









**Mrs Pam Slack** Post 16 Pastoral Leader

## WELCOME

Sixth form is the final and most exciting stage of your journey here at East Leake Academy. We have a unique family atmosphere where our students flourish and achieve their full potential. Here you will be known, supported, and guided by passionate, dedicated teachers. Our sixth form staff are all verv experienced in helping prepare our students for life after A levels.

We understand the challenges our students face as they move onto further education, employment or training and will support them every step of the way. This begins with our enrichment sessions in year 12 with weekly presentations from universities, apprenticeship providers and employers and continues through to the final stages of their applications in year 13. In year 12 you will undertake a week of work experience and will be encouraged to further develop the super curricular where you can enjoy getting to aspect of your studies by completing massive open online course (MOOCS) informal and fun way. alongside your A levels.

Throughout the next two years, you will be given many opportunities to develop your skills in leadership,

organisation and teamwork through a wide variety of studentled activities such as sixth form committee, peer mentoring, running clubs, helping with reading intervention or community action projects. These will also contribute to our Community Contribution Award which is designed to develop your employability skills as well as fostering independence and recognises the contribution that many of you make in the community such as helping with a Brownie pack, playing for a local football team or helping with a village litter pick.

Health and wellbeing are an important part of sixth form life. As well as weekly health and wellbeing sessions where you can make use of the sports facilities, we also have Friday evening staff and sixth form football and netball know your teachers in a more

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

# VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS



**Our ethos** 

## ENSURING GREAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT WE DO

OUR RESULTS ARE **IMPRESSIVE** 

AND OUR FOCUS

IS ACADEMIC

OUR SIXTH FORM IS A **VIBRANT** AND **DYNAMIC** PLACE TO STUDY WITH AN ARRAY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP AND **SHINE** 

Warm, friendly and supportive environment HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT OUR CORE



High expectations at all times

EXPERIENCES

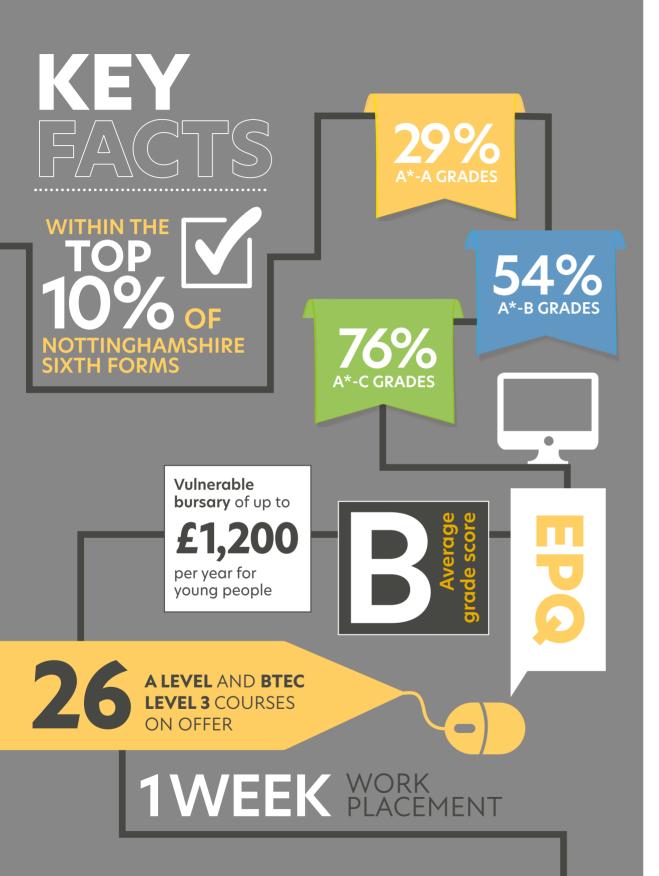
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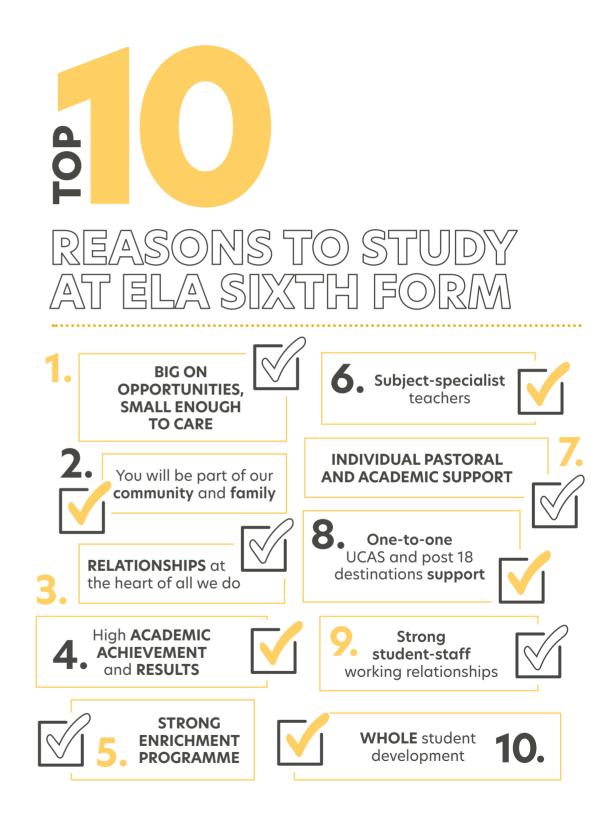
PASSIONATE AND DEDICATED TEACHERS AND TUTORS

# STUDY WITH US

East Leake Academy sixth form is like being part of a family – I love it here and have made friends for life.

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# STUDENT LIFE

Being in our sixth form is such fun - I've been involved in charity events, shows and performances, as well as lots of trips.

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Young entrepreneurs





Trips and visits programme

## STUDENT COMMITTEE

l'm part of our Student Committee - it really gives sixth formers a voice. Life in our sixth form allows students more independence and freedom, including an array of enrichment opportunities to support learning and the development of life skills.



Charity and community events







**STUDENT VOICE** 





# FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

ELA has high academic expectations but teachers are really caring towards students. 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.



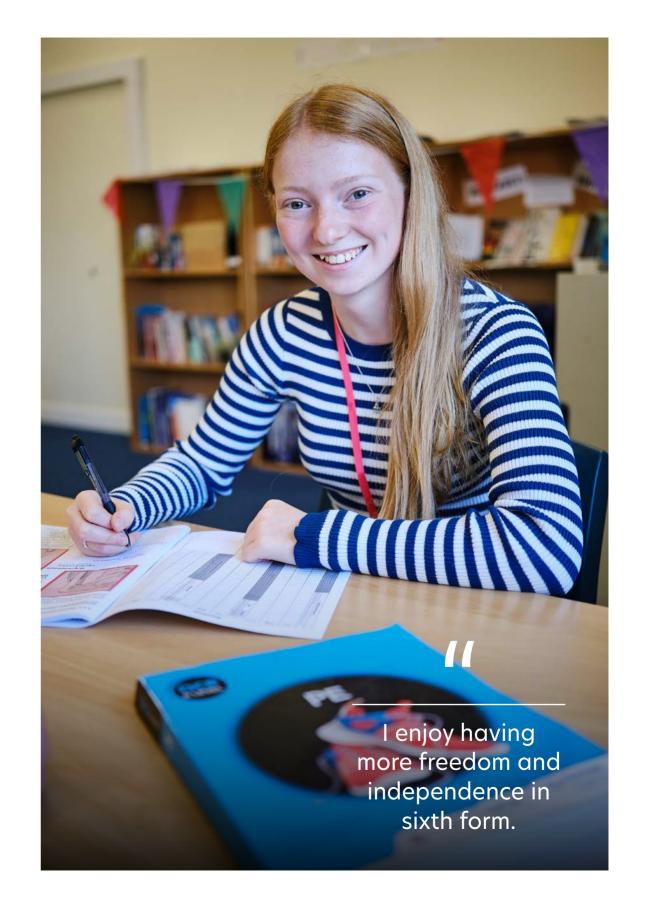
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Within the academy, we have fully equipped science laboratories, design and technology rooms, art rooms, food science facilities and IT suites. Green outdoor spaces provide the perfect backdrop for sports, complemented by two indoor sports halls, a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

# YOUR ONWARD JOURNEY



Future pathways

## SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE PATHWAYS

UCAS and university destinations support

## Access to Unifrog

**Personalised** careers advice

**DEDICATED** Oxbridge advisors

**Preparing** for apprenticeships

The careers support I've had has been fantastic and really helped me pick the right university for me.

NGTU

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

ICAS

www.ucas.com





www.unifrog.org

RATEMY APPRENTICESHIP



# YOUR STUDY OPTIONS

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> I chose my course because I knew the teachers and they are so supportive.

## **Extended Project Qualification** [EPQ]

At East Leake Academy, students can opt to undertake an EPQ aualification 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.

#### 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 alonaside vour 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.

#### 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.

#### **Business**

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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 areat 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 Entry requirements Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) Grade 6 GCSE business. If business Grade 6 GCSE in art. Five grade in GCSE biology, grade 6 GCSE not taken at GCSE - grade 6 5s at GCSE including English and maths. Five arade 5s at GCSE GCSE maths. (A level core maths recommended). Five grade 5s at including English GCSE including English **Examination board: Examination board: Examination board:**

AQA

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

maths

www.eastleake-ac.ora.uk/ sixth-form/courses/biology

Find out more at:

OCR

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

Find out more at:

AQA

View our courses online www.eastleake-ac.ora.uk/ sixth-form/courses

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Chemistry is an essential A level for students wishing to pursue a career in medicine. Many students progress to university and become doctors, pharmacists, dentists and forensic scientists. Chemistry is an exciting STEM subject that can lead to many career possibilities. During the course, you will take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities throughout the two years such as the Chemistry Cambridge Challenge, Chemistry Olympiad, and the chance to be a chemistry ambassador to support students in lower years. You will have the opportunity to attend trips to see the application of chemistry in the wider world.

#### Computer science

A level The computer science aualification 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 sprinaboard for looking at specialising in a computina-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.

## Core maths

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This auglification 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 auestions and issues. You will also build skills in mathematical thinking, reasoning and communication.

## **Design and** technology: product design

A level

D&T product design will enable vou to use creativity and imagination when applying iterative design processes to develop and modify designs, and to design and make prototypes that solve real world problems. You will have the opportunity to work collaboratively to develop and refine ideas. responding to feedback from users, peers and expert practitioners as well as gaining an insight into the creative, engineering and/or manufacturing industries. You will also further develop an indepth knowledge and understanding of tools. materials, components and processes associated with the creation of products that can be tested and evaluated in use.

## 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.

#### **Economics**

**Entry requirements** 

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A level economics will aive vou 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 aovernments on a local. national and global level, and the alternative wavs these problems can be resolved.

#### **Entry requirements**

Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) in GCSE chemistry, grade 7 GCSE maths. Five arade 5s at GCSE including English

#### **Entry requirements**

Grade 6 GCSE computing. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

#### **Entry requirements**

Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

Grade 6 GCSE maths, (A level maths Level 2 merit in engineering Grade 6 GCSE drama. Five grade or grade 5 GCSE design and 5s at GCSE including English and recommended). Five grade 5s at technology. Five grade 5s at GCSE maths GCSE including English including English and maths

Entry requirements

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Pearson/Edexel	OCR	AQA	
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I love that teachers are familiar and know me well - they've seen me through GCSEs and now A levels.

#### 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 voiceovers 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

#### English literature

A level

If you love reading and want to explore texts from a variety of time periods and genres, then this is the course for you. Students will be able to enjoy analysing poetry, drama and prose from a variety of critical viewpoints, debating and challenging different interpretations. You will have the opportunity to examine texts of your choice as well as developing critical responses to a wide variety of tragic and social/political literature. Opportunities to attend the estational is suffering on a set

#### **Film studies**

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Why should you study film? Film is the major mass art form of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the future looks set to see it arow. 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 comody Mawill look at

rou Will also produce original writing for a real-world purpose on a topical language issue and undertake a language investigation.	are also an integral part of the literature experience.	comeay. 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	Entry requirements	Entry requirements
Grade 6 GCSE English language. Five grade 5s at GCSE including maths	Grade 6 in English literature, grade 5 in GCSE English language. Five grade 5s at GCSE including maths	Grade 6 GCSE English. Five grade 5 at GCSE including maths

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www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/english- language	www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/english- literature		

## Food science and nutrition

We offer the WJEC Level 3 **E**o Applied Diploma in this subject. An understanding Q of food science and nutrition is relevant to  $\overline{\Box}$ many industries and iob 70 roles. Many employment opportunities within the 0 field of food science and 0 nutrition are available to graduates. This is  $\mathbf{m}$ an applied aeneral qualification. This means it is designed primarily to support learners progressing to university. It has been designed to offer exciting, interesting experiences that focus learning for 16-19 year old learners through applied learning, i.e. through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful, work-related contexts, linked to the food production industry.

## 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 vour working life. The content of the course can offer a kev 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.

#### Further maths

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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.

## 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 areater 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.

Grade 6 GCSE geography. Five

and maths

grade 5s at GCSE including English

## 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 vou 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 vou will need to contribute to a multinational and multilinaual society.

## History

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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 vou the opportunity to access a broad range of dearee subjects and careers, and employers regard it as a strong academic subject.

Entry requirements

maths

Grade 6 GCSE history. Five grade

5s at GCSE including English and

Entry	requirements	

Merit in Level 2 hospitality and

catering. Five grade 5s at GCSE

including English and maths

## Entry requirements

Grade 7 GCSE French. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

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Grade 8 GCSE maths. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English

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Entry requirements

maths

Grade 6 GCSE German. Five grade

5s at GCSE including English and

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

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#### Maths

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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.

## Media studies

A level Mass media is one of the most fascinatina worldchanging 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 gims 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 7 GCSE maths. Five grade 5s Grade 6 GCSE media studies. Five

at GCSE including English

## Entry requirements

grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

#### Entry requirements

**Examination board:** 

Edexcel

Music

Certificate

Extended

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**BTEC Level** 

If you love music and

vou are interested in

want to develop your

technical skills in music

performance, this is the

course for you. You will

about the necessary

skills to be a successful

with learning about the

industry. You will agin

experience in recording.

live sound, performing,

analysing music. You will

to be involved in various

gigs and have the chance

to visit recording studios

professionals who will be

able to quide you in your

also have the opportunity

song writing and

and meet industry

future career.

get plenty of time to learn

performing musician along

jobs available in the music

a music career and

Grade 6 GCSE music. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

Examination board:	Examination board:
AQA	WJEC/Eduqas
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www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/mathematics	www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/media-studies

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## 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 projectbased 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.

Grade 6 in GCSE photography. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths

#### **Examination board:**

#### AQA

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





This course equips you

and understand the

concepts that shape

solve problems and

with the ability to identify

processes, methods and

lives, create experiences,

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

Sociology

level

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#### Physics

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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 arasp the universal principles that apply to everything from the smallest atoms to the largest galaxies. Physics is an ideal subject to lead onto careers in the Armed Forces, engineering, chemistry, mathematics, the airline industry, and accountancy. The fact that physics is a high calibre A level makes students desirable to all areas of industry and commerce.

Physical education

Physical education is a

two year course where you

will be equipped with both

knowledge, understanding

a depth and breadth of

scientific, socio-cultural

and practical aspects

of physical education.

Physical education at

A level is recognised

as a strong academic

qualification which is

highly respected by

and skills relating to

A level

#### Entry requirements

**Examination board:** 

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

Find out more at:

AQA

Grade 7 (double) or grade 6 (triple) GCSE physics, grade 7 GCSE maths. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English

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Grade 6 GCSE PE. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English and maths		Grade 6 GCSE maths. Five grade 5s at GCSE including English		Grade 6 in GCSE English language or literature. Five grade 5s at GCSE including maths	
E-4	media, sports engineering and sports coaching. ry requirements		erience of research. uirements	Entr	y requirements
	employers. Subsequently there are now a number of courses at prestigious universities which students can go on to study following A level PE. These include physical education, sports and exercise science, sports and exercise psychology, sport business management, physiotherapy, sports	deve and of th psyo is or invo and usin will to to of cl gair	bing students to elop knowledge understanding ne core areas in chology. The emphasis n scientific analysis lving interpretation evaluation of data g statistics. Students have the opportunity ake part in a variety lassroom experiments ning first-hand		in the fields of politics, law, business and education. Sociology is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of careers.

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific

behaviour. A subject which

we can all relate to from

our own experiences. The

course examines research

broad issues such as how

attempting to address

we can improve our

memory, bring about

treat phobias. A topic-

the subject is adopted

social change and

based approach to

study of the mind and

A level

#### **Entry requirements**

If you wish to study A level qualifications with us, you will need to have achieved the minimum entry requirements in your chosen subjects at GCSE. These can be found for every subject in our A level course listing pages.

As a guide, you should have at least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English and maths), plus grade 6 and above in your chosen subjects.

#### Apply online

Apply for your place online by visiting

www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/how-to-apply

#### Any questions?

Contact us at any time if you need help or support with your application to our sixth form.

Email: sixthform@eastleake-ac.org.uk Call us on 01509 852424



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