RUNSHAW COLLEGE

2027



SCHOOL LEAVERS' PROSPECTUS 2027


Make lifelong
friends at
RUNSHAW.

Begin your own

Runshaw Story!

OVER 1000
A*-A Grades
(or equivalent) by our Advanced Level students

4 OUT OF 5
of our Advanced Level students achieved a
High Grade!


Outstanding student progress
compared with colleges **nationally**

England's **#1**
college for
Positive Progression
after Level 3

TOP GFE college
in the North of England for progression to
Top Third Universities

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T-LEVELS THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION | VOCATIONAL | A LEVEL



“WE ARE EXTREMELY **PROUD** OF OUR STUDENTS. **THEY ARE A DELIGHT TO WORK WITH.** I HOPE YOU WILL **JOIN US** AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING YOU **WELCOME AT RUNSHAW.**”

Clare Russell
Principal & CEO



Welcome to Runshaw

At Runshaw, you will find:

- outstanding teaching, from inspirational teachers
- a diverse, inclusive and respectful college community
- exceptional support, advice and guidance from staff who care about each individual
- the right course for you, so that you can explore your interests and find your passion
- an exciting and extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities
- that students are safe, happy and successful

Visitors to the college frequently comment on its happy and purposeful atmosphere.

We believe this comes from the friendly and respectful relationships which exist between staff and students, creating a college community where each person is valued and can flourish. We are proud of our reputation and popularity. The successes of our students over the years has led to widespread national recognition.

We want every student to benefit from an environment conducive to learning. Our impressive college campus is full of high-quality learning and social spaces, resourced with industry-standard equipment and technology.

We are very much looking forward to you joining our college community. In the meantime, if you have any questions about any aspect of college life, please ask to speak to a member of our college admissions team on **01772 643000** or email **welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk**



Runshaw Advantage

Every individual matters

As a student at Runshaw College, you are at the heart of everything we do. We believe in the power of education to change lives, so we prioritise inspirational teaching and learning, and provide you with all the support you need to achieve your goals and ambitions.

Above all, we want you to be happy here and to achieve your full personal and academic potential.

At Runshaw we provide:

Student Services & Wellbeing Hub for counselling, spirituality, health and wellbeing

Dedicated **Progress Mentors** for every student

Inspiring **Study** spaces

Work Placement unit

"Have **your** say to shape the college:
- Personal Tutor Representatives
- Focus Groups
- Student Council
- Student Governors"




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Introducing **Windermere**

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At Runshaw we invest in your future. Our latest development is the Windermere Science Centre which will open its doors for our students starting in September 2027.

Windermere is nearly here, Runshaw's newest addition to the campus!

Not only will this new building provide outstanding teaching facilities, it will also play a crucial role in our journey to Net Zero.

State of the Art **Science** facilities

High **BREEAM** standard of environmental performance

OPENS **SEPTEMBER** 2027



Getting you **Future Ready**

At Runshaw, you will receive high quality careers guidance. Specialist staff will help you prepare for your chosen next step. Every Runshaw student also benefits from the unique **'Runshaw CV'** to take away and use when applying for opportunities.





- **Careers** advisors
- Individual Runshaw **CV** for every student
- Apprenticeship **opportunities** in every area
- Dedicated **UCAS** team
- Wide range of **courses** from Entry Level to Level 6

Your Apprenticeship Pathways

An Apprenticeship at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into a **variety of industries**. It combines a real job with taught training. Our Apprenticeships are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave **multi-skilled** and aware of all the opportunities that exist within industry. So whether it is Business, Childcare or Accountancy, our Apprenticeships will take you **where you want to go!**

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Improvement /Quality Practitioner
- Early Years
- Human Resources
- Leadership & Management
- Teaching Assistant
- Team Leading

Scan here to find out more about our apprenticeship programmes and apprenticeship vacancies!

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CRUISES


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Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
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Employability Skills

At Runshaw, you will gain the skills and experience you will need for successful employment in the future.

You will have the opportunity to develop these skills through:

- **Work experience and industry placements with one of our hundreds of Partner Employers**
- **Volunteering: V50, V100 awards**
- **Student Ambassador work & charity fundraising**

At Runshaw, you will gain an advantage over other candidates applying for your choice of job role or higher education place.

We offer additional qualifications relevant to a range of career aims so that you can find one that will really help you get ahead!

The Duke of Edinburgh's **Award**

Prestigious Competitions

CREST awards, UK Maths Challenge, Informatics Olympiad and many more!

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Horizons Programme

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As part of the Horizons Programme, there is an opportunity to join an Academy in every subject at Runshaw!

Each Academy provides students with an unrivalled range of additional opportunities to challenge and stretch themselves beyond the syllabus, and help you stand out from the crowd.

Add value with extra activities.

For further details on opportunities please see our Horizons brochure.

- Runshaw Scholars
- Sport Academy
- Art and Music Academies
- Science Academy
- Medical Society
- Dance and Drama Academy
- Debating Society - 'Think Tank'
- Law Mock Trials & Mooting







Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support (ALS) department is available to you if you have special educational needs (SEND). ALS can create an individualised support plan for you to inform your teaching staff. This will identify strategies that will support you, to help remove barriers to your learning and achievement, and support your independence.

All students with SEND may choose to work quietly in the ALS department in study periods and access support from our Education Support Workers (ESWs). The ALS team can also give you guidance on the use of assistive technology and your eligibility for exam access arrangements.

Students may also be able to access support with the development of social and emotional skills, independent living skills and preparation for adulthood; life beyond college, whilst the ALS team can also help to signpost you to other support services across college. Transition support from high school to college is available, please contact us for further information.

If you have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you can access an enhanced transition to college life which can include additional visits and access to our Bridging days.

Once enrolled, you will have your own Key Worker in the ALS team. A personalised support package will be agreed for you, in line with your outcomes, this could include both in and out of class support from the ESW team and additional literacy and numeracy support.

Please help us, to help you. It is important that you declare any additional needs or previous exam access arrangements. This could include for example if you were given extra time in your exams, or had someone to read for you. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make sure you get the right support. You can do this when applying, during enrolment, or immediately upon starting at college. For further information, please contact us on **01772 418575** or email **ALSadmin@runshaw.ac.uk**. This information will only be shared with your teaching staff and is only used for the purposes of support planning.




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Extra help to realise your dreams

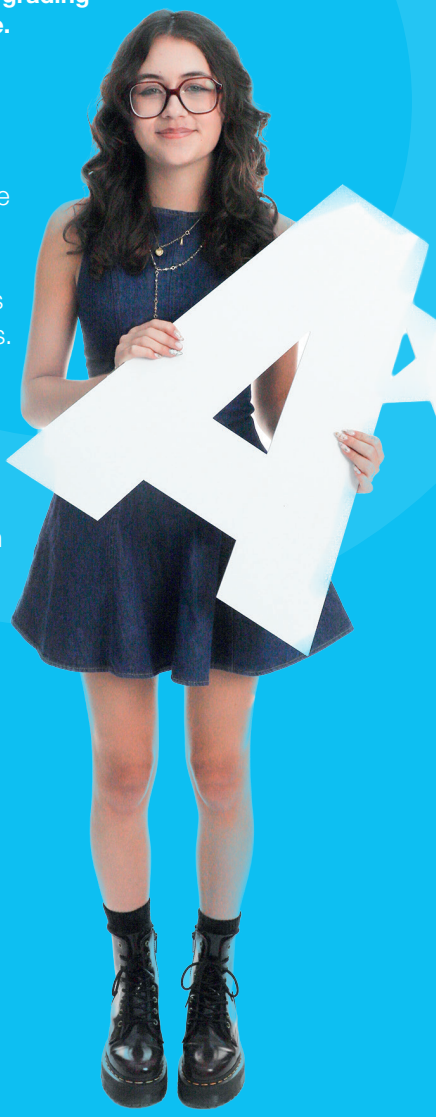
The Sunday Times newspaper gave Runshaw its highest AA grading for the support given to applicants to Oxford and Cambridge.

Each year, around one third of our A Level students go on to study at prestigious universities such as Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions.

Runshaw Scholars is an exciting and challenging programme of support, offering mentoring for our highest performing A Level students to encourage successful applications to the UK's most competitive and prestigious universities. Students are selected for the programme based on their GCSE results.

Our Runshaw Scholars will have access to the following:

- Small group seminars led by a highly experienced former academic which will prepare students for the level of critical thinking and academic confidence expected as an undergraduate
- Links with our regionally affiliated Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, plus visits to prestigious universities
- Outstanding support with the UCAS application process
- Emphasis on early applications for Oxbridge and Medical Sciences with workshops to support personal statement writing
- 1 to 1 interview coaching and support with admission tests



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Runshaw Scholars

Sports Academy

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All students are eligible to join the Sports Academy, and they do not have to enrol on a sports course to be a member. The ethos of the Academy is excellence in both academic study and sporting performance.

Runshaw has exceptional facilities: a fitness suite, sports hall, 3G, a grass pitch, and a sports teaching block.

The coaches hold first degrees or higher in sport disciplines alongside relevant NGB coaching qualifications.

In addition, a number of the coaches either play sport, or coach players, at county and national levels.

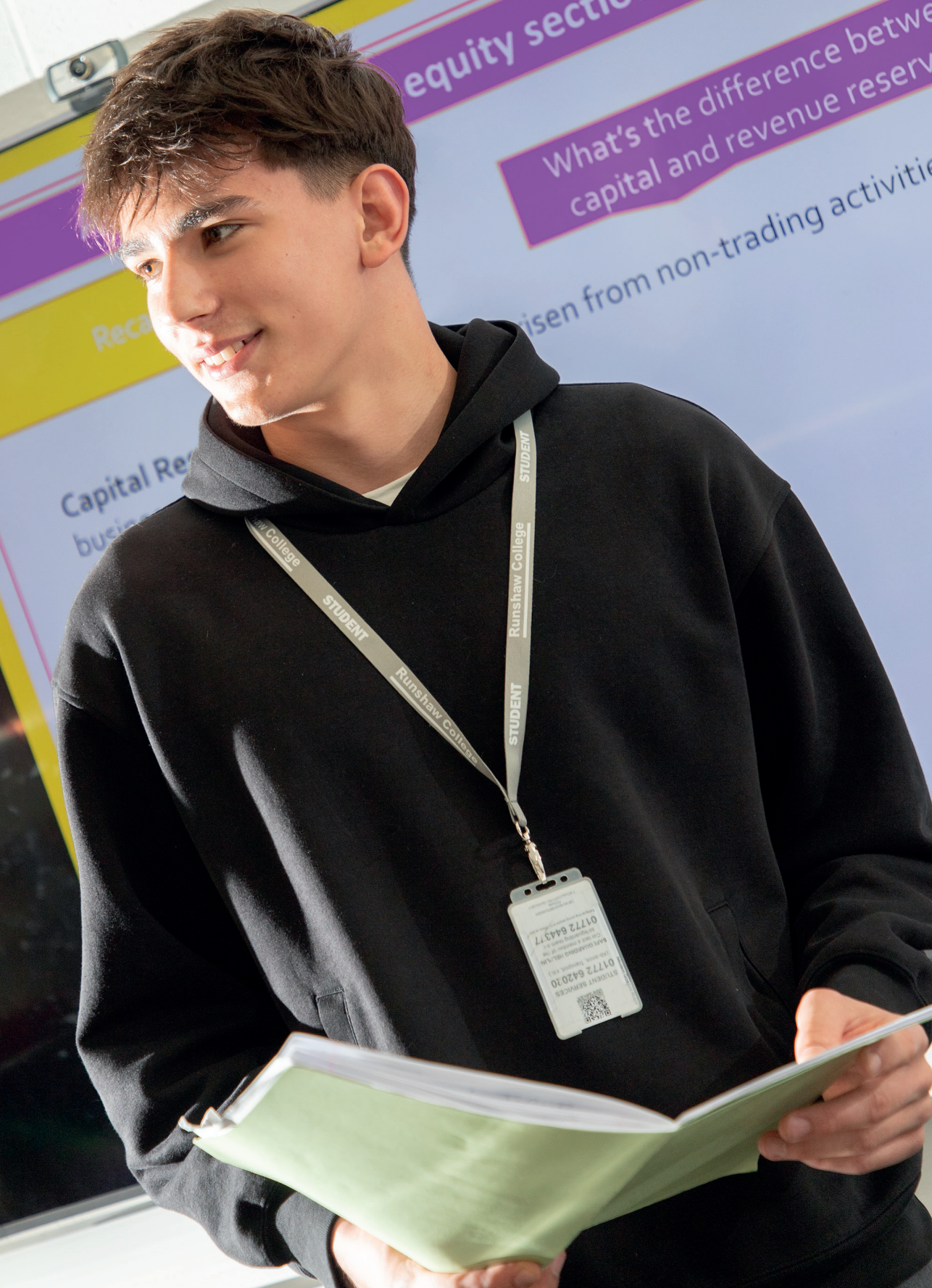
Specifically, as a member of the Sports Academy you will:

- expand your mental, physical, technical and tactical awareness
- develop your coordination and concentration skills
- raise your performance levels
- improve effectiveness in your academic studies

TOP College for Sport






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Business & Digital

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Our Business and Digital courses prepare you for a rapidly changing world where analytical thinking, ethical leadership and commercial awareness are highly valued. Through engaging, applied learning and incredibly strong employer partnerships, you will develop the knowledge and confidence required for progression to university, apprenticeships and professional careers across a wide range of sectors.

ACCOUNTING A LEVEL

BUSINESS A LEVEL

COMPUTER SCIENCE A LEVEL

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP T LEVEL

BUSINESS VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

COMPUTING & CYBER SECURITY APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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ACCOUNTING
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Accounting?

Imagine earning over £75,000 a year as a Chartered Accountant in the UK! At Runshaw, our highly qualified and experienced teachers, who are also examiners, provide exceptional support to help you achieve outstanding results.

Many of our students progress to prestigious programmes like the PWC Flying Start Degree in Accounting & Finance at Manchester and Newcastle Universities, and secure places with top firms such as KPMG, PWC, EY, Deloitte, RSM, and BDO.

You will also benefit from industry speakers, ICAEW interactive workshops, and trips to leading accounting firms, preparing you for a successful career in accounting.

What will I study?

Embark on a comprehensive journey through all aspects of accounting. No prior knowledge is needed, just a logical mind and confidence with numbers. You will learn key concepts and principles of accounting theory and practice, and understand its role in different organisations. The course covers both financial and management accounting for a well-rounded foundation.

In Year 1, You will be assessed internally through formal assessments. In Year 2, you will face two written exams featuring multiple choice, structured, and extended answer questions.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Progress to sponsored degrees and training contracts
- ☑ Amazing industry links

BUSINESS
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Business?

Business at Runshaw offers a unique, practical edge that applies to a wide range of industries. Our students consistently surpass national benchmarks, thanks to our highly experienced teachers who are also external examiners.

You will benefit from superb enrichment programmes, practical activities, workshops, and guest speakers, refining your business skills and making you attractive to employers. Our annual Business Futures Week event, featuring over 25 guest speakers, provides invaluable insights and networking opportunities.

What will I study?

In the first year, you will explore various business contexts, from large corporations to small enterprises, both in the UK and globally. You will focus on key functional areas such as Marketing, Operations, Human Resources, and Finance, as well as the fundamentals of business setup and management.

In Year 2, the emphasis shifts to strategic decision-making at the highest levels of management, considering the impact of the external environment, strategies for growth, leadership, planning, managing change, and understanding why strategies sometimes fail. The course is assessed through three written examinations at the end of Year 2, covering the entire specification.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Fantastic industry links
- ☑ Futures Week
- ☑ Student Success

COMPUTER SCIENCE
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Computer Science?

Our Computer Science course equips you with the skills that employers and universities seek, opening up exciting career opportunities in the ever-evolving tech field.

There remains a high demand for qualified candidates in technology-based jobs. Our course provides a comprehensive understanding of Computer Science, building a strong foundation in programming and deep awareness of computer system management and organisation.

You will learn the Python programming language, SQL and JavaScript under the guidance of experienced professionals, ensuring a supportive and encouraging learning environment.

What will I study?

You will gain practical skills highly valued in the industry, learning about contemporary processors, input, output, and storage devices, types of software, software development methodologies, data exchange, data types, data structures, algorithms, and legal, moral, cultural, and ethical issues.

You will also learn to think abstractly, ahead, and procedurally, applying principles of computational thinking to an independent practical coding project.

The course is assessed over three components:
Component 1: (40%) Computer systems
Component 2: (40%) Algorithms and programming
Component 3: (20%) Programming project

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Learn Python, SQL & Javascript
- ☑ Employer links
- ☑ Computing Academy

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP
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Why should I come to Runshaw to study T Level Business?

Our T Level Business course is ideal for students aiming for leadership or management roles. It offers a modern alternative to A Levels, combining high-quality classroom learning with practical industry-standard skills.

This course is designed to equip you with the knowledge and experience needed to excel in the business world, making it a perfect choice for those who aspire to lead and manage effectively.

What will I study?

In Year 1, you will cover Management and Administration, including business context, people, quality and compliance, finance, policies and procedures, project and change management, and business behaviours.

These foundational topics provide a strong understanding of business operations. In Year 2, you will specialise in Team Leadership and Management, gaining industry-standard knowledge, skills, and behaviours.

This prepares you for the business world or further study. A substantial Industry Placement offers hands-on experience, enhancing your skills and employability.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ In-demand digital skills
- ☑ Hands-on technical learning
- ☑ Progression to tech careers

BUSINESS VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Why choose our Vocational Business pathway?

The programme provides a practical introduction to how business organisations operate, make decisions and create value.

Students develop confidence, commercial awareness and transferable skills through classroom learning, industry engagement and employer informed projects.

What will I study?

Themes include marketing, finance, enterprise, people management and business operations.

Learning focuses on applying concepts to real business scenarios and developing strong communication, analytical and problem solving skills.

What progression is there?

University, business related apprenticeships, and employment in marketing, HR, finance, management or administration.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Real-world business skills
- ☑ Clear career pathways
- ☑ Industry-focused learning

COMPUTING & CYBER SECURITY VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Why choose our Vocational Computing and Cyber Security pathway?

The programme develops essential digital skills for modern industries. You will learn in specialist environments, supported by experienced staff and outstanding employer links in areas where digital capability is in high demand.

What will I study?

Core themes include data handling, cyber security, programming, digital content creation and IT service support.

Learning blends technical understanding with hands on problem solving and project based tasks.

What progression is there?

Digital apprenticeships, university study in computing or related disciplines, or employment in IT support, software, data or digital media roles.

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Professional Engineering



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Our Professional Engineering courses offer a dynamic and practical introduction to engineering and design. You will develop technical understanding and applied skills using specialist facilities that reflect modern industry. With a strong focus on creativity, precision and problem solving, this pathway is well suited to students aspiring to technical, scientific or engineering focused careers.

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DESIGN ENGINEERING T LEVEL

CIVIL ENGINEERING T LEVEL

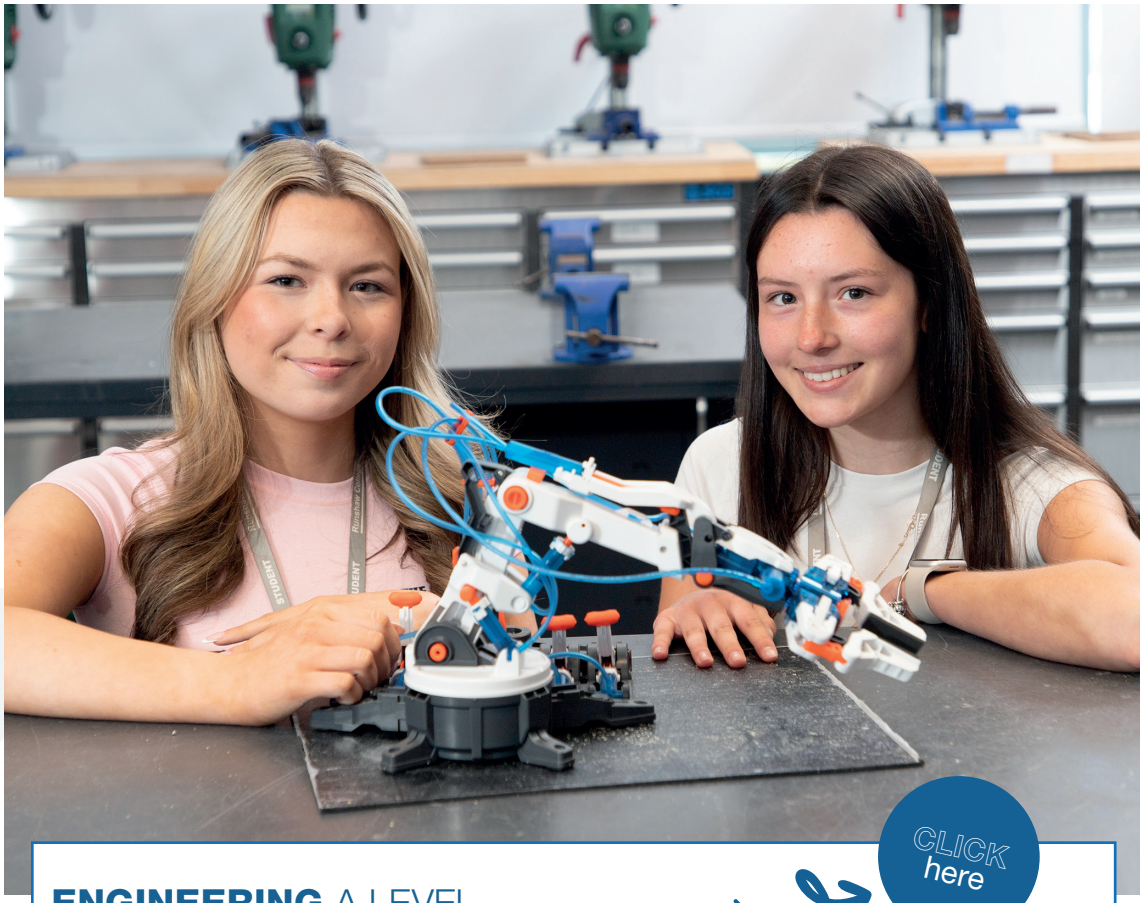
ENGINEERING VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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ENGINEERING A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Engineering?

Our Engineering A Level is taught by expert staff in well-equipped design suites, with project management at its core.

You will be supported throughout by specialist engineering teachers and benefit from unique experiences, university and industry visits, competitions like the Crest Awards, and a trip to New York. Access to our Architecture and Mechatronics Academies further prepares you for degrees or careers across engineering fields.

What will I study?

Topics reflecting modern developments and applications of Engineering are key. You will apply your knowledge, understanding, and skills in designing and manufacturing prototypes and products, solving issues, and evaluating design solutions.

Key topics include:

Computer-aided design, 3D prototyping, Electronics, Mechanics, Higher mathematical analysis, Material science and Project management.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Expert teaching and specialist facilities
- ☑ Real-world projects and industry experiences
- ☑ Strong preparation for engineering degrees and careers

DESIGN ENGINEERING T LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study T Level Design Engineering?

Our T Level Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing course is inspired and supported by a range of industrial partners, ensuring you receive a unique and industry-relevant education.

This course will develop your understanding of engineering, pushing and challenging your ideas and thought processes within design. You will gain valuable insights and skills that are highly sought after in the engineering and manufacturing sectors.

What will I study?

In Year 1, you will study Principles of Design, Design Processes, and Customer Requirements, along with the Maths and Science behind manufacturing design. The course blends design, safety, and applied maths to give you a well-rounded understanding of engineering.

Assessment is through written work, calculations, investigations, two core exams, and an employer-set project. This structure ensures you're prepared for real-world challenges in engineering and manufacturing.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Outstanding facilities
- ☑ Great progression
- ☑ Specialist 45-day Industry Placement

CIVIL ENGINEERING T LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study T Level Civil Engineering?

If you're interested in working in the construction sector with a focus on civil engineering, our T Level course is perfect for you! This course is ideal for students who prefer a practical, applied approach to learning while still enjoying a classroom-based environment.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels, it focuses on vocational skills to help you secure skilled employment, university study, or an apprenticeship.

What will I study?

The course covers a variety of topics essential for a career in civil engineering, including observations, written assignments, formal examinations, employer-set projects in the first year, exams, and occupational specialist projects in the second year.

This comprehensive assessment, along with a 45-day Industry Placement, ensures you are well-prepared for your future career or further study.

You will gain practical experience and develop skills that are directly applicable in the construction industry, making you a competitive candidate for various roles such as civil engineering technician, CAD technician, consulting civil engineer, and design engineer.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Revit Academy
- ☑ Specialist 45 day industry placement
- ☑ Outstanding Teaching & Learning



VOCATIONAL ENGINEERING PATHWAY

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Why choose our Vocational Engineering pathway?

This pathway is ideal for students seeking a practical, technical route into Engineering. You will gain exposure to industry standard equipment, design processes and modern engineering methods.

What will I study?

Themes include engineering principles, design, manufacturing, technical drawing, applied mathematics and problem solving. You will complete hands on activities and technical projects reflecting real engineering contexts.

What progression is there?

Engineering apprenticeships, further technical study at University or employment in electronics, mechanical, civil engineering, manufacturing or maintenance.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?
DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ A fantastic blend of practical and theory
- ☑ Amazing progression


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Humanities, English, Classics & Languages

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Our Humanities, English, Languages and Classics courses help you understand the world and express your ideas with confidence. You will explore people, events, beliefs and cultures building strong skills in analysis, discussion and writing. It is a great choice if you enjoy asking questions, debating different viewpoints and thinking for yourself.

CLASSICS A LEVEL
ECONOMICS A LEVEL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE A LEVEL
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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES A LEVEL
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POLITICS A LEVEL
RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL

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A Levels - Students choose a combination of 3 subjects, studying them for 2 years.

CLASSICS
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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Classics?

Our Classics course immerses you in a fascinating period of history that has shaped the modern world. Our lessons use multi-media resources, artefacts, and even visits to Greece and Rome.

The A Level Classics programme is meticulously designed to provide a comprehensive and rewarding study of the literature and culture of the classical world.

You will delve into the literature, visual and material culture, and thought of the classical world, gaining a profound understanding of their social, historical, and cultural contexts.

What will I study?

The course explores both Greece and Rome and their surrounding worlds, developing an understanding and appreciation of the Greeks and Romans through their buildings, art, poetry, plays, and philosophy.

In the first year, we study Greek art and Homer's Odyssey, an epic poem about a hero's journey back from the Trojan War.

The second year focuses on the Roman Epic Virgil's Aeneid, comparing and contrasting it with the Odyssey, and includes an overview of Greek religion and philosophical attitudes towards the Gods.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Active members of the Lytham Classical Association
- ☑ Trips to Greece, Rome and Naples

ECONOMICS
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Economics?

Economics at Runshaw offers a unique insight into how the world works, helping you understand big questions like the impact of Brexit or the pandemic, climate change solutions, and NHS funding.

We empower you with high-level analytical skills, providing an excellent foundation for higher education in economics, finance, business, management, accountancy, politics, and philosophy. Recent students have progressed to top universities, fully prepared for their future studies.

We offer enrichment opportunities through our Economics Academy, debates, book club, study visits, and talks from specialist researchers.

What will I study?

We explore key topics such as how markets work and why they fail, international trade, globalisation, economic growth, recessions, inflation, unemployment, and government policy. We also study the economics of the UK, Europe, and developing countries.

For a BSc in Economics, A Level Maths is often required due to its quantitative focus, whilst BA courses offer a more qualitative approach. At Runshaw, we prepare you for both, providing a strong foundation in theory and real-world application.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Progression to Oxbridge, LSE and Warwick
- ☑ Strong Industry links


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

Why should I come to Runshaw to study English Language?

If you are fascinated by language and grammar, curious about language and gender, technology and power, interested in how children learn language so quickly, or wonder why accent and dialect matter, then English Language at Runshaw is for you.

At A Level, you will develop skills in linguistic analysis and evaluation, explore how language is used in different situations and social contexts, respond to written, spoken, and electronic texts, and study child language acquisition and language change. Our passionate, dedicated, and highly experienced tutors, with expert knowledge of national examining boards, ensure you are in excellent hands. Our students consistently achieve outstanding examination results, with 100% pass rates and grades well above national averages, reflecting the dedication of both students and staff.

What will I study?

Prepare for a linguistic journey that is a world away from GCSE English, filled with exciting challenges and new discoveries.

You will explore the English language from all angles, delving inside to see how it works and ranging outside to understand its multiple influences.

The unique and stimulating coursework will keep you engaged and excited about your studies throughout the course.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Creative Writing Society
- ☑ English Society & English Academy
- ☑ Debating Society

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study English Language & Literature?

If you want to explore how the world influences the language writers use, study texts of your choice, or have an interest in both literature and language, then English Language and Literature at Runshaw is for you.

You will study a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, focusing on writers' stylistic choices and their impact on audiences. You will explore spoken and written language, uncover deeper meanings, and develop your creative writing.

We offer enriching experiences like annual trips to Paris and London, theatre visits, university tours, creative writing support, and chances to contribute to the college magazine.

Our students consistently achieve excellent results, with a 100% pass rate and a high proportion of A*-B grades, well above national averages.

What will I study?

Over the two-year A Level course at Runshaw, we study The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, A Street Car Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Mean Time by Carol Ann Duffy, Into The Wild by John Krakauer, and an anthology of non-fiction texts about Paris.

Additionally, we complete coursework worth 20% of your overall grade, allowing you to choose the texts you study and explore your literary interests.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Study fiction and non-fiction
- ☑ High grades group
- ☑ Trips and visits

ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study English Literature?

English Literature at Runshaw is a dynamic subject where we study some of the greatest works by novelists, poets, and playwrights. It leads to careers in teaching, publishing, journalism, marketing, and more.

Over two years, we explore powerful stories that show how humans connect through literature. Our students consistently achieve outstanding A Level results, with 100% pass rates and high grades well above national averages.

The course includes historical and modern texts, theatre trips, and visits from speakers and poets. Our supportive, experienced teachers - some with higher degrees and published work - also offer creative writing support and chances to contribute to the literary canon.

What will I study?

At Runshaw, you will study a wide range of poetry, drama, and prose, from literary classics to modern masterpieces.

Your coursework is an essay comparing two novels, including one 21st-century text, and we explore poets like William Blake, modern drama, diverse writers, and Shakespeare. Assessment includes essays, exams, and presentations.

If you love reading, enjoy analysing texts, and want to broaden your cultural horizons, we would love to welcome you to our course!

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Visiting speakers and other extras
- ☑ Enjoy novels, poetry and plays
- ☑ High grades group

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study the Extended Project Qualification?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) at Runshaw, studied alongside your A Levels, equips you with practical skills highly valued by universities and employers.

These skills include independent working, researching topics of personal interest, and presenting your findings.

Please note, the EPQ is taken as an addition to your A Levels, and does not count as one of your three choices.

Many universities offer our EPQ students places with lower A Level grades if they achieve their EPQ, making it ideal for high achievers aiming for top universities.

What will I study?

You have the freedom to choose any topic you like, as long as it goes beyond the demands of your A Level subjects.

You will be assigned a dedicated supervisor to help shape your topic and guide your research, ensuring you stay on track and make the most of your project.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Enhance your University application
- ☑ Develop expert research skills

GEOGRAPHY
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Geography?

Geography at Runshaw is engaging, diverse, and topical, promoting global awareness and developing highly desirable skills.

Fieldwork is essential, with at least four days of fieldwork over two years, visiting places like Liverpool and Cleveleys to collect geographical data and understand regeneration and coastal landscapes.

There's also an exciting residential trip to Iceland, adding an international dimension to your studies.

Visiting speakers from universities and other organisations provide opportunities to extend your studies beyond the A Level syllabus.

What will I study?

Geography is a skills-based course where we analyse maps, graphs, photos, and diagrams, while developing mathematical skills through data interpretation.

In the first year, we study Tectonic Processes and Hazards, Regenerating Places, Coastal Landscapes and Change, and Globalisation.

In the second year, we explore the Water Cycle, Water Insecurity, Superpowers, the Carbon Cycle, Energy Security, Migration, Identity, and Sovereignty.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Field trips - locally to Liverpool and internationally to Iceland


1918 - 1945
STUDENT
College

HISTORY
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study History?

At Runshaw, studying History is about delving into new and exciting worlds, exploring the people, ideas, and events of times past. This journey will fascinate you and deepen your understanding of humanity, offering new insights into present events. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We are not makers of History; we are made by History." At Runshaw, you will be challenged and equipped with the tools to excel as a historian, acquiring academic and practical skills such as research, analysis, and communication.

What will I study?

You will choose one of two History pathways to suit your interests and goals, along with completing a Historical Investigation, an independently researched project on a topic of your choice.

Pathway 1 - Early Modern History:
The Origins of Modern Europe: Monarchy, Conflict, and Religion in Tudor England & Seventeenth-Century France
The Tudors 1485-1603
Louis XIV of France 1660-1715

Pathway 2 - Modern History:
Britain 1783-1885: Industrial Revolution, Politics, and Social Reform

Democracy & Nazism: Germany 1918-1945: The Rise of the Nazis Under the Weimar Republic and the Establishment of a Totalitarian Dictatorship.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Trips to Germany, Poland, France and London
- ☑ Links with top universities

FRENCH
SPANISH
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study French or Spanish?

At Runshaw, our Modern Foreign Languages team is made up of experienced A Level teachers who will help you achieve your best.

You will develop communication, critical thinking and research skills while building confidence in your chosen language through grammar, listening, reading and translation. Independent study and weekly small-group speaking sessions will support your progress and prepare you for the exam.

Beyond the classroom, you can take part in cultural trips, university talks and Modern Languages experience days to enrich your learning and explore future pathways.

What will I study?

The A Level course builds on GCSE knowledge, understanding, and skills. You will:

- Learn about the people, cultures and history linked to your chosen language
- Further develop fluency and cultural knowledge by studying one literary text and one film
- Study advanced grammar and language structures
- Complete an independent research project in your chosen language

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Cultural discovery
- ☑ Outstanding individual support
- ☑ Extra speaking classes



PHILOSOPHY A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Philosophy?

As a Philosophy student at Runshaw, you will join a distinguished tradition of exploring fundamental questions about the world and our place in it. The term Philosophy means 'the love of wisdom', and we engage in conceptual analysis, empirical evidence, and rational argument to gain understanding, studying Philosophy will enhance your logical thinking skills.

Bertrand Russell noted that contemplating the universe through philosophy can expand the mind, so if you enjoy intellectually challenging ideas and new perspectives, Philosophy is for you. It also offers practical benefits, as Philosophy graduates are valued in diverse careers and can study it alone or combined with subjects like Politics, Economics, Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences.

What will I study?

You will explore questions such as:

- Is our perception of the world reliable?
- Does the existence of the universe require an explanation?
- What is the mind, and can we explain consciousness?
- How should we make decisions about what is morally right and wrong?

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Exciting enrichment
- ☑ Teachers are experienced examiners


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STUDENT
Runshaw College

POLITICS
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Politics?

If you love current affairs, debates, and discussions, Politics at Runshaw is perfect for you! We offer unique opportunities like visits from MPs and councillors, and field trips to Parliament.

Our Politics Academy lets you run mock elections at local schools and participate in a residential trip to London, visiting Parliament and the Supreme Court. You will even get to engage in Q&A sessions with notable figures like Speaker and Chorley MP Sir Lindsay Hoyle. With a 100% pass rate, our supportive environment ensures you not only enjoy but also excel in your studies.

What will I study?

The comprehensive curriculum of this course will give you a deep understanding of British and American politics.

You will learn about organisation of the government and the processes used to govern modern Britain in Year 1 and the USA in Year 2. You will develop understanding of electoral systems and voting behaviour, issues in British politics today, parties and pressure groups, the politics of the USA, and different ideologies that underpin the government policies.

You will keep a political diary to track current affairs and developments and our staff will support you in acquiring the necessary skills. No prior knowledge of Politics is needed.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Political diary
- ☑ Visiting MPs
- ☑ Mock elections

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Religious Studies?

Religious Studies at Runshaw is perfect for students who enjoy debating philosophical and ethical issues and understanding why people hold religious beliefs.

You don't need a religious background, just an interest in current affairs and how religion interacts with modern developments like science.

The essential quality for this course is a lively and enquiring mind!

We have an outstanding record of success in Religious Studies and offer the unique Religious Studies Academy, where you can participate in trips, debates, and guest lectures.

What will I study?

We explore a fascinating range of arguments related to ethics, philosophy of religion, and Christianity.

Many students progress to university degrees, as Religious Studies develops critical thinking, research, and communication skills valued in careers like law, education, and social work.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Religious Studies Academy
- ☑ Trips and Guest Speakers


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Health, Social Care & Childhood Studies

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Our Health, Social Care and Childhood Studies courses offer a caring, people focused route into professions that support individuals and communities. You will develop strong interpersonal, communication and wellbeing related skills, supported by real world experiences, industry contexts and guidance from sector experienced staff. This pathway is ideal for those who wish to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS T LEVEL

HEALTH T LEVEL

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Vocational & Technical Courses - Students will study one main area, one-year for a Pre-Advanced programme and two-years for an Advanced/T Level programme.



EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Why choose our Early Years Practitioner pathway?

This pathway provides a strong grounding in the principles of care, child development and early years practice. It is suited to students who want to support children's learning and wellbeing, while developing the personal and professional skills required for people focused careers.

What will I study?

You will explore safeguarding, communication, health and wellbeing, human development, equality and diversity and core professional practice.

Learning is applied and contextualised through practical activities, employer engagement and real world case studies, helping you understand how early years settings operate and how to work effectively with children.

What progression is there?

Students progress to early years or childcare apprenticeships, further study at Level 3 or higher, or employment in nurseries, schools, early years settings and wider community support roles.

The pathway also supports progression into teaching assistant routes and early childhood studies.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Industry Placements
- ☑ Practical Learning

EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS T LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study T Level Education and Early Years?

Our T Level Education and Early Years course is perfect for those who wish to work with children in early years, primary, or special needs settings. This two-year course includes 750 placement hours across four different placements, giving you hands-on experience with children aged 0-7 years 11 months.

You will gain practical skills and knowledge that are directly applicable in the workplace, making you well-prepared for a career in education and early years.

What will I study?

We cover essential topics such as Child Development, Play and Learning, Keeping Children Safe, and Reflective Practice. We also have the opportunity to study optional specialist units like Healthy Eating in Early Years, Children's Development Outdoors, and Supporting Children's Imaginative Play and Creativity.

Throughout the course, you will complete a portfolio of evidence in each placement, ensuring you gain both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

This comprehensive curriculum prepares you for further studies or a career as an Early Years Educator.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ 45 day Placement
- ☑ Practical Learning
- ☑ Industry Experts


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HEALTH
T LEVEL



Why should I come to Runshaw to study T Level Health?

Our T Level Health (Supporting Adult Nursing) course is perfect for those aspiring to work in healthcare. You will gain industry experience through carefully selected placements and study various aspects of health and nursing.

This course prepares you for a rewarding career in healthcare, ensuring you have both practical experience and theoretical knowledge.

What will I study?

We cover essential units such as The Healthcare Sector, Scientific and Clinical Practice, Providing Person-centred Care, Health and Well-Being, and Infection Prevention and Control in Health-Specific Settings.

We assess through external assessments, case studies, practical assessments, and professional discussions.

To complete the T Level programme, you will undertake at least 315 hours of industry placement (approximately 45 days), gaining hands-on experience in real healthcare settings.

This comprehensive curriculum ensures you are well-prepared for further studies or a career in nursing and healthcare.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY



Why choose our Health & Social Care pathway?

This pathway provides a clear and supportive route into the health and care sector, offering a strong grounding in the principles of care, human development and professional practice. It is suited to students who want to support others, build confidence and develop the personal, academic and vocational skills needed for people focused professions.

What will I study?

Themes span safeguarding, communication, health and wellbeing, human development, equality and diversity and core professional practice. Learning is applied and contextualised through practical activities, employer engagement and real world case studies. As students progress, they build a deeper understanding of care environments, professional expectations and the wider health and social care landscape.

What progression is there?

Learners progress into care related apprenticeships, advanced study in health and social care, or employment in early years, community support, adult care or healthcare assistant roles. Many students move on to higher education routes linked to health, wellbeing or the social sciences, supported by the strong applied foundations developed throughout the programme.

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Runshaw College
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Mathematics

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A LEVEL

The Mathematics School offers a rigorous and supportive environment for students who enjoy challenge, logic and problem solving. Students build strong analytical skills that are highly valued in fields such as science, engineering, finance and technology. Our teaching combines depth, precision and excellent preparation for high level progression.

MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

FURTHER MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

STATISTICS A LEVEL

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A Levels - Students choose a combination of 3 subjects, studying them for 2 years.

MATHEMATICS
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Mathematics?

Studying A Level Maths at Runshaw opens doors to diverse career opportunities in fields like science, finance, economics, business, computer studies, and engineering.

A degree in mathematics can boost your earning potential and offer enviable career choices. Our dedicated staff and Student Services team provide excellent support for students aiming for higher education, with many progressing to prestigious universities or securing degree apprenticeships in industries such as Engineering and Finance.

Runshaw's enthusiastic and well-qualified staff, including experienced examiners, ensure a top-notch learning experience.

What will I study?

At Runshaw, A Level Maths covers Pure Maths, building on GCSE concepts like algebra, graphs, and trigonometry, and introducing calculus.

We explore advanced topics that form the foundation of all Maths. Statistics involves data processing, extending ideas like averages, standard deviations, and probability distributions.

Mechanics focuses on forces and movement, with applications in Physics and Engineering.

If you're excited about tackling challenges and enriching your studies, A Level Mathematics at Runshaw is the perfect choice!

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Maths Academy
- ☑ University entrance exam preparation
- ☑ Trips and visits

FURTHER MATHEMATICS
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Further Maths?

Further Mathematics A Level is ideal for anyone who enjoys Maths and is considering a maths-related degree at university.

The course delivers excellent results and includes additional material covering advanced mathematical concepts, preparing you for degree-level study and developing independent, self-motivated learning skills highly valued by universities.

Through our enrichment programme, you can enhance your problem-solving skills and add elegant techniques to your mathematical tool kit, useful for entrance exams at top universities.

What will I study?

You will study various areas of mathematics, including Pure, Mechanics, and Statistics. In the first year, you will cover core ideas from A Level Mathematics and elements of Applied Mathematics, providing a strong foundation for the second year Further Mathematics course, where you will study Further Pure and Applied Mathematics.

By the end of the two-year course, you will have achieved an A Level in Mathematics and an A Level in Further Mathematics.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Oxbridge programme
- ☑ UK Maths Trust competitions
- ☑ Additional modules



STATISTICS A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Statistics?

Studying Statistics at Runshaw enables students to strengthen both their mathematical reasoning and their real world application of quantitative methods.

The course offers a supportive and focused environment where students learn to interpret data confidently, make evidence based decisions and understand how statistical techniques underpin modern society.

Our experienced teachers and strong progression outcomes ensure that our students are well-prepared for competitive university pathways and apprenticeships in areas such as psychology, business, economics, biology, geography and sport science.

What will I study?

Students explore core ideas including data presentation, averages, measures of spread, correlation, probability, probability distributions and hypothesis testing.

These themes build on GCSE concepts and develop into more advanced analytical techniques. The course focuses on understanding real data, modelling uncertainty, interpreting patterns and making justified conclusions.

Learners gain experience of handling large datasets and using statistical tools that support further study in science, social science, business, health and technical disciplines.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?
DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Oxbridge programme
- ☑ UK Maths competitions
- ☑ Trips and visits



Performance, Media, Music & Visual Arts

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VOCATIONAL | A LEVEL

Our Performance, Media, Music & Visual Arts School nurtures creativity, expression and technical skill across a diverse range of creative disciplines. Students work with specialist facilities and experienced practitioners to produce high quality work, develop their artistic identity and prepare for further study or careers in the creative industries.

3D DESIGN A LEVEL
DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES A LEVEL
FILM STUDIES A LEVEL
FINE ART A LEVEL
MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL
MUSIC A LEVEL
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY A LEVEL
PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL
TEXTILES A LEVEL
ADVANCED MUSICIANSHIP PROGRAMME (AMP)
ART AND DESIGN VOCATIONAL PATHWAY
GRAPHIC DESIGN VOCATIONAL PATHWAY
PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME PATHWAY
CREATIVE MEDIA VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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A Levels - Students choose a combination of 3 subjects, studying them for 2 years.

Vocational & Technical Courses - Students will study one main area, one-year for a Pre-Advanced programme and two-years for an Advanced/T Level programme.

3D DESIGN
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study 3D Design?

Passionate about design and creativity? Our 3D Design course is for you! You will explore the work of past and present designers, using their ideas to inspire your own imaginative projects.

Whether you enjoy sketching or working with materials like card, wood, glass, clay, or wire, this course will help you grow your skills.

At Runshaw, 3D Design goes beyond making beautiful objects, it nurtures creativity, independent thinking, and visual expression.

You will build a diverse portfolio to support applications for university or apprenticeships, while gaining transferable skills like imagination, problem-solving, and creative thinking.

What will I study?

3D Design at Runshaw is all about learning by doing! This practical course lets you dive into hands-on projects, applying theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios.

You will work in our 3D workshops, experimenting with various materials and techniques to bring your ideas to life, as we explore specialist areas like architecture, sculpture, interior products, furniture design, lighting design, and ceramics.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Specialist 3D workshop
- ☑ Multi-disciplinary
- ☑ Expert teachers & technician support

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Drama & Theatre Studies?

Our Drama and Theatre Studies course consistently achieves outstanding results, with 74% of students gaining A*-B grades in the last two years.

You will enjoy fantastic enrichment opportunities, performing in numerous shows and visiting professional theatres to experience diverse live productions.

You will be taught by highly experienced practitioners in a purpose-built drama studio and the Amanda Roocroft Theatre, equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment.

The course balances practical and written assessments, introducing you to various theatre practitioners, forms, and styles, while encouraging a critical response to the complexities of theatre.

What will I study?

The course is divided into three main components.

Component 1 involves studying two set texts and completing a live theatre review, which is assessed through a written exam.

Component 2 focuses on the creation of a devised piece of theatre, accompanied by a working notebook that documents the creative process.

Component 3 includes the practical exploration of three different play extracts, supported by a reflective report that evaluates performance and understanding.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Extra curricular productions, including an opportunity to perform at Edinburgh Fringe

FILM STUDIES
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Film Studies?

A Level Film Studies at Runshaw offers an excellent opportunity to develop critical and analytical skills for dedicated film viewers.

The course places cinema into its industrial context through the study of contemporary and historical modes of production, distribution, and exhibition.

Our state-of-the-art digital projection technology enhances the close study of key sequences and frames.

Additionally, you can participate in lectures, masterclasses, trips with the Film and Media Academy, and enrichment activities through the Podcasting club.

What will I study?

The course aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of how a film works as a text through analysis and evaluation. You will investigate how meanings and values can be read into a film and how film has historically developed as an art form.

Students will develop a broad knowledge of film theory and spectatorship, as well as practical skills in film making, editing, and sound recording.

These practical skills will enhance your understanding of film and prepare you for careers in Film/TV/Media production.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Film and Media Academy
- ☑ Skills Workshops in filming, editing & scriptwriting

FINE ART
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Fine Art?

Our A Level Fine Art course blends mixed media with a focus on painting, drawing, collage, and printmaking.

We start by building key skills before developing a personal theme for coursework. Learning takes place in purpose-built studios, including a print studio and art study room. Enrichment activities—like visits to exhibitions, museums, and university taster days, enhance your experience.

Many students go on to a year-long Art Foundation course, leading to careers in illustration, animation, graphic design, interior or theatre design, costume and media make-up, film, fashion, or textile design.

Others pursue further study in Classics, Art History, or aim for careers in Art Therapy.

What will I study?

You will learn techniques including oil and acrylic painting, mono printing, etching, screen printing, experimental drawing, and large-scale paintings on various surfaces and we work in sketchbooks and on paper, boards, and canvas.

There is an option to present part of your work digitally, and some students choose to display outcomes in a 3D or installation-based style. Practical projects include critical and visual analysis of sources to inspire your artwork and drawing from direct observation.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Art Academy
- ☑ Creative studies
- ☑ End of year show

GRAPHIC DESIGN A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Graphic Design?

Our Graphic Design course encourages students to explore visual communication through various media and techniques, including typography, printmaking, illustration, and digital media. You will work with traditional art techniques like drawing, printmaking, and collage, as well as cutting-edge digital tools. The course equips you with practical skills highly valued in the industry, using software like Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign for image manipulation, vector graphics, and layout design. Unlike GCSE Graphic Products, our course focuses on creating 2D work such as posters, flyers, and magazine articles. The course culminates in an end-of-year exhibition showcasing student work.

What will I study?

You will investigate key areas of Graphic Design, including advertising, illustration, packaging, typography (design using type and letter forms), computers in art and design, and historical and contextual studies in Graphic Design. Within these areas, you will produce personal responses to set briefs using various media, techniques, and processes. Previous briefs have included advertising campaigns, book cover illustrations, and packaging design, all focused on developing your visual language.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Portfolio for progression
- ☑ Digital/Experimental skills
- ☑ Specialist facilities

MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Media Studies?

Students choose our Media Studies course for lots of different reasons. Some want to pursue exciting careers in areas like marketing, TV and film production, journalism, fashion, design, or publishing.

Others are simply passionate about culture, whether that's films, TV shows, video games, advertising, radio, or news.

What will I study?

This course is perfect if you want to boost your critical thinking and analytical skills while learning more about the media world.

You will also get hands-on experience with practical skills like web and print design, video editing, photography, and podcasting. Plus, you will have the chance to step beyond the classroom and use our brand-new, state-of-the-art broadcast studio.

We also regularly invite guest speakers from different media companies to help you get a real feel for the industry and inspire your learning.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Media Academy
- ☑ University entrance exam preparation
- ☑ Trips and visits


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SPRAY PAINT

MUSIC
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Music?

At Runshaw, you will have access to state-of-the-art music facilities, including a specialist studio with digital and grand pianos, and four spacious practice rooms.

Our highly qualified teachers are experienced examiners and professional musicians, ensuring excellent grades and consistent 100% pass rates. As a member of the Runshaw Music Academy, you can join a vast range of ensembles including our orchestra, choirs, chamber ensembles and pop/rock bands.

Through our prestigious progression programme, our students regularly progress to prestigious institutions like Birmingham Conservatoire, Royal Northern College of Music, and Leeds Conservatoire, with whom we partnered with in 2023, guaranteeing auditions for our students.

What will I study?

A Level Music at Runshaw encompasses composing, performing, and listening. You will develop your listening and analysis skills with regards to classical and jazz music, perform solo pieces on your first-study instrument, and compose in various genres within Western Classical and Jazz traditions.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Music Academy
- ☑ 1:1 Instrumental Tuition
- ☑ Specialist workshops

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Music Technology?

Our Music Technology course is renowned for its practical approach, making it ideal for creative musicians and audio engineers who are passionate about producing high-quality audio recordings.

Students benefit from access to excellent facilities, including a fully equipped Mac Suite with Pro Tools software, a professional recording studio featuring two live rooms and a large control room, industry-standard microphones, large live sound application systems, and dedicated live sound workstations.

In addition to the core curriculum, the Music Academy offers a range of extra-curricular activities such as Music Theory, Music Technology Applications, and opportunities to explore Popular, Jazz, and Classical Music.

What will I study?

As part of the course, you will explore a wide range of topics designed to develop your technical and creative skills in music production. This includes multi-track studio recording, music production using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW), live sound techniques and fundamentals.

In addition, the course covers creating musical material through production, music technology in live events, studio recording practices, and an overview of the music technology industry.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Industry standards
- ☑ Development of music production
- ☑ Outstanding resources



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PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Photography?

A Level Photography at Runshaw allows you to learn various photographic techniques and processes, extending your technical and theoretical knowledge. In Year 1, you will develop practical skills from traditional darkroom techniques to digital editing with Adobe Photoshop. These skills will be showcased in an online portfolio and Instagram blog, enhancing your employability. Runshaw provides a supportive learning environment with a dedicated studio, a fully equipped darkroom, and specialist teachers with industry experience. There will be opportunities for location shoots study visits, real-life briefs, and creating a portfolio with the year culminating in a public exhibition of student work.

What will I study?

You will investigate black and white analogue and darkroom photography, digital camera work and computer editing, location photography, and studio photography with experimental lighting.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Portfolio for progression
- ☑ Digital/Experimental skills
- ☑ Specialist facilities

TEXTILES
A LEVEL

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Textiles?

Studying Textiles at Runshaw is about both skill development and personal growth. You will explore the nature and purpose of textile processes, transforming initial ideas into finished products.

Themes like texture, colour, pattern, line, and form are explored through material experimentation. Our purpose-built studios and visits from textile designers, who run workshops, enhance your learning experience.

With a 100% pass rate over the last five years, our excellent teaching is evident, and the year culminates in a public exhibition showcasing student work.

After the course, you will be ready for university or a career in fashion, textile design, or related fields.

What will I study?

You will delve into appliqué and reverse appliqué, garment design, fashion design and illustration, creating and developing surface pattern ideas, creative machine and hand-stitch embroidery, screen printing, felt making and fabric manipulation.

This comprehensive curriculum ensures you gain a deep understanding of textiles and its applications.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ End of Year show
- ☑ Excellent facilities
- ☑ Personalised Learning

ADVANCED MUSICIANSHIP PROGRAMME
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study the Advanced Musicianship Programme?

Our Advanced Musicianship Programme (AMP) is a full-time course designed to develop your abilities in music performance and production. It nurtures creativity and experimentation, preparing you for prestigious higher education or careers in the modern music industry. You will benefit from superb industry-standard facilities, including a specialist rehearsal studio, well-equipped practice rooms, a recording studio, and Mac suites with top-of-the-range music software like Pro Tools, Ableton Live, and Sibelius.

What will I study?

As an AMP student, we enhance your skills in performance, recording, mixing, mastering, music business, and theory. You will complete industry-standard projects, culminating in professional products like concerts or studio recordings. You will perform as a soloist and ensemble member in various genres, exploring creative ways to find your unique musical voice. Additionally, you can participate in Music Academy activities, including Jazz, Pop, and Classical ensembles. Assessments are practical and project-based, with no exams, leading to a UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ University entrance exam preparation
- ☑ Trips and visits



ART & DESIGN VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Art & Design Vocational pathway?

This course is ideal if you want a broad, practical foundation in art and design and enjoy exploring materials, techniques and ideas. You will be encouraged to experiment, develop your own creative style and build a high quality portfolio through studio practice, critical research and sustained project work.

What will I study?

You will work across a range of disciplines such as drawing, painting, printmaking, 3D and mixed media, photography and digital processes, as well as visual recording, experimentation and refining outcomes. Projects will develop core art and design skills, contextual understanding and portfolio presentation.

What progression is there?

Students progress to art foundation or specialist degrees (e.g., fine art, fashion, photography, graphic design, interior design, product design and textiles), higher or degree apprenticeships, or employment and freelance routes within the creative industries.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Portfolio for progression
- ☑ Digital/Experimental skills
- ☑ Specialist facilities

GRAPHIC DESIGN VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose this Graphic Design course?

This course is ideal if you are visually creative and want to develop design skills that reflect how the creative industries work. You will build a strong portfolio through practical briefs, explore contemporary design practice and learn to communicate ideas professionally, supported by specialist facilities and experienced staff.

What will I study?

You will explore visual communication, layout and typography, branding and identity, illustration, digital image making and design development. Projects may include poster and editorial design, packaging, illustration, digital graphics and campaign work, alongside sketchbook development, research, experimentation and refined final outcomes.

What progression is there?

Students progress to university degrees and higher apprenticeships in graphic design, illustration, animation, advertising, digital design and related creative subjects, or employment and freelance routes within design studios, marketing teams and creative agencies.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ iMac design studios
- ☑ Studio 22 live design briefs
- ☑ Personal final major project

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME (PPP) VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study the Professional Performance Programme pathway?

Our UAL Professional Performance Programme (PPP) pathway offers exciting, practical training for aspiring performers. The Level 2 course develops essential performance skills, while Level 3 provides intensive, high-quality training exclusive to Runshaw. Unlike A Levels, PPP focuses on hands-on performance, boosting your chances of passing auditions for prestigious schools. You will also enjoy unique enrichment opportunities like performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and competing in the Barcelona Dance Grand Prix.

What will I study?

You will choose from Dance, Acting, or Musical Theatre pathways. Dance focuses on various styles with acting and singing classes. Acting develops performance skills in naturalism, physical theatre, and classical, with some singing and dance. Musical Theatre offers training in all three. The course is practical, with Level 2 developing core skills and Level 3 preparing you for auditions and a performing arts career. You will perform live, complete coursework, and earn an Extended Diploma.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Practical learning
- ☑ Superb student experience
- ☑ Industry experienced staff



CREATIVE MEDIA VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Vocational Creative Media pathway?

Our Creative Media programme provides a practical, industry focused route into the world of film, television and digital production. Working with specialist equipment and modern editing and production technologies, students develop strong creative, technical and communication skills. This pathway is ideal for those who enjoy visual storytelling, digital content creation and media production in a professional environment.

What will I study?

Students explore a range of themes including camera work, editing, sound design, script development, digital storytelling, studio production and media project management. Learning is applied, with opportunities to develop a professional portfolio through practical assignments and creative briefs that mirror industry expectations.

What progression is there?

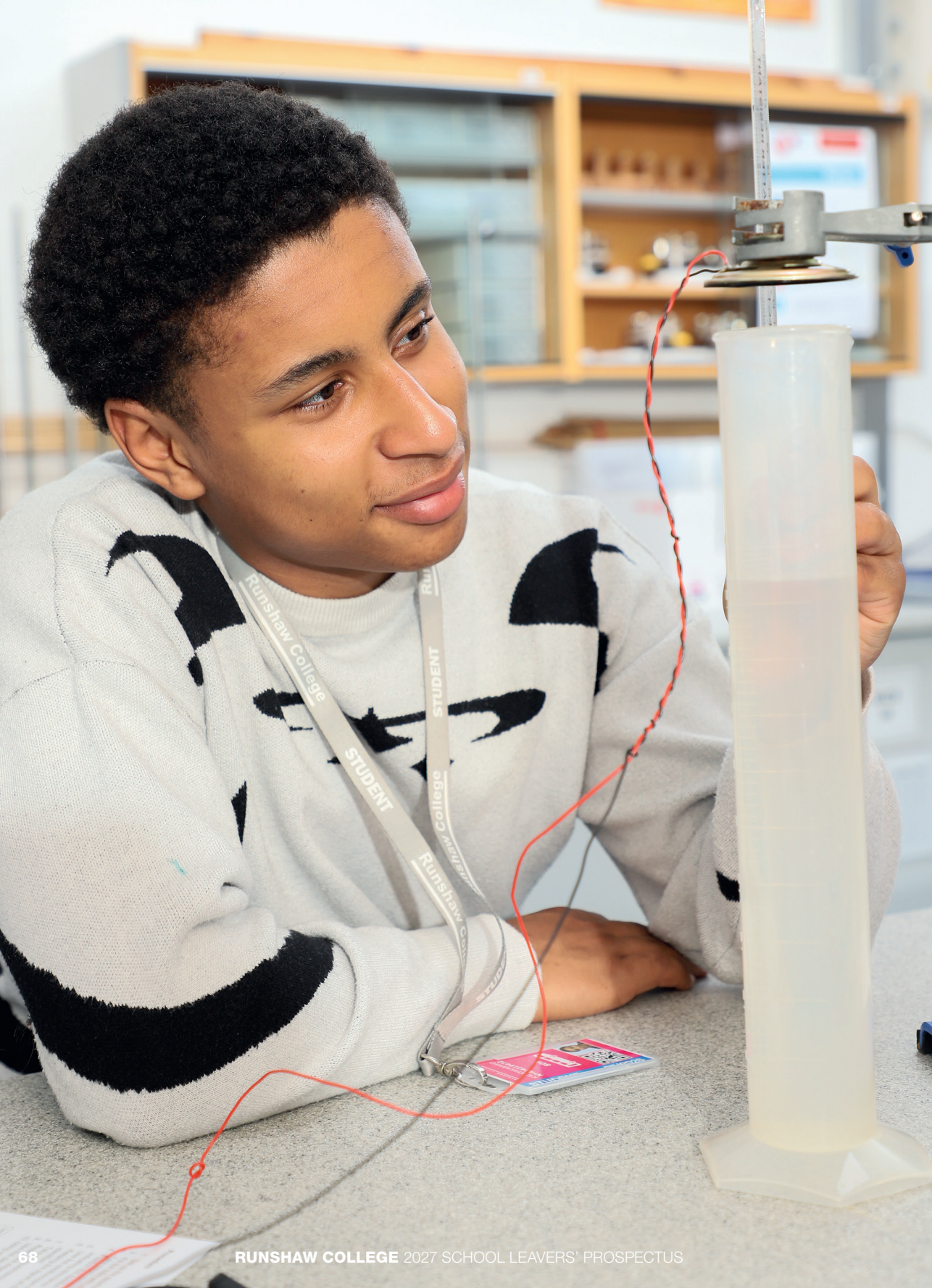
Students progress to creative apprenticeships, degrees in media related fields, freelance work or roles in production, content creation, broadcasting and the wider creative sector.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?
DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Studio work
- ☑ Media Academy
- ☑ Specialist workshops


Runshaw College
STUDENT

Science

VOCATIONAL | A LEVEL



The Science School offers a stimulating and ambitious environment where students explore the principles that underpin the natural world. Through practical investigation, scientific reasoning and high quality teaching and learning, students develop the knowledge and confidence needed for progression into scientific, medical and technical fields.

BIOLOGY A LEVEL

CHEMISTRY A LEVEL

GEOLOGY A LEVEL

PHYSICS A LEVEL

APPLIED SCIENCE VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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A Levels - Students choose a combination of 3 subjects, studying them for 2 years.

Vocational & Technical Courses - Students will study one main area, one-year for a Pre-Advanced programme and two-years for an Advanced/T Level programme.


STUDENT

BIOLOGY
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Biology?

Studying Biology at Runshaw uncovers the fascinating connections between all forms of life, from plants and animals to genes and evolution.

You will gain both theoretical knowledge and practical, transferable skills such as communication and laboratory techniques, preparing you for a wide range of university courses and future career paths. A Level Biology is essential for medical degrees.

We also offer exciting extras like the Biology Olympiad, Biology academy, Medical Society, and A*/Oxbridge classes.

Our Medical Society helps aspiring doctors, vets, and dentists with applications to top universities and Biology Academy prepares you for alternative careers such as biochemistry and microbiology.

What will I study?

In AQA A Level Biology, we explore a broad spectrum of topics including biological molecules, cell structure and cell division, cell membranes, exchange and transport, protein synthesis, respiration, the nervous system, ecology, and genetics.

The course is assessed by written examinations at the end of two years. We also complete twelve required practical activities, including fieldwork, to achieve Practical Endorsement certification.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ New Windermere Science Building
- ☑ Medical Society
- ☑ A*/Oxbridge classes

CHEMISTRY
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Chemistry?

Our A Level Chemistry course stands out for its innovative teaching, dedicated staff, and excellent lab facilities. Our students consistently achieve A*-B grades which are above the national average.

Chemistry at Runshaw develops valuable skills for a wide range of careers and is essential for many university courses. You will study in a supportive environment where you feel valued and encouraged.

Enrichment opportunities include competitions, trips, guest lectures, and strong links with top universities, offering access to lectures and practical activities.

What will I study?

We explore three main areas of Chemistry:

Organic Chemistry: Study of carbon compounds used in plastics, fuels, pharmaceuticals, food, and all living things.

Physical Chemistry: Understanding the reactions and behaviours of chemicals.

Inorganic Chemistry: Chemistry of elements in the periodic table, their reactions, and compounds.

The course includes practical components and is assessed through three separate 2-hour exams at the end of Year 2. You will complete the required practical elements to develop various skills, with exam marks combined to give your overall grade.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ New Windermere Science Building
- ☑ Fantastic industry links
- ☑ Futures Week

GEOLOGY
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Geology?

Geology at Runshaw College is an exciting and vibrant subject that appeals to science-based and physical geography students. It combines applied, practical, and theoretical work, exploring the Earth's structure, evolution, and dynamics.

We study geological time, the history of life on Earth, and the impact of geology on our lives, from resource extraction to protecting us from geohazards. The course covers the full breadth of Earth sciences and connects this knowledge to real-world industries and big questions like climate change and the evolution of life.

Field trips to key geological sites help you apply your knowledge in real settings. We recommend taking another science subject or maths as part of your study programme. Our experienced staff provide the support and guidance needed to help you succeed.

What will I study?

Over the two years, you will study:

- Plate tectonics, earthquakes, and volcanoes
- Rock processes and products
- Environmental, economic, and engineering geology
- The evolution of life, oceans, and the atmosphere

This comprehensive curriculum ensures you gain a deep understanding of Geology and its applications.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Workshops and guest lectures from industry professionals
- ☑ Exciting field trips

PHYSICS
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Physics?

At Runshaw, you will learn from experienced, specialist teachers in well-equipped labs including our new labs in Windermere. Our Physics A Level includes practical work as a core part of the curriculum, with plenty of study materials and support available.

Enrichment activities include visits to local universities, Jodrell Bank, and participation in competitions like the Physics Olympiad.

Our students have a strong track record, with many progressing to top universities and engaging in masterclasses at Lancaster University in cosmology, particle physics, and engineering.

What will I study?

You will explore topics reflecting modern developments and applications of Physics, including electricity, mechanics, particles and quantum phenomena, radioactivity and nuclear energy, waves and fields, astrophysics and medical physics.

This comprehensive curriculum ensures you gain a deep understanding of Physics and its real-world applications.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ New Windermere Science Building
- ☑ Physics Olympiad
- ☑ Prestigious Universities class



APPLIED SCIENCE VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Applied Science Vocational pathway?

This course is ideal if you enjoy practical investigation and want to understand how science is applied in real workplaces such as laboratories, healthcare, manufacturing and environmental services. You will build strong problem solving and analytical skills through hands on experiments, data handling and scientific reporting, supported by specialist facilities and experienced staff.

What will I study?

You will study core scientific principles across biology, chemistry and physics in applied contexts. Typical themes include laboratory techniques and safety, planning investigations, analysing and interpreting data, scientific communication, and the science behind materials, health and disease, or the environment. Learning is practical and evidence based, with assignments that mirror the ways scientists work in industry and research settings.

What progression is there?

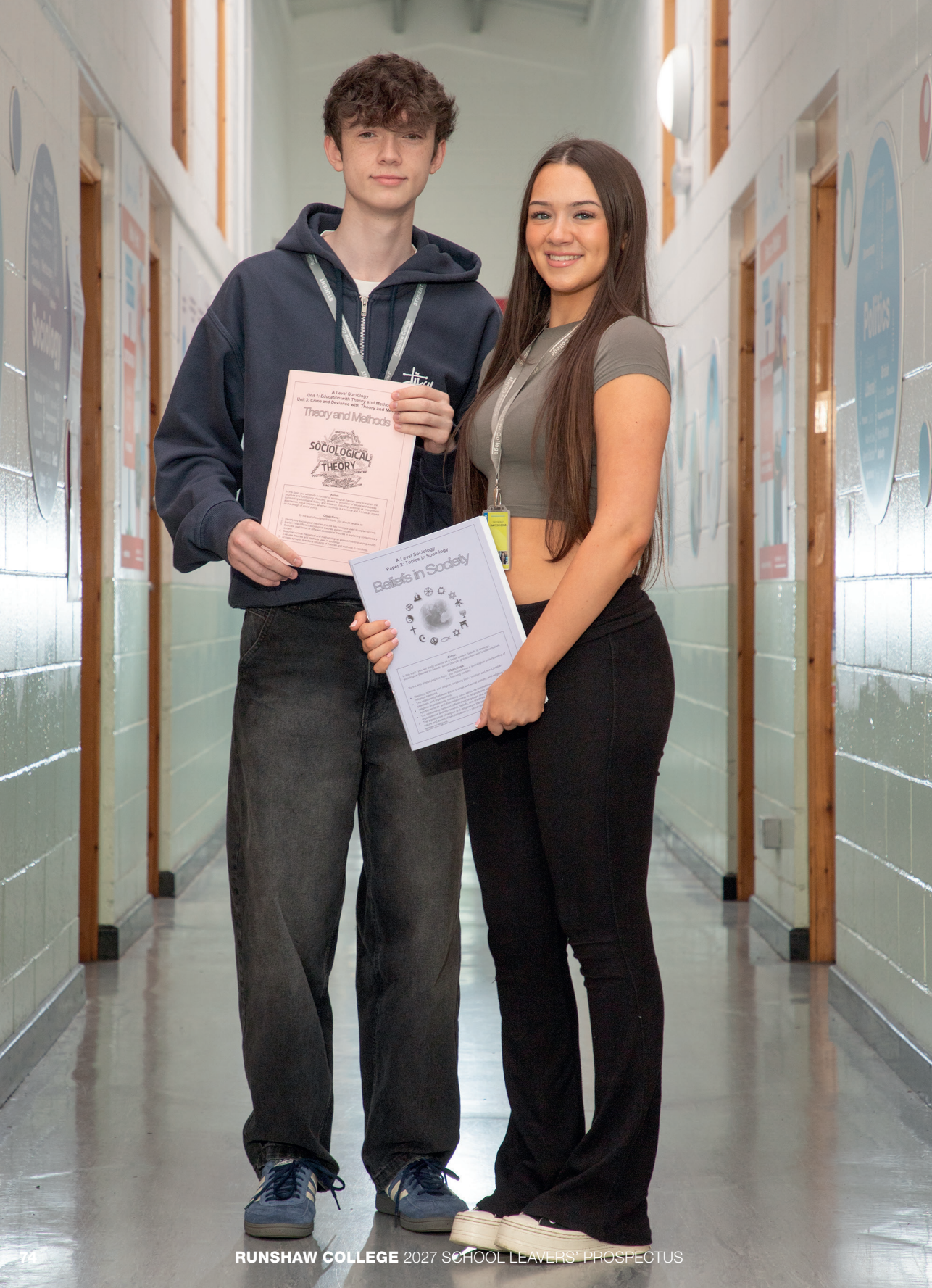
University degrees (e.g. biomedical science, biological sciences, chemistry, forensic science, environmental science, pharmacy, nursing and other allied health routes), higher or degree apprenticeships, and employment in laboratory and science based roles such as lab technician, quality control, healthcare science support, manufacturing or environmental testing.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Wide range of destinations
- ☑ Industry focus
- ☑ Inspirational teaching


A Level Sociology
Theory and Methods
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
A Level Sociology
Beliefs in Society

Social Science & Law

VOCATIONAL | A LEVEL



Our Social Science & Law School examines human behaviour, society and the structures that influence everyday life. Students engage with criminology, psychology, sociology and related disciplines, developing strong analytical and evaluative skills. This is an excellent pathway for those interested in understanding people, communities and contemporary issues.

LAW A LEVEL

PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL

CRIMINOLOGY VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

SOCIAL SCIENCES VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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LAW
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Law?

Law is a fascinating, dynamic field that underpins all aspects of life. High-profile criminal cases offer just a glimpse of its engaging nature. Law courses are highly sought after and can lead to lucrative careers.

At Runshaw, the Law Academy brings students together weekly for practical skill-building activities, including undergraduate-level work. Guest speakers from local and national firms, authorities, and industry regularly visit.

Students can also mentor others and prepare cases for the Bar National Mock Trial Competition. Advanced lectures and working with a barrister in our unique courtroom support high achievement.

Enrichment includes trips to London, Mooting competitions, masterclasses, and guidance on degree apprenticeships.

What will I study?

Year 1:
Introduction to Law: The Legal System, Criminal Law, Law Making, Law of Tort

Year 2:
Contract Law, Nature of Law

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ LNAT and Oxbridge support
- ☑ Law Academy
- ☑ Oxbridge Preparation classes

PSYCHOLOGY
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Psychology?

Whilst studying Psychology at Runshaw, you will benefit from highly qualified staff dedicated to your success through creative and diverse teaching methods. Many of our teachers are specialist A Level examiners, contributing to our consistently excellent results.

We emphasise the practical application of psychological theories and strong research focus, offering a unique learning experience. Our Social Science Academy provides short courses and projects to explore topics beyond the curriculum, enhancing your university applications and career prospects.

Graduates pursue further studies in Psychology or related fields like Criminology, or careers in areas such as social services, law, medicine, business, and teaching.

What will I study?

The course covers a wide range of approaches, theories and research methods used by psychologists to develop understanding of human behaviour and experiences.

In Year 1, we study the social, cognitive, and biological approaches, along with learning theories, and develop research skills in a variety of methods.

In Year 2, we apply your psychological knowledge to areas of clinical and criminological psychology whilst learning about ways in which psychology helps improve human lives and experiences, such as mental health treatments and ways of preventing crimes.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Psychology Academy
- ☑ Specialist Teachers

CRIMINOLOGY VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Criminology Vocational pathway?

This course is ideal if you are interested in crime, society and justice, and want to explore why people offend and how crime is prevented and punished. You will develop strong analytical, research and communication skills through contemporary case studies and debates, helping you build a clear pathway to higher education and careers in the criminal justice and wider public sector.

What will I study?

You will explore key criminological theories and concepts, including different types of crime, patterns and representations of crime in society and the media, and the social, psychological and cultural factors linked to offending. You will also examine responses to crime, including policing, courts, punishment, rehabilitation and the role of the criminal justice system, using evidence, research methods and real world examples.

What progression is there?

University study (e.g., criminology, policing, law, sociology, psychology, social work), higher or degree apprenticeships, and employment routes within the police service, probation, prison service, youth justice, legal services, safeguarding, security and community support roles.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Amazing Academy
- ☑ Specialist teachers
- ☑ Focused exam support

SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Sociology?

Sociology at Runshaw is perfect for those curious about society and social phenomena like family, education, culture, religion, crime, and deviance. Our outstanding high grades and achievement rates are the result of our passionate and committed teachers who will ensure that you enjoy and excel in your studies.

The Social Science Academy offers a vibrant platform for engaging in debates and conducting research on topics beyond the classroom. You will also benefit from trips and visits, including a Buddhist temple, a residential trip to London, and guest speakers on domestic violence.

What will I study?

This comprehensive curriculum ensures you gain a deep understanding of society and its complexities. Over the two years, you will learn about a wide range of sociological theories, whilst studying social institutions like family and education.

You will learn about beliefs in society, crime and research methods used by sociologists to study societies and different groups of individuals within them. We also examine sociological issues such as reasons why some people join gangs, why more people are getting divorced, why working-class students underachieve in school, and why some people join cults.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Sociology Academy
- ☑ Trips and Guest Lectures
- ☑ Amazing support



SOCIAL SCIENCES VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Social Sciences vocational pathway?

This course is ideal if you are interested in understanding people, communities and contemporary issues. You will develop strong research, analytical and evaluative skills through real world topics linked to crime, behaviour, social inequality, media, culture and public policy, supporting confident progression to higher study and employment.

What will I study?

You will explore key social science concepts and methods, including how to plan investigations, collect and interpret evidence, and evaluate viewpoints. Themes include crime and deviance, socialisation and identity, power and inequality, social change, and the way institutions (such as the justice system, education and the media) influence behaviour and outcomes. Learning may include research tasks, debates, case studies and extended written work.

What progression is there?

University study (e.g., criminology, psychology, sociology, social work, education, policing, law and related degrees), higher or degree apprenticeships, and employment routes that value research and people focused skills across public services, community roles, youth work, business and the wider public sector.

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RUNSHAW
COLLEGE
SPORTS STUDENT

Sport, Public Services & Tourism



VOCATIONAL | A LEVEL

The Sport, Public Services & Tourism School provides lively, practical and forward looking programmes for students interested in coaching, performance, fitness, protective services or the visitor economy. Students learn in outstanding facilities and work with experienced practitioners, developing both sector specific and transferable skills that support wide-ranging progression routes.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION A LEVEL

SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

APPLIED TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

PUBLIC SERVICES
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION
A LEVEL

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Physical Education?

At Runshaw, you will enjoy a flexible learning environment tailored to your needs. Our interactive platform lets you access class notes, revision materials, quizzes, and guidance notes anytime, anywhere. We emphasise practical learning, allowing you to apply classroom theories during university visits. We conduct Exercise Physiology lab tests and participate in workshops on training types and sports analysis. After completing your course, you can pursue university studies in Sports Science, Sports Studies, Leisure Management, Teaching, Sports Therapy, Physiotherapy, and more. For those interested in Physiotherapy, careful subject selection and further advice are recommended.

What will I study?

The course includes three main sections, plus a Non-Examined Assessment (NEA). Section A covers applied anatomy, exercise physiology, and biomechanics, focusing on the cardiovascular, respiratory, and musculoskeletal systems. Section B looks at skill acquisition and sports psychology, including skill classifications, anxiety, learning theories, and motivation. Section C explores sport and society, and technology in sport, covering the history of sport, participation barriers, commercialisation, and video analysis.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Sports Academy
- ☑ Support tutorials
- ☑ Excellent facilities

SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Sport & Exercise Science pathway?

This route is ideal for students who want to combine practical activity with the study of sport, fitness and human performance. You will learn with experienced staff, excellent facilities and strong links to the Sports Academy.

What will I study?

Themes include anatomy and physiology, coaching, fitness training, sports psychology, performance analysis and leadership. Practical sessions are central, alongside applied theory and personal development.

What progression is there?

Degrees in sport related fields, coaching roles, fitness sector employment or apprenticeships in sport, health or leisure.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Sport teams
- ☑ Amazing facilities
- ☑ Fantastic support



APPLIED TOURISM & VISITOR ECONOMY
VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Applied Tourism and Visitor pathway?

This programme introduces the breadth of the tourism, events and visitor economy sectors. Students learn about service excellence, destination management and the customer journey through practical, employer linked activities.

What will I study?

Themes include customer service, events, visitor attractions, global destinations, sustainability, marketing and the structure of the tourism industry. Practical work and employer insights enrich the curriculum.

What progression is there?

Tourism, hospitality or events apprenticeships, university study, or employment in customer facing and service based roles.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?
DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Industry placements
- ☑ Superb employment opportunities
- ☑ Realistic training environment



PUBLIC SERVICES VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

CLICK here

Why choose our Public Services Vocational pathway?

Our Public Services courses develop the skills, values and attributes required for roles in public and protective services such as the Police, the Prison Service and the Armed Forces. Students gain confidence through practical activity, scenario based learning and teamwork.

What will I study?

Themes include leadership, fitness, communication, citizenship, law, community safety and problem solving in operational contexts. The courses also support physical development, resilience and teamwork.

What progression is there?

Uniformed and non uniformed public service roles, apprenticeships or University study in criminology, policing, emergency services or related areas.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Annual trips
- ☑ Public Services guest speakers
- ☑ Outdoor pursuits


ILBERT
ECLIPSE
NETBALL
COLLEGE
NETBALL ACADEMY

Pathways to Adulthood / Future Skills / Events, Tourism & Customer Service



PATHWAYS TO ADULTHOOD

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Pathways to Adulthood?

Our Pathways to Adulthood course is designed for young people with an EHCP who are preparing for life beyond college. In a supportive and nurturing environment, learners develop the confidence, independence and practical skills needed to achieve their personal goals and EHCP outcomes. Through a personalised programme of study, students build essential life skills and gain the knowledge needed for greater independence and future success.

What will I study?

You will develop practical life and employability skills to support your transition into adult life. Areas of study include employment and future options, such as work experience, career exploration, job applications and interview preparation. You will also build independent living skills, including travel training, budgeting, money management and everyday life skills.

The course encourages community participation through social skills development and community engagement opportunities. You will also focus on health and wellbeing, developing resilience, healthy routines, personal care skills and strategies for staying safe.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Extensive community inclusion
- ☑ Gain valuable employment skills

FUTURE SKILLS

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Future Skills?

Our Future Skills course is a fantastic introduction to studying at college, designed for young people who need an extra year to find their chosen vocational career path. This taster qualification is taught over three days a week and requires no formal qualifications to apply. You will undergo an initial assessment to ensure you're studying at the appropriate level. This course is perfect for students who have studied at GCSE level and are looking to explore different career options before committing to a specific path.

What will I study?

You will develop both academic and employability skills, giving you various options for career pathways and further studies. We study a diverse range of subjects, including Life Skills, Public Services, Prevent, IT, Health and Social Care, and Events Management. Additionally, we cover Health and Safety, First Aid, and Food Hygiene, ensuring you gain practical knowledge applicable to many fields. Developing Maths and English skills is also a vital component of this course, preparing you for future progression. This comprehensive curriculum ensures you are well-equipped for Level 1 or Level 2 courses, apprenticeships, or employment opportunities.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Hands-on learning
- ☑ Outstanding facilities
- ☑ Superb student experience

EVENTS, TOURISM & CUSTOMER SERVICE LEVEL 1

CLICK here

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Level 1 Events, Tourism & Customer Service?

Our Level 1 Events, Tourism & Customer Service course is perfect for students interested in the diverse tourism industry. This one-year course focuses on developing your knowledge in event planning and customer service while providing transferable skills. You will learn in excellent facilities, including a preparation kitchen and mock aircraft, ensuring a practical and engaging learning experience.

What will I study?

We cover a variety of units essential for a career in tourism. These include basic food hygiene, understanding the UK tourism industry, delivering excellent customer service, planning trips to visitor attractions, and organising events. The course is designed to be practical, giving you hands-on experience in these areas. You will be assessed through a portfolio of evidence and practical observation, ensuring you gain both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE? DESIGNED FOR #YOU

- ☑ Hands-on learning
- ☑ Outstanding employer engagement and facilities

How to Apply

CLICK here

1. Visit **runshaw.ac.uk**
2. Choose a course and **apply online**
3. Attend your interview and discuss your **options**
4. **Attend** your **New Student Day**
5. Receive your GCSE results and attend our **enrolment days** in August

Entry Requirements - General

For our A Level Programme our entry requirements are a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 5, including Maths and English.

For our Advanced Vocational courses our entry requirements are a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4, including either Maths or English Language at Grade 4 or above, and no less than a Grade 3 in the other.

For our pre-Advanced courses our offer is usually a minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 3, including English and Maths.

Please note that any student not achieving a Grade 4 in GCSE Maths/English Language will resit these GCSEs alongside their main college course.

Specific Courses/Subjects

Please note that some courses and subjects will have additional specific entry requirements or require DBS clearance to undertake placements. Information about this can be found on the Apply Portal and on your offer letter which you will receive after your interview.

*Please note that the following A Level subjects require a Grade 6 in English and/or Languages and/or Maths and/or Science: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, French, Spanish, EPQ.

Important Information

Disability and Equal Opportunities

Runshaw College is committed to equality of opportunity for all members of its community and we respect all students for their individuality, abilities and aspirations. We actively encourage applications from all students, and you will be given the support you need to achieve your full learning potential. If you need more information, please contact the college for a personal interview and discussion about how we can support you in your studies.

Financial Support

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is provided by the Government to assist students who face the greatest barriers to continuing in education because of financial difficulty. The Fund can assist students with the cost of getting to college and help meet the cost of any equipment or clothing for their course. A bursary of £1,200 a year can be paid to the most vulnerable students - in care, care leavers, young people in receipt of income support (or Universal Credit) and disabled young people in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) who are also in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (or UC).

Free Meals

Some college students may be entitled to free meals. We will check your entitlement to these when you return your bursary application form and supporting evidence.

Information in the Prospectus

Courses are offered in good faith but Runshaw reserves the right to:

- cancel courses if they do not reach enrolment targets
- change the syllabus or the entry requirements of a course without prior notice
- alter the curriculum in response to political or local changes

Admissions

Runshaw may require applicants to provide, or allow access to, evidence of suitability for admission to a particular course. This may be a reference from a previous education institution, employer or doctor.

Students will be expected to:

- meet the entry criteria for their chosen course and provide proof of examination grades, a good record of achievement, a good record of attendance and a supportive reference
- meet the residency criteria laid down by the funding council or pay the appropriate course fee
- where applicants have complex or profound needs, a special Admissions Assessment will be undertaken to consider whether the college can offer suitable curriculum and support for the young person
- disclose any criminal conviction

Safeguarding

Runshaw College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Holidays in Term Time

To support our students, holidays during term time are not permitted or authorised. You can find the college term dates at: runshaw.ac.uk/life-at-runshaw/college-calendar/

Contact Us

If you would like any further information about any of the courses or activities included in our prospectus please contact:

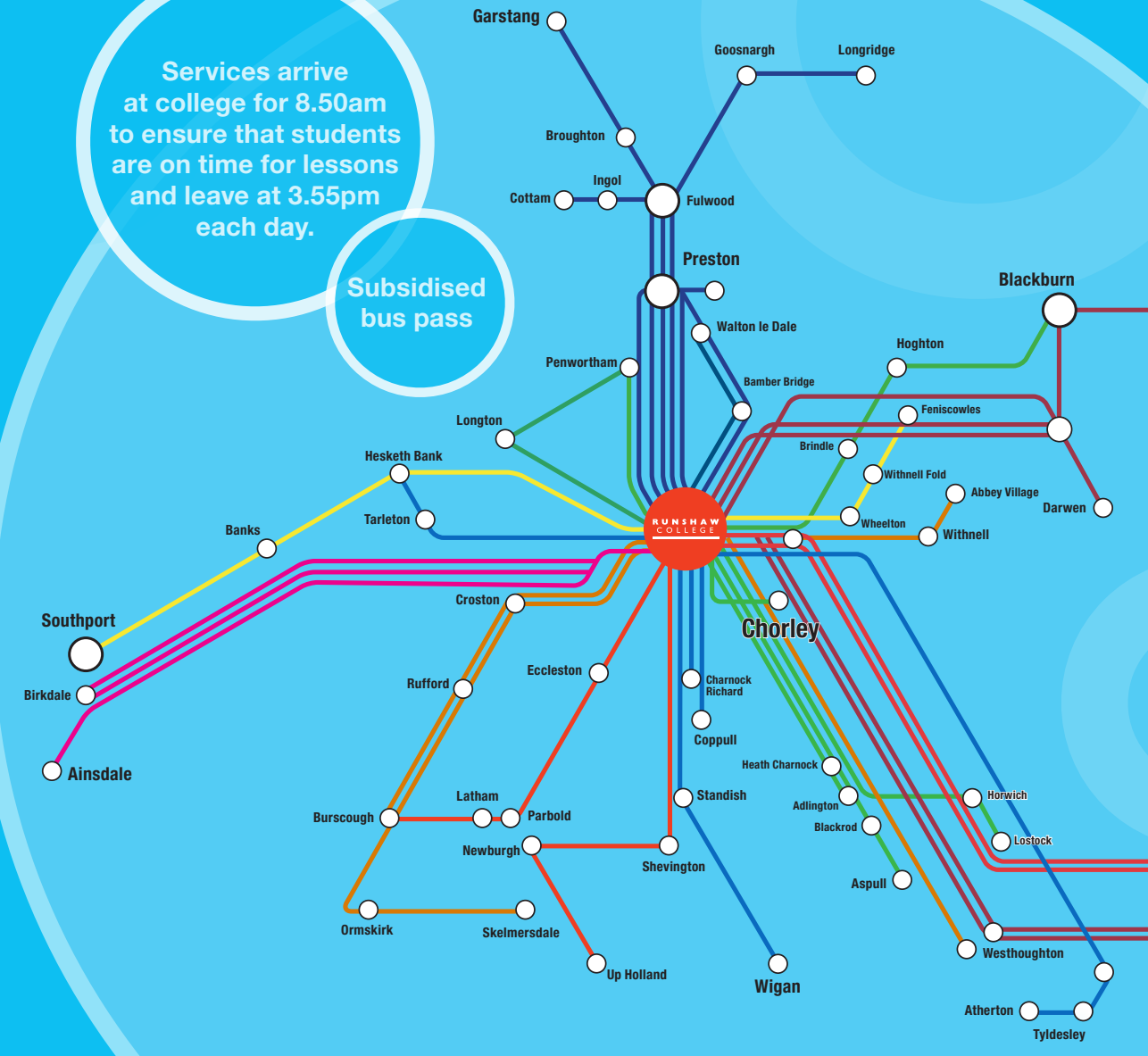
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Email: welcometorunshaw@runshaw.ac.uk
Web: runshaw.ac.uk

How to get to Runshaw

Services arrive at college for 8.50am to ensure that students are on time for lessons and leave at 3.55pm each day.

Subsidised bus pass

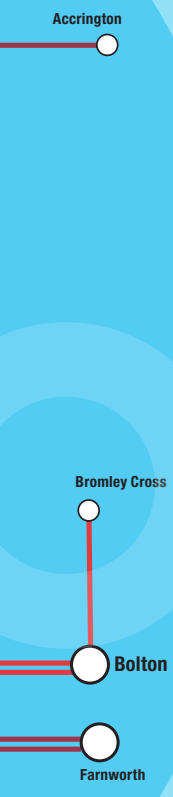


Bus Routes to Runshaw

Our college transport service provides safe, reliable and cost effective transport to students from across the North West. We have over 40 services covering Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside to ensure that students are punctual and able to get home safely at the end of the college day.

Our friendly Transport Team are available throughout the college day to deal with any queries that students or parents/guardians may have about the college transport services, working from 7:30am-5pm each day and based within Student Services. College bus passes can be purchased annually or biannually.

For annual passes, we offer a 3 month payment plan in June/July/August for the upcoming academic year to support with the cost of transport to college. If your son/daughter/ward is eligible for bursary, you will receive further support towards the cost of college transport.



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