



# DISCOVER A-LEVELS

Take your first steps towards a fantastic future by joining New College Durham Sixth Form Centre. Make a fresh start at NCD to discover and develop the best version of yourself to become more independent, meet new friends, enjoy new experiences, discover and develop the best version of yourself. and **#FindYourNew.**

## **WHY NCD SIXTH FORM CENTRE IS YOUR BEST NEXT STEP**



### **Get future ready**

We treat you as an adult and offer a more independent and flexible learning environment than school, better preparing you to take on university level study or employment.



### **Expert staff**

All our teachers are dedicated A-Level staff with expertise in their areas. You can also access support for your studies and university applications.



### **Outstanding support**

Our Sixth Form Centre students get targeted, specific, additional support including individual and small group masterclasses as well as holiday revision sessions.



### **University links**

Benefit from great links with other higher education institutions including University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, and Durham University.



### **Progress**

Our students have progressed to study at a range of universities of their choice, such as Cambridge, York, Exeter, Newcastle and Durham.

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## **The best of both worlds**

As a New College Durham A-Level student, you will have access to our dedicated Sixth Form Centre.

Whichever subjects you choose, we have the latest facilities, everything from art studios to science labs.

## **A campus experience**

When you join us at New College Durham, we want you to make the most of your time here. You can make use of college-wide facilities, including:

- The Digital Learning Centre
- Library
- Gym
- Sports Hall
- Multi-use games arena

We also have onsite social areas, eating spaces, shop, catering facilities and coffee shops including Starbucks and Costa.

## **Support built around you.**

Here at New College Durham, we aim to give students the best possible experience and our support teams are here to help.

## **Advice, Support, Careers (ASC)**

ASC is your one stop-shop for help and advice. The team offer an impartial and confidential advice service covering careers, courses, personal or health issues, student funding, and welfare.

## **Access Advisers (AAs)**

Our dedicated team provide tailored support, advice, and guidance for students who have additional support needs.

## **Personal Learning Coaches (PLCs)**

Our PLCs provide personalised support and guidance to learners here at NCD. They use reflective questioning and target setting with students and encourage them to make positive progress towards achieving their full potential.

## **Personal Development**

All full-time students meet on a one-to-one basis with a Personal Development Coach on a regular basis. Your coach will also hold group sessions, covering career and educational progression, and personal and study skills development.



# A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

## **Art & Design (Fine art)**

Develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in a range of specialist areas as you explore the specialism of Fine Art.

## **Biology**

Study the variety of living organisms and their vital processes. Develop your practical and investigative skills and techniques as you study life, itself.

## **Business Studies**

Develop your understanding of how businesses work by exploring core business concepts such as finance, management and HR, and learn how to apply them in a business context.

## **Chemistry**

Chemistry is the study of matter, analysing its structure, properties and behaviour to see what happens when they change in chemical reactions. This central science helps us understand the nature and properties of the world around us.

## **Classical Civilisation**

Find out more about the foundations of Western culture and undertake the ultimate humanities subject. This fascinating subject covers a variety of disciplines including literature, history, archaeology and art.

## **English Language**

This popular qualification offers a fascinating journey into how we communicate and interact with others and the vastness of the English vocabulary.

## **English Literature**

Explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written. Students are able to improve written communication and analytical thinking skills.

## **Film Studies**

Explore the layers of film making often missed by the untrained eye. Critique production values, lighting, sound and cinematography, and develop an understanding of sets, props, costumes, and actors.

## **Further Mathematics**

Do you love maths and really want to take it further to delve deeper into complex numbers and matrices? Then this course is perfect for you and anyone aiming to take science, technology or mathematics at university.

## **Geography**

Covering both the physical and human environments, and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world, this course offers a selection of new, interesting topics not covered at GCSE level.

## **ADDITIONAL SIXTH FORM CENTRE SUBJECTS**

### **Level 3 Diploma Criminology**

This course gives you an introduction to criminological theories enabling you to both analyse criminal situations and also contribute recommendations for policy. Gain an insight into the kind of thinking used by experts and politicians to explain criminality.

### **Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**

The course is offered as an additional skills-based subject. It is designed to provide you with transferable skills necessary to approach tasks in other A-Level subjects with more confidence.

## History

Examine the political, economic, social and cultural issues of different eras and cultures. This course will encourage you to understand the differences between the past and present.

## Law

Understand of the role of law in today's society and raise your awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals. Learn about how and why the law applies to real-life while developing skills such as decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving.

## Mathematics

This course builds upon the concepts and skills developed at GCSE level and delves deeper into topics such as algebra, calculus, trigonometry, and statistics.

## PE

Areas of study will include anatomy and exercise physiology, biomechanics, skill acquisition, sports psychology, technology in sport and sport in society. The course can open up a range of career opportunities including sports development, coaching, physiotherapy and personal training.

## Physics

Combine practical skills with theoretical ideas to study and understand the world in which we live. You will learn about motion, forces in action, electrical and magnetic fields in addition to quantum, thermal, nuclear and medical physics.

## Politics

Increase your knowledge of current affairs and examine the reasons behind current political views. Studying a variety of political ideologies, you will also learn about the political process in the UK as well as its democratic and political institutions.

## Psychology

Through practical research and prime psychological studies, this course gives you an insight into the world of psychology. Study topics such as social influence, memory and attachment, and explore differing approaches in psychology, psychopathology and research methods.

## Religious Studies

Improve your philosophical thinking skills and develop an open mind, by studying topics that help explain the diversity of beliefs in the modern world.

## Sociology

Take a step back from your own view of the world and explore social influences that shape people's lives. Look at different methods of research and examine society in more detail. You will study the day-to-day impact of family and household, education, research methods, religion, culture, beliefs, crime and deviance.



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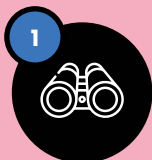
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# NEXT STEPS

You've decided that A-Levels at New College Durham are the perfect route for you, so what's next?

You can apply any time throughout the year.

Your journey to becoming a student at New College Durham starts now.



## Get started

Pre-register for, and attend, our Information, Advice & Guidance events and our A-Level open events.



## Apply

Complete an online application. You don't need to decide or select the exact A-Level subjects yet.



## Offer

We'll review your application and will be in touch with your next steps or an offer for a place at New College Durham.



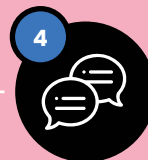
## Attend Get NCD Ready

You will be invited in to our Get NCD Ready event at the end of June.



## Accept your place

You can accept your place when you meet with our teaching staff, or you can accept it over the phone or via email.



## Meet your tutor

We'll invite you to visit us for a chat with a course tutor where you'll receive advice and guidance.



## Enrol

Following GCSE results day, you will be invited into college. You'll attend Welcome Fest and enrol onto the 3 A-Level subjects of your choice.

## DON'T MISS OUR

### Information, Advice & Guidance open events

First Tuesday every month\* from October to June

4.30pm - 6.30pm

\*Term time only

Pre-register for fast track entry at  
[newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events](https://newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events)



## A-Level Course Guide

### Find out more

Our A-Levels section on our website has everything you need to know about the subjects we offer. There are full course listings, videos and details on how to apply.

**Go to [www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/a-levels](http://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/a-levels)**

You can also come and meet the team at one of our monthly Information, Advice & Guidance Open Events.

Events take place on the first Tuesday of the month from October to June.

**Pre-register at [www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events](http://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events)**

### Contact us

We are available Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm to answer your questions.

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