

ANDOVER
CAMPUS

YEAR 10 TASTER DAYS

2024



VOCATIONAL COURSES

These subjects are for all three sessions on the day so only choose one subject:

SUBJECT

DESCRIPTION

AUTOMOTIVE

If you love cars and enjoy fixing things, your career starts here. Based in our new £3.9 million Technology and Future Skills Centre, you'll learn from experienced staff in industry standard workshops, combining hands-on practical work with the theoretical knowledge needed to succeed.

CONSTRUCTION — BRICK

Skilled tradespeople are in demand meaning that now is the time to develop your technical skills and get into the Bricklaying industry. If you decide on a Bricklaying course, you will learn about the different types of drawings used in Construction and how to communicate on site. You will gain a general knowledge of construction including types of foundations, floors, walls, roofs. You will also look at the impact construction has on the environment and techniques used to counter balance it.

CONSTRUCTION — CARPENTRY

Skilled tradespeople are in demand meaning that now is the time to develop your skills and get into the industry. This course can lead on to further specialisation in many other areas such as Furniture Making, Shop Fitting, Kitchen Fitting and Property Maintenance and Development

DANCE

Dance at Andover College is known for its diverse variety of styles and professional workshops. The dancers learn and choreograph routines throughout the year for two dance shows, other local events, competitions and also take part in the Christmas Pantomime and end of year Musical. The styles explored on our course are; Contemporary, Hip-hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Commercial, Indian, African, Musical Theatre, Ballet Foundations.

NURSING

Over the duration of the two-year course, you will learn the knowledge and skills required to become a successful practitioner. Alongside this, you will undertake a work placement in each year to help you understand the role of a nurse within a real-life setting.

DIGITAL DESIGN, PRODUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

The Digital Production, Design and Development T Level provides a wide ranging course that allows you to develop the knowledge and skills required in a fast changing sector. The units covered will allow you to design, implement and test software whilst understanding how to maintain and support it once in place.

EARLY YEARS TEACHING

Our childcare and early years' courses explore the concept of child development, through both the child and the role of the practitioner. Each course will suit a different pathway of this industry however, they will all cover the necessary skills needed to work with children through placement settings.

ELECTRICAL

Electrical Installation at Andover will give you the opportunity to learn Commercial, Industrial, and Domestic installation work. The courses at Andover will cover both practical and theory giving you all you need to excel in the industry. Topics covered include; Electrical Science, Health and Safety, Overseeing the work environment and Installation Practices.

FULL TIME TV MEDIA BROADCASTING

You will develop technical and practical skills right from the start of your course, using our brand-new television studio, broadcasting suite and digital camera equipment. This exciting new course is aimed at those interested in future careers in the everchanging creative industry, such as sound engineering, stagehand, or multimedia broadcasting production. You will learn about the real media and film landscape, looking at different types of organisations and how they finance their content. You will become familiar with the workplace practices that are essential to safe and effective media and broadcast production and examine what it takes to become a successful media professional.

HAIRDRESSING

We will expose you to new experiences, fresh and emerging ideas and a number of industry experts. Commercial salon will give you further experience and prepare you even more for a successful career in the industry. The quality of teaching, the standard of student work and the superb facilities in our Elements Hair Salon allows us to certify and award VTCT qualifications.

PERFORMING ARTS

The course involves the development in skills in acting, singing and dancing. This course is the first year of a 2 year course which will complete your Extended Diploma – the equivalent of 3 A-Levels. The course will provide you with skills in a variety of performance styles and will also look at the development of these skills as a whole.

PUBLIC SERVICES

If you're aiming for a rewarding career in the uniformed Services, we'll set you on the right path. If you're focused on joining the Police Force, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Prison Service, Army, Royal Navy, Royals Marine or Royal Air Force, our courses will give you the physical and mental training you need to succeed. We are excited to announce as part of our Uniformed Services Programme, we now offer the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) programme. We have formed a partnership with Winchester College (Army Division), so their students can gain invaluable experience about military life, before they go onto their chosen service.

SPORT

Our sports courses combine expert coaching with great facilities to provide you with the best opportunities for a career in this high energy industry.

Successful past students have gone on to study sport related degrees at renowned universities including Bath, Loughborough and Exeter.

Coaching and development students will learn their craft at the Portway stadium and 3G pitch as well as using the Andover leisure centre. We also engage with local coaching companies like Lions in the community to provide opportunities to work with young performers in various sports.

A LEVELS

These subjects are one hourly sessions so you need to choose three different subjects on the day:

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION
3D/PRODUCT DESIGN	You will explore materials, design drawing and model making, developing your technical understanding of materials and making processes, as well as strengthening your capabilities to generate ideas through drawing and creative making
ACTING	Acting is a course which will provide students with the opportunity to develop their performance skills in a variety of different performance styles. This course is designed for students who are looking for a career in theatre.
BIOLOGY	Biology is the study of life. You will explore: genetic engineering, human health and disease, biodiversity, ecology, physiology of exercise and climate change. You will combine practical testing with theory to enhance your learning.

BUSINESS

Students will explore several key topics during their first year which includes Marketing and People and Business Operations. Students will then progress into year 2 where they explore global business and the application of their former knowledge to this.

CHEMISTRY

Develop an understanding of how chemists seek to utilise the world's natural resources to provide the food, products, medicines and energy sources required in everyday life. Approximately one third of the course is practical based where you undertake a wide variety of experiments from determining energy gaps in atomic orbitals through to synthesising and testing a penicillin drug.

COMPUTING

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing allows learners to gain fundamental knowledge and skills in computing from which they can progress to broader or more specialist study at Level 3. As part of the Digital Futures programme, you will need to take two additional Level 3 subjects alongside this one. To develop the skills and knowledge required for a successful career in the Digital Industry and your progression.

CRIMINOLOGY

During the first year, you will study the psychology of crime as well as analysing how the media reports crime. In year 2, you will investigate the techniques used in the investigation of a crime and you will also consider the effectiveness of different strategies used to reduce criminality from custodial sentences through to community orders.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

During English Language A Level you will study how language is used by a variety of social groups and explore how language has evolved over time. You will also analyse key themes in language development and use, including how children learn to speak and write, and debate how language is involved in discussions of gender and political correctness.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

In A Level English Literature you will explore classic literary texts, from novels to plays and poetry. The course uses literature from a range of periods, such as Chaucer, Shakespeare and literature of the 21st century to develop your literary analysis skills, focusing specifically on your understanding of writers' techniques.

ESPORTS

Over recent years, the gaming industry has transcended culture and society in a way very few people originally thought. Once the hobby of a minority, Esports is now a fast-growing global industry offering a wide range of employment opportunities either directly or through Higher Education.

The course will combine a mixture of classroom-based study alongside the development of technical skills utilising the college's specialist equipment

FASHION

You will develop skills in a broad range of textile, fashion and craft based processes and technologies within a functional or decorative context. The emphasis is on surface pattern and you will apply this work to different products. Within a purpose built studio, you will explore printing and image transfer, stitch, weave, off drape garment making, ceramics for accessories and interior products,

FILM MAKING

A Level Film Making introduces you to a wide range of filmic and other visual references whilst developing your skills as a filmmaker. You will learn about the use of moving image as a means of communicating personal ideas through storyboards, shot types, movement and angles, set design, composition, lighting & sound. By taking this course as a budding filmmaker, you will be discovering & experiencing different ways to interpret all kinds of genres on screen.

FINE ART

You will build skills in creativity, communication, research and independence. By exploring the potential of different media, you will have the opportunity to interpret your work further through innovative outcomes such as installation, sculpture, interior experiences and performance. Investigate: your own ideas through observing.

APPLIED SCIENCE

This course provides a viable alternative to the traditional A Level science route. It will enable you to develop an understanding from a vocational context in order to see how science works in the real world and develop knowledge and skills that can be used in the industry.

GEOGRAPHY

In A Level geography you will apply geographical knowledge, theory and skills to the world around you, allowing you to develop a critical understanding of the world's people, places and environments in the 21st century.

GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION

You will develop skills in a number of graphics disciplines, learning about identity and branding, typography, illustration, magazines, advertising and layout. You will use the Adobe suite; Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign as well as traditional art, design and printmaking skills. In Animation you will develop your visual storytelling, character development and editing skills. You will familiarise yourself with different styles and types of animation, developing your own style and creativity.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Health and Social Care course teaches you the skills and knowledge needed to progress into a career in health and social care, or to study at university. Taken alongside other subjects, you will study a range of topics including equality, diversity and rights in Health and Social Care and developing effective communication in Health and Social Care.

HUMAN BIOLOGY

Applied Human Biology is ideally suited for students who wish to pursue a career in the health sector. As part of the course you will study a range of topics such as the structure of the human body, microbiology and factors that influence the health of individuals.

LAW

The A-Level course not only provides an awareness of law in UK but also a wider understanding of law in both a European and global context. This takes into consideration the changing nature of law and its interaction with morality, justice, society and technology.

MATHS

A Level Mathematics is about working with patterns and structures found in science and technology. From computers and space exploration to body scanners and medicine, understanding these patterns help explain and control natural happenings and situations.

MEDIA STUDIES

The media is the most dynamic, innovative and influential method of mass communication of modern times. It has been reported that adults in Great Britain are consuming media for almost 8 hours a day. Within that time, we are bombarded by other people's representations of the world and how we respond to these representations can affect our perceptions of people, places and society, of politics and culture, of ourselves and of our place in the world. Media Studies is a vital tool necessary to understanding the media's significance and its power.

MODERN HISTORY

Studying History at A Level will help you explore the decisions, actions and responses of those who lived at the time; and considering the impact this has had on how we live now. You will begin to challenge ideas and provide opportunities to debate provocative issues whether that be events from over 100 years ago or situations that will occur tomorrow!

PHOTOGRAPHY

We are surrounded and immersed in photography constantly – through social media, journalism, books and magazines. You may take numerous photographs daily, with the need to capture the world around you. This dynamic course will enable you to take more considered photographs and elevate your images to make them to stand out.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE/ TECHNOLOGY

If you have an interest in how music is produced, the Music Technology Production course is ideal for you. It features a total of five units that are assessed through coursework and practical activities and is the equivalent of one A Level. You will have a keen interest in music, either as a performer or consumer and it is not necessary to play an instrument. Experience of music software sequencing or recording is desirable but not essential. You will develop your knowledge of music sequencing software and the transferable skills that facilitate the realisation of musical ideas in both acoustic and electronic environments. In the performance course you combine practical and theoretical work, studying all aspects of music, from live performance through to the business side of the industry.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics is a subject full of debate and discussion. Students are often keen to put forward their own perspectives on issues such as the existence of God, the nature of the soul, the ethics of Euthanasia and Buddhist teachings on impermanence and suffering. Throughout the course they are confronted with new ways of thinking and looking at the world and develop their ability to argue and evaluate both verbally and through extended essay writing.

PHYSICS

The study of physics is applied everywhere including the development of sustainable energy, in communications technology, transport technology, the design and development of sports equipment, and in hospitals in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. At Andover College we take a practical approach to the course uncovering fundamental physical relationships through frequent practical investigations.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You will gain an understanding of the process of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research. You will also be introduced to classic and contemporary research within five key areas of psychology: social (influence from others), developmental (children's development), cognitive (thought processes), individual differences (mental disorders) and biological (physical systems).

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology enables us to study human society. The content of sociology allows for an understanding of many different cultures and identities. The subject provides a strong critical understanding of the world around us and an analysis of many different perspectives of this. You will analyse how we go about acquiring our culture, the issue of social control and the social inequality in contemporary society.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

Within this qualification you will gain a broader understanding of all aspects within the Production Arts. You will be given the opportunity to specialise in one particular area while also increasing your knowledge in the subject as a whole.

Like our other stage management courses, this course is designed for those who love theatre and want to take an active role in bringing creative ideas to life. You will get opportunities in lighting, sound, props, set and the back stage operations required for live performance.

The difference between this course and others is that you get a broader spectrum for an all-round theatrical knowledge and disciplines.

DON'T FORGET!

The Taster Day is an excellent opportunity to discover more about your future and guide you in your subject decisions!

Make sure that you pick subjects you're genuinely interested in so that you get the most out of the day!

THINGS TO REMEMBER!



MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DAY

The Taster Day isn't just a day out of school, it is a really useful and important opportunity to explore options and subjects so that you feel prepared to make your college choices!

WHAT SHOULD YOU WEAR?

Your school will let you know what you need to wear on the day closer to the time.

If you choose a sports session, your school will inform you on what to wear and there will also be an offsite form that will require completion before attendance on the day.

FOOD ON THE DAY

We will unfortunately not be providing lunch on the day, therefore you will need to bring your own.

Please bring snacks and a water bottle for the day.

We will be providing a small snack/treat.

PICKING YOUR SUBJECTS

Vocational = 1 Subject

A-Levels = 3 Subjects

Don't pick subjects just because your friends do - make a sensible choice based on your own interests!

If you aren't sure what to choose, go with subjects that sound interesting and fun, it might help to inspire your future choices!

**Remember to take a note of what subjects you've chosen so you don't forget!*

HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHOICES

Your school will let you know how they would like you to access your choices and select your subjects.

Sorry! You won't be able to change your subject choices once chosen!

YOU MUST STAY ONSITE!

During the day we ask you to stay onsite - you will not need to access anything away from the college site.

Other schools will be there and will have the same instructions.

WHY ANDOVER CAMPUS?



Here at Andover Campus we offer a wide range of vocational, technical and academic qualifications. Working with employers, Andover Campus also provides a wide range of Apprenticeship programmes.

With over 40 A-Level and equivalent courses to choose from and even more vocational options, students have an excellent choice of subjects to shape their futures and help them succeed!

We have a 100% pass rate across 17 of 20 A-Level courses. Subject areas with high levels of students achieving A*-B included Chemistry and Law with 80%.

Government figures put us in the top 4% of the whole country for the degree to which students achieve grades beyond their original potential. (Value Added).



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MOST IMPORTANTLY...

ENJOY YOUR DAY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!