

ART

Why should I study Art?

You should study A-level Art if you have ideas, imagination and love developing and making artworks using a range of media. You may be considering a future career in the creative industries. The natural progression route is to a one-year Foundation Course in Art and Design, but many A-level Art students apply and are accepted at leading B.A. Degree courses both within and outside of London. A-level Art could lead on to any number of exciting careers including architecture, design, exhibition curator, artist, art historian, games designer, advertising art director, art buyer, graphic designer, clothing/textile technologist, commercial artist, art director for theatre/television/film or virtual reality designer.

Bolingbroke is best for Art because..

We will offer an A-level which is one of the most exciting, innovative and creative you could take anywhere. It will be led by expert and passionate teachers who are committed to preparing students for both vocational and commercial careers and view art and design as being a really viable career opportunity. All teachers within the department work together to encourage their students to experiment with media, develop and refine their ideas and to push their own boundaries.

The department is able to provide students with a sophisticated level of physical resources and equipment, including state of the art laser cutting technology, glass and ceramic kilns, mac books for digital artwork, a fully equipped product design workshop and a specialist

art library. Teachers are very experienced in supporting pupils in the preparation of art portfolios for university applications.

What will I study?

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a wide range of fine art media, techniques and processes including:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Textiles
- Photography
- Applied art
- Printmaking
- Digital art or animation

Drawing is a fundamental topic which is covered throughout with an experimental approach being taken. It may be possible for you to take an additional University of the Arts Award in drawing alongside your A level studies to boost your portfolio. You will study a range of artists' work from a variety of different cultural and historical contexts, and have the opportunity to work with visiting artists and lecturers. You will be encouraged to research your own topics that interest you in order to create technically skilful and meaningful work. The AQA qualification is made up of 60% coursework and 40% final practical exam.

Additional activities within this subject

- Gallery visits
- Artist workshops

- Research trips
- Practical workshops
- Written analysis
- Entering competitions
- Exhibiting own work



What our students say

"I have found studying art a lot of fun and I have overcome many of my technical boundaries. It makes me think about the world around me."

Class of 2019 student

BIOLOGY

Why should I study Biology?

Biology is the study of living organisms past, present and future. Pupils following the Bolingbroke Academy Biology course will explore a range of relevant and cutting edge biological concepts and skills that will prepare them perfectly for a biology-based course at University. The two year programme focuses on how modern breakthroughs in Biology have impacted ecosystems, human health and our understanding of the living world around us.

Bolingbroke is best for Biology because...

Our modern facilities and equipment allow pupils to gain an interesting and engaging insight into all the biological concepts they will study. The department is rich in biologists who all share a passion for their field as well as the capabilities and desire to support pupils in gaining the best attainment possible.

What will I study?

Pupils will extend their knowledge of biological molecules, cells and genetic inheritance. They will consider in more detail how the process of natural selection has shaped Biology and consider the factors that make humans different to the rest

of the living world. Pupils will explore the nervous system, the endocrine system and osmoregulation and will learn how these body systems enable organisms to thrive in their environments. Modern gene technologies such as PCR, electrophoresis and gene therapy will also be studied.

Additional activities within this subject

- Opportunities to attend Biology inspiration lectures.
- Trips to and links with universities to help you decide that all important next step.
- Visit to The Gurdon Institute to study the biology of development, and how normal growth and maintenance go wrong in cancer and other diseases.
- Subject Tutorial support sessions



What our students say

"I am choosing to study Biology because I have been inspired by passionate subject specialists over the last five years and want to know even more about the world around me."

Class of 2019 student

BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE

Why should I study BTEC Applied Science?

Completing the BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Applied Science provides pupils with a genuine insight into how science has shaped modern life. It is a demanding course that will provide pupils with a range of transferable skills and a knowledge set that will allow them to continue their studies at University or move into the career of their choice, Science-based or otherwise.

Bolingbroke is best for BTEC Applied Science because...

Not only will our students learn about a huge range of scientific concepts but will be the first to enter an exciting new partnership with local businesses and health care providers. This link will give pupils a chance to see how scientific ideas are applied in the workplace and how the skills they will be developing can impact others and the wider world. They will be able to apply some of their learning within a professional context and will gain first-hand experience of some of the careers open to them upon completion of the course.

What will I study?

The topics explored on the Applied Science course include, in biology, microbiology, disease, and human physiology. Within chemistry pupils will look at organic, inorganic and industrial-scale chemistry. In the field of physics pupils will explore physical properties of materials in more detail as well as how medical physics have shaped our understanding of health. Units based around infection, biomedical science and forensic analysis are just a few examples of how this course allows pupils to see how science is used on a practical level. Students will also have the opportunity to pursue their own scientific interests through an investigative project.



What our students say

“The Professional Pathways route will allow me to continue to learn about all the aspects of Science I find most interesting of science, as well as giving me a chance to experience them first hand in the workplace.”

Class of 2019 student

CHEMISTRY

Why should I study Chemistry?

Chemistry has a huge impact on a range of modern concepts that affect us each and every day. Recent developments in climate change, health and the pharmaceutical industry are down to research within the field of chemistry. Studying the Bolingbroke Academy Chemistry course will give pupils an insight into these advancements as well as developing the problem-solving and analytical skills required on many University courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacology.

Bolingbroke is best for Chemistry because...

Students will be developing their knowledge of Chemistry within modern, state of the art facilities that will allow all to improve their practical skills and understanding.

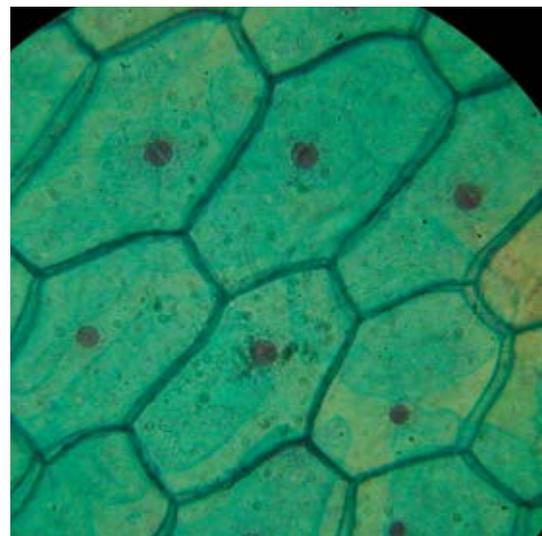
What will I study?

The Chemistry course is based around three fundamental chemical concepts; physical chemistry, organic chemistry and inorganic chemistry. Within these strands pupils will develop the understanding of atomic structure, bonding, energetics and kinetics that they gained at GCSE level. More

in depth concepts such as Le Chatelier's principle, thermodynamics, isomerism and spectroscopy will also be explored.

Additional activities within this subject

- Opportunities to attend Chemistry inspiration lectures.
- Trips to and links with universities to help you decide that all important next step.
- Visit to The Gurdon Institute to study the biology of development, and how normal growth and maintenance go wrong in cancer and other diseases.
- Subject tutorial support sessions.



What our students say

"I'm really interested in becoming a doctor or a dentist. Studying Chemistry will open up lots of career paths for me."

Class of 2019 student

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Why should I study Computer Science?

In this increasingly digital age, computing programmes and applications have infiltrated nearly every aspect of our lives. Computer scientists theorise, design, develop and apply the software and hardware for these programmes, which are needed in every type of industry. If you enjoy maths and are a logical thinker who is interested in how computers and networks work, this is the course for you.

Bolingbroke is best for Product Design because..

Computer Science is a new, exciting course that will be taught for the first time at Bolingbroke in September 2017. Over this two year course, through a variety of theoretical analysis and hands-on practical work, you will build a better understanding of how computers can be programmed to do the tasks people need.

What will I study?

The course will start with the basics of computing including the binary number system (on which all digital computers are based). You will investigate processors, memory, hardware devices, systems software,

communications methods and networks and the practice of programming. Focus will then shift to how Computing is applied. Pupils will explore different programming methods, databases, systems development, how the internet works and different categories of information systems. You will be taught to create programmes which support programming theory as well as help prepare you for examinations.

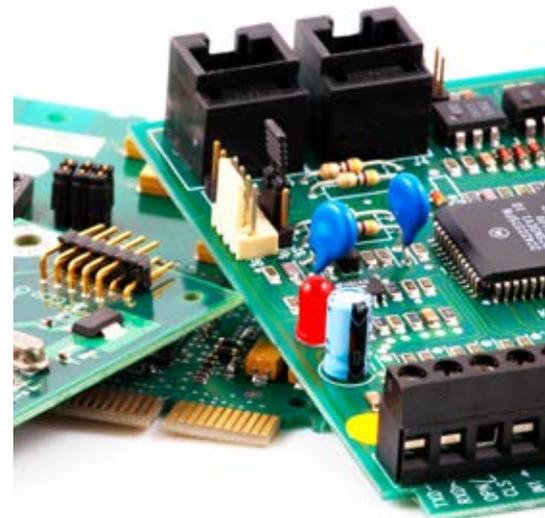
Additional activities within this subject

- Opportunities to attend Computing inspiration lectures.
- Trips to and links with universities to help you decide that all important next step.

What our students say

“Computer scientists are needed everywhere! I know this subject will open up lots of career paths for me.”

Class of 2019 student



ENGLISH LITERATURE

Why should I study English Literature?

English Literature is an ideal choice for anyone who loves reading and books. Literature allows us to ask big questions about ourselves, others, and human existence. It is also a highly respected A-level that can be instrumental in helping you gain university places in a variety of subjects. You will also gain a great deal of academic prowess through a subject that promotes the development of transferable skills.

English literature students are taught to think analytically, consider different interpretations and listen and respond to one another sensitively in preparation for the seminar style environment they are likely to find at university. One of the most important skills you learn is how to write coherently and critically. This is an essential skill that will aid you in their other subjects and is invaluable in higher education and the world of employment.

Bolingbroke is best for English Literature because..

Should you choose Bolingbroke Sixth Form, you can expect yourself to be taught by a team of passionate English teachers with excellent subject knowledge. You will have access to an extensive library, develop and challenge your thinking in university-style seminars and form a love of literature which will remain with you for the rest of your life. With central London being only fifteen minutes away from Bolingbroke, you

will be taken on a wide range of theatre trips and university visits to broaden your appreciation of Literature.

What will I study?

Course content in Year 12

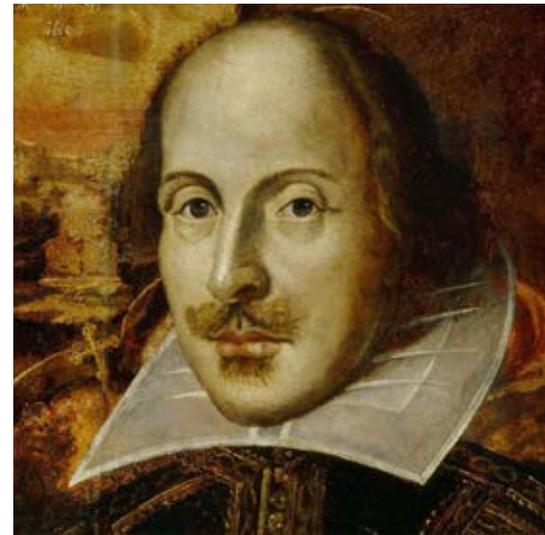
- Aspects of Tragedy:
- Shakespeare Othello
- Arthur Miller Death of a Salesman
- Thomas Hardy Tess of the D'urbervilles
- Thomas Hardy Selected Poems

Course content in Year 13

- Shakespeare Hamlet
 - Ian McEwan Atonement
 - Crabbe, Browning & Wilde Poetry
- Non-Examination Assessment: Students will complete their own independent study of two texts of their choice. One will be poetry and one prose. These pieces will be underpinned by their study of literary theory. One NEA piece will take the form of a conventional essay. The other will be a re-create piece accompanied by a commentary.

Additional activities within this subject

- Theatre trips
- University trips to English departments
- Movie nights
- Book club
- Opportunities to tutor and mentor younger pupils
- Individual subject support



What our students say

“Bolingbroke English teachers go the extra mile to help us reach our full potential.”

Class of 2019 student

EPQ

Why should I study EPQ?

This qualification gives you the opportunity to effectively demonstrate your project management, research, and problem-solving skills, which are very important for any future job or university applications. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is highly regarded by universities and employers as it provides an opportunity to demonstrate that you have the capacity to engage with and complete a high level research project over a prolonged period. The taught element of the course ensures that you have advanced skills in researching a topic, formulating an argument and presenting your ideas – all key skills that employers look for.

Bolingbroke is best for EPQ because..

Not only will you have a dedicated subject tutor to support your EPQ, you will also work with a professional librarian to guide you through your research. The EPQ team at Bolingbroke has a wealth of experience in supporting students to produce the written report or the artefact needed to complete the EPQ. You will have access to a range of resources both online and in the library, including newspapers and journals along with links to London universities and specialist libraries.

What will I study?

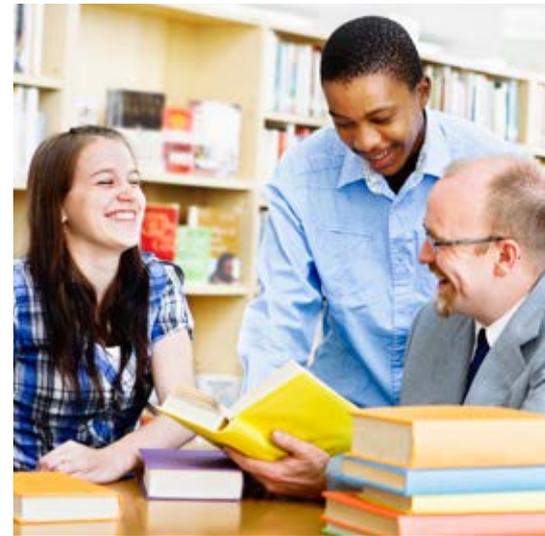
This is an opportunity for advanced level study in a specialised subject area, either arising from one of the subjects you are currently studying or have studied in the past,

or in an area which is of significant interest to you and which you would like to explore further. You will have a free choice so that you can explore an aspect of a subject you are studying, an issue about which you are concerned, or a topic in which you have a personal interest. Your project may also relate to a course or area of employment that you might be considering for the future. To successfully complete the Extended Project Qualification you will have to –

- choose a topic
- agree project aims and objectives
- plan, research, and carry out the project
- deliver a presentation to a specified audience
- provide evidence of all stages of project production
- write a short report evaluating and reviewing your project work
- keep a reflective journal, detailing all your project activity.

Additional activities within this subject

- Study Skills Workshops
- Presentation Workshops
- 1-1 Tutorials
- Visits to University Libraries
- Visits to Specialist Libraries
- Visiting speakers



What our students say

“If you have something you want to create, or a subject that interests you outside of school, then the EPQ is perfect for letting you explore your passion whilst getting a qualification to impress an interviewer in the future!”

Class of 2019 student

FRENCH

Why should I study French?

More than 220 million people speak French on the five continents. It is also one of the most widely learned foreign languages. It is a language of diplomacy and sophistication, and an official language of multiple institutions, from the United Nations to the European Union and the International Red Cross. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

Bolingbroke is best for French because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are in the process of developing strong partnerships with international schools to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

What will I study?

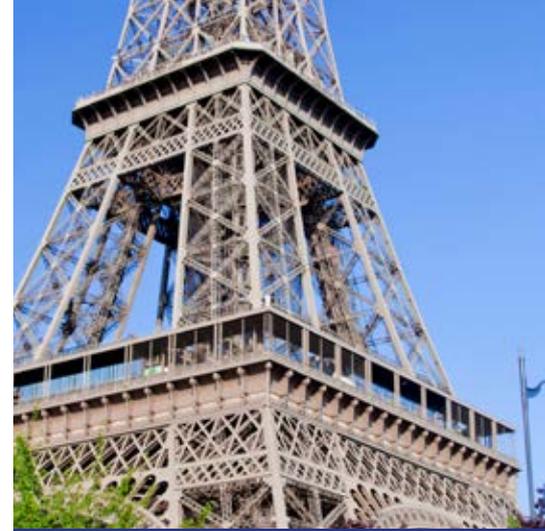
What you will study will mirror the interests of young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging themes –

- *Les changements dans la société française;*
- *La culture politique et artistique dans les pays francophones;*
- *L'immigration et la société multiculturelle française;*
- *L'Occupation et la Résistance.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.



What our students say

“We receive as much support as we need - we just need to ask. Our teachers go beyond the curriculum, teaching us useful French idioms, colloquialisms and slang. This leads us to success, not only in exams, but in real conversations and life.”

Class of 2019 student

FURTHER MATHS

Why should I study Maths?

You cannot get enough of Maths and you want to see how far it can be taken, stretching your understanding into areas that you may not even know exist yet. You want to learn new ways of thinking about problems, and wish to be fluent in applying these skills in completely new and exciting areas. It is an ideal A-level for those who wish to pursue STEM courses beyond A level, and perfect enrichment for anyone considering Engineering, Physics, and related degrees at university. As a subject in its own right, Further Maths is the badge of the exceptional mathematician, and must be seriously considered for anyone wishing to pursue the subject beyond A-level.

Bolingbroke is best for Maths because...

We will be able to provide small group focus from highly experienced staff. Our lead teachers have over 20 years' teaching experience between them, and can cover all aspects of Further Maths to a very high standard that will bring the subject to life in new ways. With the potential to personalise the qualification, students can have the best possible coverage of their future studies and will see the many ways the subject can be extended far beyond their experience to date.

What will I study?

A vast range of new and exciting topics that will extend on noticeably from your A level studies. These include Graph Theory, Matrices, Differential Equations

and the wider applications of Probability theory, laying clear the deeper structure of Mathematics. The option to pick up additional modules will also provide the chance for students to explore key areas ahead of university, personalising their own qualification and ensuring they are as prepared as possible for the demands to come.

Additional activities within this subject

- Extra personalised modules – Study extra modules to supplement your knowledge in a topic area that fascinates you or will support your intended degree
- Subject Tutorial support sessions – Push your understanding even further in small group discussions that expand the application of what you learn in class
- UKMT Senior and Team Challenges – Work alone or in a team to challenge your Maths puzzle-solving... against students from all over the country!
- STEM and MAT preparation – Prepare for the extended Maths papers required at some of the top universities in the world



What our students say

"I have really enjoyed the Maths extension opportunities at Bolingbroke. The teachers have made the subject come to life in the real world."

Class of 2019 student

GEOGRAPHY

Why should I study Geography?

Geographers are able to think critically, synthesize complex ideas, and make informed decisions. Geography spans the Arts and the Sciences, and the logical, methodical approach used when studying Geography, combined with the ability to make connections between disparate topics and issues, are increasingly in demand in the world of work. Alongside these skills, Geography students are also socially aware, strong communicators and excel at teamwork. Studying Geography opens up a wide range of careers.

Bolingbroke is best for Geography because...

In the Humanities department we have a dedicated team of teachers that will support, motivate and challenge their pupils. We have the advantage of small teaching groups and teachers who are experienced, passionate and knowledgeable about their subject. We value and take pride in the fieldwork opportunities we can offer. There is opportunity for lots of learning outside of the classroom, in both rural and urban areas. At Bolingbroke you will participate in debates and discussions, analyse newspapers and take part in group work; helping you to develop skills that will make you more employable and successful.

What will I study?

1. Physical Geography

a. Water and carbon cycles (The content invites students to contemplate the magnitude and significance of the cycles at

a variety of scales, their relevance to wider geography and their central importance for human populations).

b. Coastal systems and Landscapes (their formation and their evolution over time and how these areas are managed).

c. Hazards (geophysical and hydro-meteorological).

2. Human geography

a. Global systems and global governance (globalisation, trade and interdependence).

b. Changing places - this section focuses on people's engagement with places, their experience of them and the qualities they ascribe to them, all of which are of fundamental importance in their lives.

c. Population and the environment or Resource security.

3. Geography fieldwork investigation

An independent investigation with a significant element of fieldwork, of 3000-4000 words in length.

Additional activities within this subject

- Bolingbroke works closely with the Royal Geographical Society in South Kensington (www.rgs.org) as a Member and Partner School, and A-level students will be able to regularly attend Monday evening lectures at the Society, amongst other opportunities.
- 4-day residential trip for all A-level Geography students to complete fieldwork in the natural environment, which will contribute 20% towards their final A-level grade.

- The department is also planning for a trip to Iceland or Morocco for Year 12 students to enhance their understanding of key geographical concepts and processes.



What our students say

“At Bolingbroke Academy I have always had a geography teacher who is engaging, fun, and whose best interest has always been in us, the students. I feel like doing geography at A-level will have many challenges, but also many rewards.”

Class of 2019 student

GERMAN

Why should I study German?

German has the largest number of native speakers in the European Union and is among the ten most commonly spoken languages in the world. Germany's economy is one of the strongest in the world and it is at the forefront of global exports. It is therefore a fantastic language to learn in order to develop new business opportunities. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

Bolingbroke is best for German because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are developing strong partnerships with international schools (for example PMG in Germany) to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

What will I study?

What you will study will mirror the interests of young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging themes –

- *Gesellschaftliche Entwicklung in Deutschland;*
- *Politische und künstlerische Kultur im deutschen Sprachraum;*
- *Immigration und die deutsche multikulturelle Gesellschaft and*
- *Die Wiedervereinigung Deutschlands.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.

What our students say

“German A-level at Bolingbroke Academy will mean enhancing my linguistic capabilities to further my opportunities. Learning German in a fun, supportive environment means that you develop a love and passion for German, as well as the lifelong transferable skill of learning a language.”

Class of 2019 student



HISTORY

Why should I study History?

History matters. History helps us to understand change. It helps to explain how the society we live in came to be. Through learning about the past you have a much better understanding of the present. Not only should you study History because it is all around us but because important abilities and qualities of mind are acquired through the study of history. History also offers students the opportunity to acquire and improve on many key skills including:

- Communication (verbal and written)
- Analytical skills
- The use of information technology
- Learning to learn and independent thinking
- Research skills
- Numeracy/ application of numbers

Bolingbroke is best for History because...

Bolingbroke is best because you have a team of subject specialists who are passionate about their subject and can support you with your studies. History teachers at Bolingbroke are exceptionally committed and experienced. You will also have the opportunity to study periods of History that are not usually studied at A-level elsewhere. This will not only make your university applications stand out but it will also enrich your education and social and cultural experiences.

What will I study?

You will complete three exams and one

piece of coursework as part of your History A-level. The exam board that we will be using is Edexcel. The topics you will study include:

- 1509-1603: authority, nation and religion
- Martin Luther and the German Reformation c.1515-55
- The Witchcraze in Britain, Europe and North America, c.1580-1780

The coursework element of the history A-level allows pupils to choose their own topic. Students must complete research and carry out a historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations, and organising and communicating the findings in the form of an essay. The coursework element of the history A-level is very similar to the type of work students would undertake at undergraduate level.

Additional activities within this subject

- Links with Universities - QMUL & KCL.
- Extra-curricular support and study days (exam support).
- Potential for trips abroad including Krakow and Washington D.C.
- History Society: half termly twilight lectures from historians.
- Lecture conferences and revision days where you will listen to historians including David Starkey, John Guy (Cambridge), Steven Gunn (Oxford) and William Doyle (Bristol).



What our students say

“At Bolingbroke, all of our History teachers have a real passion for the subject, and are really knowledgeable about the world and its past.”

Class of 2019 student

MATHS

Why should I study Maths?

You are enthusiastic about maths and you want to see how it can stretch your understanding of the subject, extending into many other areas beyond the scope of GCSE and seeing how applicable it is in a vast array of contexts. You want to extend your problem solving skills and so develop the resilience to apply your existing knowledge to a wide range of problems across all your studies. As a highly sought after A-level it will open many doors for university courses and careers, and provide an excellent basis for any university degree with a high level of rigour and demanding standards.

Bolingbroke is best for Maths because...

Our expert staff can deliver a flexible course to a very high level that makes the higher level content of the course easily accessible. They will go the extra mile to tailor the provision for every student, ensuring that students understand and appreciate the “why” as well as the “how” of mathematics. As a well-established Maths Mastery lead school, we are perfectly placed to make each student adaptable, resilient, and ready to deal with the tougher new linear specification.

What will I study?

Topic areas that build on GCSE, while also extending into new topics ranging from proof and advanced trigonometry to kinematics and calculus. The course will emphasise the links between different strands of mathematics to provide a fuller appreciation of the subject. Pure and applied topics are examined in the same paper to encourage the students to see the connections between them, which in turn builds up a stronger picture of the discipline overall and helps with deepening your understanding.

Additional activities within this subject

- Maths Inspiration Lectures – Explore exciting mathematics concepts outside of the curriculum at public lectures
- UKMT Senior and Team Challenges – Work alone or in a team to challenge your Maths puzzle-solving...against students from all over the country!
- Links with Universities – Gain insight into university Mathematics from the experts
- Subject Tutorial support sessions – Work in small groups to explore the ideas you are studying in lessons



What our students say

“The more Maths I study at Bolingbroke the more it opens up my eyes as to how I understand the world.”

Class of 2019 student

MUSIC

Why should I study Music?

Music is a universal language: no matter who you are or where you come from, you can enjoy music. Studying music helps to gain a deeper level of understanding through a wide range of genres and styles. Not only this, but the study of music enables one to develop a number of valuable transferable skills: creativity, teamwork, self-confidence, concentration, coordination – these will all support with skills needed in other A levels and can improve employability. Music is different from most other A levels due to its practical nature and high percentage of coursework, and can open up numerous opportunities for arts careers (e.g. performance, composition, musicology, ethnomusicology, sound engineering, conducting, popular music and jazz, music education, and elsewhere in the music industry).

Bolingbroke is best for Music because..

Music plays a central role in life at Bolingbroke Academy. The extra-curricular opportunities here are unparalleled, with an extensive enrichment programme offering 18+ enrichments each week, a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year, trips and workshops, as well as subsidised peripatetic lessons on a variety of instruments led by dedicated Music specialists. Bolingbroke has fantastic music resources with numerous teaching rooms, a wide variety of instruments (including orchestral instruments, tuned percussion and djembes) and equipment such as a mac suite and recording studio.

What will I study?

The A-level will consist of three components:

1. Performing – a recital of at least 8 minutes which can be playing or singing solo, in an ensemble, improvising, or realising music using music technology.
2. Composing – two compositions of 6 minutes combined duration, one of which is free and the other in response to a set brief.
3. Appraising – a written listening paper of 2 hours which covers the following:
 - Knowledge and understanding of musical elements, contexts and language
 - Application of knowledge through the context of six areas of study, each with three set works (the areas of study are Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Music for Film, Popular Music and Jazz, Fusions and New Directions)
 - Application of knowledge to unfamiliar works

Additional activities within this subject

- Weekly peripatetic instrumental lessons led by specialists at subsidised rates
- A huge range of musical enrichments open to all sixth form pupils
- Performance opportunities throughout the year (such as whole-school assembly performances, seasonal concerts, whole-school musical production)
- The Scholar and Apprentice Programme is a prestigious scheme that identifies gifted and talented musicians at Bolingbroke and enables them to develop



What our students say

“Music at Bolingbroke is not only fun, but it’s inspiring and extraordinary. Music here comes to life.”

Class of 2019 student

- their musicianship further (through leadership and performance opportunities and mentoring by a dedicated member of the Music staff team)
- Opportunities for Sixth Form pupils to put on their own performance or lead an enrichment

PHILOSOPHY

Why should I study Philosophy?

To succeed in the study of Philosophy students must enjoy asking complex questions. An inquisitive mind, and an interest in challenging concepts, is expected of our students at post-16 level. Students must attend all lessons fully prepared to engage in class discussions and to contribute to the learning of others. Philosophy provides an excellent grounding for further study in philosophy, politics, economics, law, medicine, education, history, journalism, sociology, cultural studies, theology, business and management. The subject enables students to develop skills of evaluation, analysis and critical thinking while encouraging independent thought. Philosophy also provides a good opportunity for students to improve speaking and listening skills which will benefit any further study.

Bolingbroke is best for Philosophy because..

Philosophy lessons will be delivered by subject specialists, within a seminar style structure. This enables our students to have a depth of learning about the subject, and develop skills that are crucial for study in higher education. Skills of analysis and evaluation, as well as speaking and listening, are developed through the examination of arguments in group discussion. Essay writing skills will be developed in class, self-study and through rigorous teacher and peer assessment. Additional learning methods offered to students are Philosophy

for Communities (P4C), opportunities to prepare lessons for others, group work, use of ICT and other media sources and investigations of the extensive books, journals and other resources.

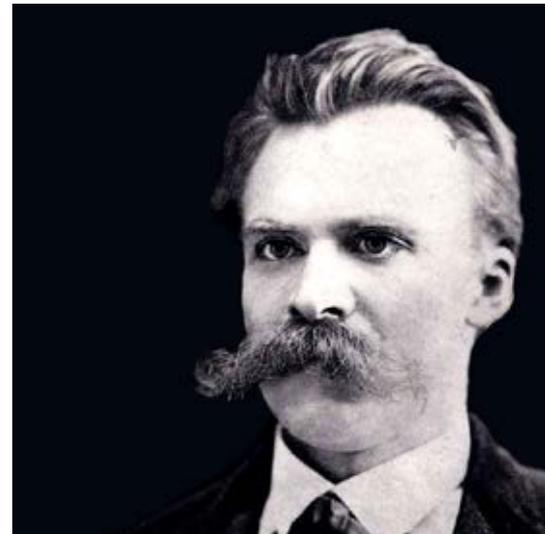
What will I study?

You will study a variety of thought-provoking components of philosophical studies, following the AQA Philosophy course.

- Epistemology
- Moral Philosophy
- Metaphysics of God
- Metaphysics of mind

Additional activities within this subject

- Students will have the opportunities to attend conferences to help further their studies, such as workshops with the renowned philosopher Peter Vardy.
- Outside speakers and philosophers will also be invited to Bolingbroke for talks and workshops.



What our students say

“Philosophy will make you question everything, but studying it at Bolingbroke will help you discover the answers.”

Class of 2019 student

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Why should I study PE?

Studying physical education and sport will not only give you the in-depth knowledge of how to lead a healthy, active lifestyle, but it brings together the scientific, cultural, moral and historical elements of sport, that enable you to understand how sport has played and will continue to play a huge role in an ever evolving world. You are given the opportunity to understand your body both physically and mentally, and to learn how to apply this knowledge to improve your performances. The opportunities and pathways available with studying this course reach far beyond becoming an athlete. Physiologists, nutritionists, physiotherapists, sports doctors, performance analysts, coaches, reporters, strength and conditioning practitioners, marketing and advertising agencies, sports agents are but a few of the major careers that are now having a huge impact on how PE and Sport is being shaped in the world.

Bolingbroke is best for PE because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our PE department is led by excellent practitioners of who are talented sportsmen and women themselves. They have the highest of expectations and develop the skills, knowledge and resilience of their pupils to ensure they reach their full potential. The PE department is developing links with sports clubs in and around the borough of Wandsworth, with the potential use of external sports facilities, as well as the facilities we already offer. With an increasing competitive ethos within our sports teams, A-level PE

pupils would be involved in local, divisional and national competitions.

Following on from the success of the skiing trips and the FC Porto trip to come, opportunities to travel and compete in activities adds to the opportunities that are involved with PE & Sport at Bolingbroke.

What will I study?

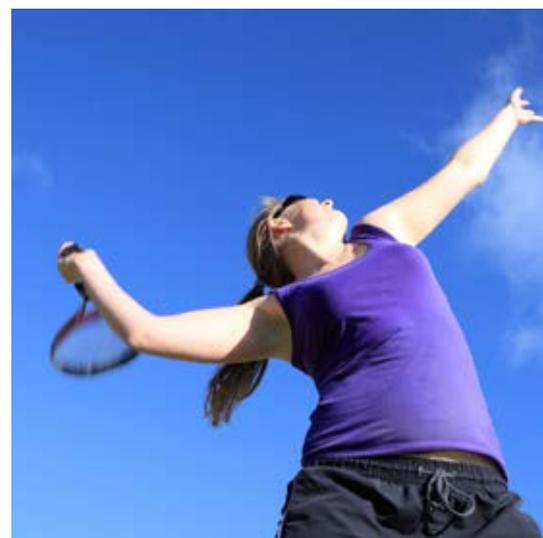
The topics you will study throughout OCR A-Level PE are: anatomy and physiology, acquiring movement skills, components of a healthy, active lifestyle, nutrition, socio-cultural studies relating to participation in physical activity, historical Studies, comparative Studies – comparing PE & Sport in the UK with the USA & Australia, as well as scientific options such as, sports psychology, biomechanics, exercise and sport physiology. You will also study the practical application on all the theoretical content as well as analyse, develop, improve and perform a range of sporting skills, techniques and activities.

The course will carry a weighting of 70% theoretical assessment, which will be completed through written exams. The practical element makes up the remaining 30% where you will perform in one chosen sport at AS, and another at A-Level.

Additional activities within this subject

- Students will develop leadership and coaching skills and have the chance to gain coaching badges for a variety of sports, and at different levels

- Officiate within your chosen sports. Opportunities to gain coaching and officiating badges will be given, as well as a range of work experience opportunities within the industry.



What our students say

“I want to combine studying PE to a high level with expert and caring teachers and making the most of all the sporting and enrichment opportunities that the Sixth Form offers.”

Class of 2019 student

PHYSICS

Why should I study Physics?

Physics underpins all the understanding scientists have about the universe: its origins, future and laws that exist within it. Pupils studying the Bolingbroke Academy Physics course will gain new skills and develop existing ones based around data analysis, problem solving and using scientific investigations to support conclusions. They will learn all about how our understanding of the universe has changed through the ages and, more importantly, how modern advancements in technology and research have affected our understanding of the physical world around us.

Bolingbroke is best for Physics because...

Students will be taught by physics specialists who are devoted to sharing their passion for their subject. Lessons will be taught in modern laboratories with modern practical equipment that will provide pupils with first-hand experience of the concepts they are learning about.

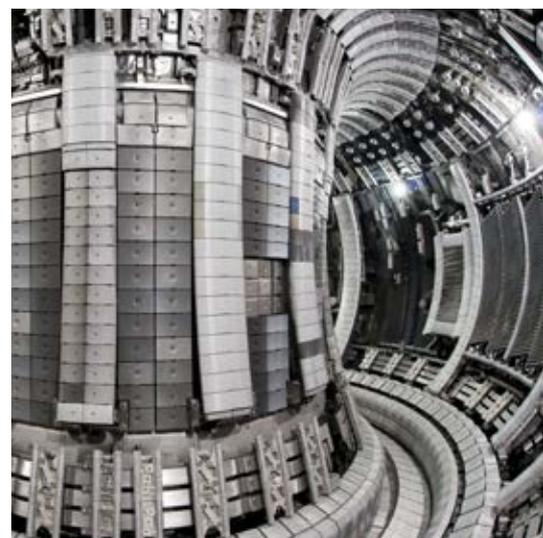
What will I study?

The physics course is based around core concepts such as particles, radiation, waves, electricity, mechanics, materials, fields and

nuclear physics but with a big focus on how knowledge of these areas is applied in modern contexts. Pupils will begin to ask questions about the universe in a way they have not done before and will investigate mathematical relationships which describe the natural world.

Additional activities within this subject

- Opportunities to attend Physics inspiration lectures.
- Trips to and links with universities to help you decide that all important next step.
- Visit physicists at CERN (The Centre for European Nuclear Research. Geneva, Switzerland) who are seeking answers, using some of the world's most powerful particle accelerators.
- Subject Tutorial support sessions.



What our students say

“Lots of people find Physics challenging but the Bolingbroke teachers always make sure the lessons are broken down and taught in interesting, inspiring ways.”

Class of 2019 student

PRODUCT DESIGN

Why should I study Product Design?

You should study A-level Product Design if you have ideas, imagination and love designing and making products using resistant materials such as wood, metal and plastics. You may be considering a future career in the creative industries. The natural progression route after A-level is for students to apply for either a one year Foundation Diploma or Degree courses both within and outside of London after completing A-level Product Design. Some pupils may want to take up an apprenticeship as a designer or engineer. Your A-level could lead on to any number of exciting careers including architect, product designer, colour technologist, games designer, advertising art director, graphic designer, clothing/textile technologist, commercial artist, art director for theatre/television/film, or virtual reality designer.

Bolingbroke is best for Product Design because..

We will offer an A-level which is exciting, innovative and led by expert and passionate teachers who are committed to preparing students for commercial careers and further academic study. Product design offers really exciting career opportunities for pupils. You will work with a variety of different materials including wood, metal, plastics and recycled materials. Teachers will push you to be innovative and take a business-minded approach to your design work, designing for the real world and specific target markets. The department is able to provide students with a sophisticated level of physical

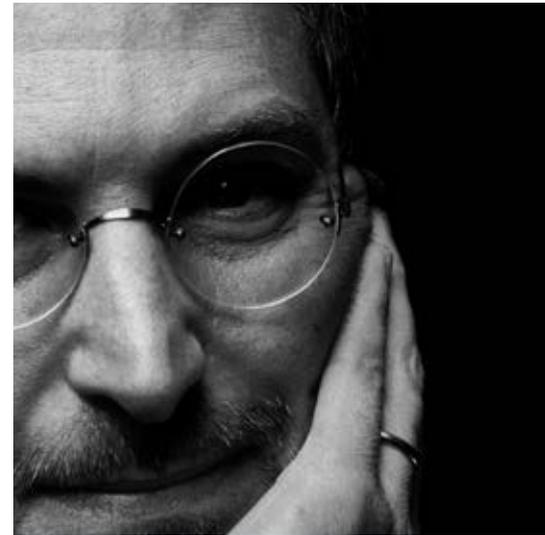
resources and equipment, including state of the art laser cutting technology, glass and ceramic kilns, mac books for digital artwork, a fully equipped product design workshop, CAD CAM, circuit makers and a specialist library. There is a highly trained technician to support your practical making needs.

What will I study?

Students will be introduced to a variety of experiences exploring a range of processes, skills and materials using both traditional and new technologies including CAD CAM. Through the study of other designers' work you will develop your skills in problem solving to find creative design solutions. Students will be expected to develop and later demonstrate skills from a wide variety of disciplines, and research their own topics that interest them. In Yr 13 you will have the freedom to specialise in working with your chosen materials with which you have become highly skilled. The qualification consists of 50% practical coursework and 50% final theoretical examinations based on understanding of core technical knowledge and designing and making principles.

Additional activities within this subject

- Gallery/museum visits
- Designers' workshops
- Research trips
- Practical workshops
- Written analysis
- Entering design competitions
- Exhibiting own work



What our students say

"The world is developing so fast in terms of technology and Product Design helps me to understand it – I love using the machinery!"

Class of 2019 student

PSYCHOLOGY

Why should I study Psychology?

Psychology is the science of the mind and behaviour. Pupils completing this particular course will, as with all sciences, develop their literacy, numeracy and data analysis skills. They will also continue to work on their ability to construct a meaningful, evidenced argument. Pupils will be part of a course that seeks to answer questions such as; why do people behave the way they do? Why do people develop phobias? Are children more likely to imitate aggressive behaviour seen in video games?

Bolingbroke is best for Psychology because..

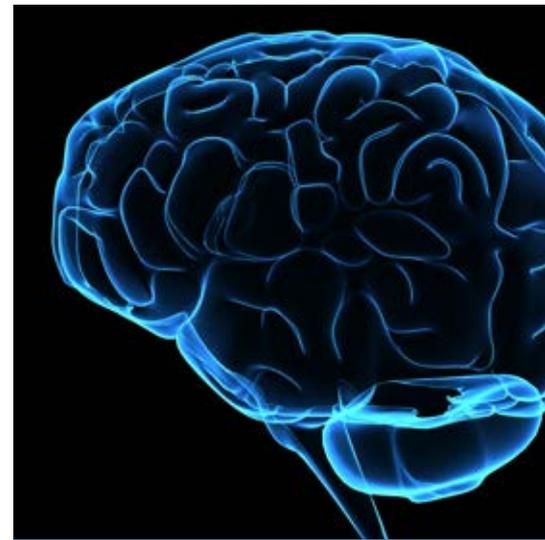
Psychology is a new, exciting course that will be taught for the first time at Bolingbroke Academy in September 2017. Our department is devoted to ensuring all pupils will achieve beyond their potential and are looking forward to engaging pupils in an engaging, relevant subject with many subsequent career paths or routes into further study.

What will I study?

Pupils will learn about the physiology of the brain and how features like memory, emotions and morals are linked to different brain areas. They will explore real-world mental health issues and will complete units in criminal psychology, environmental psychology, child psychology and sport-related psychology.

Additional activities within this subject

- Opportunities to attend Psychology inspiration lectures.
- Trips to and links with universities to help you decide that all important next step.
- Subject Tutorial support sessions.



What our students say

“I can’t wait to find out all about the brain and why people behave in the way they do.”

Class of 2019 student

SPANISH

Why should I study Spanish?

Spanish is spoken by at least an estimated 350 million people around the world and is currently the 4th most commonly spoken language worldwide. As the Hispanic population rapidly increases, and with superb geographical positioning, learning Spanish opens up many exciting travel and work opportunities to continents such as Central and South America. Languages are valued everywhere: on your CV, when you travel, when you aspire for further studies. The particularity of languages is that both rigour and creativity are combined. By choosing to study a language, you will develop a very high standard of key skills and characteristics such as organisation, team work, confidence, independence, creativity, adaptability, resilience and open-mindedness.

Bolingbroke is best for Languages because..

At Bolingbroke Academy, our MFL department is led by excellent practitioners and talented linguists with high aspirations and expectations for their students. We are extremely amicable and approachable. We are in the process of developing strong partnerships with international schools to give the opportunity for students to put their learning into action and to extend their cultural knowledge. We are also organising

trips abroad to immerse pupils in real life situations and improve their language skills and aforementioned strengths of character.

What will I study?

What you will study will mirror the interests of soon to be young adults. Topics are divided into four engaging Themes –

- *La evolución de la sociedad española;*
- *La cultura política y artística en el mundo hispanohablante;*
- *La inmigración y la sociedad multicultural española and*
- *La dictadura franquista y la transición a la democracia.*

The four Themes are studied alongside two works (either two literary texts or one literary text and one film) assessed through two externally-examined papers and one non-exam assessment (speaking).

Additional activities within this subject

Work experience opportunities in the target language country are available, which would benefit not only your language ability but also employability and strengthen university applications. Engaging with authentic materials in and outside of the classroom is pivotal to language learning. Developing interests through popular culture is an essential part of our department's ethos, including a trip abroad for each language.



What our students say

“Studying Spanish at Bolingbroke has been a very enriching journey for us. We’ve been taught to think mistakes are just a way of learning. Our teachers push us to, and beyond, the best grades and know exactly how to challenge us academically.”

Class of 2019 student

All the best for
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We look forward
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