

Business analysis

Sports therapy

Multi-media developer

Financial trading

Entrepreneur

Dental nurse

Accountancy

Acting

Human resources

Drama therapy

Logistics

Historian/archivist

Sports journalism

Broadcasting

Psychotherapist

Engineering

Arts administration

IT systems engineer

Forensics

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ITCHEN

SIXTH FORM

COLLEGE

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JOIN US ON A JOURNEY, FROM 'A' TO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE.

A very warm welcome to Itchen Sixth Form College

At Itchen we think success is as individual as you are. We support all our students to develop their confidence and resilience in a welcoming and inclusive environment, and encourage the highest aspirations.

We strive for excellence in learning, and every member of our engaging and inspiring team is driven by supporting students to reach their goals.

We are a medium-sized college of approximately 1400 students – small enough to ensure that every student is known and valued, yet big enough to ensure we offer the range of courses and opportunities you need to progress.

Our academic and vocational programmes provide defined pathways to competitive university degrees and employment.

Our students are offered a range of further opportunities to get ahead, including work placements and volunteering activities, extra qualifications and national and international trips to enhance their studies.

Your future starts here at Itchen Sixth Form College, and we will support your journey every step of the way.

Alex Scott PRINCIPAL



Outstanding
education programmes
for young people

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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

WAYPOINTS & BEYOND

At Itchen Sixth Form College we are very proud of the high levels of support and enrichment that we provide for our students.

This is reflected in the fact that our students generally achieve higher grades at the end of their studies than they were predicted at the beginning. As a result, we firmly believe that Itchen students leave us well prepared for their future careers, whatever routes they take.

Patrick Harris



Subjects:

Btec Sport

Grades: Dist*Dist*Dist*

Destination:

University of Plymouth –
Physiotherapy

Leo Garner



Subjects:

Business Dist
IT & Computing

Grades: Dist*Dist*

Destination:

Employment
Shipping Agent



Sydney Holmes



Subjects:
Psychology, Sociology,
Law, Crim & EPQ

Grades:
A* A* A* A* A*

Destination:
University of
Southampton
Psychology

Will Laidlaw



Subjects:
Maths, Economics, Govt &
Politics & EPQ

Grades: A* A A B

Destination:
University of Bristol
Economics

Leah Bigwood



Subjects:
Business

Grades: Dist*Dist*Dist

Destination:
Employment –
Liberty Leasing

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Vojtech Janovec



Subjects:
Maths, Accounting,
Economics
Grades: A A*A
Destination:
The University
of Edinburgh
Software
Engineering

Elena Williams



Subjects:
Biology,
Psychology & PE
Grades: A A A
Destination:
Loughborough
University
Sport and Exercise
Science (with
placement
year)

Lucas Rawlings



Subjects:
Travel Art & Design, Business
& Photography
Grades: Dist*, Dist, B
Destination:
University of the Arts
London Fashion
Marketing



Jamie Jewell



Subjects:
Govt & Politics,
Sociology & History
Grades: A A*A
Destination:
University of
Portsmouth
History

Richie Fernandez



Subjects:
Business, Art Graphics
& Economics
Grades: A A A
Destination:
University of
Southampton
Business
Entrepreneurship
with
Placement

Evie Buckley



Subjects:
Art & Design,
Art Graphic & Fine Art
Grades: Dist* A* A*
Destination:
University of Salford
Fashion Image
Making and
Styling

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

There is a range of options, and the team at Itchen will help you create an academic programme which is right for you.

Each level of study has entry requirements – see the table opposite.

Check each course you are interested in for their entry requirements. All applications are considered and assessed on an individual basis.



General GCSE Guidance

We advise students to aim for at least five GCSEs at grades 9-4 or A*-C to have the best opportunities for progression in their chosen subjects.

A Levels vs Vocational Qualifications

There are several differences in terms of course structure, course content and how much coursework is involved. Many students take a mixture of A Levels and vocational subjects, based on their personal preference and how well their subjects complement each other.

Why an A Level may be right for you:

- Assessment is based mostly or only on examined content at the end of the two years of study
- The A Level structure usually revolves around key themes or areas which are developed throughout the two years of study
- The course may involve more academic study, through theoretical and written work
- They are run to A Levels as single awards, which allows you to take three A Levels alongside each other

Why a vocational qualification may be right for you:

- Assessment is based mostly or only assessed coursework produced throughout the two years of study
- Subject topics are broken down into units or separate modules
- The course may have a more practical and skills based focus
- Can be offered as single, double or triple awards, which allows you to specialise in certain areas eg: I.T (double award), Sport (triple award)

Both options will allow you to progress to university, and students' study programmes may also be enriched by extra qualifications or enrichment activities, such as the Academy of Sport or Extended Project Qualification.

Subject choices will be discussed at interview, and our interviewers can suggest which pathway may be right for you. However, no firm decisions will be made until you enrol at the college in August. At this stage, decisions will be based on your GCSE results and your chosen future pathway.

	Entry requirements from school	Type of qualification	Progression guidance
Level 3	Grades 9-4 and A*- C in five GCSEs, including English or Maths	A Level	Higher Education or career pathway
Level 3	Grades 9-4 and A*- C in four GCSEs, including English or Maths	Vocational Diploma/ Subsidiary Diploma/ Certificate	Higher Education or career pathway
Level 2	Grades 3-2 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 3-2 and D-E	Vocational Diploma/ Extended Certificate/ GCSE	Able to progress to Level 3 with Merit or above and GCSE Maths & English Grade 9-4
Level 1 and Entry Level	No qualifications needed	A range of Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications as part of a Foundation Learning programme	Pass at Entry Level may allow progression to Level 1, Level 2 or other pathway

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE — FOR YOU

Life at Itchen isn't just about work and study. Alongside your studies at Itchen Sixth Form, you can get involved in a variety of extra opportunities, making new friends, enjoying new experiences and building your skills. These opportunities can broaden your experiences and give you an extra edge when it comes to interviews for employment and university.

A typical student has lessons for around two-thirds of the college week, giving you time to complete your independent study as well as getting involved in enrichment activities such as sports, clubs and societies, even picking up an additional qualification.



Enrichment

Every day at lunchtime there is a variety of extra activities that you can enjoy. These include just for fun sports sessions, dance groups, book clubs, creative workshops and music groups. Whatever your study programme, you can join these groups depending on your interests.

Guest Speakers

We welcome a number of guest speakers into college every week. These speakers offer face-to-face and online talks for students, introducing them to Higher Education and employment opportunities, as well as offering specialist insight into academic and professional fields of interest. Students are able to build their own contact networks and benefit from the expertise of these inspiring individuals.

Trips and Visits

We love taking students out to new places, in this country and abroad. Trips usually link directly with programmes of study, providing industry insight or contextualising learning, as well as being an opportunity to strengthen friendships and learn beyond the classroom. You might conduct your own fieldwork or research, or get to explore the facilities at universities, major employers or even a prison.

Work Experience

All of our students take part in work experience during their course. We work with you individually to identify and source placements. Most students have placement linked to their career interests, but all students enjoy finding out more about the workplace, and building their transferable employability skills in a work environment.

What will college be like for me?

Your college experience will be bespoke to your interests and aspirations, so you can build a timetable to suit you. Your programme of study may be unique to you.

For example as a student studying A level Psychology, A level History and Criminology, you might be interested in playing table tennis for fun during Monday lunchtimes and taking a life drawing class during Wednesday lunchtimes. As part of your courses, you could expect to visit a law court and a prison, Hampton Court Palace and University of Portsmouth for a Psychology workshop. You could expect to meet and listen to guest speakers sharing their research in Forensic Psychology, and their experiences as a magistrate. You might participate in workshops for Holocaust Memorial Day and to have an opportunity to showcase your own writing on the subject in a City exhibition.

As a student studying Extended Diploma Sport, you might be interested in joining the Sport Academy to play Football for one of the college teams, training on Monday mornings and playing in matches on Wednesday afternoons. You might also enjoy lunchtime Badminton on Thursdays. In your course, you could expect to visit the University of Winchester for a Sport Science workshop, have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers share their research in Sports Performance, and participate in outdoor activities such as kayaking and climbing. You can also expect to build your skills profile with a multi-skills coaching qualification and undertake work experience in a sports coaching position.

"The thing that I have most enjoyed about Itchen is the amazing range of different trips that the college offers to you, giving you a look into different jobs and opportunities. This helps you in deciding where you want to go after college."

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

STUDENT SUPPORT

Support at Itchen Sixth Form College

One of our greatest strengths at Itchen Sixth Form College is the high level of support which our students receive throughout their studies, and our friendly, community feel. We pride ourselves on the quality and accessibility of both the academic and pastoral support offered to our learners. Our staff are based in a centrally located office, and are available to discuss personal issues, give careers and Higher Education advice, help you to organise work experience and more. Our Student Support team is a key part of Itchen, and will offer bespoke support for a variety of issues.



Careers and Higher Education guidance

Our careers and Higher Education guidance staff are specialists in their areas, and can guide you through the process of planning your career or applying to university. Throughout the year we organise careers events, Higher Education workshops, guest speakers and external trips to workplaces and universities, which can help you to plan your next steps. Our careers and Higher Education guidance is supported by the excellent Unifrog platform.

Work experience and employability

In addition to having a dedicated Work Experience Coordinator to help students to organise work experience placements, we will advise you on CVs, prepare you for interviews, and inform you of part-time and full-time employment opportunities. We aim to prepare you for life after college, and we will expect you to complete a period of work experience, regardless of your level of study.

Partnerships with parents

Itchen Sixth Form College hosts regular Review Days throughout the year, and we will keep parents updated on your progress via our Parent Information System. This online system allows parents to check on your attendance, grades, and targets, and to contact your teachers and tutors easily by email. Parents also receive a handbook, containing key information at the start of the year.

Tutor system

All students will have a personal tutor, who can help you manage your targets during your time at Itchen. Your tutor will also liaise with your parents/guardians and subject teachers.

Study Mentors

We have a team of friendly and supportive study mentors, who will work with you to keep you on track with your studies. You may not need to use a study mentor, but it's reassuring to know that the support is available if you find your courses difficult at any stage.

Wellbeing

We provide various forms of support, to meet the health needs of our students. Specialist mental health and wellbeing counsellors are based in Student Support. No Limits are also available for weekly drop-in support.

The Study Centre

The Study Centre is a valuable learning resource for study outside of your timetable classes. Developing independent study habits is a catalyst for success. The centre has IT facilities, books and journals, as you would expect as well as an extensive range of e-books that can be accessed 24 hours a day to supplement your studies.

Financial support

Financial Support is available to assist with the cost of travel to and from college, essential course materials/resources, essential educational trips and other course-related expenses. Free college meals are also available. For further information and to check eligibility, please check our website.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about any of these issues, visit the Parent Information section on our website at www.itchen.ac.uk or contact Student Support on 023 8043 5636

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

ACADEMY

OF SPORT

Itchen Sixth Form College has a national reputation for the quality of its sport, and our Academy of Sport is a large part of this success. Every year the Academy attracts top sportsmen and women from around Hampshire and beyond.

Year upon year our teams build upon their achievements, with county, national and international champions excelling in the sports we offer.

Become the best you can be in your chosen sport, with expert coaching at Itchen. Our Academy of Sport is open to all students, not just those studying sport, so get involved!

OUR SPORTS

Our Academy of Sport offers free expert coaching in a range of sports, including:

- Athletics
- Basketball (men and women)
- Football (men and women)
- Golf (men and women)
- Netball
- Rugby



Your timetable

As any student is eligible to be a part of our sports programme, the Academy of Sport is specifically timetabled into your college week. This allows time for training sessions and regular matches, typically held on a Wednesday afternoon. The Academy prides itself on providing a professional approach to your chosen sport, allowing you to reach your full potential.

We understand that some students may be forced to miss college due to special high-level sporting commitments. To support you in these special circumstances, Itchen offers the opportunity to receive mentoring to help you succeed in your academic studies.

Compete with the best

Throughout the sporting season we enter the AOC Sport regional and national, all British Colleges' Sport competitions as well as Hampshire championships, enabling you to compete at a local and national level.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

Itchen Sixth Form College is leading the way in supporting talented athletes in education in England, having been one of the first colleges to be accredited by the innovative Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) initiative.

The Sport England-funded Scheme believes that every young person on a talent pathway should have the opportunity to gain qualifications alongside their sporting pursuits and have the chance to follow other

interests. By formally recognising an institution's commitment to supporting student-athletes, the TASS Dual Career Accreditation Scheme aims to allow athletes to reach their potential in education alongside achieving success in their sport.

Our sporting facilities include:

- Sports hall
- Fitness suite
- Sports therapy suite
- Full-size football pitch
- Netball courts
- Climbing wall
- Specialist classrooms

Students benefit from our ability to deliver sports physiotherapy and rehabilitation on-site and integrate these therapies into your personalised fitness and training programme.

Further qualifications

Alongside the Academy of Sport, you may wish to benefit from our range of specialist sporting qualifications. These include:

- Fitness instructor and Personal Trainer qualifications
- Coaching awards
- Refereeing awards
- Leadership awards

For more information on these extra qualifications, see the Faculty of Sport & PE.

American scholarships

We understand that some students may be forced to miss college due to special high-level sporting commitments. At Itchen, we have a programme to support students who wish to apply for sports scholarships at American colleges and universities. In the past we have supported men and women footballers, basketballers and golfers in obtaining American scholarships across the country. We have been placing students on the programmes for over 20 years and have a huge amount of experience in this area, along with many contacts in the US.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about our Academy of Sport, ask for a copy of our Academy of Sport brochure by contacting info@itchen.ac.uk, visit the Academy of Sport section of our website itchen.ac.uk

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

Our High Performance Programme offers a range of activities and opportunities supporting students to aim for competitive careers, universities and training.

Who is it for? High Performance is for students with an average GCSE score of 6.5 or above, students who have achieved a Grade 8 or above in an individual subject, and any other student invited to join due to their skill, talent, or prior achievement. Students will not be expected to participate in all activities, but they will be informed about the range of events and opportunities available to them.



The High Performance Programme includes:

- Workshops and 1:1 guidance on choosing university courses, high-level apprenticeships, and competitive scholarships (including to American Universities)
- Bespoke support for university applications including 1:1 guidance on personal statements, mock interviews and admissions tests
- Participation in a range of university outreach programmes, including the University of Cambridge HE + programme, the University of Oxford's Outreach Programme and the University of Southampton's Learn with US Programme
- Workshops and guidance on applications to summer schools
- Workshops and 1:1 guidance on interview technique and aptitude testing, for competitive high level apprenticeships and training programmes
- Workshops and 1:1 guidance on audition skills and preparation, for performance-related courses, portfolio building in creative subjects, and sports trials for High Performance athletes
- Group sessions and additional opportunities to support applications for Officer entry to Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force
- Opportunities to participate in competitions, master classes, trips and events, to enrich your studies and challenge your expectations
- 'Zero Gravity' Champion Centre which gives access to Russell Group University applications including masterclasses
- Annual visit to our linked Oxford University college, St John's
- Specialist support for elite sports competitors, through the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme

"Leaders and managers have worked diligently and effectively to improve the quality of education. They have a clear and highly aspirational vision for all of their students and staff and as a result, students flourish and succeed in their chosen studies."

"Teachers are enthusiastic about the subjects they teach and use imaginative and interesting resources to capture the attention of students."

"Students develop the skills they need to be successful in life extremely well."

Ofsted report 2022

"We feel it is vital to support students who come to Itchen Sixth Form College and have achieved highly at their GCSEs. We understand the need for those students to receive specialist support in order to access competitive Universities and higher-level apprenticeship places. Students allocated to this programme very often comment on how useful and enjoyable it was working alongside other students who had achieved similarly high GCSE grades."

Mike Jones
Assistant Principal

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

FACILITIES

Itchen's excellent facilities and industry standard software means our students are thoroughly prepared for their future ambition of higher education and employment. Our friendly atmosphere ensures you get the best experience in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Our facilities include:

Drama theatre, Dance studio, Main hall with seating and stage, Radio studio, Photography studio, Textiles studio, Graphics suite, Music technology suite, Soundproofed performance rooms, Recording studio, Sports hall, Gym and fitness suite and On-site nursery.

We also take advantage of the fantastic facilities based in our local area, with the Uniformed Protective Services Academy and Sport Academy taking students off-site to use external facilities, which supports our students' studies.

FACILITIES FOR HIRE

Our facilities are also available for hire
visit www.itchen.ac.uk/hireandevents
or email booking@itchen.ac.uk



LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

TRAVEL SUPPORT



The college's reputation attracts around 40% of college students from outside the local area. The college's bus network (operated by Xelabus) is designed to complement the commercial services offered by Bluestar. The college's Xelabus services are operated exclusively for Itchen students and routes are planned to serve the transport need of our students covering Southampton and Southern Hampshire.

With seven contracted routes at the start and end of the college day and four lunchtime services too we support students travelling from Bishops Waltham, Hedge End, Whiteley, Park Gate, Gosport, Lee-on-the-Solent, Bishopstoke, Chandler's Ford, Fareham, Warsash, Hamble, Netley, Romsey, Baddesley, Swaythling, and more! See our full bus routes for more details.

For routes and more travel information visit
itchen.ac.uk/about/travelling-to-itchen

For the latest travel information follow Itchen Travel on Twitter
twitter.com/ItchenTransport

40%

of college students come
from outside the local area

LIFE AT ITCHEN COLLEGE

SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

At Itchen Sixth Form College, we offer additional support for learning to enable students to achieve their goals.

Support for Learning provides extra support, for learners who need help with their studies. We are staffed by a team of highly qualified and experienced staff.

Support is delivered through one-to-one sessions, group teaching or within class.

Who do we support? Learners with EHCP and SEND. Learners who require additional support to access their studies successfully.

What can we offer?

- Key worker
- In class support
- Small group support
- Study skills
- Maths and English support
- Access arrangements for exams
- Academic mentoring
- Quiet space to work
- Social skills Programme
- ELSA Support
- Study Mentors

How can you access Support for Learning services?

- As a result of discussion at interview and/or enrolment
- As a result of the college screening at enrolment
- Self-referral by visiting Support for Learning at any time or or by emailing us
- Referral by subject teacher or tutor



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For information on our Support for Learning services, to help your transition to college, and our offer for students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND); contact Lianne Wright, lwright@itchen.ac.uk.

over
80
different
courses



OUR COURSES

Please see next pages for what is on
offer at Itchen Sixth Form College.
Further details can also be found on our website.



BUSINESS

Business is at the heart of our everyday lives, and those who study any of these subjects will have a wide variety of progression opportunities, whether they choose university or employment.

There is a variety of courses available to suit different approaches to learning with visiting industry speakers regularly sharing their experiences.

MY JOURNEY



**Esther (Reine-Esther)
Ezoua**

"When I first stepped foot in Itchen College, I had like most of my fellow students out there, no idea about which direction to take, what to do in the future, and whether the subjects I was going to study were meant for me. However, I did personally set a mission to challenge, find and change myself in this new environment."

And thanks to all the supportive and caring teachers who helped me find my way as well as go beyond my limit, also thanks to all of my intelligent and friendly classmates and friends within the establishment who gave me the feeling of belonging and supported me both outside and inside the college, my goal has been achieved with flying colours! I now have a clear vision of what to do next."

Accounting

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English and Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A–C.*

Course overview

This course studies recording, interpreting and evaluating the financial performance of a business. You will be introduced to new concepts such as incomplete records, partnership accounts and capital investment appraisal. By the end of this course you will have learnt topics such as double-entry bookkeeping and final accounts for different businesses, along with business organisation and management.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Accounting is a very useful preparation for anyone considering a Higher Education course in Accounting, Business Studies or Management. Students who enjoy the course may consider careers in accountancy, finance or banking.

Business

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English and Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A–C.*

Course overview

This course looks at how to start a new business and considers the problems faced by managers in organisations. You will consider how businesses make decisions and tackle problems, particularly in the areas of marketing, finance, human resources and production. By the end of this course you will be well prepared for Higher Education or a career in management, banking, finance or leisure.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with A Level Business are very fortunate in having a huge choice of Higher Education courses which they can progress (eg Accounting, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Human Resource Management etc). It is also a useful qualification for a variety of jobs in management, commerce or administration (eg retailing, leisure, financial services, government departments).

Business Vocational

LEVEL 3 (SINGLE OR TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A–C. Merit or above in a vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.*

Course overview

This course takes a practical approach to business, studying how a business will make and carry out decisions. Assignments will require you to carry out your own research, analyse your information and present your findings, sometimes in the form of a written report, and occasionally in a presentation to others. By the end of the course you will have studied how real companies market their products, organise their workforces, raise finance and prepare accounts.

44%–50% exam

depending on the size of qualification studied

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with a vocational Level 3 qualification in Business are very fortunate in having a huge choice of Higher Education courses to which they can progress. As well as taking a degree or HND in Business or Management, they can choose to combine it with another subject or specialism. This is a useful qualification for a variety of jobs in management, commerce or administration.

Business Technology Vocational

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 in English and Maths and two other GCSEs at grade 3 or D. Pass or above in a vocational Level 1 qualification will also be accepted.

Course overview

This course combines business theory with IT knowledge, giving you the skills required for a career in this profession. By the end of this course you will have studied marketing, customer service, essentials of IT and cyber security amongst other topics. Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress to a Level 3 qualification or an apprenticeship.

25% exam 75% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with a vocational level 2 often progress to a Level 3 qualification or to an apprenticeship.

Economics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English or Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*–C.

Course overview

This course examines the world of finance, and looks at topics such as unemployment, inflation, global warming, taxation and the EU. You will learn a number of techniques for analysing problems, and will be encouraged to develop and express your own views on what should be done to solve economic problems. By the end of this course you will have a significant advantage in Higher Education courses in Economics, Business, Law, Accounting and Management.

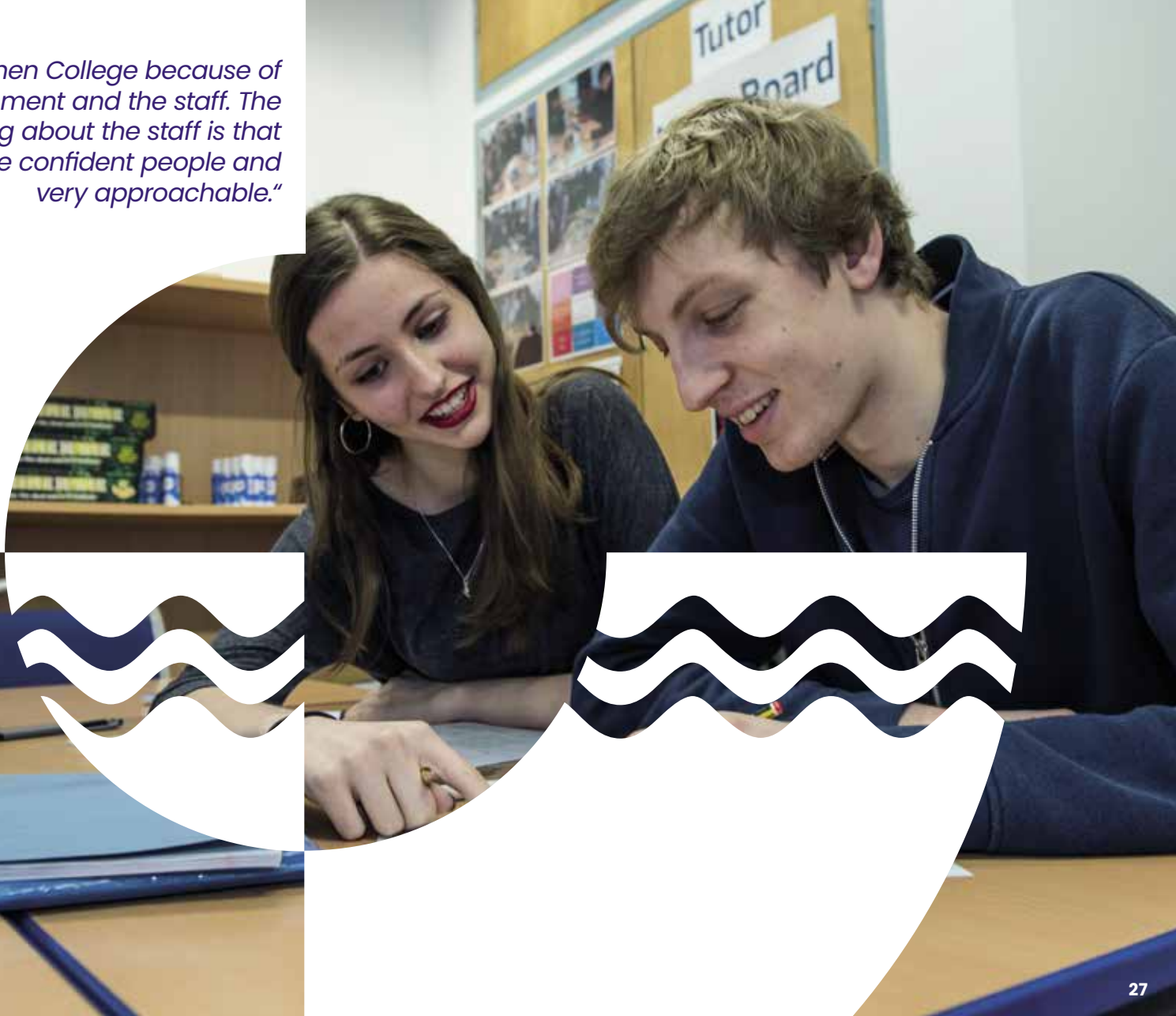
100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

There is a wide choice of Economics degree courses at virtually all universities. The rigorous analytical approach required in Economics degree courses makes this qualification much sought-after by many employers. Additionally, the A Level is highly regarded when applying for a range of other subjects such as Law, Business, History, Geography, Accounting and Mathematics. You will find your A Level is a useful qualification for a variety of jobs in management, commerce or administration.

“Throughout my time at Itchen, I have been able to develop my critical thinking skills and expand on subjects I enjoyed in secondary school.”

"I like Itchen College because of the environment and the staff. The best thing about the staff is that they are confident people and very approachable."





CARE

Working in care is about having the skills to provide physical, emotional and social support at any stage of life. Care at Itchen College is a well-established and high-achieving suite of courses. We have a clear focus on supporting students to exceed their target grades and by setting high professional standards. Students gain a variety of experiences in compulsory work placements throughout the year.

There is a wide range of enrichment opportunities with occupational specialists, engagement with local and national employers, training providers and higher educational institutions.

MY JOURNEY



Alicia Thomson

"The thing I enjoyed about Itchen is the support I received as it was tailored to my needs. The teachers are kind and helpful. They also made me feel welcome and that I could talk to them at any time. I really enjoyed the Level 1 Health and Social care because it was fun and easy to understand the work. The biggest challenge I had was talking in class, and making new friends, but it was made easier by having the support of the teacher and TA."

The advice I would give future students is to talk to the teachers and always take the help offered to help you through the year. Support for learning staff helped me do my work and are patient with me and I can talk to them about anything that is worrying me."

Diploma in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings

LEVEL 1 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Ideally grades 1 or 2 in English and Maths or Functional Skills equivalent. At least grades 1 or 2 in two other subjects.

Course overview

This one-year course will provide you with the knowledge of the different types of provision in the Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's sectors. You will study a wide range of topics including protection and safeguarding, principles and values in health and social care, equality and diversity, health and safety and person-centred support. By the end of this course, you will have completed a wide ranging and practical set of coursework introducing you to the exciting and diverse care sector.

100% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

The level 1 will support your progression to the Level 2 Health and Social Care Extended Diploma course, and your next steps towards employment within the care sector.

Health and Social Care (Extended Diploma) Vocational

LEVEL 2 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 3 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 3 or D.

Course overview

This one-year course will allow you to study topics which include equality, diversity and rights in health and social care, human growth and development, safeguarding, communication and working within this industry, along with optional units in creative activities in health and social care, as well as health and well-being. By the end of this course, you will have completed compulsory work placements will provide you with the knowledge to enter employment, take on a relevant apprenticeship or progress to the Level 3 Health and Social Care course.

Coursework portfolios and compulsory work placements

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This qualification will allow you to continue your studies to Level 3 and ultimately progress into higher education or employment in the wide-ranging care-related industries.

T Level Technical Qualification in Health

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9-4 in English and Maths, and three or more GCSE's 9-4 or A-C. Must show an interest in health, care and support for others.*

Course overview

The T Level course in Health is a two-year technical course that has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of the health and care industry and prepares you for work in health-related areas. This course will ensure that you have a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience with compulsory weekly work placements that will give you practical insights into the health sector and an opportunity to embed the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in a more practical context.

Assessment is an employer set project and final exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

A wide variety of destinations are available to students undertaking this course. This qualification will allow you to apply to university to continue your studies in areas such as nursing, paramedic science, social work, childhood and early years studies. There are an increasing number of vocational routes available to our health and social care students especially with the development of higher level apprenticeship courses in health-related occupations.

Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner Vocational

LEVEL 2 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 3-2 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 3-2 or D-E. Must show an interest in working with children.

Course overview

This one-year course in childcare will provide you with the knowledge to enter employment, take on a relevant apprenticeship, or progress to the T Level in Education and Childcare. You will learn about working with children at different stages in their growth and development, up to the age of seven years. By the end of this course, you will have completed work placements in childcare settings and have a good understanding of what is required to work in childcare.

Coursework portfolios and compulsory placements

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

After the course, students can seek employment within nursery or school settings. You could also progress onto the Level 3 qualification.

T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9-4 in English and Maths and three or more GCSEs 9-4 or A*- C. Must show an interest in working with children.

Course overview

The T Level course is a two-year course, the equivalent of 3 A Levels. This course will ensure that students have detailed knowledge, practical skills and competencies essential to progress into education and childcare settings, higher level technical training or Higher Education. Core components includes: supporting education, health and safety and wellbeing, behaviour, parents families and carers, child development; observation and assessment; educational needs and disability.

Exams and portfolio assignments, and compulsory work placements

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

The course provides a license to work in a variety of settings, such as nurseries, school settings or social services. You could move on to university to study primary teaching, nursing or social work related courses.

"My tutor was very helpful with guiding me in my next steps for when I finished college. This enabled me to find a job as a Healthcare Assistant, which uses the skills I have learnt from my Health and Social Care course."

"I have really enjoyed coming to college and developing my assignments alongside the practical experience I have gained through the once a week work placement."



50%
high grades



ENGLISH

The English department at Itchen College is known for its academic achievements and the success of its alumni, with students moving on to top universities and employment across multiple sectors.

There are extra opportunities for all English students including: national and international trips; access to a variety of guest speakers and the chance to showcase your work. Students also have the option to add the Extended Project Qualification to their academic programme and pursue creative writing interests.

MY JOURNEY



Charlotte Howick

"Itchen has helped me to push myself to be the best version of myself while helping me figure out what I wanted to do with my life after college. You are surrounded by a community of teachers and staff that want to help you and are passionate about what they do. My courses content kept me engaged, I thoroughly enjoyed English Literature, which introduced me to a wide range of texts and authors that would have never heard of and have even decided to study it at University. Drama really pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped build my confidence as an actor whilst introducing me to likeminded people with similar interest.

The main piece of advice I would give to future students is to make sure the courses you are picking are ones that you actually enjoy."

English Language

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English Language and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course explores the fascinating world of language we experience everyday. You will discover how we create our identity and make and break our relationships through language; how to see through the language designed to shape our thoughts and behaviour and enjoy the pleasure of creative, original writing. By the end of this course, you will have produced a portfolio of original writing and undertaken a research project.

80% exam, 20% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

By choosing an English A Level you will develop easily transferable communication skills that are desirable for most careers and Higher Education courses. English graduates enter a very wide range of careers in the media, public relations, advertising, marketing, publishing, library and information services and teaching.

English Language & Literature

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English Language and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course combines aspects of the English Language and English Literature courses, to study a range of texts and topics. You will study travel writing, imagined worlds in fiction, the poetic voice, conflict in drama and recreative approaches to literary texts. By the end of this course, you will have undertaken a research essay comparing literary and non-literary texts.

80% exam, 20% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

By choosing an English A Level, you will develop easily transferable communication skills that are very desirable for most careers and Higher Education courses. English graduates enter a very wide range of careers in the media, public relations, advertising, marketing, publishing, library and information services and teaching.

English Literature

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English Language and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course explores English Literature across time and genres, examining how writers present the nature of society and human experience. You'll have the pleasure of reading and discussing books while developing skills of arguments and powerful communication. By the end of this course, you will have studied two drama texts including a Shakespeare Play, 21st century poetry, a poet, two prose texts and two texts of your own choice.

80% exam, 20% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

By choosing an English A Level, you will develop easily transferable communication skills that are very desirable for most careers and Higher Education courses.

English graduates enter a very wide range of careers in the media, public relations, advertising, marketing, publishing, library and information services and teaching.

Creative Writing Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9-4 in English Language and four or more GCSEs at grades 9-4 or A- C.*

Course overview

This course is for students who are passionate about creative writing and want to gain an extra qualification to support entry to university. You will produce some creative writing, along with a critical analysis of your project and work. By the end of the course, you will have submitted a piece of creative writing, delivered a presentation about your writing and developed your research and project management skills.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

There are many degree courses in Creative and Professional Writing. This course will also help you in any career that involves writing and producing texts of any kind. The study of Creative Writing helps to develop a range of key skills that can be applied in the real world, including clarity of thought and expression, critical and analytical skills, team working, giving and receiving feedback and creative problem solving.

English Language

GCSE LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 3-1 in English Language.

Course overview

This course is for students needing to improve their existing English GCSE grade. You will gain a key qualification, respected by employers and required by colleges and universities. By the end of this course, you will be able to progress onto Level 3 courses, Higher Education or start your career.

100% exam with a non-examination endorsement of speaking and listening skills

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Successful completion will enable you to move onto Level 3 vocational courses and A Level courses. It will also help with many jobs requiring GCSE English at grade 4 or above.

English Functional Skills Vocational

LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Entry Level or GCSE 2-1 in English.

Course overview

This course is practical and will teach you the English skills you need at work and in your daily life. You will study how to write practical, real-life documents such as emails, letters and reports. By the end of this course, you will have improved your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.

67% exam, 33% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

On successful completion of Level 1, you will be able to move on to our Level 2 course before moving on to GCSE English Language. With a Level 2 qualification you will be able to move onto some Level 3 qualifications.

"In both English Language and English Literature, the lessons have been structured in a way to ensure that every student not only has a voice but has the opportunity to use it."



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A-levels offered



FILM AND MEDIA

Our courses offer industry-standard facilities such as a green screen, editing software and our own radio station. Itchen Radio is run by students, with shows being broadcast weekly. Extra curricular opportunities are offered, including trips to places such as museums, universities and TV studios; access to a variety of guest speakers working in the Film and Media industries; and the chance to showcase your work through local events and exhibitions.

Students also have the option to add the Extended Project Qualification to their academic programme and individualise their own learning in preparation for Higher Education.

MY JOURNEY



Bethany Jenkins

"I've learnt a lot about myself over my time at Itchen College. My confidence has grown enormously, and I am now leaving college with a variety of new skills that I can take with me anywhere. I've been accepted to my first-choice university, if I get the required grades, and I hope that my built confidence will allow me to put myself forward for new opportunities that present themselves to me over the next three years. I've taken part in a work experience placement at a PR company, meaning that I now have contacts at a company that I could potentially work for in the future. I have also participated in The Telegraph's Media Literacy Programme, which introduced me into the world of journalism, and I would never have found out about this programme, and many others, if my teachers didn't always present new opportunities to us."

Film Studies

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

Film Studies allows students the opportunity to explore a range of films from the earliest days of cinema right up to the modern age of digital filmmaking. The texts studied include films you know and love, alongside more obscure and challenging products including British and World documentary and experimental films. For each film text, you will study core areas ranging from representation and context, as well as specialist areas of study such as ideology and narrative. Once you have studied how and why films are made, you can begin to make them yourself.

70% exam, 30% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many universities offer Film Studies should you wish to take these studies further. Film Studies will also provide you with the analytical and creative skills necessary to embark on a wide range of other degree courses and careers.

Media Studies

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course will explore the mass media across a range of platforms, and consider the role the media play in society today. By the end of this course, you will have explored the historical and social contexts of media products and media theories, developing your critical and creative skills. You will develop skills in print-based graphics, website building and audio and visual products.

70% exam, 30% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

There is a huge range of Media Studies courses available at Higher Education, some offering the chance to engage in advanced practical work and others focusing on media theory. An A Level in Media Studies will provide you with the analytical and creative skills necessary to embark on a wide range of other degree courses.

Digital Media (Multimedia Pathway) Vocational, Cambridge Technicals

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This is a practical and creative course, to prepare you for further study and a career as a media professional. Through practical assignments, you will develop digital communication skills, digital audio-visual skills and create materials across a variety of platforms, both traditional and online. You will learn about the media industry, how to create your own media profile and pitch and present ideas and projects. By the end of this course, you will have a portfolio of work to help you into Higher Education, apprenticeships and the creative industries.

50% Exam, 50% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

With such a variety of skills developed during the course based on media production processes, you would be well suited to any creative degree at university. You could also go on to relevant employment in one of the many media fields.

Digital Media (Journalism Pathway) Vocational, Cambridge Technicals

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C.

Course overview

This is a practical course with an impressive track record of propelling its students into careers as journalists and presenters. You will develop technical production skills, such as writing and presenting content, whilst working for Itchen Radio. You will also learn about journalism and the news industry, writing for a variety of print and online publications and platforms. By the end of this course, you will have a portfolio of work and a media profile, to help you into Higher Education, apprenticeships and a career in journalism.

50% Exam, 50% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many universities have Journalism and Digital Media course. The skills learnt on this course can be applied to a range of other careers and courses in an ever-growing industry.

Media Vocational, Cambridge Technicals

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grades 4–3 in English and three or more GCSEs at grades 3 or above.

Course overview

This course is for you if you enjoy creative work using digital media. It is a practical course with work-related elements. You will develop skills in digital audio-visual media, through practical film-making assignments and producing advertising materials. By the end of this course, you will also have learned about the media industry and be ready for a Level 3 media-related course.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

With further training or study, you can progress into media-related careers. This course leads directly on to our Vocational Level 3 Digital Media course, or you might choose to continue with a study of the media in an A Level programme.

"It's difficult to choose one aspect of college that I enjoyed the most, but I would say that the overall atmosphere is definitely a significant part for me."



*"It's been an amazing two years
with the best outcome I could
have wished for."*



FOUNDATION LEARNING

Our Foundation Learning programmes are tailored packages for learners who may have additional needs. The programmes aim to provide students with life and employability skills, build confidence and resilience, and help them progress onto successful destinations, including employment or further study.

Students who join our Entry Level / Level 1 Programme, will also have substantial support from our Support for Learning department, which provides a range of support, including ELSA and study support. We also have a dedicated study space for our learners.

To find out more about Foundation Learning and Support for Learning, please contact Lianne Wright (SENDCO) by emailing lwright@itchen.ac.uk

MY JOURNEY



Max Martin

"The support I received at Itchen college has enabled me to study effectively as learning support and study techniques are always tailored to the needs of the individual."

The environment feels welcoming and safe. The emotional support is also incredible as there is always someone friendly to talk to.

Itchen enabled me to grow in confidence and achieve my goals, and I would recommend this college to those with any form of additional needs."

Level 1 Programme Vocational

LEVEL 1

Entry Requirements

2-1 in English and Maths and a range of GCSEs at grades 2-1.

Course overview

This one year programme offers opportunities to study units from different subjects including Business, Media and Tourism and Travel. It also focuses on life and employability skills including being organised and developing a Personal Progression Plan. Learners will study maths and English and have the opportunity to take part in work experience. By the end of the course, learners may be able to progress onto Level 2 courses, other vocational qualifications, supported internships or into employment.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students who gain a distinction and improve in maths and English, can progress to Level 2 courses including GCSEs and vocational qualifications.

Entry Level Programme Vocational

ENTRY LEVEL

Entry Requirements

No previous qualifications are needed.

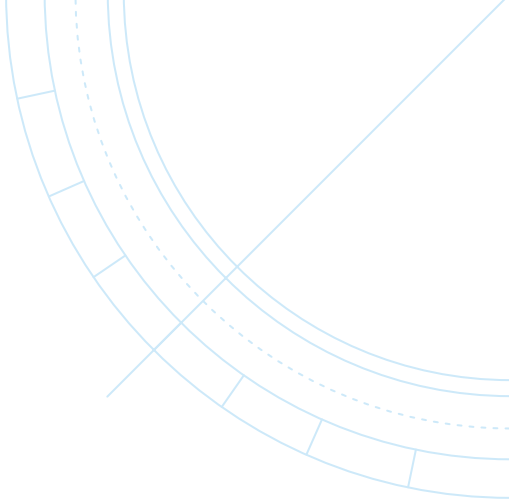
Course overview

This one-year programme is suited to those who would like to improve their English and maths skills, develop employability skills and further develop skills to prepare for adulthood. If a learner has an EHCP, we will work towards the set outcomes. In addition to focusing on social and communication skills, we also work on building employability and independent living skills, developing community awareness and learning about healthy living. Learners have the opportunity to do work experience, and in their second year, we aim for learners to have one day a week in a work placement.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

On completion, students may progress onto our L1 Vocational programme, other vocational courses, supported internships or into employment.



"I have grown in confidence and made new friends. My biggest success is passing my functional maths because at school I didn't enjoy the lessons but by having support in the lesson from support for learning it has helped to achieve my goal."



GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Geography and Environmental Science involves exploring the planet's scientific processes and structures, it involves studying our impact on the world and geopolitical current issues.

Learning about our physical world opens a range of progression paths into university and career opportunities.

MY JOURNEY



Nikita Ivanov

"I make the long commute from Bournemouth to come to Itchen for the Basketball Academy and knowing that I will be able to balance this with my academic studies."

"I've enjoyed my two years studying Geography, Graphics & Sport and I am staying for a third year to study Personal Training and Sports Massage."

Environmental Science

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English, Maths and Science and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C. Students must be prepared to do fieldwork.

Course overview

This course is for those who are interested in the impact we have on our environment. You will look at topics including the living and physical environment, energy resources, pollution, biological resources and sustainability. By the end of the course, you will have studied contemporary issues and have a good understanding of the ways in which we can protect our environment.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with Environmental Science have access to a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities. It is considered to be a science subject by university admissions tutors. There is a wide range of courses which can lead to careers in countryside management, conservation and government bodies such as English Nature and the Environment Agency.

Geography

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C. Students must be prepared to do fieldwork.

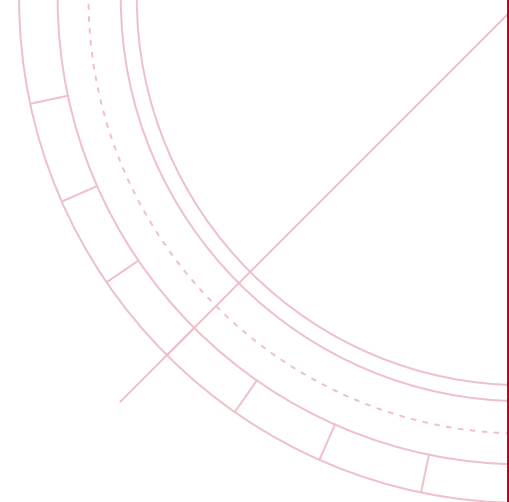
Course overview

This course looks at current geopolitical issues, the physical environment, the human environment and geographical skills. You will do an independent investigation in which you will incorporate your fieldwork and own research. By the end of this course, you will have studied topics such as the tectonic hazards, energy security, water security, superpower geography and globalisation.

80% exam, 20% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with Geography A level have access to a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities. Geography is one of the Russell Group's facilitating subjects and is considered a science by many universities. Many students also choose to use their qualification to go straight into employment rather than on to Higher Education.



“My two main takeaways from my two years at college are that I have learned I am capable of achievement if I put my mind to it and put in the effort. Also, I have learned everyone at Itchen (staff and students) are all so friendly and it is easy to make friends.”



HUMANITIES

Humanities Courses offer rich possibilities for study. Through studying significant moments, individuals and events in history you can understand the present and open up your future.

MY JOURNEY



Gabe Worley

"I am studying History, Criminology and PE. I came to Itchen College to be part of the reputable Basketball Academy. My highlight from year 1 was winning the AoC National Knockout Cup with the Basketball Team."

Ancient History

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

In this course you will study significant events, individuals, societies, developments and issues of Greek and Roman history within their broader historical context. By the end of the course, you will have studied the politics and society of Sparta between 478–404 BC and the period of Roman Britain between AD 43–128.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

History is an excellent choice for students considering a wide range of careers. It is highly regarded in professional workplaces where employees are required to be literate, able to consider evidence and make analytical judgements.

History

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course develops skills which are vital for Higher Education and the workplace, including the ability to research, evaluate and judge evidence based on analytical reasoning. You will develop academic skills, and discuss the present and the past. By the end of this course, you will have studied topics such as the Weimar Republic, Nazi Germany, the Tudors, and the history of the USA from 1865–1965.

80% exam, 20% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

History is an excellent choice for students considering a wide range of careers. It is highly regarded in professional workplaces where employees are required to be literate, able to consider evidence and make analytical judgements.

Politics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course will give you an awareness and understanding of the fascinating political issues we face today. You will deepen your knowledge of political events and systems, and their consequences for our daily lives.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students could enter Higher Education to study Politics and International Relations. They could also enter Higher Education for other subjects such as Business, Management, Law or Economics. Alternatively, they could enter employment in areas such as political work, local or national government work, the civil service, legal office work and management training.



IT AND COMPUTING

Studying IT and Computing opens up a broad range of university courses and career choices in any and every sector you can imagine.

From cyber security to app design, our IT and Computing courses will prepare you for the tech and computer industries.

MY JOURNEY



Tyler Hall

"I chose Itchen as I knew it was the best college for me both academically and for me to play at a college which is renowned for its football programme."

IT Vocational

LEVEL 3 (SINGLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a relevant Level 2 qualification.*

Course overview

This course focuses on an understanding of IT fundamentals such as hardware, networks, software, the ethical use of computers, and how businesses use IT. By the end of this course, you will have a greater understanding of how organisations use information sources, both internally and externally, and the types of information you will encounter.

A combination of coursework and exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students enter into careers in many IT related disciplines as technicians and technical support, and progress to professional status in their chosen field. If you wish to go into Higher Education, you could take a degree or Higher National Diploma in subjects such as computing, e-commerce, IT and multimedia.

IT (Application Developer) Vocational

LEVEL 3 (DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a relevant Level 2 qualification.*

Course overview

This course focuses on an understanding of IT fundamentals such as hardware, networks, software, the ethical use of computers, and how businesses use IT. By the end of this course, you will have taken additional units which are internally assessed coursework, focussed around application development, for example cyber security, application design, social media, project management, games design and product development.

A combination of coursework and exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many careers begin as technicians or technical support and progress to professional status.

You could take a degree or Higher National Diploma in subjects including computing, e-commerce and multimedia.

Business Technology Vocational

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 in English or Maths and two GCSEs at grade 3 or D. Pass or above in a vocational Level 1 qualification will also be accepted.

Course overview

This course combines business theory with IT knowledge, giving you the skills required for a career in this profession. By the end of this course you will have studied marketing, customer service, essentials of IT and cyber security amongst other topics. Successful completion of this course may allow you to progress to a Level 3 qualification or an apprenticeship.

25% exam 75% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with a vocational level 2 often progress to a Level 3 qualification or to an apprenticeship.

Computer science

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

At least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths at a grade 6, and either science (Physics or double award) or Computer Science at grade 6.

Course overview

During this course you will understand the core academic principles of computer science. Classroom learning is transferred into creating real-world systems through the creation of an independent programming project. You will develop a technical understanding and an ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking.

80% exam 20% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students go on to Higher Education and employment in Computer Science, Software Engineering/Development, Games Development, Science and Engineering.



LANGUAGES

Studying modern languages opens a world of experiences and opportunities. Learning about languages goes beyond translating words; it gives you a window to different cultures and experiences.

As well as learning to write and speak languages you will carry out independent research, study literary and film.

MY JOURNEY



Hasti Karami

"Itchen college is filled with people who not only guide you in your studies, but better you as a person. It has a welcoming and nurturing environment, which is why I have enjoyed my time at the college."

French

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–5 in French and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C.

Course overview

This course will allow students to speak at length in French and improve substantially on their GCSE knowledge. You will study literary texts and films, and carry out an independent research project on an area of your choice. By the end of this course, you will have gained a good foundation for speaking, listening, reading and writing in French and have participated in group and pair work throughout the course.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students find that modern languages is a natural fit with many subjects, enabling them to use their skills and qualifications to access career opportunities at home and abroad.

Spanish

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in Spanish and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 and A*– C.

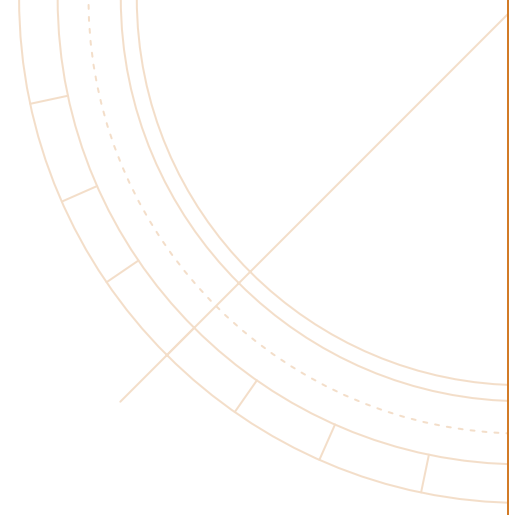
Course overview

This course will give you the tools to significantly improve your Spanish language skills, based on your GCSE knowledge. You will study literary texts and films, and carry out an independent research project on an area of your choice. By the end of this course, you will have practised skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in Spanish and have participated in group and pair work throughout the course.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students find that modern languages is a natural fit with many subjects, enabling them to use their skills and qualifications to access career opportunities at home and abroad.



“Studying at Itchen opened my eyes to new horizons and made me a better person in general. Itchen made me think a lot about my prospects and I’m very grateful.”



LAW & CRIMINOLOGY

Law & Criminology is exciting and diverse in subject content, offering its students a variety of opportunities. Law and Criminology allow students to take an academic route into the legal professions and Higher Education.

Extra opportunities include links with universities and law firms. We also go on trips to the Houses of Parliament, The Supreme Court and Southampton's Law Courts.

MY JOURNEY



Jazmine MacIntyre

"I've gained a lot from being a student at Itchen, I think the respect that students are given here (very uncommon in a lot of colleges/sixth forms) is rare but integral. I really enjoyed my experience of the lesson environment.

I was fortunate to be a part of a lovely group of individuals, who all shared many passionate opinions that we were able to express in a comfortable, non-judgemental environment in a subject such as English Literature, which explores many topical issues and vulnerable subject matters.

The sense of community and respect in and among my classes was a very special aspect of my college life."

Applied Law Vocational

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C.

Course overview

This course will allow you to practise the formulation and construction of reasoned argument, in the applied context of a legal framework. You will study topics such as civil law disputes, investigating aspects of criminal law and how to examine and apply the law to specific crimes, including homicide and offences against property. By the end of this course, you will have a good understanding of how to apply the law in a practical context across civil, criminal and family law.

55% exam, 45% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

You could enter higher education to study law or to study a wide variety of other subjects. Alternatively, there are employment and apprenticeship opportunities in the legal sector and beyond, such as the police, border forces and protection.

Criminology Vocational

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A*– C.

Course overview

This course examines the theoretical study of criminality and analysis of criminal situations, in a diverse and practical manner. You will be able to understand why crime is committed and how it impacts social policy. By the end of this course, you will have studied topics such as theories on criminal behaviour, the changing awareness of crime and explored the journey from crime scene to courtroom.

50% exam, 50% controlled assessment

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

A criminology course at university would be ideal, or you could enter employment in area such as a scenes of crime officer, police officer or probation worker.

Law

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–5 or A*– C.

Course overview

This course is for you, if you enjoy solving complex issues and finding out about the legal institutions that affect all of our lives. In this course you will learn about four different areas of the law and you will learn about a wide range of legal topics, including practical questions such as what different lawyers do and how courts work, the principles that they use to solve disputes, in contract law and tort law and a detailed examination of a range of criminal offenses.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

All major universities accept A Level Law. You could enter Higher Education to study Law or to study a wide variety of other subjects. Alternatively, there are employment opportunities in the legal sector and in a wide range of other fields including management training, police, local government, armed services.

Law & Legal Work with Criminology Vocational

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 in English and a range of GCSEs at grade 3 or D or above.

Course overview

This course is for those interested in crime, human behaviour, law, psychology, sociology and the criminal justice system. You will develop your legal terminology, skills and knowledge to help identify criminal behaviour and consequences. You will study the psychological reasons why crime is committed, and the consequences of this behaviour in society. By the end of this course, you will have a good foundation for understanding criminology, and the possibility of progressing to a relevant Level 3 qualification.

100% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

The vocational qualification in Law & Legal Work can lead to a range of jobs in the legal profession or uniformed services. Students can also use the qualification to progress to Level 3 Law and criminology at Level 3.



MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is an exciting and varied area of study. Maths qualifications are highly regarded since they demonstrate to future employers that you are able to think logically and have high-level numeracy skills.

Through mathematics you will develop skills like solving problems and studying finding patterns and structures in our lives. Mathematics gives you a range of skills that you can use across many different job and into other subjects.

MY JOURNEY



Izzy Lockhart

"I mainly chose to study at Itchen because of the TASS Programme. This has enabled me to continue training and competing in my chosen sport at a high level, whilst also studying A-levels. During my time at Itchen to date, I have particularly valued and benefited from the opportunity to attend college subject trips, University open days, and the support available to gain relevant work experience.

Some of these trips have included a visit to the Houses of Parliament, the Supreme Court, Royal Courts of Justice, and Shepton Mallet Prison. I was also able to visit Oxford University with the High-Performance Programme. These opportunities have all helped me decide what I would like to study at University."

Statistics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in Maths and four or more GCSEs at grade 9–5.

Course overview

This course is for students who want to continue with their Maths, but who do not wish to study pure maths. This course sits well with subjects such as Biology, Psychology, Geography, Business Studies and Economics. By the end of the course, you will have studied topics such as the statistical enquiry cycle, probability and probability distributions including, binomial, normal and Poisson, sampling and hypothesis testing.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

A Level Statistics is a much sought-after qualification for entry to a wide variety of university courses. Statistics is also now used so widely that employers see a qualification in Statistics as an advantage. Students with a Statistics A Level have gone on to careers such as Data Analyst, Accountant, Research Scientist, Statistician, Meteorologist, Software Engineer, Biometrician, Actuary, Computer Game Developer and Teaching.

Mathematics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–6 in Maths and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course looks at key mathematical processes such as techniques needed to solve equations and work with functions and graphs. You will extend your knowledge of algebra and trigonometry, as well as learning fresh concepts such as calculus. By the end of this course, you will have studied mechanics, statistics and various mathematical processes.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

A Level Mathematics is a much sought-after qualification for entry to a wide variety of full time courses in Higher Education. At this level some will choose to study maths in its own right, leading to careers including finance, accounting, actuarial science and teaching. It is also a requirement for many university courses such as physics and engineering. Careers for mathematicians are varied and include working in the finance, accounting, science, engineering, technology and teaching industry sectors.

Mathematics & Further Mathematics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–7 in Maths and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course is for strong mathematicians who enjoy the subject. During the two years, you will work to gain A Levels in both Mathematics and Further Mathematics. •By the end of this course, you will have studied additional topics such as matrices and complex numbers, as well as the applications of statistics, mechanics and decision mathematics.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

A Level Mathematics is a much sought-after qualification for entry to a wide variety of full-time courses in Higher Education. At this level some will choose to study maths in its own right, leading to careers in, for example, finance, accounting, actuarial science and teaching. A Level Mathematics is also an essential requirement for many university courses such as Physics and Engineering.

Core Mathematics (Mathematics in Context)

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in Maths and four or more GCSEs at grade 9–4 or A*– C.

Course overview

This one-year course is for students who want to continue their mathematics studies in order to support other courses, but who do not want to study a full A Level. You will undertake content strands, which have been selected on the basis of their relevance and application to a wide range of areas of study and employment. By the end of this course, you will have studied topics such as the applications of statistics, linear programming, probability, sequences and growth.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Core Maths will support your next steps with employers and universities. Developing your quantitative and problem-solving skills is transferable knowledge you can take with you wherever you decide to go next.

Mathematics

GCSE LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 or above in Maths and a range of GCSEs at grades 3–2 or D–E.

Course overview

This course is for students who need to improve their existing Maths GCSE grade. You will concentrate on examination techniques and on revising some of the harder topics. By the end of this course, you will have undertaken an intensive revision course to achieve at least a grade 4.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

GCSE Mathematics at grade 4 or above is an essential qualification for many careers and for university courses. It is a requirement to progress onto most Level 3 courses, such as A Levels.

Mathematics Functional Skills

Level 1

Entry Requirements

No previous maths qualification required.

Course overview

These courses are aimed at students who have not yet gained a qualification in Mathematics and who need to improve their knowledge and understanding of mathematical and numerical processes. You will focus on the skills of Number Operations, Using Measure and Data Handling. By the end of this course, you may have the opportunity to progress to GCSE Maths.

100% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

By the end of this course you may have the opportunity to progress to GCSE Maths.

*"The courses at Itchen Sixth Form
College set you up for life."*

Outstanding
quality of
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PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts and Music Performance courses are exciting and dynamic. They enable you to grow in confidence whilst develop your skills. As an Itchen student you will have access to professional facilities including recording studios and state-of-the-art dance and drama rehearsal and performance spaces.

The faculty also provides enrichment opportunities throughout the academic year, such as performing in public showcases, national and international trips and learning from professional masterclasses.

MY JOURNEY



Callum Hartland

"My entire college life at Itchen has been incredibly enjoyable. All the teachers treat you with the respect you deserve and give you the support you need."

All the Drama lessons are exciting and engaging, and all the teachers will help and push you to perform to the best of your ability.

I have loved every moment studying my Acting course, and I strongly recommend the Visual and Performing Arts department to anyone who has an aspiration to do well in the subject."

Acting Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE/DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification.*

Course overview

The Acting programme is a high calibre vocational programme, which equips students with the skills to enter into the next level of vocational and academic training, or employment. The two-year programme offers intensive specialist training in Acting. Opportunities include significant performance experience and working with industry professionals. You will study the cultural and historical developments of performance through research projects and academic studies.

100% assessed units

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course offers intensive and vocational training which will prepare you for direct entry into professional work, drama school or university. The course offers valuable transferable workplace skills in communication, team work and confidence building with students also taking retail and health care apprenticeships on graduation. This course provides UCAS points if you do wish to move onto Higher Education.

Musical Theatre and Dance Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE/DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification.*

Course overview

The Musical Theatre and Dance UAL programme is a high calibre vocational programme, which equips students with the skills to enter into the next level of vocational and academic training, or employment. The two-year programme offers intensive specialist training in Musical Theatre performance. Opportunities include significant performance experience and working with industry professionals. You will also study the cultural and historical developments of Musical Theatre and Dance through research projects and academic studies.

100% assessed units

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course offers intensive and vocational training which will prepare you for direct entry into professional work, Dance school or university. The course offers valuable transferable workplace skills in communication, team work and confidence building, with students also taking high level apprenticeships on completion of the course. This course provides UCAS points if you do wish to move onto Higher Education.

Drama and Theatre

A LEVEL (SINGLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification, will also be accepted.

Course overview

This course will enable you to study and develop both the academic and vocational skills needed for a career in drama. By the end of the course, you will have studied two set texts, a multitude of practitioners work, devising, and a practical exploration into three contrasting extracts from chosen plays. You will have performed both in-house and live, to invited audiences, will have received workshops from industry professionals, and seen a variety of live and streamed professional performance.

60% coursework 40% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

As a two year course many of our students will take the course alongside LAMDA. The A level will create a pathway to not only university Performance degrees or Drama Schools, but also a wide range of other degree options. There is also a lot of transferable skill developed through drama which are desired in the working world.

LAMDA Awards Vocational

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grades 9-4 in English and three GCSEs at grades 9-4 or A- C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.*

Course overview

This is an enrichment qualification and will be additional to your core subjects. The Bronze, Silver and Gold LAMDA Awards, will train you to be vocally and physically audition ready. The course will take students through acting training and will provide a basis for life, as a professional performing artist. Throughout the course there will be opportunities to work with visiting practitioners, and take part in workshops led by professional performing artists. You will also be invited to join the department on trips, to experience a wide range of theatre and performance art.

100% practical examinations

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many of our students' study LAMDA alongside other Performing Arts subjects. It is worth UCAS points if you wish to go on to Higher Education and builds a range of transferable skills to take into employment.

Music Performance & Production Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

At least grade 5 in an instrument (or voice) is essential. Grades 9-4 in English and Maths and four GCSEs at grades 9-4 or A- C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.*

Course overview

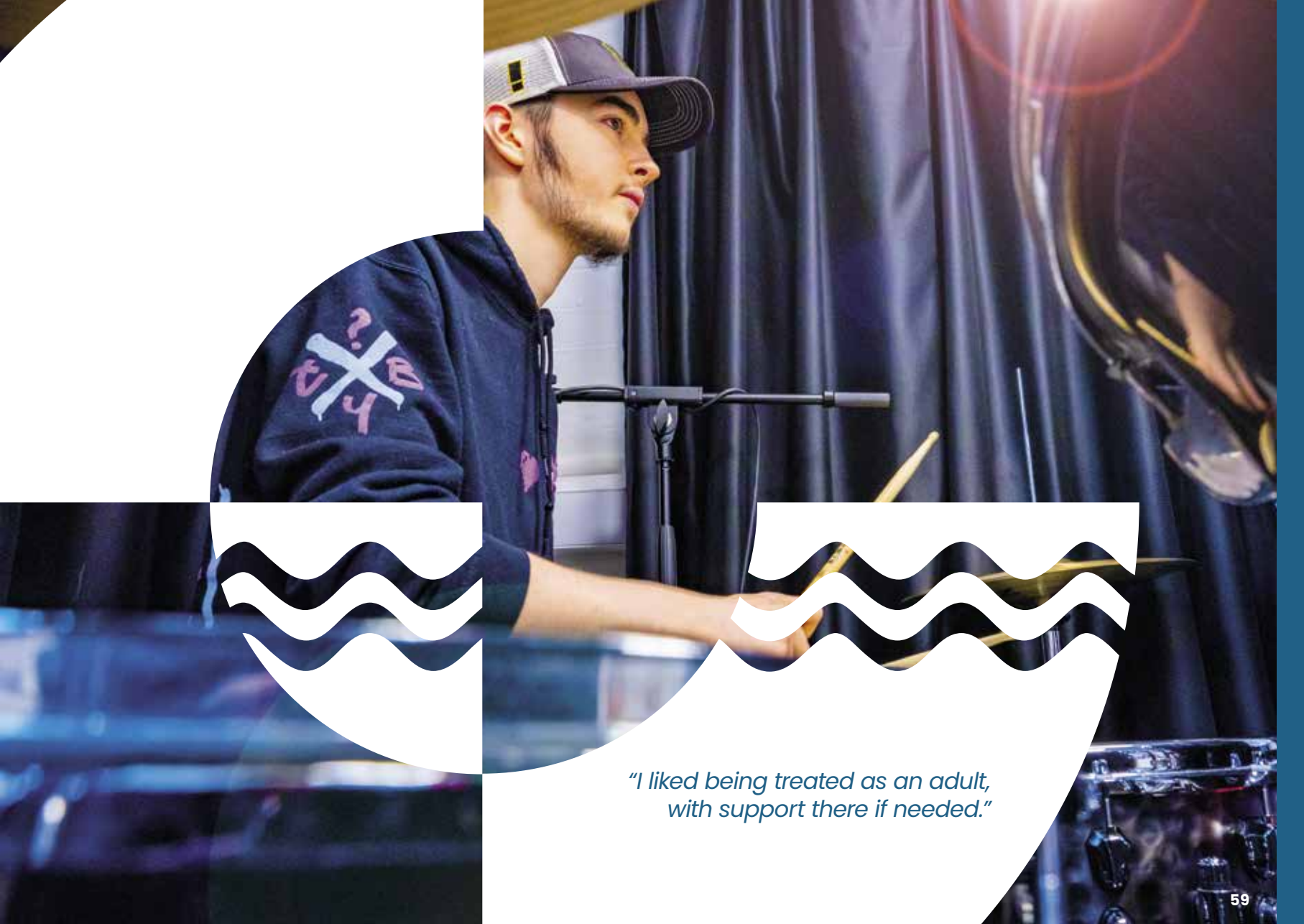
This course is based firmly on popular music, although you will also learn about performing in other styles. During this course, you will perform on a number of different occasions across a number of different venues, as well as planning and hosting your own events. You will spend a lot of time working practically in our iMac suite, using Logic Pro (industry-standard recording and sequencing software). You will be encouraged to explore your musicality and to create original material using technology.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many students progress to university to study Music, Music Technology or Music Performance. Our fantastic links to local recording studios have seen our students go on to work in industry and many continue to pursue a career in the music and performance industry.

"The teachers at Itchen are really kind and enthusiastic, and everyone is willing to help and be friendly."



*"I liked being treated as an adult,
with support there if needed."*



PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Our Uniformed Protective Services Academy provides a realistic environment for those aspiring to join a uniformed public service after college.

Our dynamic teaching team have extensive uniformed service experience to draw upon and our enrichment experiences include working with the military and emergency services, such as the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, RAF, Police, Ambulance, Border Force, Prison, Maritime and Coastguard and Fire and Rescue service. Students may also undertake extra-curricular activities such as the Bronze/Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award, parachuting, sea survival, coasteering, camping trips, Brecon Beacons and much more.

MY JOURNEY



Daniel Buckette

"The biggest challenge I have faced at Itchen is managing my time when it comes to coursework as at the start of the year, I found it very hard. However, once I approached my tutor with this problem he was able to give me different strategies and now I can effectively manage my time."

"Some advice that I would give to future Itchen College Students is take every opportunity that is offered to you as you never know what you'll enjoy, as it could be the deciding factor of what you do in the future. I would say enjoy your time at Itchen as it goes by quicker than you think."

BTEC Protective Services Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE/DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English and four GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.*

Course overview

This course is for those who are looking to enter a career in the military or emergency services and also provides a pathway to Higher Education. By the end of this course, you will have studied a range of topics including: physical fitness, leadership, politics, expedition skills, police powers and the law, principles of managing security threats, citizenship and diversity, adventurous outdoor activities, planning for and responding to emergency incidents, war and conflict, fitness testing, behaviour and discipline.

70% coursework and 30% exam

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

You will be able to move onto Higher Education or gain employment in a uniformed protective service.

Ncfe Level 2 Diploma For Entry To The Uniformed Services Vocational

LEVEL 2 (DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 in English and a range of GCSEs at grade 3 or D or above. Pass or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.

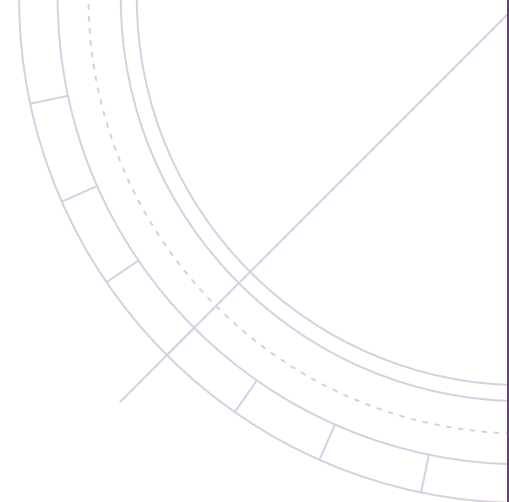
Course overview

This course is for you if you aspire to join an Emergency Blue Light or Military service, seek a challenge and want to push yourself both mentally and physically. By the end of this course, you will have studied both theoretical and practical aspects including: service routine, team working, health & safety, equality and diversity, physical fitness, map reading, adventurous activities. The course will enable you to undertake further study, or apply to join a rewarding career as a well-informed/prepared potential recruit.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

You will be able to extend your knowledge and study at university or gain employment in a Uniformed Service.



“The subjects that I chose had really nice teachers, great results and good resources.”



SCIENCE

Science is fundamental to our everyday life and the universe around us. By studying science at Itchen, you are broadening your opportunities to great universities and employers and rewarding diverse career opportunities.

You will benefit from our broad engagement with local Higher Education institutions, training providers and specialist academics further enriching and deepening your science studies with us.

MY JOURNEY



Amelia Vann

"My advice to future Itchen students is to really make the most of every opportunity you have available to you - whether that be support from teachers, work experience or trips.

The teachers at Itchen are amazing at trying to provide you with the best possible chances to maximise your university application through work experience and additional learning/online courses and really encourage you make the most of your time here."

Biology

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English, grade 9–6 in Maths, grade 9–6 in Combined Science or Biology and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4.

Course overview

This course explores the enormous range of modern Biology, exploring the units including, DNA, proteins, enzymes, viruses and cell ultrastructure, circulatory systems and respiratory systems in a wide range of organisms, cell division and reproduction in mammals and plants; nutrition in plants and animals, homeostasis and kidneys, ecology and the environment, evolution and the creation of new species. The course includes extensive practical and microscopy work.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course carries UCAS points and is ideal for anyone wishing to progress to Higher Education. Biology careers include medical professions, pharmacy, physiotherapy, biomedical engineering, research science (life sciences), microbiology, marine biology, conservation, and ecology, environmental management, food science, agricultural engineering and zoology.

Chemistry

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English, grade 9–6 in Maths, grade 9–6 in Combined Science or Chemistry and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4.

Course overview

This course explores topics such as the foundations of chemistry, the periodic table, organic chemistry, analysis, physical chemistry and transition elements. You will study six modules, which will provide a strong understanding of various areas of chemistry. By the end of this course, you will have been taught practical skills which are integrated with the theoretical topics throughout the course and assessed both through written papers and the practical endorsement, which is a teacher assessed component, separate from the A Level grade.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course carries UCAS points and is ideal for anyone wishing to progress to Higher Education. It is essential for careers in medicine, chemistry, pharmacy and veterinary, as well as being useful for many biological and physical science degrees.

Physics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–5 in English, grade 9–6 in Maths, grade 9–6 in Combined Science or Physics and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4.

Course overview

This course explores topics such as the foundations of physics, forces and motion, electrons, waves and photons, astrophysics, nuclear and medical physics, along with developing your practical physics skills. You will be encouraged to recognise physical concepts and principles in technological applications. By the end of this course you will have learnt about the core principles and applications of physics and will be able to progress to Higher Education. The practical aspect of the course is assessed during the two years and carries a stand alone certificate – the practical endorsement – which is assessed by your teacher.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course carries UCAS points and is ideal for anyone wishing to progress to Higher Education. From gaining a degree you can work across a range of sectors in careers including many engineering disciplines such as Mechanical, Electrical, Aeronautical or Marine Engineer, Astrophysicist, Architect, Naval Designer, Business Analyst, Physics Researcher, Meteorologist, Teacher, Programmer and also medical disciplines such as Radiographer or Audiologist.

Applied Science Vocational

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

9–4 in English, Maths and Science qualifications. Other GCSEs with average grade 4 and grade C.

Course overview

The course covers a range of biology, chemistry and physics components. Topic areas covered in this course include: animal and plant cells; tissues; atomic structure and bonding; chemical and physical properties of substances related to their uses; waves and their application in communications; diseases and infections affecting the human body. You will be introduced to quantitative laboratory techniques, calibration, chromatography, calorimetry and laboratory safety, which are relevant to the chemical and life science industries. You will cover the stages involved and the skills needed in planning a scientific investigation: how to record, interpret, draw scientific conclusions and evaluate.

58% exam, 42% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Applied Science carries UCAS points and is accepted at universities for a variety of degrees including science and health-related degrees.

Pearson BTEC Level 2 First Award in Application of Science

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Grade 2 or above in Science and grades 3 in English and Maths.

Course overview

This course is intended for students wanting to progress on to Level 3 Health and Social Care or similar vocational courses. It includes applications of chemical substances, applications of physical science, health applications of life science and scientific skills. There is an element of practical work, assessed through assignments and an examination to apply the scientific skills you have learned to various scenarios. You will need to be self motivated and organised in order to complete all aspects of the course and be successful in it.

25% exam, 75% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This qualification can act as a springboard to broader level 3 vocational courses.

"My science courses have opened up pathways to progress in my career aspirations further than ever before."

"I like Itchen College because it gives me the freedom to conduct my own methods of learning whilst still giving me the support I need to get through my education and come out with good grades."



Over **50**
different enrichment
choices



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Social Science at Itchen is part of a well-established and high-achieving faculty with a well defined history of exceptionally high results, outcomes and destinations for our students. Subjects are taught by a highly qualified team of specialists, some of whom are nationally acclaimed authors in their subjects and senior examiners.

Studying Psychology or Sociology provides you with an understanding of how humans think and why we behave as we do, both as an individual and in the wider context of society. Our students enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities hearing from many professionals in an range of careers and from university academics enhancing our curriculum.

MY JOURNEY



Max Ward

"The Sociology and Psychology teachers were great in their teaching and exam preparation. The teachers were experienced and knowledgeable, ensuring I felt confident in my A level examinations. I have really enjoyed meeting a variety of new people from all different places and I have enjoyed the relationships I created with my teachers - it certainly made college a lot more enjoyable!

The biggest challenge I faced at Itchen was the A-Level exams. I overcame this by making sure I worked hard and tried my best to try and get the best grades possible.

Advice to future college students: Listen to the teachers when they say to start revision, but don't overload - balance is key. Also, enjoy your college days, it's over before you know it."

Psychology

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–5 in English and Grades 9–4 in Maths, Science and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course will allow you to critically analyse and seek explanation for your behaviour, and the behaviour of those around you, through a variety of psychological approaches. You will understand how to design, carry out and analyse research, as well as investigate wide-ranging topics such as schizophrenia, autistic spectrum disorders, bullying behaviours, criminal behaviours, and stress. By the end of this course, you will have achieved a solid understanding of the major psychological approaches and be able to use these to explain the wide diversity of behaviour we observe.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Psychology is a very useful subject for any career where you interact with people. Occupations such as journalism, nursing and marketing all welcome trainees who have studied Psychology. If you are considering Higher Education, Psychology can be an invaluable subject, and our students have enjoyed studying this subject further at local universities as well as Oxford and Cambridge.

Sociology

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English, Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

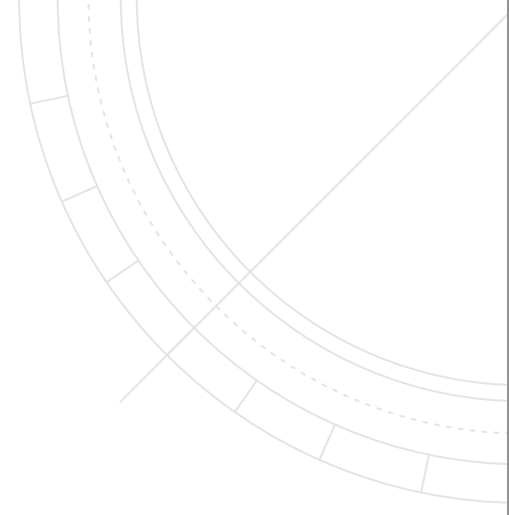
Course overview

This course studies the vibrant and changing nature of the society in which we live, exploring people's identity and behaviour, as well as examining social and cultural factors. You will consider the inequalities and differences that exist within society, such as those associated with income, gender and ethnicity. By the end of this course, you will have studied a wide range of topic areas including crime and deviance, structural inequalities, power distribution, culture and identity, family, education and research methods.

100% exam

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Sociology is recognised by all universities as a valid A Level for undergraduate study. Students from Itchen frequently gain places to study Sociology locally at Southampton, Winchester and Portsmouth, as well as universities across the country, including Cambridge. Sociology is particularly relevant for any career involving working with people, such as social work, human relations, teaching, business, management, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, the police, journalism and marketing.



“All students on Social Science courses progressed on to higher education, apprenticeships or related employment.”



SPORT AND PE

The faculty of Sport & PE is highly successful and largely contributes to Itchen's status as the most successful sports college in Hampshire. The learning area offers a range of additional courses in coaching, fitness and leadership and delivers high-quality sports coaching through the Academy of Sport.

Students benefit from links to Higher Education institutions and various opportunities to play competitively against other teams, to use our sports facilities and to learn from experts.

MY JOURNEY



Grace Colmer

"I have loved my time at Itchen. The teachers are fantastic and with the class sizes being around 20 you get to form a strong working relationship with them. I live local to the college and didn't want to consider a bus journey to another college.

Being at Itchen and saving the travelling time has allowed me to maximise my chances to study, play sport and have a part time job. The college have also been instrumental in helping me to achieve my dream of a scholarship to the USA for track and field."

Sport & PE

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Grades 9–4 in English, Maths and three or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This course will enable you to develop an understanding of the factors influencing performance, and the ability to apply these to a range of physical activities. You will understand the social, moral and cultural issues, which can affect participation and performance in physical activity. By the end of this course, you will have developed the skills necessary to analyse, evaluate and improve performance.

70% exam 30% practical

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

PE is one of the fastest growing subjects in Higher Education and is a recognised science in most universities. There are many opportunities in careers and Higher Education when studying PE such as Physiotherapy and Sports Therapy, Sports Technology, Sports Coaching/Development, Sports Science/Studies, Sports Management/Media and PE teaching.

Sports – Vocational Pearson BTEC Level 3 (Double or Triple)

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and Science and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C. Merit or above in a related vocational Level 2 qualification will also be accepted.*

Course overview

This course combines practical and theoretical elements, and the course largely revolves around realistic workplace situations. You will study units on areas such as: anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, sports psychology, sports event organisation, and business in sport. By the end of this course, you will have had the opportunity to take additional qualifications to supplement your learning in areas such as leadership, fitness, coaching and first aid.

10 units are mandatory (coursework) and 4 units are externally assessed

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

If you wish to go on to Higher Education compatible degree subjects include; sports science, sports psychology, sports journalism, sports analysis, fitness and personal training, teaching PE, coaching and sport development, event management (sport). Possible careers include leisure centre roles, coaching roles and personal training.

Football Coaching Diploma Vocational

LEVEL 2 & 3

Entry Requirements

There are no specific course requirements. Personal fitness and a keen interest in football are essential. You will need to be confident standing up in front of the class and taking coaching sessions.

Course overview

This course combines qualifications in coaching, teaching, and instruction across Levels 1, 2 and 3. You will be able to take this course alongside English and Maths GCSE, and may choose to complete it over one or two years, depending on the level of study. By the end of this course, you will be qualified to gain paid coaching work and, if you gain the Level 2 qualification, you will be a fully qualified football coach.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

There are multiple career opportunities, as the qualification is a recognised route into employment in the football industry. Progression routes can also lead to Higher Education in sport or football studies-based courses.

Sport Vocational

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

GCSEs at 3-1 or D-E. Pass in a related vocational Level 1 subject will also be accepted.

Course overview

This course is practical and work related, providing a good foundation for a more advanced qualification in a similar area. You will study six units which include topics on anatomy and physiology, introduction to healthy exercise and nutrition, and developing sporting skills and tactical awareness. By the end of this course, you will have shown your passion for sport and used skills in motivation and self-discipline to meet deadlines.

100% coursework



FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Success in the Level 2 course at Merit or Distinction can lead to further vocational or A Level qualification in sport, or a career in the sports industry.

The following subjects can be taken as additional qualifications as part of your sports programme. The qualifications may also be taken by students who are not studying Sport & PE subjects, although Sport & PE students will be given priority.

Strength & Conditioning Vocational

LEVEL 2

Designed to enhance students' coaching experience, and to give them an insight into some of the key aspects of training athletes in the gym.

Certification in Gym Instructing

LEVEL 2

For second year students, with a keen interest in fitness training. This course will give you the skills to work in the gym and leisure industry.

Personal Training Vocational

LEVEL 3

Will allow you to work with clients, to gain practical experience working as a personal trainer, as part of this full time course.

1st4sport Multi-Skills Qualification Vocational

LEVEL 2

Will enable you to gain employment with coaching companies, to work in primary schools.

Higher Sports Leadership Award, Vocational

LEVEL 3

Develops your skills from the Level 2 Award, and extends your abilities in leadership and coaching.

Sports Massage

Will allow you to gain a relevant industry Sports Massage qualification to practice in that industry.

"I live in Romsey so could have chosen colleges nearer but decided to go to Itchen to benefit from their excellent football programme. I was aware of Itchen's success in football and proud to be part of the college 1st team."



"The environment that is created here is like no other and is an amazing experience for anyone interested in sport."

A photograph of three students in a classroom. A young man with curly brown hair is pointing at a globe on a desk. Two young women are looking at the globe with him. The background shows a window with a view of greenery outside.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Travel and Tourism is part of Itchen's largest faculty. Our Travel & Tourism students benefit from national and international trips, meeting and learning from travel providers including major airlines, as well as work experience opportunities.

By studying travel and tourism you will gain industry-specific skills as well as more general, transferable skills including communications, teamwork and research.

MY JOURNEY



Morgan Callaway

"What I have enjoyed the most about Itchen is the vast amount of opportunities, such as trips, that are offered to you throughout the time that you spend at Itchen."

The biggest challenge I faced when coming to Itchen was the change from School to College, it is challenging for everybody and you're all in the same boat, but everybody you meet at college are friendly and always there to help you if you need any advice or extra support in your learning.

The advice that I would give to future Itchen Students is enjoy your time at Itchen, it goes very fast, but they will be some of the most memorable years of your life, so enjoy them!"

Travel & Tourism Vocational

LEVEL 3 (SINGLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This NCFE course aims to support potential tourism careers, by practising the skills required for employment, including a work placement as an integral part of the course. You will get a broad overview of the industry, and build a sound knowledge of travel and tourism issues. By the end of this course, you will have studied UK tourism, worldwide tourism destinations, customer service in travel and tourism, and how to plan tourism services.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

The course could lead to direct employment in the travel and tourism industry, with progression opportunities in tourism management. Students are able to progress onto Higher Education courses such as HNDs and degrees in Travel & Tourism Management and related studies.

Enrichment courses are available.

Global Distribution System (Galileo) Vocational

LEVEL 3

Introduces you to Galileo, a reservation system used by travel agents and airlines all over the world.

Travel & Tourism Vocational

LEVEL 3 (TRIPLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and four or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A– C.*

Course overview

This NCFE course will develop and help you practise the skills required for employment in the travel and tourism industry. You will study a range of topics including customer service, resort representatives, tourism destinations, the UK event industry, airports and responsible tourism. By the end of this course, you will have carried out research into a range of case studies within the travel and tourism industry, and completed a work placement.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

The course can lead to direct employment in the travel and tourism industry, with progression opportunities in tourism management. Students are able to progress onto Higher Education courses such as HNDs and degrees in Travel & Tourism Management and related studies.

Introduction to Cabin Crew Vocational

LEVEL 2

Is suitable for learners who would like to work as part of the cabin crew on airlines.

Travel & Tourism Vocational

LEVEL 2 (DOUBLE AWARD)

Entry Requirements

Grade 3 in English and a range of GCSEs at grade 3 or D or above.

Course overview

This NCFE course will develop and help you practise the skills required for employment in the travel and tourism industry, or events management. You will study a range of topics including customer service in travel and tourism, the UK travel and tourism industry, travel and tourism destinations, career planning for travel and tourism, know about airports and airline, understanding specialist tourism, travel agency operations and tourism in a popular UK region. By the end of this course, you will have carried out your own research, analysed your information and presented your findings. You will be able to progress onto Level 3 Travel & Tourism courses, subject to attaining an overall Distinction.

100% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Students with the vocational Travel & Tourism qualification are very fortunate in having a wide choice of employment opportunities open to them. These would include working in travel agencies, holiday companies, airports and airlines or cruise liners. Students can also progress to vocational Level 3 Travel & Tourism qualification or to other related subjects.



VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts at Itchen is part of an exciting and dynamic faculty. You will have access to professional facilities including a dark room, photography studio and art room.

As part of your course's enrichment opportunities, you will exhibit and share work, develop a portfolio, learn from industry professional and take part in masterclass.

MY JOURNEY



Freyja Holt

"Itchen was one of three choices for me which all did Fine Art, Law and History. I initially had no idea about which college would be best for me.

However, after coming to the Itchen open day and meeting my prospective teachers and tutor, I knew it was the best place for me.

Although I have to travel quite far to get to college, with their easy transport system (the college busses) it was my clear choice and definitely turned out to be the best. I will be beginning my second year in September and am looking forward to where it takes me."

Fine Art

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Five or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 including Art (or a portfolio of creative work).

Course overview

This course concentrates on the fundamentals of art and design, by exploring the basic aspects of Fine Art, including drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. 'Live' briefs form a core part of the course, working on creative projects for specific clients and scenarios. By the end of the course, you will have studied artists and designers in depth, and created your own portfolio of practical, client-based design briefs, enabling you to progress to Higher Education or further training.

40% controlled assignment
60% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course is recognised by UCAS and will aid progression to university. Creative opportunities exist after studying to degree level.

Graphics

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Five or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 including Art (or a portfolio of creative work).

Course overview

This course will introduce you to visual communication, in the context of advertising, promotion, 2D design, website design, packaging and more. You will be involved in a range of practical design tasks, involving experimentation with typography, colour, layout and image manipulation. By the end of the course, you will have a good working knowledge of industry standard software, such as Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator, as well as having developed a portfolio of work.

40% controlled assignment
60% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Progress onto Higher Education to study graphics related courses at degree level. The course will also provide you with skills needed for employment in related fields, such as publicity, information graphics, packaging, web design, advertising and animation.

Photography

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Five or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 including Art (or a portfolio of creative work).

Course overview

This course will provide you with a good knowledge of photographic theory and practice. Work will be carried out in a professional environment, with a purpose-built studio and a darkroom for student use. By the end of the course, you will be familiar with all types of cameras, as well as enlargers, lens filters, flash guns, studio lighting, black and white film, photographic processing, digital cameras, and digital manipulation using industry standard software (including Adobe Photoshop).

40% controlled assignment
60% coursework

📍 FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Progress onto Higher Education to study photography related courses at degree level. The course will also provide you with skills needed for employment in a related field, such as: working as an assistant photographer, starting your own photography business, working as a photographer for a newspaper or magazine and photojournalism.

Textiles (Costume and Interior Design)

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements

Five or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 including Art (or a portfolio of creative work).

Course overview

This course will cover a range of interactive approaches towards design and textiles, in which you will learn to use a diverse range of materials and techniques. Research projects focus on a range of complementary arts, allowing for the exploration of fashion and costume illustration, and research of textile history. By the end of the course, you will have undertaken research projects, explored fashion illustration, costume design and textile history. You will also have had the opportunity to specialise in either interior design, or creative fashion and costume design.

40% controlled assignment
60% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

This course is recognised by UCAS and will aid progression to university where you may study, Fashion, Fashion Illustration, Interior Design and Fashion/Interiors, Business Studies and Costume Illustration.

There are also many career options, including Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Fashion Marketing, Window Dressing and Retail Management.

Art & Design Vocational

LEVEL 3

Entry Requirements

Grade 9–4 in English and Maths and two or more GCSEs at grades 9–4 or A–C, preferably including Art at grade 4 (or a portfolio of creative work).*

Course overview

This course will cover a wide range of art and design disciplines in a practical way. Students will study 2D materials, techniques and processes, printmaking, 3D visual communication, and will work with photography briefs. By the end of this course, you will have worked with live projects, learnt art and design techniques, and will be able to understand art and design in a wider context.

100% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Many of our students progress to university to study Art and Design at under graduate or foundation level. We have excellent links to our local Universities and can advise you if you wish to study further afield.

Art & Design Vocational

LEVEL 2

Entry Requirements

Three GCSEs at grades 9–3 or A–D are preferred, with an accompanying portfolio of personal art work, demonstrating a passion for the subject.*

Course overview

This course offers students an introduction to the basic principles of art and design, providing the foundation to a Level 3 programme. Using processes such as screenprint, linocut card, wire and clay, you will be encouraged to relate your work to the work of other artists, designers and photographers. By the end of the course, you will have compiled a portfolio containing work on 2D and 3D visual communication, photography and contextual references.

100% coursework

FROM HERE TO WHERE...

Success at Merit or Distinction level will aid progression to the Level 3 Art & Design programmes. On completion of the Level 3 programmes, many students then move on to study Art & Design at degree level.

Life Drawing Vocational

LEVEL 2 & 3

You will learn the fundamentals of drawing from a live nude model. You will be expected to research the work of designers, who have worked on the figure, critically analyse and reflect on your own development.

This is an enrichment qualification, and will be additional to your core three subjects.

"All of the Art and Design subjects offer a good range of resources and equipment that will help you to achieve your full potential in your lessons and explore your creativity"



ADULT & COMMUNITY LEARNING

Here at Itchen, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to achieve their goals and access education at any point in their life. In addition to our school leavers' courses, we have a large Adult and Community Learning team offering a variety of adult learning courses and opportunities.

From supporting your progression to university or your career by studying courses such as digital skills, Itchen can support your journey wherever it starts.

For more information visit the website itchen.ac.uk/adult-learning or contact the Adult and Community Learning Team on **023 8044 6156** or acet@itchen.ac.uk

COURSES INCLUDE;

- GCSE English, Maths and Biology
- Functional Skills qualifications in Maths and English
- Access to Higher Education Diploma, access to university through a variety of pathways, including Social Sciences, Health and Social Care Professionals, Paramedic Science, Nursing and Midwifery, and Primary Teaching
- Online Access to Higher Education: Business Management, Health Professionals, Social Science and Nursing
- Early Years Education and Supporting Teaching and Learning courses
- GESOL courses to develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, as well as a range of integration skills, including digital and employability skills
- Bite sized programmes including digital skills, adult social care, support work in schools and much more
- Apprenticeships from level 2 - level 5 including Adult Care, Child Care, Customer Service, Business Administration and Management
- Teacher and training courses include part-time teaching qualifications, PGCE and PCE qualifications
- Childcare, social and health courses run by qualified experts in their field

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

HOST FAMILIES WANTED – HOMESTAY

For more than twenty years, Itchen Sixth Form College has been welcoming international students from all parts of the world. Our international community, with its diverse cultures and languages, plays a meaningful part in enriching and equipping students with the knowledge and skills to become global citizens.

For local students, our international mindedness offers a clear advantage in preparing them for Higher Education and global awareness.

We are looking for hosts to provide home-from-home accommodation for our international students. Homestay accommodation provides our international students with a safe environment and gives them the opportunity to experience British culture first hand.

Itchen Sixth Form College appreciates and values the people who welcome our international students into their homes and the important part this plays in the student's overall study experience.

Full training is given with 24-hour support and £580 per student, per month towards costs.

To find out more visit www.itchen.ac.uk/international



ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

2023

SEPT	School visits —We visit schools across Hampshire giving presentations and attending career fairs. This is your chance to ask us questions about what Itchen can offer you!
OCT	Open evening —Thursday 12th October 2023 5pm–8pm, Open Morning Saturday 14th October 2023 10am – 1pm. Come and experience the vibrant Itchen atmosphere for yourself! Meet staff and students, tour the college and ask us about anything. Applications are accepted on the day or you can apply online at www.itchen.ac.uk
NOV	Interviews begin —Initial interviews begin and first offers of places are made. During your interview, our staff will help you begin to plan your personal programme of study, by working with you to create a personalized programme of taster sessions during our welcome event.

2024

JAN	School visits continue —We continue applications and our admissions process goes on throughout the spring and summer term so it is never too late to apply to Itchen.
MAY	Information Evening—Wednesday 1st May 2024 5:30pm – 7:30pm Our Open Evening specifically caters for Year 10 and Year 11, as well as parents and guardians. We encourage Year 10s to come along to discover more about the college. Year 11s can still submit applications, either on the evening or online via www.itchen.ac.uk
JULY	Welcome Event for 2024–2025 students —The Welcome Event is an excellent opportunity for you to explore the subjects you may be studying in September through dedicated taster sessions. Meet new friends, enjoy your taster sessions and discover what life is like at Itchen! Students who have been offered a place at the college will be sent a letter detailing when they should come to Itchen to enrol once they have received their GCSE results.
AUG	GCSE results published and enrolment begins —Once you have received your GCSE results, you will be expected to attend your enrolment appointment at the college. This will allow you to finalise your study programme for September and sign up for the college bus service, receive your ID card and lanyard and more.
SEPT	SEPT Term begins. The autumn term begins and our students start college.

HOW TO APPLY

We will start accepting applications from October 2023 for students who want to start college in September 2024. Although we do not have a deadline for applications, we advise that you apply as early as possible, and attend one of our open events.

To apply for a place at Itchen, visit **www.itchen.ac.uk** and fill out our online application form. Alternatively, you can download and print a copy of the application form from our website, or request a form through a school or college event and fill it out by hand.

If you do hand-write your application, please make sure to send it to:

Admissions (New Students)
Itchen Sixth Form College
Middle Road
Southampton
Hampshire
SO19 7TB

Once we have received your application form, we will contact you with a date and time for your individual interview, in which you will discuss your intended programme of study with an admissions interviewer.

Your course choices will be finalised at your enrolment interview. You are also welcome to change your options, by contacting the admissions department via phone, email, or in-person at an open event or at our Welcome Event.

Offer of a place

After a successful interview, in which we have received valid proof of ID and a completed reference from your school, we can offer you a place to study at Itchen.

By accepting this offer, you will be reserving your place on your intended programme of study. However, please note that these courses will only be finalised during enrolment, and are subject to minimum entry requirements based on your actual GCSE results.

Welcome Event

At Welcome Event, you can attend taster sessions for the subjects you are intending to study in September, meet new people, and get a flavour of life at Itchen. There will also be an Information Evening for you and your parents/guardians to meet staff informally.

Enrolment

You will be invited to attend an enrolment interview at the end of August, during which you will finalise your programme of study, based on your actual GCSE results. This is where we make sure the path you want to take is right for you.

OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening
Thursday 12th October 2023
5pm-8pm

Open Morning
Saturday 14th October 2023
10am – 1pm

Information Evening
Wednesday 1st May 2024
5:30pm – 7:30pm

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Environmental Science
Film Studies
Fine Art
French
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Law
Mathematics
Mathematics & Further Mathematics
Media Studies
Photography
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Sport & PE
Statistics
Textiles (Costume & Interior Design)

VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3 COURSES

Acting
Applied Law
Applied Science
Art & Design
Business
BTEC Protective Services/
NCFE Uniformed Services
Core Mathematics
(Mathematics in Context)
Criminology
Dance and Musical Theatre
Digital Media (Multimedia Pathway)
Digital Media (Journalism Pathway)
Football Coaching Diploma
Global Distribution System (Galileo)
Health & Social Care
Higher Sports Leadership Award
IT
IT (Application Developer)
LAMDA Awards
Life Drawing
Music Performance & Production
Personal Training
Sport (Pearson BTEC Level 3 National
Extended Diploma)
T Level Technical Qualification in
Education and Childcare
Travel & Tourism

VOCATIONAL LEVEL 2 COURSES

1st4sport Multi-Skills Qualification
Art & Design
Business Technology
Certification in entry Gym Instructing
Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
English Language GCSE
English Functional Skills
NCFE Diploma for Entry to the
Uniformed Services
Football Coaching Diploma

Health & Social Care (Extended Diploma)
Introduction to Cabin Crew
Law & Legal Work with Criminology
Life Drawing
Mathematics GCSE
Media
Sport
Strength & Conditioning
Travel & Tourism

VOCATIONAL LEVEL 1 COURSES

Introduction to Health, Social Care and
Children's and Young People's Settings
English Functional Skills
Entry Level Programme
Level 1 Programme
Mathematics Functional Skills

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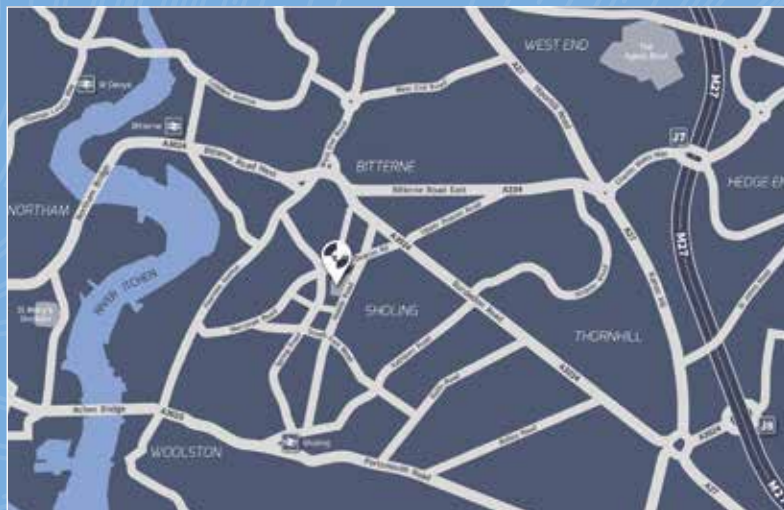
This course index allows you to view all of the courses which Itchen Sixth Form College intends to offer for 2024-2025. Please refer to the course listings for individual entry requirements. More detail about courses and learning and learning areas can be found on our website www.itchen.ac.uk

Please be aware that whilst this information was correct at the time of publication, this information may be subject to change.






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