

PE A Level (Block A)

Academic year:	2020
Course Venues:	King Edward VI High School
Course Type:	A level
Course Code:	12AKePE1
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

Students will study the following topics over the two years:

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Skill Acquisition
- Sport and society
- Exercise Physiology
- Biomechanical Movement
- Sport Psychology
- Sport and society and the role of technology in physical activity and sport

Students will also be required to take part in sport as either a performer or coach and complete a performance analysis in a chosen sport.

Course Content and Assessment:

Assessment will take the form of two written examinations (2 hours)

Paper 1

Topics:

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Skill acquisition
- Sport and society

Paper 2

Topics:

- Exercise Physiology
- Biomechanical Movement
- Sport Psychology

Both papers are 2 hours in duration, comprise of 105 marks, with a mixture of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Each paper will make up 35% of the final grade.

The remaining 30% of the marks will take the form of a practical assessment. This will be one sport as either a coach or performer and students will have to produce a written performance analysis on their chosen sport.

During the AS and A2 Physical Education course, students will build upon the skills, knowledge and understanding gained at Key Stage 4 and GCSE P.E. Students will study various aspects of sport, including, social, global, anatomy and physiology and skill. Alongside this, practical performance and understanding of performance analysis will be developed.

Students are expected to take an active part during lessons, working individually, in pairs or small groups. Homework tasks will include research, reading around the subject, planning, writing essays and practical performance, thus requiring a high level of commitment, self-discipline and a strong work ethic.

Entry requirements: The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form is a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

To study other subjects already taken at GCSE you must achieve at least a grade 5 or above in that subject.

To study A Level PE you need to be performing, in an exam board recognised activity, on a regular basis outside of school at a competitive level and continue to participate throughout the 2 year course.

Future opportunities: Sport is an institution and, through the study of its position in society, students will address issues that will enable them to formulate values and beliefs as well as appreciating those of other people.

Sport and Leisure is the fastest growing industry in the country. There has never been a better time to be involved in sport. The A level Physical Education course is ideal for creating the perfect pathway into further education, offering a fantastic starting point to university courses such as: sport, exercise and coaching science, sports management, physiotherapy, sports injury, health and fitness, physical education teaching and many more. It is also a great stepping-stone for a vocation in sport



and leisure with a whole host of related jobs. These include: sports coach, sports management, personal trainer and many more.

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Psychology A Level Eduqas (Block E)

Academic year:	2020
Course Venues:	King Edward VI High School
Course Type:	A level
Course Code:	12EKePY1
Duration:	2 years

Course Description: The course is structured into 3 Units. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by Higher Education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. In all units students will need to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding and the ability to apply and analyse information. This will be developed through study of the specification and through ethical and practical research activities.

Course Content:

Paper 1: Psychology Past to Present

This introduces Psychology via five historical approaches, and includes therapies and studies arising from these approaches.

- Biological
- Behavioural
- Cognitive
- Psychodynamic
- Positive (humanistic)

Paper 2: Investigating Psychology

The methods of Psychology are explored via structured assignments and exam questions. There are also two set, historically famous, studies that will have questions set on them.

Paper 3: Implications in the Real World

Issues and controversies, and three chosen topics, are examined by extended writing.

Entry requirements: The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form is a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

You are also required to achieve a Grade 6 or above in GCSE biology.

Assessment: 3 papers, each 2 hrs 15 mins long. Each paper is worth 1/3 of the overall mark.

Financial Information: Students will be required to bring the following equipment to lessons:

- **Textbook (cost approximately £25)**
- **Calculator**
- **Drawing materials (pencils, ruler etc.)**

Future opportunities: Students will develop transferable skills that support study not only in Psychology but in a wide range of subjects at university or employment.

Further information: This is a part-taught, part research-based qualification where students will be expected to take part in research from the start. By Year 13 students will be expected to be capable of self-directed study and research.

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Sociology A Level AQA (Block B)

Academic year:	2020
Course Venues:	King Edward VI High School
Course Type:	A-level
Course Code:	12BKeSO1
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

A level Sociology is a two year linear course concluding with three two hours papers. The course will review topics that are pertinent to the study of sociology and contemporary society. Students must study the following two core themes: socialisation, culture and identity plus social differentiation, power and stratification. These are incorporated into the topics studied so are not discrete subjects. **The students are also expected to draw on British society today for examples, and modern society runs as a theme throughout the two years.**

Course Content:

Unit (Paper) 1:

Compulsory content - Education with Theory and Methods.

This Paper looks at the underpinning theories that inform the study of sociology, the research methods used by sociology to gather data and key issues in the sociology of education.

Unit (Paper) 2:

Optional Topics in Sociology - The Centre will look at:

- Option 1 – Culture and Identity. We examine the nature of culture in various societies, and how identity is affected by age, gender and other characteristics.
- Option 2 - Beliefs in Society. This option looks at a range of belief systems that are used by individuals and groups to make sense of everyday life,

Unit 3 (Paper) 3:

Compulsory content - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.



This Paper looks at the underpinning theories that inform the study of sociology, the research methods used by sociology to gather data and key issues in the sociology of crime and deviance.

Entry requirements:

The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

Assessment:

Paper 1 - A two hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A-level

- Education: Short answers and extended writing, 50 marks
- Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks
- Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks

Paper 2 - A two hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A level

- Section A: extended writing, 40 marks
- Section B: extended writing, 40 marks

Paper 3 - A two hour written exam 80 marks 33.3% of A level

- Crime and Deviance: short answers and extended writing, 50 marks
- Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks

Financial Information:

Students are advised to buy a personal text book. Prices vary depending where it is purchased. Student are required to have an A4 ring binder for class notes, handouts etc. Trips to conferences and the local Crown Courts are offered to students whenever possible and when financially viable.

Future opportunities: Students can progress to university courses in a variety of subjects Sociology and Criminology are but two. A knowledge of society can form the basis of seemingly unrelated subjects such as, teaching, nursing, midwifery, politics and law. Sociology is classed as a science for nursing and midwifery for some universities.

Further information: Throughout the course there are research projects that assist learning of both main subjects, topics and particularly methods. Students are expected to take a full part in these.

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