Welcome to Runshaw College

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Welcome to Runshaw...
... where your journey to success begins
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Welcome to Runshaw

As a student at Runshaw College, you are at the heart of everything we do. We will endeavour to ensure that you are happy and fulfilled during your time at the college, and that you reach your potential and acquire the skills that will equip you to achieve your goals and ambitions.

We aim to provide:
- the very best teaching
- specialised personal tutors and teachers who will ensure that your individual support needs are fully met
- a very wide range of enrichment activities, from sport, music and drama, to visits, debates and academic and pre-professional academies
- additional support for those students who require extra help with their studies
- a friendly, caring and very safe environment with high expectations at all times

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 have led to widespread national recognition.

In our most recent inspection, Ofsted judged us to be "Outstanding" in every respect; a wonderful tribute to the staff and students who make up the Runshaw learning community.

We have also worked very hard to make sure that you have the facilities you deserve. In recent years, we have invested over £20m upgrading college resources, including:
- a new student restaurant and two new coffee shops
- two new Study Zones
- a new library
- a full size 3-G sports pitch
- new teaching blocks for sport and ICT
- new science laboratories
- improved music, drama and performing arts facilities
- new language laboratories
- The Arena – an outdoor performance area
- a new pastoral care centre to support all of our sixth form college students

We believe that we now have the finest facilities in the region

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
Why Choose Runshaw?

1. Our results – we consistently have the highest average student grade in the North of England!

2. “Runshaw has been Outstanding for 20 years” – Ofsted Best Practice visit

3. Our Sports Academy – Number 1 in the North West since 2000

4. Unrivalled enrichment – over 60 activities to choose from

5. Individual programmes of study – YOU control what you study

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Runshaw’s Ofsted report is a glowing tribute to our staff and students.

Every aspect of the college was graded as Outstanding.

**Outstanding in every way**

The following comments sum up Ofsted’s stunning verdict:

“At Runshaw, every learner really does matter... the learner experience and the quality of teaching and learning are at the heart of every aspect of the college... for many students, the exceptional support they receive has changed their lives... there is a very strong emphasis on developing the full potential of the students... and a sense of teacher and learner working together in the pursuit of excellence.”
Among other comments, inspectors also said...

About our support:

‘the college has continued to invest significant resources to maintain high standards...’

‘the range of enrichment activities is outstanding...’

‘excellent promotion of equality of opportunity...’

‘students value the inclusive nature of individual support...’

‘there are extensive resources devoted to additional study support’

‘a culture of respect permeates the college’

‘guidance and support are excellent...’

About our staff:

‘exceptionally good lesson planning...’

‘staff are very well-qualified, highly motivated and totally dedicated to helping students enjoy and achieve...’

‘the college has pushed the boundaries in developing innovative and creative practice in lessons which supports highly effective teaching...’

‘students enjoy their lessons, contribute enthusiastically and speak very highly of the support they receive from staff in and out of lessons...’

‘teachers engage and motivate students to have ambitious aspirations and produce work of a very high quality...’
Every *individual* matters

Above all, we want you to be happy here and to achieve your full personal and academic potential. We have a great track record in supporting students. In our last three college inspections, our support for students was graded as ‘Outstanding’.

At a recent Best Practice visit from Ofsted they said Runshaw was ‘‘...in a league of its own’’. Here’s a selection of just some of the things you can look forward to:

- Beautiful, vibrant and safe campus
- Educational visits and trips
- ‘Much much more than just a great place to study!’
- Friendly social spaces
- Lunchtime karaoke, quizzes, pool table, table football
- Make lifelong friends
- Archery, 5-a-side football, trampolining
It’s all about **you**!

**Student Services** team for counselling, spirituality, health and well-being

- Dedicated **Pastoral Mentor** for every student
- Academic and Social **Peer Mentors**
- Inspiring **Study** spaces
- **Study Support**
  - Drive **Safe**
  - **Pet** Therapy
  - **Meditation**

Have your **say** to shape the college:

- Personal Tutor Representatives
- Focus Groups
- Student Council
- Student Governors
Qualifications that make you stand out from the crowd

At Runshaw, you gain an advantage over other candidates applying for your choice of job role or higher education place. You can choose to study for a wide range of additional qualifications on top of your main qualification to give you the best chance of success in the future. We offer additional qualifications relevant to a range of career aims so that you can find one that will really help you get ahead!

These include:

- **The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award**
- **ECDL** (European Computer Driving Licence)
- **Prestigious Competitions**
  - CREST awards, UK Maths Challenge, Informatic Olympiad and many more!
- **GCSE Maths & English**
- **First Aid**
- Course-specific **additional qualifications**:
  - Health & Safety
  - Cabin Crew
  - Food Hygiene
Making you more employable

At Runshaw, you gain the skills and experience you will need for successful employment in the future. These are skills that employers value, such as: communication, problem solving, organisation, team working and negotiation.

You have the opportunity to develop these skills through a range of interesting and worthwhile activities:

- Work experience placements
- Real work environments: Travel Hub, Runshaw Radio, Chef School
- Volunteering: V50, V100 awards
- Student Ambassador work & charity fundraising
Getting you where you want to go...

At Runshaw, you will receive high quality careers guidance to help you to make well-informed decisions about your future plans. Specialist staff help you prepare for your chosen next step, ensuring that you achieve the qualifications you need and then move on to your choice of higher education, employment, training or apprenticeship. Every Runshaw student also benefits from the unique “Runshaw CV” to take away and use when applying for jobs or other opportunities.
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 and to go beyond the confines of the syllabus.

From dedicated preparation for potential medics as part of Medical Society, debating or creative writing offered by English and Social Sciences, STEP preparation in Mathematics, mooting and mentoring in Law, visits to prestigious universities in Humanities, preparations for competitions such as RES Young Economist of the Year in Business, through to a wide range of activities in Art, Music and Sport; our Academies really do provide something for everyone.

Go beyond the course content with extra activities
- Prestigious Universities Programme
- Sport Academy
- Art and Music Academies
- Science Academy
- Medical Society
- Dance and Drama Academy
- Debating Society - ‘Think Tank’
- Law Mock Trials & Mooting

Inspirational conferences and guest lectures
- The Great Fracking Debate
- Victims of Crime conference

For further details on opportunities please see our Horizons brochure.
Horizons Programme

For those with a passion for learning
A team of specialist staff are dedicated to promoting inclusive learning for students with an assessed additional need.

Runshaw College uses a model of support which is graduated to provide the appropriate level of support to all students to minimise barriers and promote independence.

Support begins with high quality, personalised teaching for all students, delivered by every teacher at Runshaw College. There are clear objectives, clear explanations, technology and lively interactive teaching styles which make maximum use of all of the different ways of learning.

Barriers to learning are minimised within classes by incorporating reasonable adjustments to meet individual needs.

Some students may need extra support for their learning. Teachers and Educational Support Workers may work with students in and out of class to remove barriers to learning and promote independence.

A few students may need more intensive support for their learning. This could include in-class support, out of class support, 1-1 specialist teaching or assistive technology.

Study Support provide a quiet study area in a supportive environment which is adjacent to the College Library, whilst exam access arrangements are available to eligible students in line with exam board regulations.
Personalised teaching for all students
Runshaw students continue to prove that they can compete with the very best.

Over 60 students have progressed to Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the last 3 years.

In recent years, 12 former Runshaw students have graduated with first class honours degrees from Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

The following students have all received offers from Oxford and Cambridge University this year:

**Sherin Babu** from Canon Slade plans to study Medicine at Homerton, Cambridge

**Abi Barinski-Corringham** from Lancaster Girls Grammar is planning on studying History at Selwyn, Cambridge

**Harry Best** previously from Ladybridge is planning on studying Mathematics at Brasenose, Oxford

**Eleanor Bird** from Balshaw’s High School plans to study Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge

**Tom Bithell** from Bishop Rawstorne is planning to study Chemistry at Exeter, Oxford

**Jess Burt** previously from Balshaw’s High School is planning on studying History & Politics at Murray Edwards, Cambridge

**Olivia Christopher** from Penwortham Girls plans to study Education at Magdalene, Cambridge

**Jack Dale** from Hutton Grammar is planning on studying Natural Sciences at Jesus, Cambridge

**Laurence Fredricks** from Birkdale High School plans to study Land Economy at St Catharine’s, Cambridge

**Jenny Gill** formerly from Bishop Rawstorne is aiming to study Fine Art at St Edmund Hall, Oxford

**Nick Granados** from Canon Slade is planning on studying Economics at Downing, Cambridge

**Katy Hempsom** previously from Parklands High School is aiming to study Medicine at Christ’s, Cambridge

**Jessica Howie** from Ladybridge plans to study Chemistry at Exeter, Oxford

**Daniel Hubbard** formerly from Birkdale High School is planning on studying Ancient & Modern History at St John’s, Oxford

**Daniel James** from Birkdale High School plans to study Linguistics at King’s, Cambridge

**Josh Metge** previously from Bishop Rawstorne is planning on studying Engineering at Keble, Oxford

**Jacob Miller-Crook** from St Michael’s plans to study Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi, Cambridge

**Charlotte Morris** previously from Canon Slade is planning on studying History at King’s, Cambridge

**Luci Mullen** formerly from Burscough Priory plans to study Mathematics at Mansfield, Oxford

**James Oates** from St Michael’s is planning on studying Natural Sciences at Trinity, Cambridge

**Katy Ratcliffe** previously from Greenbank High School is aiming to study Linguistics at Fitzwilliam, Cambridge

**Alice Sturzaker McKee** previously from College House is planning on studying Mathematics at Homerton, Cambridge

**Thomas Stuart** from St Michael’s High School plans to study Mathematics & Computer Science at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

**Jonathan Wilson** from St Bede’s, Blackburn is planning on studying Classics at Peterhouse, Cambridge

**Rebecca Wilson** formerly from Penwortham Girls is aiming to study English Literature at Murray Edwards, Cambridge

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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.

Currently, over 1200 former students are studying at the prestigious Russell Group and 1994 Group of Universities.

Typically, the most prestigious courses will require A grades. These include Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry and Law at most universities, Sport at Loughborough, Engineering at Imperial College, Mathematics at Warwick, and of course, all subjects at Oxford and Cambridge.

One of the ways we support our student applications is through our Prestigious Universities Programme. The programme includes lectures on what is required for these universities, talks from visiting academics and former Runshaw students, workshops with Oxbridge Admission Officers, trips to university taster days and the Oxbridge Regional Conference, and the chance to visit Oxford and Cambridge. This is all designed to de-mystify the application process and to clarify what prestigious universities are looking for.

Above all, the programme raises confidence levels and provides huge encouragement for those thinking of applying. Practical help with applications, personal statements, aptitude tests and interviews is also given.

The Oxbridge selection process is unique, so special assistance is provided using the expertise which Runshaw staff have built up through their relationships with colleagues at Oxford and Cambridge.

Runshaw is also the only state sector school or college to have produced TWO Presidents of the Cambridge Students’ Union, Pav Akhtar and Laura Walsh. Both have visited the college to give guidance and information to prospective Oxbridge applicants. They are a real inspiration and show just what can be achieved by Runshaw students.

student profile

Harry Best
Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

“My courses are very well structured and taught in a way that teaches you how to actually perform the skills rather than just pass an exam. This contributes to a wider understanding of the subject. Whilst at Runshaw I’ve participated in the Maths Academy, Future Coders, STEP and have been completing my DofE Gold Award. I intend to read Maths at Oxford University after I complete my A Levels.”
Top College for Sport

North West Sports Champions since 2000
Runshaw has been the **North West Colleges’ Sports Champions** since 2000!

Sport does not build character, it reveals character, and last year the college supported a myriad of athletes striving to achieve their own personal sporting goals.

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 is a college with the vision to constantly challenge and improve its sports facilities and coaching delivery. This means we can meet the individual sporting aspirations of all our students.

Runshaw has exceptional facilities: two sports halls, a fitness suite, a new state-of-the-art sport science lab, a grass pitch, two synthetic playing areas and a new 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 your effectiveness in your academic studies

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**student profile**

Francesca Trees

PE, Psychology, Sociology

“I chose Runshaw because of the courses I could take and the college reputation. The lessons are engaging and extremely enjoyable and I would recommend Runshaw for the people, teachers and the environment.”
Welcome
to A Levels
Your A Level options

To help you choose the right number of subjects, remember that you are aiming to finish 2 years at college with at least 3 impressive A Level grades. At the end of Year 1, you will complete formal internal assessments to give you a good idea of the progress you are making. All the exams take place at the end of Year 2.

When you attend Enrolment in August, you will make your final decision about how many subjects to study, and which ones.

Making the right choices for your future

Should I choose 3 subjects?

- I want to focus on 3 subjects from day one, and study them through my whole 2-year course
- I will benefit from extra study periods on my timetable, with more time during the college day to complete my work
- I am quite sure that I know the 3 subjects I want to study, and understand that this option offers me no flexibility to change during the 2-year course
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects A B C, and finish Year 2 with subjects A B C

Should I choose 3 + 1 subjects?

- I want to keep my options open, by studying 4 subjects in year 1, with the flexibility to choose which will be my 3 A Levels at a later stage
- I want to explore new opportunities and new subjects, to broaden my learning, gain knowledge and to develop transferable skills
- I want to choose my best 3 subjects for A Level, following the first year of study. I expect this to help me make better-informed choices about my area of specialisation and help me to maximise my final A Level grades
- I understand that I will not receive a qualification in the subject that I do not continue to A Level
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects A B C D, and finish Year 2 with any three of these, or all four. I have 5 subject combination options: A B C, A B D, A C D, B C D or A B C D

Should I choose 4 or 5 subjects?

- I really enjoy the academic challenge of studying a broad range of subjects
- I am sure I want to complete 4 (or even 5) full A Level subjects for my whole 2-year course
- I understand that universities make offers based on 3 excellent grades, and will not generally ask for 4 grades
- I am quite sure that I know the 4 (or 5) subjects I want to study, and understand that this option offers me no flexibility to change during the 2-year course
- I am going to start Year 1 with subjects A B C D, and finish Year 2 with subjects A B C D
Patrick Triller
3D Design

“I enjoy the practical aspects of 3D design and working using the different materials, techniques and processes in the workshop. I hope to study Product Design at Northumbria University.”

You will have the opportunity to work on a range of creative projects using the work of artists and designers and other sources to inspire your own ideas. You will explore complex issues and context within design, how these impact on design and how to develop your initial ideas to a resolved outcome.

Some of the specialist areas you will study are:
• architecture
• sculpture
• product design
• furniture design
• lighting design
• ceramics
• jewellery design

How is the course assessed?
• 60% coursework
• 40% externally set examination

How do I find out more and apply?
Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Why should I come to Runshaw to study 3D Design?
• have imagination and an interest in design?
• find researching past and present designers and artists interesting and inspiring?
• enjoy drawing and have the ability to develop ideas from a range of themes and topics?
• have an ability to visualise ideas on paper and in 3D?
• enjoy working and experimenting with 3D materials such as card, wood, metal, plastic, glass, clay and wire?

If so then 3D Design at Runshaw is the subject for you. Over the past seven years there has been a 100% pass rate and in our last inspection, 3D Design gained a Grade 1 classification from Ofsted.

The 3D Design year culminates in the end of year public exhibition which displays an amazing array of students’ work produced over the entire course, and is something that all our staff and students look forward to.

What will I study?
3D Design is an art based course, where you will use specialist 3D workshops to explore materials and create three dimensional work using a broad range of materials and techniques.
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Accounting?

Did you know that the average qualified accountant working in business in the UK earns in excess of £75,000 a year? No wonder it’s such a popular subject!

Our teachers are all highly qualified and experienced, being examiners and senior examiners. Thanks to their help and support Runshaw Accounting students in 2018 achieved a 100% pass rate and 66% A*-B grades - our added value is outstanding!

As well as outstanding results we have also successfully supported a number of students being accepted onto the world-class EY degree at Lancaster University, PwC degree at Newcastle and Nottingham University, and KPMG degree at Durham, Exeter and Birmingham Universities. All of these students will earn whilst they complete their degrees and will leave university with a large proportion of their professional exams completed. We also have had an impressive number of students being accepted onto prestigious school leaver programmes with top companies including PwC, KPMG, EY and RSM.

Our students also take advantage of our enrichment programme with recent trips to New York, Beijing, Brussels, Berlin and Florence.

We invite speakers from industry into college to discuss career paths and encourage students to take part in external contests such as the ICAEW BASE competition where we have won the regional heats in four out of the last seven years.

What will I study?

To enjoy the subject and be successful you will need to be logical and confident working with numbers and able to analyse what these numbers show. You do not need any previous knowledge of the subject. The aim of the course is to give you an understanding of the concepts and principles that underpin accounting theory and practice and its importance in a variety of organisations.

In this course you will study Financial and Management Accounting.

How is the course assessed?

In Year one, the course is assessed internally via a formal assessment. In Year two there are two written examinations, which will comprise of a mixture of multiple choice questions, structured questions and extended answer questions.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

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student profile

Lauren McLauchlan
Accounting, Geography, Mathematics
“I enjoy the diverse, friendly and supportive environment. We have amazing teachers who are willing to help with anything. I particularly enjoyed taking part in the BASE (Accounting) competition and hope to go to university to study Accountancy or a degree apprenticeship with an Accountancy firm.”

Pass Rate
2018
100% on this course
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Biology?

Our Biology department was rated as ‘Outstanding’ in the last Ofsted report and has excellent, well-qualified, creative teachers utilising laboratories which are modern and well-equipped. We provide high quality, bespoke learning resources and use an extremely wide range of methods to develop our students’ biological understanding.

There is also an outstanding array of enrichment on offer such as Science Society, Medical Society and A*/Oxbridge classes for those wanting to study a Biology related course at university.

Our Biology students progress to a variety of courses and careers as doctors, dentists and vets, whilst others move into science-based careers such as genetics, biochemistry, biotechnology and laboratory work.

What will I study?

Biology is a fascinating subject and involves the study of all the traditional areas of biology as well as an examination of technological advances in areas such as DNA technologies, fingerprinting, genetic engineering and gene therapy.

During the first term the fundamental ideas in Biology will be covered including how the body defends itself against disease, cellular operations and the creation and roles of important biological molecules such as carbohydrates, proteins, lipids and DNA. As the course progresses, concepts to be covered will include populations and environmental biology, the variety of living organisms and the mechanisms used to control processes in cells and organisms.

How is the course assessed?

The A Level course will be assessed by examination at the end of Year 2. There will be a separate assessment of students’ practical skills which will be assessed throughout Year 1 and Year 2, and will result in students gaining a practical endorsement.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Business?

Business at Runshaw is a unique subject in that a lot of what you learn can be applied to many different subject areas and provides useful knowledge for the rest of your life, after all, whatever your future career – it will be in a business!

Teachers also have a wealth of experience with many having spent time in industry, and all are external examiners.

The Business team achieved ‘Outstanding’ in the last Ofsted Inspection and our students achieved a 100% pass rate and 86% A*-C grades in 2018, well above national benchmarks. This success and commitment was also recognised nationally when the department won a prestigious Beacon Award.

We also have a superb enrichment programme, with recent trips to New York, London, Florence, Shanghai and Brussels. These visits to destinations such as Wall Street, Jaguar Landrover and Lamborghini offer you a fantastic opportunity to see business in action!

We strive to stretch and challenge our students by offering a Horizons Programme, where additional activities and events allow you to refine your business skills through practical activities, workshops and guest speakers, making you better business leaders and attractive to employers.

What will I study?

In Year 1 students will study business in a variety of contexts; large and small businesses, UK focused along with global businesses in both services and manufacturing. We will focus on the strategies that are needed for success in each of the key functional areas: Marketing, Operations and Finance, whilst also looking at how businesses are set up and managed.

The focus in Year 2 is on the study of strategic decision making at the highest levels of management, where you will consider: the impact of the external environment on strategic decision making, strategies for successful growth, the value of leadership and planning, successfully managing change and why strategies sometimes fail.

How is the course assessed?

There are 3 written examinations at the end of Year 2 which cover the content of the business specification.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

What are you going to study?

Consultant, Marketing Executive, Human Resources Manager, Retail Manager, Sales Executive

Where are you going?

Sales Executive, Marketing Executive, Human Resources Manager, Retail Manager, Consultant

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In Year 1 students will study business in a variety of contexts; large and small businesses, UK focused along with global businesses in both services and manufacturing. We will focus on the strategies that are needed for success in each of the key functional areas: Marketing, Operations and Finance, whilst also looking at how businesses are set up and managed.

The focus in Year 2 is on the study of strategic decision making at the highest levels of management, where you will consider: the impact of the external environment on strategic decision making, strategies for successful growth, the value of leadership and planning, successfully managing change and why strategies sometimes fail.

How is the course assessed?

There are 3 written examinations at the end of Year 2 which cover the content of the business specification.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

100% pass rate 2018

student profile

Luke Donlan
Business Studies, Law, Media

“I always enjoyed Runshaw when I came to visit at Open Events and they offered all the courses I wanted to study. The college has great staff in a friendly environment to learn in. The friendly and knowledgeable teachers keep lessons interesting and enjoyable, allowing me to enjoy learning about each subject.”
Chemistry

What will I study?

There are three main areas of study:

• Organic Chemistry: the study of the compounds of carbon. These compounds are used to make a vast range of useful products – plastics, fuels, pharmaceuticals, food and all living things

• Physical Chemistry: the ‘hows and whys’ of chemistry, the study of reactions as a whole and how they behave

• Inorganic Chemistry: the chemistry of all the elements in the periodic table, their reactions and the compounds that they form

How is the course assessed?

Two written theory examinations are carried out at the end of Year 1, and two written theory examinations are carried out at the end of the second year which cover the whole two years for the A Level qualification. The practical aspects of both courses are examined by written theory papers.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Chemistry?

A Level Chemistry provides skills that are of use in many areas of employment and is routinely required for progression onto numerous Higher Educational courses.

Our students have consistently achieved A*-B grades above the national average for Chemistry. Ofsted rated us as having ‘Outstanding’ teaching and learning. Our teachers are dynamic and highly committed to your success. We have large, modern, well-equipped laboratories and all students are provided with a supportive study environment.

Enrichment takes various forms in Chemistry. We have competitions, trips, and talks by visiting speakers. We have also developed strong links with many top universities and throughout the course you will be given the opportunity to visit these universities to attend exciting lectures, practical sessions and open days.

Where are you going?

- Chemical Engineer
- Dentist
- Doctor
- Pharmacist
- Vet

student profile

Thomas Bithell

Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

“I enjoy the practical element of the Chemistry A Level and understanding the reaction that is taking place. The teachers are outstanding and help you achieve your full potential. I hope to go on to Oxford University to study Chemistry.”

66% A*-B grades 2018
**Why should I come to Runshaw to study Classical Civilisation?**

Our classroom experience gives you the opportunity to become immersed in this fascinating period of history that has shaped the modern world. Lessons involve multimedia resources, artefacts and visits to Greece and Rome.

The A Level in Classical Civilisation has been designed to provide learners with a broad, coherent and rewarding study of the literature and culture of the classical world. It offers learners the opportunity to study elements of the literature, visual and material culture and thought of the classical world, and acquire an understanding of their social, historical and cultural contexts.

**What will I study?**

The course will provide the opportunity to study both Greece and Rome and their surrounding worlds.

You will develop an understanding, appreciation and knowledge of the Greeks and Romans through the buildings, art, poetry, plays and philosophy they have left us with.

Specifically, Year 1 of the course will involve study of Greek art, as well as a study, in some depth, of Homer’s Odyssey, an epic poem which tells the story of a hero’s journey back from the Trojan War.

The Second year of the course studies the Roman Epic, Virgil’s Aeneid, which will be compared and contrasted with the Odyssey, as well as an overview of Greek religion and philosophical attitudes towards the Gods.

**How is the course assessed?**

100% written examination.

**How do I find out more and apply?**

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Computer Science?

Despite the generous salaries offered, there is a shortage of qualified candidates for technology-based jobs, and we believe our Computer Science course offers you the opportunity to gain the skills that employers and universities are seeking.

Our Computer Science course was graded Outstanding by Ofsted in our most recent college inspection and has a 100% pass rate with high grades (A*-B) being more than double the national average.

The course structure allows every student to build a strong foundation in programming whilst also providing an awareness of the management and organisation of computer systems. The Java programming language taught at Runshaw is used by many universities and in industry, and we believe this gives our students a head start as we have strong links with Lancaster, Liverpool and Manchester Universities.

What will I study?

With the emphasis on Computer Science, students will learn to become effective designers and implement computing solutions. You will develop practical skills, including design, development, testing, and evaluation.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment takes place at the end of Year 2 via two exams and a coursework project.

Progress is measured regularly using a range of informal assessment techniques.

- Component 1: Programming and System development 40%
- Component 2: Computer Architecture, Data, Communication and Applications 40%
- Component 3: Programmed Solution to a problem 20%

How do I find out more and apply?

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student profile

Genesis Martinez

Computer Science, Further Mathematics, Mathematics, Physics

“The teachers are very enthusiastic about their subjects and the Personal Tutors are very helpful. Computer Science is a good mix of coursework and exams. I also take part in the Maths Academy, I’m a Personal Tutor representative and a member of the Student Council. I hope to study Computer Science at Cambridge.”
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Core Mathematics?

Core Mathematics is a level 3 qualification which holds UCAS points for university.

This course is particularly suitable for those students who are studying the following A Level subjects; Psychology, Economics, Business Studies, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Computer Science, and are not planning on doing A Level Maths alongside. The course provides support with the maths content in these subjects.

The course is also suitable for students who enjoy maths but are not doing an A Level in Mathematics.

What will I study?

The course has a problem solving approach with real world maths applications that are required in the above subjects.

Some examples of what you will cover:

- analysis of data
- maths for personal finance
- statistics and probability
- critical analysis of given data and models (including spreadsheets and tabular data)

Some universities have even lowered entry requirements given a good Core Maths grade.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Dance?

Dance at Runshaw is an exciting and dynamic subject for those with a strong dance background and who pass an audition with us. Last year our students achieved 100% A*-C grades.

We also run a full range of enrichment activities; two technique classes per week are on offer and two shows per year in which all students can be involved.

Our fantastic Dance Academy gives students the opportunity to perform in competitions in the UK and abroad and to experience workshops in many varied styles. This year our students were again victorious and came home with three trophies from the Barcelona Dance Grand Prix!

Recently, students have progressed to a number of prestigious dance colleges such as Rambert, LIPA, The Royal Academy of Dance, Italia Conti, Bird, Urdang, London Contemporary, Northern Contemporary and Performers, whilst others have gone on to study for Dance degrees at Liverpool John Moores and the University of Surrey.

What will I study?

You will mainly study contemporary dance, although other styles such as jazz, ballet, latin, ballroom and street can now be used when appropriate to the question paper.

How is the course assessed?

Year 1
- solo choreography and performance
- duet/trio performance
- written examination

Year 2
- group choreography
- solo and quartet performance
- written examination

50% of the units are practical and 50% are written examinations.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Ellie Nicholson
Biology, Dance, Psychology

"At Runshaw you are always inspired to achieve your best. You are made to feel welcome from the moment you walk in. There are so many different resources provided to help you do the best you can."
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Drama and Theatre Studies?

At Runshaw we consistently achieve outstanding results in A Level Drama and Theatre, with 74% of students last year gaining A* to B grades. In addition to repeatedly attaining the highest grades, our students also are provided with fantastic enrichment opportunities, studying within a department that performs a multitude of shows throughout the year. We also regularly visit professional theatres, allowing students to experience a diverse selection of live productions.

If you choose to study with us, you will be taught by two highly experienced practitioners of Theatre Studies, providing you with a dynamic learning experience, based on their individual expertise. As well as this outstanding teaching, we have an excellent purpose built drama studio and the Amanda Roocroft Theatre, which is equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment.

The course is an exciting balance of practical and written assessments, introducing you to a range of theatre practitioners, forms and styles. The course also encourages a critical and sensitive response to the complexities of theatre, looking at the impact of different historical, social and cultural factors.

As well as giving you excellent knowledge of classical theorists, playwrights and practitioners that have changed the face of theatre, you will get the opportunity to respond to the texts from the perspective of an actor, director or designer.

What will I study?

Component 1: Studying two set texts and a live review of a theatre maker (written exam)
Component 2: Creating a devised piece of theatre with an accompanying working notebook
Component 3: Practical exploration of three different play extracts with an accompanying reflective report

How is the course assessed?

- 40% written examination
- 60% practical examinations and written coursework

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Where are you going?

Broadcaster, Choreographer, Director, Producer, Set Designer

student profile

Alice Hayes

Classical Civilisation, Drama & Theatre Studies, Music

“I have gained independence as a student and that freedom is great! The teaching is really good and the staff are very supportive, encouraging you to achieve your full potential. I’ve performed with the College Choir, Big Band, Jazz, Traditional Jazz and Concert Bands.”

74% A*-B grades 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study ECDL?

Using a computer effectively is now an essential skill – at home, at college, at university or at work. It can help you communicate more effectively and access information more easily, and a certified computer qualification makes you more attractive to employers.

The ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) is regarded by employers across the globe as a benchmark for IT competence and will improve your employment prospects:

- it allows you to prove your IT skills which can help you find a job or progress your career
- it builds your confidence in using computers
- it will improve your study skills by making you more efficient and productive

What will I study?

The course is made up of a total of 5 modules, including the four core modules of word processing, spreadsheet software, presentation software and database software, all of which use the familiar Microsoft Office software.

The fifth and final module covers improving productivity using IT and is a work based scenario designed mainly around one of the core module applications.

You will learn how to use these applications effectively for the production of professional documents for use in a college, university or work situation.

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You will be able to complete the ECDL in one academic year and modules will be assessed through a series of practical skills tests with no coursework requirements. With the restructure of UCAS points in 2017 the ECDL Advanced is worth 24 points (for comparison, a grade A in year one carries 20 points).

How is the course assessed?

100% practical exams.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Sophie Bates

Computer Science, English Literature, Mathematics, Further Mathematics

“My courses are challenging – which I like! If ever I feel I’m struggling then there is plenty of help from the teachers and the pastoral mentors. I’ve been a Maths Ambassador at events and hope to undertake an Apprenticeship in Aerospace Engineering at BAE Systems when I’ve completed my studies at college.”

student profile
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Economics?

Economics offers a unique insight into how the world works and will help students to understand many of the big questions facing people today, such as:

- how badly will the UK be impacted by an extended period of low global growth?
- what can we do about global warming?
- should patients be charged for hospital treatment?

Economics provides students with the skills to analyse issues to a high standard and provides an excellent foundation for Higher Education in such areas as economics, finance, business, management and accountancy, politics and philosophy. Recent students have progressed to degree courses at Oxford, Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Warwick University.

Our Economics students consistently achieve high grades above national benchmarks. The 2018 pass rate was 100% and 33.3% A*-A grades.

We run two residential visits each year, past trips have included visits to: Beijing, Italy, Belgium and New York.

As an Economics student you can also take part in national competitions such as the Bank of England's Target 2.0 competition and The Young Economist of the Year competition.

What will I study?

You will study:

- markets - how they work and how they fail
- balance of payments and international trade
- developing countries and globalisation
- economic growth and recessions
- economics of UK and Europe
- government economic policy
- inflation
- unemployment

Please note that if you plan to study Economics at university it is important to also take A Level Mathematics too.

How is the course assessed?

There are written examinations in each year which cover the content of the specification.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

student profile

Laurence Fredericks
Economics, English Language & Literature, EPQ, Government & Politics

“Runshaw College was the best college for me in terms of courses on offer, facilities and the teaching/learning structure. Out of class I am involved in Think Tank, a Personal Tutor representative and a Student Newsletter editor. I intend studying Land Economy at St Catharine’s College, Cambridge.”

100% pass rate in 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Engineering Design?

Our Engineering A Level is delivered by experienced, specialist teachers, in well-equipped design suites. Practical work is delivered as an integral part of the course and plenty of study materials are provided. There are always opportunities for support with project design work.

Enrichment activities in Engineering include visits to local universities and industrial sites relevant to the course. You will also have the opportunity to participate in competitions, such as the Crest awards for design, and we even schedule a visit to the Kennedy Space Centre each year! Several of our Engineering students have also taken part in our Architecture and Advanced Manufacturing Academies.

By studying Engineering Design at Runshaw there is real potential for progression onto a wide range of university degrees or careers, including Architecture and most engineering disciplines. You will also develop analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills that are valuable in a wide range of occupations and activities.

What will I study?

You will study topics which reflect modern developments in, and applications of, Design Engineering. Apply your knowledge, understanding and skills of designing and manufacturing prototypes and products to given situations and problems whilst demonstrating your higher thinking skills to solve problems and evaluate situations and suitability of a design solution.

• computer aided design
• 3D prototyping
• electronics
• mechanics
• higher mathematical analysis
• material science
• project manufacturing and management

How is the course assessed?

At the end of Year two you will be assessed by two written examinations in problem solving, and principles of engineering, in conjunction with a practical design and manufacture project that will be externally moderated.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study English Language?

Have a look at the questions below: if you answer ‘yes’ to all or most, then this is the subject for you:

• are you fascinated by language and grammar?
• are you curious about language and gender, technology and power?
• are you keen to discover how children learn language so quickly?
• do you ever wonder why - or if - accent and dialect matter?

English Language at A Level enables you to:

• develop skills of linguistic analysis and evaluation
• explore language usage in a wide variety of situations and social contexts
• respond to written, spoken and electronic texts
• study child language acquisition and language change

You will be taught by enthusiastic, dedicated and highly experienced tutors with extensive knowledge of setting and marking papers for national examining boards. As a result, our English Language students achieve excellent examination results: the pass rate is 100% and the success rate at A2 is ‘outstanding’.

There are also opportunities to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities such as:

• Creative Writing Society
• English Society and English Academy
• Debating Society

What will I study?

Something that is a world away from GCSE English!

Expect your linguistic journey to be both varied and challenging. You will explore the English language from all angles, delving inside to see how it works, and ranging outside to understand its multiple influences. Along the way it will become obvious why English is the main language for over one billion speakers – that’s one in seven of the world’s population. You will also learn why it has variously been described as a ‘hoover’, ‘as slippery as cream buns’ and a ‘mirror of our society’.

How is the course assessed?

• 80% examination
• 20% coursework

How do I find out more and apply?

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Where are you going?

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84% A*-C grades 2018
English Language and Literature

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

English Language and Literature is a stimulating and varied subject. It is an excellent choice for students who have enjoyed both areas of English at GCSE level and are just as interested in non-fiction and non-literary writing as they are in great plays and novels.

Our language and literature students achieve excellent examination results and have done so consistently for many years; with a 100% pass rate and a high proportion of students achieving A*-B grades. We are a Grade 1 subject according to Ofsted who assessed our lessons as ‘exciting and lively’ and our success rates as ‘truly outstanding’: five of our students in recent years have even scored in the top five nationally in their A Level examinations!

We go to London on a residential trip each year to visit theatres and the British Library, along with other enrichment, such as:

- Creative Writing Society
- Gifted and Talented groups
- English Society
- Debating Society

The department has a team of talented, well-qualified and committed staff who are passionate about their subject. Many are examiners, whilst others are published authors or hold higher degrees.

What will I study?

Over the two-year A Level course, you will study a novel, a biography, a play, a selection of poetry and an anthology of non-fiction texts.

How is the course assessed?

- 80% examination
- 20% coursework

How do I find out more and apply?

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Where are you going?

Author  Journalist  Lawyer
Public Relations Officer  Teacher

student profile

Eoin Malone
English Language, Psychology, Spanish

“At Runshaw the level of Study Support and facilities are really impressive. The teachers keep the classes interesting and engaging. I am part of the Student Council and hope to study English Literature and Creative Writing at Manchester University.”

94% A*-C grades 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study English Literature?

As well as enjoying a wide range of engaging and stimulating novels, plays and poems, you will also develop your ability to express informed and independent opinions verbally and in writing – skills highly regarded by employers and universities.

Lesson activities are varied with active learning strategies, paired and group work, and a pronounced emphasis on discussion and debate – several of the reasons why our students achieve excellent examination results, with a 100% pass rate and over 70% A*-B grades.

In English Literature we love enrichment activities! We have seen not one but two Hollywood stars performing Shakespeare on our regular theatre visits, and also make residential trips to London and Stratford upon Avon. You can also participate in enrichment activities such as:

- Creative Writing Society
- English Society and the English Academy
- Debating Society

What will I study?

You will study eight texts, including Shakespeare, and a range of novels, poetry and plays, including both classics and works by modern writers. You will also get the opportunity to choose your own texts for coursework.

If you have enjoyed exploring plays, poems and novels at school, and want to develop your close reading, evaluative and detailed writing skills, you will be well suited to English Literature at A Level.

How is the course assessed?

- 80% examination
- 20% coursework

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
Why should I come to Runshaw to study the Extended Project Qualification?

Alongside your A Levels, the Extended Project Qualification will provide you with the skills which are sought after by universities and employers.

By studying the qualification you will gain confidence in working independently, reading about a subject which interests you outside of your A Level studies, and in presenting your findings to others.

As a result of these skills, many universities offer our EPQ students places with lower A Level grades if they also achieve their Extended Project Qualification, making it ideal for high achievers who want to secure places at top universities.

What will I study?

It is entirely up to you! You can choose any topic you like, but it must go beyond the demands of the specifications of your A Level subjects. You will be given a supervisor to help shape your topic and research, but the direction your project takes will be your decision to make.

How is the course assessed?

You will complete a production log, a project, and a presentation.

How do I find out more and apply?

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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 who want to understand how film functions as an art form. The art of cinema is placed into its industrial context through a study of contemporary and historical modes of production, distribution and exhibition.

Your analytical skills will be nurtured through case studies, exploring critical perspectives and by an introduction to cinema from around the world. We use DVD and digital projection technology to enhance the close study of key sequences and frames, whilst we also use PC based edit facilities for the study of narrative and narration.

In 2018 78% of students taking Film Studies achieved A*-B grades, the fourth highest percentage in the country.

In addition to your lessons you will have the opportunity to take part in lectures, master classes and trips with the Film and Media Academy, as well as enrichment activities through the Film Production Club and writing articles for 'Screen', the Film Studies Magazine.

What will I study?

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

Students will eventually develop a broad knowledge of film theory and spectatorship by viewing case studies of individual films.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed by coursework and a written examination. The coursework requires that each student makes a short film.

How do I find out more and apply?

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What are you going to be when you grow up?

Broadcaster, Journalist, Teacher, Marketing Manager, Media Producer

Where are you going?

Journalist, Teacher

So... where are you going to study Film Studies?

Film Studies, Mathematics, Media Studies

"I loved the welcoming feel at the Open Evenings I attended and the range of subjects and academic support available. I like learning things that I haven’t previously considered. The lessons are fun and interesting, everything is explained really well. I will be studying Primary Education with QTS at Edge Hill after completing my studies at Runshaw."

Sophie Dilworth

Film Studies, Mathematics, Media Studies

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78% A*-B grades 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Fine Art?

The Fine Art course will see you working in a range of media, exploring painting, drawing and print-making; the work of artists; and mixed media, collage and sculptural forms.

You will be taught in fantastic, purpose-built studios including painting studios, 3D workshops, a print-making studio, and dedicated art study room. Our students also benefit from their own art shop on-site, allowing access to a wide range of materials and products, whilst enrichment activities include trips to places such as art exhibitions and museums in Manchester and Liverpool, and National Trust venues.

As part of the course, students may also have the opportunity to work with a visiting artist, exploring a specialist technique and media. This work will be assessed as part of the coursework unit and helps students to develop a broad range of practical skills.

The Fine Art year culminates in the end of year public exhibition which displays an amazing array of students’ work produced over the whole of the course, and is something that all our staff and students look forward to.

What will I study?

You will be taught a wide range of techniques, encompassing, in part, oil and acrylic painting, mono printing, etching, screen printing, large experimental drawing and large scale paintings on canvas, wood and metal. Your work may take the form of journals, notebooks, worksheets and largescale rough studies, with final small and large scale outcomes.

Specifically, this will be through:

- Critical and Contextual Studies: written and visual analysis of art history, artists, designers and visual sources.
- Drawing and Recording: Drawing from direct observation will be expected throughout the course, including life drawing, and students are required to visit and collect sources to draw and photograph as part of all their work.

How is the course assessed?

- 60% coursework
- 40% externally set examination

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Rhiannon Stones
Fine Art, Maths, Physics

“When looking at colleges I felt Runshaw would provide an excellent learning environment and felt the facilities would benefit me the most. I had heard great things about the quality of teaching and the amazing results they get every year.”

80% high grades 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Geography?

Geography is an engaging, diverse and topical subject. We investigate contemporary geographical issues to promote global awareness, and work to develop a range of skills that are highly desired by employers.

Fieldwork is an essential part of Geography and you will complete at least four days of fieldwork across the two-year course. You will visit places such as Liverpool, Manchester and the Fylde Coast to investigate regeneration and coastal environments. There is also the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Italy in the first year. Visiting speakers from universities and other organisations will provide opportunities for students who wish to take their studies beyond the A Level syllabus.

In 2018, our students achieved 71% A*-B grades and there was a 100% pass rate.

What will I study?

Geography is a skills-based course and you will study:

- Dynamic Landscapes investigates tectonic hazards and coastal change
- Dynamic Places examines globalisation, migration, and re-branding
- Physical Systems and Sustainability looks at issues of water and energy security
- Global Development looks at superpowers and geopolitical issues

Students are also able to complement their classroom learning by carrying out further research into topical case studies they are interested in.

How is the course assessed?

- 80% written examination
- 20% coursework

How do I find out more and apply?

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Where are you going?

- Climate Scientist
- Conservationist
- Environmental Consultant
- GIS Analyst
- Project Manager

What are you going to study?

- Biology, Geography, History

*Runshaw offers an unparalleled learning experience – which strikes the perfect balance between the independent learning necessary at A Level study and the support required to attain outstanding results. I decided to come to Runshaw because of its consistently outstanding results and the support of dedicated teachers that obviously have a passion for their subject. I hope to study Geography at Durham University.*

71% A*-B grades 2018

Imogen Mould

student profile

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@RunshawGeog
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Geology?

Geology is an exciting subject with appeal to physical geography and science-based students. On average, only medical and dentistry graduates earn more than geologists and students go on to study subjects such as geology, earth science, environmental science, geophysics and geochemistry.

The course outlines the history, evolution, practicality and beauty of our planet. It will give you the opportunity to take part in enjoyable and relevant fieldwork as you are taught by experienced teaching staff in a friendly and supportive environment.

Due to geology’s scientific nature, we advise that you take at least one other science subject as part of your study programme.

What will I study?

You will study the following topics over the course of two years:

- plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes
- rock processes and products
- environmental, economic and engineering geology
- the evolution of life, oceans and the atmosphere

How is the course assessed?

- 80% written examination
- 20% coursework and practical work

How do I find out more and apply?

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student profile

Josh Parry
Chemistry, Geography, Geology

“The staff and students at Runshaw were both kind and friendly and the college was bright and welcoming when I visited on the Open Days. The teachers are very helpful and learning so much new stuff is fun! I would recommend the Sports Academies as the coaches are great and supportive. I hope to study Natural Sciences at Imperial College, London, when I complete my studies at Runshaw.”
student profile

Daniel Hubbard
Classical Civilisation, Government & Politics, History

“Runshaw was the only college in the area that allowed me to undertake the combination of subjects that I wanted to study. I like the content covered by the subjects and the high quality and professionalism of the teachers. Outside of class I have been involved in the Politics ‘Think Tank’ and the Debating Society.”

Where are you going?

- Human Resources Manager
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Politician
- Teacher

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Government & Politics?

Government and Politics is a great choice if you enjoy current affairs, debates and discussions, and wish to study a subject that is vibrant and exciting.

We regularly host visits from MPs and councillors, and students have the opportunity to experience a field visit to Parliament. Runshaw students also take part in Chorley Borough Question Time both as panel and audience members, asking questions of local politicians in the run up to elections.

Through our Politics Academy students have assisted in the running of mock elections at a local high school, and have also taken part in a residential trip to London visiting Parliament and the Supreme Court, and engaging Deputy Speaker and Chorley MP, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, in a Q&A session in the historic committee rooms.

Our 100% pass rate in 2018 shows that students enjoy and achieve studying Government and Politics at Runshaw College.

What will I study?

As most students will not have studied politics previously, prior knowledge will not be an assumption and staff will encourage the acquisition of skills in the first few weeks of the course. To help this, students will keep a political diary through their research into current affairs and developments.

The course itself particularly concentrates on the changeable values of British politics, including:

- electoral systems and voting behaviour
- features of a representative democracy
- issues in British politics today
- parties and pressure groups
- the politics of the USA

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication is an exciting and wide-ranging subject, we want students to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

This course encourages students to explore visual communication and ideas through typography, printmaking, illustration and digital media. Students are guided to work with a range of media including traditional art techniques such as drawing, printmaking and collage.

You will also learn specialist industry software including Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, using these programmes to explore image manipulation, vector graphics and layout design. The course gives you the opportunity to discover your own specialist area within graphics, from illustration to animation.

Our classrooms include specialist Apple Mac suites, a print room, dark room and photography studios; we also have an on-site art shop.

It is important to please note that this course is different to a GCSE Graphic Products course, since the Graphic Communication course at Runshaw focuses students to create mainly 2D work, such as posters, CD covers, flyers and magazine articles. The Graphic Communication year culminates in the end of year public exhibition which displays an amazing array of students’ work produced over the whole of the course, and is something that all our staff and students look forward to.

What will I study?

You will investigate the main areas of Graphic Design:

- advertising
- illustration
- packaging
- typography (design using type and letter forms)
- computers in art and design
- historical and contextual studies in graphic design

Within these areas you will produce personal responses to set briefs with expressive and experimental use of different media, techniques and processes. You will develop your drawing skills, communication and experimentation as well as your contextual understanding of graphic design.

Previous briefs have included advertising campaigns, fashion illustration and packaging design, all focusing on developing your use of visual language.

How is the course assessed?

- 60% coursework
- 40% externally set examination

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

student profile

Eniola Adaranijo

Graphics, Media Studies and Textiles

“I enjoy the range of courses I’ve chosen as they are very creative and allow me to develop my artwork skills. I hope to go onto Fashion Design at Manchester Metropolitan University after I complete my studies at Runshaw.”
student profile

Jess Burt
History, Politics, Sociology

“I came to Runshaw because of the diversity of courses, enthusiastic teachers and great support. The range of clubs and extra-curricular activities is amazing, there really is something for everyone! As well as my subjects I’ve been involved in the Debating Society, The Runshaw student magazine and I’m a member of the Student Council.”

Why should I come to Runshaw to study History?

History is a traditional A Level providing you with a variety of life skills that will take you to any career area!

Our History department has achieved a Grade 1 ‘Outstanding’ in the last three Ofsted inspections and your teachers will provide expert knowledge, guidance, and support, and are either examiners or have experience as examiners.

We offer excellent enrichment through guest lectures and our very own History Journal as part of the History Academy. We also offer study visits to places as diverse as Auschwitz, Westminster and the Imperial War Museum.

What will I study?

You will be able to choose ONE course from the three options:

1. Early Modern History
   - The Tudors 1485 - 1603: a broad sweep through the problems of this despotic royal family
   - Louis XIV of France 1660 - 1715: examining to what extent Louis XIV created an absolute monarchy from his magnificent palace of Versailles
   - The European Witchcraft 1560 - 1660: why was it that European states hounded and persecuted hundreds of thousands of innocent people (mainly women), believing them to be witches?

2. European History
   - Britain 1783 - 1885: a broad sweep of the industrial revolution, and the changing face of politics: Pitt, Peel and Disraeli, plus social reform
   - Democracy & Nazism: Germany 1918 - 1945: an in-depth study of the rise of the Nazis under the Weimar Republic and the establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship
   - Tsarist and Communist Russia 1881 - 1991

3. World History
   - USA 1865 - 1975: a sweeping study of the emergence of a dominant global superpower
   - The Making of Modern Britain 1951 - 2007: an in-depth study of over fifty years of British post-war boom and affluence, followed by an era of reaction: the world of Wilson, Thatcher, Major and Blair and the changing role of Britain in global affairs
   - The Atlantic Slave Trade & the Development of Civil Rights in the USA

How is the course assessed?

The first year of the course will be assessed internally. The A Level includes two written examinations (80%) and coursework (20%) taken in Year 2.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

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Where are you goi...
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Law?

Law is a fascinating, dynamic subject that underpins all areas of life. High profile criminal cases are in the headlines every day, and places on law courses continue to be highly prized and can often lead to a lucrative career.

At the heart of Law at Runshaw is the optional Law Academy, where students from all classes and years come together on a weekly basis to take part in a variety of additional activities to develop their practical legal skills and try their hand at undergraduate work. Guest speakers are a regular event, and this has proved an excellent way to secure work experience. Lawyers from Allen & Overy, Fletchers Solicitors and Wigan local authority have all delivered interesting presentations to students this year. Students are also able to apply to become mentors to partner high school pupils and work closely in preparing cases to present in front of real judges in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition. Advanced level lectures and the opportunity to work closely with a practising barrister also ensure that those requiring the highest grades can achieve them.

Students can also get involved in the running of their own weekly Mock Trial Club to develop their practical advocacy skills.

We also enjoy our own unique court room and students benefit greatly from a vast array of enrichment activities which really make Law at Runshaw very special:

• Residential trips to London including the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court
• Visits to the Magistrates and Crown courts to watch trials in action
• A strong tradition of Mooting with the annual Runshaw Moot Competition
• A strong tradition of success in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition – we have been regional event winners five times (most recently in 2018 and 2016) and National Runners-up in 2011
• Master classes from lawyers and magistrates
• World Mock Trial Championship in New York in 2017
• LNAT and University Law entry preparation classes and Oxbridge preparation classes

What will I study?

Year 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law, Law Making and the Law of Tort

Year 2: Contract Law and the Nature of Law

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination across three papers at the end of Year Two.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

@RunshawLaw

Amber Boydell

English Language and Literature, Law, Sociology

“The support available from the Pastoral Tutors through to Student Services and teachers is fantastic. There is a passion and a drive from all members of staff, all the teachers are very enthusiastic about their subjects. I’ve also been a member of the Student Council and hope to study Law at the University of York.”
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Mathematics?

Mathematics is a fascinating and rewarding area of study and at Runshaw each student works in an atmosphere that is both challenging and supportive.

Mathematics is the most popular subject at Runshaw and complements studies in many areas such as the sciences, finance, economics, computer studies and engineering. Recent research suggests that people with A Level Mathematics can earn 10% more than colleagues with similar qualifications. The problem-solving nature of A Level Mathematics makes it a much sought-after entry qualification for a wide variety of university courses and careers.

Teachers in the School of Mathematics use a range of collaborative learning methods where students are encouraged to discuss concepts and problems. Lessons are presented in a variety of interesting ways and often include quizzes, puzzles, interactive computer packages and matching activities to name but a few.

In our last inspection we were awarded Grade 1, indicating outstanding provision, and in 2018 our students achieved a very impressive 68% A*-B.

As a Mathematics student you will be able to access our many enrichment activities, such as:

- Maths Academy
- Maths challenges and quizzes
- Prestigious university entrance programme

What will I study?

The core of the subject is Pure Mathematics which takes the basic mathematics you have done at GCSE, particularly algebra, graphs and trigonometry, and extends them to form the basic ‘tool kit’ on which all mathematics is based.

Calculus, the mathematics of growth and change, on which so many applications depend, is also developed.

You will also study two areas of applied mathematics: Mechanics and Statistics. Mechanics is the study of forces and the movement of objects and has many applications in the sciences, particularly physics and engineering. Statistics is the mathematics of data or information processing and extends many ideas including averages, standard deviation and probability, that most students discovered at GCSE.

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Where are you going?

Accountant  Architect  Engineer
Programmer  Sports Scientist

student profile

Alice Owens
Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

“The staff are enthusiastic about the courses they teach which makes lessons engaging. The range of academies and activities is vast. I am part of the Electronic Society, Engineering Academy, Badminton Academy, STEP class and the Classics Academy. I intend to study a Science or Maths-based degree at University after Runshaw.”

68% A*-B grades 2018
Mathematics (Further)

You will add elegant techniques to your mathematical skill-set which will also be extremely useful for tackling entrance exams to prestigious universities such as Cambridge, Oxford and Warwick.

What will I study?
As a Further Mathematics student you will study a wide variety of different areas of mathematics including Pure, Mechanics and Statistics. Throughout the first year you will study the core ideas utilised in A Level Mathematics coupled with elements of Applied Mathematics. This will equip you with the mathematical foundations required to approach the second year Further Mathematics course with competence and confidence where you will study Further Pure and Further Applied Mathematics. At the end of the two year course you will have achieved an A Level in Mathematics and an A Level in Further Mathematics.

How is the course assessed?
100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?
Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Further Mathematics?
Further Mathematics A Level is not just for those who want to go on and study Maths at University. Anyone who enjoys Maths and thinks they might wish to study a Maths related degree at university should seriously consider the advantages of having an A Level in Further Mathematics.

The Further Mathematics programme produces exceptional results. Most recently 100% of our students achieved a grade A* or A in their Maths A Level and 45% achieved an A* grade in their Further Mathematics A Level.

To complement the class-taught mathematics you will also have the opportunity to study additional material covering advanced mathematical concepts. This will further support and prepare you for your chosen degree course as well as developing the skills of independent self-motivated study which are highly valued by universities.

Through our enrichment programme you have the chance to take problem solving to the next level.

Where are you going?
Economist | Physicist | Computer Scientist | Financial Analyst | Mechanical Engineer

student profile

James Nurdin
Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

"Runshaw was the best local college for me, the teaching is excellent and the coursework is challenging. The support we receive is outstanding."
What will I study?
The first year focuses on introducing you to the main issues impacting on contemporary media. You will look at the production of media products and how audiences access and engage with it. Media Studies looks at the relationships between the traditional media (film, television, newspapers etc) and e-media, and you will participate in the close study of a number of media products. You will also be supported in developing your practical production skills during this first year of study.

The second year allows you to investigate more advanced conceptual issues and develop your analysis skills. This will allow you to understand the way the media is part of our culture and the political and social impact it has. You will also work on creating your own media products.

How is the course assessed?
All assessments take place at the end of the second year. 70% of the marks are based on a written examination and 30% on the completion of a practical production task.

How do I find out more and apply?
Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Where are you going?
Editor | Events Manager | Journalist
Marketing Manager | Media Producer

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Media Studies?
Students choose Media Studies for a number of reasons: some may wish to follow a media-related career path at university or through an apprentice scheme, others may have a keen interest in one or more aspects of the modern media and have a curiosity as to how it works. Media Studies will also provide you with an opportunity to engage in practical production work and will broaden your knowledge and understanding of the contemporary media and its importance in our culture.

Our teaching teams are led by published writers and examiners who in 2018 helped our students achieve a superb 100% pass rate and 69% A*-B grades with much of the students’ work regularly being assessed as the best in the country.

In addition, fantastic enrichment activities will be available to you through visits and trips as well as an opportunity to work with the British Youth Film Association on major projects.

You can also progress onto a wide range of related courses at university, such as practical media courses, and theoretical media courses. Equally, Media Studies is excellent preparation for courses in English, Cultural Studies, Film Studies, Marketing and Promotion and other Humanities and Business-related courses.

student profile

Lilly Tarmey
English Language & Literature, French, Media Studies, Music Technology
“Great support and dedication from all the teachers. All of my subjects link together in some way and I find learning about them very interesting. I intend studying Journalism at university with, hopefully, a career as a music journalist.”

69% A*-B grades 2018
Modern Foreign Languages
French, German & Spanish

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Modern Foreign Languages?

Runshaw’s team of MFL teachers are highly experienced A Level teachers and examiners. They are committed to helping you achieve your very best and preparing you for success. You will receive extra coaching each week to prepare you for the oral exam and will have access to hundreds of resources and interactive language learning media.

The study of a Modern Foreign Language at A Level is both challenging and satisfying and requires a high level of student commitment; however, the rewards are immense and equip you with a range of transferable skills including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity.

Much of the time in class you will be working in your chosen language of study and you will develop your knowledge and understanding of not just your chosen language, but its culture and society.

What will I study?

The A Level course builds on the knowledge, understanding and skills gained at GCSE.

- you will study advanced level grammar and language structures
- you will study the society, the culture and the history of your chosen language country
- you will further develop your expertise by studying one prescribed text and one prescribed film
- you will undertake an independent research project in your chosen language

How is the course assessed?

Your language skills are assessed in external exams at the end of Year 2. In addition to listening and reading comprehensions, you will translate unseen texts, summarise unseen texts, and write one essay in your chosen language on a prescribed book, and one essay in your chosen language on a prescribed film.

Your speaking ability is assessed in a 20-minute unscripted speaking test.

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

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@SpanishRunshaw

student profile

Adam Butler
Computer Science, French, Mathematics, Physics

“Runshaw is very friendly and welcoming with great teachers. There’s really good support at all times. I hope to study Physics/Theoretical Physics at Durham University after completing my time at Runshaw.”

Where are you going?

- Business Manager
- Civil Servant
- Interpreter
- Lawyer
- Publisher

Superb Teaching
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Music?

As a Music student at Runshaw you will enjoy our superb music facilities, which include a specialist studio with grand piano, digital piano, and five spacious, well-equipped practice rooms.

Our teachers are highly qualified experienced examiners, many of whom are graduates of leading UK Conservatoires of Music and are also professional musicians who perform extensively. As a result, our grades are excellent, with consistent 100% pass rates, consistently good high-grade achievement and excellent added value.

As a Music student you will become a member of the Runshaw Music Academy giving you the chance to take part in trips, guest lectures and allowing you many performing opportunities, involving instrumental bands and ensembles, choirs, rock music workshop, concerts and concert tours (both local and international).

Our students in recent years have progressed to:
- The Royal College of Music
- Trinity College of Music
- Birmingham Conservatoire
- The Royal Northern College of Music
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Bangor University
- Durham University
- Leeds College of Music
- Leeds University

In 2017, the Music department created a partnership with Leeds College of Music and consequently, all of our students are guaranteed an audition, should they apply.

What will I study?

A Level Music covers the three areas of composing, performing and listening.

You will:
- compose your own music and learn to write in the Western Classical genre, as well as other genres.
- perform as a soloist
- listen to and analyse music – Symphonies of the Classical and early Romantic era, Jazz and music of the Twentieth Century

How is the course assessed?

- Performing: a 10-12 minute recital as a soloist assessed by a visiting examiner
- Two compositions: produced as coursework and sent to the exam board for marking
- History of music and listening: a 2 hour 15 minute written examination covering Classical and Twentieth Century set works

How do I find out more and apply?

Please see our course leaflet at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Where are you going?

Conductor  Performer  Designer
Music Therapist  Teacher

Leon Storer
Government & Politics, Music, Advanced Audio Engineering

“I enjoy all the creative and performing sides of my music courses. They allow me to write my own music and play new and interesting music on my saxophone. I play in multiple bands within college such as the Big band, Trad Jazz group and the Wind Orchestra. I have been offered a place at LIPA (Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts) to continue my studies after Runshaw.”

100% pass rate 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Music Technology?

This is a vocational course designed for competent creative musicians with interests in creating high quality audio recordings.

We have a range of industry standard facilities, including a Mac Suite with the most recent Pro Tools software, and a recording studio with two live rooms, a large control room, and a Pro Tools HD system.

The Music department facilities also include a suite of six practice rooms and all students get access to the facilities outside of lesson times.

We also organise a range of extra-curricular music activities, including instrumental bands and ensembles, Jazz and Popular Music workshops, concerts and concert tours.

What will I study?

You will study:

- multi track recording in the studio
- music production using a Digital Audio Workstation
- creating a finished audio product
- sound design
- music technology in performance
- special subject investigation

How is the course assessed?

As the course is a single vocational option within the A Level Programme and is equivalent in point score, on completion of Year 2, to a complete A Level, all units are formally assessed throughout the course.

How do I find out more and apply?

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student profile

Dylan Purser

Computer Science, Media Studies, Music Technology

“I enjoy the fact that my courses are challenging, it’s a much different pace to GCSEs but I like that, it feels more like the tutors want to help you pass and they are eager to give you extra help and information to succeed. I have also been involved with ‘Runshaw Radio’ the college radio station.”

86% A*-C grades 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Philosophy?

The Philosophy department at Runshaw topped national league tables in both 2014 and 2016, making us officially England’s number one performing college for A Level Philosophy in two out of the last five years!

As a Philosophy student you will join a long and distinguished tradition of attempting to understand the world around us and our place within it. The word Philosophy is from the ancient Greek, meaning “the love of wisdom”. Philosophers attempt to gain ‘wisdom’ or ‘understanding’ by asking the most fundamental questions and attempting to answer them through the use of conceptual analysis, empirical evidence and rational argument.

You will encounter some of the biggest questions humanity has ever asked, and be trained in techniques for discussing them intelligently in order to reach perceptive conclusions. In studying Philosophy, you will become a more disciplined and logical thinker, and will develop an ability to both deconstruct and construct concise logical arguments.

Studying Philosophy is academically rigorous and challenging, but is also very rewarding.

As 20th Century British philosopher Bertrand Russell put it, “Through the greatness of the universe which philosophy contemplates, the mind is also rendered great.” If you are not afraid of intellectually challenging ideas and new perspectives, then Philosophy could be the subject for you.
Photography

Why should I come to Runshaw to study Photography?

This course offers you the opportunity to learn a wide breadth of photographic techniques and processes. The course allows students to extend their knowledge of both the technical and theory side, and encourages students to explore new ways of seeing the world.

You will have the opportunity in year one to develop photographic skills ranging from traditional darkroom to experimental image making, studio and location shoots and digital techniques using software such as Adobe Photoshop. In the second year of the course you will build on these skills to produce a portfolio that shows a wide range of high quality coursework produced over the two years, enabling you to have an excellent range of work for both university and industry interviews.

Runshaw has a dedicated photography studio with a great range of lighting and props and a fully equipped black and white darkroom. You will be taught in specialist, purpose built studios and workshops, by teachers who have worked in the industry in a variety of different fields, supported by a subject specialist technician.

Photography students have the opportunity to:

- create a portfolio of work
- work with peers to organise a final group exhibition

The Photography year culminates in the end of year public exhibition which displays an amazing array of students’ work produced over the whole of the course, and is something that all our staff and students look forward to.

What will I study?

You will investigate:

- alternative processes and techniques
- black and white analogue and darkroom photography
- digital camera work and computer editing photography
- location photography
- studio incorporating experimental lighting photography

How is the course assessed?

- 60% internally assessed
- 40% externally set examination

How do I find out more and apply?

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Where are you going?

- Camera Operator
- Graphic Designer
- Fashion Journalist
- Event Photographer
- Media Executive

student profile

Kyle Richardson

Film Studies, Photography, RS – Theology & Philosophy

“Runshaw has the most friendly staff. With my fellow students, classes become like family. Support from teachers and mentors is always available. I intend to study Film and Photography at Leeds University after Runshaw.”

Excellent Facilities
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Physical Education?

As a Physical Education student at Runshaw, you can be assured of the very best teaching, all supported by our interactive environment, where class notes, revision notes, quizzes and guidance notes are available for students to access from both inside and outside of college. Some theory content will be delivered through engaging practical lessons making use of our state-of-the-art sports hall and fitness suite facilities.

You will have the chance to take the theory of your lessons and put it into practice by visiting various universities for exercise physiology testing, and using facilities such as climbing walls and driving ranges.

After finishing your course you can progress to university to study a variety of courses, including Sports Science, Sports Studies, Leisure Management, Teaching, Sports Therapy, Physiotherapy and others.

For those wishing to study Physiotherapy at university, subject combinations should please be considered carefully and further advice sought.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Physics?

Our Physics A Level is delivered by experienced, specialist teachers, in well-equipped laboratories. Practical work is delivered as an integral part of the course and plenty of study materials are provided, and there are always opportunities for support with work.

Enrichment activities in Physics include visits to local universities and industrial sites relevant to the course. You will also have the opportunity to participate in competitions, such as the Physics Olympiad, and we even schedule a visit to CERN each year! Several of our Physics students have also taken part in master classes in Cosmology, Particle Physics and Engineering at Lancaster University.

By studying Physics at Runshaw there is real potential for progression onto a wide range of university degrees leading to careers in Engineering, Physical Sciences and Medicine. You will also develop analytical, numerical and problem-solving skills that are valuable in a wide range of occupations and activities.

What will I study?

You will study topics which reflect modern developments in, and applications of, Physics:

- electricity
- mechanics
- particles and quantum phenomena
- radioactivity and nuclear energy
- waves and fields
- astrophysics

How is the course assessed?

You will be assessed by three written examinations at the end of two years. Practical work will be assessed throughout the course and will be shown as an endorsement on the final certificate.

How do I find out more and apply?

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student profile

Josh Metge

Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

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Where are you going?

Astrophysicist  Engineer

Medic  Meteorologist  Teacher

42% A*-A grades in 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Psychology?

As a Psychology student at Runshaw you will benefit from highly qualified Grade 1 rated staff who are committed to helping you succeed using a range of creative and diverse teaching methods. As many of our teachers are specialist A Level examiners our results are always excellent, achieving 64% A*-B grades in 2018.

A vast range of enrichment opportunities also await you, including residential trips to Berlin and Krakow, London and Edinburgh, as well as a variety of guest lecturers from local universities and the professional world.

In addition, our Psychology Academy offers a number of short courses for you to undertake a variety of projects, all of which are designed to encourage exploration of topics other than those studied on the course, and further develop knowledge and skills to support your university application and chosen career progression.

When they leave us at the end of their course many of our students continue to study Psychology or related subjects, such as Criminology. Their intention is to become either a Psychologist in any of the specialist areas, such as occupational, child, clinical, criminal, sport or educational psychology, or to work in related fields such as social services, probation service, the police, the legal system, medicine and teaching.

What will I study?

The course will introduce you to the theories and methods in psychology and offer you the opportunity to look at some of the explanations psychologists use to understand human behaviour and experiences.

**Year 1:** You will study the ways in which psychologists approach the investigation of human behaviour, such as social approach, cognitive approach, biological approach and learning theories. This will be assessed by a formal internal assessment at the end of the year.

**Year 2:** You will focus on the application of psychology to different areas of everyday life, such as clinical and criminological psychology. This will be assessed by three external examinations which cover the material from both Year 1 and Year 2 at the end of the year.

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?

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@Psy_Runshaw

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student profile

Neha Patel

Biology, Business, Chemistry, Psychology

“I came to Runshaw because of the variety of courses they offer and the extra-curricular activities – I joined the Psychology Academy and the Medical Society which are really beneficial when applying to universities. I like that my choice of courses are different and they give me a broad understanding of different career paths that I could take.”

100% pass rate 2018
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Religious Studies?

Religious Studies appeals to students who like to debate key philosophical issues and get to the heart of why people hold religious beliefs. They are interested in the world in which they live, in current affairs and how religion has been, to some extent, marginalised by modern developments, such as the developments of science. You do not have to have any religious commitment to study this course and can be from any religious background, the key quality for this course is to have a lively and enquiring mind!

At Runshaw we have an outstanding record of success in Religious Studies, with a 100% pass rate for the past seven years and 68% A*-B grades last year.

You can also join the Religious Studies Academy to extend your studies, taking part in trips, debates and guest lectures to allow you to fully appreciate how the world can be interpreted and understood.

Many of our students progress to read a wide number of degrees at university as Religious Studies has transferable skills that will make you a very strong candidate when the time comes to leave us.

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?

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@RS_Runshaw

I chose Runshaw because of its reputation and the standard of teaching. Whilst at Runshaw I have been president of the ‘Think Tank’ debating club. I will be taking up a place at the LSE (London School of Economics) to study International Relations.”
What will I study?

In Sociology lessons you will be given opportunities to discuss and debate a whole range of topical sociological issues.

A few examples of topics studied are:

- why do some people join gangs?
- why do people get married or divorced?
- why do some people underachieve in school?
- why do some pupils join anti-school sub-cultures?

How is the course assessed?

100% written examination.

How do I find out more and apply?

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Why should I come to Runshaw to study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of people in society, but depending on how we define society will determine how we study it. Sociologists are interested in finding out about a variety of social phenomena, including: family, education systems, different cultures, religious beliefs, crime and deviance.

The pass rate for Sociology is consistently 100%, and in 2018, 73% of students achieved A*-B grade. Our teachers’ specialism, enthusiasm and commitment means that our students enjoy and achieve whilst studying Sociology at Runshaw College.

You will also have the opportunity to join the Sociology Academy where you can debate and research topics other than those discussed in the classroom. We also attend many trips, visits and conferences, recent ones include:

- trip to a Buddhist temple
- trip to London (residential)
- guest speaker from Wigan Council discussing domestic violence

Where are you going?

Human Resources Manager  Police Officer
Prison Officer  Social Worker  Youth Worker

student profile

Maria Thompson
Economics, English Language & Literature, Mathematics, Sociology

“Runshaw has a great atmosphere and the variety of courses appealed to me. I love how my Sociology and Economics courses relate to the real world and current events. Although Maths is fairly challenging, I’m finding it very useful to study alongside Economics. I take part in many college activities and would recommend the sign language class.”
Why should I come to Runshaw to study Textiles?

Studying Textiles will allow you to explore the nature and purpose of all textile processes and discover how ideas develop from initial ideas to finished products. You will work on themes that explore texture, colour, pattern, line and form, through experimentation with materials. You will also have the opportunity to explore areas of fashion including design, illustration and creative embellishment.

You will work in our purpose-built studios where all aspects of textiles and fashion are highly encouraged. This is further enhanced by visits from practicing textile designers, who run workshops in order to introduce our students to new and exciting textile techniques and skills, exploring other artists’ work, which will be used in coursework to inspire ideas.

For the last five years Textile students have gained 100% pass rates, a positive testament to our outstanding level of teaching and learning. The textile year culminates in the end of year public exhibition which displays an amazing array of students’ work produced over the whole of the course, and is something that all our staff and students look forward to.

What will I study?

Some of the subjects you will study are:
- appliqué and reverse appliqué
- garment design
- fashion design and illustration
- creating and developing surface pattern ideas
- creative machine and hand-stitch embroidery
- felt-making and manipulation
- 3D fabric manipulation

How is the course assessed?

- 60% internally assessed unit
- 40% externally set examination paper

How do I find out more and apply?

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After completing the course you will be able to progress to university to an Art-related degree course or a pre-degree Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

student profile

Holly Lavery
Biology, Law, Textiles

“I chose Runshaw because it has the best student grades in the area. Since being here I have developed a great interest in my subjects.”

91% A*-B grades in 2018
Welcome to Apprenticeships
An Apprenticeship at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into a variety of industries. It combines a real job with taught training. You will usually spend 4 or 5 days per week in your job, and one day or evening per week studying at college.

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, Engineering, Social work, Childcare, Care Work or Catering, our Apprenticeships will take you where you want to go!

Just some of the Apprenticeships available at Runshaw:

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Apprenticeships
Welcome to Vocational Courses
What are Vocational Courses?

Our Vocational BTEC and T Level courses are linked to the world of work. You choose one area and one level, studying it in detail. You will be assessed in many different ways - exam, portfolio, or practical assessment, so English and Maths are key components of your programme.

What progression is there?
As our vocational courses are strongly linked to the workplace, you will be in a strong position to either go straight into employment, secure an apprenticeship, or gain a place at a prestigious university.

To find out more and apply for our courses please see our course leaflets on the Runshaw website [www.runshaw.ac.uk](http://www.runshaw.ac.uk) and press the ‘Apply’ button to start your application.
What are Vocational Courses?

T Levels coming in 2020!
Business BTEC Level 2 78
Business BTEC Level 3 79

A vocational Business course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the varied world of business and industry. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Business courses will take you where you want to go!

Our Level 2 and 3 courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry. You will experience Grade 1 rated outstanding teaching and numerous enrichment opportunities as well as being constantly kept up to date with developments and initiatives in the business world. You will be involved in producing reports and other business documents, presentations and advertising materials, as well as various roleplays to develop key employability skills such as interview technique, customer service and pitching business proposals.

Please see our course leaflets at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
What will I learn?
You will learn about the important elements of enterprise in the world of business. This will range from understanding marketing and finance to focusing on areas that include retail and customer service environments. You will also look at the ownership and structures of different businesses and decide on the best option for you when planning your own business start-up. As part of your study programme you will also study Maths and/or English.

How will I be assessed?
Coursework is set continually throughout the year so you will know how you are progressing at all times. There are also two external examinations.

What enrichment can I look forward to?
You will have access to guest speaker presentations, trips, work experience, volunteering and take part in fundraising.

What progression is there?
Successful completion of the course can lead to progression on to a Level 3 course at Runshaw such as Level 3 Business, an Apprenticeship, or employment.

Where are you going?
- Business Manager
- HR Consultant
- Management Consultant
- Marketing Executive
- Retail Manager

Who is this course for?
Business BTEC Level 2

student profile

Halle Wilford
BTEC Business

“Runshaw has a good reputation for excellent grades with excellent teaching. I intend on progressing to Level 3 Business when I complete this course.”
What will I learn?

You will develop a real understanding of what is involved, both theoretically and practically, in becoming an effective business professional.

**Year One:** you will cover business functions and internal and external influences on businesses, including marketing, management of business resources, finance, leadership and teamwork, business communications and business ethics.

**Year Two:** you will cover the learning of specialised subjects such as employment law, economics, project management, international business, internet and e-commerce, human resource management, retail and distribution and the English legal system.

How will I be assessed?

Your assessment will vary greatly and reflect the types of communications used daily in business such as reports, presentations, debates, podcasts, meetings, and will also include practical involvement in activities such as market research and the managing of a business team event activity.

Many contemporary businesses are also linked to assigned scenarios used to allow you to demonstrate applying your knowledge in real business settings.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will have the opportunity to be involved in external visits and guest speaker presentations. Recent visits have included Alton Towers, British Aerospace, Paris, Belgium, Italy, Moscow, New York, Shanghai and Beijing.

What progression is there?

You will have a mass of future opportunities available to you. You could choose to go on to university to study a wide variety of related topics such as Law, Project Management or Accounting. Alternatively you could enter the world of work and specialise in Marketing, Finance, Sales or Personnel sectors. Our students who choose to enter the world of work have engaged in numerous business opportunities, including the BAE Systems Management Trainee Programme, Apprenticeships with Lancashire Police and a variety of accounting firms.

Where are you going?

**Business Manager**  **HR Consultant**

**Management Consultant**  **Retail Manager**

**Marketing Executive**

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**student profile**

**Muhammad Patel**

BTEC Business

“Students who have attended Runshaw have gone on to achieve great things and I wanted to be part of that legacy. It’s hard to find a college which motivates and pushes each pupil like Runshaw does. After my BTEC I am hoping to start a Financial Services Apprenticeship.”
Engineering

Engineering BTEC Level 2 82
Engineering BTEC Level 3 83

An Engineering course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the world of engineering. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our engineering courses will take you where you want to go!

Our courses are exciting, technically challenging and wide-ranging, so you are prepared for all the amazing career opportunities that exist within the industry.

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What will I learn?

Our Level 2 course is a mixture of academic and technical study, allowing you to try a whole range of design and engineering disciplines. Our facilities are excellent and include dedicated IT rooms with industry standard software.

The technical nature of much of the work means that you will get the opportunity to do some of your studies one day a week, in our purpose built engineering centre at our Chorley Campus. You will study a total of seven units throughout the year, including: Investigating an Engineered Product, Engineering Science and Maths, Electronics, The Engineering World and Engineering Design.

As part of the course you will also continue to study GCSE English and Maths in order to help you reach your full potential, in addition to gaining valuable work experience in the local area, in preparation for full time employment or Apprenticeships.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed by two external exams. All other units are assessed continually throughout the year by written coursework. Therefore, strong literacy and analytical skills are essential.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Trips and visits are a key part of the course and you will have the chance to take part in visits to industry, skiing in Italy, paintballing, fundraising activities and five-a-side football competitions.

What progression is there?

Successful completion of the course can lead to progression to another Level 3 course in college, an Apprenticeship, or employment. All our Level 2 students will have the opportunity to apply for a Runshaw Apprenticeship and get assistance in seeking employment as they near the end of the course.

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Our Level 3 course allows you to build knowledge and skills to become our professionals of the future, equipping you for both university and employment. You will learn how to apply Maths and Physics in an engineering environment. One day a week in the first year of study and two days a week in Year 2, you will have the opportunity to study in the new multi-million-pound professional Engineering and Science Centre at our Chorley Campus where you will develop your skills and knowledge to a higher level ready for your future progression into employment or higher study.

In addition to this, you will also learn about materials, electronics, and design engineering products. The course is weighted towards the underpinning theory, supported by a number of practical activities.

Units include topics such as:
- Mathematics & Further Mathematics
- further mechanical principles
- electronic principles
- engineering materials
- manufacturing processes
- computer aided design
- microprocessors

How will I be assessed?

There will be a considerable amount of written and calculated work or practical investigation. Some assessments will take the form of a report or presentation. A small amount of work will be the fabrication of a product.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Students have previously enjoyed guest speakers from the armed forces and local engineering companies, such as Rolls Royce. There is an annual residential ski trip to Italy, plus other events such as track days at motor racing shows, team building, end of term trips to Alton Towers and paintballing.

What progression is there?

Students from this course have progressed into careers with a variety of companies including Rolls Royce, BAE Systems, Leyland Trucks, and the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Equally, many of our students choose to study to a higher level on our own Engineering university courses, or Engineering courses at other universities such as:
- Newcastle
- Manchester
- Leeds
- Loughborough

Where are you going?

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student profile

Hanaan Ul-haq
BTEC Engineering

“I like the assignment-based aspect of the course so I don’t have the pressure of revising for exams. I intend to study Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies at Salford University when I complete my course.”
A Health, Social Care and Childhood Studies course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the world of Health and Social work. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Health, Social Care and Childhood Studies courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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What enrichment can I look forward to?
Voluntary work, induction activities, and team building, guest speakers from industry, trips and visits, access to all college enrichment activities.

What progression is there?
Successful completion of the course and additional qualifications may lead to progression within college or onto an Apprenticeship.

What will I learn?
The course is designed for students considering studying Health and Social Care as an option in the future and want to know what it is like to work in a care setting. It is an introductory course and will allow you to learn about not only the Health and Social Care industry, but also about your own skills and qualities. Some of the units covered in this course include; communication skills, working in Health and Social Care, and working with others in Health and Social Care.

As part of the course you will also study English and Maths to enhance your employability skills.

How will I be assessed?
Assessment takes place throughout the course in a variety of ways, including posters, presentations and written assignments.

Where are you going?
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Primary School Teacher
- Youth Worker

student profile

Chloe Lofthouse
BTEC Caring for Children Level 1

“Runshaw had the exact course that I wanted to do to enable me to become a Teacher in a Primary School. I love the college and the lessons.”
What will I learn?

The course is designed for students considering studying a career in childcare as an option in the future and want to know what it is like to work in a childcare setting. It is an introductory course and will allow you to learn about not only the childcare industry, but also about your own skills and qualities. Some of the units covered in this course include; planning safe environments for children, communication skills, and supporting children with creativity through everyday activities.

As part of the course you will also study English and Maths to enhance your employability skills.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment takes place throughout the course in a variety of ways, including posters, presentations and written assignments.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Voluntary work, induction activities and team building, guest speakers from industry, trips and visits as well as access to all college enrichment activities.

What progression is there?

Successful completion of the course and additional qualifications may lead to progression within college or onto an Apprenticeship.
What will I learn?

This is a one year course for anyone interested in working with children as a teaching assistant or nursery assistant. From this, progressing onto higher level courses can lead to qualifications which will help you to gain employment in careers such as teaching or as an early years practitioner.

The units studied cover all aspects of understanding and supporting young children’s play and development, including supporting children’s physical care needs, supporting children through play, child development, and developing professional practice skills working in the early years.

There will be the opportunity to experience a number of work placements in a variety of childcare settings, such as primary schools, day nurseries or nursery schools, working with children aged 0-8 years. Placements are a major part of this course because there is no better way to learn about working with babies and young children than through first-hand experience and all students will complete 300 hours of work placement.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Activities can include:

- guest speakers
- visits relevant to your vocational area
- fundraising activities
- access to college enrichment activities

What progression is there?

The course prepares you to progress in college, onto an Apprenticeship, or into employment.

Please note that as part of the course you will also study English and Maths, and you will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check to confirm you do not have any cautions or convictions which would put in question your suitability to work in these areas.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through coursework which takes the form of assignments, presentations and successful completion of each placement.

Student profile

Ellie Woodhouse

BTEC CCLD Level 2

“The facilities here are really good and the teachers are so supportive. The modules link to what I want to study at university and are really interesting.”

100% pass rate 2018
How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through coursework which takes the form of assignments, successful completion of each placement and external assessments.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will experience an exciting range of activities, including visiting speakers, trips and team building exercises.

What progression is there?

Many students go on to further study at universities such as Liverpool, Chester, and Edge Hill for Primary or Early Years Teaching; or directly into employment as a nursery practitioner, as the qualification you will get provides a licence to practice as an early years practitioner.

Where are you going?

Midwife  Nurse  Social Worker  
Primary School Teacher  Youth Worker

What will I learn?

This is a two year course for those wishing to work with children in either early years, primary, or special needs settings.

You will complete four different placements gaining experience working with children aged 0-8 years, completing 750 mandatory placement hours.

The units studied cover all aspects of understanding and supporting children and how to apply this knowledge in the workplace, including Child Development, Play and Learning, Safeguarding in Early Years and Health and Safety in Early Years Settings. Optional specialist units include Working with Children who have Additional Needs, and Supporting Children’s Creativity. You will also complete a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate your skills working with young children.

Please note that due to the placements you will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check to confirm you do not have any cautions or convictions which would put in question your suitability to work in these areas.

#future

George Lewis

BTEC Level 3 Children’s Play Learning & Development

“I was impressed by the results that students were getting on this course. I enjoy the mix of practical and coursework. The tutors are very supportive. I intend to become a Primary School Teacher.”

student profile

@CPLD_Runshaw

Extensive work placements
What will I learn?

This is a one year course for anyone who is interested in working with people, especially groups such as the young or the elderly who need extra help or support. Many students go on to follow careers in one of the caring professions. You will study a variety of topics including communication, supporting health and well-being, and working in health and social care environments. You will also have the opportunity to attend work placements one day per week to develop your skills working with others.

Please note that as part of the course you will study English and Maths and due to the placements you will have you will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check to confirm you do not have any cautions or convictions which would put in question your suitability to work in these areas.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through coursework which takes the form of assignments, set at intervals throughout the year, and some external assessment.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Activities can include:

- guest speakers
- visits relevant to the course
- outdoor pursuit activities
- fundraising activities
- access to all college enrichment activities
- visit to the Trafford Centre

What progression is there?

Successful completion of the course can lead to progression in college, onto an Apprenticeship, or employment.
**Where are you going?**

| Midwife | Nurse | Social Worker | Care Assistant | Youth Worker |

**What will I learn?**

This course develops the skills and knowledge required for those who wish to pursue a career in Health and Social care. You will enjoy work experience in carefully selected placements and study units covering different aspects within this field. Some of the core units studied are Sociological Perspectives for Health and Social Care, Developing Effective Communication in Health and Social Care, and Development Through the Life Stages.

Placement is essential for completion of the course and therefore you must be willing to work in a variety of settings. Current settings include: care homes, day centres, disability resource centres, schools, special schools and nurseries. You will also need to demonstrate good interpersonal skills, be open-minded and have a caring nature/professional attitude.

Please note that due to the placements you will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) check to confirm you do not have any cautions or convictions which would put in question your suitability to work in these areas.

**How will I be assessed?**

Assessments include: written assignments, case studies, posters, leaflets, role plays and presentations.

**What enrichment can I look forward to?**

Unit specific trips, team building activities and guest speakers from vocational areas.

**What progression is there?**

Many students go on to further study at universities such as Liverpool, Salford and Edge Hill, whilst many also progress to careers in social work, teaching or psychology.

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**Student Profile**

Lucie Jayne Rushton

BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care

“Runshaw was highly recommended to me as a pathway to my chosen career as a Mental Health Nurse. I enjoyed the course, the supportive teachers and the interesting content of my course.”
A vocational IT course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the IT industry. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our IT courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

We are thrilled to be able to offer a Digital T Level in 2020, please see page 97 for more information.

Please see our course leaflets at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
Get ready for T Levels
What will I learn?
Do you like working with computers? If your answer is ‘yes’, then you should consider studying a BTEC Level 1 in IT with Business!

This is a practical course and you will learn about working in the industry, PC systems, communication methods and using the internet and digital devices. In addition to developing excellent IT skills you will also develop good personal effectiveness skills which are essential for success in employment.

As part of the course you will also study English and Maths and will develop employability skills to help you to reach your full potential.

How will I be assessed?
The course is delivered through a combination of lessons and practical workshops and is assessed through coursework.

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What enrichment can I look forward to?
To stimulate ideas and widen your college experience there are many opportunities to go on college trips and get to know other vocational students.

Activities can include:
- cross college activities
- course related trips and visits
- access to the full range of college enrichment activities
- voluntary work
- fundraising activities

What progression is there?
Successful completion of this course may lead to progression in college, an Apprenticeship or junior employment.

student profile

Alex Rawcliffe
IT with Business BTEC Level 1

“I came to Runshaw because of its reputation as the best college for IT. I like the creativity of my course and the continuous assessment aspect. I hope to progress to UCLan to study Games Design.”

Great variety of topics
How will I be assessed?

Two units through external assessments; all other units are assessed by coursework.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will have the chance to access a wide variety of enrichment activities to allow you to explore interests and talents.

Activities can include:
- guest speakers
- outdoor pursuit activities
- fundraising activities
- access to all the college enrichment activities
- voluntary work

What progression is there?

Successful completion of the course may give you the opportunity to progress in college, into employment, or in the ICT field as a junior employee or Apprentice.

Where are you going?

Developer | Programmer | Security Analyst
Systems Analyst | Systems Manager

What will I learn?

Do you like working with computers? Would you like a career in the IT industry? Do you like working independently and problem solving? If the answer is ‘yes’ to any of the questions above then you should consider studying Information & Creative Technology Level 2!

The course is mostly practical, with theory to underpin your understanding and prepare you for external assessment, and is delivered through a combination of lessons and practical workshops. You will study a variety of topics in the IT industry including computer systems, graphics, mobile app development and computer hardware.

As part of the course you will also study English and Maths to develop employability skills and prepare you for progression.

student profile

Oliver Martin
BTEC Computing & ICT

“I really like the freedom and independence at Runshaw, it allows me to enjoy my time here so much. There is a real university feel in terms of the campus and the facilities. My teachers are passionate about their subject, and make the lessons enjoyable and engaging.”

100% high grades 2018
What will I learn?

The course is a technical, work-related course designed for those wishing to learn how to be professionals in the computing industry. You will complete projects and assignments based on realistic workplace situations and business scenarios.

Topics can include:

- communication and employability skills
- computer systems (hardware and installation)
- information systems
- organisational system security
- spreadsheets modelling
- database development
- digital graphic design
- digital animation
- web production

Mathematical concepts are at the very heart of computing, and you will need to understand concepts and number systems, whilst a keen interest in technology outside of the classroom is absolutely essential too.

Please note that if you want to progress onto Games Development, Computer Science, Software Engineering/Development or Programming degrees, you will normally need GCSE grade 5 or equivalent in Maths.

How will I be assessed?

The course is delivered as a combination of theory and practical, and you will be assessed through both a portfolio and external assessment for core units set by the exam board.

Internal assessments use a wide variety of methods including presentations, reports, posters, podcasts, role-plays and interactive quizzes.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You can look forward to an exciting range of enrichment that supports your learning including:

- New York
- Trafford Centre
- University visits
- Alton Towers
- Ten pin bowling
- National Media Museum, Bradford
- Gamer Expo

What progression is there?

Upon completion of further study, you would be able to pursue a career in:

- software engineering
- web and multimedia production
- programming
- systems analysis
- hardware and software support
- network engineering
- computer games development

Alternatively, previous students have gone on to higher education courses including:

- computer science
- information systems
- computing technology
- computer forensics
- multimedia technology
- business management
- information technology
- computer aided engineering
What will I learn?

**Year 1:** You will cover the core content relating to the digital T Levels. The core content focuses primarily on students’ knowledge and understanding of contexts, concepts, theories, principles and core skills. You will cover topics including:

- business context
- culture, including ethical and moral issues
- data management and modelling
- digital analysis
- digital environments
- legislation
- security
- software and hardware testing

**Year 2:** You will follow an Occupational Specialism in Digital production, Design and Development. You will develop the necessary knowledge and skills to achieve ‘Threshold Competence’ in this specialist area. Upon achieving Threshold Competence you will have demonstrated that you can:

- analyse a problem to define requirements aligned to user needs
- design, implement and test software
- change, maintain and support software
- create solutions
- discover, evaluate and apply reliable sources of knowledge
- apply ethical principles and manage risks in line with the law when developing software

As part of the T Level you will also complete a substantial work placement (minimum of 45 days).

How will I be assessed?

**Year 1:** Externally assessed examinations and one employer set project

**Year 2:** Synoptic project and a 45 day (minimum) Industry Placement

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of enrichment activities including:

- work placement
- New York
- Trafford Centre
- University visits
- Alton Towers
- Ten pin bowling
- National Media Museum
- Gamer Expo
- Careers Talks from industry experts.

What progression is there?

T Levels will provide you with opportunities to progress to University, Apprenticeships or full time employment in related specialist areas.
Foundation Learning

Foundation Studies and Skills 100
Future Skills 101
Foundation learning courses are designed to introduce students to college study whilst improving their basic skills. The courses run over either 3 or 4 days a week.

Foundation learning has a variety of pathways. The courses are designed for young people who need extra support and time to develop their basic skills to enable them to progress in college. There are no formal qualifications needed to apply for these courses.

Courses available:
- Foundation Studies and Skills (FSS) entry levels 2 and 3, including functional skills English and Maths
- Future Skills (FS) entry level 3, including GCSE English and Maths
- Introduction to the Hospitality Industry entry level 3, including GCSE English and Maths

Students on Foundation Studies and Skills (Entry levels 2 & 3) will study:
A City & Guilds Employability Qualification which includes portfolio building and practical assessments in a range of vocational subjects with life skills included.

You will study vocational modules to build a City and Guilds portfolio including:
- Health and lifestyle
- Catering
- Art, Design and Enterprise
- Housekeeping
- Citizenship
- Personal development
- Functional Skills – English & Maths
- Work placement (Chorley Hospital)

Alice Wooton
Foundation Studies
“İ've enjoyed my course as it has made me feel more confident in English and Maths. I've also made some great friends at college.”

Basic Skills
Designed for students who need extra support and time to develop life skills and study skills.

Enrichment Opportunities
- Trips and a residential
- First aid
- Volunteering

Progression Routes
- Higher level Foundation Skills course
Future Skills is a taster qualification and introduction to studying at college. The course runs between 3-4 days a week.

Future Skills is a course designed for young people who need an extra year to find their chosen vocational career path and have studied at GCSE level.

There are no formal qualifications needed to apply for this course. Students will have an initial assessment to ensure they are studying at an appropriate level.

**Students will study:**

**BTEC Diploma in Vocational studies** which includes portfolio building and practical assessments in a range of vocational subjects that may include:

- Catering
- Enterprise
- Exploring tourist destinations
- Health needs
- IT
- Physical activity
- Team building
- Gardening
- Creative craft
- GCSE English and Maths

**Enrichment Opportunities**

To enhance the learning experience and develop employability skills students will also take part in a range of enrichment opportunities:

- Team building
- Trips and visits
- Residential
- Work based visits
- First aid
- Volunteering

**Progression Routes**

- Higher level college course
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

**Students on Introduction to the Hospitality Industry will study:**

Introduction to the Hospitality Industry is an Entry level 3 course for students with a genuine interest in cookery and a career in the Catering and Hospitality industry. The course is a City and Guilds awarded qualification.

**Students will study:**

- Food hygiene
- Basic food preparation and cookery
- Customer service
- Food service
- Introduction to kitchen equipment
- Commodities
- Healthy eating
- Investigating the Hospitality industry
- GCSE English and Maths

**Enrichment Opportunities**

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- Work based visits
- Volunteering

**Progression Routes**

- Higher level college course
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

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**Valentina Santibanez Medina**

**Skilled for My Future**

“Runshaw is a friendly place where you can learn, develop and have many good friendships. I really like the way that my teachers have helped and supported me. I hope to progress to a BTEC Business course in the future.”

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**Gain valuable employment skills**
Creative Media Production UAL Level 2 104
Creative Media Production UAL Level 3 105

A vocational Media course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the Media industries. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Media courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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student profile

Bertie Cunningham
Creative Media Production UAL Level 2

“I really like the course as it gives you the creative freedom by allowing you to do your projects on current topics of interest. I also like the hands-on element of the course as I learn better actually performing tasks rather than learning about them in a classroom. I am currently developing a business specialising in promotional videos and Facebook campaigns.”

Creative Media Production
UAL Level 2

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What will I learn?

This course allows you to discover your creativity with our team of industry specialists. It links theory with real media practice, and you will study:

- production management, pre-production, scripting and storyboarding
- practical camera, soundtrack and editing production
- short film production and publicity
- photographic and Photoshop skills
- graphic narrative skills and animation
- web design (logo, page layout, social media and interactive elements)
- audio skills including radio drama, interviewing and podcasting

You should also have an active interest in the media, enjoy working with other people and you should be both creative and love to learn about new techniques and software. The media industry is an exciting dynamic industry and you also need to be inquisitive, versatile and adapt to new technological changes.

How will I be assessed?

You will work on a variety of practical Creative Briefs that reflect the Media Industry. Assessment is through an online blog where you will reflect and advance your own learning. You will have the opportunity to develop your own personal interests and we will give you the skills to confidently research, plan and produce professional media productions.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will get the chance to participate in Runshaw TV, our college media production company which records events and produces videos for clients. You can also be involved with The Voice, our college radio station. We run inspiration projects that have included enrichment on make-up effects, CGI effects, Motion Graphics, Steadicam and a variety of Guest Speakers from a range of Media Industries. We also plan a programme of visits that have included film festival screenings, photographic and art exhibitions, the BBC, Emmerdale, and Harry Potter Studios.

What progression is there?

Most of our students from the Level 2 Media Production course progress onto our Level 3 Media Production course at Runshaw College. As this is a media skills based course, some students also seek radio, social media, web design or media business Apprenticeships from local companies.

@VocMedia

Where are you going?

TV Producer
Camera Operator
Journalist
Director
Editor
Outstanding Facilities
What will I learn?

This course allows you to discover your creativity with our team of industry specialists. It links theory with real media practice, and you will study:

- production management, pre-production, scripting and storyboarding
- practical camera work, soundtrack creation and editing production
- advertising campaigns and music video production
- animation, visual effects and motion graphics
- film studies, documentary and social action productions
- photography, image editing and layout design
- client based work, multi-camera productions, studio work and practical skills

You should also have an active interest in the media, in particular film and television production, as you will be encouraged to seek work experience with local industries.

How will I be assessed?

You will work on a variety of practical assignments that reflect television industry practice. Assessment is through a range of projects that include written work (essays, reports, production folders, scripts and treatments), analysis of existing texts, presentations, and practical work (planning, production and post-production).

What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will get the chance to participate in Runshaw TV, our college production company. You can also be involved with The Voice, our college radio station, and we run enrichment on make-up effects, client briefs, digital effects and broadcasting. There are also a variety of visits to The National Science and Media Museum in Bradford, the BBC, universities, television studios and film exhibitions.

What progression is there?

Students progress into a wide variety of different careers, such as the television, film and radio industry, broadcast journalism, animation, games design, motion graphics, special effects industry, marketing and advertising.

Emma Bolton
Creative Media Production UAL Level 3

“I really like the creative aspect of the course and the opportunities that Runshaw offers. I would recommend to anyone to make the most of the extra activities that college offers. I’m taking up a place at Ravensbourne University in Digital Television Production when I complete my course at Runshaw.”

Where are you going?

Camera Operator Director Editor TV Producer

student profile

Great variety of topics
A Hair & Media Make-up course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the industry. Whether it is furthering your knowledge with an Apprenticeship or going straight into employment, our Hair & Media Make-up courses will take you where you want to go!

Our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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Hair & Media Make-up
C&G Level 2

What will I learn?
This exciting course provides a starting point towards a career in the professional hair and make-up industry.

Whether you are interested in a career in high fashion, the bridal industry, photography, film or TV, this course provides a foundation in the techniques used in the world of professional hair and make-up.

The course will look at the basic skills needed to work in the make-up field, giving you skills in basic make-up (day, evening, special occasion and corrective make-up), brow shaping and false eyelash application. In addition you will learn the art of photographic make-up, body art design and tanning. You will also learn a range of hairdressing techniques and styles, ranging from the art of colouring hair, dressing hair, and making and styling a hair addition.

Where are you going?
Apprenticeship
Industry Manager
Make-up Artist
Hair Stylist

How will I be assessed?
Assessments take place throughout the year through practical observations, assignments and online exams.

What enrichment can I look forward to?
Activities such as competition work, shows, guest speakers, volunteering, and team-building pursuits are built into your course. In addition you will have access to a varied and full enrichment calendar. There may be options for you to attend workshops which will provide you with the opportunity to gain further bolt on qualifications that will give you a head start in successful employment. You will also have the opportunity to participate in an overseas trip which will enhance and enrich your college experience.

What progression is there?
Successful completion of the course can lead to progression at college, an Apprenticeship, Level 3 Media Make-up or employment.

Student profile
Alexandra Lynch
Hair & Media Make-up C&G Level 2

“\textit{I knew the path I wanted to take and Runshaw offered me the most amazing course. My course is extremely creative and allows me freedom to explore. After Runshaw I am going to Manchester University to study Make-up Artistry.}”
What will I learn?

This exciting course is designed to develop the skills and techniques required for a career in the theatrical and media make-up and hair industry. It covers professional make-up and hairdressing techniques that are used in fashion, TV, film, theatre and photographic industries.

You will use a wide range of research methods to create design plans which you will use to develop appropriate skills in media make-up for casualty TV (cuts, bruises, scars, and wounds), applying fashion and photographic make-up for commercial and fashion work, along with historical and period make-up, creative hair design and body art.

How will I be assessed?

Assessments take place throughout the year through practical observations, assignments and online exams.

Your practical work will be graded: Pass, Merit or Distinction. The work is collated in a portfolio of evidence. Your tutors will provide you with feedback to be logged in your learning journal ensuring you are fully prepared for all assessments.

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What progression is there?

Successful completion of the course could lead to employment or higher education.
Music & Performing Arts

The Professional Performance Programme

Full time courses in · Acting · Dance · Musical Theatre

UAL Level 2 112
UAL Level 3 113

Music BTEC Level 3 114

Here at Runshaw, we have an outstanding reputation for consistent success in the Performing Arts and are viewed by many as THE place to go if you are serious about your performance training. From the quality of our public shows, to the prestigious dance and drama schools that our students progress to, studying here guarantees you high-level training at one of the most successful colleges in England. Our Professional Performance Programme will allow you to develop and extend your skills in Acting, Dance or Musical Theatre. You will have the opportunity to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, to dance at an international competition in Barcelona, and to watch a range of shows in Manchester, Liverpool and London’s West End.

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What will I learn?
The PPP Level 2 is an exciting, practical training course for students who want to develop their performance skills and pursue a career in the performing arts. You will learn fundamental techniques in acting, dance and singing, along with how to create your own performance material.

How will I be assessed?
Assessments and written coursework. There are no external exams on this course.

What enrichment can I look forward to?
You can audition for our many college shows and the Runshaw Dance Academy, as well as taking part in theatre trips and workshops.

What progression is there?
Those students who complete the course with a Merit or Distinction grade will then be given the opportunity to audition for the Level 3 Professional Performance Programme.

student profile

Dane Christy
PPP Acting
“Runshaw has one of the best musical theatre courses in the area. It is a great atmosphere and all the teachers help prepare you for your future. I’ve particularly enjoyed the Dance Academy. I’m hoping to study Musical Theatre at the Italia Conti.”
The Professional Performance Programme UAL Level 3

What will I learn?
The Professional Performance Programme (PPP) is a challenging and rewarding course that is only available at Runshaw. It offers intensive, high-quality training for motivated students who want to pursue careers in the performing arts. Whereas A Levels focus more on theory than practical work, the PPP teaches hands-on performance skills and thus gives students a much better chance of passing auditions for prestigious dance, drama and musical theatre schools.

If you meet the entry requirements, it may also be possible to study for an A Level in Dance, Music or Theatre Studies alongside your main PPP course.

How will I be assessed?
You will take part in a number of projects over the two years. Most assessments last for 6-8 weeks and consist of skills classes where you are taught relevant techniques and then development sessions where you apply those techniques and then perform in front of a live audience.

You will also complete project books and evaluations for some of the practical work that you have done on the course. All of these will take the form of coursework as there are no written exams. On completion of the course, you will gain an Extended Diploma from the University of the Arts London.

What enrichment can I look forward to?
A wide range of exciting enrichment activities are available to you on the PPP:
- perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- drama school auditions held at Runshaw
- workshops from visiting professionals
- a wide range of cross-college shows in dance, drama and musical theatre
- become a member of the Runshaw Dance Academy and compete in the Barcelona Dance Grand Prix

What progression is there?
A high proportion of our students move on to prestigious institutions. In recent years, 75% of the students who applied gained places at accredited dance and drama schools. No other college in the North West can match these statistics.

Some of the places that our students have progressed to include:
- Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA)
- London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA)
- Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts
- Rose Bruford College
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts (LIPA)
- Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama

Three Pathways

When you choose to train on the PPP, you will need to decide which of the three specialist pathways you would like to follow:

PPP: Dance
On this pathway, you will be encouraged to develop your skills in a range of dance styles along with one acting and one singing class each week. Ballet sessions will help you to develop your technique throughout the two years, along with classes in jazz, commercial, and urban dance. You will study different approaches to contemporary dance, and will be taught to choreograph your own material. You will also take part in major dance shows to public audiences with an opportunity to showcase your own choreography.

PPP: Acting
This pathway focuses primarily on acting, with some dance and singing technique. You will develop your technique in a range of styles, from naturalism through to physical theatre and classical performance. You will learn how to direct actors in a play and to work on a touring production, performing an adapted Shakespeare play at fifteen high schools in one week. The Acting pathway culminates in a major show performed for a public audience. There is also a strong focus on audition preparation in order to maximise your chances of progressing to one of the prestigious performing arts institutions.

PPP: Musical Theatre
The Musical Theatre pathway offers roughly equal levels of training in the three disciplines of acting, dance and singing. There is a focus on vocal technique and acting through song, along with technique classes in ballet, jazz and commercial dance. Acting classes cover naturalism and classical theatre. You will learn to present a touring show, performing a Theatre-For-Children piece at a number of local primary schools. In the second year, all students take part in a full-length Musical Theatre show for a public audience. There is also a strong focus on audition preparation in order to maximise your chances of progressing to one of the prestigious performing arts institutions.
BTEC Music is a new and exciting course for Runshaw College. It is equivalent to 3 A Levels and is designed for students who have a passion for Music and do not wish to study any other subject.

As a Music student at Runshaw you will enjoy our superb music facilities, which include a specialist studio with grand piano, digital piano, and five spacious, well-equipped practice rooms.

Our teachers are highly qualified, experienced examiners many of whom are graduates of leading UK Conservatoires of Music and are professional musicians who perform extensively. We already have an excellent track record of results on our current BTEC Music courses, with 100% pass rate and the majority of students achieving a Merit or above.

What will I learn?

BTEC Music covers three main areas:

- composing
- performing
- listening

You will:

- compose your own music and learn to write in different musical genres
- perform as a soloist and ensemble member
- listen to and analyse music, including knowledge of music theory

How will I be assessed?

Assessments take place throughout the year through practical observations, assignments and written exams.

Your practical work will be graded: Pass, Merit or Distinction. The work is collated in a portfolio of evidence. Your tutors will provide you with feedback to be logged in your learning journal ensuring you are fully prepared for all assessments.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

As a Music student you will become a member of the Runshaw Music Academy giving you the chance to take part in trips, guest lectures and allowing you many performing opportunities involving instrumental bands and ensembles, choirs, rock music workshop, concerts and concert tours (both local and international).

Where are you going?

Teacher

Music Therapist

Conductor

Designer

Performer

What progression is there?

Our Music students in recent years have progressed to:

- The Royal College of Music
- Trinity College of Music
- Birmingham Conservatoire
- The Royal Northern College of Music
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Bangor University
- Durham University
- Leeds College of Music
- Leeds University

In 2017, the Music department forged a partnership with Leeds College of Music, and consequently, all of our students are guaranteed an audition, should they apply to Leeds College of Music.
A vocational Public Services course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the Public Services. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Public Services courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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What will I learn?

This course is for any student who wants to try a range of vocational courses from Business, Public Services and Sport.

You will study a wide range of subjects which are interesting, fun and will enable you to really excel in both academic and practical ability. The course will help you develop a range of employability skills such as professionalism, leadership, research skills, teamwork and social awareness. As part of the course you will also study English and Maths.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment takes place through coursework, practical activities and continual assessment throughout the year.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

- team building activities
- outdoor pursuit activities
- voluntary work
- fundraising activities
- guest speakers from industry

There will also be the opportunity to attend a residential trip as part of your assessment and learn new skills such as team working.

What progression is there?

Once you have successfully completed this course you may be able to progress in college to any Level 2 vocational programme or onto employment in a range of different areas.
What will I learn?

Are you interested in a career in the Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, Armed Forces, Government or local council? Do you like a challenge and the opportunity to build your self-esteem and confidence?

If the answer is ‘yes’ to the questions above then you should consider studying BTEC Level 1 in Public Services!

You will study a wide range of subjects which are interesting, fun, and will enable you to really excel in both academic and practical ability. The course will help you develop a range of employability skills such as professionalism, leadership, citizenship, teamwork and social awareness. As part of the course you will also study English and Maths.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment takes place through coursework, practical activities and continual assessment throughout the year. This may include some external assessments.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

- team building activities
- outdoor pursuit activities
- visits to various Armed Forces establishments
- voluntary work
- fundraising activities

There will also be the opportunity to attend a residential trip as part of your assessment and learn new skills such as team working.

What progression is there?

Once you have successfully completed this course you may be able to progress in college or onto employment in a range of uniformed public services/non-uniformed services.

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Rizwan Tanveer
BTEC Public Services Level 1

“I decided to come to Runshaw as I believe it is one of the best colleges in the country and is very supportive and friendly. I find my course very engaging and interesting, the teachers have been very supportive. I am hoping to progress to Fire and Leadership Studies at university before joining the Fire Service.”
student profile

Alex Heys
BTEC Public Services Level 2

“I chose Runshaw because I liked the look of the Public Services course and saw myself fitting in well here. The course is really interesting and the staff are very helpful. After college I am going to Greenwich University to study Paramedic Science.”

What will I learn?
The course is delivered through a mixture of practical, theoretical and work-related tasks and activities where you get the chance to study many different aspects of all the public services, meet real life staff and officers, ask questions and get the advice and support you need to be able to join them. The subjects you will study are interesting and fun and will enable you to really excel in both academic and practical ability. You will learn about:

- employment opportunities
- teamwork skills
- expedition skills
- security in the services
- crime and its effects
- health and fitness
- emergency responses to incidents

In this safe and supportive environment, you will discover things about yourself that you never knew existed!

As part of the course you will also study English and Maths to develop your employability skills.

Where are you going?

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How will I be assessed?
The course is assessed continually throughout the year by coursework, and there will also be an exam for Unit 1.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

- outdoor pursuit activities
- residential trips
- The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme
- Sports Academy
- teambuilding
- fundraising
- voluntary work

What progression is there?
Successful completion of this course may lead to progression onto a Level 3 course, employment or training.
What enrichment can I look forward to?

Students will have a wide range of opportunities to develop their knowledge of careers and employability skills. Previously students have experienced an exciting range of activities and benefitted from a range of speakers from the uniformed public services. They have also enjoyed a wide variety of up to date industry specific activities with all the uniformed services, including:

- police training
- self-defence classes
- visits to the Houses of Parliament
- school visits

What progression is there?

A wide range of careers are available to you on completion of the course, including, uniformed Public Services such as Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, Prison and Armed Forces, Customs and Excise, or even within the private security industry. Many students also go on to university after successfully completing this course. Some examples are:

- Leeds University – Criminology
- Manchester Metropolitan – Law
- Lancaster University – Business
- Liverpool John Moores – Criminology and Psychology

What will I learn?

You can expect an engaging course, with an industry focus, delivered by staff with recent industry experience. The course is made up of a wide subject base including the study of major incidents, criminology and expedition skills, and law and the legal system.

The core curriculum will give you an underpinning knowledge in a wide range of relevant and up to date public sector areas that include:

- leadership
- politics
- discipline
- crime and its effects on society
- health and fitness

How will I be assessed?

The course is 80% theory and 20% practical. You will participate in the practical sessions, which may include a residential, in order to fulfil the requirements of the course.

All assessment is via coursework, either in the classroom, during activities in sports facilities or in the outdoors.

student profile

Nathan Coleman
BTEC Public Services Level 3

“I decided to come to Runshaw because the course and the campus best suited my needs. The staff are very welcoming and always helped me with any queries and concerns. I like that the course assessments are assignment-based rather than exams.”
A vocational Science course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the Science industries. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Science courses will take you where you want to go!

Our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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What enrichment can I look forward to?

You will experience an exciting range of activities and enrichment on this course, such as performing practical work, discovery days at Manchester University, or at NOWGEN (isolating your own DNA) in Manchester, and building up your scientific knowledge at the Thackray Museum (disease and microbiology) in Leeds.

You will also be able to attend a range of science talks at college.

What progression is there?

Students can progress directly into laboratory-based work such as a lab technician or other careers where science is required e.g. dental nursing or pharmaceutical researcher. Many of our students also progress to university:

- UCLan – Chemistry, Biology-related courses, Adult Nursing
- Bangor – Marine Biology, Zoology
- Manchester – Microbiology
- Lancaster – Biomedicine and Biochemistry
- Myerscough College – Veterinary Nursing

What will I study?

This course develops your understanding of scientific theory and skills, and coupled with experimental techniques helps you to be successful in either employment or at university.

You will study a range of biological and chemistry based subjects which include:

- human physiology
- microbiology
- genetics and genetic engineering
- astronomy and medical physics

Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to perform a variety of biology and chemistry experimental work, and will also learn how to work safely within a laboratory environment and to use Maths and statistics to analyse experimental data.

How will I be assessed?

You will be required to produce scientific laboratory reports and analyse and evaluate results to reach conclusions.

Where are you going?

Biomedical Scientist  Chemical Engineer  Pathologist  Pharmacist  Zoologist

Zaeema Ahmed

BTEC Applied Science

“I like that the teachers are always on hand to provide support with our assignments. I would recommend the many activities that Runshaw provides for people to do in their free time, because there really is something for everyone – whether you are interested in Music, Sports or Maths. I am intending to attend the University of Liverpool to study Pharmacology.”

Inspirational Teaching
Superb Student Experience
A vocational Sport course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the sport and leisure industry. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Sports courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

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student profile

Emily Hunter
Sport BTEC Level 2

“I really enjoy my course, especially the friendly staff and the interesting topics we study. I am hoping to progress to a PE Teaching course at Edge Hill University after Runshaw.”

What will I learn?
This course is aimed at students who wish to progress to study Sport, PE Teaching, Sports Therapy, Sports Coaching, or alternatively go in to employment. Students are taught by a wide range of exceptionally qualified staff, including professional and semi-professional athletes who have worked in elite level sport. Study areas include:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Fitness for Sport & Exercise
- Lifestyle & Wellbeing
- Leading Sports Activities
- The Mind & Sports Performance
- Practical Sport
- Training & Fitness
- Sports Injuries

How will I be assessed?
Assessment methods are varied to meet the needs of all students and to ensure a wide variety of skills are developed. In sport we use a state-of-the-art online system to hand in and to mark student work. Assessments include:

- exams
- reports
- essays
- presentations
- interviews
- practical/observation

What are you going to?

Gym Manager | Med | Personal Trainer
Physiotherapist | Sport Development Officer

Where are you going?

Fitness Instructor | Level 2

What enrichment can I look forward to?
Students can experience an exciting range of activities. Some examples are:

- sports and activities across the college
- work experience placement
- trips to Body Power, ice skating and bowling
- Jump Nation
- Rock and River outdoor activity centre
- wide range of activities on trips week

What progression is there?
If you successfully complete this course and have an excellent attendance record, you could progress in college, gain employment or an Apprenticeship.

Trips to see how elite athletes perform
What will I learn?

Students are taught by a wide range of exceptionally qualified staff, including professional and semi-professional athletes who have worked in elite level sport.

Throughout the Sport & Exercise Science course you will explore:
- sports massage
- sport psychology
- exercise physiology
- practical sport
- sports nutrition
- fitness training and programming
- sports coaching

The course consists of 80% theory and 20% practical to support progression into university and employment.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment methods are varied to meet the needs of all students and to ensure a wide variety of skills are developed. In sport we use a state-of-the-art online system to hand in and to mark student work. Assessment includes:
- experiments
- reports
- essays
- presentations
- interviews
- practical/observation

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Students can experience an exciting range of activities. Some examples are:
- sports and activities across the college
- work experience placement
- residential trip in first week
- Laser Quest
- bowling and Jump Nation

Guest speakers have included a practicing physiotherapist providing lectures and practical sessions in anatomy, sports massage and sports injuries, as well as a variety of industry standard sports coaches.

What progression is there?

Past students have progressed to:
- York University - Sports Therapy
- Salford University - Sports Rehabilitation
- Edge Hill - PE and Secondary Education Teaching
- Liverpool John Moores - Science and Football
- UCLan - Sports Journalism
- South Ribble Sports Development

Where are you going?

Gym Manager  Medic  Personal Trainer
Physiotherapist  Sport Development Officer

Fitness Industry Focused

student profile

Luke Martin
Sport & Exercise Science BTEC Level 3

“Former students had all achieved great grades which made me want to come to Runshaw. I would highly recommend the support and the extra activities available at College. I’m aiming to study Strength and Conditioning at Manchester University once I complete my course here.”
Student profile

Courtney Tattersall
Sport Development, Coaching and Fitness BTEC Level 3

“Runshaw had the course that I wanted to do. I enjoy the practical sessions and the theory lessons. I am also a member of the Netball Academy. I hope to continue my studies on a Sports Teaching course at Edge Hill University.”

Where are you going?

Gym Manager  Medic  Personal Trainer
Physiotherapist  Sport Development Officer

What will I learn?

This course is aimed at students who wish to progress to university to study Sport, PE Teaching, Sports Therapy or Sports Coaching, or alternatively go into employment.

The Extended Diploma in Sport Development, Coaching and Fitness is a non-examination course and enables you to confidently build upon your knowledge and progress through the course.

Some of the units studied are:

- anatomy and physiology
- fitness testing
- sports nutrition
- sports coaching
- sports massage
- work experience in sport

How will I be assessed?

Assessment methods are varied to meet the needs of all students and to ensure a wide variety of employability skills are developed.

They include the following:

- reports
- essays
- presentations
- interviews
- practical observations

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Students have experienced an exciting range of activities. Some examples are:

- induction week at Pontins activity centre in North Wales
- wide range of activities on trips week
- bowling and JumpNation
- visits to major sporting venues

What progression is there?

The majority of students continue with their education following the completion of the Extended Diploma, and some choose to enter employment.

Previous students have gone on to study the following:

- Sports Coaching
- Sports Nutrition
- PE teaching (primary/secondary)
- Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation
Personal Trainer BTEC Level 3

What will I learn?

This qualification is designed for people who are interested in working within the fitness industry as a Gym Instructor. It is a one year work related course where you will study a CYQ Diploma in Health, Fitness and Exercise and Level 2 CYQ Certificate for Fitness Instructing.

This combined course will help you to develop the essential skills needed to instruct exercise and fitness in preparation for working as a gym instructor.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed through a variety of activities including multiple choice exams, direct practical observations, written workbooks, coursework assignments and some external assessments.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Activities can include:
- Sports Academy
- gym
- outdoor pursuit activities
- guest speakers
- fundraising activities
- volunteering
- trips to Body Power, ice skating and bowling
- enhancement courses e.g. kettlebells, boot camp, and First Aid through a successful bursary application

What progression is there?

If you successfully complete this course and have an excellent attendance record you could progress in college, gain employment or an Apprenticeship.

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student profile

Joseph White
BTEC Sport & Exercise Science

“The sports facilities at Runshaw are fantastic! It’s a great environment to learn in and the teaching staff are great. The lessons are well planned and my classmates are great. I am hoping to take up a Sports Scholarship in America once I finish my course here.”

Inspirational Teaching
Tourism & Chef Skills

Chef Diploma  Level 2  134
Tourism Management  NCFE Level 3 (including Cabin Crew)  135

A vocational Tourism or Chef course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the Tourism, Hospitality and Catering industries. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Tourism and Chef courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and focus on industry expectation ensuring you are confidently skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry.

Please see our course leaflets at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
What will I learn?
This is a two year course with practical and theory sessions, providing an opportunity to develop your knowledge, personal, employability and culinary skills in our Gold Accredited Catering & Hospitality department, which has also achieved AA College Restaurant of the Year 2016/17.

You will also:
- learn how to prepare and cook stocks, soups, sauces, fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry and fish
- develop skills in beverages, cocktails, barista and flambe
- have theory sessions in menu knowledge, planning and costing, and customer care
- take classes to help you prepare for employment and investigate different career opportunities
- have a personalised industry placement with our strong employer links: two weeks in Year 1 and up to four weeks in Year 2

How will I be assessed?
You will be assessed on a continual basis by assignments, short answer questions and practical tests.

What enrichment can I look forward to?
- meet industry experts - guest chefs, managers and bakers
- opportunities to gain work experience in restaurants and event catering
- national competitions
- careers conference gaining valuable employer advice
- Gourmet Club - visiting acclaimed restaurants and meeting the team
- visits and residential trips - e.g. hotels, large event stadiums, restaurants, organic farms, food manufacturers, food markets and cocktail bars
- CV building advice which will help you secure valuable part time employment to complement your studies

What progression is there?
On successful completion you will have the opportunity to apply for a higher level course, or employment within the catering industry. This could be one of a host of opportunities, including hotels, large scale events, outside catering, restaurants, clubs and cocktail bars, cruises or yachts.
What will I learn?
3.1 million people are currently employed in tourism in the UK and the industry is worth £126.9bn! Our course is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to become a successful employee within this dynamic industry.

The course consists of a variety of modules which provide you with an overview of the different sectors of the industry, such as holiday reps, marketing, events, retail, worldwide destinations, business, current issues and specialist tourism.

You will also get an additional, recognised qualification in airline cabin crew as well as certificated first aid and safety training, completed in the Thomas Cook airline training facility in Manchester.

How will I be assessed?
- written reports and assignments
- presentations
- industry case studies
- group discussions
- role plays
- practical observations
- peer and individual analysis

What enrichment can I look forward to?
- team building activities
- national airports
- European city trip
- Thomas Cook airline training facility, Manchester

What progression is there?
Some of our past students have gone on to careers in the following areas:
- holiday reps with Thomson
- Emirates airline crew
- travel agents
- cruise concierge with Cunard

There is also the option to continue your studies at university.

student profile
Alicia Grace Ziane
Travel & Tourism BTEC Level 3

“I enjoy the extra qualifications and activities I can take as a Runshaw student. I’ve especially enjoyed the Cabin Crew & Business units of my course. I hope to progress to UCLan to study International Tourism Management.”

## Develop your career path

Where are you going?
Airline Crew  Cruise Concierge  Travel Agent

Also on offer is our very own travel agency ‘The Travel Pod’, run in association with Hays Travel. You will have the fantastic opportunity to work in a customer facing environment whilst gaining recognised retail industry qualifications!

You will be required to purchase and wear a uniform (cabin crew style), and as educational trips are essential to expand your understanding of the industry, an initial payment will be needed at the beginning of your course for mandatory activities.
A vocational Visual Arts course at Runshaw is a fantastic pathway into the creative industries. Whether it is furthering your knowledge at university or going straight into employment, our Visual Arts courses will take you where you want to go!

All our courses are exciting and wide-ranging as we want you to leave multi-skilled and aware of all the opportunities that exist within the industry. You will be provided with some art materials and print credit to use in lessons, and you will also be expected to provide some of your own art equipment, which can be purchased at college.

Please see our course leaflets at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
What will I study?

In this one year course you will complete 8 units, exploring a wide range of 2D, 3D and moving image media, techniques and processes, working through the design process, completing primary research from which you will create initial ideas, and then developing these into a final piece. You will use the work of other artists to inspire you, as well as analysing and evaluating your own art work. As part of the course you will also study English and Maths and will develop employability skills.

How will I be assessed?

By internally assessed coursework throughout the year and end of year external moderation.

Coursework includes both practical artwork and written analysis/evaluation where you will be expected to reflect on your own and other artists’ work. Unit 8, a personal project, is assessed as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and this Unit 8 grade forms the whole qualification grade.

What enrichment can I look forward to?

Visits to museums and galleries, as well as organising an art exhibition for public viewing.

What progression is there?

Most students enter onto this course to enable them to progress on to the Level 3 Art & Design or Graphics course. You can also choose to progress onto other non-art Level 3 courses within the college, an Apprenticeship or employment.

Where are you going?

- Artist
- Fashion Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator
- Pattern Designer

student profile

Callum Rigby
Art & Design UAL Level 2

“Runshaw had the exact course I wanted to study. I enjoy the freedom to be able to create a wide variety of work. The support from the tutors is fantastic.”

Develop Your Creativity
**Art & Design UAL Level 3**

**Where are you going?**

| Artist | Fashion Designer | Graphic Designer | Illustrator | Pattern Designer |

**What will I study?**

Over 2 years you will complete 13 units and be introduced to a broad range of materials, techniques and processes within a variety of specialist art areas, this includes drawing, printmaking, working with non-resistant materials, digital and traditional photography, textiles, surface pattern, computers in art, time based media and contextual studies. You will have access to fantastic facilities such as Mac suites, photography studios and darkroom, a 3D workshop, a print room, textiles workrooms and fine art studios. After a broad start to the course, you will then choose a main specialist pathway to enable you to develop more in-depth practical skills and knowledge.

**How will I be assessed?**

Through a portfolio of evidence which is internally assessed and externally moderated. You will be set theme based projects designed to develop visual language, research skills, 2D and 3D problem solving and critical and contextual awareness in art & design. Unit 13 in Year 2 is assessed as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and this Unit 13 grade forms the whole qualification grade.

**What enrichment can I look forward to?**

Gallery visits, external work placements, practical workshops, and trips to places of interest for gaining primary research. You will exhibit your Unit 13 project at the end of Year 2 in an art exhibition for public viewing.

**What progression is there?**

You can progress on to university to study a range of courses, including: illustration, textiles and fashion, theatre design, 3D and interior design, fine art, photography, graphic design, animation and games design. Some students also progress on to non-art related degrees, apprenticeships and employment.

Art students have many transferable skills, including communication, creative thinking, organisation, time management and the ability to present well. Our students transform ideas into outcomes through in-depth research and develop attention to detail, fine motor skills and sensitivity. We encourage hard work, self-discipline and an ability to share ideas and work with others.

**student profile**

Jake Pearson

Art & Design UAL

"I decided to come to Runshaw because of the fantastic results that students achieve. The campus is fun and relaxed. I feel like college has prepared me for university."

**Where are you going?**

Graphic Designer

Artist

Fashion Designer

Illustrator

Pattern Designer

**Where are you going?**

Graphic Designer

Artist

Fashion Designer

Illustrator

Pattern Designer

**What enrichment can I look forward to?**

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Artist

Fashion Designer

Illustrator

Pattern Designer

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What will I study?

Working with industry standard software in Apple Mac suites, you will explore and develop skills in a broad range of art and digital media, including typography, printmaking, photography, drawing from observation, time-based media, contextual studies, 3D media and specialist illustration. Over 2 years you will complete 13 units and be taught techniques and processes in digital software such as Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator; using these programmes to explore image manipulation, vector graphics and layout design, as well as exploring and experimenting with traditional art materials.

The first year is focused on developing your knowledge of graphic design and its related industries, whilst the second year develops your depth of understanding in the areas of graphics you wish to pursue as a career. It differs from GCSE Graphics/Graphics Products in that it does not include 3D Design. If you have an interest in pursuing a career in Product or 3D related design, please see our UAL Level 3 in Art & Design.

How will I be assessed?

Through a portfolio of evidence which is internally assessed and externally moderated. You will be set theme based projects designed to develop visual language, research skills, 2D and 3D problem solving and critical and contextual awareness in Graphic Design. Unit 13 in Year 2 is assessed as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and this Unit 13 grade forms the whole qualification grade.

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Please see our course leaflets at www.runshaw.ac.uk and press the ‘Apply’ button. For guidance about what careers subjects can lead on to please access nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Entry Requirements - General

For our A Level programme our entry requirements are a minimum of 5x Grade B/Grade 5, including Maths and English.

For our Advanced Vocational courses our entry requirements are a minimum of 5x Grade C/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 4x Grade D/Grade 3 including English and Maths.

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

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 Maths and/or Science: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, French, German, Spanish, EPQ.
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 students with disabilities or learning difficulties 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
- disclose any criminal conviction

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.

Safeguarding

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Bus Routes to Runshaw

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Thursday 10 October 4.00pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 19 November 4.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 4 March 4.00pm - 8.00pm