

# A Levels & GCSEs

Our achievement rate for A Level courses in 08/09 was:

**97%**

Our achievement rate for GCSE courses in 08/09 was:

**100%**

Make your own choices from our wide range of A Level and GCSE courses. Get the grades you need, in the subjects you love, for the future you want.



## Subjects you can study

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Biology               | Law                 |
| Business studies      | Mathematics         |
| Chemistry             | Further mathematics |
| English               | Media studies       |
| Film studies          | Photography         |
| Fine art              | Physics             |
| Geography             | Psychology          |
| Government & politics | Sociology           |
| History (modern)      |                     |

### General Certificate in Secondary Education (GCSEs)

CA0057  
Course length: 1 year



### A (AS/A2) Level

CA0059  
Course length: 2 years

### UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



### A (AS/A2) Level Fast Track

CA0064  
Course length: 1 year

### UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



For those who need to improve on some of their GCSE grades.

#### Course content

After discussion with a tutor you will be given a personal programme to suit your needs. This will include GCSE subjects such as English, Mathematics, Biology, Psychology, Media studies and Sociology. It may include one AS Level to further your progress towards other courses or a career.

#### Key/functional skills

All students need to do the three units in English, Maths and IT. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

#### Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grades D/E and a positive school reference.

#### After the course is finished

Appropriately qualified candidates may progress on to many other courses including GCE AS/A Levels or BTEC Nationals. Alternatively, you may go straight to employment.

#### Your say



**Nicola Quillin**  
A Levels

I chose to come to Bracknell because of the courses that were offered, mainly, but after my interview I was mostly struck by how friendly my interviewer was. This attitude continued during my first year. My tutor is really helpful if I have a problem or question, and it's easy to solve issues with her help.

The whole atmosphere at college is totally different to school, including the students' attitudes to each other. I've found it a much more enjoyable experience than my previous school.

#### Your say



**Juliet Kinuthia**  
A Levels - Art

Being in college is one of my best experiences in life so far. Seeing the college grow and develop into such an amazing place makes me feel very happy that I decided to come here. You meet new faces every year and you gain trust and independence in your course. Also the new college helps me aim to do my best this year.

You may choose to study three, four or even five subjects during your first year at Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level.

You will normally choose three subjects during your second year to study to full A Level, although combinations of A Levels, AS Levels and GCSE subjects may be chosen. Many combinations are possible and A Levels can be combined with some vocational courses.

#### Key/functional skills

All students need to do the IT unit. You will be assessed when you join us to make sure that we teach you at the right level.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs. Some A Levels require specific GCSE grades, please see individual course.

#### After the course is finished

You may wish to progress to a wide range of degree courses at universities or improve your employment opportunities.

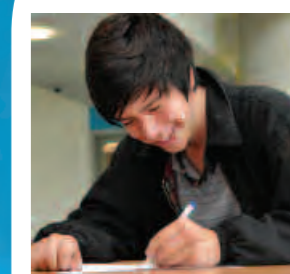
The course is for those who need a 'fast track' to A Levels, perhaps because you have been in employment or are re-sitting.

The course will be an individually-designed programme of two or three AS/A2 Levels. It may also include GCSE subjects from the comprehensive range shown under 'subjects you can study'. Many combinations are possible. Advice about subjects will be given at interview.

#### Entry requirements

Five separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, plus AS Level qualification. This will be discussed at interview. Please note: this course is not suited to 16 year olds. Mature students may be considered on interview.

#### Your say



**Jamie Findlay**  
Fast track A Levels

Bracknell & Wokingham College has been a good experience for me, I have made lots of friends and have got on well with all of my tutors, a great learning experience and a stepping stone between school and university.



## A Level subjects you can study

### UCAS

UCAS tariff points available



### Biology

CA9334

This course will answer the questions: How does the body work? Should we develop genetically-modified organisms? AS module topics include: cell structure, biochemistry, heart, lungs, circulation diseases, DNA and genetic engineering.

At A2 Level the course will give you biological knowledge and the ability to understand solutions to human problems of a social, environmental and technological nature. Biology is particularly suitable for those wishing to embark on a career in medicine, nursing, the paramedical profession and industry.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including grade B in Biology or Science. This will be discussed at interview.

### Business studies

CA9351

Business studies draws on a variety of disciplines but focuses on four modules: Planning and financing a business; Managing a business; Strategies for success; Business environment and managing change.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including Maths and English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Chemistry

CA0458

This course enables you to develop and use practical techniques in analysis, to observe trends in the behaviour of substances, solve simple chemical problems, study the application of chemistry in selected fields, together with the social and economic aspects.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C including grade B in Science and Maths. This will be discussed at interview.

### English

CA9311

This course is a combined language and literature A Level. The course encourages the development of skills in writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. You will read poetry, novels and drama to broaden your knowledge and understanding of different texts. You will learn to write creatively and analytically.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, one in English at the Higher tier. This will be discussed at interview. All students are required to demonstrate competence in Key Skills.

### Film studies

CA9312

Film Studies introduces you to a range of films and a range of ways of understanding and enjoying them. It encourages a critical approach to film that takes into account the cinema as a multinational industry that is not confined to the familiar Hollywood model.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C. This will be discussed at interview.

### Fine art

CA0457

You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design from the past and from recent times, including European and non-European examples. You will explore drawing and painting using a variety of methods, processes and techniques. Field trips are included on the course.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including Art. This will be discussed at interview.

### Geography

CA9322

This is a flexible programme that provides opportunities to study physical, human and environmental Geography and to explore their relationships.

### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including Maths and English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Government & politics

CA9314

Studying politics gives a critical awareness of up-to-date events and an appreciation of differing views. You will study the Prime Minister, Cabinet, elections and political parties as well as issues such as law and order, immigration and education

### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, one being English. This will be discussed at interview.

### History (modern)

CA9354

AS Level involves two examined modules. The first module looks at Britain in the Interwar years between 1918 and 1939. The second discusses the dictatorship and democracy in Germany 1933-63. At A2 Level the first module is coursework. The second module evaluates Russian history between 1855 and 1964.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including grade B in English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Law

CA9324

The aim of the Law course is to provide grounding in the main principles of English Law. The topics covered are the English legal system (sources, personnel and the courts) and the criminal law (principles of liability, murder, manslaughter, assault, theft, robbery, burglary and defences).

#### Entry requirements

Five separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including grade B in English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Mathematics

CA9328

Mathematics is an exciting and challenging subject which is highly regarded by both universities and employers. This course includes units of pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs including grade B in Maths. This will be discussed at interview.

### Further mathematics

CA9320

Further mathematics is a very challenging course for those who show particular aptitude for the subject. You will need to study AS Level Mathematics as well.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C including grade B in Maths. This will be discussed at interview.

### Media studies

CA9325

Media studies includes a wide range of issues surrounding the media. Topics studied include regulation/censorship and the representation of social groups and the power of the media. The course studies a range of media products including TV, press, magazines, film and radio.

### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C. This will be discussed at interview.

### Photography

CA9339

You will study portraiture, documentary or photojournalism, landscaping, objects (still life or from the natural world) and experimental imagery. The historical and contemporary development and different styles and genres of photography are covered.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, one being English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Physics

CA0463

What makes the moon stay in the sky? How did the universe form? Why do all things fall to the Earth? Why do you sometimes get an electric shock from your car? Physics investigates and attempts to explain these physical phenomena and many more.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including grade B in Science and Maths. This will be discussed at interview.

### Psychology

CA9338

Psychology literally means study of the soul or mind. It examines how humans (and animals) behave and why they do so. It involves many different topic areas, including what is normal and abnormal? What therapies are available to people?

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C, including Maths and English. This will be discussed at interview.

### Sociology

CA9326

A Level Sociology will introduce you to a wide range of social issues and encourage you to examine society in a critical way. AS modules cover family, education and methodology. A2 modules deal with religion, deviance and sociological theories.

#### Entry requirements

Four separate, relevant GCSEs at grades A\*-C. This will be discussed at interview.

### Your say



**Daniel Akyeampong**  
A Levels

I've had a great time here so far, nice, friendly environment. Meeting people every day and learning every day as well. This is quite different from my previous schools. Teachers are so helpful.