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Are you looking for a Sixth form where you will be supported to fulfil your potential and realise your ambitions? Are you looking for a Sixth form where every student is known and cared for as an individual? Do you want to study in a modern teaching environment with excellent teachers? Then NLA Sixth Form could be the right choice for you.

Read on to find out what it feels like to study with us, to meet our specialist team of Sixth Form tutors, hear from our ambitious and welcoming student body, see inside our dedicated Sixth Form Centre and check out our incredible destinations. Our prospectus is just a taste of what’s instore.

Visit our website www.nlasixthform.co.uk to book a tour of our Sixth Form Centre. We can’t wait for you to join us.

Kevin Bennett, Head of Sixth Form

Kevin Bennett
Assistant Principal-Head of Sixth Form

Emily Vernon,
Principal

Phil Lloyd,
Executive Principal
NLA Sixth Form offers life changing opportunities for students. We have pathways for a broad range of career opportunities, from Science to Sport and offer a full range of Level 3 qualifications including A Level Further Maths, Computer Science, Psychology, Performing Arts, Business and much more.

Alongside building curriculum skills and knowledge with our team of experienced Sixth Form teachers, you will be challenged to succeed. You will take part in university residential, competitions, work placements, summer schools, EPQ projects and much more which will build your teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Our career coaches are on hand to guide you through employment and apprenticeship applications and interviews, helping you to secure an exceptional next step, be that a university place, job or apprenticeship.

One of the unique benefits of NLA Sixth Form is that students are eligible for a £6,000 bursary to study at the University of Liverpool.*

*This only applies to students on the Liverpool Scholars programmes.
Dedicated Honours programme for high achievers

Coaching programme to help all students fulfil their potential

£6000 bursary towards a degree at the University of Liverpool*

Friendly, supportive and ambitious student community

UK and international study visits

Free bus travel for students living more than 3 miles away

Labs and workshops equipped to university standard

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A Sixth Form study centre, open throughout school holidays, with laptops and computers providing a learning environment accessible to every student.

Student Centre

Modern art studios and ceramics kiln rooms to enable our Sixth Form students to fully explore their creative potential.

Art

Well-equipped library, in addition to the Sixth Form study centre, giving students a choice of location for independent study and a quiet and focused place to work.

Study Space

The iconic NLA building is a state-of-the-art learning environment where our Sixth Form students work in cutting-edge facilities in science, sports, engineering and the arts.
High spec technology rooms alongside music, radio, TV and recording studios for our digital/creative students.

Dedicated Sixth Form laboratories, equipped to university standard to allow our students to undertake practical work, such as gel electrophoresis, outside and beyond the scope of school laboratories.

Specialist engineering centre with a motorcycle engineering workshop, Dynojet rolling road – one of only two in the North West – and a full range of engineering and design machinery, including 3D printers, laser cutters and CNC mills.

Dance and drama studios with a theatre-quality auditorium, including an audio-visual control suite.

Superb modern sports and leisure facilities for our Sixth Form students, including three full-size football pitches, a floodlit AstroTurf playing field, gym and fitness suite, indoor sports hall and multi-use games area.
SUPPORTING YOU

We pride ourselves on the range of experiences and support we provide our students, from study and revision to support with UCAS applications, apprenticeships and careers.

MR BENNETT
Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form

Mr Bennett is a highly experienced Head of Sixth Form, having worked in The Studio School for many years. He is passionate about supporting students to achieve their best and will do everything in his power to help you succeed. He has an exceptional track record in helping students to achieve life changing destinations at the end of their sixth form programme of study.

Mr Bennett will support you through your application to join us at Sixth Form, offering advice on the best course choices for you at your One to One.

“The quality of advice and guidance offered to students is very strong. Careers guidance is highly personalised and encourages students to be aspirational with their choices of further education, employment or training after they leave sixth form.” Ofsted, 2017

MR BRANCH
UCAS Coordinator and Sixth Form Mentor

You’ll find Mr Branch in the Sixth Form Learning Resource Centre... He’s responsible for your day-to-day pastoral support and leads our career support programme. Mr Branch is available throughout the day to advise on your plans for progression beyond Sixth Form and is our qualified expert in successfully guiding students through the online process of university application.

He’s likely to be the first staff member that you see each morning, and the person to talk to if you have any questions or problems. Mr Branch meets all Year 11 applicants before they join our Sixth Form to help advise and reassure them as they make the transition to Sixth Form; he’ll always be on hand to support you in your study and share ideas throughout your two years with us.
ALISTAIR BARGERY  
Curriculum Leader for Physics

My first degree was an MESci in Geophysics & Geology (master’s project on reversals of the geomagnetic field) from the University of Liverpool and my PhD was in Environmental Science (fluid dynamic modelling, applied to flows on different planets) from Lancaster University.

I most love the way that the laws of Physics are universal and can be applied to any place in time and space in the universe, and that we are always finding out about new laws from continued experimentation, so it is an ever-developing science. I’m fascinated by every branch of Physics and have studied various applications, but at the moment my main interests are reading about quantum physics and how this theory brings into question the deterministic nature of the world.

MR JOHNSTON  
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Mr Johnston’s role is to support students on a daily basis – he provides the liaison between parents, teachers and staff, keeping an eye on progress and attendance. He also keeps track of all of our Sixth Form applications for university, apprenticeships and jobs, giving you as much information as possible for your career guidance.

MS PARSONS  
Curriculum Leader for Sport

Miss Parsons became a PE teacher so that she could share her enthusiasm and genuine love for sport and PE with others. Since achieving a First-Class Degree in Physical Education, Sport and Dance, she’s worked to foster a love for sport and PE through teaching in secondary schools.

Sports Studies at NLA Sixth Form is delivered by our extremely well-qualified and experienced PE Department, with a team of six teachers specialising in specific units to provide our students with the stretch, challenge and support they need to fulfil their potential.

Her hobbies revolve around sports; she plays five-a-side football, takes part in indoor rock climbing and goes on mountain hikes to tire out her working cocker spaniel!

MS MATTHEWS  
KS5 Lead for English

Ms Matthews is an English Language graduate. She has a particular passion for the study of how languages change through time and how and why new words enter the lexicon.

She exudes a passion for English, inspiring her students; her favorite poem is ‘Porphyria’s Lover’ by Robert Browning.
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It’s our job to make sure that whatever you want to do – whether it’s university, an apprenticeship or heading into the world of work – you have the skills and qualifications you need to succeed.

Following a pathway at NLA Sixth Form will make sure that you have both the qualifications and the extra-curricular experiences to stand out from other applicants.

The University of Liverpool bursary
As an NLA Sixth Form student, if you choose the University of Liverpool as your first-choice destination, you’ll be awarded a grant of £2,000 per year to support you through your three years of study there.

Our Year 13 Leadership, Apprenticeship and Employment Programme is there for you if you decide that university’s not the right path. Starting in January of Year 13, weekly sessions help you to prepare your applications, covering CVs and cover letters, interview techniques and focus on specific pathways into apprenticeships or employment.

We help you access real world working environments. The Northern Schools Trust has links to more than 50 local businesses, who provide mentoring, masterclasses, workshops and placements for our students. We also work closely with Liverpool City Region’s Apprenticeships Hub, to make sure that our students have access to the skills the region needs.

Our NLA alumni have headed for destinations including:

University of Liverpool, University of Manchester, Newcastle University, Leicester University, Liverpool John Moores University, Cardiff University, University of Lancaster, University of Sussex, London College and Birmingham City University, University of Bristol, Royal Holloway, Imperial College London and University of Oxford.

85% of students progressed to university.

9% to professional employment.

30% of students progressed to Russell Group Universities.
OUR VISION AND VALUES

All young people make exceptional progress whatever their background – academically, socially and emotionally through world class learning opportunities. Our resilient students will be responsible active citizens, who can compete and thrive regionally, nationally and globally.

Aspire
I will be the best version of myself – academically, socially and emotionally, always taking responsibility for my own actions. I will strive to progress and achieve, pursuing my dreams to fulfil my true potential within and beyond school.

Community
I will respect all members of our school community, making responsible decisions and influencing others for the benefit of everyone.

Experience
I will be determined to succeed, actively seeking new experiences to improve my progress and my own learning with great resilience.
WHERE NEXT?

We caught up with a few former NLA Sixth Form students to get a taste of their life beyond Sixth Form...

David
Studied: Physics, Maths and Further Maths
Progressing to study: Physics with a year in Europe at Bristol University

Algida
Studied: Business, English Literature and English Language
Progressing to study: International Business at the University of Liverpool.

Oana
Studied: Business, Economics and Maths
Progressing to study: Economics at the University of Liverpool.

Anudhi
Studied: Physics, Maths and Biology
Progressing to study: Mathematics at Royal Holloway

Jack
Studied: Engineering, Physics and Maths
Progressing to study: Civil and Structural Engineering at the University of Liverpool.

Enis
Studied: Physics, Maths and Further Maths
Progressing to study: Physics at Oxford University.
Emma

Studied:
History, English Language and Sport

Progressing to study:
History at the University of Liverpool.

Louise

Studied:
English Literature, English Language and Health & Social Care.

Progressing to study:
Nursing at Edge Hill University

Jade

Studied:
English Language, English Literature and Travel & Tourism

Progressing to study:
Film Studies and Philosophy at the University of Liverpool.

Nikita

Studied:
English Literature, English Language and Psychology

Progressing to study:
Criminology at University of Liverpool
STUDENT VOICE

Rafael DeCruz
I applied to NLA sixth form after studying in the academy for 4 years. The relationships that I established with my teachers and fellow students helped create an academy environment that I enjoy being part of. I study Maths, Physics, and Biology since these subjects will grant me the skills needed as I go into university. NLA has made sure to provide me with outside of the classroom activities that can help achieve my goals. Examples of these would be the opportunity to have a taster week at University of Durham and inviting me to several competitions such as the Physics Olympiad.

Salma Azzam
I love it. The teachers are so supportive. They give you everything you need, and they are so friendly as well. There are so many opportunities to learn, not just in my chosen subjects, which means I can really learn anything I want to. The facilities are amazing, and this has helped me a lot with my studying. I study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Maths. I really enjoy sciences and these subjects will get me closer to my goal of becoming a Dentist. NLA offer a lot of opportunities that you can participate in and these will enhance my personal statement and CV. You will gain a lot of experiences and skills at NLA.

Sunny Chung
During Lockdown, I carefully considered my options, NLA Sixth Form was at the top of my choices. It is a friendly and familiar environment that I’ve known for 5 years. The content of my lessons and support available has only got better since GCSE. Studying Physics, Engineering, and Biology has really influenced my understanding of how the STEM field is always evolving. My subjects have exceeded my expectations, helping me gauge ideas of the complexities in the real world. Aiming for a computer science/software development course, NLA has helped me to meet the criteria by offering work experience opportunities to me and an open door to any struggles outside of A-Level.

Olivia Henderson
All of the teachers are friendly and approachable, which has made my time here enjoyable. There is a really positive atmosphere and I look forward to coming in. NLA helped me decide on the right subjects and plan the beginning of my career in sports physiotherapy. They have also given us the opportunity to apply for work experience abroad! The school continues to provide many pathways which will lead me to success. We are given lots of support and resources that we can use. NLA has also given me the opportunity to build new friendships with people I had never spoken to before. I feel so much more confident now.

Sarah Coventry
The teachers at NLA have supported me throughout my GCSE years. I applied to NLA sixth form because of the family atmosphere. The teachers I had at GCSE have supported me and motivated me. I study English Literature, Psychology, and Biology. I enjoy looking at patterns in life. I chose English Literature because I enjoy getting to learn about the different perspectives and lenses. My future aspiration is to go to university and study Forensic Biology and Psychology, or maybe even Medical Sciences. NLA Sixth Form has introduced me to so many different opportunities such as having medical work experience online through the pandemic with a company called SpringPod and PreMed Projects that will help me to achieve my ambitions.
Our elite pathways are proving hugely successful, supporting students to fulfil their potential not just locally, but nationally and internationally.

The next pages introduce our pathways, followed by the details of our diverse range of A-level and BTEC courses.

All of our students receive specialist one-to-one advice and guidance as you enrol in Sixth Form to ensure you are following the right courses, with a personalised coaching and progression programme throughout your two years with us.

We’re also proud to present our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – a dynamic new addition to the timetable which allows you to study a highly specialised area of your own interest and receive an AS-level qualification towards university entry.

Each of our subjects are accompanied by a wide range of extra-curricular activities, trips, workshops and masterclasses, designed to make you stand out from the crowd when you take your next steps after Sixth Form.
Exponentials Pathway

Maths and Further Maths are two of the most desirable A-Levals, sought after by universities and employers. By immersing yourself fully in this dedicated maths pathway, you will get the experiences, skills, and qualifications required to move onto the very best degree courses in the country at world renowned universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, or other Russell Group institutions.

As a student of our Exponentials pathway you will enjoy working with specialist teachers in mechanics, statistics, and pure maths in a creative and engaging environment to develop the additional skills of collaboration, presentations, and communication. Exponentials is so much more than working on complex equations, it’s learning how to be a professional mathematician for a successful future career.

Suitable Subjects
A-Level Mathematics
A-Level Further Mathematics
A-Level Physics
A-Level Computer Science
A-Level Economics

Careers
Investment Analyst, Statistician, Accountant, Data Scientist, Software Engineer, Financial Trader/Analyst, Research Scientist, Doctor, Engineer, Architect.

University Courses/Apprenticeships
Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Economics, Engineering

Experiences/Partnerships
Visit to Oxford University for Maths lectures/seminars, Team Maths Challenge, UKMT, Olympiad, Sixth form MAT & STEP club, TMUA tests, UoL Advanced Maths Support Group
Science Scholars Pathway

Suitable Subjects
A-Level Biology
A-Level Chemistry
A-Level Physics
A-Level Maths
A-Level Computer Science
A-Level Further Maths
A-Level Psychology

Careers
Statistician, Accountant, Data Scientist, Software Engineer, Financial Trader/Analyst, Research Scientist, Doctor, Engineer.

University Courses/Apprenticeships
Medicine, Microbiology, Pharmacology, Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Conservation Biology, Marine Biology, Biochemistry, Pharmaceutical Science, Biomedical Engineering, Geophysics, Astronomy, Theoretical Physics, Astrophysics & Cosmology.

Experiences/Partnerships
Isaac Physics workshops at local universities, Work placement opportunities, Lab Schools Programme, Catalyst Science Discovery Centre lab experiences, Farm Urban hydroponics partnership

Our Science Scholars pathway has been purpose built to blend the skills, qualifications, and experiences that you will need to move onto the best university-based science programmes in the country. So if you are aiming to become a doctor, research scientist, or build a career in any of the specific branches of science, this is the pathway for you.

Working with a dedicated team of specialist tutors in each of the separate science disciplines throughout your time at A-Level, you can be confident that you will have the resources available to you to achieve your ambitions. With our dedicated sixth form laboratories and close affiliations with local and national universities you will gain more than just qualifications, that will prepare you for a future as a professional scientist.
Quantum Pathway

Our newly launched quantum pathway is designed to offer students the perfect blend of skills and experiences in one of the fastest growing employment industries. Liverpool has a strong economic foundation in the digital sector, providing a wide range of opportunities for students to progress into employment or further education.

This pathway is for students who want to build a career in software engineering, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, or any other related technical digital career. If you want to become a creator of technology and use your strong foundations in maths and computer science to fuel innovative projects, then this could be the pathway for you.
Engineering Pathway

Engineering is one of the greatest areas of economic growth in the UK, and our dedicated Engineering pathway is the best route for students into this industry. As a student, the practical skills that you will gain, underpinned by theoretical knowledge and specific technical skills, is guaranteed to prepare you for a career in engineering.

The learning for our students throughout this pathway goes way beyond the classroom. There will be plenty of opportunities for our future engineers to work on live projects in the professionally equipped workshops, support the running of our dedicated scooter/motorbike tune up shop, or even work as part of our own NLA race team. The possibilities from this pathway will ensure that your learning has real context, and you gain the experience you need to become part of this exciting, fast growing industry.

Suitable Subjects
- BTEC Engineering
- A-Level Maths
- A-Level Physics
- A-Level Computer Science
- A-Level Further Maths

Careers
- Design Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Aerospace Engineer, CAD/CAM technician, Mechanical Engineer, Maintenance Engineer, Project Manager, Civil Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Metallurgist

University Courses/Apprenticeships
- Civil Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Robotics & Embedded Systems Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering

Experiences/Partnerships
- Scoot 66 shop, DynoJet Workshop, Jaguar 4x4 challenge, NLA Racing Team, Formula E Race car
Professionals Pathway

Our Professionals pathway can be customised to suit your preferences, with a wide range of academic and vocational courses available to choose from as the ideal starting point on your way to becoming a business professional.

With a focus on Business, Finance, and Law, students on this pathway will be learning how they can move into an industry that employs over 93,000 people in over 12,000 companies in the Liverpool City Region alone. No matter the focus of the company, business, finance, and law professionals will always be in high demand for their vital knowledge and experience.

Suitable Subjects
BTEC Business
A-Level Economics
A-Level Maths
A-Level Computer Science
A-Level Psychology
A-Level Sociology
A-Level History
A-Level English Language
A-Level English Literature
BTEC Travel & Tourism

Careers
Marketing, Business Analytics, Sales, Consulting, Accounting

University Courses/Apprenticeships

Experiences/Partnerships
Investec Investment Banking Project, Deloitte Masterclasses, KPMG Accountancy workshops, Bank of England visits, Invest for Success Programme, Young Enterprise Programme

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Studying creative subjects enhance the mind and the hand. It will challenge your fine motor skills, your problem solving and your creativity. The world desperately needs people who can think differently and engage with others. This pathway will support you to do this. No matter what future career you choose, if you can arrange, present, communicate and display material in a way that is visually pleasing you will have an advantage.

This programme will support you to progress to further and higher education. It will improve your expression and your understanding of the creative process while building a solid portfolio of work for university interviews. There is unprecedented growth in demand for artists, musicians and designers, linked to our increasing consumption of the internet.
Sports Honours Pathway

As you might expect at a Sixth Form in the heart of North Liverpool, Sport is one of our most popular and successful pathways. Our Sports Pathway combines physical activity with physiotherapy, nutrition, coaching and teaching. Our purpose-built state-of-the-art sports facility includes a full-size 4G AstroTurf pitch for football and hockey; three netball courts and tennis courts; two 11-a-side grass football pitches, a rugby pitch, three outdoor basketball courts, a sports hall, fitness suite and four modern sports studies classrooms.

Our focus on the Sport Pathway is as much on what happens outside the classroom as inside. You’ll get the opportunity to launch and run sports events using NLA facilities and work with students from other schools and local community groups to really make a difference in your sporting specialism.

Suitable Subjects
- BTEC Sports
- BTEC Applied Science
- BTEC Travel & Tourism
- A-Level Biology
- A-Level Psychology
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- BTEC Business

Careers
- Physiotherapist, Personal Trainer, Sports Coach, Sports Development Officer, Sports Therapist, Nutritionist, Sports & Exercise Psychologist, Exercise Physiologist, Fitness Centre Manager, Clinical Scientist,

University Courses/ Apprenticeships

Experiences/Partnerships
- Local/National/ International competitions, Event management and production, stadium visits, outward bounds trips.
Healthcare Pathway

Suitable Subjects
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- BTEC Applied Science
- BTEC Travel & Tourism
- BTEC Business
- A-Level Psychology
- A-Level Sociology

Careers
- Nurse, Healthcare Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, Youth Worker, Health Service Manager, Community Development Worker, Mental Health Practitioner, Medical Sales Representative, Counsellor, Dental Hygienist, Dental Technician.

University Courses/Apprenticeships

Experiences/Partnerships
- Hospital & care service visits, Work experience programmes in healthcare settings, collaborative mock ward work skills programme, Professional Masterclasses.

This is a practical pathway for young people interested in entering a caring profession such as nursing, midwifery or mental health care. It will offer you the chance to combine the theory you need to succeed in your academic programmes alongside work experience and healthcare simulations which will help you put your learning into practice.

If you are looking to secure a career that focuses on people and are the type of dedicated professional that is always looking to put the needs of others first, then this pathway is the first step on your journey to becoming a Healthcare Hero.
People and Cultures Pathway

Suitable Subjects
A-Level Psychology
A-Level Sociology
A-Level Economics
A-Level English
A-Level English Literature
A-Level History
BTEC Business
BTEC Travel & Tourism
BTEC Applied Science
BTEC Sport
A-Level Spanish

Careers
Clinical Psychologist, Counselling Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Sports Psychologist, Border Force Officer, Psychotherapist, Policy Officer, Youth Worker, Civil Service Administrator, International Aid Development Worker, Public Relations Officer, Social Worker, Probation Officer, Advice Worker, Community Development Worker, Charity Officer, Advice Worker,

University Courses/Apprenticeships
Psychology, Anthropology, Psychology and Counselling, Forensic and investigative Psychology, Criminology, Clinical Psychology, Public Services, Sociology, Social Science, Economics, English, Journalism, Business Psychology, Sports Psychology.

Experiences/Partnerships
University masterclasses, visit to Freud Museum, Research project opportunities, Virtual Work Experience Programmes.

The People and Cultures pathway is an ideal introduction to some of the most complex and challenging issues we face as a community and as a nation. You will build an understanding of health, wellbeing, social justice, social change and the connection between where we live and our life chances.

This is the ideal pathway for you if you like to question the status quo, and importantly solve the problems that we face. You will have the opportunities to consider the ethics of your decisions and present them in debates. You will have the time to ask questions and find the answers through a range of research methodologies. You will be able to use both your numerical and your communication skills to present your findings.
A-Level Courses

We offer a wide variety of A-level qualifications, delivered by our Sixth Form team of specialist teachers.

Our A-level courses are built upon a foundation of excellent teaching in the classroom, but every student benefits from the opportunities to consolidate and extend their learning. You’ll experience our world-class facilities and a diverse programme of enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

Art

You’ll participate in practical and theoretical workshops, experimenting with a wide range of media in order to express ideas. This helps you develop a wide range of transferable skills studying Fine Art including creativity, problem-solving, organisation and communication skills.

All practical work is underpinned by contextual sources and gallery visits, to engage with artwork first hand.

Biology

Biology is the study of living things, ranging from bacteria and yeasts that both nourish and threaten our health, to the plants that provide oxygen and the range of mammals and fish that walk the land and swim in the oceans.

A-level explores the breadth of Biology, from molecules, through cells to organisms, at a time when it is now possible to generate simple living organisms from DNA sequences and edit our own genomes to cure complex diseases.

Chemistry

You will explore the diversity of the elements at an atomic level and how subatomic particles contribute to the reactions we rely upon in living cells, drugs and factories. You understand how chemistry provides us with the food we eat, the clothes we wear – and the smart phones we often depend on!

Computer Science

Our A-Level Computer Science qualification helps students understand the core academic principles of computer science. Classroom learning is transferred into creating real-world systems through the creation of an independent programming project. Our A-Level will develop the student’s technical understanding and their ability to analyse and solve problems using computational thinking. Students will complete complex technical investigations and practical programming tasks.
Economics

Economics permeates every area of life, and you’ll come to appreciate how economics can provide solutions to environmental issues, education and life expectancy. You’ll also develop an enquiring, critical and thoughtful ‘economist’s mind’ which will equip you for the challenges and opportunities of life after A-level.

English Language

Gain an understanding of how language is woven into our everyday lives, to understand the language that influences our thoughts, actions and even what we believe to be real. You’ll also develop an understanding of the subtleties of language use across societies, business and politics and an awareness of how language can influence behaviour.

English Literature

English Literature A-level is universally recognised by leading universities as a critical asset if you wish to apply for degree courses in Humanities or Social Sciences. English Lit develops your ability to think critically and express your own ideas freely. It is an excellent foundation for careers that demand a command of spoken and written English, including law, journalism and media.

Film

Studying Film at A-Level will enable you to enjoy and appreciate film and its cultural value and to understand the role film plays in our daily lives and the lives of others. You will develop a critical understanding of film through film texts, concepts, and historical perspectives by creatively applying practical skills and you will be able to explore production processes, technologies, and contexts.

Further Maths

Further Maths allows the most talented mathematicians to study varied and increasingly complex areas of mathematics in greater depth. Further Maths is the most sought-after A-level for those looking to study Maths, Physics, Economics, Computing or Engineering at university.

The course is assessed over four exams, two core exams where you’ll encounter complex numbers, matrices and differential equations alongside two option modules chosen from Further Mechanics, Further Pure, Further Statistics or Decision Maths.

History

A-level History covers two periods: The Tudors; Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918 – 1939, alongside a non-exam assessment module.

The non-exam assessment is worth 20% of your A-level grade, comprising a 3,000-word essay across a 100 year time period of your own choice. This historical investigation allows students to explore a topic of personal interest and promotes skills valued by universities and professions.

Maths

A-level Maths is the best opener of doors into employment and employers put strong mathematical and problem-solving skills as highly desirable for an array of careers. It is a challenging and rewarding course, which enables students to develop a love for maths and a natural curiosity for its applications.

A-level Maths is assessed through three exams – two are pure mathematics, consisting largely of Algebra, Calculus, Logarithms, Vector Geometry and Trigonometry. The third paper is an applied mathematics paper split equally between Statistics and Mechanics.
Physics

Physics probes the foundations of what makes the universe tick. From the largest structures imaginable to the smallest possible scales of interaction, Physics tries to answer how the phenomena of our world and universe occur.

The A-level course is designed to equip curious minds with the knowledge and skill set needed to begin to answer the biggest questions humans currently face.

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Students on this course will consider issues such as forgetting, cultural differences in attachment, reasons for offending and treatments for mental disorders.

Students acquire a broad range of skills, such as critical thinking, the ability to plan and carry out research projects, essay writing and revision techniques – many of which are transferable and will provide an ideal base for their future university or work life.

Sociology

Sociology is concerned with social behaviour and attempts to answer questions about why people behave the way they do. For example, why do girls outperform boys in the education system? Why is there still poverty in the 21st century? What explains the growth in violent street crime in the past few years? Sociology makes you think!

Sociology is an accessible A-level that manages to bridge the arts and sciences, dealing with data and theories alongside argument debate and creative thinking.

Spanish

This Spanish qualification provides students with a great way to learn about another culture. You will study a range of topics and practice your skills in listening, reading, speaking and writing. Lessons are conducted mostly in Spanish and you will have opportunities to develop your communication skills through written and verbal expression of your own ideas in whole class, small group and one-to-one situations.

It is now estimated that Spanish is the third most important widely-spoken language, and by learning it you will not only improve your employability, but you will find a whole new range of possibilities and experiences at your fingertips.
ADVANCED APPLIED COURSES:

All our BTECs are Level 3 (A-level equivalent) qualifications that can be taken alone or alongside other A-level courses. BTECs are vocational qualifications which means they are focused on developing an understanding of the world of work and provide an opportunity for you to practice relevant skills in real-life professional settings.

Applied Science

Our Applied Science BTEC provides a vocational pathway into Level 3 Science. The course is lab-based, so you’ll gain an enormous breadth of practical experience beyond the purely theoretical. This is the perfect qualification for anyone who wants to go into an apprenticeship or university healthcare courses, such as Nursing, Midwifery, Forensic Science, Physiotherapy, or Sports Science.

Business

The Business BTEC gives you a broad understanding of business and its related functions, such as marketing, finance and human resources. This course provides you with the opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of business and gain transferable skills, such as teamwork, problem-solving and researching.

BTEC Engineering

The BTEC Engineering programme is a hands on, practical course. Over the two years, students will be encouraged to advance their engineering skills set through study of mechanics, electronics, materials science, mathematics and computer aided design (CAD). Many students who enjoy and successfully complete this course progress into Higher Education or employment in the engineering sector.
Sport

The Level 3 Diploma in Sport at NLA 6th is not just about being able to play sport; it will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress onto University level sport-related programmes such as Sport and Physical Education, Sport Science, Physiotherapy, Sports Coaching and Development or Sport and Leisure Management. Sport BTEC is offered at NLA 6th Form as both a single or double award course, our gym and outdoor AstroTurf facilities are beyond compare and in with close proximity to Anfield our students benefit from working with the Anfield Foundation and participation in match day events. Our Sports BTEC students progress to study sports science and coaching at elite institutions such as St Georges Park and Loughborough University.

Performing Arts

This course is designed for students interested in vocational training in the arts and performance. The Performing Arts BTEC is a step closer to a career in the television, theatre, film and dance industry, developing the skills and experience you’ll need as a professional in the creative sector and beyond. The course includes practical workshops and skills development alongside learning about the production process and analysing professional performances.

Travel and Tourism

The Travel and Tourism BTEC provides a highly specialist work-related qualification in the travel and tourism sector. You will study real world case studies and develop the skills and knowledge needed to run events, organise holidays and progress to work in the dynamic world of travel and tourism businesses. This BTEC provides a lot of transferable skills recognised by a range of employers such as leadership, communication, teamwork and problem-solving.

Health and Social Care

This BTEC is a National Level 3 qualification, equivalent to two A-levels and perfect for students wanting to go into the health and social care sectors. There are eight units to the course, of which two are externally assessed exams, one is an externally assessed controlled assessment and five are internally assessed pieces of coursework. Our most recent Health and Social Care students have progressed to both jobs and university study in nursing, social work, childcare, midwifery and the probation service.

Music

The BTEC Level 3 Music course will offer students the key knowledge and practical skills required for their potential chosen career as a freelance musician. Students will study various areas of the music industry which should give you the skills to understand music, write your own songs and perform them for live performances and recordings. You will need to demonstrate your ability to play an instrument or sing and understand music technology to join this course.
PATHWAYS PLUS

Preparing for your future is an important part of your time at NLA Sixth Form and the Pathways Plus Programme offers you specific career related activities that will support you to achieve your career aspirations.

EPQ

All students will complete an EPQ, an Extended Project Qualification. This gives you the opportunity to carry out a research project on a topic of personal interest or importance to you; academic or vocational, practical or theoretical. EPQ is an AS-Level (half an A-level) qualification, graded A*-E and is worth up to 28 points towards your university entry. Many universities, including Liverpool, Leeds and Southampton, now make reduced grade offers to students completing an EPQ in recognition of the skills, maturity and understanding the qualification provides.

Honours Programme

A tailored programme for the highest achieving students designed to prepare them for applications to the most competitive universities including Oxford and Cambridge. It includes trips and residential visits to universities. Students will be enrolled onto the successful ‘Aspire’ Programme for bespoke support in applying to Oxbridge and subject focused tutorials. Students will also be enrolled on the Sutton Trust Scholarship Programme. Students will have an NLA Alumni Mentor and complete a leadership development programme through EtonX.

Coaching/Mentoring

All students will receive 1:1 coaching & mentoring through our student performance programme. Selected students will also be eligible to complete training in coaching and mentoring and become peer coaches.
Professional Certifications

Depending on your course choices, you may be able to supplement your learning with a professional certification that will allow you to access many more career options and make you the standout candidate from the rest of the field when applying for your university place or degree level apprenticeship. Professional certifications work alongside your qualifications and are accredited by companies such as Microsoft, Autodesk, CSCS, or the British Computing Society. Professional certification will be tailored based on your pathway choices.

Experiential Visits & trips

All students will get the opportunity to attend visits to universities, workplaces, and events across the city, nationally and internationally. The developments of our international work placement/experience programme will see a small group of students engage in work placements in large multi-national organisations across Europe and the rest of the world.

Dedicated Careers Guidance Counsellor

All sixth form students have access to a dedicated trained careers guidance counsellor to help them with the difficult decisions of choosing the right universities, courses, or apprenticeships. Available for sixth formers all day every day when they

Professional Masterclass Visiting Lectures

Links with local and international businesses allow us to deliver masterclasses and lectures from some of industries top professionals.

Community Projects

All NLA students will have the opportunity to be a part of some of our wide-ranging community based projects, such as primary school outreach and support events, sporting tournaments and events, drama and theatre performances for local community members, the development of the Scoot66 shop and brand, or even becoming involved in NLA’s fully functioning race team and head out to the next series of race events.
I hope our prospectus has given you a feel for what it’s like to continue your studies after high school with us at NLA Sixth Form.

I expect you’ll have questions about taking your next steps after GCSE, our Sixth Form team would love to hear from you.

To find out more, arrange a tour of the 6th Form, speak with a course advisor, or make an application contact us by e-mail 6thformapplications@northliverpool.co.uk or telephone 0151 260 4044.

Our website nlasixthform.co.uk is a great place to find out more about the courses we offer, discover our state-of-the-art facilities, and get to know our teachers and students.

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