

St Mark's Catholic School



Sixth Form Curriculum Booklet

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Welcome to St Mark's Catholic School Sixth Form. This is an exciting time when you will be making important decisions about the next step in your education.

This prospectus will give you a glimpse of what makes St Mark's Sixth Form such a special place. As part of the wider school community, we are guided by gospel values of peace, truth, justice, reconciliation, and above all, love. Our goal is to help every student fulfil their God-given potential.

Our Sixth Form is enriched by students from various faith backgrounds, who join us from both St Mark's and other schools. We respect and value these diverse perspectives and the shared values they bring. Every student is treated as an individual with unique talents and abilities.

St Mark's Sixth Form has an outstanding reputation for academic achievement, with a consistent record of excellent exam results. We are proud of the progress our students make, and we foster high aspirations. Our dedicated teachers support students to become independent learners, encouraging active participation in lessons and helping when needed.

Beyond academic excellence, students have opportunities to engage in spiritual, social, cultural, and sporting activities. We have high expectations for our Sixth Formers, encouraging them to be positive role models and witnesses to their faith.

Pastoral care is a key strength, with effective monitoring and support throughout. Our skilled staff provide personalised guidance to help you prepare for university, apprenticeships, or employment.

I hope this prospectus helps you make the right choice for your post-16 education.

Ms Andrea Waugh-Lucas
Headteacher

Head of Sixth Form



“St Mark’s is a community where every individual is valued”

Joining St Mark’s Catholic School Sixth Form marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your educational journey. With a wealth of opportunities and strong support systems in place, we are committed to helping you succeed in every aspect of your studies and personal development.

Each student in our Sixth Form is part of a close-knit Tutor Group, with a dedicated Student Progress Leader to help monitor progress and offer personalized advice. Our aim is to nurture both your academic growth and personal development, helping you achieve your ambitions, whether that’s through university, apprenticeships, or other career paths.

We are proud of the many opportunities available to students here at St Mark’s, including leadership roles, extracurricular activities, and a wide range of academic support. We encourage all our students to be proactive, take responsibility for their learning, and make the most of the resources around them.

Our Sixth Form offers not only academic excellence but also excellent pastoral care. Through a comprehensive programme, we help you develop important life skills—from writing an effective personal statement to budgeting for university life. Our experienced team is here to guide you through each stage of Year 12 and 13, ensuring you feel confident and prepared for the future.

St Mark’s is a community where every individual is valued, and we are immensely proud of the contributions our Sixth Formers make to the life of the school.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form and supporting you through these exciting years ahead.

Mr Ian Wilkinson
Head of Sixth Form

Student Voice

“St Mark’s isn’t just about academic success - it’s a community where you’ll find support, challenge, and the chance to reach your full potential.”



At our Sixth Form, you’ll be pushed to succeed, with teachers encouraging you to step outside your comfort zone while offering support whenever needed. Sixth form is challenging but incredibly rewarding, giving you independence and control over your learning—quite a shift from what you’re used to.

You’re never on your own here. Teachers are always available to guide you, helping you master your subjects. This is why St Mark’s was my only choice. It wasn’t just the academics but the strong sense of community, with both staff and students always ready to help. It’s an environment for both academic and personal growth, making it the best place to reach your full potential.

Kieron Rose
Head Boy

The transition from GCSEs to A Levels may seem daunting, but St Mark’s Sixth Form offers a supportive environment where teachers are always ready to help. Every student is encouraged to challenge themselves, developing valuable skills in organisation, communication, and teamwork.

St Mark’s also offers great facilities, like the Sixth Form study room for focused work and “Maggie’s,” the social hub where friendships are built. The Faith in Action programme provides opportunities to give back to the community, reflecting the school’s Catholic ethos.

After seven years here, I can confidently say the support has been invaluable, and I wouldn’t want to study anywhere else.

Emma Nagle
Head Girl



Achievement



Outstanding A Level Results and University Destinations

We are proud of our students' outstanding A Level results, consistently reflecting our commitment to academic success. This year, **35% of students achieved A* to A grades, and 70% attained A* to B.**

We celebrate the progress of our students, many surpassing their target grades through hard work and dedication. Over 95% of our graduates gained places at their chosen universities, including prestigious Russell Group institutions such as **Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London, and LSE.**

Our students pursue diverse academic paths in fields like Medicine, Veterinary Science, Engineering, Law, and Computer Science, reflecting the talent and ambition within our Sixth Form. Alongside university placements, some students have secured apprenticeships, while others are taking gap years to gain valuable experiences.

We offer comprehensive support throughout the UCAS process, helping students confidently transition to the next stage of their education. Our graduates leave St Mark's not only with outstanding qualifications but also with the skills to thrive in their chosen fields.

St Mark's Sixth Form is a top choice for students aiming for academic success and bright futures, and we are proud to guide them on their journeys.



Mission



Our mission goes beyond academic excellence. We focus on shaping compassionate leaders through our **Catholic Ambassadors** programme, where sixth formers take on key leadership roles and live out Gospel values in both our school and the wider community.

Rooted in Catholic Social Teachings, the programme empowers students to lead initiatives that promote social justice, compassion, and service. Our ambassadors focus on areas such as diversity, charity, careers, eco-awareness, wellbeing, and community, driving campaigns and projects that make a real impact.

Each half term, the whole school engages with one Catholic Social Teaching, guided by our ambassadors. By leading these efforts, our sixth formers develop leadership skills, deepen their faith, and inspire others to live with purpose and responsibility.

At St Mark's, we believe true leadership comes from service. Our Catholic Ambassadors exemplify this by making a positive difference every day, showing how faith in action can inspire change.

Witness

“We believe that true education is about nurturing students to live justly and act compassionately”



At St Mark's, faith is more than just a belief—it is a lived experience, a witness to the values we uphold. Through our **Faith in Action** program, students embark on a personal and communal journey with God, striving to make a positive impact on the world around them. We believe that education is not only about academic success but also about nurturing students to live justly, act compassionately, and promote peace and justice in society.

Our students are empowered to use their talents for the benefit of others, engaging in meaningful initiatives such as organizing Christmas parties for senior citizens and children with disabilities and leading Operation Secret Santa in support of Social Services. These experiences help students grow spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally as they learn to serve with compassion and make a difference in the lives of others.

All sixth formers participate in **Core RE**, exploring diverse modules that cover contemporary moral dilemmas and deepen their spiritual understanding. In Year 13, they focus on specialized topics such as Human Dignity, Relationships, and Justice and Peace, engaging in debates that challenge them to apply their faith to real-world issues.

At St Mark's, our students don't just learn about their faith—they live it. By participating in the Faith in Action program, they become witnesses to the power of compassion and service, emerging as socially conscious individuals committed to promoting justice for all.



Sixth Form Facilities and Enrichment



We aim to create a learning environment that extends beyond the classroom. Our facilities and enrichment opportunities are designed to support both your academic work and personal development.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award at the Silver level, providing a chance to develop new skills, take part in physical activities, volunteer, and enjoy an expedition. Whether you're new to the program or have done it before, it's a great way to gain life experience while doing things you enjoy.

Dedicated Study Room

Our Year 12 students have access to a dedicated supervised study room equipped with computers and a quiet atmosphere for independent learning. It's an ideal space for revising, preparing for lessons, or working on research projects.

Exclusive Sixth Form Dining Area

The Sixth Form dining area is a space where you can relax and recharge with meals, snacks, and drinks throughout the day. It's a comfortable place to catch up with friends or take a break between lessons.

Modern Sports Hall

Our sports hall provides plenty of opportunities to stay active, with activities ranging from basketball to rugby. You can join a team, organise your own activities, or simply take part in friendly competitions throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We offer a variety of cultural and recreational activities outside the classroom. You can take part in trips to theatres or London landmarks and events like "Safe Drive Stay Alive." These experiences help to broaden your horizons and offer a well-rounded Sixth Form experience.



Religious Studies (Philosophy Theology & Ethics)

OCR



Why study Religious Studies?

If you enjoy questioning big ideas and debating different viewpoints, this course is for you. Religious Studies at St Mark's explores some of life's fundamental questions: Does God exist? What is the nature of the soul? Is there life after death? You'll study both philosophy and ethics, investigating different approaches to these topics and engaging with the ideas of major philosophers. Ethics focuses on how we make moral decisions, exploring real-world issues like business ethics, euthanasia, and sexual ethics. This course sharpens your critical thinking skills and challenges you to think independently, which is highly valued in higher education and many professions.

What will you learn?

You'll critically analyze philosophical and theological ideas, evaluate ethical problems, and develop your ability to argue effectively in writing. Throughout the course, you'll improve your essay and exam skills.

Assessment

The course is assessed through three two-hour exams at the end of Year 13:

- Philosophy of Religion: Topics include the nature of the soul, mind, and body; arguments about God's existence; and the problem of evil.
- Religion and Ethics: Ethical theories and their application to issues such as euthanasia, business ethics, and sexual ethics; the role of conscience.
- Christian Philosophy: Topics include life after death, freedom and predestination, and the nature of God.



Art and Design

Edexcel



Why study Art & Design?

Art & Design at St Mark's is not just about mastering techniques; it's about expressing your unique perspective and creativity. This subject encourages you to explore your personal experiences and ideas through a variety of media, from traditional painting to digital platforms like animation and photography. If you're passionate about visual storytelling and have a keen eye for aesthetics, Art & Design will help you refine those skills while preparing you for future careers in creative industries such as architecture, fashion, or game design.

What will you learn?

You will delve into a range of artistic practices, developing your own style through practical work and gallery studies. You'll also participate in peer critiques, learning to give and receive constructive feedback, which sharpens both your technical skills and critical thinking.

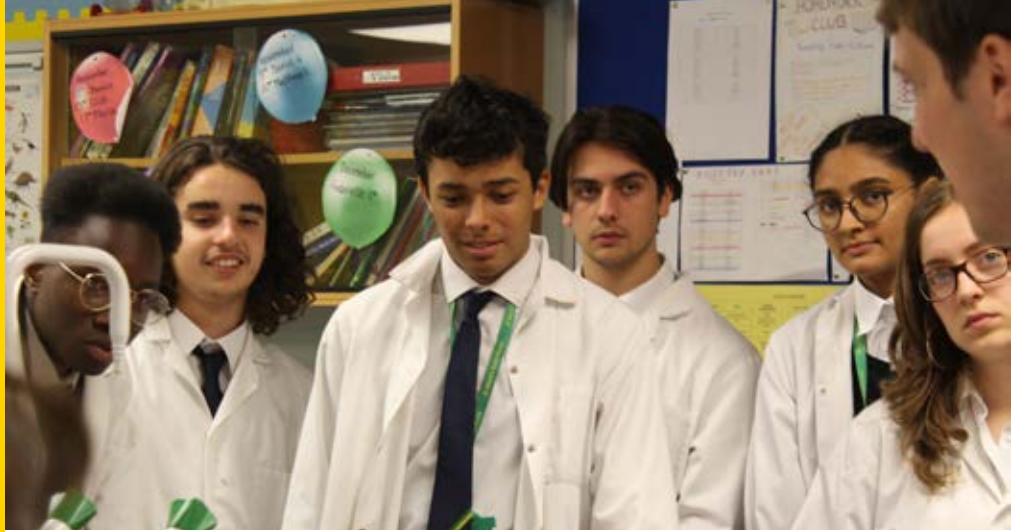
Assessment

The Art & Design course is assessed through a combination of coursework (60%) and an externally set assignment (40%). You will develop a personal study, including critical and analytical writing, and present a final project. All units are internally assessed and externally moderated.



Biology

OCR A



Why study Biology?

Biology unlocks the mysteries of the living world, from microscopic cells to vast ecosystems. This subject is ideal if you're curious about how life works at every level. Whether you're aiming for a career in medicine, environmental science, or biotechnology, studying Biology at St Mark's will equip you with the knowledge and investigative skills needed to succeed.

What will you learn?

You'll explore everything from genetics and evolution to homeostasis and ecosystems. With a strong emphasis on practical work, you'll develop hands-on skills through experiments and field trips, gaining a solid foundation in both theory and real-world applications.

Assessment

The Biology A-level is assessed through three written examinations: Biological Processes (37%), Biological Diversity (37%), and Unified Biology (26%). Practical skills, including 12 required practical activities, are also assessed within the written exams, accounting for at least 15% of the total marks. There is also a Practical Endorsement, which is reported separately.



Business

Edexcel



Why study Business Studies?

Business Studies opens the door to understanding how the world of commerce operates. If you're interested in entrepreneurship, finance, or marketing, this subject provides a thorough introduction to the strategies and decisions that drive businesses forward. Learn how companies grow, adapt, and succeed in a global marketplace.

What will you learn?

You'll explore core areas such as marketing, finance, and business strategy. As you progress, you'll analyze real-world case studies, gaining insights into the challenges businesses face today, from ethical considerations to international expansion.

Assessment

The Business Studies course is assessed through three externally examined papers: Marketing, People and Global Businesses (35%), Business Activities, Decisions and Strategy (35%), and Investigating Business in a Competitive Environment (30%). Each paper covers different themes and involves data response and essay-style questions.



Chemistry

OCR B (Salters)



Why study Chemistry?

Chemistry is the science of change. From understanding the elements that make up the universe to creating new materials, Chemistry is essential for those curious about how things work on a molecular level. Whether you're aiming for a career in healthcare, research, or engineering, Chemistry provides the problem-solving and analytical skills needed to excel.

What will you learn?

You'll cover topics ranging from atomic structure to chemical reactions and the principles behind fuels and medicines. Practical experiments are a core part of the course, allowing you to apply theory to real-world situations.

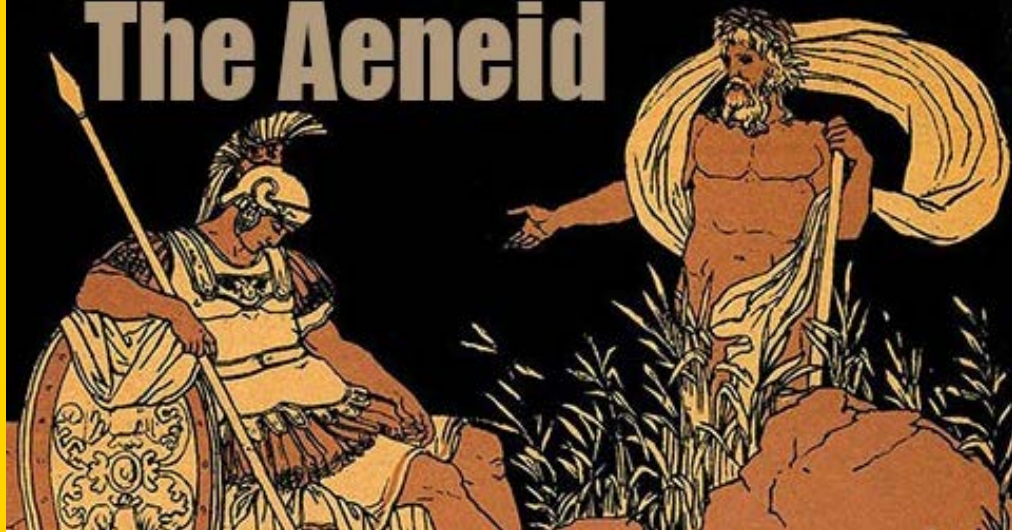
Assessment

Chemistry is assessed through three externally marked exams: Fundamentals of Chemistry (41%), Scientific Literacy in Chemistry (37%), and Practical Skills in Chemistry (22%). There is also a Practical Endorsement based on lab work, assessed separately, but it does not contribute to your final grade.



Classical Civilisations

OCR



Why study Classical Civilisations?

If you've ever been fascinated by ancient Greece and Rome, Classical Civilisations offers a deep dive into the cultures that have shaped much of modern society. This subject is perfect for those who love history, literature, or philosophy and want to explore the roots of Western thought.

What will you learn?

You'll study iconic texts like Homer's Iliad and Virgil's Aeneid, as well as ancient history and philosophy. By the end of the course, you'll have developed critical thinking and analytical skills, making this an ideal subject for those considering university courses in the humanities.

Assessment

The Classical Civilisations course is assessed through three components: The World of the Hero (40%), Beliefs and Ideas (30%), and Culture and the Arts (30%). Each component includes essays and source analysis, exploring literature, history, and philosophy.



Computer Science

OCR



Why study Computer Science?

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how computers work is more relevant than ever. Computer Science at St Mark's is a practical, exciting subject that teaches you not just how to use technology, but how to create it. If you enjoy problem-solving and creativity, Computer Science offers you the chance to build solutions for real-world challenges.

What will you learn?

You'll explore programming, data structures, and the fundamentals of computing systems. You'll also have the opportunity to apply your skills in projects that mirror real-life situations, preparing you for careers in software development, engineering, or any field that requires strong computational thinking.

Assessment

Computer Science is assessed through two externally marked exams: Computer Systems and Algorithms (80% total), which focus on both theory and problem-solving. There is also a coursework component, the Programming Project (20%), where you will design, develop, and test your own software solution.



Drama

Edexcel



Why study Drama & Theatre Studies?

If you're passionate about performance and enjoy creative collaboration, Drama & Theatre Studies allows you to explore your talents both on and off the stage. Whether you want to be an actor, director, or behind the scenes in production, this subject is perfect for those who thrive in creative, team-oriented environments.

What will you learn?

You'll gain experience in devising original performances, exploring various texts and theatre practitioners. Alongside practical work, you'll develop your analytical skills, learning how to evaluate and critique both your own work and professional productions.

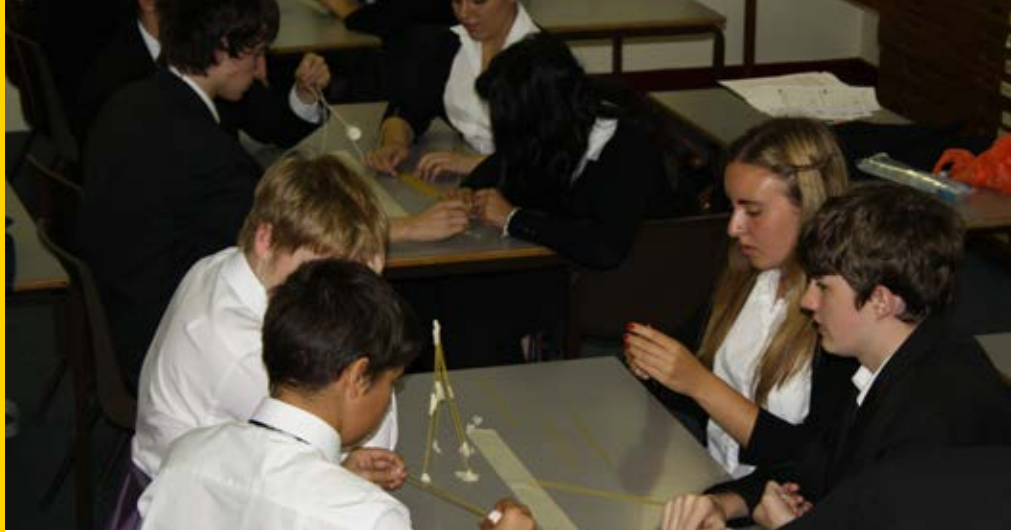
Assessment

The Drama & Theatre Studies course is assessed through three components: Devising (40%) where you create an original performance, Text in Performance (20%) involving group performances or monologues, and Theatre Makers in Practice (40%), which includes a written evaluation of live theatre and practical exploration of set texts.



Economics

Edexcel



Why study Economics?

Economics helps you make sense of the world by examining how resources are allocated and how decisions are made. If you're interested in global issues like inflation, trade, or unemployment, Economics will give you the tools to understand these challenges and think critically about solutions.

What will you learn?

You'll cover key topics like market dynamics, government policies, and global trade. Through engaging with current events, you'll learn to apply economic theories to real-world situations, making this a great subject for students interested in careers in finance, politics, or international relations.

Assessment

Economics is assessed through three written papers: Markets and Business Behaviour, National and Global Economy, and Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Each paper is two hours long and contributes equally to the final A-level grade.



English Literature

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Why study English Literature?

English Literature invites you to explore some of the greatest works of fiction, poetry, and drama from across the ages. If you love reading and enjoy discussing themes like identity, power, and morality, this subject offers a rich experience that hones your analytical and communication skills.

What will you learn?

You'll study a range of texts from Shakespeare to modern novels, analyzing how writers convey meaning and how literature reflects and shapes society. Through essay writing and discussions, you'll sharpen your ability to craft arguments and interpret complex ideas, preparing you for university and beyond.

Assessment

English Literature is assessed through four components: Poetry, Drama, Unseen Texts, and a Prose Study coursework essay. The first three are written exams, each two hours long, while the coursework requires a 2,500-3,000 word essay comparing two prose texts from different periods.



Film Studies

WJEC



Why study Film Studies?

Film Studies is perfect for anyone fascinated by the power of moving images. From silent cinema to modern blockbusters, this subject explores how films are made and how they reflect the world around us. If you're interested in storytelling, visual arts, or media, Film Studies offers a comprehensive look at the industry.

What will you learn?

You'll analyze iconic films from different genres and eras, learning how directors use cinematography, sound, and editing to create meaning. You'll also have the chance to produce your own media, developing practical skills alongside critical theory.

Assessment

Film Studies is assessed through two written exams: Film History and Critical Approaches to Film (70% total). Additionally, there is a Coursework component (30%) where you will produce a creative project, such as a short film or screenplay.



Geography

Edexcel



Why study Geography?

Geography is a dynamic subject that connects the physical and human worlds. If you're curious about the environment, urbanization, or global issues like climate change, Geography offers insights into how these forces shape our lives.

What will you learn?

You'll study topics such as tectonic processes, globalisation, and superpowers, combining theoretical knowledge with practical fieldwork. Geography equips you with skills in research, analysis, and problem-solving, making it an excellent choice for a wide range of careers.

Assessment

The Geography course is assessed through two exams: Physical Geography and Human Geography (each 30%), plus a Non-Examined Assessment (20%) where you will conduct an independent investigation and produce a 3,000-4,000 word report based on your own fieldwork.



History

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Why study History?

History is about more than dates and events; it's about understanding how the past has shaped the present. If you enjoy exploring how societies evolve, analyzing different perspectives, and drawing connections across time, History will develop your critical thinking and research skills.

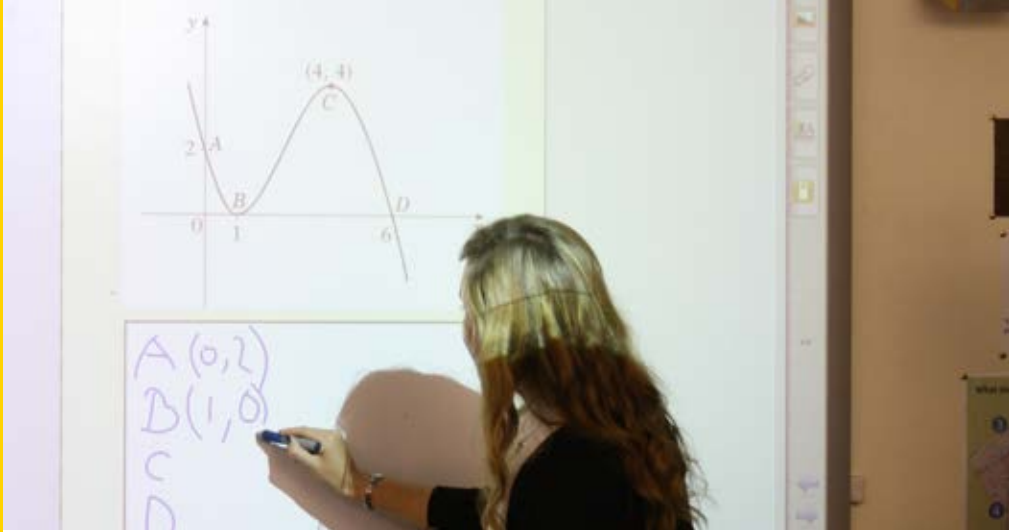
What will you learn?

You'll explore key periods such as the Industrial Revolution and 20th-century China, developing an understanding of how different forces shape societies. Through research and coursework, you'll enhance your ability to evaluate sources and communicate your findings effectively.

Assessment

History is assessed through two written papers: Industrialisation and the People and The Transformation of China, each accounting for 40% of the grade. The final 20% is a Coursework component where you will produce a 4,500-word essay on a historical topic of your choice.





Why study Mathematics?

Mathematics is the language of the universe. If you enjoy solving complex problems and have a curiosity about how the world works, Mathematics will challenge and inspire you. This subject is invaluable for anyone interested in fields like engineering, economics, or the sciences.

What will you learn?

You'll develop a strong foundation in topics like algebra, calculus, and statistics. As you progress, you'll learn to apply mathematical concepts to real-world problems, honing your logical reasoning and analytical skills.

Assessment

Mathematics is assessed through three exams: Pure Mathematics 1, Pure Mathematics 2, and Applied Mathematics (Mechanics and Statistics), each exam lasting two hours and equally contributing to your final grade.



Further Mathematics

Edexcel



Why study Further Mathematics?

For those who are passionate about Mathematics and want to explore the subject in greater depth, Further Mathematics provides a deeper understanding of mathematical principles. It's particularly beneficial for students considering degrees in engineering, physics, or computer science.

What will you learn?

You'll tackle advanced topics like complex numbers, differential equations, and matrices, while continuing to refine your problem-solving and analytical skills. This course is a great way to set yourself apart when applying for competitive university courses.

Assessment

Further Mathematics is assessed through four exams: Core Pure Mathematics 1, Core Pure Mathematics 2, Further Pure Mathematics 1, and Decision Mathematics 1. Each exam lasts 1.5 hours and contributes equally to the final grade.



Media Studies

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Why study Media Studies?

Media Studies is for those who want to explore the ways in which media influences society and shapes our perceptions of the world. If you're interested in the impact of television, film, advertising, and online platforms, this subject will help you understand how media works and how to create it.

What will you learn?

You'll study a variety of media forms, from newspapers to video games, while developing practical skills in media production. You'll also analyze how media reflects and challenges cultural norms, giving you the tools to critique and create media with impact.

Assessment

Media Studies is assessed through two written exams: Media Products, Industries and Audiences (35%) and Media Forms and Products in Depth (35%). Additionally, there is a Cross-Media Production coursework project (30%) where you will produce media across two forms, such as a music video and print materials.



Modern Languages

AQA



Why study Modern Languages?

Fluency in another language opens doors to new cultures, ideas, and opportunities. Whether you're interested in travel, international business, or global politics, studying a Modern Language at St Mark's will prepare you to thrive in a multilingual world.

What will you learn?

You'll develop your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in your chosen language, all while gaining a deeper understanding of the cultures where it is spoken. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in your ability to communicate and engage with speakers from around the world.

Assessment

Modern Languages are assessed through three exams: Listening, Reading and Writing (50%), Writing (20%), and Speaking (30%). These exams cover topics from the course and include an Individual Research Project.



Music

AQA



Why study Music?

Music allows you to express yourself, connect with others, and develop discipline in a highly creative field. Whether you're a performer, composer, or music enthusiast, studying Music at St Mark's will enhance your musicianship while developing your critical thinking and analytical skills.

What will you learn?

You'll study a variety of musical styles, from classical to modern genres, and perform both solo and in ensembles. You'll also develop composition skills, learning to create original music while analyzing the works of great composers.

Assessment

Music is assessed through three components: Performing (35%), Composing (25%), and Appraising (40%). The course involves practical assessments in performance and composition, as well as a written exam covering musical analysis.



Physics

Edexcel



Why study Physics?

Physics explains the fundamental laws of the universe, from the smallest particles to the vastness of space. If you've ever wondered how the world works, Physics will provide the answers and prepare you for exciting careers in science, engineering, and technology.

What will you learn?

You'll cover topics like mechanics, electricity, and quantum physics, developing both your theoretical knowledge and practical skills. Through experiments and problem-solving, you'll learn to think critically and tackle complex scientific questions.

Assessment

Physics is assessed through three written exams: Advanced Physics 1 and Advanced Physics 2 (each 1 hour 45 minutes), and General and Practical Principles in Physics (2 hours 30 minutes). Practical skills are integrated into the exams, and you will also complete a range of practical investigations.



Politics

Edexcel



Why study Politics?

Politics is about understanding how power works and how societies make decisions. If you're passionate about current events, human rights, or government systems, Politics will equip you with the knowledge and analytical tools to make sense of today's fast-changing world.

What will you learn?

You'll study key political concepts and ideologies, including democracy, political parties, and electoral systems. In Year 13, you'll explore the politics of the USA, gaining a comparative perspective. Politics will help you develop the ability to argue persuasively and think critically about the world around you.

Assessment

Politics is assessed through three written papers: UK Politics and Core Political Ideas (33.3%), UK Government and Optional Ideologies (33.3%), and Comparative Politics (33.3%). Each exam lasts two hours and focuses on evaluating political concepts and systems.



Product Design

AQA



Why study Product Design?

Product Design is ideal for those who are passionate about innovation, creativity, and making things work. Whether you want to design the next groundbreaking gadget or improve everyday products, this course will give you the skills to turn ideas into reality.

What will you learn?

You'll develop practical skills in sketching, 3D CAD, and prototyping, working through the full design cycle from concept to final product. The hands-on experience will prepare you for careers in engineering, architecture, and product development.

Assessment

Product Design is assessed through two written exams: Technical Principles (30%) and Designing and Making Principles (20%). The major component of assessment is a Non-Exam Assessment (50%) where you will complete a substantial design and make project, documented in a digital report.



Psychology

AQA



Why study Psychology?

Psychology is the study of the mind and human behavior. If you're curious about why people act the way they do and want to explore questions about memory, identity, or mental health, Psychology offers fascinating insights and valuable skills for a wide range of careers.

What will you learn?

You'll cover topics such as social influence, memory, and abnormal psychology, exploring how we learn, remember, and interact with others. Through research and experiments, you'll gain a deep understanding of human behavior and develop your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

Psychology is assessed through three written papers: Topics in Psychology, Approaches in Psychology and Research Methods, and Issues and Debates in Psychology. Each exam is two hours long and makes up one-third of your final grade.



Sociology

AQA



Why study Sociology?

Sociology helps you understand the complex forces that shape society, from family dynamics to crime and education. If you're interested in social justice and exploring why society works the way it does, Sociology provides a critical lens through which to view the world.

What will you learn?

You'll study key social institutions, like education and media, while exploring broader topics such as inequality, crime, and deviance. Through investigations and research, you'll develop the ability to analyse social issues and propose solutions to real-world problems.

Assessment

Sociology is assessed through three written papers: Education with Theory and Methods, Topics in Sociology, and Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods. Each exam is three hours long and combines essay questions with shorter, data-response questions.



Extended Project Qualification

AQA
(By Invitation)



The EPQ is an exciting opportunity for students to take charge of their own learning by researching a topic that interests them. Whether related to your A Level studies or a completely new subject, the EPQ allows you to explore an area you're passionate about in depth.

You'll work independently to produce a final project, which can be a 5,000-word essay or something more practical, like creating an artifact or running an event. Throughout the process, you'll develop valuable skills in research, critical thinking, and project management, all of which are highly regarded by universities and employers.

Universities value the EPQ because it demonstrates independent study skills and a genuine interest in learning. It's a great way to stand out in your university applications and develop the skills needed for higher education and future careers.

Assessment

The EPQ is equivalent to half an A Level and is graded A* to E. It's assessed across four key areas:

- **Planning:** How well you organize and manage your project.
- **Research and Development:** Your ability to gather and analyze information.
- **Final Product:** The quality of your written report or practical project.
- **Presentation:** Your ability to present and explain your work.





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