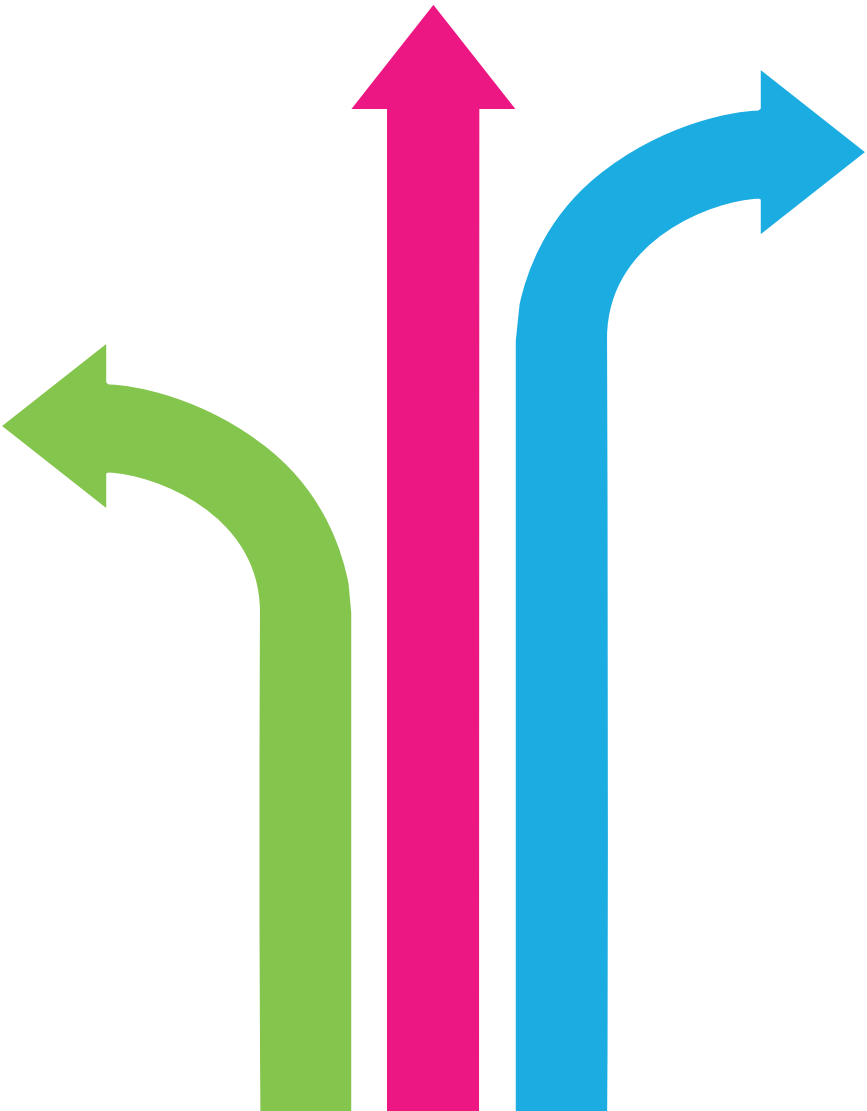
Hereford
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

VOCATIONAL
Pathways



OUTSTANDING EXAMINATION RESULTS

WIDEST CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

FANTASTIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

EASILY ACCESSIBLE

OFSTED OUTSTANDING IN ALL AREAS

STUDENTS FEEL SUPPORTED, ACHIEVE EXCELLENT RESULTS, AND ENJOY BEING AT COLLEGE

THE COLLEGE HAS AN EXCELLENT NATIONAL REPUTATION

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VOCATIONAL
Pathways

If you are confident about which career path you want to take, or looking for courses with less emphasis on exams, our Vocational Pathways may be the route for you. These Pathways are designed with a clear destination in mind and take advantage of the more flexible assessment practices offered by vocational qualifications.

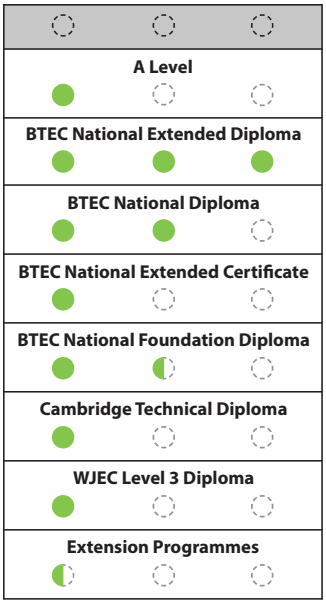
Hereford Sixth Form College is proud to have a 'create your own' approach to the Programme of Study, and these Vocational Pathways are no different. Each pathway will have suggestions for courses to choose from whilst being centred around a particular vocational course.

Results for vocational courses are consistently outstanding; in 2020, 100% of students studying BTEC qualifications receiving a pass or above. Hereford Sixth Form College candidates perform better than the average for the country; the average grade was a Distinction- whilst the national average is a Merit+.

The Vocational Pathways include recommendations for relevant enrichment activities and extension programmes to enhance employability and enrich the College experience. These include short courses, which are not examined, that teach students valuable life skills such as Emergency First Aid and Sign Language.

To find out more information about individual courses, please visit our website: www.hereford.ac.uk

Programme of Study



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A Level	**Vocational Courses**
A* = 56 points	Distinction* = 56 points
A = 48 points	Distinction = 48 points
C = 32 points	Merit = 32 points
E = 16 points	Pass = 16 points

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain a place on a Level 3 course, you will need at least five GCSEs at grades 4 - 9 or A* - C including English Language. If you have not achieved grade 4 or above in English Language or Mathematics, you will be expected to study these subjects at Hereford Sixth Form College until the minimum requirement grade has been achieved.

CREATING YOUR OWN PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The Level 3 Programme of Study consists of three options. Some students may choose to take on four options. A Levels take up one option; vocational courses can take up one, two or three options, as shown in the guide to the left.

You can combine these different elements to create your own individual programme of study. Options are incredibly flexible, with 99% of combinations possible. It is important that you choose what you enjoy as well as what will qualify you for any future career aim.

The aim of the booklet is to give you an idea of the different course combinations that can lead to certain career paths.

The Level 3 Programme of Study is supplemented with the Tutorial Programme, Impact, the Extended Project Qualification and Certificate in Mathematical Studies.

Applied Science

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in science and with at least one GCSE grade 5 or B in Science and grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- a **degree** in Biomedical Science
- a **foundation degree** in Engineering
- an **apprenticeship** in Biomedical Science

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Biomedical Scientist
- Engineer
- Pharmacist
- Occupational Therapist
- Nurse

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Engineering

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Psychology

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Geography

A LEVEL
Geology

A LEVEL
Environmental Science

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

WHY NOT ADD...

Sport Academy

Business

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a 4/5/6 or C/B in GCSE Mathematics.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in Business Administration, Customer Service, Human Resources, or Marketing
- a **foundation degree** in any business-related degree
- a **foundation year/year zero course**
- a **Higher National Diploma** (HND)
- a **degree**

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Marketing
- Business Management
- Administration
- Sales

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Travel and Tourism

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Business

A LEVEL
Statistics

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Information Technology

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Sport Academy

WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

Computing

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in Computing and Technology and with at least grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in Software Development
- a **foundation degree** in Games Development
- a **degree** in Computer Science
- a **degree apprenticeship** in Cyber Security

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Computer Games Development
- Forensic Computer Analyst
- Network Manager
- Software Developer
- IT Project Manager
- Technical Architect

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Computer Games Development and Cyber Security

A LEVEL
Statistics

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Business

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Engineering

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Digital Media Production

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

Creative Industries

SUITABLE FOR

Creative students with a 4/5/6 or C/B in GCSE English.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in areas such as Production or Graphic Design
- a **degree** in Media
- an **Arts Foundation Diploma** (Level 3)
- a **degree apprenticeship**

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Media Production
- Digital Marketing
- Public Relations
- Content Producer

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

A LEVEL
Photography

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Digital Media Production

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Computer Games Development and Cyber Security

A LEVEL
Media Studies

ENRICHMENT

Student Voice Newspaper

Upstage Productions

BFI Academy

WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Criminology

SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in criminological professions with an average of GCSE grade of 4 or C and above.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- a **degree in** Criminology and Psychology
- a **degree** in Criminology and Sociology
- a **diploma of Higher Education** in Criminology and Psychology/Law
- a Police Constable **degree apprenticeship**
- a **degree** in Professional Policing
- an **apprenticeship** at MI5

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Probation
- Police
- Prison Services
- The Legal Profession
- Youth Work

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

WJEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
Criminology

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Psychology

A LEVEL
Sociology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

WHY NOT ADD...

Short Courses
Free online courses such as those offered by the Open University

SCIENCE BASED

Criminology

SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in criminological professions with an average of GCSE grade of 4 or C and above.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- a **degree** in Criminology and Psychology
- a **degree** in Forensic Science and Criminology
- a Police Constable **degree apprenticeship**
- an **apprenticeship** in Forensic Science
- an **apprenticeship** at MI5
- a **degree** in Criminology and Forensic Science

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Probation
- Police
- Prison Services
- The Legal Profession
- Youth Work

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

WJEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
Criminology

A LEVEL
Psychology

BTEC NATIONAL FOUNDATION DIPLOMA
Forensic Science

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

WHY NOT ADD...

Short Courses
Free online courses such as those offered by the Open University

Engineering

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a GCSE grade 4/5/6 or C/B in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an Engineering **apprenticeship**
- a **foundation degree** in Engineering
- a **foundation year / year zero course**
- a **Higher National Diploma** (HND)

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Manufacturing
- Civil Engineering
- Software Development
- Communication Engineering

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Engineering

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Enterprise & Entrepreneurship

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Information Technology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Fire Safety, Risk Assessment, and Emergency First Aid

WHY NOT ADD...

Sport Academy

Forensic Science

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in science and with at least one GCSE grade 5/B in Science and 5/B in Maths

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- a **degree** in Forensic Science
- a **degree** in Biomedical Science
- an **apprenticeship** in Forensic Science
- a police constable **degree apprenticeship**

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Forensic Scientist
- CSI Laboratory Technician
- Biomedical Scientist
- Police Officer
- Crime Prosecution Service

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
Forensic Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

WJEC LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA
Criminology

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Psychology

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Biology

A LEVEL
Chemistry

A LEVEL
Physics

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Sign Language, HeartStart, and Emergency First Aid

WHY NOT ADD...

Sport Academy

Health and Care

SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in care professions with an average GCSE grade of 6 or B and below.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- a **Level 4 Foundation Degree** in Childcare
- a **Higher National Diploma** (HND) in Healthcare
- an **apprenticeship** in Care /Teaching Assistant
- a Nursing **degree apprenticeship**

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Armed Forces Combat Medical Technician
- Nursing
- Social Work

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Health and Social Care

A LEVEL
Sociology

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW*

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Psychology

A LEVEL
Psychology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Risk Assessment and HeartStart

WHY NOT ADD...

Volunteering

**Please note, some health professions, such as Nursing, require A Level Psychology or Biology. Please see Careers if you have a specific job in mind.*

Information Technology

SUITABLE FOR

Students with a strong interest in Computing and Technology and with at least grade 5 or B in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in IT
- a **foundation degree** in Creative Computing
- a **degree** in Software Engineering
- a **degree apprenticeship** in Data Science

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Forensic Computer Analyst
- Network Manager
- Software Developer
- IT Project Manager
- Technical Architect
- Data Analyst
- Digital Marketing Specialist

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Information Technology

A LEVEL
Computer Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Business

A LEVEL
Statistics

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Engineering

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Digital Media Production

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

Performing Arts

SUITABLE FOR

Experienced performers who have a grade 5 or B in GCSE English Literature or a combination of grade 4 or C and grade 5 or B in GCSE English Literature and GCSE Drama.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- » audtioning for **Drama Schools and Conservatoires**
- » a **degree** in Drama or Performing Arts
- » a **foundation year/year zero course**

CAREER PROSPECTS

- » Acting
- » Stage Management
- » Theatrical Design
- » Journalism

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Dance

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Drama & Theatre

A LEVEL
English Language

ENRICHMENT

Actor Training Academy

Upstage Productions

Student Voice Newspaper

WHY NOT ADD...

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Sport

SUITABLE FOR

Active students with 5 or more GCSEs A-C or 9-4 including Maths and English.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in Supporting Physical Education & School Sport
- a **degree** in Sport Coaching
- an **NVQ Level 2** Gym Instructor followed by an **NVQ Level 3** in Personal Training

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Coaching / Personal Training
- Policing
- Sport Media
- Public Services / Armed Forces
- Performance Analysis

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Sport

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL **Statistics**

A LEVEL **Business**

A LEVEL **Geography**

A LEVEL **Psychology**

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

BTEC **Dance**

BTEC **Health & Social Care**

BTEC **Applied Psychology**

BTEC **Travel & Tourism**

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

Sport Academy

Short Courses
in Risk Assessment and HeartStart

WHY NOT ADD...

Coaching Qualification

Sport and Exercise Science

SUITABLE FOR

Students with 5 or more GCSEs A-C or 9-4 including Maths, English and Science.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in the Fitness & Leisure industry
- a **degree** in Sport and Exercise Science
- an **NVQ Level 2** Gym Instructor followed by an **NVQ Level 3** in Personal Training

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Coaching
- Personal Trainer
- Sport Media
- Armed Forces
- Strength and Conditioning
- Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA
Sport and Exercise Science

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

A LEVEL
Statistics

A LEVEL
Business

A LEVEL
Geography

A LEVEL
Psychology

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Applied Psychology

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
Certificate in Mathematical Studies

ENRICHMENT

Sport Academy

Coaching Qualification

WHY NOT ADD...

Short Courses
in HeartStart, Risk Assessment, and Emergency First Aid

Travel and Tourism

SUITABLE FOR

Students with an interest in travel, tourism, events, customer service, or business, with a grade 4 or C and above in GCSE English.

ASSESSMENTS

Vocational courses are assessed by coursework and examinations; check the details of each course on our website to determine if this is the right pathway for you.

NEXT STEPS

This pathway could lead to:

- an **apprenticeship** in Travel and Tourism, Events, Business, Aviation or Customer Service.
- a **foundation degree** in Travel and Tourism, Leisure, Events, or Aviation.
- a **degree** in Travel and Tourism, Events, Business or Aviation.
- a **Higher National Diploma** (HND)

CAREER PROSPECTS

- Hospitality Manager
- Resort Representative
- Cabin Crew
- Travel Agent
- Customer Service Agent
- Business Administration

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Travel and Tourism

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

A LEVEL
Business

CHOOSE ONE FROM THE OPTIONS BELOW

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE
Information Technology

A LEVEL
Geography

A LEVEL
Sociology

A LEVEL
French / German / Spanish

ENRICHMENT

EXTENSION PROGRAMME
EPQ

Short Courses
in Risk Assessment, HeartStart, and Fire Marshall

WHY NOT ADD...

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award

Key Dates

APPLICATIONS

Online applications for 2024 entry will be accepted from October 2023 through to February 2024.

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 21st October 2023
9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 8th February 2024
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday 20th June 2024
5.30pm - 7.30pm

GCSE RESULTS DAY

22nd August 2024

ENROLMENT

28th and 29th August 2024

INTERVIEWS

Your interview will be held after the College has received your application; this tends to be between February and June.

TASTER DAYS

We will invite you to one of these taster days to experience courses and College life.

Year 11- January 2024

Year 10 - July 2024

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