



EAST LEAKE
— ACADEMY —



Sixth Form Prospectus

2022/2023

Welcome

Year 12 and 13 is the final and most exciting stage of your journey here at East Leake Academy. Our sixth form has a unique family atmosphere where our students flourish and achieve their full potential. Here you are known, supported and guided by passionate and dedicated teachers and tutors, who are fully focused on preparing you for life after A Levels.

We fully appreciate the challenges as students move from education onto their next stage of further education, employment or training, and we have a track record of enabling them to succeed academically and secure ambitious future destinations.

Throughout the next two years, you will be given opportunities to develop your own skills in leadership, organisation and teamwork through a wide variety of student-led extracurricular activities including student committees, mentoring younger peers, running clubs and activities or community action projects. Alongside your academic studies, these experiences will help to foster independence and self-motivation.

East Leake Academy sixth formers are proud that this is their sixth form and they want you to join them on that journey.



Mrs Pam Slack
Post 16 Pastoral Leader



“Our students flourish and fulfil their highest potential.”



Why choose East Leake Academy?

Our sixth form is a vibrant and dynamic place to study with an array of opportunities for students to develop and shine.

Situated within our dedicated sixth form centre, students are encouraged to develop independent thinking and learning skills, alongside being supported and guided in their studies by our experienced and specialist team.

Whilst our focus is academic, we also offer a wide range of enrichment and extracurricular opportunities for sixth form students to supplement their studies, with a view to expanding horizons and producing successful and well-rounded individuals who are ready for life ahead.

Being a student in our sixth form offers a challenging, stimulating and rewarding environment - a place where students flourish to fulfil their full potential.

Our offer:

- A wide range of courses to support future ambitions
- A Level and BTEC options
- Excellent facilities and equipment
- All teachers based on one site
- A commitment to personalised learning
- A high success rate for academic output and destinations
- Friendly, accessible and supportive staff
- Student enrichment
- Mentoring
- Pastoral care
- Extracurricular opportunities



Outstanding results

Year on year, our sixth form goes from strength to strength. We are proud that our **A Level pass rate is 100%**.

In 2019, our students achieved superb exam results (2020 and 2021 results were equally strong, however were centre assessed and therefore not published due to Covid-19):

Average grade score: **B** (2019)

32% A*-A grades

63% A*-B grades

82% A*-C grades

First-class facilities

Sixth form students enjoy independent learning in their own sixth form centre, complete with a common room, refectory and IT suites. Study rooms are also available to support private study.

Additionally, within the academy we have fully equipped science laboratories, design and technology rooms, art rooms, food science facilities and IT suites. Green outdoor spaces provide the perfect backdrop for sports, complemented by two indoor sports halls, a fitness suite and an adjoining community leisure centre and swimming pool on site.

Beyond learning

We offer students a broad range of enrichment opportunities to support learning and help develop life skills. These opportunities allow students to develop new talents and abilities, take risks, experiment with new experiences and grow in self-confidence.

Additionally, these skills support students in completing university applications, as well as making students more appealing to future employers in a highly competitive and global job market.



Opportunities

Our students can take advantage of a wide range of opportunities, including:

- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (up to gold level)
- Becoming a member of the Student Council
- Developing business, entrepreneurial and leadership skills as part of our Young Enterprise partnership
- Drama, music, sports and themed clubs to support varied interests
- A programme of trips and visits
- International opportunities such as the CERN trip to Geneva, biology residential and overseas expeditions
- Two half-termly sixth form enrichment sessions, including visiting speakers from a wide range of professions
- Opportunities to mentor younger students
- Managing charitable events and initiatives

Independence

A key difference of sixth form life compared to year 11 is the opportunity to develop more independence, preparing students for work and higher education.

Societies form a big part of life in our sixth form centre and many of our students are pivotal in setting up their own clubs and societies, for example, theatre and politics clubs.

Additionally, students set up social events for their peers and for the wider academy. Our Sixth Form Committee is the 'voice' for students, representing their views, feedback, and recommending improvements for all year 12 and 13 students.

Transition to year 12

We aim to make transition from year 11 into sixth form study as smooth as possible.

There are many elements that make studying in the sixth form both a rewarding and an enjoyable experience.

It is important that students make the most of their time - this means not only working hard on their academic studies, but also getting involved in the many other opportunities on offer, for example peer mentoring of younger students.

Universities and employers like to see evidence of applicants demonstrating leadership skills or having participated in activities in the academy and the wider community.

Life in our sixth form centre

- Students will need to be more independent, utilise study time effectively and will be supported to develop self-discipline in their learning approach.
- Students will be focusing on fewer subjects but studying in greater depth. In order to do this they will have study periods on their timetable, which will provide opportunities to complete additional research and subject-related studies.
- Tutors will mentor students during their time in the sixth form through regular academic tutorials.
- Students will participate in an enrichment programme which offers a range of leadership and recreational activities and work experience. The activities help students develop skills and are a valuable addition to CVs and UCAS personal statements.



Planning for the future

Within our sixth form centre, we place an important emphasis on preparing our students for their onward journey in life, whether that be applying to university, an apprenticeship or entering the world of work.

University applications

We support students at every step of the way in applying for higher education courses. Our aspirations for ELA students are high and we encourage them to seek places at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other top universities, as well as guiding them on the right course options.

We arrange visits to university open days and UCAS fairs to help our students choose the right university for them.

In addition to having experienced staff on hand to support students in completing UCAS applications and personal statements, we also have a dedicated Oxbridge application advisor, who supports those students seeking highly coveted places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Higher level and degree apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular among students as a valuable way of earning a degree and work experience. At ELA, we work with a number of companies offering higher level apprenticeships. Notably, these include Rolls-Royce, HSBC and the armed forces. Last year, two of our sixth form leavers took up higher level apprenticeships within these companies.

At ELA our students have undertaken higher level and degree apprenticeships with a variety of companies both locally and nationally.

Entering employment

Our careers advisor supports sixth form students looking at jobs and career options after they complete their studies. Year 12 students also undertake an employability week to enable them to sample working life or to support future career aspirations.

All of our sixth form students have access to a careers advisor, available in the academy on a one-to-one basis.



“The decision to continue my studies at East Leake Academy was, for me, a simple one to make. From my experience attending the lower school, I was already familiar with the strong sense of community, supportive staff and high academic standards. I can confidently say that this school experience has only been enhanced during my time in the sixth form.”

Freya - Year 13 Student Leader



“One thing teachers have always taught me at ELA is the power of resilience. Being part of East Leake Academy sixth form has enabled me to continue my studies while being encouraged to be more independent and to take advantage of the numerous enrichment activities on offer. I am proud to be a student leader and, hopefully, a role model for younger students.”

Lucy - Year 13 Student Leader

Our courses

We offer a wide range of courses tailored to individual needs.

Course choices depend on a range of considerations, such as:

- GCSE qualifications
- career aspirations
- subject interests

Entry requirements

Students wishing to study A Level qualifications will need to have achieved the entry requirements in their chosen subject at GCSE, as listed on pages 13 to 21.

Students following a full package of A Level qualifications should have at least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English and maths), plus grade 6 and above in their chosen subjects.

Extended project qualification (EPQ)

At East Leake Academy, students can opt to undertake an EPQ qualification at post 16 level, alongside their A Level options.

This is a highly recognised and valuable qualification to support university applications. It consists of an independent research project on a topic chosen by the student.

The student must produce a 5,000-word essay or create a 'product' plus a 1,000-word essay. Students work independently on their project but will be guided and supported by teachers.

View our full, online course guide

www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses

Art

A Level

Whether you aspire to be a professional artist or designer, or you simply enjoy being creative, this course will enable you to develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using visual imagery. It will develop your imaginative and creative powers alongside your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. Your knowledge and understanding of artistic styles will inspire and inform the progression of your own work. You will be given opportunities to explore a diverse range of materials and techniques such as painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media, printmaking, textiles, photography, digital work, animation and video installation.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE in art, grade 5 GCSE in English and maths

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/art

Biology

A Level

Biology is the scientific study of life itself. It involves knowledge of the wide range of living things and an understanding of the life processes that they all share in common. These processes, collectively termed metabolism, enable species to survive in their environment, to reproduce and to evolve. This course is aimed at students who want to know more about how the living organisms function both within themselves and within the environment in which they live.

Entry requirements

Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) in GCSE biology, grade 6 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: OCR

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/biology

Business

A Level

Whether you hope to one day be a chief executive of a multinational company or you are simply looking for an A Level that will give you a great understanding of how the world works, business is a great option. The course has had considerable exam success and our students have progressed onto a wide range of higher education courses. You will learn all about the inner workings of the businesses you see around you every day, from your corner shop to global brands such as Nike. You will also learn how businesses plan for the future, how they stay ahead of the competition, how they manage their resources, and how they strategically operate in domestic and global markets.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE business, grade 5 GCSE maths and English. If business not taken at GCSE – grade 6 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English (A Level core maths recommended)

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/business

Chemistry

A Level

Chemistry is the scientific study of matter and chemical reactions that take place between atoms. This makes chemistry a vast subject, whether you are studying the 34 elements making up a human body, synthesising a new medicine or discovering nanoparticles for a use yet to be found. This course is aimed at students who want to know more about the everyday substances they encounter, how they behave and the environment in which they live.

Entry requirements

Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) in GCSE chemistry, grade 7 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: OCR

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/chemistry

Computer science

A Level

The computer science qualification splits learning into three sections – computer fundamentals, programming techniques and logical methods, and a programming project. A natural progression from GCSE computer science, it provides you with the perfect springboard for looking at specialising in a computing-based career. Within the course, students study a range of theory topics, which include the principles and understanding linked to programming, topics such as hardware and software, networks, systems development life cycles and implications of computer use.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE computing, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: OCR

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/computer-science

Core maths

A Level

This qualification is designed to consolidate and build on your mathematical understanding at GCSE, as well as develop your mathematical understanding and skills further in the application of maths to authentic problems. You will gain a deeper competence in the selection and use of mathematical techniques used at GCSE and beyond, develop confidence in representing and analysing authentic situations mathematically and applying maths address related questions and issues. You will also build skills in mathematical thinking, reasoning and communication.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: OCR

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/core-mathematics

Design and technology (product design)

A Level

If you are interested in any design or engineering fields then this course would be a suitable one to consider. This subject will equip you with designing skills for the future and also encourages creativity, innovation and the ability to solve problems using technological understanding. This subject complements students interested in the sciences and also the arts. The course provides a logical progression from GCSE design and technology and engineering.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE design and technology, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: Edexcel

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/design-and-technology-product-design

Drama

A Level

The study of drama and theatre at A Level takes a holistic approach to the subject although it is firmly rooted in the practical realisation of performance. You will study drama and theatre through contrasting plays and workshops, theatre text in performance, dramatic performance and theatre text in context.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE drama, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: Edexcel

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/drama

Economics

A Level

A Level economics will give you an excellent understanding of how economies allocate their scarce resources to meet the needs and wants of their citizens. You will develop a greater understanding of the economic problems which face individuals, firms and governments on a local, national and global level, and the alternative ways these problems can be resolved.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English (A Level maths recommended)

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/economics

English language

A Level

If you have a genuine interest in language development and analysis, English language is the course for you. The course will involve the exploration and analysis of various forms of spoken, written and 'electronic' English ranging from spontaneous, colloquial conversations, text messages and voice-overs to written texts produced for a specific audience and purpose. You will analyse and evaluate how language varieties have influenced the construction of a text. You will also produce original writing for a real-world purpose on a topical language issue and undertake a language investigation.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE English language, grade 5 GCSE maths

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/english-language

English literature

A Level

Ideally suited to students who are committed to the study of literature (both past and present), the course allows students to share their views on a range of texts, including poetry, prose and drama. You will be encouraged to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the social, cultural and historical contexts within which they are written, received and understood. Therefore, if you enjoy reading literature from different periods, debating and challenging the interpretations of other readers, and writing and developing your own informed, personal responses, then this course is for you.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE English literature, grade 6 English language, grade 5 GCSE maths

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/english-literature

Film studies

A Level

Why should you study film? Film is the major mass art form of the 21st century and the future looks set to see it grow. Film is an integral part of our culture. It is not only fascinating to look at how films are constructed and how they affect us, but also to ask what they tell us about our society, our understanding of the world around us, and how this differs from nation to nation and culture to culture. You will be studying cinema in all its diversity from animation to classics, from horror to comedy. We will look at how film is produced, how it communicates meaning, and how it impacts us as individuals and as a society.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE English, grade 5 GCSE maths

Examination board: WJEC

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/film-studies

Food science and nutrition

WJEC Level 3 Diploma

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles. Care providers and nutritionists in hospitals use this knowledge, as do sports coaches and fitness instructors. Hotels and restaurants, food manufacturers and government agencies also use this understanding to develop menus, food products and policies that support healthy eating initiatives. This qualification offers you a chance to develop both practical and academic skills through applied learning, for example, through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful, work-related contexts, linked to industry.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 GCSE food science, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: WJEC

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/food-science-and-nutrition

French

A Level

Do you enjoy unravelling the French language? Are you interested in the life and culture of French speaking countries? If so, a French A Level will help you to embed a range of transferable skills including communication, research skills and creativity, which will be a valuable tool in your working life. The content of the course can offer a key to success if you are looking for a career with international connections, or as an add-on to a bundle of subjects at A Level or university standard.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE French, grade 5 GCSE English and maths

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/french

Further maths

A Level

Further maths is designed for you if you have an enthusiasm for maths, and want to go on to degrees in maths, engineering, the sciences and economics. The qualification is deeper and broader than A Level maths. As well as building on algebra and calculus introduced in A Level maths, the core content introduces complex numbers and matrices, fundamental ideas with wide applications in engineering, physical sciences and computing. The non-core contents include different options that can enable students to specialise in areas of maths that are particularly relevant to their interests and future aspirations.

Entry requirements

Grade 8 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/further-mathematics

Geography

A Level

Geography stimulates an interest in and a sense of wonder about places. It helps you make sense of a complex and dynamically changing world. It explains where places are, how places and landscapes are formed, how people and their environment interact, and how a diverse range of economies, societies and environments are interconnected. It builds on students' own experiences to investigate places at all scales, from the personal to the global. By studying geography you will develop a greater understanding of the world around you including the many conflicts and challenges that we as a society will face in the future. You will become problem solvers, forward thinkers and the leaders of tomorrow.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE geography, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/geography

German

A Level

Whatever plans you have for the future, a knowledge of German will increase your career options. For example, knowing the language of your German business partner improves relations and therefore fosters effective communication and global success. Did you know that German is the second most commonly used scientific language? Many important websites are in German and Germany is also ranked within the top ten countries globally in terms of annual publication of new books. Knowledge of German therefore offers you extensive international connections for a broad spectrum of careers and interests, all of which are reasons why a German A Level will give you the skills you will need to contribute to a multinational and multilingual society.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE German, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/german

History

A Level

History enables you to develop key skills such as analysis and evaluation of historical sources, an awareness of different interpretations, presentation skills and essay writing skills in which you can effectively deliver a supported argument. History allows you the opportunity to access a broad range of degree subjects and careers, and employers regard it as a strong academic subject.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE history, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/history

Maths

A Level

A Level maths provides a framework to continue study after GCSE and supports your mathematical needs across a broad range of other subjects at this level. It also supports the study of A Level further maths. The course introduces calculus and its applications. It emphasises how maths ideas are interconnected and how maths can be applied to model situations mathematically using algebra and other representations, to help make sense of data, to understand the physical world, and to solve problems in a variety of contexts, including social sciences and business.

Entry requirements

Grade 7 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/mathematics

Media studies

A Level

Mass media is one of the most fascinating world-changing phenomena of the last 100 years. Media studies draws on sociology, psychology, art, economics and business studies to provide a valuable insight into the theory and practice of mass communication. This exciting course aims to provide a range of media skills and knowledge relevant to you as both critical consumers and competent producers of media. In addition to extending your own understanding and enjoyment of media texts, it would certainly improve your career prospects as communication in all its forms is becoming more sophisticated and calling for a more educated workforce.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE media studies, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: WJEC/Eduqas

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/media-studies

Music

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

If you love music and you are interested in a music career and want to develop your technical skills in music performance, this is the course for you. You will get plenty of time to learn about the necessary skills to be a successful performing musician along with learning about the jobs available in the music industry. You will gain experience in recording, live sound, performing, song writing and analysing music. You will also have the opportunity to be involved in various gigs and have the chance to visit recording studios and meet industry professionals who will be able to guide you in your future career.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE music, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: Edexcel

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/music

Photography

A Level

A Level photography will particularly appeal to you if you want to communicate ideas visually, have an interest in the relationship between art and photography, enjoy looking at and discussing photographic work and want to engage with practical project-based photography. You will be offered a variety of experiences that explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes. You will explore relevant images and resources relating to a range of photography, art and design, from the past and from recent times.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/photography

Physics

A Level

Do you want to investigate the limits of space, the beginning of time and everything in between? You will already have come across some of the concepts of physics at GCSE - forces, energy, waves, radioactivity, electricity and magnetism. At A Level you will start to see how these ideas work together, and begin to grasp the universal principles that apply to everything from the smallest atoms to the largest galaxies.

Entry requirements

Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) GCSE physics, grade 7 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/physics

Physical education

A Level

Physical education is a two year course where you will be equipped with both a depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding and skills relating to scientific, socio-cultural and practical aspects of physical education.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE PE, grade 5 GCSE maths and English

Examination board: OCR

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/physical-education

Psychology

A Level

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. A subject which we can all relate to from our own experiences. The course examines research attempting to address broad issues such as how we can improve our memory, bring about social change and treat phobias. A topic-based approach to the subject is adopted enabling students to develop knowledge and understanding of the core areas in psychology. The emphasis is on scientific analysis involving interpretation and evaluation of data using statistics. Students will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of classroom experiments gaining first-hand experience of research.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 GCSE maths, grade 5 GCSE English

Examination board: AQA

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/psychology

Sociology

A Level

This course equips you with the ability to identify and understand the processes, methods and concepts that shape lives, create experiences, solve problems and explore possibilities in the modern world. Because sociology addresses the most challenging issues of our time, it is a rapidly expanding field whose potential is increasingly tapped by those who lead in the fields of politics, law, business and education. Sociology is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of careers.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 GCSE maths and English

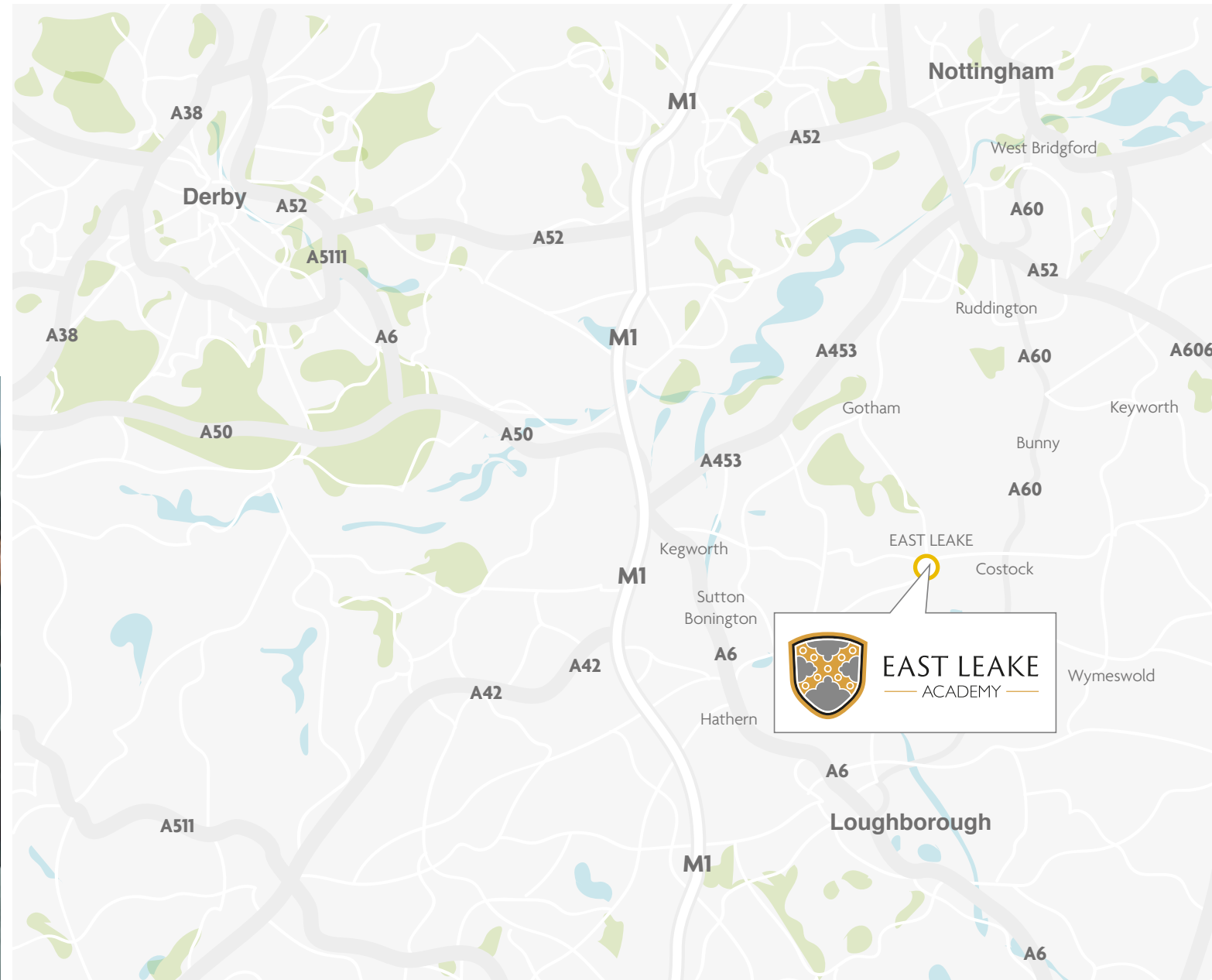
Examination board: Eduqas

Find out more at: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/sociology



How to apply

For details of how to apply, please visit the sixth form section of the academy website or email sixthform@eastleake-ac.org.uk



Our location

East Leake is ideally located for easy access to Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester and Derby. We are close to all major road and rail networks. There are frequent buses from the village into Nottingham and Loughborough, providing students with easy access to national and international sporting events, shopping and city attractions.

Contact us

For further information or to arrange a visit to the sixth form centre please do not hesitate to contact us:

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