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CTK AQUINAS
A CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM

Prospectus

2027 - 2028

A selective sixth form centre for excellence

Welcome to CTK Aquinas

If you are a high-achieving student who wants to learn with others who are motivated, ambitious and supportive then our selective sixth form of excellence will ensure you achieve your goals.

At CTK Aquinas, you will find 23 A Level subjects, outstanding pastoral support, and a high-achieving alumni community.

CTK Aquinas encourages you to pursue ambitious university and career aspirations. As a bright student achieving high grades in your GCSEs, you will study with an aspirational group of young people who share a strong sense of friendship and community.

You will benefit from excellent, specialised A Level teaching tailored to meet your needs. Our teachers focus on the quality of teaching and learning and the achievement of high grades. We treat all our students as individuals and stretch and challenge you to reach success through our scholarship programme.

You will receive support from expert careers advisors and tutors, helping you apply to the country's top universities, and building your confidence and independence.

Staff and student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do and is enshrined in our mission statement. CTK Aquinas is an innovative, prestigious, and highly regarded sixth form, where we promote wellbeing, environmental sustainability, and purposeful social action alongside our Catholic values.

Our mission, vision, and ethos will ensure you develop outstanding personal qualities, attributes, and opportunities in line with our motto "Ut Vitam Habeant", that they may have life in all its fullness.

Welcome to CTK Aquinas!



Dr Molly Makota
CEO & Executive Principal
CTK Sixth Forms



Mrs Holly Power
Site Principal
CTK Aquinas

"CTK is truly a great place. Everyone here has encouraged me to have big aspirations and made me feel like I can actually reach my goals through the continuous support they give. I have also been given the opportunity to meet lifelong friends - for which I will be forever grateful. If you want to be academically challenged with lots of career support and make great new friends, I would definitely recommend CTK Aquinas.

I am now studying Veterinary Medicine at Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge."



**Cameron - A Level Biology (A*),
Chemistry (A*), Maths (A*)**

Open Events

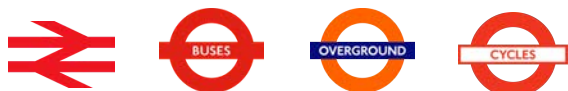
Book your place at any of our open events or for more information visit ctkaquinas.ac.uk/open-events/

We will be holding open events throughout the year - please check the website for the latest information



Our Location

CTK Aquinas is a selective sixth form centre for excellence located in Brockley. Our central location guarantees easy accessibility via multiple forms of public transportation, all with excellent connectivity.



Our learning environment combines exceptional teaching in a friendly and nurturing sixth form setting.



“The environment at CTK has been amazing! I've had lots of support from my peers and teachers, which has given me many opportunities. I was a runner up in the EPQ award thanks to teachers spending extra time with me outside of lessons and offering additional learning resources, helping me get an A*!”

**Shanay - A Level Biology (A),
Chemistry (A), Psychology (A)**

Now studying Medicine at The
University of Manchester

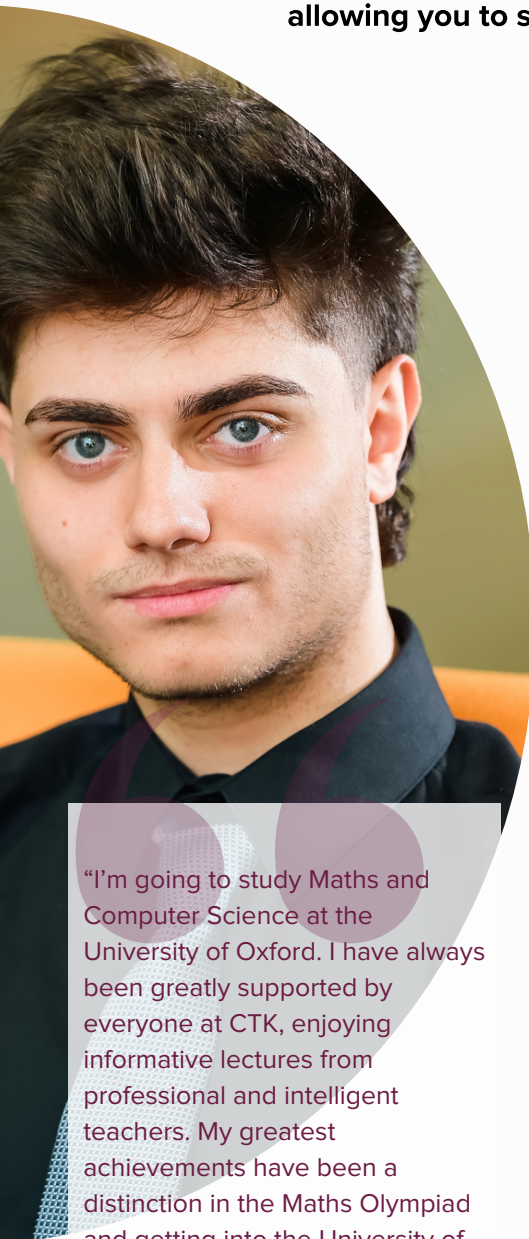


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Be Successful

At CTK Aquinas, you will have a wide range of A Level subjects to choose from, allowing you to specialise in subjects that you enjoy.



“I’m going to study Maths and Computer Science at the University of Oxford. I have always been greatly supported by everyone at CTK, enjoying informative lectures from professional and intelligent teachers. My greatest achievements have been a distinction in the Maths Olympiad and getting into the University of Oxford. My teachers really helped me to prepare for my interview. I am very grateful for my time at CTK and leave with inspired motivation to excel in a Maths and Computer Science career.”

**Daniel - A Level maths (A*),
Further Maths (A*),
Computer Science (A),
Physics (A), EPQ (A)**

Choosing the right course

A Levels are not only important for university applications, they are widely recognised by employers around the world and, combined with a degree, will benefit you when applying to graduate schemes. Prestigious universities such as Oxford and Cambridge still view A Levels as a key entry requirement.

Be Prepared to Strive

You will receive tailored help with UCAS applications and specialist support with Oxbridge and Medicine applications and interviews.

You will be given the tools you need to stand out when applying to the country’s top universities and earn your place on the most coveted courses.

Excel with Our Support

You will work with your personal tutor throughout your time at CTK Aquinas. They will set ambitious and stretching short and long-term goals.

Apply to the best universities

You’ll be encouraged to apply to top universities and degree apprenticeships with personalised support for your UCAS applications and interviews. Our outstanding careers guidance—recognised by the national Quality in Careers Standard Award—ensures you make informed choices. You’ll hear from graduates and undergraduates, attend our annual careers conference, and network with representatives from leading universities and organisations in the UK.



External Speakers

Our external speaker programme brings over 50 inspiring professionals and industry specialists to Christ the King Sixth Forms each year, giving you a window into a wide range of careers.

Thanks to our strong links with employers, universities and organisations, you’ll hear from experts across industries—from corporate lawyers, barristers, and business leaders at HSBC, BP and BT, to creatives working in media, design, and the arts.

You’ll also benefit from work placements, guest lectures, and professional mentoring programmes with partners like the EY Foundation, Barclays, and Urban Synergy. Many of our talented alumni return to share their journeys and offer advice, with some even sitting on our Local Board to help shape the future of CTK.

Mentoring

CTK partners with several organisations to offer Mentoring Programmes that support your career goals. One example is the Elevate Mentoring Programme, created by CTK alumnus Trevor Gomes, Digital Analytics Specialist at Vodafone. Elevate provides valuable skills, personal branding, and employability coaching to prepare you for higher education and the workforce. Other programmes include The Diana Award, Urban Synergy, Unloc, and Revolution Hive.

The Scholarship Graduate Programme

Aspiring to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

As a student at CTK Aquinas, you will join the Scholarship Graduate Programme. This aspirational programme is designed to ensure that students with the highest GCSE grades achieve top marks at A Level and progress to respected universities where competition for places is high.

The programme will challenge and support you with your studies, improve your confidence and give you the edge when applying for universities and future graduate jobs. You will study the Edexcel Extended Project Qualification, which is recognised by top universities.

The Scholarship Graduate Programme will give you qualifications and skills you need to progress to an elite university. You will be grouped with students who have high ambitions and similar aspirations and stretched to achieve beyond the demands of the syllabus. This unique programme will put you ahead of the competition.

You will be given unprecedented access to unique opportunities, trips and support when applying to the most competitive universities, like Oxford or Cambridge. If you want to study subjects such as medicine or law, you will be given access to bespoke support programmes, like the Oxbridge and Medical Alumni Evening.



At CTK Aquinas students have gone on to over 70 university destinations.

These include:

- A. Oxford University
- B. The University of Nottingham
- C. University of Leicester
- D. University of Kent
- E. University of Exeter
- F. University College London
- G. Cambridge University
- H. University of Surrey
- I. Loughborough University
- J. Royal Holloway, University of London



At CTK Aquinas **we will:**

- Encourage** you to be ambitious and high achieving
- Challenge** you to be resilient, confident, creative and courageous
- Educate** you to be articulate, curious, reflective and capable
- Support** you to develop the virtues of loyalty, respect, care and commitment
- Inspire** you to live principled, moral and dignified lives

98.2%

CTK Aquinas A Level pass rate
(Which is above the 97.5% UK national pass rate)

Be You Be Extraordinary

We are dedicated to your education and development as a whole person, ensuring you realise your full potential. Students of every faith, and none, are warmly welcomed and enjoy our environment of positive encouragement and mutual respect.

The CTK Graces

GRIT

RESPECT

AWARENESS

CURIOSITY

ENDEAVOUR

SELF-CONTROL

Partnership with Eton

At CTK Aquinas we have been working with the Eton College Tony Little Centre for Research and Innovation Learning to develop an academic resilience programme for our year 12 students.

CTK Aquinas teaching staff are trained by Eton College. Our students undertake the resilience programme over four terms as part of their tutorial programme in the Lower Sixth year.

Character Education Programme - The CTK Graces

Through our Character Education Programme, The CTK Graces, you will develop the traits and attributes you need to be discerning and to thrive in the highly competitive world that awaits you.

You will take part in a learning programme that invites you to consider the personal, spiritual and moral issues you will face in the future. Our tutorial and pastoral support systems ensure you will be nurtured and valued as an individual.

This ethos is fully supported through the work of our Chaplaincy, where the team will celebrate with you in times of joy and listen or advise you in times of difficulty.

You are always supported at CTK Aquinas.

“Governors, leaders and staff... aspire for young people to succeed by putting in place a high-quality tutorial and ethics programme. This covers topics such as careers awareness, including through sessions with external speakers and by running corporate insight days.”

We're **Good** with
Outstanding features





Be Ambitious

You will gain the tools to plan your future through our strong careers programme, employer links, and support from successful alumni on our Partnership Board.

Mentoring Successful Professional Programme

This initiative pairs students with professionals in their area of interest. Mentors have included:

- A Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics
- A subeditor at The Times
- An associate project manager at Transport for London
- A civil servant at the Foreign Office
- An investment lawyer
- A research scientist at Imperial College London

You will have access to our external speaker programme, which brings more than 50 specialists in their field to our Christ the King Sixth Form centres each year. Speakers come from a number of backgrounds and organisations. They have previously included Femi Bola MBE (Medical Research Council), Leila Thomas (Founder of Urban Synergy) and Richard Taylor (Managing Director Chairman of Greenhill & Co. International).



Samyah - A Level Maths, Computer Science, Economics, Further Maths

"I would absolutely recommend CTK and the community is amazing! Teachers here keep it real with you and want you to be happy and healthy. Having peers with the same goal is highly motivating as we all want to be successful and our voices matter at CTK."

You will enjoy:

- A **curriculum** modelled on research carried out through partnership with independent schools
- A **small** structured sixth form environment
- **Support** from a team of expert careers advisers and tutors
- A chance to **network** with our high achieving alumni community
- Unparalleled **pastoral care**
- Enrolment on our unique **Scholarship Graduate Programme**
- Excellent **transport** links and a fantastic **location** in Brockley, South London





Ella - English Literature, Religious Studies, Psychology- A*AB

A Level student, Ella Magee completed a psychological research project on autism.

My Personal Achievements

"My favourite thing is the small site. It means that I am friendly with all the cohort and the quality of teaching is great as the teachers are able to dedicate themselves fully to only Sixth Form students.

I haven't always taken school in my stride, so being in full time education at CTK, enjoying it and thriving academically is what I have come to be most proud of in my academic journey.

All of my teachers know me well, I feel comfortable with them all and the relationship I have built with them all has meant that I am able to lean on them for academic and pastoral support.

I would recommend CTK to anyone looking for options after Year 11. The staff are so dedicated and passionate about the subjects and their students that it is impossible to not want to aim high and achieve.

My favourite thing about being a CTK student is the fact that I have realised my full potential. I am a co-researcher on a psychological project about autism, which I'm extremely proud of.

I have ASD, and so Additional Learning Support Team has been a great support to me, as have my teachers who took time to understand me as an individual and how my brain works.

My next steps

I will be going to Warwick university to study philosophy with psychology. I am unsure about my future career goals but am really enjoying learning so I hope to do a masters after my undergrad. In the future, I want to use what I learn to help others in some way."

DID YOU KNOW?

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental difference, with every autistic person having unique strengths, interests and experiences.

Source: NHS - National Autistic Society





Our Chaplaincy

CTK Aquinas has a Chaplaincy team on hand to support you in your day-to-day life and your journey of faith, whatever your faith may be.

The Chaplaincy team, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, are there to accompany you in times of joy or difficulty by providing a listening ear and to help you develop spiritually.

The spacious and comfortable Chaplaincy is a hub for social activity, open to all students from all faiths and none - you can drop in and relax, meet friends or take part in activities. The beautiful adjoining chapel is a place for prayer and worship, you can visit the Chapel or multi faith room as a quiet place for reflection.

Chapel services include daily prayer, a weekly mass and mass services on Holy Days throughout the year.

The Chaplaincy team meets regularly with 10:10 student Chaplaincy Representatives to plan events, lead and contribute to Liturgies. You can sign up to be Chaplaincy Representatives - a great role to help you grow in confidence, develop leadership skills and to make a difference. You will receive support and training, as well as experiencing retreat opportunities.



“I have felt really supported in terms of opportunities and outlets for prayer and reflection.”

Spiritual Retreats

Each year, students across Christ the King Sixth Forms are given the opportunity to embark on spiritual residentials. Students have visited numerous remarkable cities, including Barcelona, Rome, Aylesford and Kintbury.

“Our Chaplaincy is the heart of our sixth form. It’s a place where all students can meet and form new friendships. I enjoy coming to this space due to its calm atmosphere and spending time with the Lay Chaplain.”



Our Community

You will be joining a warm, friendly community of like-minded people where you will be encouraged to get involved in sixth form life.

Extracurricular

Life at CTK Aquinas goes beyond academic success – it's a chance to explore your interests, develop talents, and try new things. From debating and dance to music, filmmaking, sports, and chess, there's something for everyone. We offer a range of Student Leadership opportunities, including the Student Council, a seat on our Governing Body, and roles on local community and environmental panels.

The Student Council leads exciting events such as:

- Charity fundraisers and appeals
- Talent showcases
- Sports competitions
- The leavers' prom

Students can also take part in enrichment activities, including:

- Volunteering in nurseries, primary schools, care homes, hospitals, and community gardens
- Work shadowing and volunteering
- UK and overseas residential trips

We encourage all students to get involved, build new skills, and make the most of life at CTK.

Community Day

Community Days at CTK mark the end of each term, celebrating our mission of "living life to the full" (John 10:10). These days bring students and staff together in unity, reflection, and celebration. Centred on faith, service, and community, they strengthen connections across the sixth form.

We recognise student achievements and encourage them to explore their interests and talents through activities and inter-hall competitions. Community Days reflect the vibrant, values-driven spirit of CTK.

Social Action

Social action is a vital expression of our Catholic identity and mission. Rooted in the Gospel values of justice, compassion, and service to others, we encourage all students to become agents of positive change in their communities and the wider world.

Our annual Acts of Charity Day provides an amazing opportunity for students to make a meaningful contribution to the wider community through charity work and volunteering. Students take part in a wide range of activities, including helping out in local charities, litter collection, gardening, working in care homes, and promoting sustainability through local initiatives like the Lewisham water bottle refilling scheme.

Throughout the year, students proudly support a number of local and national charities, from CAFOD, the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Macmillan Cancer Care, Demelza Hospice, Children in Need, and local food banks. At Christmas and Easter, the community comes together for CTK's Annual Gift Appeal, where students generously donate and create gift hampers for selected charities and families in need. These acts of service are a living expression of CTK Catholic values, helping students grow in compassion, empathy, and social responsibility.

Trips, Visits and Residentials

Students at CTK can enrich their sixth form experience through exciting trips and residentials in the UK and abroad. Recent destinations include Rome, Paris, New York, and Amsterdam, along with retreats and pilgrimages. These experiences broaden horizons, build friendships, and reflect our commitment to developing well-rounded, globally aware individuals.



Our Facilities

Learning Resource Centre

CTK Aquinas is a purpose-built, modern sixth form with a range of specialist facilities and resources to support your studies.

This includes our spacious, state-of-the-art **Learning Resource Centre (LRC)**. Here you can access computer, printing and scanning facilities throughout the day, and three group study rooms to facilitate collaborative working.

You will enjoy access to more than 7,000 books, digital resources, online learning materials, individual study guides for each subject, specialist journals, periodicals, newspapers, high-specification computers, scanners, and internet access.

Computers, many with **industry-standard software**, are available throughout CTK Aquinas. You will be able to use Wi-Fi on site and access your OneDrive files off-site.

Facilities at CTK Aquinas

- **Fitness suite** and sports teaching area with modern changing rooms
- Two **media suites** with digital editing and recording facilities
- Suite of **specialist art, design and technology rooms**, including networked suites of **Apple Mac** computers
- Fully equipped university standard **science laboratories**
- Numerous dedicated student areas
- Networked computer rooms
- **Chaplaincy area** including Chapel, Multi-faith room and Chapel common room

Sports

If you enjoy sport, you will love the varied and challenging range of activities. They include:

Football, Volleyball, Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fitness training, Boxing, Trampolining

You can take part in the inter-collegial sports tournaments. Many of our students have competed at country and national level in teams and individually. We regularly host visits by accomplished athletes. At our annual sports day, students from all three sites come together for a great day of activities.



Sustainability

At Christ the King Sixth Forms, we prioritise environmental strategies and sustainability. Our initiatives include reducing our carbon footprint, promoting eco-friendly practices and leading environmental projects to raise awareness in our community. We proudly received the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction for our efforts and were also winners of the national Sixth Form College Association Sustainability Award.

Our students' winning idea in the IKEA X Let's Go Zero Competition involved creating an Eco Hub as a workspace for students, the local community and schools to enhance sustainability understanding and application. We aim to inspire students, staff, families and the community to join our sustainable journey.



Entry Requirements

Essential Information

We pride ourselves on our welcoming community of students who love learning and want to stand out from the crowd. CTK Aquinas students are not afraid to aspire to great success and they will encourage you to do the same.

Entry Criteria for CTK Aquinas

CTK Aquinas is a selective sixth form for the area's highest achieving GCSE students seeking to study A Levels in a challenging yet nurturing environment, alongside other students of the same academic ability.

Our entry requirements for CTK Aquinas are:

- **English and Maths at a minimum grade 5**
- **Best 8 including English and Maths, minimum of 48 points, average 6**
- **Must have minimum of 6 in the subject chosen at A Level and a 7 for Science and Maths**

If you are interested in joining a Christ the King Sixth Form but do not feel that you will meet these entry requirements, you have other options. We offer a range of A Levels with different entry requirements at CTK St Mary's, in Sidcup.

Partner Schools

We are proud to have strong, long-standing relationships with a number of local partner schools. These partnerships reflect our shared commitment to academic excellence and a values-based education rooted in faith. In cases where we are oversubscribed—receiving more applications than available places—priority is given to applicants from our partner schools. This ensures a smooth and supportive transition for students who have been part of our wider Catholic educational community.

- **Bonus Pastor Catholic College**
- **St Columba's Boys' School**
- **St Matthew Academy**
- **St Michael's Catholic College**
- **St Paul's Academy**
- **St Thomas More Catholic Comprehensive School**
- **St Ursula's Convent School**
- **Trinity School**

Dress Code

When you attend CTK Aquinas, you should dress smartly, as if you are attending a job interview. The dress code for you and your fellow students will be plain black, dark grey or dark brown formal, business like suit (tailored trouser or skirt).

Coloured shirts and ties, blouses and dresses are acceptable if suitable for a working environment.

Students with Additional Needs

For students with additional needs, or where English is not your first language, we have a dedicated learning support area with experienced staff. Once your application has been reviewed, we will contact you to discuss your needs so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed.



Our sensory room provides a safe space for students and a sense of calm and comfort.

Parent/Carer Feedback

Parents are encouraged to be involved in your education. Formal reports are produced four times a year and regular parent/carers evenings ensure that you and your family can discuss your progress, ask questions and respond to your tutor's comments.

Course List

A Levels

- 14 Art (Fine Art)
- 14 Biology
- 15 Business
- 15 Chemistry
- 16 Computer Science
- 16 Economics
- 17 English Literature
- 17 Film Studies
- 18 French
- 18 Further Mathematics
- 19 Geography
- 19 Graphic Communication
- 20 History
- 20 Italian
- 21 Mathematics
- 21 Photography
- 22 Physics
- 22 Politics
- 24 Psychology
- 24 Religious Studies
- 25 Sociology
- 25 Spanish
- 26 Textiles

Heritage Languages

If you speak a heritage language, you may be able to take an A Level in it at CTK. Speak to us to find out more.

ART

A LEVEL

This A Level in Fine Art leads naturally to careers in art, graphic communication, fashion, advertising and product design.

Fine Art is also useful if you are considering a career in such fields as architecture, marketing, publicity, arts administration, animation and the media. Fine Art is particularly advantageous if you are seeking to progress onto a foundation diploma in art and design. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum of 1000-word critical study. At the end of the course, your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of learners.

Content

You will explore a range of creative practices, including painting, mixed media, sculpture, and print-making. Drawing is an essential skill for studying this subject and forms an integral part of Fine Art practice. You will use drawings to record and analyse the observed world, to explore ideas visually, and to find new ways of expressing your thoughts and feelings. Also, you will learn how to use sketchbooks as a creative journal in order to document your own creative process. Gallery and research visits will be an essential part of your course.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13. You will also need a GCSE in an art-based subject at a grade 9-6. If you have not studied this subject at school but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to provide evidence of your ability and interest in the form of a sketchbook/portfolio at your interview.

Assessment

Coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignments.



BIOLOGY

A LEVEL

An A Level in Biology can open the door to a wide variety of careers. Depending on what you study at university, you could go on to become a doctor, a lab technician, a forensic scientist or a teacher.

Content

You will find Biology to be a stimulating and challenging subject that encourages you to work to a high standard, whilst developing your analytical skills. You shall gain an understanding of the various areas within the subject and how they relate to each other. In addition to this, your knowledge and perception of different scientific methods will be strengthened.

The A Level Biology course will further develop your mathematical, practical, and analytical skills, which will prepare you for work and higher educational fields. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to develop your practical abilities while delving into fundamental topics such as: biology foundations, exchange and transport mechanisms, biodiversity, evolution and disease, communication processes, homeostasis and energy, genetics, and ecosystems.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13 you will also need either GCSE Biology or GCSE Combined Science at grade 7 or above.

Assessment

You will be assessed by examination at the end of each year of your course.



BUSINESS

A LEVEL

An A Level in Business is a highly engaging subject that can be the starting point to a range of careers - from accountancy, law, human resources, marketing, or business management, to teaching, politics, or journalism.

Content

Business is a dynamic and interesting subject. Throughout this two-year course, you will enhance your commercial awareness and develop a wide range of business-related analytical and entrepreneurial skills. You will investigate different types of organisations, identify investment opportunities, and evaluate how markets affect business performance. You are going to learn how to understand real-world decision-making processes and critically evaluate the external and internal influences on businesses. The topics you study include: marketing and people, managing business activities, business decisions, and strategies.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course.

DID YOU KNOW?

The UK chemical and pharmaceutical sector directly employs around 138,000 to 153,000 people, supports roughly 500,000 total supply-chain jobs, and generates an annual turnover upwards of £55 billion to £70 billion.

Source: Chemical Industries Association

Hanaan - A Level Psychology, Maths, Business - (A*A*A)

"I am so pleased with my A Level outcomes. I know that this is a result of all my effort and hard work. The support the teachers have given me here at CTK is unparalleled and has encouraged me to achieve my very best throughout. I will be studying Psychology at University College London. I am delighted to have been awarded a Metric Capital Scholarship this year and will receive up to £15,000 for the duration of my university study. I am extremely grateful to Metric Capital and CTK."

CHEMISTRY

A LEVEL

An A Level in Chemistry can be the starting point to a range of careers. It's a highly engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from engineering, pharmaceuticals, or medicine.

Content

If you have a natural curiosity about the world and a willingness to search for answers, then our A Level Chemistry will teach you how to find those answers through laboratory investigations and independent research. Your interest and enthusiasm for Chemistry will develop into a genuine approach to how science works. Building on the knowledge you gained at GCSE, you will learn more about how and why reactions happen. You will study topics such as: atoms, elements, bonding, energetics, organic chemistry, and the development of the periodic table. Chemistry studies reactions and substances from a biological and physical perspective. In order to consolidate your studies, you will learn how to handle data, think critically, and apply your knowledge and processes to unfamiliar contexts. Following on from this, you will have the opportunity to consolidate your knowledge through practical experiments.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13. You will also need a GCSE Chemistry or GCSE combined Science at grade 7 or above.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course. The assessment of practical work in Chemistry will be reported separately in a certificate of endorsement.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

A LEVEL

A Level Computer Science is a good choice if you wish to study Computer Science, Software Engineering, or Information Technology at university. Computer Science can lead to an ever-growing range of careers such as: robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, big data processing, networking, computer game development, home automation or teaching.

Content

Our A Level Computer Science qualification helps you 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 your technical understanding and your ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking. You will cover the fundamentals of programming, data structures, algorithms, and object-orientated programme design. The theory will cover topics such as: the internal workings of a computer, the basics of how data is stored using binary and whether that data consists of numbers, texts, pictures, or even music.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above.

Assessment

You will be assessed by two written examinations at the end of the course and a coursework project.



ECONOMICS

A LEVEL

An A Level in Economics can be the starting point to a variety of careers - from engineering to accountancy. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths including: banking and finance, international relations, governance, and public policy.

Content

Your A Level in Economics will give you a deeper understanding of how market economies work, and you will examine the strengths and weaknesses of such systems using real-world examples. You will also analyse current economic issues such as the housing crisis and fiscal policy.

As the course progresses, you will examine different market structures and analyse their consequences for firms and consumers. You will also learn about the world economy, develop your understanding of globalisation, and examine the problems that hinder the rapid growth of developing economies. You will have opportunities to go on educational visits, including the Bank of England, and participate in external competitions. You will also be expected to keep up to date with economic developments by regularly watching the news.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need grade 6 or above in both English and Maths.

Assessment

You will be assessed by exams at the end of the two-year course. You will undertake three papers: Unit 1 (Microeconomics), Unit 2 (Macroeconomics) and Unit 3 (themes in Economics). Each paper will account for one-third of your final grade.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

A LEVEL

An A Level in English Literature can be the starting point to a range of careers - from teaching to law. English Literature is well-respected if you wish to pursue subjects at university such as English or English Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Drama, Media Studies and Law.

Content

Your A Level English Literature course will develop your critical understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of literature. You will study a variety of texts from different time periods and make connections between these texts.

Studying A Level English Literature will provide you with the opportunity to develop your close-reading skills and will improve your use of critical terminology. There will be an important focus on independent learning and wider reading, which will enable you to broaden your literary perspective and understand how literature has changed throughout history. You will also study a range of poetry, prose, and drama spanning from pre-1900 to post-2000, and this will include one play written by William Shakespeare.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSE English and GCSE Literature grades 9-6.

Assessment

Coursework combined with end of year assessment.

DID YOU KNOW?

**One of the highest-paying jobs with an English Literature degree is tutoring.
The average salary is £40,083**

Source: unifresher - resources

Lorena - A Level Psychology (A*), Law (A), English Language and Literature (A)

"I will forever be grateful to CTK as it has helped me get to where I am now. As a scholarship student who studied Pre-U Global perspectives, I have been accepted at Cambridge University to study Psychological and Behavioral Sciences and plan on working in the mental health sector. CTK is an amazing place to study. They have provided support that I feel I would not have received elsewhere. The environment is friendly, and I have been able to meet lots of new people."

FILM STUDIES

A LEVEL

An A Level in Film Studies can lead to a broad range of professions - from journalism to presenting. It's a modern, exciting subject. Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities - you could go on to be a TV or radio presenter, journalist, film director, or producer.

Content

Your A Level in Film Studies will focus on the analysis and deconstruction of film over a wide historical time frame. It will allow you to engage with films from early silent cinema to 1930's Hollywood films to contemporary and experimental cinema. You will be introduced to a wide range of film-making processes so that you develop through discussion, analysis and debate a wide range of technical skills for both constructing and deconstructing film.

This will give you the ability to develop your own creative skills as you explore these film-making techniques from different times and places.

The coursework element of the course will allow you to experiment with a variety of film-making technology and film-editing software to develop your creative skills. You will be expected to think independently and develop your own 'voice', and you will be expected to expand your knowledge outside of the classroom through reading about and watching films. You will work with your peers to debate and pull apart the set film texts and to develop a sophisticated contextual understanding of the world at the time these films were made.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course and complete coursework.



FRENCH A LEVEL

Studying French at A Level is both stimulating and rewarding, offering you the opportunity to develop advanced communication and critical thinking skills. You will gain confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing in French, while also deepening your understanding of the culture, society and current issues in French-speaking countries. French can lead to a variety of exciting careers such as: translating, interpreting, finance, law, sales and marketing, engineering, tourism, leisure, public sector, United Nations and European Union, media, teaching (primary and secondary), and linguistics.

Content

Your course will help you expand your knowledge of culture and develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics, which will further develop your understanding of France and Francophone countries. You will also study French literature and film, which will encourage you to keep up to date with current affairs. During the course, you will have the opportunity to travel to France, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of the culture.

Entry Requirements

You will need a grade 6 in French GCSE.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a combination of examinations at the end of the course, including listening, reading, writing and speaking components.



FURTHER MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

An A Level in Further Mathematics can be the starting point to a variety of careers - from engineering to accountancy. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths, including medicine, engineering, computer science or accounting.

Content

In order to study Further Mathematics, you must also choose to study A Level Mathematics.

It's important that you have a passion for and enjoy Maths.

Throughout this course, you will broaden the range of both pure and applied Mathematics options and develop your advanced algebraic techniques. If you are considering applying for Mathematics or a degree with a high Maths content at university, then you are strongly advised to take this course.

Topics you will study include: summation of series, roots of polynomials, equations, complex numbers, algebra and graphs, De Moivre's theorem, hyperbolics and matrices, impacts and collisions, poisson distribution and further hypothesis testing.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13. You will also need GCSE Mathematics at a grade 9.

Assessment

You will be assessed by exams at the end of the course.



GEOGRAPHY

A LEVEL

Your A Level in Geography could lead to a wide range of career paths, including conservation, teaching, urban land-use planning, environmental management, overseas development, cartography, climatology, and travel writing. Once you are trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities - you could go on to become a teacher, town planner, architect, conservation officer, or journalist.

Content

The A Level Geography course consists of four main topics. These are: water and carbon cycles, landscape systems, global systems & global governance, and changing places. In water and carbon cycles, you will study the physical processes which control the cycling of both water and carbon between land, oceans, and the atmosphere. In landscape systems, you will take part in an integrated study of earth surface processes, landforms and resultant landscapes. For global systems & global governance, you will study the greater connectivity between people, places, and environments across the globe. In the Changing Places module, you will further develop your geographical knowledge by conducting research in an area that is local to you.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13.

Assessment

You will be assessed through exams and coursework.



GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

A LEVEL

Graphic Communication is an engaging course that leads to careers in fine art, graphic design, motion graphics, fashion, advertising, and product design. Graphic Communication will be of advantage to you if you wish to progress to a foundation diploma in Art and Design.

Content

Your A Level in Graphic Communication will encourage you to develop a personalised visual language that has clarity and originality. You will explore drawing through digital and traditional methods, experiment with a wide range of tools, materials, and techniques, and learn how to use sketchbooks to explore your own creative process by experimenting with imagery and manipulating meanings. The course will provide you with the opportunity to explore a variety of graphic visual communication methods, including illustration, typography, and poster and packaging design. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum 1000-word critical study. At the end of the course, your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of our learners.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13 you will need GCSEs in an art-based subject at a grade 9-6. If you have not studied an art-based subject at school, but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to demonstrate your ability and interest in art and bring a portfolio to your interview.

Assessment

You will be assessed through examinations and coursework.



HISTORY

A LEVEL

An A Level in History can be the starting point to a variety of careers - from teaching to archaeology, politics, law and anthropology.

Content

Your course will help you hone your analytical skills and strengthen your essay writing abilities. You will receive excellent preparation for university or the world of work. There is an emphasis on wider academic reading, research methods, writing, and effective independent learning.

For exam units, you will analyse and investigate key historical events such as Germany from 1871 to 1991 and Modern Britain from 1951 to 2007.

For coursework, you will have the choice from a list of topics pre-1871.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSE History at grade 6 or above.

Assessment

You will be assessed with exams at the end of each year of your course. In your second year you will also complete a coursework unit.

ITALIAN

A LEVEL

The course explores contemporary Italian society (family, education, gender equality, and employment), as well as cultural topics such as music, media, traditions, and heritage. It also covers issues like immigration, regional differences, and modern Italian history, including fascism and the post-war transition to democracy. Italian can lead to a variety of exciting careers such as: translating, interpreting, finance, law, sales and marketing, engineering, tourism, leisure, public sector, United Nations and European Union, media, teaching (primary and secondary), and linguistics. Additionally, the knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level.

Content

Your course will help you expand your knowledge of culture and develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics, which will further develop your understanding of Italy and Italian-speaking countries. You will also study Italian literature and film, which will encourage you to keep up to date with current affairs. During the course, you will have the opportunity to travel to Italy, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of the culture.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13. You will also need GCSE Italian at a grade 9-6.

Assessment

You will be assessed on your listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar manipulation through translation.

Samantha - History (A), Politics (A), Sociology (A)

'My favourite thing about being a CTK student is the facilities. I really appreciated having a place where I could study in silence, allowing me to focus, as well as having places where I could socialise and de-stress. I've made so many friends who have pushed me to be better, and teachers who have been supportive during my studies. I'm now going to the University of York to study History and Politics in hopes of becoming a political analyst.'



MATHEMATICS

A LEVEL

Mathematics is a much sought-after qualification for entry to a wide variety of careers and Higher education courses. An A Level in Maths can be the starting point to a range of careers - from engineering to accounting. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to many career paths, including accountancy, economics, teaching, engineering, medicine, mathematics, and computing.

Content

Mathematics is both a stimulating and challenging subject, which is very highly regarded at an advanced level. Both employers and universities will take a keen interest in you if you have successfully completed A Level Mathematics.

Topics you will study include indices, surds, polynomials, coordinate geometry, differentiation, integration, trigonometry, sequences, logarithms, first-order differential equations, vectors, and numerical methods. In mechanics, you will also study forces, equilibrium, kinematics, Newton's laws of motion and momentum, whilst in statistics, you will study the representation of data, probability, discrete random variables, continuous random variables, hypothesis testing, and correlation and regression. To succeed on this course, you just need a strong enthusiasm for problem-solving.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need Mathematics at grade 7. You will also be required to show an appropriate knowledge of algebra before being enrolled on to the course.

Assessment

Examination at the end of the course.



PHOTOGRAPHY

A LEVEL

A Level Photography is an exciting course that can lead to careers in photography, fine art, film, media and animation, photojournalism, fashion photography, advertising, and photo graphics. This is an excellent course to study if you wish to go on to become a photographer, architect, journalist, or film director.

Content

During this course, you will be encouraged to develop a personalised visual language by observing the world through the lens of a camera. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks and digital portfolios to explore your own creative process by experimenting with imagery and manipulating meanings.

You will learn a range of both darkroom techniques and digital processes.

You will also collaborate with other students to learn how to use cameras, studio lighting, and digital editing software. Your work will be inspired by the study of other artists and photographers through contextual research and visits to galleries.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSEs in an art-based subject at a grade 9-5. If you have not studied an art-based subject at school, but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to demonstrate your ability and interest in art and bring a portfolio to your interview.

Assessment

You will be assessed through coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignments.



PHYSICS

A LEVEL

A Level Physics is an engaging yet challenging course that can lead to a wide range of careers such as engineering, astronomy, computer science, teaching, and medicine. Your Physics course will lay the foundation for the skillset you need to pursue many different job roles. Once you are trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities. You could go on to become an engineer, doctor, astronomer, data analyst, or teacher, depending on which course you study at university.

Content

During your A Level Physics course, you will be introduced to new concepts such as quarks, quantum physics, and cosmology. Topics you will study include mechanics and the properties of materials, oscillations, waves, and the nature of light, fields, particle physics and current electricity, thermal physics, nuclear instability, and astronomy. You will also take part in practical work throughout the duration of your course.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSE Physics at grade 7 or GCSE Combined Science at grade 7 or above. You will also be required to study A Level Maths if you are studying A Level Physics.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of each year of your course.

POLITICS

A LEVEL

Your A Level Politics will open the door to a variety of industries such as politics, journalism, diplomatic service, civil service, teaching, and law.

Content

In order to get the most out of this A Level, you will need to have an interest in politics, enjoy debates, and consider other people's viewpoints before coming to reasoned conclusions. You will explore the engagement of people with politics and learn how the political institutions of the UK work. You will also study the ideas that underpin political actions, and other political ideas that have emerged in the last century.

Your A Level in Politics will allow you to hone your analytical and essay writing skills. The course will comprise a variety of different study methods, including: debates and discussions, independent research, and evidence-based questions and essays.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13.

Assessment

Your work will be assessed by external examination.

Physics skills open doors to some of the highest-paying careers in the UK. Airline pilots and flight engineers - roles requiring high-level physics knowledge - boast a top median salary of:

£97,400

Source: Physicsworld.com



Aminata - A Level Psychology (A), Politics (B), Film Studies (B)

"I am extremely excited to be starting my Politics and International Relations degree at Loughborough University. CTK has prepared me well for my next steps, and they have really supported me in following subjects that I feel so passionately about. My highlight during my time at CTK would be the friendships I made and attending Bible Study sessions, which enabled me to connect with different people across the sixth form."



PSYCHOLOGY

A LEVEL

An A Level in Psychology can be the starting point to a variety of careers - from counselling to teaching. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths including counselling, social work, teaching, or nursing.

Content

No prior knowledge of the subject is required to study Psychology at A Level. Psychology is a fascinating yet challenging subject and a very popular A Level and degree choice.

Throughout this course, you will learn how to construct logical discussions and how to employ scientific evidence to support or challenge theories on behaviour. You will also extend your understanding of human behaviour and hone your writing, debating, and research skills. The following are examples of some of the topics that you will cover over the two years:

schizophrenia, romantic relationships, social influence, attachment, psychopathology, research methods and issues, and debates.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13, you will also need GCSE Science at grade 9-6.

Assessment

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

A LEVEL

An A Level in Religious Studies can be the starting point to a variety of careers - from teaching to archaeology. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths, including law, philosophy, social work, teaching, and community work. Once you are trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities - you could go on to become a teacher, anthropologist, solicitor, or even a diplomat, depending on what you go on to study at university.

Content

During your course, you will develop an in-depth understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion. Your course will be thoroughly engaging and further develop your interest in Religious Studies. The topics you will study include philosophy of religion, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, and the possibility of life and death. You will also take part in debates surrounding the concept of conscience and free will, the influence on ethical thought and its developments in religious beliefs, and the philosophy of religion. In addition to this, you will study developments in Christian thought, religious beliefs, values and teachings, sources of religious wisdom and authority, practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within Christianity.

Entry Requirements

In addition to the entry requirements on page 13 you will also need GCSE Religious Studies (if you have taken it) at grade 9-6.

Assessment

You will be assessed entirely by external examination.



SOCIOLOGY

A LEVEL

An A Level in Sociology can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from social work to teaching. As a well-respected subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths, including politics, teaching, law, and anthropology. It can lead to several career paths, including social work, nursing, teaching, policing, the civil service, and legal professions.

Content

Your Sociology course will develop your critical thinking skills, encourage you to evaluate sociological thinking, and change the way you see the world and your place within it. You will consider Sociology in the context of education, families and households, crime and deviance, beliefs in society, theory, and research methods. You will also conduct an in-depth analysis of sociological theories and reflect on your own experience of the social world, applying it to your study of society.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13.

Assessment

Your work will be assessed by external examination.



**Amelia - A Level Sociology,
History, Politics**

“My highlight at CTK has been getting the opportunity to be a School Governor and also getting an offer to Oxford thanks to the help of my mentors. I love how motivated and hard-working everyone is because it really pushed me to work harder!”

SPANISH

A LEVEL

A Level Spanish helps you become a confident communicator in Spanish while developing your skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing, analysis, and research. You'll also learn more about the cultures and societies of Spanish-speaking countries. The course is a great choice for university progression and future international career opportunities. Spanish can lead to a variety of exciting careers such as: translating, interpreting, finance, law, sales and marketing, engineering, tourism, leisure, public sector, United Nations and European Union, media, teaching (primary and secondary), and linguistics. Additionally, the knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level.

Content

Your course will help you expand your knowledge of culture and develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics, which will further develop your understanding of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries. You will also study Spanish literature and film, which will encourage you to keep up to date with current affairs. During the course, you will have the opportunity to travel to Spain, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of the culture.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13 You will also need GCSE Spanish at a grade 9-6.

Assessment

You will be assessed on your listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar manipulation through translation.

TEXTILES

A LEVEL

An A Level in Textile Design leads naturally to careers in fine art, graphic communication, fashion, advertising, and product design. Art and Design courses are also useful if you are considering a career in fields such as architecture, marketing, publicity, animation, arts administration, and the media. Textile Design is particularly advantageous for those wishing to progress on to a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

Content

Textiles involves the creation and transformation of materials to explore and produce personal, practical, and contextual investigations within the specialism. Although the course is mostly Fine Art Textiles, it will also bring together elements of fashion, furnishing, and illustration. It is the perfect course for students with a creative flair, an enthusiasm for experimentation, and a passion for drawing. You will enjoy the creative challenge of exploring and working with a wide range of natural and manufactured materials, including wool, plastics, cloth, and paper, developing outcomes within printed, dyed, and constructed textiles. Drawing is an essential skill for studying this subject and is integral to Textile Design practice. You will explore a whole range of Fine Art textiles techniques such as hand embroidery, experimental fabric manipulation, and appliqué.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements on page 13. You will need GCSEs in an art-based subject at a grade 9-6. If you have not studied an art-based subject at school, but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to demonstrate your ability and interest in art and bring a portfolio to your interview.

Assessment

Assessment is by coursework and controlled assignments. You will be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and a separate controlled assignment. A final grade is determined by the externally moderated assessment of the Portfolio units and the examination. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a 1000-word minimum critical study. At the end of the course, your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of our learners.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Textiles isn't just about fashion. Textile designers help create everything from sportswear and car interiors to medical fabrics and even materials used in space technology.

Source: UK Fashion & Textile Association (UKFT)



How to apply

If you are an ambitious student who wants to pursue your education in a sixth form setting, we look forward to receiving your application. We welcome students of every faith and none, but all students must respect and support our Catholic ethos and values.



Need help deciding which subjects to study? Our friendly careers team can help - email careers@ctksfc.ac.uk to book an appointment

Step 1

Apply online at
ctk.ac.uk/application-form/



Step 4

Confirm your results in August to secure your place and start enrolment



Step 2

Attend your interview. This is a great chance to find out more about CTK and for us to get to know you



Step 3

Upon meeting your predicted grades and receiving a positive report/reference from your school, you will be offered a place to study at CTK Aquinas



Open Events

We hold regular open days in person - visit www.ctkaquinas.ac.uk/open-events to book your place.



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