



Swanshurst Sixth Form





2018-2019 Results Summary

We are pleased to share with you some of the highlights from our Level 3 examination results from 2018-2019.

- Progress at A level that is in line with national levels.
- Progress in vocational courses that is significantly higher than national levels
- 93% A Level pass rate (A*- D)
- 100% Level 3 BTEC and Childcare pass rate
- 41% A*-B grades at A Level
- 78% Distinction*/Distinction grades in Level 3 BTEC courses

Progression Success

The great majority of our students have secured university courses or apprenticeships of their choice with 10% of our students choosing to study at a Russell Group University.

A selection of courses and destinations chosen by last year's students is listed below:

- Medicine: University of Birmingham
- Aerospace Engineering: University of Birmingham
- Product & Furniture Design: BCU
- Adult Nursing: BCU
- History: Kings College
- Midwifery: BCU



Course Directory

A Level Courses

Art: OCR

GCSE Entry Requirements: Previous study of art is an advantage or a related subject at grade 4

Studying Art and Design can lead to a career in the creative industries as well as developing the intellectual, imaginative and creative thinking skills that are valued by universities and employers. This course will extend and develop your existing practical skills and give you the opportunity to investigate and experiment with new media and techniques.

Biology: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: Science 5/5, Biology 5, Mathematics 5, English Language 4

Biology is the study of all life. This course develops practical skills through a range of content including Mammalian Physiology, Cell Biology, Microbiology, Ecology and Biotechnology. Biology opens the door to many careers including Medical Sciences and Pharmacy.

Business: Eduqas

GCSE Entry Requirements: Mathematics 4, English Language 4

Business prepares you for the real world and a wide variety of occupations as it helps to develop decision making, presentation and problem solving skills. Topics studied include Production, Finance and Accounting, Marketing, Operations, Data Analysis, Human Resources and the External Business Environment.

Chemistry: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: Science 5/5, Chemistry 5, Mathematics 5, English Language 4

Chemistry is the understanding of all the materials in the world and how they can interact. This course develops practical skills through the study of the Periodic table and Energy, Organic and Physical chemistry and much more. Chemistry is essential for careers in Medical sciences, Pharmacy and some aspects of Engineering.

Computer Science: OCR

GCSE Entry Requirements: Computer Science 5, Mathematics 5

Computer Science is a practical subject which will allow you to develop the capacity to think creatively, innovatively, logically and critically through problem solving. You will analyse problems in computational terms such as abstraction and decomposition, and will create programs you design. You will have a chance to apply the principles you learn to real-world systems. This qualification will allow you to progress onto any career in which an understanding of technology is required and is also suitable for any further study.



English Literature: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: English Language 4, English Literature 5

English Literature opens your mind to the wider world. Independent thought is encouraged and you will find the course eye-opening and rewarding. The course includes the deep study of poetry, prose and drama, focussing on the theme of tragedy. English Literature allows you to progress to a range of careers, as well as English orientated degrees.

French: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: French 5

Employers want staff with a broad skill set and confident manner. Studying a language broadens horizons and improves your communication skills. This course includes aspects of French-speaking society, artistic culture, political life in the French-speaking world and literary works.

Further Mathematics: EDEXCEL

GCSE Entry Requirements: Mathematics 6, Studying A Level Mathematics

Further Maths will introduce you to fascinating mathematical concepts. If you plan to apply for any degree rich in maths, Further Maths will give your application an edge.

Geography: EDEXCEL

GCSE Entry Requirements: Geography 5 if studied, English 4, Mathematics 4

Geography has an important role to play in our understanding of key global issues and the variety of perspectives from which these can be viewed. Geography graduates are ranked third highest for employability. This course includes Dynamic landscapes, Dynamic places, Physical systems & sustainability and Human Systems and Geopolitics.

German: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: German 5

Germany is the largest national economy in Europe, and the fourth largest in the world. Germany is a world power – so speaking German will make you powerful, right?! This course includes aspects of German-speaking society, artistic culture, political life in the German-speaking world and literary works.

History: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 4, History if studied 5

History is about the study of people in the past and present. It is only by studying these people that we can learn how to improve society for everybody. In this course you will study: Tudor England 1485-1603, Revolution and dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953 and Poverty in the 19th and 20th centuries. The career choices of students who study history are hugely varied.



Mathematics: EDEXCEL

GCSE Entry Requirements: Mathematics 6

A Level Maths provides you with a thorough grounding in the mathematical tools and techniques needed in the workplace. The logic and reasoning skills developed make the qualification widely respected. The course includes techniques in Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus. Mathematical applications are also studied.

Media Studies: EDUQAS

GCSE Entry Requirements: English Language 4

A Level Media Studies will enhance your enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the media. You will investigate the media in order to understand and evaluate how meanings and responses are created. You will study **Broadcast, Moving Image and Digital & New Media**. This course provides a good foundation for further study of media-related subjects and careers in the media.

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics:

EDEXCEL

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 4, RS 4 if studied

A-Level Philosophy, Ethics and Religion enhances your skills of critical thinking and prepares you for the higher-order thinking you will need to pursue any degree at university. This course prepares students to work with people in careers such as medicine, law, journalism, media and social care and develops a range of transferable life-skills.

Physics: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: Science 5/5, Physics 5 Mathematics 6, English 4

Physics describes and explains how the world, and Universe around us behaves. This course focusses on the development of practical skills in physics through a range of content. Physics is required to study Engineering subjects and many aspects of Medical Sciences at university.

Politics: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 4, History 5 if studied

We don't always like politicians and the things that governments do, but the business of politics touches every aspect of our lives. Politics is all about how society manages differing opinions. It's as much about compromise and concession as it is about strength of conviction. It impacts at every level of daily life, irrespective of your chosen career path or skill base. If you believe keeping up to date with the latest political and social news is a fundamental part of your day and enjoy discussion and debate, then you should be on the A level politics course..

Design & Technology: WJEC

GCSE Entry Requirements: Previous study of Design Technology or Art at grade 4

Product Design develops interdisciplinary skills and your capacity for imaginative, innovative thinking, creativity and independence. It supports progression onto a range of BA courses and, apprenticeships or graduate programmes like "Future Talent".



Psychology: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 4, Mathematics 4

Psychology is the study of how the brain works including ideas such as gender identity, mental health and research methods. A Level Psychology enables further study in a range of areas including law, criminology and the sciences and develops a range of transferrable skills including debating, analysing and evaluating the work of psychologists.

Physical Education: OCR

GCSE Entry Requirements: Physical Education 4

A Level PE gives insight into the world of sports performance. It is studied through a range of different contexts. You will delve into ethics and technology in sport. Career opportunities include the health and fitness industry, sports coaching, the armed and public services, nursing and physiotherapy.

Sociology: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 4

Considering we are all individuals, we all live remarkably similar lives: We agree about what is right and wrong, or do we? We have all experienced education in schools, yet we all have different experiences. We know how to behave in public, yet some of us commit crime. However, do you ever ask **WHY** things happen in society? Study sociology to find the answer to the questions you never thought you wanted to ask.

Spanish: AQA

GCSE Entry Requirements: Spanish 5

With 329 million native speakers, Spanish ranks as the world's No. 2 language. Employers want staff with a broad skill set and confident manner. Studying a language broadens horizons and improves your communication skills. This course includes aspects

of Spanish-speaking society, artistic culture, political life in the Spanish-speaking world and literary works.

Applied Courses

Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media

This course is ideally suited to students looking to pursue a career in digital media and those progressing from the OCR National course in Creative iMedia. The course looks in to forms of digital media, how to create a media product and how to advertise it. This course is offered as a single qualification equivalent to 1 A Level.

Level 3 Diploma in Criminology

We study theories of crime, different punishments and how the criminal justice system operates. The course looks to help students progress on to degree-level courses in Criminology, Sociology, Psychology and Law or combined Criminology courses. It also supports students seeking a career in the criminal justice sector. This course is offered as a single qualification equivalent to 1 A Level.

BTEC Travel & Tourism: Pearson

This course is an introduction to the study of the travel and tourism sector supporting progression to further or higher education and ultimately employment. It is ideally suited to those students progressing from Level 2 Travel & Tourism. This course is offered as a single qualification equivalent to 1 A level.



BTEC Applied Science: Pearson **GCSE Entry Requirements: English, Maths and Science at 4**

This course is ideal for students who wish to continue science to L3 and want to demonstrate their understanding through coursework portfolios as well as examinations. It links with science based careers in laboratories and hospitals. There is a focus on research and developing practical skills across Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This course is offered as a single, double or triple qualification equivalent to 1, 2 or 3 A Levels.

BTEC Business: Pearson

This course is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the business sector. It is offered as a single or double qualification equivalent to 1 or 2 A Levels. Key areas include Finance, Marketing, Human Resources and Operations.

BTEC ICT: Pearson

This course is designed for students who are interested in studying ICT to a greater depth in topics such as managing and processing data to support business and using IT to communicate and share information as well as social media. This course is offered as a single qualification equivalent to 1 A Level.

BTEC Health & Social Care

Health and Social Care students develop transferable skills and the key skills that employers are looking for, which can lead to a wide range of employment opportunities. This can include further training in such areas as Social Work, Care and Education. This course is offered as a single, double or triple qualification equivalent to 1, 2 or 3 A Levels.

BTEC Performing Arts

This course is for anyone interested in developing their skills in Performing Arts and includes a range of performance disciplines. This course is offered as a single qualification equivalent to 1 A Level.

Applied Technical Courses

CACHE (Childcare)

GCSE Entry Requirements: English 3, Maths 3

This is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations. You will be prepared for working without supervision, or in a supervisory capacity, with children and their families in a variety of settings. All students must have a clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to starting the course.

Level 2 Courses

GCSE Entry Requirements: Mix of grades 3 & 4

OCR Cambridge Technical in Health & Social Care (Childcare)

This is a one year course which involves spending 3 days in the Sixth Form learning about different aspects of child care and 2 days at a local nursery or primary school to gain practical experience. All students must have a clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to starting the course.

OCR Cambridge Technical in Health & Social Care (Adult Care)

This course is equivalent to GCSE qualifications and will allow you to progress onto Level 3 BTEC courses or enter employment in a range of care settings.



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