by 2 specialist teachers per year of study, with the course being divided into Human and Physical units. Units in Y12 include Coasts, Tectonics, Globalisation and Regenerating Places. Units of study in Y13 include the Water Cycle, the Carbon Cycle, Superpowers and Migration, Identity and Sovereignty.

There are 4 compulsory days of fieldtrips which support the development and application of geographical skills alongside the coursework element of the specification, through which students execute a geographical enquiry of their own choosing.

Related courses

BIOLOGY

HISTORY

SOCIOLOGY



Health & Social Care

Throughout your life, you will have come into contact with Health and Social Care services in some way. This may be through vaccinations, A&E or family living in a residential care home. Across the Health and Social Care sector, there are hundreds of different jobs. Each of these require a different skill set. This course develops these skills and covers topics such as: relationships in care settings, legislation, equality and discrimination, effective communication and why care should be personalised.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

OCR Cambridge Technical

How you will study

This course is structured with a mixture of examinations and coursework. You will develop your ability to evaluate your ideas, theories, and concepts. You must also be able to create a discussion in your answers coming to an overall judgement. In the coursework you must be able to apply your knowledge to differing scenarios or individuals with specific needs. The lessons will involve independent research tasks, class discussions, note taking and practice exam questions.

Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGY

BIOLOGY

History

History is the study of civilisations, governments, politics and most importantly people. The course, and more broadly the subject, is designed to encourage young adults to formulate perceptions of the past based on well researched evidence. The subject drives young people to write with fluency, accuracy and conviction. Students will be taught a range of diverse topics which encourages independent thought and a reflection on the contemporary world. In Year 12 students study the concept of revolution, in Britain between 1625-1701, and Russia between 1894-1924. The theme of revolution serves to unite both topics as does the examination itself which both share similar source-based questions, as well as a selection of non-source, essay questions. In Year 13, students go on to cover Civil Rights and Race Relations between 1850-2009 as well as an independent piece of coursework in which students devise their own enquiry. The subject helps to develop written and verbal communication and a sense of self; aiming to support students to identify the difference between misinformation, opinion and fact.

Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 in History

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

Pearson Edexcel

How you will study

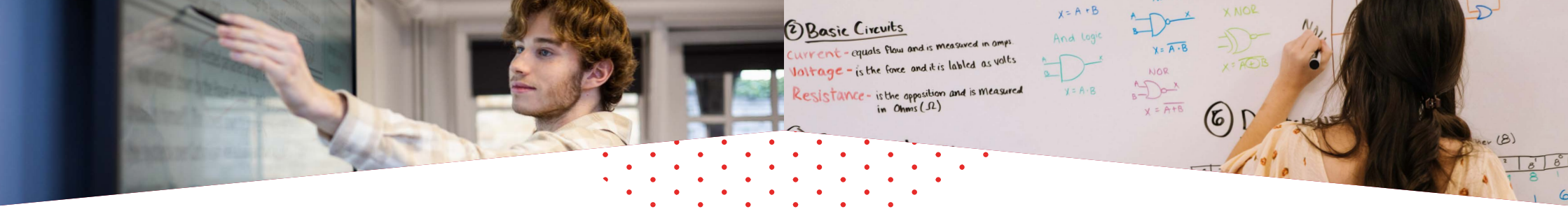
Students will study History in a formal classroom setting with well qualified and experienced members of the History department. Students will be well supported by the use of textbooks and online resources to help guide them through the course. Students will be given tasks outside of the classroom to complete and every effort is made to support students to meet deadlines.

Related courses

ENGLISH

SOCIOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS



Applied Human Biology BTEC

This course is perfectly suited to anyone who wishes to study Biology and its applications in the real world. This course gives an excellent grounding in microbiology and practical microbiology laboratory skills. This course will prepare learners for higher level study or a career in the applied science sector, particularly nursing and health science careers. Studying Applied Biology will enable learners to develop a knowledge and understanding of basic scientific principles, as well as those scientific practical skills recognised by higher education institutions and employers. The qualification also offers opportunities to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, research and communication.

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

Pearson Edexcel

Specification

WJEC

How you will study

The course is assessed with a mixture of portfolio work, practical assessment and external examinations spread across the two years of study. You must get a pass in each unit. You will be spending time in the laboratory carrying out practicals and investigations, as well as the classroom learning the theoretical side of human biology and health. This course is continually assessed spreading the workload throughout the two years.

Related courses

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

SPORT STUDIES

Mathematics

Mathematics remains an integral part of the development of society. Technological advances in the world have their bases in mathematics and mathematicians play a vital role in this development. By studying Mathematics at A Level you will be able to forge a career at the forefront of these advances and command high salaries.

Universities value Mathematics and it is a pre-requisite subject for a large number of degree courses. Maths (and Further Maths) are two of the Russell Group universities 'facilitating subjects' as it allows for a wide range of subjects to be studied at degree level.

A Level Maths is a desirable subject for many apprenticeships. Examples would include mechanical or civil engineering, finance, data analysis and quantity surveying.

How you will study

Maths is separated into three aspects at A Level. Pure Maths which is primarily algebra based and focuses on calculus, trigonometry, sequences and series and coordinate geometry. Applied Maths is split into two areas, statistics and mechanics. Statistics involves analysis of data and different models of probabilities whereas mechanics focusses on kinematics, forces and Newton's laws.

Related courses

PHYSICS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

BIOLOGY



Media and Film Studies

The qualification provides a coherent introduction to the study of creative digital media production at this level. Learners develop an understanding of the media industry through analysing media representations and pitching and producing media projects. It is designed for post-16 learners who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the media industries, as part of a programme of study alongside other BTEC Nationals or A levels

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

Pearson BTEC

How you will study

Media Production will involve a range of study techniques and assessment methods. The course requires 4 units to be studied over the two years. There are 3 mandatory units, of which 2 of them are externally set and assessed. Some of the work is designed to develop personal practice within video production (through the creation of a short film). Other aspects will involve analysing films and TV and evaluating outcomes produced by themselves as well as the work of others.

Related courses

ART & DESIGN

PRODUCT DESIGN

ENGLISH

Philosophy & Ethics

Philosophy and Ethics pose some big questions, such as: Does God really exist? Is there a moral argument for euthanasia? Are there really such things as good and evil? These are just some of the intriguing topics you'll be studying in this OCR course.

You'll take a tour through the issues of meta-ethics and moral responsibility, examine the relationship between religion and science and explore the challenges that secularism poses for Christianity. You'll also gain a thorough understanding of the ancient philosophical influences, study the fascinating debates surrounding the idea that human beings have a 'conscience' and explore the complex relationship between sexual ethics and religious belief, it also covers the ethics of business. The study involves Marxist theories, Feminist thinking and how belief has shaped the past, present and will impact on the future.

How you will study

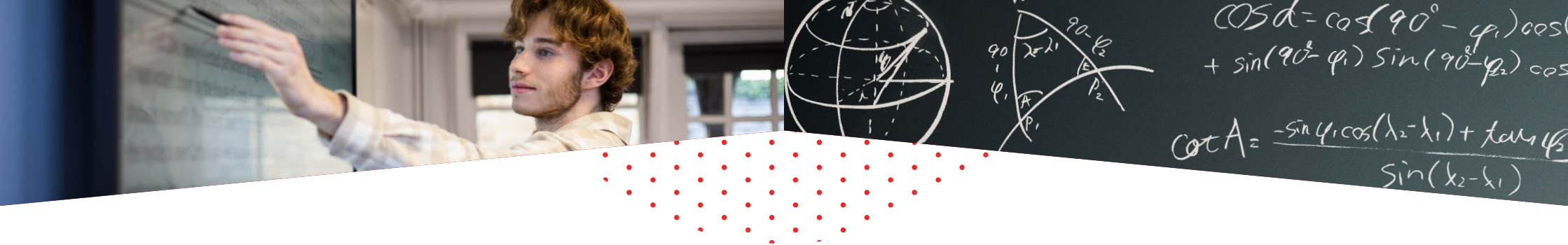
The study in lessons will focus on discussion and critical thinking. The development of personal perspectives that are not just opinions often successfully happen when in-depth questioning is part of the learning process and this is definitely true in this subject. The subject is essay based and research and reading are required.

Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

HISTORY

PSYCHOLOGY



Photography (Art and Design)

Photography and visual communication affect almost every aspect of the world we live in and how we interact with that world. Photography is our collective memory; we use it to record and document; it influences our shopping habits, how we communicate with our friends and family; it is our knowledge of places we haven't been and places we have. Photography defines the very boundaries of society through our understanding of what is normalised. Understanding visual language is more important now than ever before - it's how we create and read visual messages - the kind that influence us all the time. As part of the photography course, you will look at contextual resources, learning to analyse and read imagery. You will respond to the work of artists, and be responsible for managing your own time, planning and preparing photoshoots both on location, and using the studio equipment. You will learn to work with a range of materials, including digital and darkroom methodologies. You will combine ideas, synthesising several sources, and making experiments to find your own style of working. There is also an accompanying 3000 word written element to be completed and handed in alongside coursework.

How you will study

You will start the course with a series of smaller projects to give you the analogue and digital skills you need to harness your natural creativity and manifest your ideas into a high-quality exploration through photography. Once you have completed the smaller projects you will start working independently, with teacher guidance, on your personal investigation which is on a topic of your choice. Towards the end of the course is the NEA.

Related courses

ART

L3 DESIGN

ENGLISH LANGUAGE / LITERATURE

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

Pearson Edexcel

Specification

AQA

Physics

Physics covers the study of just about everything, but at A level you will delve deeper into familiar topics like measurement, forces, waves, radioactivity, electricity and magnetism.

You will also get to explore exciting new areas such as particle physics, quantum physics, cosmology and medical physics. Physics gives you an understanding of the scientific principles that govern our world. You will develop the tools needed to tackle questions about the universe that you've always wanted to answer for yourself.

Many Physics students go on to further study at university. Some choose to continue with physics, studying a physics degree or specialising in topics like theoretical physics, astrophysics or geophysics. Others choose related subjects like chemistry, biology or Maths - but Physics also opens pathways to subjects like Engineering, Design, Computing, Sports Science, Medicine, Economics and Law. If uni doesn't appeal and you want to enter the world of work straight after school or college, having physics on your CV can give you an advantage. It shows employers that you have an aptitude for logical reasoning, problem-solving and creative thinking - and it helps you to stand out from the crowd.

How you will study

Physics involves the study of many theories as well as developing and applying your mathematical skills to solve problems. You will also develop your practical and scientific enquiry skills through a range of many experimental procedures.

Related courses

MATHS

GEOGRAPHY

BIOLOGY



Design and Technology: Product Design

This course is ideal for students who have studied Design and Technology at GCSE, or a similar vocational based qualification. The course is broad, and allows students to investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put their learning in to practice by producing prototypes of their choice. Students will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer, alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers. This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English, Grade 5 in GCSE Maths, Grade 5 in GCSE Design & Technology, or equivalent vocational qualification.

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

How you will study

Design and Technology - Product Design will involve a range of study techniques and assessment methods. The course requires students to engage in both practical and theoretical study, these have been separated into:

- Technical principles
- Designing and making principles

Students will work on their theoretical knowledge leading to assessment through 2 exam papers, whilst working on NEA (non-exam assessment) alongside this which takes the form of a design portfolio and final prototype manufacture.

Related courses

ART & DESIGN

BUSINESS STUDIES

MATHS

Psychology

Why do we think and behave the way that we do? Are we born a certain way, or does it depend on how we are brought up? What prompts us to conform to social norms or to rebel against them? Why do we forget what we came into a room for? These are just some of the exciting questions you will explore when studying A-Level Psychology at Swanwick Hall. Defined officially as "the science of mind and behaviour", Psychology will immerse you in the constructs of the human brain, the workings of mind and memory, our development from birth to adulthood and much more, all from different points of view and through the lenses of different researchers. Psychology is remarkably versatile and can enhance any A-level combination: likewise, you will learn skills that universities value across the board, such as critical thinking and analysis, which can be applied to your future whether you intend to pursue the Arts, Sciences, Medicine and much more.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Maths or Science

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

How you will study

There are two main textbooks for A-Level Psychology - exam board AQA. However, your main method of learning will be during lively, interactive lessons in which you will be encouraged to engage fully as active learners. You will have homework and regular, small assessments to check for learning - but you will also have fun!

Related courses

SOCIOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

HISTORY



Sociology

Sociology is the study of society – how people interact in groups. A level Sociology examines social behaviour from a variety of perspectives: how it originates and then develops, the ways people are organised into groups according to distinctions such as class, gender and race. A level Sociology also looks at the institutions and forces which shape and are shaped by groups within a society, such as the media, religion and education.

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

How you will study

Sociology involves the study of society through exploring sociological theories, research methods of sociologists and considering a range of aspects of the society we live in today. You will engage in group work, research projects, presentations and become an excellent independent learner.

Related courses

PSYCHOLOGY

HISTORY

ENGLISH

Spanish

The A-level Spanish course aims to build both your linguistic competence and your understanding of contemporary issues and themes from Spain and the rest of the Spanish speaking world. You will develop your vocabulary and grammatical understanding which will support your understanding of the topics that you study which range from music, literature, heritage and cinema, through to political issues such as immigration, crime & punishment and the role of the volunteer. In addition, you will study a film and a book and you will undertake a research project of your own choice on a topic of interest to you. Your research project must be linked to Spain or the hispanic world and will form the basis for your speaking exam.

Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 or above in Spanish on the higher paper at GCSE

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

AQA

How you will study

Studying Spanish at A-level involves developing the skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking. You will study articles linked to the key themes of the course which will form the basis of activities to develop all of your linguistic skills and competence. You will be expected to discuss these issues in the target language and be able to develop and express opinions in both the written and spoken form.

Related courses

HISTORY

FRENCH

GEOGRAPHY



Sports Studies

The Extended Certificate in Sport aims to provide a coherent introduction into the study of the sport sector, as part of a two-year programme. Students will study units in anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming for health and wellbeing, professional development in the sport industry and either studying practical sports performance or sports leadership within the optional unit. You will complete assignments which are marked internally and verified by the exam board externally, tasks set and marked by the exam board and a written exam which requires students to draw on essential information to create written answers to practical questions in exam conditions.

Entry Requirements

Standard Swanwick Hall Sixth Form entry criteria

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport

How you will study

In year 12 you will prepare for a written external exam through teacher led lessons including taught content and practice exam questions

In year 13 you will complete two units of coursework. This will involve taught content, research, practical, demonstration, videoing and IT skills.

Related courses

BIOLOGY

BUSINESS STUDIES

SOCIOLOGY

Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services Level 3

The Level 3 Diploma aims to create informed and prepared potential uniformed services recruits. It will enable learners to prepare to make a recruitment application or provide a basis for further study. Students will gain an insight into the practical qualities they require for the Royal Navy, RAF, British Army, Fire & Rescue Service, Police and Prison Service. They will develop key skills including leadership of projects, problem solving, written and verbal communication skills and independent learning; together with an appreciation of appropriate standards of behaviour, dress and interpersonal skills, manners and deportment. There will be the opportunity to understand and develop the qualities needed to work in the military or civilian services and learn how different roles and departments function. The programme develops a general understanding of the uniformed service sector and provides an opportunity to investigate a broad range of career opportunities, providing support in preparing for a recruitment interview and an understanding of coaching skills, conflict management, personal protection, navigation and adventurous training.

How you will study

A portfolio of coursework evidence will be accrued during the academic year. Students will complete a total of 12 study units to achieve the Level 3 Diploma, engaging in regular sporting and practical activities within the programme, sometimes supported by uniformed services personnel. Group discussions, independent research projects and teamwork underpin the units of work with an emphasis on breadth and depth of learning. Assessments will be based on academic assignments and observation of practical and sporting skills.

Related courses

This is a full-time, stand-alone programme

Entry Requirements

Four GCSE or equivalent grade 3s. Interview with the Programme Leader and a Fitness Assessment with the course Physical Training Instructor.

Course Duration

2 years full-time

Specification

NCFE



SOPHIE TAYLOR

Alumni Story

“Currently, I am a final year medical student with Keele University. All being well, next year when I am 23, I will graduate and go on to be a doctor in the NHS. I am hoping to continue my training and become a paediatrician. I have already achieved many things such as running national paediatric conferences, having blogs published by the Royal College of Paediatrics and getting a case report published in Midlands Medicine. I am very excited about what the future holds, having wanted to be a Dr from when I was 6 years old.

I have done many exciting things since I left sixth form, including, visiting Africa with a charitable organisation, where we climbed Kilimanjaro. I did some hospital volunteering around Vietnam where I got to deliver a baby! I have also had an active roll in leading university societies and teaching other medical students. I have been employed by NCS as a team leader, by the NHS as a part time medical assistant where I took bloods from patients. I will also be working as a COVID-19 vaccinator this Summer.

Outside of my academic and clinical studies I enjoy singing, baking, photography and running. I also have a fabulous bunch of friends and a boyfriend who I enjoy travelling with.

Swanwick Hall Sixth Form allowed me to get the A-level results I needed to study medicine, with fantastic support from all my tutors. I am also still in contact with many of my friends from Sixth Form and see them as much as I am able.

If you work hard and enjoy what you do then the sky is your limit. Swanwick Hall Sixth Form is a great place to start. ”

Alumni Story

“Sixth form was a brilliant time. Really enjoyed it and if I could go back and do it again (especially Y13), I would. I always felt supported there and I learnt a lot about working independently. I vastly improved my problem solving skills and mental resilience there too but I'd say that's less specific to sixth form in general, and more specific to the subjects I studied (Maths & Physics).

I enjoyed the problem solving aspects of these subjects (especially with regards to the Mechanics modules in both of them), I thought my best bet would be to study mechanical engineering which blends the two nicely. I knew that pure maths or pure physics would be too heavy on the theoretical side for my liking and hence why engineering made sense to me.

I went to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nottingham. Completed a year long placement at Jaguar Land Rover and went back to complete my masters (5 year sandwich course). Graduated with a First-Class Hons MEng. Thoroughly enjoyed it all.

I'm currently back at Jaguar Land Rover on a graduate scheme which was offered to me after I completed my placement. I'm currently within manufacturing programme management on some of our new electric vehicles that will be coming out in the next couple years. ”



WILLIAM JONES

Alumni Story

“I left Swanwick Hall Sixth Form in 2014 after studying English Literature, Health & Social Care and Psychology at A-Level. This allowed me to go and study a BSC in Speech Sciences at Marjon University in Plymouth. My dream has always been to become a speech and language therapist and studying at Swanwick Hall Sixth Form allowed to start the journey to achieving this dream. Once I graduated from Marjon I started working in supported living with adults with Autism and learning disabilities. This allowed me to gain further experience working with individuals with speech, language and swallowing problems. In 2019 I started a Master's in speech and language therapy at Newcastle University. Due to the ongoing pandemic, I was unable to finish this and instead have just started working as a therapy assistant on an inpatient ward for adolescents who have mental health problems.

Outside of work I enjoy reading and needlework and I'm hoping to go travelling through Greece. I also enjoy socialising with my friend and family and spending time with my pets.

Swanwick Hall Sixth Form allowed me to get the necessary A-Levels to go to university and be accepted onto a Master's degree. I really enjoyed my time at Swanwick Hall and am still in contact with my friends and even some of my teachers from my time there. Swanwick Hall Sixth Form is great place for you to start on your journey to achieving your dreams. ”



SHANNON SMILES

Facilities

Swanwick Hall Sixth Form offers a wealth of exceptional facilities to enrich our students' learning journey.

The newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre features a spacious study area, three classrooms, and a welcoming café with complimentary tea, coffee, and hot chocolate.

Lockers, laptops, and desktop computers are readily available for student convenience, while the outside seating area is a popular spot during sunny days.

The supervised independent study room fosters focused study, and the university-style set-up aids students in transitioning to higher education.

Additionally, our sixth form students have exclusive access to a versatile common room equipped with PCs and a small kitchen, creating a perfect space for study and relaxation.

Swanwick Hall offers students a supportive environment where they can thrive and excel.



Student Support

LEARNING SUPPORT

At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, we are dedicated to helping every student reach their full potential. Our Academic Mentors play a vital role in providing the necessary support for successful studying. Taught by subject experts with extensive A Level teaching experience, our students are empowered to flourish and become independent learners. To further bolster academic growth, our Sixth Form offers an academic mentoring program that utilises the A Level Mindset program and a range of effective study techniques.

Our first-class Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision further ensures that no student is left behind. We foster an inclusive and supportive environment, empowering each student to thrive. Together, we foster a nurturing environment where students can thrive and unlock their true capabilities.

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Pastoral Care is fundamental at Swanwick Hall School to develop students' health and wellbeing, build individual resilience and enhance academic achievements. The Sixth Form team strives to ensure that all pupils feel included, valued and supported.

At the centre of our pastoral support package is our Learning Mentor, Mr Lamb. Based in the Study Area, Mr Lamb is able to provide immediate support to students, liaise with parents, carers and teachers, as well as accessing further support as it is needed.

Academic support is provided by our Academic Mentor, Ms Laki, who's role is to guide students through the difficult tasks of developing an understanding of their own motivations and interests, exploring future career options and opportunities as well as improving study skills while building motivation and resilience.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education. The Bursary Fund will be administered by the Sixth form and the Sixth form will decide the eligibility criteria that will apply along with the requirements to be made of students regarding attendance, academic performance and conduct. The 16-19 Bursary document sets out the details relating to the Bursary Fund scheme for the academic year 2022/23.

Students can apply for the college bursary once they have enrolled in August. Please allow 24 hours after enrolling.

Students will need to reapply at the beginning of each academic year.

Enrichment

We firmly believe in the significance of extra-curricular activities, as they play a pivotal role in shaping well-rounded individuals and enhancing the overall educational experience. Beyond academic pursuits, our extensive range of extra-curricular activities offers students diverse opportunities to explore their passions, hone their talents, and develop essential life skills. Engaging in sports, arts, leadership programs, and clubs fosters teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. By encouraging our students to get involved, we prepare them for success beyond academics, fostering a holistic approach to education and enriching their future. Our huge range of activities include:

Ambition 16-18

Mock Trial

Student Council

CERN Trip

#NextGenLeaders

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Extended Project

Rowthorne Home

The Volunteering Program

Qualification

Senior Maths Challenge

UCAS Discovery Exhibition

Geography Field Trip

Ski Trip

Unifrog

Lessons from Auschwitz

St. Edmund Hall

London Trip





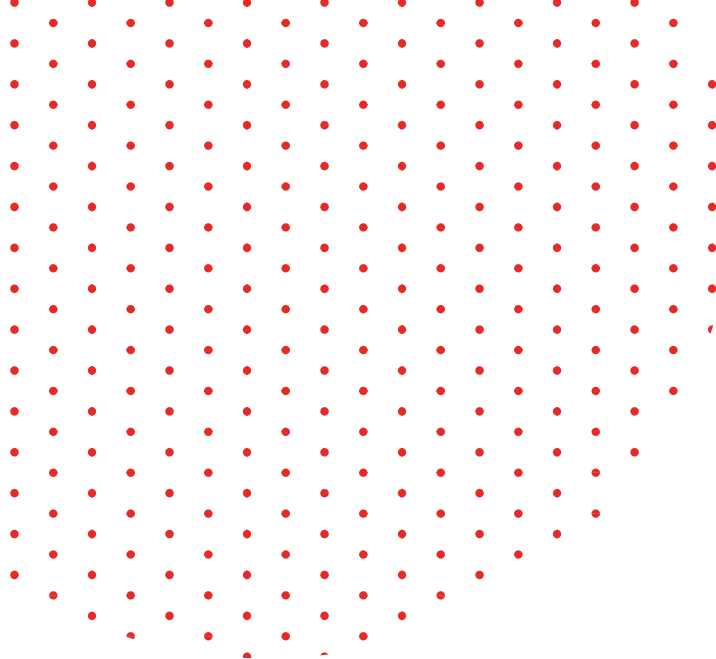
Careers

At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, we are committed to providing comprehensive careers support to help our students navigate their future paths with confidence, whether they are considering university, high-level apprenticeships, or future employment. Through strong partnerships with universities, we offer assemblies and workshops on UCAS applications, university life, student finance, and entrance exams. Our dedicated Careers Advisor provides personalized one-to-one support and guidance to students unsure about their next steps, including those interested in apprenticeships and future employment opportunities. Practical experiences, such as tutor time and one-to-one meetings, further enrich our students' understanding of their chosen career paths. We continue to support our students throughout their UCAS applications and beyond, ensuring they are well-prepared for the next chapter in their educational journey. At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, empowering students to make informed decisions and pursue successful futures, be it in higher education or the world of work, is at the core of our mission.

How to Apply

At Swanwick Hall Sixth Form, we've streamlined the application process to make it simple and quick for all prospective students. With our easy-to-use online application, you can apply with just a few clicks, allowing you to focus on your aspirations and future goals. Come here, go anywhere - take the first step towards an exciting academic journey with us. Should you have any queries about the application process, feel free to reach out to us at sixthform@swanwickhall.ttct.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant community and helping you achieve your academic dreams.





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