

Head's welcome

Welcome to Blatch Six, and thank you for your interest in attending our Sixth Form.

There are many things that make it an excellent place for you to study and learn, but most important for your success are the high quality teachers, lecturers and tutors, the bespoke and tailored style of learning with small class sizes, and the caring and friendly atmosphere built by our student community.

We have highly knowledgeable teachers that are specialists in teaching in all subjects and in the university and job application processes. What sets them apart from other colleges is the way in which, along with your personal tutor, they take time to get to know each student, how they learn, and their aims and aspirations.

Class sizes are average – on a par with private schools or colleges. This simply means more access to the teacher, better feedback on your learning and the chance to achieve your best in a supportive learning environment.

We use a fully digital work hand-in process, meaning you have access to the resources you need to learn from anywhere with an internet connection, and the ability to hand your work in online. We will prepare you for the modern world, and encourage you to learn and work independently, making that step up from school easy and successful.

As a result of the quality of provision, students make fantastic progress at our Sixth Form. By the time they leave they have the grades they need, the skills and confidence to thrive, and great friends and memories.

If you want to come to a Sixth Form where you're not just another student but a valued individual – then apply to join Blatch Six.



Ashley Harrold
Headteacher

Blatch Six

Sixth Form education is part of the path to future careers, earnings and wellbeing. It is the responsibility of a Sixth Form to help you make the choices that will provide you with successful outcomes to achieve future goals in terms of higher education and employment.

At Blatch Six, we are proud of our very strong record where our students leave achieving the destinations of choice. Last year, 70% of leavers went on to further study in the UK or abroad and 20% on to apprenticeships and employment.

Students regularly go on to a wide range of courses, from Biomedical Sciences to Politics, as well as more practical and vocational paths, such as Midwifery and Stage Management. We also have a strong record in the creative arena such as Fashion and Musical Theatre.

Whether you decide to move into the world of work directly from Sixth Form or after further study, as part of post 16 education at Blatch Six you will be given the opportunity and encouragement to gain employability skills, which will provide you with the best possible chances for your future.

Blatch Six is organised into three Schools – School of Business, School of Creative Arts and School of Social Science - to enable students to benefit most from the expertise of the specialist teaching staff. The staff will guide you through with their academic excellence and in depth subject knowledge.



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Life at Blatch Six

At Blatch Six we understand the pressure on you to achieve the best grades. We help you develop independent learning skills and resilience so that study periods are used to their best effect.

Achievement at Blatch Six is the result of excellent teaching, targeted support and a commitment to learning; as shown by our well-motivated students. Our expectations of students are high; attendance, punctuality and attitude to work are all expected to be exemplary: you won't succeed without this.

In support of student achievement, each student is monitored and mentored by a personal tutor within their chosen school of study. The personal tutor is allocated time to get to know their tutees and recognise the need for support when necessary. They help with course concerns, applications to Higher Education and employment.

We also share some courses with Hove Park Sixth Form, which means you meet and work with a wider range of your peers, you experience working collaboratively and we can offer wider choice of courses and experiences.

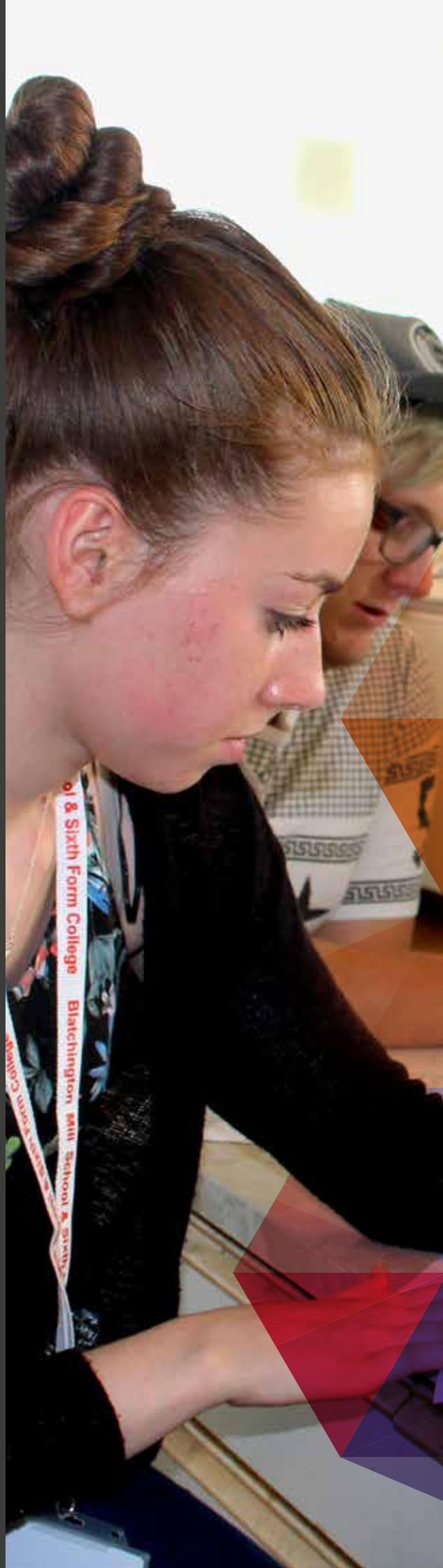


Enrichment

Blatch Six considers that it is important for students to have a broader perspective than just their academic studies. At Blatch Six an emphasis is given to wider understanding of the world and our contribution to it. All students take part in a programme of short courses that cover practical and philosophical elements.

These cover any number of topics from:

- » Guest speakers – representatives from the House of Lords, MPs, Nuffield Foundation, National Citizen Service, representatives from universities and alumni.
- » Visits and trips – Parliament, courts, maths lectures, university conferences, geography field trips, business and maths competitions, Paris and New York trips.
- » Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award available to interested students.
- » Volunteering – you will be encouraged and support given to find placements within school or externally.
- » Work experience – all Year 12 students complete a week's work experience in chosen field of interest.
- » Debating Society – a vibrant and lively weekly meeting of minds and opinions.
- » Performing Arts – Sixth Form stage management and performing arts students run our on site professional theatre.
- » Orchestra and Millstones Band – the music department are always looking for new talent.





Student Union

The Student Union is a great opportunity for students to develop and improve their own college environment.

Organising events is a great chance to broaden skills and experience, whilst also taking the students' voice directly into all areas of college life. Involvement in the union will require students to help plan, organise and run:

- » Charity Events
- » Social Gatherings
- » Sporting Occasions
- » Competitions

Facilities

Blatchington Mill School and Sixth Form has extensive state of the art facilities to support studies and enrich students' experience at Blatch Six.

Blatch Six has its own Sixth Form block in a separate building, with a recently refurbished café, common room and a large Open Learning Area to enable students to carry out independent study.

Many lessons are taught in the Sixth Form block, however we are also able to utilise the superb facilities within the main school building. Our science labs, IT suites and design rooms are fully equipped with state of the art technology.

We are home to one of the most modern and well equipped theatres in Brighton. With 300 seats and several shows each term, the Windmill Theatre is the hub of entertainment for our community. The all weather pitches have increased our already extensive sports facilities. Two large sand-dressed, floodlit pitches are used by the school and local community teams, come rain or shine. We also house two gyms, tennis courts and grass pitches are available.

We have 55 iMac suites, as well as fully equipped recording studios and practice rooms.

Other state of the art facilities on offer at Blatch Six include:

- » Photography studio and dark room
- » Drama studio
- » Dance studio
- » Professional catering facilities
- » Dedicated Blatch Six art studio
- » Research and Information Centre

Messages from our Students

“When I finished my GCSEs, I was so excited about the opportunity to study subjects I really loved. I played around with the idea of going to another college but the enthusiasm and dedication of all the teachers I had definitely motivated my decision to stay on at Sixth Form at Blatch.”

“As my parents have run a successful business since I was born, I knew that I wanted to study in a Sixth Form where entrepreneurship was encouraged. But what finally made my mind up to join Sixth Form was the really great advice I received on choosing the right courses for my career.”

“I wanted to sign up to specific courses and they were able to offer me exactly what I needed, with facilities that weren't on offer anywhere else. I came from another school not knowing anyone here but it's so friendly that you just get accepted in as part of the Blatch Six community.”

“There wasn't any question where I was going to go. The performing arts facilities here are second to none throughout the whole of Brighton and Hove, and the teachers know exactly what they're talking about. It was a done deal.”

“I have really enjoyed my time at Blatchington Mill Sixth Form. The relationship between staff and students is very good, especially since the college is relatively small, which allows the staff to be more focused on their students and their progress.”

Work Experience Comments

"I was working as a teaching assistant in an infant school. It was really good and I enjoyed it. I learned that I would love to work with Year 1 students as, although what they do is fun, they really learn things and you can see the change in them day by day."

"I worked in a care home and it will be useful for my studies in Health and Social Care. I loved it, helping the elderly and people with mental health issues with their everyday lives as well as organising activities with them. I was offered a job as a result and now work there part time."

"I went to work in a perfume shop in Hove and found it to be so good. I was involved in packaging and selling on line so it has brought my Business Studies to life. The people I worked with really looked after me and taught me a lot about customer service and marketing."

"During my work experience I worked with a professional photographer and we went to Blenheim Palace for a photo-shoot. I learned lots more about photographic equipment in the professional setting, having the opportunity to use drones and setting up the cranes for overhead shots. I will be able to use these photographs for my A-Level portfolio."

"I was with a make-up and hair artist who works from her studio but also goes to various venues to make up actors and brides. I assisted with most aspects of her work and learned how to use air-brush systems. This will be really useful for me in the future as I have decided to go on to University to study Make-Up for Media and Theatre. It has made me even more passionate about my career choice."

"I went to work in a clothes shop in George Street where I got a chance to be involved in everything. The people were really nice and helped me settle in, and they taught me how to work on the shop floor as well as window dressing and stock control. I will be able to use the company to support my Btec Business portfolio next year. It has confirmed that after University I do want to work in retail."

European & International Students

Blatch Six has a strong international mix and welcomes European and International students to join the wide range of courses and subjects we have to offer. Due to the fantastic community environment within our Sixth Form, students from overseas have the perfect opportunity to find out about and take advantage of all that our city has to offer.

Brighton and Hove is a vibrant and cultural city, being host to many Festivals from the Arts to Comedy, with a rich history of royalty, commerce and innovation. Blatch Six takes advantage of the array of opportunities that are available from the numerous events in our town to enrich learning and leisure time. Travel to London from Brighton is especially convenient (being only one hour on the train), and allows students to take advantage of events and exhibitions within the capital city, without the expense and distraction of having to live in such a busy environment.

Over the past few years Blatch Six has had full-time students from all over the world including: Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey and Zimbabwe.





School of Business

Courses offered within this School focus on routes through to employment, either straight from Sixth Form or after University, and is for students who have the desire to work in the hustle and bustle of the world of commerce.

Students enjoy teaching from a wide range of teachers who have experience in the commercial working environment and regular visiting speakers from the industry.

Resources include excellent IT facilities, a dedicated Sixth Form library and the opportunity to learn French or Spanish to support employability in the longer term.

Courses offered:

- » Business Studies BTEC
- » Computing BTEC
- » Core Maths*
- » French A Level*
- » Further Maths A Level*
- » ICT BTEC
- » Law A Level
- » Maths A Level
- » Spanish A Level*
- » Travel & Tourism BTEC

* This is a course delivered via shared provision with Hove Park

Level 3

Business Studies

BTEC Diploma

Are you the next Sir Alan Sugar? Are you entrepreneurial and enterprising? Are you considering setting up your own business and being the boss? If so, the subsidiary diploma will give you an introduction to and understanding of the business environment in the 21st Century. You will also study the strategic management of resources within business, analyse marketing and market research strategies, and develop communication strategies that are all fundamental to the success of business organisations. The course is designed to give you practical and vocational case studies, alongside theoretical and analytical presentations, to get you to develop your business understanding and apply a wide range of essential skills for your next step into your future career.

There are also a range of optional units that will allow for deeper learning in specialist areas such as Financial Accounting, Creative Product Promotion and Macro Economics.

TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade C or above in English and Maths

Computing

BTEC Diploma

Computer Science is a fascinating subject that offers rewarding and challenging possibilities. It will develop your capabilities in solving deep, multidimensional problems requiring imagination and logical thinking. In this subject, you will study computing principles, computer systems, algorithms and programming.

The study of computer science drives innovation in science, engineering, business, entertainment and education. If you want to make a positive difference in the world, study Computer Science. Computing jobs are among the highest paid and have the highest job satisfaction. Future opportunities in computing are without boundaries. It is almost impossible to predict what will happen next. This is why we cannot even begin to imagine all the ways that you can make a contribution to it and how it can make your life's work exciting and real.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 A*- C including English, Maths and Computing

Core Maths*

A Level

Core Maths is a brand new course for those who want to keep up their valuable maths skills but who are not planning on taking AS or A-Level mathematics. At the end of the two-year course, you will come out with a Level 3 qualification – similar to an AS.

Core Maths has been designed to maintain and develop real-life skills. What you study is not purely theoretical or abstract; it can be applied on a day-to-day basis in work, study or life and most courses will include a financial maths element. It will also help with other A-Level subjects – in particular with science, geography, business studies, psychology and economics.

French

A Level

The ability to understand and communicate in other languages is increasingly important in our society and in the global economy. Languages contribute to the cultural and linguistic richness of our society, to personal fulfilment, mutual understanding, commercial success and international trade and global citizenship.

The Advanced Level course provides a natural progression from a GCSE in French. Studying a foreign language at Advanced Level is one of the most useful qualifications that you can choose and will be a very marketable skill for prospective employers.

It will also make your travel abroad in the future more interesting and enjoyable. You will continue to develop the four main language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

You will learn more about how the language works, so that you can manipulate the language to express your own ideas. You will also learn more about the culture of France and French-speaking countries.

Travel worldwide has never been easier, but with A-Level French you could:

- » Live and study abroad
- » Get so much more out of foreign travel
- » Improve your employment potential – business is global
- » Appreciate and gain a better understanding of international culture – film, music and literature
- » Become more open-minded to other people and their culture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE French Grade B

* This is a course delivered via shared provision with Hove Park

ICT

BTEC Diploma

If you have an interest in computers, IT applications, multimedia and web design, then this is the course for you. The course builds on the practical skills you will have developed at GCSE and provides you with the capability to work in IT with confidence and expertise. This is the first step in pursuing a career in IT related industries. This is a very practical project based course and an excellent choice to support other subjects you will be studying in the Sixth Form.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE ICT Grade B or Merit

Law

A Level

Law affects every aspect of our daily lives and yet most people have very little knowledge of how the legal system operates, and who are the people behind that system. If you study law, you will learn a huge amount about the law itself, as well as the people and places where the law is made. You will do this through discussion, debate, visiting courts and parliament, as well as meeting legal professionals. You also develop the skills needed to apply case law in a practical way to real-life situations.

Studying law is useful for a broad range of degree courses and law related careers, as well as other work such as: journalism, business management, social work and politics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

GCSE English Grade C

Mathematics

A Level

Mathematics at Advanced Level is challenging and enjoyable for the conscientious student, and equips students with the analytic and reasoning skills that are of proven value in the workplace. Mathematics AS and A-Level are particularly sought after for entry to all university courses and are essential for many such as engineering, computer programming and medicine. Other career opportunities ranging from accountancy to financial or retail management, and from statistical analysis to architecture, are also supported by qualifications in mathematics.

We have had very many successful students pass through our Sixth Form classes including students going on to university to study medicine, natural sciences and, of course, just maths itself! It is known that students who study maths after GCSE improve their career choices and increase their earnings potential.

The course extends work done during GCSE on topics such as algebra and trigonometry, and introduces new areas of Mathematics such as Calculus and Mechanics.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs at A* to C Grade and we recommend a Grade B or higher in GCSE Maths.

Spanish*

A Level

The ability to understand and communicate in other languages is increasingly important in our society and in the global economy. Languages contribute to the cultural and linguistic richness of our society, to personal fulfilment, mutual understanding, commercial success and international trade and global citizenship.

The Advanced Level course provides a natural progression from a GCSE in Spanish. Studying a foreign language at Advanced Level is one of the most useful qualifications that you can choose and will be a very marketable skill for prospective employers. It will also make your travel abroad in the future more interesting and enjoyable. You will continue to develop the four main language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

You will learn more about how the language works, so that you can manipulate the language to express your own ideas. You will also learn more about the culture of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries.

Travel worldwide has never been easier, but with A-Level Spanish you could:

- » Live and study abroad
- » Get so much more out of foreign travel
- » Improve your employment potential – business is global
- » Appreciate and gain a better understanding of international culture – film, music and literature
- » Become more open-minded to other people and their culture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Grade B in Spanish

Travel & Tourism

BTEC Diploma

The Travel & Tourism industry employs 1/12 people in the UK and has a range of exciting opportunities in hotels, transport providers, tour operators to name a few. The course will help you to develop a broad range of practical and academic skills that will support your progression to higher education and employment. You will be required to investigate the industry and the people who work in it and use it. Your research will use a variety of techniques to consider customer service, travel destinations and management of people. If you have an interest in places and people, you will find this course enjoyable and rewarding.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements for Level 3 Courses

* This is a course delivered via shared provision with Hove Park





School of Social Science

Students who are interested in a career in the Health or Public Services, either straight from Sixth Form or after completing university, find courses on offer in this School of particular interest.

It provides a good mix of applied learning with practical elements through Btec study and the rigor of theory and evaluation through the complementary A-Levels.

The School has close links with the local community and makes good use of our local public services as a resource to aid learning, and an opportunity to contribute.

Courses offered:

- » Applied Science BTEC
- » Biology A Level
- » Chemistry A Level
- » English A level
- » Food Technology BTEC
- » Forensics and Criminology BTEC
- » Geography A Level*
- » Government and Politics A Level*
- » Health & Social Care BTEC
- » History A Level*
- » Physics A Level*
- » Religious Studies A-Level
- » Sociology A Level

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Level 3

Applied Science

BTEC Diploma

If you enjoyed science in the past but are not yet set on one career path, this course is for you and is an excellent next step. The course is continually assessed through practical assignments that are designed to give a taste of what a career in science is really like.

You will develop skills used in a variety of laboratory situations and you will improve these each term. You will also develop independent learning. Time management to meet deadlines is very important and clear presentation is essential to showcase the work you complete. This course could lead to careers such as journalism, midwifery, radiography, nursing, engineering, forensic science and veterinary assistant.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

GCSE English, Maths and Science Grade C

Biology

A Level

If you are interested in life, you are interested in biology. This subject will allow you to understand our place in the world and suggest ways we can make it better.

At advanced level, we explore in detail many of the fascinating facts first encountered at GCSE. We look at human physiology, big themes like the environment and evolution, modern biotechnology and much more. This prepares you for entry into professions such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, physiotherapy, pharmacy, optometry, and nursing, but also provides skills and insights valuable for careers in law, computing, accounting and teaching.

We also answer some of the really fundamental questions such as “How did life begin?” and “Am I really related to pond slime?”

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2 Science GCSEs at Grade B or better

Chemistry

A Level

You are the stuff that stars are made of. Chemistry is the study of all chemical substances and how to change one chemical into another. The food we eat, the air we breathe, our mobile phones, the plants and streets around us are made of chemicals. As our need for inexpensive products increases, chemistry helps to decrease economic costs and, as you want a safe environment, chemistry helps to decrease pollution by detecting the toxins and by destroying them.

Chemistry is essential for many career paths, including Medicine, Veterinary and Environmental Sciences, as well the more obvious professions in Industrial and Research Chemistry.

It is a versatile academic subject and can lead to a diverse career choice from pilot to lawyer; journalist to politician.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B or above in Science

English Language and Literature

A Level

This combined A-Level allows you the best of both worlds. You can immerse yourself in literary texts and explore the writer's themes and ideas, as well as the techniques they have used to present them to the reader. You can also explore non-fiction texts and consider how spoken language is used, answering questions such as "What makes a successful conversation?" You will also be able to write creatively.

A successful A-Level in combined Language and Literature can lead to the study of both subjects at university and, to careers in journalism, creative writing and teaching, among many others. If you are an avid reader, this is the course for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Grade C or above

Food Technology

BTEC Diploma

Do you love Food? Are you interested in developing your cooking skills as well learning about food and ingredients?

Food is the central focus of this course and students have the opportunity to study a varied programme of practical activities including experiments, recipe development, food science and product analysis. Nutrition and health are also important areas of study.

The course will allow you to investigate current trends and develop specific foods to meet consumer demands. We will look at the advances in Food Technology and the impact that it has on lifestyle and the environment. New food product development is an exciting area of study as the food industry is one of the UK's major industries.

This exciting and creative course will be of particular interest to anyone who wishes to work in the following: Food Scientist, Food Journalist, Food Product Development, Food Merchandiser/Buyer/Advisor, Environmental Health, Dietician, Public Health Worker, or pursue a career in nursing, teaching and sport nutrition.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a C Grade in Science

Forensics and Criminology

BTEC Diploma

Forensic Science BTEC is an exciting course all about applying scientific ideas to solve problems and analyse evidence. You will develop the transferable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by both higher education and employers. For example, carrying out practical laboratory tasks and planning forensic investigations. So by the end of the course you will be able to demonstrate:

- » Cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology.
- » Intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation.
- » Interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

The transferable skills that universities value include: • The ability to learn independently • The ability to research actively and methodically • To be able to give presentations and be active group members.

We will be practicing these.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

GCSE English, Maths and Science Grade C

Geography*

A Level

Geography is a modern course that focuses on some of the most challenging issues facing our society, and stresses the important role that geographers have in both understanding and managing these. Exciting fieldwork opportunities are integral to the course. In previous years, this has included an extended version of our popular urban regeneration study to Bristol and Weston Super-Mare, a visit to the Olympic Stadium site in Stratford, East London, as well as a residential visit to a partner school in Brazil. In addition, there will be day visits to focus on specific themes together, with the opportunity to attend exhibitions and conferences.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General requirements for Level 3 Courses

Government & Politics*

A Levels

Isn't it about time you found out about the way your country is run and how you might change things for the better? Politics affects all your basic rights, as well as education, welfare, healthcare, the amount of tax you will pay and numerous other matters which shape your future.

In studying politics, you will find out about the ideas, institutions and people involved in political issues in the UK and other systems. You will learn to use the language of politics, and how to create effective arguments. You will be expected to keep up with news and current affairs, as this is an extremely dynamic subject that literally changes every day. It is useful for a range of degrees and careers, including law, business and journalism.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements for Level 3 Courses

Health & Social Care*

BTEC Diploma

Health and Social Care is the perfect subject if you are considering any career pathway in the health sector. The course offers an insight into many of the challenges health care workers face and it encourages students to consider practical solutions to the health-related dilemmas that society faces.

The course is diverse, looking at such areas as how human beings develop throughout their lives, issues of diversity and equality, provision for mental health and how to provide care for an ageing population. Students are encouraged to consider practical solutions to these difficult issues we face in society and to empathise with the needs of others. If people interest you, this may be the foundation for your future career.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade C or above GCSE English Language

* This is a course delivered via shared provision with Hove Park

History*

A Level

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". – George Santayana

At Blatch Six we strive to use an enquiry based approach to the study of history that, in addition to fuelling a passion to understand past events, encourages students to think for themselves, to ask questions, to form their own opinions and challenge the ideas of others in an informed way. The specification offered will cover a minimum range of 200 years with a substantial element of English history. The units covered will offer students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of some familiar topics whilst also offering new areas of inquiry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements for Level 3 Courses

Physics*

A Level

Students that have studied GCSE Double (or Triple) Science will have realised that knowledge of Forces, Energy and Matter can help us understand more of the world around us. Maybe you're keen to explore the limits of the Universe and the beginning of Time. Probably you also want to meet the Quantum world.

Physics is more than a subject – it trains your brain to think beyond boundaries.

The key skills involved in this subject are transferable too:

- » Mathematical skills are needed to back up this knowledge but there is plenty of support during the Physics lessons.
- » Analysing a situation (e.g. in terms of energy transfers or conservation of momentum) can help us to understand what is really going on.
- » Practical skills are needed too, so it helps if you can manipulate equipment carefully, while making detailed measurements.
- » Past Physics students have gone on University to study Physics, Astrophysics, many different kinds of engineering, music technology courses, computing and computer modelling, medical and chemistry courses, even airline pilot training.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade B or above in Science

Religious Studies

A Level

Religious Studies helps students develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, a rigorous study of Religion and its relation to the wider world. Students will have an opportunity to study aspects of one or more religions, including textual, theological, historical, ethical, phenomenological and philosophical perspectives. A wide choice of topics is offered for study in the areas of ethics, philosophy of religion, the world religions, religion and art, religion and contemporary society.

This course is particularly suitable for students who have studied Religious Studies at GCSE but no prior knowledge of Religious Studies is required. The course encourages students to develop critical and evaluative skills which will enable them to go on to higher education to study a wide range of courses including Religious Studies, Theology, Philosophy, Law, Sociology and the Social Sciences.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 A*-C GCSE including English (B or above).

Sociology

A Level

Sociology is the study of society and students who take sociology should have an interest in the world around them. It can be useful for anyone wanting a career working with people but also any career that needs a knowledge of up to date current thinking and issues.

Sociology is a subject which studies some theories and research from the past but then relates them to modern day concepts, events and ideas. Some of the topics to be covered will include family, crime, education, health, religion and beliefs. The course has a focus on UK society and our place within a global context. It will also involve skills relating to the way sociologists work, and the collection and recording of evidence and analysis of findings.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade C in a GCSE subject that shows ability to write longer answers e.g. English, humanities-based subjects. If a student has taken GCSE Sociology, then they need to have obtained a Grade C.





School of Creative Arts

Comprising of a range of subjects where students are encouraged to express themselves through the whole range of the arts, while gaining the expertise to analyse and evaluate the creativity of those who have gone before.

The School of Creative Arts boasts excellent facilities, with a Gold Artsmark Award confirming its status. There are dedicated studios, recording suites and The Windmill Theatre. There is also specialist Sixth Form Art provision within the main school and a Photography suite situated in the Blatch Six building. Students are nurtured as individuals to ensure they achieve their full potential and are fully prepared for their next steps in the Creative Arts arena.

Courses include:

- » Art and Design BTEC
- » Film Studies A Level
- » Music BTEC
- » Performing Arts BTEC
- » Photography A Level
- » Production Arts (Stage Management) BTEC

Level 3

Creative Visual Arts

BTEC Diploma

This innovative and creative programme allows you to develop your skill in a wide range of Art & Design techniques. The Art Level 3 Course has been created to develop a range of knowledge and skills that artists, craftspeople and designers would use in their professional lives. The course will include areas such as Textiles, Jewellery, Ceramics, Printmaking, Digital Art, Fine Art and Community Art. The Level 3 BTEC diploma is equivalent to 2 A levels and can be studied alongside AS levels.

This is an exciting and challenging course suitable for any student looking to promote their career in the Creative Visual Arts.

This course will prepare students for employment and also prepare students to progress onto more advanced Creative Visual Arts courses.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade C or above in a creative GCSE such as Art, Design, etc.

Design

BTEC Diploma

This vibrant and exciting course is for students who enjoy designing and making in a workshop. There is a wide range of experience gained in the course, from architecture to jewellery design, furniture to graphic design, mechanisms to CAD/CAM.

Much of the work involves developing personal craft skills to create individual bespoke pieces work or modelling larger scale designs like buildings, sets or exhibition designs. A wide range of materials and technologies are available to use creatively in the development of your own ideas and attractive concepts for products. Communication of ideas and concepts through drawing and other forms of visual communication are taught. There is no terminal exam as credits are gained through the course within each unit of work. Units include Product Design, 3D Computer Modelling, Design for Moving Parts, Ergonomic Design, Large Scale Design and Small Scale Design.

Design is a creative subject and can lead to a diverse range of career choices, e.g. Architecture, Jewellery Design, Interior Design, Theatre/Film Set Design, Product/Industrial Design, Automotive Design, Engineering and Furniture Design.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

It is recommended students should have achieved a Grade C or above in Resistant Materials, Graphics or Art to be able to successfully develop the standards required on this course.

Film Studies

A Level

Film is one of our greatest art forms, with the ability both to entertain and move us. But how are films crafted to achieve these effects? In Film Studies you will learn about a range of films, how they were made, their historical context – and get to do some filmmaking yourself. You will explore areas such as genre, story construction and critical theory. You will develop your analytical and research skills. It could lead to further study at degree level and careers in the media and education. You should have an interest in films from different periods of time.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language Grade C

Music

BTEC Diploma

The Music department has a friendly and focused atmosphere where you can improve existing skills, as well as develop new ones.

The course will include performance on your main instrument, within a thriving theatre as a soloist and part of a group. There are opportunities to join many extra-curricular activities, both leading groups and taking part. You will explore a wide range of listening genres which include: Jazz, Classical, The Beatles, Queen and many others.

Composition coursework will develop your musical skills in a style of your choice and you will extend this knowledge by composing for our extra-curricular ensembles. Blatchington Mill School produces 2 musicals each year and you would be encouraged to play as part of the pit band.

You will have access to 3 iMac suites that offer both Garageband and Sibelius 6 to support your composition process

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Preferably GCSE Music C or above, Grade 2 - 4 Music Theory (or equivalent level of understanding), Grade 4 or above instrumental standard (official grading not required, however students should be at this standard).

Performing Arts

BTEC Diploma

If you love to perform and want to study in a college with excellent specialist teachers, fantastic facilities and resources plus a professional theatre, this is the course and college for you. We will help you to develop your skills in singing, dancing and acting from wherever your starting point may be.

You will also be encouraged to specialise in your chosen area; Singing, Dancing or Acting or even embrace them all through Musical Theatre. If you choose this course you will be following in the footsteps of Blatch Six students who have gone on to study Musical Theatre, Singing, Dancing and Acting courses at many prestigious colleges and Universities. Some have also gone on to set up their own Theatre companies and are now working in the industry. The bonus of coming to Blatch Six is that you will leave with a wide range of extras making you even more attractive when you apply for your next course or employment.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE (Grade C or above) or BTEC Level 2 in Music, Drama, Dance or Performing Arts (Performance) / Musical Theatre or performance experience out of school.

Photography

A Level

Photography changes the way you see things. It's actually quite an incredible transformation to experience. Suddenly you notice light, shape, colour, texture, people, buildings and the world around you. Everything looks different when you start to see the world as a photographer.

Everyone sees things differently. Put 100 photographers in a room and you'll get 100 different photos. The way you see the world is unique and photography lets you share that perspective with others. Your images can also make people stop and think. Just a glance at a powerful image can stop people in their tracks. Some images can change the way you view the world for the rest of your life.

As you think creatively and shoot photographs, you learn more about yourself, what you value, and how you see the world. The result of that creative act is that you create art.

Photography is useful for all creative industry jobs, from Fashion to Graphic Design.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that students achieve a minimum of a C Grade in an Art & Design subject.

Production Art (Stage Management)

BTEC Diploma

Do you love the excitement of live shows? Have you always wanted to work backstage and behind the scenes? Do you see yourself as a lighting designer? Do you imagine running a huge multi-channel digital sound desk?

The Stage Management course is your opportunity to work in a professionally equipped theatre with a dedicated team of teachers and technicians, on every possible type of live show, from rock gigs to musical theatre, from dance shows to acoustic nights we have it all.

Stage Management is practical training in all backstage theatre arts. On this course, you learn on the job. If you decide to take Stage Management then you immediately become part of The Windmill Theatre's technical crew. We have by far the best facilities in the city, state of the art lighting and sound equipment, and a professionally used 300 seat theatre. The training you get here is second to none, with many of our students going on to the best theatre institutions in the country to continue their training, as well as into the world of work.

If you want a future in live production then this is the course for you!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

[General Requirements for Level 3 Courses](#)

Choosing your Course

Blatch Six delivers the courses and subjects where students gain the highest grades and have the best preparation for their future lives.

You are required to follow at least three courses at advanced level or a combination of intermediate (Level 2 – GCSE equivalent) and advanced courses. Intermediate level courses are also available for students who need to follow a three year route at Blatch Six. Your course will be agreed at interview based on previous examination results.

Your tutor will ensure the best IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) based on their potential success in the subject and qualification whilst considering your future career aspirations.

The table below indicates the course requirements for each level. Individual subjects may also have specific requirements which are indicated later in the prospectus. All students are required to follow English and Maths GCSE if they have not previously achieved a grade C.

Subjects are grouped into the Schools based on previous combinations of subjects and courses followed by students in the past and traditional progression routes.

However, it is possible to take a joint course, where subjects are chosen from more than one School.

GCSE Results	Programme of Study
7 or more GCSE grades A*- B	ADVANCED Level 3 course following up to 4 courses
6 or more GCSE grades A*- C	ADVANCED Level 3 course following 3 courses
4/5 GCSE grades A*-C	COMBINED Level 2 & 3 courses - 4 courses (2 x Level 3, 2 x Level 2)
5 GCSE grades D – E	INTERMEDIATE Level 2 course - 3 courses, plus English & Maths



Student Case Studies

"My name is Jade Paine and I am an Assistant Solicitor specialising in civil and commercial disputes at Quality Solicitors Howlett Clarke in Brighton. I attended Blatchington Mill School and I decided to continue my education at Blatch Six due to the wide spectrum of AS and A-Level subjects available and the extra-curricular activities I could be involved in. I have very fond memories of my time at Blatch Six. There was always a great atmosphere and I felt supported by my tutors throughout my time there. It was at Blatch Six that I first studied law and immediately I became passionate about the subject. I was inspired by my law lecturer, Honoria Beirne, to pursue a career in law and I firmly believe that I am where I am today because of her encouragement and guidance."

Jade Paine

What studying at Blatch Six in the school of 'Creative Arts' can lead to...

Jude used Blatch Six as a springboard to launch his career in music. He was identified at school as a rising star of musical theatre and his potential was evident. Blatch Six allowed Jude to realise this potential and develop his skills. Academically he studied Music, Music Tech and English at A-Levels, leaving college with exceptionally high grades. After studying Music at Blatch Six Jude was one of only 6 students to be selected to study composition at the Royal College of Music in London. He followed this with a Postgraduate Diploma in Composition for Screen again at the Royal College. He contributed to the reworking of Alain Boublil's musical 'Marguerite' which involved him working alongside the Les Miserables' lyricist. He then gained a place to study a Masters in Musical Theatre writing at New York University, tutored by Broadway musical theatre composers. He recently visited Brighton to present a retrospective show entitled 'Small Guy in a Big World' showcasing his songs followed by performances in the Edinburgh Festival. We are very proud of his achievements so far and his continued support of our school, most recently performing in the pit band for our performance of We Will Rock You at the Windmill Theatre.





