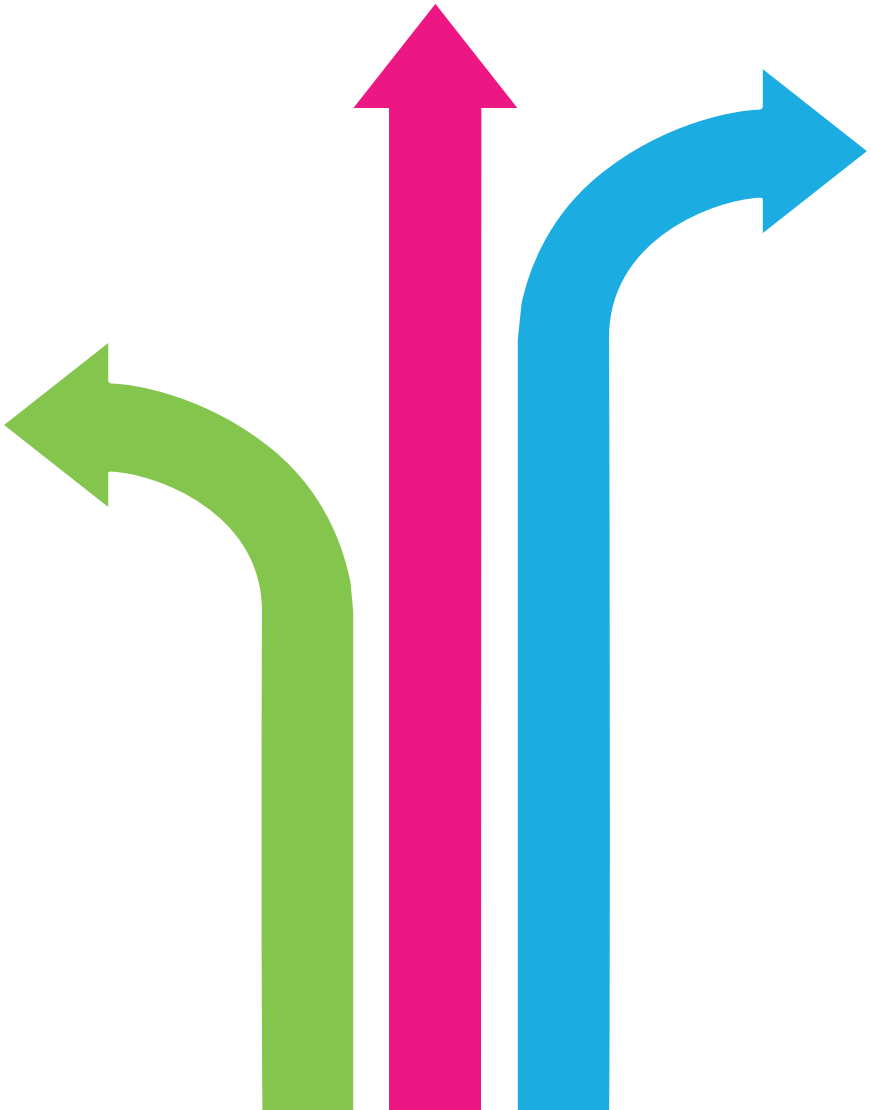


VOCATIONAL  
**Pathways**



**OUTSTANDING EXAMINATION RESULTS**

**WIDEST CHOICE OF SUBJECTS**

**FANTASTIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER**

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE**

**EASILY ACCESSIBLE**

**OFSTED OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS**

**STUDENTS FEEL SUPPORTED, ACHIEVE  
EXCELLENT RESULTS, AND ENJOY BEING AT  
COLLEGE**

**THE COLLEGE HAS AN EXCELLENT NATIONAL  
REPUTATION**

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# VOCATIONAL Pathways

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If you are confident about which career path you want to take, or looking for courses with less emphasis on exams, our Vocational Pathways may be the route for you. These Pathways are designed with a clear destination in mind and take advantage of the more flexible assessment practices offered by vocational qualifications.

























Hereford Sixth Form College is proud to have a 'create your own' approach to the Programme of Study, and these Vocational Pathways are no different. Each pathway will have suggestions for courses to choose from whilst being centred around a particular vocational course.

Results for vocational courses are consistently outstanding; in 2020, 100% of students studying BTEC qualifications receiving a pass or above. Hereford Sixth Form College candidates perform better than the average for the country; the average grade was a Distinction- whilst the national average is a Merit+.

The Vocational Pathways include recommendations for relevant enrichment activities and extension programmes to enhance employability and enrich the College experience. These include short courses, which are not examined, that teach students valuable life skills such as Emergency First Aid and Sign Language.

**To find out more information about individual courses, please visit our website:  
[www.hereford.ac.uk](http://www.hereford.ac.uk)**

# Programme of Study

			
<b>A Level</b>			
<b>BTEC National Diploma</b>			
<b>BTEC National Extended Certificate</b>			
<b>BTEC National Foundation Diploma</b>			
<b>Cambridge Technical Diploma</b>			
<b>WJEC Level 3 Diploma</b>			
<b>Extension Programmes</b>			

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A Level	Vocational Courses
A* = 56 points	Distinction* = 56 points
A = 48 points	Distinction = 48 points
C = 32 points	Merit = 32 points
E = 16 points	Pass = 16 points

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain a place on a Level 3 course, you will need at least five GCSEs at grades 4 - 9 or A\* - C including English Language. If you have not achieved grade 4 or above in English Language or Mathematics, you will be expected to study these subjects at Hereford Sixth Form College until the minimum requirement grade has been achieved.

## CREATING YOUR OWN PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The Level 3 Programme of Study consists of three options. Some students may choose to take on four options. A Levels take up one option; vocational courses can take up one or two options, as shown in the guide to the left.

You can combine these different elements to create your own individual programme of study. Options are incredibly flexible, with 99% of combinations possible. It is important that you choose what you enjoy as well as what will qualify you for any future career aim.

The aim of the booklet is to give you an idea of the different course combinations that can lead to certain career paths.

The Level 3 Programme of Study is supplemented with the Tutorial Programme, Impact, the Extended Project Qualification and Core Mathematics.

# Applied Science

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in science and with at least one GCSE grade 5 or B in Science and grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » a **degree** in Biomedical Science
- » a **foundation degree** in Engineering
- » an **apprenticeship** in Biomedical Science

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Biomedical Scientist
- » Engineer
- » Pharmacist
- » Occupational Therapist
- » Nurse

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

**Applied Science**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

**Engineering**

**Psychology**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL

**Geography**

A LEVEL

**Geology**

A LEVEL

**Environmental Science**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**EPQ**

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Sport Academy**

# Business

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## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a 4/5/6 or C/B in GCSE Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in Business Administration, Customer Service, Human Resources, or Marketing
- » a **foundation degree** in any business-related degree
- » a **foundation year/year zero course**
- » a **Higher National Diploma** (HND)
- » a **degree**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Marketing
- » Business Management
- » Administration
- » Sales

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Travel and Tourism

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL  
**Business**

A LEVEL  
**Statistics**

**Information Technology**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**EPQ**

**Sport Academy**

## WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**Core Maths**

# Computing

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## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in Computing and Technology and with at least grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in Software Development
- » a **foundation degree** in Games Development
- » a **degree** in Computer Science
- » a **degree apprenticeship** in Cyber Security

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Computer Games Development
- » Forensic Computer Analyst
- » Network Manager
- » Software Developer
- » IT Project Manager
- » Technical Architect

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

**Computing**

A LEVEL  
**Statistics**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL  
**Business**  
**Engineering**  
**Digital Media Production**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**EPQ**

## WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**Core Maths**



# Creative Industries

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## SUITABLE FOR

Creative students with a 4/5/6 or C/B in GCSE English.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in areas such as Production or Graphic Design
- » a **degree** in Media
- » an **Arts Foundation Diploma** (Level 3)
- » a **degree apprenticeship**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Media Production
- » Digital Marketing
- » Public Relations
- » Content Producer

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Photography

Digital Media Production

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

Computing

A LEVEL

Media Studies

## ENRICHMENT

Student Voice Newspaper

Upstage Productions

BFI Academy

## WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

EPQ

# Criminology

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in criminological professions with an average of GCSE grade of 4 or C and above.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » a **degree in** Criminology and Psychology
- » a **degree in** Criminology and Sociology
- » a **diploma of Higher Education** in Criminology and Psychology/Law
- » a Police Constable **degree apprenticeship**
- » a **degree** in Professional Policing
- » an **apprenticeship** at MI5

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Probation
- » Police
- » Prison Services
- » The Legal Profession
- » Youth Work

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

**Criminology**

**Psychology**

A LEVEL  
**Sociology**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**EPQ**

**Short Courses**  
in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Short Courses**  
Free online courses such as those offered by the Open University

# SCIENCE BASED Criminology

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in criminological professions with an average of GCSE grade of 4 or C and above.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » a **degree** in Criminology and Psychology
- » a **degree** in Forensic Science and Criminology
- » a Police Constable **degree apprenticeship**
- » an **apprenticeship** in Forensic Science
- » an **apprenticeship** at MI5
- » a **degree** in Criminology and Forensic Science

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Probation
- » Police
- » Prison Services
- » The Legal Profession
- » Youth Work

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

**Criminology**

A LEVEL  
**Psychology**

**Forensic Science**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**EPQ**

**Short Courses**  
in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

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Free online courses such as those offered by the Open University

# Engineering

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## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a GCSE grade 4/5/6 or C/B in Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an Engineering **apprenticeship**
- » a **foundation degree** in Engineering
- » a **foundation year / year zero course**
- » a **Higher National Diploma** (HND)

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Manufacturing
- » Civil Engineering
- » Software Development
- » Communication Engineering

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Engineering

Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

Information Technology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
Core Maths

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
EPQ

**Short Courses**  
in Fire Safety, Risk Assessment,  
and Emergency First Aid

## WHY NOT ADD...

Sport Academy

# Forensic Science

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in science and with at least one GCSE grade 5/B in Science and 5/B in Maths

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » a **degree** in Forensic Science
- » a **degree** in Biomedical Science
- » an **apprenticeship** in Forensic Science
- » a police constable **degree apprenticeship**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Forensic Scientist
- » CSI Laboratory Technician
- » Biomedical Scientist
- » Police Officer
- » Crime Prosecution Service

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

### Forensic Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

**Criminology**

**Psychology**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL

**Biology**

A LEVEL

**Chemistry**

A LEVEL

**Physics**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**EPQ**

### Short Courses

in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Sport Academy**

# Health and Care

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in care professions with an average GCSE grade of 6 or B and below.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » a **Level 4 Foundation Degree** in Childcare
- » a **Higher National Diploma (HND)** in Healthcare
- » an **apprenticeship** in Care /Teaching Assistant
- » a Nursing **degree apprenticeship**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Armed Forces Combat Medical Technician
- » Nursing
- » Social Work

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Health and Social Care

A LEVEL  
Sociology

Psychology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
Core Maths

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
EPQ

Short Courses  
in Risk Assessment and HeartStart

## WHY NOT ADD...

Volunteering

*\*Please note, some health professions, such as Nursing, require A Level Psychology or Biology. Please see Careers if you have a specific job in mind.*

# Information Technology

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## SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in Computing and Technology and with at least grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in IT
- » a **foundation degree** in Creative Computing
- » a **degree** in Software Engineering
- » a **degree apprenticeship** in Data Science

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Forensic Computer Analyst
- » Network Manager
- » Software Developer
- » IT Project Manager
- » Technical Architect
- » Data Analyst
- » Digital Marketing Specialist

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Information Technology

A LEVEL  
Computer Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL                      A LEVEL  
**Business**                      **Statistics**  
**Engineering**

Digital Media Production

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
EPQ

## WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME  
**Core Maths**

# Performing Arts

## SUITABLE FOR

Experienced performers who have a grade 5 or B in GCSE English Literature or a combination of grade 4 or C and grade 5 or B in GCSE English Literature and GCSE Drama.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » auditioning for **Drama Schools and Conservatoires**
- » a **degree** in Drama or Performing Arts
- » a **foundation year/year zero course**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Acting
- » Stage Management
- » Theatrical Design
- » Journalism

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

### Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

#### Dance

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL

#### Drama & Theatre

A LEVEL

#### English Language

## ENRICHMENT

### Actor Training Academy

### Upstage Productions

### Music Academy

## WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

### EPQ



# Sport

## SUITABLE FOR

Active students with 5 or more GCSEs A-C or 9-4 including Maths and English.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in Supporting Physical Education & School Sport
- » a **degree** in Sport Coaching
- » an **NVQ Level 2** Gym Instructor followed by an **NVQ Level 3** in Personal Training

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Coaching / Personal Training
- » Policing
- » Sport Media
- » Public Services / Armed Forces
- » Performance Analysis

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

### Sport

#### CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL  
**Statistics**

A LEVEL  
**Business**

A LEVEL  
**Geography**

A LEVEL  
**Psychology**

#### CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

**Dance**

**Health & Social Care**

**Psychology**

**Travel & Tourism**

#### EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

**Sport Academy**

**Short Courses**

in Risk Assessment and HeartStart

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Coaching Qualification**

# Sport and Exercise Science

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with 5 or more GCSEs A-C or 9-4 including Maths, English and Science.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in the Fitness & Leisure industry
- » a **degree** in Sport and Exercise Science
- » an **NVQ Level 2** Gym Instructor followed by an **NVQ Level 3** in Personal Training

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Coaching
- » Personal Trainer
- » Sport Media
- » Armed Forces
- » Strength and Conditioning
- » Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

### Sport and Exercise Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL

**Statistics**

A LEVEL

**Business**

A LEVEL

**Geography**

A LEVEL

**Psychology**

**Psychology**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**Core Maths**

## ENRICHMENT

**Sport Academy**

**Coaching Qualification**

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Short Courses**

in HeartStart, Risk Assessment, and Emergency First Aid

# Travel and Tourism

## SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in travel, tourism, events, customer service, or business, with a grade 4 or C and above in GCSE English.

## ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

## NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » an **apprenticeship** in Travel and Tourism, Events, Business, Aviation or Customer Service.
- » a **foundation degree** in Travel and Tourism, Leisure, Events, or Aviation.
- » a **degree** in Travel and Tourism, Events, Business or Aviation.
- » a **Higher National Diploma (HND)**

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Hospitality Manager
- » Resort Representative
- » Cabin Crew
- » Travel Agent
- » Customer Service Agent
- » Business Administration

## PROGRAMME OF STUDY

### Travel and Tourism

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

### Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

A LEVEL  
**Business**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

### Information Technology

A LEVEL  
**Geography**

A LEVEL  
**Sociology**

A LEVEL  
**French / German / Spanish**

## ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

**EPQ**

### Short Courses

in Risk Assessment, HeartStart, and Fire Marshall

## WHY NOT ADD...

**Duke of Edinburgh's  
Gold Award**



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