



Sixth Form

Advice for Parents

2023 - 2024

(Somerset Studio School Campus)

Subject	Equipment/Resources	Advice, Hints and Tips
<p>T Level Education</p>	<p>Students will be provided with a book and they must bring their own lever-arch folder and paper to complete their written work and practical resources for investigations.</p> <p>Textbooks are also desirable, but not essential as these can be borrowed.</p>	<p>This course is made up of examined elements, coursework portfolios and work placements. Each exam will have taught content - please make sure your notes are sufficient to use for revision as there is a lot of content to cover and remember.</p> <p>Full attendance to this course is necessary. Missing lessons will result in large chunks of taught content to be missed which will put you at a disadvantage for the exams. If you miss multiple placement days, you are likely to need to retake the year in order to catch up.</p> <p>Please use this course to get as much industry knowledge as possible - go to training courses, get work experience, ask your teachers for help and you will set yourself up for a great future.</p>
<p>Applied Human Biology BTEC</p>	<p>Students will be provided with a folder/book to complete their written work in and practical resources for any practical work.</p> <p>All students must bring appropriate stationary, including black pens, pencils, a ruler and a scientific calculator.</p> <p>Coursework is largely completed online, so please bring a laptop or tablet with a keyboard to use.</p>	<p>The course is split into equal parts coursework and exams. Each piece of coursework is broken into smaller tasks or 'learning aims' that have individual deadlines, with an overall unit deadline. It is essential that students stick to these deadlines so their workload is steady throughout the year. Students will be given ample time to complete the work and their teachers will be available to discuss and give interim feedback on assessed work.</p> <p>During exam assessed units, students will have regular</p>

		<p>assessments and feedback to advise on next steps and areas for improvement. There is also an opportunity to retake the January exam in June regardless of your first grade if a student wishes to improve their grade.</p> <p>Students will need to regularly look through their notes for the examined subject material - plan these sessions carefully and make the most of your study time.</p>
<p>Product Design A Level</p>	<p>It is a demanding course with plenty of design, analysis and creation within.</p> <p>Maths will total 20% of the marks for the course.</p> <p>Required resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Black pen ● Green pen ● Purple pen ● Pencil ● Colouring pencils ● Ruler ● compass ● Protractor ● Clear pencil case (exam requirement) ● Calculator <p>Advantageous Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copic pen set ● Mechanical pencil ● Windows laptop 	<p>The PD A Level is completed in conjunction with the Engineering BTEC with the courses complementing each other well.</p> <p>Consider wearing clothes that may get a little dirty on occasion.</p> <p>Students who can meet deadlines for objectives excel in this subject, and those that find this difficult can struggle. In this light, attendance is the single largest correlating factor in success in PD.</p>

<p>T Level Healthcare Science</p>	<p>Students will be provided with a book or they can bring their own folder and paper to complete their written work and practical resources for investigations.</p> <p>All students must bring appropriate stationery, including black pens, pencils, a ruler and a scientific calculator.</p> <p>Coursework is largely completed online, so please bring a laptop or tablet with a keyboard to use. Chromebooks or computers will be available for those who do not have computer access.</p> <p>All students will be required to have a DBS check in order to attend their placement, so please ensure that you provide the evidence for this to be completed.</p>	<p>This course is made up of examined elements, coursework portfolios and work placements. Each exam will have taught content - please make sure your notes are sufficient to use for revision as there is a lot of content to cover and remember.</p> <p>Full attendance to this course is necessary. Missing lessons will result in large chunks of taught content to be missed which will put you at a disadvantage for the exams. If you miss multiple placement days, you are likely to need to retake the year in order to catch up.</p> <p>Please use this course to get as much industry knowledge as possible - go to training courses, get work experience, ask your teachers for help and you will set yourself up for a great future.</p>
<p>Forensic and Criminal Investigation BTEC</p>	<p>Students will be provided with a folder/book to complete their written work in and practical resources for investigations.</p> <p>All students must bring appropriate stationery, including black pens, pencils, a ruler and a scientific calculator.</p> <p>Coursework is largely completed online, so please bring a laptop or tablet with a keyboard to use.</p> <p>There is no specific textbook for this course, but Forensic Science by Jackson and Jackson has lots of good, interesting information in it for additional reading.</p>	<p>The course is split into equal parts coursework and exams. Each piece of coursework is broken into smaller tasks or 'learning aims' that have individual deadlines, with an overall unit deadline. It is essential that students stick to these deadlines so their workload is steady throughout the year. Students will be given ample time to complete the work and their teachers will be available to discuss and give interim feedback on assessed work.</p> <p>Students will need to regularly look through their notes for the examined subject material - plan these sessions carefully and make the most of your study time.</p> <p>You may wish to do extra reading on current laws and criminal cases - these are good to reference within your work and will ensure you have the most up to date information for when you</p>

<p>NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)</p> <p>Triple Level 3</p>	<p>Students will need to have at least 2 A4 files, 1 arch lever file, 1 set of dividers, pens, paper and additional stationary if required. Two box files will also be needed.</p> <p>Textbooks are also desirable.</p>	<p>go into employment.</p> <p>Placements are a key aspect of the course, students will attend one day a week plus 9 block weeks when they will attend their placements all week.</p> <p>There is a 20 hour controlled assessment (DCE2). This will be sat between 29.1.24 and 23.2.24. The results are released 29.4.24</p> <p>A very adaptable approach to learning for the students to be able to achieve their full potential and progress to their next steps whether it is University or working as an Early Years Educator.</p> <p>Retake maths and English GCSE are built into the students timetable if required.</p>
<p>T Level Engineering</p>	<p>Engineering is a triple A level equivalent course. I.e full time.. It is a demanding course with plenty of design, analysis and creation within.</p> <p>Maths is a key part of engineering and is required to be at level 6 by half way through year 12. Students can access the course with levels below this, but should be aware that a pass on the maths unit is mandatory to pass the course.</p> <p>Recommended equipment includes an exam approved calculator. We recommend the FX991-EX.</p> <p>Students may consider purchasing a laptop for CAD work, but it is not mandatory. if one is purchased, we recommend the following specs:</p>	<p>Be well organised! Use your google suite to manage your portfolio, assessments and designs - this is where you will gain feedback throughout your course so that you can improve your work to the best of your ability.</p> <p>High attendance is mandatory for this course as it has 8 set coursework dates that cannot be moved or missed, 2 exams and 1 day a week of placement for yr 12.</p> <p>Mr Bartlett and Ms. Woodard are Engineers - they know what it's like and they know how to support and to challenge you to be successful - year on year, they have led students to the best possible grades and destinations (among the highest in the country).</p>

	<p>1080p (or higher) resolution screen.</p> <p>240GB or larger hard drive.</p> <p>A good backlit keyboard is a nice feature if you are planning to go on to university after the course.</p> <p>Engineers are that rare type - they are both creative and rigorous and they'll develop their scientific, mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding, as well as the creative designs and solutions to real life problems.</p>	
<p>Engineering (Double award) BTEC</p>	<p>Engineering is a Double Level 3 BTEC. It is a demanding course with plenty of design, analysis and creation within.</p> <p>Maths is a key part of engineering and is required to be at level 6 by half way through year 12. Students can access the course with levels below this, but should be aware that a pass on the maths unit is mandatory to pass the course.</p> <p>Engineers are that rare type - they are both creative and rigorous and they'll develop their scientific, mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding, as well as the creative designs and solutions to real life problems.</p>	<p>Be well organised! Use your google suite to manage your portfolio, assessments and designs - this is where you will gain feedback throughout your course so that you can improve your work to the best of your ability.</p> <p>High attendance is mandatory for this course as it has 8 set coursework dates that cannot be moved or missed, and 2 exams (both exams in year 9).</p> <p>Mr Bartlett and Ms. Woodard are Engineers - they know what it's like and they know how to support and to challenge you to be successful - year on year, they have led students to the best possible grades and destinations (among the highest in the country).</p>

