



Your Sixth Form programme at Bedales

Bedales has taken advantage of the new A Level landscape to make our Sixth Form experience more about 'Head, Hand and Heart' than before.

Key factors in choosing A Levels

Choose subjects you love. You'll be spending a lot of time on them!

Look carefully at the syllabuses. Ask yourself (and your teachers) how the A Level is similar or different from the courses that you're taking now; are those differences appealing?

Be pragmatic. Discuss proposed combinations with your tutor and the Professional Guidance team to make sure you're not cutting off routes you might want to take in the future.

If you're thinking of taking a new subject, make sure you investigate the nature of the course really closely. Attend taster sessions and look at the syllabus carefully. It's much better to be able to commit whole-heartedly from the outset, rather than feeling that you're just trying something out.

What combinations can I do?

Here are the provisional columns from which you can choose your A Level programme:

A	B	C	D
Maths	Chemistry	Biology	Art
Further Maths	Design	Economics	Classical Civilisation
Geography	Textiles	Greek	English
German	Latin	Theatre Studies	Biology
Psychology	Politics	Physics	Geography
History	Music Pre-U	Art	Business
Religious Studies	Theatre Studies	Religious Studies	French
Dance	Physics	Psychology	Maths
Spanish	English	History	
		Chemistry	

Let us know if your ideal combination doesn't work and we will try to help you.



See our separate Enrichment Programme brochure for more detail on Enrichment courses. More in-depth information about our courses can be found on the Bedales website:

www.bedales.org.uk



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Sixth Form & A Levels

Step Inside...

These 'tweet' length descriptions from our Heads of Department may whet your appetite.

Art

Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, animation, film, life drawing, conceptual, contextual and critical thinking, art history, architecture, multi-media... The gateway to a creative career via A Levels and Art College.

Biology

Discover what life's all about! Genes, brains, disease, biodiversity and much more.

Business

Entrepreneur? Interested in why Amazon and Apple are so successful? Or marketing, motivation or leadership? Business gives you the tools to understand the modern global economy.

Chemistry

How can we synthesise new pharmaceuticals, or explain where colour comes from? Chemistry is about using the materials around us to solve the problems that we face in society.

Latin

Enter the mindset of a culture that aimed to rule the world and left its mark on law, politics, literature, and art. Taste the heritage with some of the greatest writers the world has ever known!

Classical Greek

Logic, democracy, aesthetics. Razor-sharp language and impeccable taste. Society and thought that shaped our world and set the standard for literature and art.

Classical Civilisation

Great stories. Heroes. Conflict. Moral reflection. Can politics really make a difference? Classical Civilisation holds up ancient societies as a mirror to our modern world.

Dance

Don't just dance. Create. Perform. Appreciate. Inspire. Enjoy. A dynamic course that promotes fitness and wellbeing, risk-taking and inspires a lifelong passion for Dance. Remember, "Dancers are made, not born" (Baryshnikov).

Design (Product)

Change the world? Improve people's lives? Every part of everything that is manmade has been designed. Could you do it better? Choose Product Design.

Design (Fashion)

Choose challenge, individualism, originality and innovation, industry, culture, history and the future. Choose Fashion!

Drama and Theatre Studies

Be practical. Be thoughtful. Be creative. Develop as a practitioner and spectator of live theatre. Act, design, direct. Oxbridge-recognised.

Economics

From Brexit to inequality, from globalisation to risk aversion, from labour markets to failing markets. Economics explores the decisions people make and why they make them.

English Literature

"I will fly to thee on the wings of poesy" (Keats). Explore the power and transcendence of language. Hone your rhetoric, flex your minds and ask what it means to be human.

Extended Project

Something you are interested in beyond the A Level curriculum? 60% of an A Level, an EPQ is your own original research project. Universities love them.

Geography

Plastic pollution. Migration. Poverty. Geography plays with big data using nuanced reasoning; ride camels in Morocco, paddle in Dorset and question the gender of spaces in London.

Government and Politics

Trump? Corbyn? Referendum? Boris Johnson? Topical and comparative British and American Politics, and Political Ideology.

History

More than "one damn thing after another"; people living, arguing, campaigning and dying for change. Radical newspapers to Russian History via South Africa and Mrs Thatcher.

Mathematics

Big data, robotics and AI are revolutionising our lives. Maths will help you develop the analytical, research and problem-solving skills required for exciting future career opportunities.

Further Mathematics

Is 42 the answer to life, the universe and everything? Maybe not, but Further Maths looks at infinity, imaginary numbers and matrices to help make sense of real world problems.

Modern Languages

French, German, Spanish. Enhance your job prospects. Win overseas postings. Discover new dimensions through another language, its culture, literature and films.

Music (Pre-U)

Play to your strengths and get the best marks whilst enjoying your craft. Lots of choice. Great for enthusiasts or those considering music at university or conservatoire.

Physics

From quarks to quasars the universe reveals its mysteries and patterns through the power of Physics. Problem solving can be fun, no challenge too big or small.

Psychology

Be astounded at how every behaviour is a complicated merger of biochemicals, genes, peer-influence, brain structure, past experience and cognition. The science of the mind.

Religious Studies

Is the world as it seems? Did the universe 'begin'? Do consequences or intentions make an action wrong? Can we reach enlightenment? Philosophy, Buddhist Thought & Ethics.