



**A-LEVELS AT
KENDAL COLLEGE
2020 - 2021**

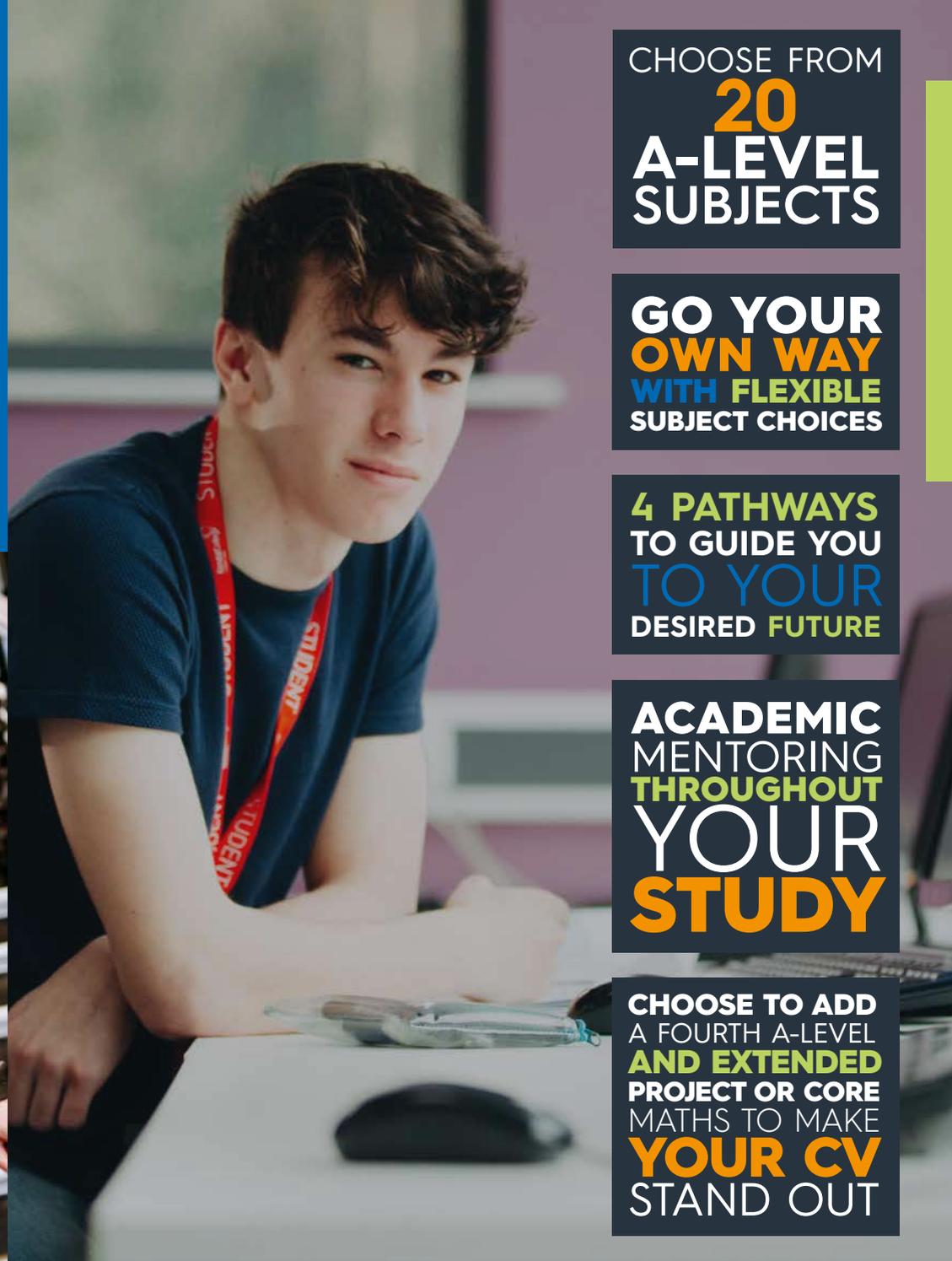
Welcome

At KC Sixth, we have a culture of high academic standards and performance, promoting commitment, independence and personal growth. We strive to inspire and enable all A-Level learners to achieve their full potential.

A-Levels open doors to higher education, apprenticeships and employment. Our academic mentoring programme will support your progress and achievement throughout your time at college to maintain a focus on your long-term goal.



**THE #1
RANKED
COLLEGE
IN THE
COUNTRY**



CHOOSE FROM
20
A-LEVEL
SUBJECTS

**GO YOUR
OWN WAY**
WITH FLEXIBLE
SUBJECT CHOICES

4 PATHWAYS
TO GUIDE YOU
TO YOUR
DESIRED FUTURE

ACADEMIC
MENTORING
THROUGHOUT
**YOUR
STUDY**

CHOOSE TO ADD
A FOURTH A-LEVEL
AND EXTENDED
PROJECT OR CORE
MATHS TO MAKE
YOUR CV
STAND OUT

A-Level study in a college environment

KC Sixth offers a wide range of subjects and specific pathways to university. Our highly qualified and experienced teachers will guide you through your academic programme, offering three sessions per subject per week. They provide interactive and inspiring lessons alongside 'curiosity activity,' as well as regular assessment and feedback to enable you to achieve.

As part of being a KC Sixth A-Level learner, you will be supported by an Academic Mentor and the A-Level Coordinator to support your progress and achievement with the aim to help you succeed to the very best of your ability. There are also additional opportunities available to A-Level learners which include extra-curricular activities and ways to be actively involved in college life.



Study options

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Our Pathways

for those that want to specialise

STEM:

Science, Technology Engineering and Maths are the tools that drive innovation and help improve the prospects of people and the planet. These are the skills employers require.

SUBJECTS:

Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Further Maths, Environmental Science, Geology, Geography.

PEOPLE AND SOCIETY:

Our pathway that promotes your understanding of how people think, interact and work together, enabling you to aim to improve the lives of others.

SUBJECTS:

Sociology, Psychology, Economics, English Language, Geography, Politics.

HUMANITIES:

Search for a deeper understanding of what it is to be human. Develop an analytical and critical understanding which can be applied to life or study.

SUBJECTS:

History, English Literature, Philosophy, French, English Language.

BUSINESS AND LAW:

Look at the world as it is and then make a difference. Learn how the right mix of people and technology can get things done. Prepare yourself for the world to come.

SUBJECTS:

Law, Business, Economics, Accounting, Psychology, Politics.

GO YOUR OWN WAY:

Choose a blend of subjects that suits your interests and future plans.



Why choose A-Levels?

A-Levels are a proven and widely accepted route to higher-level study. They can lead to university study or higher apprenticeships. A-Levels are examined courses, and the final exams lead directly to the grade you are given (A*-E).



Entry Criteria

Our general entry criteria is 5 GCSE at grade 5 (or above) including English and Maths. Each subject may have additional requirements. This is usually a grade 6 in the subject or a related subject to the one you wish to study. Please ask us or see our website for more details.

Applicants with non-standard educational history should contact us for more details.

20/21 A2 Timetable

	09.00-10.30	10.45-12.15	13.00-14.30	14.45-16.15
Monday	Blue	Green	Green	Blue
Tuesday	Green	Blue	Green	Green
Wednesday	Orange	Green	Blue	Green
Thursday	Blue	Orange	Tut/EPC/Enrichment	
Friday	Green	Blue	Orange	Green

All subjects are delivered in three 1.5 hour blocks. In addition, students are allocated tutorials, academic progress reviews and three 1.5 hour study slots.

Times may vary but 'blocks' of subject groups are fixed.

“I've made great progress and the tutors have been inspirational. It's been great to be able to make a fresh start and I feel ready for my University course.”

“It's a more mature environment and we are treated as adults, there are no bells and we call our tutors by their first names.”

A-Level courses



Accounting

Accountant,
Account Manager,
Finance, Banking

Accounting is essential for all businesses, whether big or small. You will learn all the methods used to ensure businesses and organisations manage their accounts and contribute to society.

Biology

Nursing, Conservation,
Physiotherapy, Vet

The science of life. Learn how organisms survive and replicate including how cells communicate, and how genes influence the next generation.

Business

Marketing, Entrepreneur,
Leadership,
Project Management

Learn what makes business successful, from leadership and strategy to marketing and change management. Develop an understanding of how to get things done.

Chemistry

Environmental Monitoring,
Engineering, Conservation,
Vet + Medicine

Delve deeper into the nature of materials and understand the relationships between them. Further study in this subject opens up a fascinating and useful appreciation of the natural world.

Economics

Management, Marketing
Non Government Agencies

How and why do people make decisions and what affect does this have? From a global scale to an individual choice. Explore what shapes these choices and the impact that they have.

English Language

Journalism, Communications,
Copy Writing, Teaching

English Language investigates how language changes according to situation, user and purpose, and how attitudes to such variation lie behind the power structures in our society.

English Literature

Author, Journalism, Teaching

Explore what it is to be human through the eyes of authors and characters in some of the English language's finest texts.

Environmental Science

Environmental Scientist,
Technologist, Carbon Advisor

Climate change, deforestation, flooding, pollution, soil erosion and increasing populations. Understand these more to answer the question "how can we develop sustainable solutions to these problems?"

French

Client Relations, Translator
Work Abroad, Project Management

French is spoken by millions of people across the globe and allows you to access a rich culture. In an increasingly connected world, speaking another language will help you in any career.

Further Maths

Engineer, Software,
Data Analysis, Scientist

Deepen and broaden your understanding of maths. Specific study of argument and proof, modelling and problem solving takes you well beyond the A-Level specification. This subject can only be taken alongside Mathematics.

Geography

Planning, Environmentalist,
Flood and Resource Management

Places, processes and people: cities, volcanoes, immigration and glaciers - Geography covers it all. Studying the unprecedented changes the planet and it's population are undergoing make the subject hugely relevant.

Geology

Hazard Management, Mining,
Civil Engineering, Engineering

Earth's 4.5-billion-year history and it's uncertain future. Geology dictates access to energy, clean water and mineral resources, and response to floods, climate change and volcanic eruptions.

History

Law, Business Research,
Management

Learn from the past; look to the future. Learn to analyse the events that shaped our world and what lessons can be learnt from them.

Law

Solicitor, Barrister,
Policing, Business

Laws develop and change in line with society and in many ways define it. Learn how Law is developed and how to interpret and apply it in a fascinating range of cases from murder to breach of contract.

Mathematics

Engineer, Software, Accounts
Data Analysis, Scientist

Maths is the 'language of nature'; explore its beauty, power and usefulness. The logic and reasoning skills developed by studying Maths mean that the qualification is widely respected.

Philosophy

Leadership, Business
Medical Ethics, Law

The study of thought itself. Gain a thorough grounding in the fundamental concepts of philosophy. Morals, minds and metaphysics mixed up to let you win any debate and express ideas clearly.



Physics

Engineering, Manufacturing,
Design, Research and Development

The world in its purest form from the weird and wonderful world of Quantum physics to galactic superclusters. The technology of tomorrow starts with an understanding of how things work.

Politics

Business, Politician
Civil Service, Social work

Lively, relevant and controversial. Informed by an understanding of political ideas, procedure and comparison with other countries. Learn to critically analyse others and express your own view.

Psychology

Counselling, Education,
Marketing, Social Work

How the mind works and how it affects human behaviour. Why do people think, act and feel the way they do? Social influence, neurology, attachments to others and many more all start to form an answer.

Sociology

Politician, Business
Education, Social Work

How does society work and what influences us within it? Power, culture, identity and what is 'normal' are all explored and applied to topics like education, families and the media.



Our Students



“I chose to study A-Levels English and RE at Kendal College because these subjects cover all of my interests and are well respected when applying to universities. The atmosphere is supportive and relaxed, giving me enough independence to study on my own. The tutors are reliable, and the courses are interesting, engaging and prove to be a good exercise for the mind. The classes are small, meaning that you get to know both tutors and students quite well. I plan to study Literature and Creative Writing at university. Kendal College has helped me write a good personal statement and I have the necessary grades to get there.”



Heather Hughes

A-Levels English Literature, English Language, RE



“I enjoy all three subjects and like the mix between them rather than studying just one. I wanted to go into further education and have wider choices for the future, and that's why I chose Kendal College. The tutors are supportive, and they really enjoy what they teach. All my classes are quite small, so I really enjoy the group discussions. We had trips organised to attend several open days, which helped me a lot in the decision

process. I'm planning to apply to Lancaster University but might defer, so I have a gap year. I am in the process of applying through UCAS and am writing my personal statement.”

Abby Clancy

A-Levels Economics, Business, Sociology

“The course is challenging but balanced. The workload is intense, but we are given lots of study time in our working week. We mostly work in small groups, and I prefer it to a Sixth Form environment because the teaching is more personalised, and we receive quicker feedback. The tutors are friendly, approachable and knowledgeable in their fields. I chose to study here because of the support I receive, especially with my UCAS application. I plan to go to university in September and study Business. I received lots of help and guidance with choosing my courses, writing a personal statement and with the whole application process in general.”



Joe Birthwhistle

A-Levels Politics, Law, Economics



Target grades: All A-Level students will be set target grades that are based on their GCSE results. These target grades will be reviewed as part of the academic review process, and subject advice and guidance will be provided to support your progress and achievement.

Assessment: We believe students need to know exactly where they stand regarding their academic progress. It's up to you how to react to this. We have assessment points throughout the year that will give you and the team around you a clear picture, and allow you and them to plan the next steps.

Our culture: No bells: first name terms with all staff: independent study; shared public areas with staff and other students; zero tolerance of bullying and other behaviour that interrupts study; and a safety net of supportive interventions where required.

Life in KC Sixth

A typical day: At College your timetable is designed specifically for A-Level study. 3 lessons a week for one and half hours allows you to explore topics in-depth and helps you make the step up from GCSE confidently. You will have gaps between the lessons depending on the subjects, so have time to keep up-to-date with out of class study. You can choose how to spend your time between timetabled sessions. All your classes will be on our Milnthorpe Road Campus where there is a cafe, library and modern computing facilities.

Academic mentoring and progress reviews: Your Academic Mentor will work with you regularly to support your study. They are your guide through successful A-Level study. You will also meet the College's A-Level Co-ordinator to have an honest appraisal of your progress which will help you improve and reach your goals.

Pastoral Support: There may be things that affect your ability to study whilst you are at college. We can't promise to fix these but we can offer to support you so that you can stay focused on your study. Your academic mentor will be the first person you can talk to, but from there we can direct you to more specialist services as required.

It's your future, your College, and we look forward to working with you to create it.

- ✓ A personal academic mentor
- ✓ A timetable designed for A-Level study
- ✓ UCAS application support
- ✓ Support in finding an apprenticeship or job
- ✓ Online resources for all subjects and Clickview subscription
- ✓ A cafe open all the time you are here
- ✓ Bring your device to college
- ✓ Office 365 account
- ✓ Wifi access
- ✓ No uniform

Frequently asked questions

How is College different from School?

Our students tell us the biggest difference is the atmosphere. College is an adult environment, so students say it feels more relaxed. You will mix with people with all sorts of interests and goals, from a wide range of places.

Can I study four A-Levels?

Yes. If you have high entry grades, you aspire to a top university place and enjoy studying.

Will I get support with UCAS and job applications?

Yes. Your teachers, Academic Mentor and Student Services Team will help you with this. As we deliver both degrees and apprenticeships we are well placed to help you find a degree-level apprenticeship.

How do I know I will settle in at College?

Nearly all our students who start in September are new to the College and are keen to meet new people. Your teachers will ensure that you get to know new people during your first days at College.

Are A-Levels my only option if I might want to go to University?

No. A-Levels are a good route to university, but they aren't the only option. Most other Level 3 programmes at the College have the same UCAS points as 3 A-Levels.

Should I add an EPQ and or Core Maths to my A-Levels?

It's up to you. EPQ shows a university or employer that you have good independent study skills and continuing maths is well advised if you want to do a subject at university that requires maths skills, it's also a useful life skill.



Should I stick with subjects I've studied at school?

Statistics say there is no advantage in only choosing A-Level subjects that you've studied at school, so choose what interests you most and fits with your future plans.

What combinations of subjects should I choose?

It's important that you choose 3 subjects that you will enjoy studying. Our pathways give you some suggestions to help guide you, if you are ready to specialise.

Can you support my Oxbridge application?

Yes. We have successful experience in supporting students with applications to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.



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create your brighter future:

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