



FOLLOW YOUR OWN **BESPOKE CURRICULUM**

St Ambrose Barlow RC Sixth Form College

THIS IS
YOUR AMBROSE...

A LEVEL

Creativity	
Art and Design	05
Fashion and Textiles	06
Graphic Communication	07
Photography	08
Three-Dimensional Design	09
Computer Science	11
Drama and Theatre Studies	12
English	13
Film Studies	15
Geography	16
History	17
Mathematics	19
Further Mathematics	19
Modern, Foreign Languages	21
Product Design	23
Philosophy, Ethics and Theology	24
Psychology	25
Science	
Biology	27
Chemistry	28
Physics	29

BTEC

Business Studies	31
Creative Media Digital Production	33
Health and Social Care	34
Hospitality	35
Sports	37

VOCATIONAL

Design, Engineer, Construct!	39
------------------------------	----



A LEVEL ART AND DESIGN

“If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him” John F Kennedy

This course covers a broad range of experiences including: photography, printmaking, sculpture, drawing, painting, textiles, graphics and digital arts.

You will work closely with our industry partners and will have lots of opportunities to develop your skills during work experience.

The first year is exploratory and the second year allows you to specialise.

What does it include?

The course has been designed to allow you to experiment with lots of different media and skills. The broad experience enables you to understand what you are really good at and helps you decide what you want to specialise

in. This insight will help you choose the right future career path. Bespoke projects will allow you to develop skills in sculpture, photography, printmaking, multidisciplinary work in fine art, textiles and computer aided designs.

During the course you, along with your fellow students, will take part in several exhibitions; be taught by some of the North Wests leading creative practitioners and have the opportunity to visit museums, galleries and exhibitions in the North West, London, Paris and New York.

Alongside specialist topics you will also work on projects that develop your time management skills, research abilities and factual writing skills. These transferable skills are relevant to all areas of the creative arts and will prepare you for both higher education and the world of work.

Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for students with a keen interests in the arts.

A LEVEL FASHION & TEXTILES

“Design is everything. Everything!” Paul Rand

This course will offer an exciting opportunity to embrace textiles, fashion and design and to look at the design industry from an artist’s perspective.

It will introduce you to the contemporary approach of the industry and encourage you to flourish as a potential textile designer by looking at a variety of techniques.

You will combine your practical work with theory, research, and presentation skills; enabling you to develop fully as a budding designer

Who is the course for?

A level Textiles is a dynamic and exciting subject area that will appeal to students who are interested in fashion, textiles, costume and interiors. This course enables you to develop your creativity in textiles and fashion; allowing you to experiment with many different processes. This would include freehand machine embroidery, screen-

printing, and building a portfolio of work; enabling you develop your skills as a designer. All techniques and skills are taught through practical demonstrations therefore no experience of textiles at GCSE is required.

What does it include?

You will be taught through workshop-based methods and will approach the A level working through units such as...

- Line, tone and colour
- Fashion/illustration
- Machine sewing/embroidery and embellishment in response to art history
- Batik and dying processes
- Screen printing
- Pattern cutting for professional dressmaking.

During the course you, along with your fellow students, will take part in several exhibitions. You will be taught by some of the North West’s leading creative practitioners and have the opportunity to visit museums, galleries and exhibitions in the North West, London, Paris and New York.

A LEVEL GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Graphic Communication is a fast paced Art & Design course where students will be introduced to a variety of design approaches whilst exploring a range of media, processes and techniques. Students will experience both traditional and new media and may work in areas such as advertising, packaging design, illustration and design for print.

Within these areas you will produce personal responses to set briefs with expressive and experimental use of different media, techniques and processes. You will develop your drawing skills for observation, communication and experimentation as well as your contextual understanding of Graphic Design.

A level Graphic Communication is a creative subject area that will appeal to students who would like to combine artistic flair with computer skills. Illustration, packaging and advertising rely on good Graphic Design and this course will develop the creative practical skills to help you maximise your design potential.

All techniques and skills are taught through practical demonstrations; therefore no experience of Graphic Communication at GCSE is required.

What does it include?

You will work with some of the industry's leading organisations on live briefs to generate designs including illustrations for books or magazines, film or television posters, DVD or CD covers. You will explore typography and its relationship to images and develop an understanding of how graphic design can sell a product or service. You will study surface decoration in relation to packaging and create your own designs to demonstrate an understanding of commercial and practical requirements. Your ideas and designs will be produced using a combination of traditional and modern methods. You will use everything from a pen or pencil to sophisticated software packages such as Photoshop.

The course is also designed to introduce students to computer-generated graphics using software such as Illustrator and InDesign.

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

LENS-BASED AND LIGHT-BASED MEDIA

A Photography A-level is particularly of interest to students who want to extend their knowledge of different art forms. Students have the opportunity to develop a wide range of photographic skills ranging from traditional to experimental image making, studio, location and digital.

What does it include?

Photography enables students to explore a broad range of photography media and techniques, including traditional film and darkroom processing and digital photography. Students can expect to learn a broad range of experimental techniques as well as processing black and white film.

Students will learn how to compose a photograph and how lighting can be used to enhance an image. Students have access to a darkroom and a lighting studio to complete their work both in class and during private study time.

Students are expected to explore a wide range of photographic work by other artists and use this to inspire their own ideas.

During the course you, along with your fellow students, will take part in several exhibitions, be taught by some of the North Wests leading creative practitioners and have the opportunity to visit museums, galleries and exhibitions in the North West, London, Paris and New York.

Alongside specialist topics you will also work on projects that develop your time management skills and research abilities. These transferable skills are relevant to all areas of textiles and will prepare you for both higher education and the world of work..

All learners will engage and work with industry as part of their course. You will undertake personal development activities which will include work experience and self-directed projects.

A LEVEL THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN

“Painting is so poetic, while sculpture is more logical and scientific and makes you worry about gravity”

Damien Hirst

This course will offer an exciting opportunity to work and experiment with 3D materials such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, clay and wire. You will get the opportunity to further develop your technical understanding of materials and making processes as well as your capabilities to generate ideas through drawing.

A level Three-Dimensional Design is a creative subject area that will appeal to students who have imagination and an interest in 3D design, have an ability to visualise ideas on paper and enjoy exploring design ideas through use of 3D media.

All techniques and skills are taught through practical demonstrations; therefore no experience of three-dimensional design at GCSE is required.

What does it include?

You will be taught through workshop-based methods and will approach the A level working through units such as:

- Jewellery: body adornment, object d’art, fashion accessories
- 3D Sculpture

3D Design is an art based course, where you will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of three-dimensional techniques. You will be introduced to a range of materials and methods such as clay, plaster, glass, woods, metals and plastics.

During the course you, along with your fellow students, will take part in several exhibitions, be taught by some of the North Wests leading creative practitioners and have the opportunity to visit museums, galleries and exhibitions in the North West, London, Paris and New York.



A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

“Everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer... because it teaches you how to think” Steve Jobs

A level OCR Computer Science

Computer Science is a qualification that is relevant to the modern and changing world of computing.

Why choose A Level Computer Science?

Our AS and A Level Computer Science qualifications will inspire and challenge students to apply the knowledge they gain with the creative and technical skills will acquire throughout the course.

Here are some of the key benefits of our new Computer Science specifications for you and your students:

- The new qualifications will be focused on programming, will build on our GCSE Computing and

emphasise the importance of computational thinking as a discipline.

- There'll be an expanded maths focus, much of which will be embedded within the course.
- The ICT content of the new specifications will be appropriate to a Computer Science qualification.
- Computational thinking will be at the core of the new specifications.
- The AS will consist of two components, which will be externally assessed and weighted at 50% each.
- The A Level will consist of three components, two of which will be externally marked question papers making up 80% of the qualification.
- The other 20% will be the coursework project, which will retain its current qualities but will be more focused, with a greater emphasis on coding and programming with a simple assessment model and marking criteria.

A LEVEL DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

Drama and Theatre Studies has become a highly respectable A level over the last decade and is valued by universities as a subject connected to both the Arts and the humanities, including law. The balance of practical skills and academic knowledge as well as a growing understanding and empathy for the world around us allows students to develop a wide range of skills and disciplines. Analytical clarity and passionate performance go hand in hand.

Course Content

For many students, the most rewarding section of the course is the Live Practical Performance. In groups, students prepare a piece of drama to be staged, with full technical support, before a moderator and audience. AS students prepare an excerpt from an existing play whilst A2 students write, direct, design and perform their pieces of original drama. Students will also need to see a variety of live performances throughout the year; study three set texts from different eras and create work in the

style of several important theatrical practitioners such as Stanislavski, Brecht, Frantic Assembly and Alecky Blythe. These elements will mainly be assessed through two written papers.

You must be prepared to put in the extra time that is required, outside of class, for rehearsals when in productions. There is an expectation that you will do some reading around the subject and research in your own time so you must be self-motivated: we would like you to attend as many productions as possible. There will be opportunities for you to take part in extracurricular drama. You should consider taking up these opportunities as well as looking for chances to stage your own work as the more performance experience you have, the more successful you will be in your examined work.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

“Literature is an art form, an expression of who you are and how you feel. A string of words that can make us feel anything. That can teach us, guide us, comfort us and all things in between.” Year 11 student

A Level English Literature encourages you to extend your interest in and enthusiasm for literature, as you explore the ways in which literature is rich and influential, both in our lives today and in making important links to a text’s cultural, literary and social context. The course aims to enhance your critical analysis skills, encouraging you to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers, as you develop your own informed personal response.

Who is the course for?

If you enjoy reading a wide range of texts then A level English Literature is the course for you.

What does it include?

You will study literary texts from a range of different time periods and genres.

What can I do next?

English Literature has long been highly regarded by employers. You could go on to further study or use this as a stepping stone to another career. The course provides you with analytical and communication skills which are transferable and suitable for all future options.

Careers include...

Publishing, writing, law, journalism, song writing, editor, television, marketing, advertising...to name but a few.



A LEVEL FILM STUDIES

Film Studies at St Ambrose Barlow is delivered by enthusiastic professionals with the most up-to-date technologies as well as the most up-to-date knowledge on film. In Year 12, students will make a short film (approximately two minutes), within a group of four persons maximum or individually. The film will demonstrate an understanding of aspects of film making. Students will also select a short sequence from one of their favourite films and examine it in intense detail trying to work out what effects the film maker has tried to create.

Students will also look at the film industry itself, with particular focus on Hollywood and the British Film industry.

In Year 13, students will make a short film or trailer and conduct a short research project on a Film-related topic of their choice. Students will also address three areas of study; looking at why films make you laugh, cry, or want to be involved in the thrilling action that they contain!

Why study Film?

Film is now one of the major art forms of the 21st century and the subject has been growing steadily since its introduction in the AS/A2 Level curriculum. Film Studies is a subject in which students have a natural interest and have already established a good prior knowledge, think of how many films you have watched in the past 12 months - why not use that knowledge in a viable academic subject!

Progression

With the advent of Salford Media City and the transfer of much of the BBC to the North West of England, this is an excellent opportunity and time to be seeking Media jobs in this part of the world!

There are numerous Film/TV/Media based courses currently running in Further Education Colleges and Universities right across the region and further afield. Studying Film at A-Level is a natural stepping-stone to a career in Film, Music or Television.

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the earth's landscapes, peoples, places and environments and how they are changing. It is all about the world in which we live. This makes it up-to-date and relevant to all of us it is one of the most exciting, adventurous and valuable subjects to study.

So many of the world's current problems boil down to geography, and need the geographers of the future to help us understand them. Global warming, sustainable food production, natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, the spread of disease, the reasons for migration and the future of energy resources are just some of the great challenges facing the next generation.

The knowledge and skills that studying geography can provide are exactly what employers are looking for. Be it knowing how the world works, planning research and report writing, working in a team, using new technologies and communication skills - and much more. These equip geographers with the attitude that it is better to go out and see things for themselves, rather than be told by others.

You will find geographers working in a wide range of jobs, from the City to planning, working in the environment to travel and tourism, or in international charities or retail.

Geography is an education for life and for living. Learning through geography - both through formal learning and through pupils own experiences of travel and the world - helps people to be more socially and environmentally sensitive, informed and responsible citizens and employees.

Thinking about taking A Level geography?

Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice. The Russell Group report published in 2011 names geography as one of the eight facilitating subjects. This is a subject most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses and choosing facilitating subjects will keep more options open to you at university.

A LEVEL HISTORY

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” George Santayana

History is an enthralling and challenging study of the events that have shaped the world you live in as well as the people and circumstances that shaped these events. It is for those with an inquisitive mind who wish to investigate and debate not just what happened but why they happened and their significance for the modern world.

Who is the course for?

This course is for students who are highly motivated with a passion for History. History is a very versatile subject that is perfect preparation for a History degree or one that is related such as Politics or Archeology, but it is a subject that is one of the most respected by universities and employers for the transferable skills that you will develop.

What can I do next?

Students can progress on to higher education or employment as History is ideal for those wishing to develop the skills most prized by universities and employers. History offers the opportunity to develop an understanding of how to conduct research and solve problems; develop your ability to be reflective; become a critical thinker and to construct arguments and communicate them effectively.

History Careers

History offers endless career opportunities because of the skills you will develop. It is ideal for those wishing to pursue careers in law, journalism, politics, the intelligence services, the media, business, logistics and many, many more!



A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

The Mathematics A level is a continued study of Mathematical concepts such as Algebra, Geometry and Calculus. The skills and techniques, which are developed on the A level Mathematics course, play a significant part in many other disciplines: including career paths in finance, technology and medicine. Mathematics, as well as being an important subject in its own right, is vital as a support for many subjects, both at AS/A Level and in Higher Education. A qualification in Mathematics is a highly desirable goal for many students, whatever their long-term plans may be.

The course is aimed at students who enjoyed and achieved a good grade on the higher GCSE Mathematics examination. The qualification is ideal for students who wish to follow a mathematical based career and is suitable for a wide range of university courses.

The course includes six units which are delivered over two years. The units can be made from a selection of Core Mathematics (algebra, trigonometry and calculus elements), Mechanics, Decision and Statistics.

What can I do next?

Achieving an A level in Mathematics opens up numerous paths. It is a very sought after A level that will open many doors to whatever your next step will be. Mathematics is suitable for those who wish to study subjects at university such as Engineering, Physics, Electronics, Architecture, Computing, Medicine, Optometry, Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Law.

A LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Are you thinking of a career in science, engineering or perhaps becoming a professional mathematician? If so, studying A level Further Mathematics is going to be beneficial in developing your knowledge to support your skill base and help you succeed. Further Maths increases the breadth of content and looks into the more abstract side of the subject. Your algebraic skills will need to be excellent. To study Further Mathematics it is expected that you will spend a substantial amount of time outside the classroom with independent study. So, if you thrive on solving problems, don't mind spending ages on a question, then you're are going to enjoy this subject.



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

At St Ambrose Barlow RC Sixth Form we offer A level courses in:

- French
- German
- Spanish

Studying a modern foreign language is an excellent way to learn many valuable transferable skills, whilst also allowing you to learn about another culture in great detail. We aim to enable you to develop your language skills in order that you may learn to communicate confidently whilst gaining an insight into the contemporary life of the country.

The MFL department benefits from specialist teachers in all three languages, modern, spacious classrooms and a wide range of texts and learning materials and access to a Foreign Language Assistant. You will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and trips including work experience in a European country, email links to students, visits to universities and language study days.

Future Prospects

Nowadays, as we are part of the European Union, an increasing number of industries have an international dimension. An A or AS Level in a language can help you take advantage of this. Some of our students might go on to work specifically in a language orientated role, whilst others may find that their chosen career requires close communications with a foreign country.

A high proportion of students will go on to study a language with another subject such as Business or Law or may choose to continue their studies in other career areas such as: Translator, Interpreter, Language Teacher or Trainer, Teaching Assistant, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Ambassador or Bilingual Customer Services.



A LEVEL PRODUCT DESIGN

Product Designers are thinkers, doers, makers!

This course is an excellent progression from GCSE Product Design as students can develop and explore their particular areas of interest in Product Design.

You will develop the skills required by Product Designers, such as environmental issues, sustainability and environment, inclusive design, marketing, human interface, scales and type of production, manufacture types including CAD/CAM, commercial issues, aesthetics, trend prediction and design history.

You will design and manufacture products for the Product Design show. There will be a number of trips and visits to museums and exhibitions in the North West, London, New York and Tokyo. You will have the opportunity to work alongside current designers and industry professionals.

Who is the programme for?

This programme is suitable for students wishing to pursue a career in the Creative sector, namely Product Design, 3D Design and Industrial Design.

What can I do next?

Students can progress onto higher education, apprenticeships or employment, either within industry or freelance.

Product Design careers include: Product Designer, Industrial Designer, Interior Designer, Architect, Engineer, Stage and Set Design, Sports clothing and Footwear designer, Graphic Designer, Landscape architect, Naval architect, Prop maker, Set designer, Visual merchandiser, Web designer.

A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND THEOLOGY (P.E.T.)

“When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That’s my religion.” Abraham Lincoln

Welcome to an enquiring, critical and empathetic approach to the study of religion. Students will be required to look at the writings of philosophers and theologians and recognise the contribution they have made to the fields of philosophy and ethics. You will learn to present and evaluate different viewpoints and be encouraged to debate, discuss and think through the issues raised. During the course students will be encouraged to relate learning to ethical issues that are currently in the news.

Who is the course for?

Philosophy, Ethics and Theology aims to promote an enquiring, critical, yet sympathetic study of major beliefs and issues. This subject provides you with the training and skills to think independently and rationally, to be able to present and evaluate different viewpoints, and be encouraged to debate and discuss.

The course is not reliant upon any specific faith or belief system and previous knowledge of philosophy and ethics is not required.

What can I do next?

The skills that you acquire will equip you for a wide range of university courses and career choices such as Law, Teaching, Social Work, Public Services, Armed Forces, Business Management.

Philosophy, Ethics and Theology is a rigorous academic discipline. The ability to reason, analyse and form justified opinions is a highly valued in all areas.

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

What is the course about?

Psychology is the science of the mind. It is an intriguing subject that aims to provide students with knowledge of the human mind and how it is correlated with our behaviour. A Level Psychology will allow you to think about human behaviour from a number of viewpoints. Psychology uses the scientific method of careful research, experimentation and statistical analysis and requires you to use logical reasoning and express yourself clearly and concisely. Over your two years studying A Level Psychology you will gain an insight into the causes of a wide variety of human behaviours, their impact on daily lives and the science that has evolved around them.

What units/topics will be studied?

The course addresses questions relating to human behaviour and the mechanisms and processes of the mind. You will focus on some revolutionary theories and research which have shaped our understanding of the

subject and how we conduct psychological investigations.

Topics studied include:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Bio Psychology
- Research Methods
- Approaches to Psychology

Progression

For any career involving interactions with others, Psychology will be a useful underlying skill. This includes careers such as police, nursing, human resources, advertising, law, politics, teaching, research and many more. Careers directly related to Psychology are broad, and include working in roles as clinical, educational, forensic or occupational Psychologists and health and sports Psychology.



A LEVEL BIOLOGY

“An understanding of the natural world and what’s in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfilment.” Sir David Attenborough

If you enjoy GCSE Science and have a keen interest in learning about life and living processes, then Biology would be an excellent subject choice for you. This course covers aspects of human and plant Biology along with Biological applications and is split into 6 modules.

Assessment

The course is assessed by examination at the end of the course. There is also an assessment of practical skills and students are expected to carry out a minimum of 12 practical activities throughout the two year course.

What qualifications do I need?

To study Biology A-level you must have achieved at least

2 Cs in core and additional GCSE science or separate/triple sciences.

What can I do next?

A-level Biology is a highly desirable qualification for many Higher Education courses in a range of biological disciplines such as Biology, Biomedical Science and Anatomy.

Biology can lead to many further areas of scientific study and career choices such as, Physiotherapy, Ecology, Nursing, Medicine, Zoology to name just a few.

Students who study Biology can also follow careers in other subjects such as Law and Accountancy.

A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

“Every aspect of the world today- even politics and international relations - is affected by Chemistry.”

Linus Pauling

The Salters Chemistry course, in contrast to a traditional course, introduces chemical concepts within a relevant context. The course is taught as a series of units each based around a contemporary issue in Chemistry, such as the pharmaceutical industry, fuel industry or the elements needed for life.

Ideas which are introduced in an earlier topic are continually revisited allowing students to further their knowledge each time. Practical chemistry plays a large role in the development of student understanding.

Assessment

The course is assessed by examination at the end of the course. There is also an assessment of practical skills and students are expected to carry out a minimum of 12

practical activities during the two year course.

What qualifications do I need?

To study Chemistry A-level you must have achieved at least 2 Cs in core and additional GCSE science or separate/triple sciences.

What can I do next?

Chemistry A-level can lead to further study at degree level in a range of scientific disciplines such as Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Medicine and Pharmacy.

Chemistry A-level is essential for careers related to the Chemical Industry and Medicine. This A-level also develops practical and analytical skills which transfer to many areas such as Finance, Law and Engineering.

A LEVEL PHYSICS

“Everything is made of atoms ... Everything that animals do, atoms do. ... There is nothing that living things do that cannot be understood from the point of view that they are made of atoms acting according to the laws of physics.” Richard P. Feynman

A Level Physics allows students to appreciate how fundamental Science works and to study topics including Force and Waves, Medical Physics and Applied Physics. There are six modules in the specification.

A Level Physics builds on the concepts and skills developed in the Physics GCSE and is particularly suitable for students who have the skills and knowledge associated with a GCSE Additional Science course or equivalent.

Assessment

The course is assessed by examination at the end of the course. There is also an assessment of practical skills

and students are expected to carry out a minimum of 12 practical activities during the two year course.

What qualifications do I need?

To study Physics A-level you must have achieved at least 2 Cs in core and additional GCSE science or separate/triple sciences.

What can I do next?

Physics A-level can lead to further study at degree level in a range of scientific disciplines such as Physics, Astrophysics, Theoretical Physics and Mathematics.

Physics A-level is crucial for the further study of Physics and Astrophysics at University and can lead to careers in Engineering and the energy sector.



BTEC BUSINESS STUDIES

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business.

Why should I choose to study Business?

Have you ever thought about running your own business? Have you got some great ideas for launching a new product or service? Interested in marketing or management?

Whatever your vision, a BTEC Business course is a great start to either a successful business career or to higher education courses.

What will I study?

The qualification is equivalent in size to one A level and aims to provide a coherent introduction into the study of the business sector.

You will study three mandatory units, covering Business environments, Finance and Marketing. You will then study

a further unit comprising of marketing, human resources and law along with the chance to take part in Work Experience.

During the course you will develop your group work, IT and presentation skills. You will have a personal tutor who supports and guides you through the course. You will meet with your personal tutor for group meetings and for personal one to one meetings on a regular basis.

Business Studies at St Ambrose Barlow benefits from having a dedicated and enthusiastic department who are determined to deliver a stimulating, interesting and successful course.

Enrichment

Business and Industrial visits, Possible trip to a European financial Centre, Young Enterprise, Business Challenges at local universities and Guest Speakers.



BTEC CREATIVE MEDIA DIGITAL PRODUCTION

The Digital Media market in the UK makes more money than films in the box office, leading to a rapidly growing jobs market. In the Manchester area alone the opportunities for apprenticeships and full time employment is at a high level and is rising year after year. Not only is the job market growing but the opportunities to study Creative Media at University is higher than it's ever been with Salford and Manchester offering a wide range of Media routes such as games development, animation, graphics and film studies. Could you be the person that unlocks the market further?

- 43 units to choose from the TV, Film, Radio, Sound, Publishing and Games sectors
- Depending on which route you choose you can study from 4 units to 13 units over 2 years
- You can earn a qualification that is the equivalent to 1,2 or 3 A-levels
- The course is largely coursework based with some elements of online examined tasks.

Progression

Studying Creative Digital Media Production at St Ambrose Barlow 6th Form College will provide you with a wealth of experience and knowledge in preparation for Higher Education and working within the Creative Media industry.

Career paths in the Creative Media sector include: Games design, Game testers, Animators, Modelling, Audio engineers, Technical support, Game producers, Film editors, Film/TV producer, Sound editor, Sound creator, Graphics designer and many more...

Creative Digital Media Production Higher Education courses are available to study in the following institutions: Bolton, Bradford, Central Lancashire, Liverpool John Moores, Leicester, Manchester and Sheffield to name a few.

BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Are you caring, energetic, and really interested in people? Are you considering a career in health or social care?

Working in the health sector provides a varied and satisfying career path and provides the opportunity to make a positive difference in people's lives. The National Health Service is the largest employer in the UK, with over a million staff, and has a wide range of professional careers available throughout the country. In an ever changing world, with huge advances in the diagnosis and treatment of patients, it's a really exciting time to be training for a career in health. In addition, there are a wide variety of careers available within the growing social care sector. These roles support the needy and vulnerable in our society and also contribute to the wellbeing of our nation.

A great first step towards your professional career in health or social care is the **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care**. This

newly redeveloped qualification is a fantastic alternative to A Levels and has been designed in consultation with both NHS Trusts and UK universities to be a stepping stone into degree courses in the healthcare professions and social work. The course offers an additional advantage over the traditional A Level route as it includes vocational work experience placements which will enhance your university application.

Progression

This qualification, equivalent to A Levels for university entry and stretching over two years at St Ambrose Barlow 6th Form College, will enable you to gain a place at university to work towards a career in a number of professions. This could include a degree in Nursing or Midwifery, professions allied to medicine (e.g. occupational therapy, podiatry, radiography, etc), social work and ambulance paramedics, and it will also help you gain access to various care roles within residential and domiciliary care, day centres and nurseries.

BTEC HOSPITALITY

Students who are interested in pursuing a career in Hospitality Management Career paths can include :Chefs, Dietician, Food Preparation, Food Scientist, Hospitality, Housekeeper, Kitchen Assistant, Professional Cook, Publican, Waiting Staff

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Hospitality consists of a varied range of units, including some of the following:

- The Hospitality Industry
- Principles of Supervising Customer Service Performance in Hospitality
- Providing Customer Service in Hospitality
- Financial Control in Hospitality
- Food and Drink Service
- Asian Food
- European Food
- Contemporary World Food
- Alcoholic Beverage Service
- Planning & Managing a Hospitality Event

- Personal Selling & Promotional Skills in Hospitality

The course prepares learners for a career in the hospitality and catering industry in various roles so has a huge focus on employability skills. Learners are involved with a range of trips and visits, guest speakers and also undertake relevant work experience. There is an expectation that learners maintain 100% attendance.

Students who study this Hospitality BTEC will have access to a range of higher education opportunities including HND, Foundation Degrees and BA Honours Degrees, courses may include Culinary Arts Management, Hospitality Management and Events Management. Progression routes at college include Hospitality and Tourism Management Foundation Degree (FDA). Employment routes include chef, trainee supervisor, hotel receptionist, trainee hotel manager. The types of employers include hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, holiday resorts, conference Centre's, holiday parks.



BTEC SPORT

Course Description

We provide an exciting opportunity for anyone who has a passion for sport and wants a successful career in the sports and leisure industry. You will develop a range of personal skills and knowledge essential for successful performance, and there will be opportunity to participate practically, as well as developing skills in areas such as, leadership, coaching and officiating.

There are no exams, therefore your programme of study will be coursework based; you will be assessed through practical tasks, written coursework, presentations and teacher observation. There are exciting opportunities for you to complete work offsite; these include:

- Real life coaching experience through our close links with our partner primary schools.
- Industry based work experience placements.
- Trips to world class sports science laboratories.
- Outdoor and adventurous activities such as rock

climbing, abseiling and water sports activities.

- Visits to regional centres of excellence.
- Overseas residential trip to study sports coaching at a La Liga club.

Careers and Higher Education

This qualification will give you the opportunity to gain employment or to progress to university and higher education. This could enable you to develop a future career in vocations including: PE teaching, sports coaching, sports development, physiotherapy, sports management and sports journalism.

You will receive first class learning opportunities delivered by an experienced and dynamic team of PE teachers and lecturers. At Key Stage 3,4 and 5 they have a proven and sustained track record of enabling all students to achieve the highest grades possible.



DEC

DESIGN, ENGINEER, CONSTRUCT!

The 'Design, Engineer, Construct!' Level 3 qualification enables learners to gain an academic and industry recognised 'Sustainable Built Environment' qualification. This offers learners the opportunity to develop a range of skills and knowledge, which are fundamental to successful engagement in the professional aspects of the Construction and Built Environment sector of industry.

This qualification enables the coverage of a wide range of general knowledge, understanding and competences. A partnership with Laing O'Rourke, within the school and 6th Form, will provide any young person with the technical knowledge, understanding and skills to progress to a professional career in the construction sector.

Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for students wishing to pursue a career in the Construction sector, namely Architecture, Engineering, Surveying and Management.

What can I do next?

Students can progress onto higher education, apprenticeships or employment, either with our partner Laing O'Rourke or with another company in the industry.

'Design, Engineer, Construct!' careers include: Architecture, Civil Engineering, Structural Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Designing, Quantity Surveying, Construction Management, Digital Engineering, Building Services Engineering.

FAITH IN YOU | LOVE IN LEARNING | HOPE IN BETTER



St Ambrose Barlow RC Sixth Form College

A National Teaching School

A National School of Creativity