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**CTK ST MARY'S**  
A CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM

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**2022-2023**

A SIXTH FORM CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

# Welcome to CTK St Mary's

If you are looking for an aspirational place to study, where you can choose from a wide range of 25 academic or vocational subjects, then our sixth form centre for excellence in Sidcup is the right place to help you achieve your goals and ambitions.



Here at CTK St Mary's, you will gain access to extensive pastoral support and a range of graduate programmes to suit you. You will join other ambitious students, all working towards the same goal.

Our A Level and BTEC students benefit from outstanding university progression, many to leading institutions, including Russell Group universities.

Our students follow specialist graduate programmes which are specifically designed for your choice of subject and your ability, including the Advanced Graduate Programme, for our most able students. You'll be encouraged along the way with caring and supportive pastoral staff who will set challenging learning targets to ensure you achieve what you are truly capable of. You will benefit from excellent teaching in A Level and BTEC subjects, tailored to meet your needs. We focus on what really matters

– the quality of teaching and learning and inspiring you to reach your potential.

Staff and student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do and is enshrined in our mission statement. Led by our site principal Mrs Camilla Crampton, CTK St Mary's is an innovative, prestigious and highly regarded sixth form, where we promote wellbeing, environmental sustainability and purposeful social action alongside our Catholic values. Our mission, vision and ethos will ensure you develop outstanding personal qualities, attributes and opportunities. In line with our motto "Ut Vitam Habeant" you will go on to live your life in all its fullness

Once you graduate from CTK St Mary's, you'll feel confident about going out into the world and being the best you can be. Welcome to CTK St Mary's!

**Mrs Shireen Razey, Executive Principal**



Centre Principal Mrs Crampton with students at CTK St Mary's

# 100%

**pass rate on BTEC and A Level programmes**



"If you want to be academically challenged and socially enriched – then I would recommend CTK. It is very diverse – not only in terms of race and culture but also in the beliefs and values of its students.

I won an internship through the charity Urban Synergy. I'm going to study Political Science at the University of Bristol."

**Ava – A Level Geography (A\*), Economics (A), English Literature (A)**



“My perspective of what my future could look like has broadened thanks to CTK, and now I’m going to study English Literature at the University of Cambridge. I was inspired by meeting past alumni, attending networking events and advice about a range of career pathways. I’m so happy to have been awarded a £15k Metric Capital scholarship towards my costs of living at university.”

**Temitope – A Level English Literature (A), Media Studies (A), Sociology (A\*), English Literature at Cambridge University**



## OPEN EVENT

**Saturday  
13 November 2021**

Book your place or find details of other events at [www.ckstmarys.ac.uk/events/](http://www.ckstmarys.ac.uk/events/)

We will be holding further open events throughout the year – please check our website for latest information. 

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# Be **INSPIRED**

You will feel inspired, talented and excited about your future at CTK St Mary's. Learning alongside like-minded, ambitious and hardworking students, you will benefit from high quality teaching in a warm, friendly setting.



"I love the diversity and shared academic ethos of my peers. Classes are warm and welcoming as well as academically ambitious and supportive. I valued being part of the Elevate professional mentoring programme and winning the governance award for my role on the Partnership Advisory Board as a student governor. I was recently awarded a £15k Metric Capital Scholarship.

I am going to study Physiotherapy at Essex University."

**Jason – A Level English, PE, Biology**

When you leave St Mary's, you will have the confidence and ability to progress to university and pursue your dream career.

## Choosing the right course

There is no one size fits all when it comes to your career and your future. That is why you can choose from a wide range of A Level and BTEC courses at CTK St Mary's. Whichever route you choose, you will be aiming to study at one of the UK's top universities.

## A Levels

If you enjoyed your GCSEs and would like to continue with the range of more traditional subjects you have been studying, A Levels could be a good choice for you. A Levels are essential for certain career routes and still required by some universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge.

## External speakers

Our external speaker programme brings more than 30 specialists in their field to our Christ the King Sixth Form centres each year. Previous speakers have included Sir Ian Cheshire (Chairman of Barclays), David Thompson (film producer) and Gary Gibbon (Channel 4 News Political Editor).

## BTECs

If you want to specialise in a single subject that you really enjoy, BTECs are a great route. When you successfully achieve your level 3 BTEC qualifications, you will achieve UCAS points in the same way as A Levels, ensuring you have lots of university options to choose from. Almost 85% of BTEC level 3 students at Christ the King Sixth Forms go on to universities, including prestigious Russell Group institutions.

## Apply to the best universities

You will be encouraged to apply to top universities and will be given tailored help with UCAS applications and interviews. A report by national education charity The Sutton Trust, entitled Degrees of Success, placed Christ the King Sixth Forms in the top 6% of schools and colleges nationally due to high performance when it comes to university progression.

To help you choose the right university, you will hear talks from graduates and undergraduates, as well as attending the annual careers conference. This is a great opportunity to network with representatives from top universities and colleges in the UK.

"CTK isn't just a place for learning. It's also a place where strong relationships are built between students and staff to ensure everyone is the best possible version of themselves and strives to achieve their best."

**Jade – A Level student**



## Be connected

Thanks to our strong links with employers and businesses, you will attend talks from visiting industry speakers and have opportunities to do work placements at top City companies. You can attend a variety of expert guest lectures, featuring corporate lawyers, barristers and executives from companies such as HSBC, BP and BT.

Other exciting opportunities include professional mentoring programmes with the EY Foundation, Barclays and Urban Synergy.

Many of our influential alumni take time to visit us and inspire our current students. Some of our successful former students sit on the Christ the King Local Board, providing valuable insight into a diverse range of industries.

## BT Elevate

The Elevate Mentoring Programme was set up by CTK alumnus Trevor Gomes, who now works as a Transformation Analyst at BT and sits on the CTK partnership board. The programme's aim is to provide you with the skills, knowledge and experiences for higher education and the world of work. Trevor and his team run programmes for our students such as personal branding and employability coaching.

## Be talented

You will be joining a warm, friendly community of like-minded people where you will be encouraged to get involved in sixth form life. You can choose from the debating club, fashion group, college band, coaching awards and volunteer societies, to name a few.



You will have opportunities to discover or develop your interests and talents and have a great time. Extracurricular activities to choose from include: Drama, Media, Business, 3D Animation, Dance and Music.

Some of the activities that you can get involved in include:

- Community projects, such as helping in primary schools and hospitals.
- Residential visits and overseas trips.
- Work shadowing and volunteering experiences.
- Retreats and pilgrimages.
- Expeditions to places such as Kenya, Alaska and the Tien Shan mountains.

“I chose CTK because I liked their values and they have a good reputation. I got a lot of support from my teachers and they always gave me feedback on how I could improve my work. CTK has a great learning environment.”

**Amy – A Level Sociology (A), Business (B), English Language and Literature (B). Goldsmiths College to study BA Management with Economics**



“CTK helped me stay motivated and made me realise my potential by giving me access to the Advanced Graduate Programme.”

# Be **SUCCESSFUL**

Stand out from the crowd with our unique graduate programmes. These are specially designed by CTK to harness your talents, tailored to your subject matter and ability, and guaranteed to help you shine.

## **Advanced Graduate Programme – High Achieving A-Level students**

You will be challenged to achieve high grades at A Level with our Advanced Graduate Programme (AGP). You will graduate with the skills and qualifications you need to progress to a prestigious university, attending wider learning events at leading universities and joining our Fast Track programme.

You will be part of a tutor group with fellow AGP students just like you, who are high achieving and have similar aspirations. You will learn leadership skills through the ambassador programme, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and other wider learning opportunities. You will undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which develops your academic and critical thinking skills and is recognised by universities.

## **Professional Graduate Programme – BTEC students**

If you are studying a BTEC Level 3 course, our Professional Graduate Programme will give you tailored support and access to professional opportunities to complement your studies.

You will gain additional professional qualifications, which will give you a competitive edge when making university or job applications. You will access a bespoke progression and careers programme, and gain specialised support.

## **Extended Graduate Programme – A Level students**

Your learning will be enriched through our Extended Graduate Programme, which provides high quality learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom. It is designed to equip you with the skills and qualities you need to succeed in your studies and compete for the top university places or employment/training opportunities.

You will be part of a bespoke careers programme to help you understand where your interests and capabilities lie with the guidance of a specialist tutor. You will take part in events and visits which will support your learning and achievement, as well as your personal development.

## **Aspiring Graduate Programme**

Find out about our Aspiring Graduate Programme on page 30.



“I was delighted to receive the CTK award for Maths. My teachers have been outstanding throughout my time at Sixth Form. They are always so helpful and caring, and the careers support I have received has helped me gain a place to study Investment Banking at Birmingham University.”

**Daniel – A Levels in Maths (A), Economics (A) and BTEC L3 IT (Distinction\*)**

### Set challenging career goals

You will be inspired at our Careers conference, which provides an excellent opportunity to explore your options. Whether you are an aspiring engineer, banker or entrepreneur, this event will give you the chance to meet experts in your area of interest and discover more about how you can achieve your goals.

### Excel with our support

You will be given extensive academic support outside of your lessons, including subject-specific workshops, help with homework, coursework or revision, and study skills sessions

Your study programme will be timetabled around your needs and your personal tutor will stay with you throughout your time here. They will regularly review your progress, help with any difficulties, and work with you to set achievable goals.

### In 2021 our students went on to over 70 universities, including:

- A. University of Birmingham**
  - Pharmacy
  - International Business with Communications
- B. University of Cambridge**
  - English
- C. University of Exeter**
  - Marine Biology
- D. Kings College London**
  - Biomedical Science
  - Midwifery
- E. University of Manchester**
  - Law with Criminology
  - Pharmacy
- F. Newcastle University**
  - Architecture
  - Biomedical Science
- G. Queen Mary, University of London**
  - History
  - Business with Law
- H. University of Warwick**
  - Media and Creative Industries
- I. University of Nottingham**
  - Mathematics
  - Business Management
- J. University of Kent**
  - Psychology



- K. University of Greenwich**
  - Midwifery
- L. University of Sheffield**
  - Bioengineering

# Be the **BEST** you can **BE**

You will be empowered to achieve your full potential with our combination of academic excellence and exceptional pastoral care. You will be inspired to succeed both academically and as a person, learning the important life skills of resilience, confidence, courage and creativity.



**G** GRIT  
**R** RESPECT  
**A** AWARENESS  
**C** CURIOSITY  
**E** ENDEAVOUR  
**S** SELF-CONTROL

This ethos is fully supported through the work of our Chaplaincy, where the team will celebrate with you in times of joy and listen or advise you in times of difficulty. You are always supported at CTK St Mary's.

## **Character Education Programme – The CTK Graces**

Through our character education programme, The CTK Graces, you will develop the traits and attributes you need to be discerning and to thrive in the highly competitive world that awaits you. You will take part in a learning programme that invites you to consider the personal, spiritual and moral issues you will face in the future.

## At CTK St Mary's, we will:

- **Encourage** you to be ambitious and high achieving.
- **Challenge** you to be resilient, confident, creative and courageous.
- **Educate** you to be articulate, curious, reflective and capable.
- **Support** you to develop the virtues of loyalty, respect, care and commitment.
- **Inspire** you to live principled, moral and dignified lives.

“The amazing workspace and state-of-the art resources motivated us to work hard to attain the high grades we all achieved. The college facilities feel like an office setting, boosting attitude and work ethic and keeping us focused on working towards our future goals.”

**David - achieved D\*D\*D\* in BTEC Business (equivalent to A\*A\*A\* at A Level). Studying HR Management at University of Greenwich**



## Learning Resources Centre

Our Learning Resources Centre (LRC) is a silent, independent study area, managed by a team of specialist staff, with extended opening hours to support you. It has computer, printing and scanning facilities for your use. It also provides access to individual study guides for each subject, more than 10,000 books, digital resources and online learning materials, specialist journals, periodicals and newspapers, and an audio-visual room.

## Facilities at CTK St Mary's

- Two media suites with digital editing and recording facilities.
- A recording studio – including mixing, editing and recording facilities.
- A suite of specialist art, design and technology rooms, including two networked suites of Apple Mac computers.
- Four fully equipped science laboratories.
- Numerous dedicated student support areas.
- Eight networked computer rooms.
- A Chaplaincy area including a Chapel and Chapel common room.
- A fitness suite and sports teaching area with modern changing rooms.
- A modern canteen.

## If you enjoy sport...

You will love our on-site sports centre, named after CTK alumnus and Team GB Gold Medal winning athlete, Lorraine Ugen. It includes:

- A new **£2 million** indoor sports hall
- An open, spacious sixth form in leafy **Sidcup** surrounded by playing fields.

Many of our students achieve team and individual success both at county and international level. We host regular visits by accomplished athletes. There is a sport for everyone at St Mary's, including:

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| • Aerobics   | • Cross-country    |
| • Football   | • Boxing           |
| • Volleyball | • Weight training  |
| • Badminton  | • Table-tennis     |
| • Cricket    | • Fitness training |
| • Basketball |                    |
| • Skiing     |                    |
| • Netball    |                    |
| • Tennis     |                    |



“CTK has a welcoming atmosphere, friendly people and offers many opportunities to enrich your learning and overall experience.”

**Olivia – English Literature (A), Psychology (A), Sociology (A).  
Going to study BSc Sociology at London School of Economics**



# Entry Requirements and Essential Information

Each Christ the King Sixth Form has a distinct environment and set of unique opportunities for its students.

CTK St Mary's is a Catholic Sixth Form where the values of honesty, integrity and mutual respect are central to our work. We welcome students from every faith, and none.

Our students, who come from a wide range of backgrounds, are united by our strong sense of community and their individual desire to achieve. You will find here a warm, friendly and supportive community where you will be truly valued as an individual.

## Parent feedback

Parents are encouraged to be involved. Formal reports are produced five times a year and we host regular parents' evenings so that you and your family can discuss your progress, ask questions and respond to your tutor's comments.

## Dress code at St Mary's

When you join CTK St Mary's, you and your fellow students will be expected to wear business-like attire.

Plain black, dark grey, navy blue or dark brown formal, business-like suits are required (tailored trouser or skirt). A jacket is optional – a plain dark jumper or cardigan can be worn as an alternative.

Coloured shirts or blouses are acceptable if suitable for a working environment.

This is intended to support you in making appropriate choices as you prepare for work or the next stage of your education journey. Some subjects may require you to wear clothing relating to your subject – for example sports students will wear a CTK tracksuit.

## Students with additional needs

For students with additional needs, or where English is not your first language, we have a dedicated learning support area with experienced staff. Once your application has been reviewed, we will contact you to discuss your needs so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed.

## Entry criteria for CTK St Mary's

### A LEVELS

- Minimum five GCSEs at grade 9-5
- English and Maths at minimum grade 5
- To study A Level Maths, English, Sciences or French, you must have a grade 6 in these subjects at GCSE



“My teachers have given me a lot of pastoral and academic support. The atmosphere of co-operation in the classroom and my relationship with my peers makes it easier to learn and ask questions. I have learnt to ask for extra work and to have the drive and assurance necessary to be a high achiever. My grades are far higher than I anticipated, and I think is a great achievement!”

**Nelly will study Business at Warwick University after achieving A Levels in French, Psychology and Business**



### **BTEC LEVEL 3 PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAMME (PGP)**

- **Four GCSEs at grades 9-4, including Maths and English**

If you show determination, hard work and a desire to succeed, yet you don't yet meet these entry requirements, we have a range of programmes to help you excel in our nurturing and aspirational environment. Please see page 30 for other routes.

### **T LEVELS – NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

From September 2023, CTK St Mary's has been selected to offer T Levels in Health and Business. T Levels are a brand-new, 2-year qualification that will give you a head start towards the career you want. T Levels have been designed in partnership with businesses and employers to give you the skills and knowledge to succeed in the workplace.

### **Chaplaincy**

CTK St Mary's has a chaplaincy team on hand to support you in your day-to-day life and your journey of faith, whatever your faith may be. The chaplaincy team, inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, are there to accompany you in times of joy or difficulty by providing a listening ear, and to help you develop spiritually.

The spacious and comfortable Chaplaincy is a hub for social activity, open to all students from all faiths and none – you can drop in and relax, meet friends or take part in activities. The beautiful adjoining chapel is a place for prayer and worship. You can visit the chapel as a quiet place for some

peace and space for reflection. Chapel services include a weekly Mass and on Holy Days throughout the year.

The Chaplaincy team meets regularly with tutor Chaplaincy representatives to discuss issues, plan events, and contribute to College Liturgies. You can sign up to be chaplaincy representatives – a great role to help you grow in confidence, develop leadership skills and to make a difference. You will receive support and training, as well as experiencing retreat opportunities.

**“Learners’ progression to higher education is excellent with a good proportion going to prestigious universities.”**

**(Ofsted, 2017)**

#### **Students say:**

“The Chaplaincy is a calm place where all students can go to clear their minds and discuss anything that is bothering them; they are always able to get an answer.”

## **Courses at St Mary's**

**A Levels**

**12**

**BTECs**

**26**

## A Level Courses at CTK St Mary's

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## ART A LEVEL

This A Level in Fine Art leads naturally to careers in art, graphic communication, fashion, advertising and product design.

Fine Art is also useful if you are considering a career in such fields as architecture, marketing, publicity, arts administration, animation and the media. Fine Art is particularly advantageous if you are seeking to progress onto a foundation diploma in art and design.

part of your fine art course. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum 1000 word critical study. At the end of the course your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of our learners.

### CONTENT

You'll explore a range of creative practices including painting, mixed media, sculpture and print-making. Drawing is an essential skill for studying this subject and forms an integral part of Fine Art practice. You will use drawing to record and analyse the observed world, to explore ideas visually and to find new ways of expressing your thoughts and feelings. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks as a creative journal in order to document your own creative process. Gallery and research visits will be an essential

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. If you have not studied the subject at school but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to provide evidence of your ability and interest in the form of a sketchbook/portfolio at your interview.

### ASSESSMENT

Coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignment.

## Eniola – A Level Religious Studies, Biology, Chemistry

"I studied Religious Studies (A), Biology (B), and Chemistry (C) – I am going to study Medicine at the University of Manchester. I have really enjoyed meeting new people and motivating myself to overcome topics that are new. I've also enjoyed being in the gospel choir.

CTK is amazing, so enjoy your experience here and put in your full effort."



## BIOLOGY A LEVEL

An A Level in Biology can open the door to a wide variety of careers. Depending on what you study at university, you could go on to become a doctor, a lab technician, a forensic scientist or even a teacher.

### CONTENT

You will find Biology to be a stimulating and challenging subject that encourages you to work to a high standard, thus developing your analytical skills. You will gain an understanding of the various areas within the subject and how they relate to each other. In addition to this, your knowledge and understanding of different scientific methods will be strengthened.

Your A Level Biology course will further develop your mathematical, practical and analytical skills, which will help prepare you for the work and higher educational fields. You will develop your practical skills while studying foundations in Biology, exchange and transport, biodiversity, evolution and disease, communication, homeostasis and energy, genetics, evolution and ecosystems.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10, you will also need either GCSE Biology or GCSE combined Science at grade 6 or above.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by examination at the end of each year of your course.

£84,685

**The average salary for a GP**

Source: Glassdoor: NHS GP salaries

## BUSINESS A LEVEL

An A Level in Business can be the starting point to a range of careers – from accountancy to marketing. It's a highly engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from law, accountancy, human resources, marketing or business management, to teaching, politics or journalism.

### CONTENT

Business is a dynamic and interesting subject. Throughout this two-year course, you will enhance your commercial awareness and develop a wide range of business-related analytical and entrepreneurial skills. You will investigate different types of organisation, identify investment opportunities and evaluate how markets affect business performance. You'll learn how to understand real-world decision-making processes and critically evaluate the external and internal influences on businesses. Topics you will study include marketing and people, managing business activities, business decisions and strategy and global business.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by an exam.

**Did you know that the average salary for  
Business Management jobs is**

£37,500

Source: TotalJobs.com

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INFORMATION, SEE OUR  
WEBSITE: [ctkstmarys.ac.uk](http://ctkstmarys.ac.uk)



## CHEMISTRY A LEVEL

An A Level in Chemistry can be the starting point to a range of careers – from engineering to healthcare. It's a highly engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from engineering, pharmaceuticals, or medical research to teaching.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a forensic scientist, chemical engineer, pharmacologist or even a chemistry teacher, depending on which course you study at university.

### CONTENT

If you have a natural curiosity about the world and a willingness to search for answers, then our A Level in Chemistry will teach you how to find those answers through laboratory investigations and independent research. Your interest and enthusiasm for Chemistry will develop into a genuine appreciation of how science works.

Building on the knowledge you gained at GCSE, you'll learn more about how and why reactions happen. You will study topics such as atoms, elements, bonding, energetics, organic Chemistry and the development of the periodic table.

Chemistry studies reactions and substances from a biological and physical perspective. In order to consolidate your studies, you'll learn how to handle data, think critically and apply your knowledge and processes to unfamiliar contexts. Following on from this, you will have the opportunity to consolidate your knowledge through practical experiments.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course. The assessment of practical work in Chemistry will be reported separately in a certificate of endorsement.

OVER 70%

of Chemistry students entered a professional or managerial role after graduation

Source: Royal Society of Chemistry: A Future in Chemistry

### Divine – A Level Biology (A), Chemistry (A), Psychology (A)

"I am studying Biomedical Science at Kings College. I plan to work in the pharmaceutical industry to become a specialised researcher in Human Biology.

All my teachers offered their support and helped me to improve. One of my biggest achievements at CTK was the huge amount of progress I made in Chemistry.

Parent's meetings gave both myself and my parents the opportunity to discuss areas for improvement. It was good having my parents, me, and my teachers all on the same page."



## **CRIMINOLOGY**

### TECHNICAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

*(Equivalent to 1 A Level)*

This course would suit you if you would like to take on a career in the criminal justice system such as the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service or the Police. As well as studying Criminology at University, you could also go on to study Law, Psychology or Sociology.

#### **CONTENT**

You will study elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology on this course which is designed to offer exciting and interesting experiences. Throughout the course, learners will gain an understanding of why people commit crime, different types of crime, influences on perceptions of crime and an understanding of the criminal justice system – from crime identification through to the final verdict. It offers a fascinating insight into the world of crime, the causes of crime, and how to effectively prevent it.

This engaging course has been designed to encourage students to succeed through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

The course is equivalent to one A Level. It is assessed both internally and externally by set tasks and examinations.

## **Matthew – A Level Maths, Economics, English Literature**

"I'm part of the Advanced Graduate Programme and the mentoring we get is amazing. I really enjoy the trips relating to work experience and university. I will be studying Economics and Management at the University of Southampton. My teachers motivate me to work harder and they have been really supportive with careers guidance and university applications."



## **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

### A LEVEL

An A Level in English Literature can be the starting point to a range of careers – from teaching to law. English Literature is very well-respected if you wish to pursue subjects at university such as English or English Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Drama, Media Studies and Law.

#### **CONTENT**

Your A Level English Literature course will develop your critical understanding, enjoyment and appreciation of literature. You will study a variety of texts from different time periods and make connections between these texts.

Studying A Level English Literature will provide you with the opportunity to develop your close-reading skills and will improve your use of critical terminology. There will be an important focus on independent learning and wider reading which will enable you to broaden your literary perspective and understand how literature has changed throughout history. You will also study a range of poetry, prose and drama spanning from pre-1900 to post-2000 and this will include one play written by William Shakespeare.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10, you will also need GCSE English Literature and Language at grades 9-6.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Coursework combined with end of year assessment.

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### FRENCH A LEVEL

An A Level in a modern foreign language would be beneficial to a great majority of courses at university and would be particularly helpful if you choose to spend a year abroad.

Modern languages can lead to a variety of exciting careers such as translating, interpreting, finance, law, sales and marketing, engineering, tourism, leisure, public sector, United Nations and European Union, media, teaching (primary and secondary), and linguistics. Additionally, the knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level.

#### CONTENT

This course will help to expand your interest in the French language and culture, as well as develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics which will further develop your understanding of France and Francophone countries.

You will also study French literature and film, which will encourage you to stay up to date with French current affairs. You will also have the opportunity to travel to France, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of French culture.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10, you will also need GCSE French at a grade 9-6.

#### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed on your listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar manipulation through translation.

**Did you know that the average salary for geography related jobs is**

**£37,500**

Source: Totaljobs.com – average salary for Geography jobs

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### Dwayne – A Level History, Spanish, Maths

“I achieved AAB and am going to SOAS University of London to study Korean and History.

At CTK all students are equally as motivated to do well, it's a good environment to be in. The teachers really care for their subjects and help the students any way possible to get the best grade. We have regular one to ones which help me see where I need to improve and the work that I need to do to achieve my dreams. Teachers really try their hardest to make sure that their students achieve what they are capable of and ensure you get the best grade possible.”



## **GEOGRAPHY**

### A LEVEL

Your A Level in Geography could lead to a wide range of career paths including conservation, teaching, urban land-use planning, environmental management, overseas development, cartography, climatology and travel writing. Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a teacher, town planner, architect, conservation officer or a journalist.

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#### **CONTENT**

Your A Level Geography course comprises four main topics. These are water and carbon cycles, landscape systems, global systems and global governance, and changing places.

In water and carbon cycles, you will study the physical processes which control the cycling of both water and carbon between land, oceans and the atmosphere. In landscape systems, you will take part in an integrated study of earth surface processes, landforms and resultant landscapes. For global systems and global governance, you will study the greater connectivity between people, places and environments across the globe. In the changing places module, you will further develop your geographical knowledge by conducting research in an area that is local to you.

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#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

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#### **ASSESSMENT**

You will be assessed through exams and coursework.

### **Abigail – A Level Psychology (A), Sociology (A), Geography (A)**

“Teachers are in tune with the students and everyone's voice is heard and valued. The teachers care about their students' perspective. I'm going to study Geography at Sheffield University.”

## **GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION**

### A LEVEL

Graphic Communication is an engaging course that leads to careers in fine art, graphic design, motion graphics, fashion, advertising and product design. Art and Design courses are also useful if you are considering a career in such fields as architecture, marketing, publicity, arts administration, animation and the media. Graphic Communication will be of advantage to you if you wish to progress onto a foundation diploma in Art and Design.

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#### **CONTENT**

Your A Level in Graphic Communication will encourage you to develop a personalised visual language that has clarity, originality and a high level of technical control in order to communicate a message or relay information.

You will explore drawing through digital and traditional methods and will experiment with a wide range of tools, materials and techniques. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks to explore your own creative process by experimenting with imagery and manipulating meanings.

The course will provide you with the opportunity to explore a variety of graphic visual communication methods including illustration, typography and poster and packaging design. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum 1000 word critical study. At the end of the course, your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of our learners.

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#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

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#### **ASSESSMENT**

You will be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignments.



#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

**as a freelance graphic designer, you can earn between £200 and £400 a day?**

**Prospects: Job profile – graphic designer**

### HISTORY A LEVEL

An A Level in History can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from teaching to archaeology, politics, law and anthropology.

#### CONTENT

Your course will help you hone your analytical skills and strengthen your essay writing abilities. To get the most out of your course, you must be someone who enjoys reading, researching, writing, asking questions, and you are also ambitious to develop a high level of skill in these areas. You will also analyse and investigate key historical events and personalities such as the social and political development of Britain in the 19th century and autocracy and dictatorship in Russia.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

#### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed with exams at the end of each year of your course. In your second year you will also complete a coursework unit on civil rights in the USA.

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#### CTK ALUMNI

“What I enjoyed most about my time at CTK was meeting new people from different backgrounds and sharing a desire to achieve well in our exams. The sixth form helped me stay motivated and made me realise my potential by giving me access to the Advanced Graduate Programme. I got into the University of Sheffield to study Law. I can't praise my Law teacher enough. He constantly encouraged me to work to the best of my ability and always provided feedback and tips on how to push my grade up.

The sixth form not only helped me achieve the grades through the support I received but it also provided me with the motivation and confidence to work to the best of my ability and made me realise my potential.”

**Ella Mae – studied A Level Law (A),  
Psychology (A), Sociology (B), EPQ (A)**



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

*(Equivalent to 1 A Level)*

This is an excellent course to study alongside an A Level, if you are considering a degree or career in information systems, computer animation, website design or database administration. Information Technology is a good pathway to combine with business information systems and project management.

### CONTENT

This qualification is equivalent to one A Level and should be taken alongside other A Level subjects.

The course will help you to select and use appropriate ICT tools and techniques to carry out investigations. You will learn how to capture and handle data, solve problems, make decisions and present information. In addition to this, you will become aware of the impact of ICT on the way people live and work, plan and manage projects and work effectively, independently and with others. Topics you will study include creating systems to manage information, using social media to manage information, information technology systems and website development.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by coursework and an exam.

The average salary in IT jobs in the UK is

£47,500

Source [cwjobs.co.uk](http://cwjobs.co.uk)

## MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

An A Level in Maths can be the starting point to a variety of careers and Higher Education courses – from engineering to accounting. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to career paths including accountancy, economics, teaching, engineering, medicine, mathematics and computing.

### CONTENT

Mathematics is both a stimulating and challenging subject, which is very highly regarded at advanced level. Both employers and universities will take a keen interest in you if you have successfully completed A Level Mathematics.

Topics you will study include indices, surds, polynomials, coordinate geometry, differentiation, integration, trigonometry, sequences, logarithms, first order differential equations, vectors and numerical methods.

In mechanics, you will also study forces, equilibrium, kinematics, Newton's laws of motion and momentum, whilst in statistics you will study the representation of data, probability, discrete random variables, continuous random variables, hypothesis testing and correlation and regression. To succeed on this course, you must have a strong enthusiasm for problem solving.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10, you will also need GCSE Mathematics at grade 6. You will also be required to show an appropriate knowledge of algebra before being enrolled onto the course.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by exams at the end of each year of study.

## Hannah – A Level Psychology, Sociology, Biology

“Relationships with teachers, the pastoral care and community are exceptional. The Realising Opportunities Programme and my mentor was amazing. I achieved grades ABC and I'm going to study Midwifery at Kings College – my ultimate goal is to become a Physician Associate.”

## MEDIA A LEVEL

An A Level in Media can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from journalism to film. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including journalism, photography, marketing and advertising, computer gaming or presenting.

### CONTENT

Media is a modern, exciting and innovative course that addresses social issues. Your A Level course will combine your theoretical knowledge with your practical skills. You will also be encouraged to challenge and explore the ways in which media texts have been produced, circulated, consumed and interpreted. In addition to this, you will be required to conduct independent research to solidify your learning.

There are three components to your Media A Level; component one is media products, industries and audiences – during which you will learn to analyse media language and representation in relation to advertising, marketing, music videos and newspapers. You will investigate and develop an understanding of media industries and audiences, and how they relate symbiotically. Component two focuses on the above

concepts in greater contextual and theoretical detail, addressing television in the global age, mainstream and alternative magazines, and media in the online age. Component three is a practical coursework production of a cross-media campaign, during which you will explore how the use of media language and representation can be used to target specific audiences.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through two written exams, each worth 35% of your final qualification. The remaining 30% is assessed through the production of practical coursework.

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## Seychelle – A Level Media, Photography, English Language and Literature

“I would recommend CTK to everyone. They show support for all their students. They helped me to restore my faith, believe in myself and guide me back onto my path to achieve my goal. I have enjoyed school events such as Charity and Inter Hall Day, as well as making a positive change to the school by achieving the roles of Tutor Representative, Student Head of Hall and Vice President. I got an A in Photography, B in Media Studies and C in English Language and Literature. I'm going to study Media Production at De Montford University.”



## PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL

A Level Photography is an exciting course that can lead to careers in photography, fine art, film, media and animation, photo journalism, fashion photography, advertising and photo graphics. This is an excellent course to study if you wish to go on to become a photographer, architect, journalist or a film director.

### CONTENT

During this course, you will be encouraged to develop a personalised visual language by observing the world through the lens of a camera. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks and digital portfolios to explore your own creative process by experimenting with imagery and manipulating meanings. You will learn a range of both darkroom techniques and digital processes.

You will also collaborate with other students to learn how to use cameras, studio lighting and digital editing software. Your work will be inspired by the study of other artists and photographers through contextual research and visits to galleries.

As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum 1000-word critical study. At the end of the course your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of you and other students.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignments.

## Jonny – A Level Biology, English Language and Literature, Psychology

“Interacting with my peers brought colour to every sixth form day. I'm going on to University of Greenwich to study Biomedical Sciences.”



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION A LEVEL

This course can lead to careers including sports coaching, physiotherapy, personal training and leisure management.

### CONTENT

Your A Level in Physical Education will equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the scientific, socio-cultural and practical aspects of Physical Education.

You will analyse how physiological and psychological states affect performance and will develop your understanding of the key socio-cultural factors that influence people's involvement in sport. Topics will include applied anatomy and physiology, skill acquisition, sport and society, biomechanical movement, sport psychology, sport and society and the role of technology in physical activity and sport.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. Students should also participate in club level sports.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed via exams, practical work and coursework, on your ability to perform, as well as your analysis of relevant core skills and techniques as a sports performer, official or coach within a fully competitive situation.



### DID YOU KNOW...

**that a degree in a sports related subject will provide you with a strong foundation on which you can build a career in the sports industry? It will also give you highly transferable business and management skills.**

**Prospects: What can I do with my sports science degree?**

### PHYSICS A LEVEL

A Level Physics is an engaging yet challenging course that can lead to a wide range of careers such as engineering, astronomy, computer science, teaching and medicine. Your Physics course will lay the foundation for the skillset you need to pursue many different job roles.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities. You could go on to become an engineer, doctor, astronomer, data analyst or a teacher, depending on which course you study at university.

#### CONTENT

During your A Level Physics course, you will be introduced to new concepts such as quarks, quantum physics and cosmology. Topics you will study include mechanics and the properties of materials, oscillations, waves and the nature of light, fields, particle physics and current electricity, thermal physics, nuclear instability, astronomy and cosmology. You will also take part in practical work throughout the duration of your course.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10, you will also need either GCSE Physics or GCSE combined Science at grade 6 or above. Students studying A Level Physics are also required to study A Level Maths.

#### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of each year of your course.

### Cee Cee – A Level Psychology, Politics, English Literature

"I studied A Level Psychology, English Literature and Politics and got A, A, B. I'm off to the University of Nottingham to study Law. I was really supported by my teachers at CTK and felt part of a community during my time here. I would recommend CTK because the teachers will support you to achieve your goals."

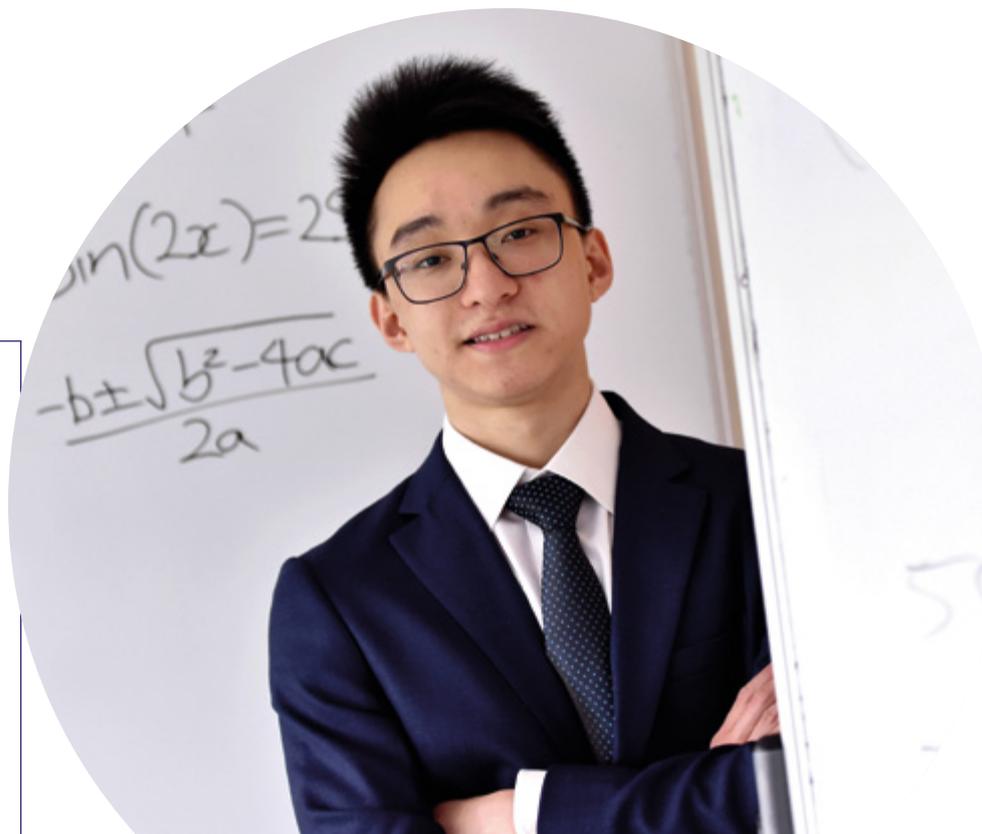
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#### CTK ALUMNI

"What I enjoyed the most about CTK was being able to meet other like-minded motivated people. CTK is a great environment to develop yourself, as you are surrounded by motivated peers and lecturers who strive to get the most out of you."

**Harrison – Studied A Level Further Maths (A\*), Mathematics (A\*), Economics (A)**



## **POLITICS**

### A LEVEL

Your A Level in Politics will open the door to a variety of industries such as politics, journalism, diplomatic service, civil service and law.

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#### **CONTENT**

Your A Level in Politics will allow you to hone your analytical and essay writing skills. The course will comprise a variety of different study methods including debates and discussions, independent research and evidence-based questions and essays.

In order to get the most out of government and politics, you will need to have an interest in politics, enjoy debates and consider other people's viewpoints before coming to reasoned conclusions. You will explore the engagement of people with politics, learning how the political institutions of the UK work. You'll also study the ideas that underpin political actions, and which other political ideas have emerged in the last century.

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#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

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#### **ASSESSMENT**

Your work will be assessed by external examination.

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

### A LEVEL

An A Level in Psychology can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from counselling to teaching. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including counselling, social work, teaching or nursing.

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#### **CONTENT**

No prior knowledge of the subject is required to study Psychology at A Level. Psychology is a fascinating yet challenging subject and a very popular A Level and degree choice.

Throughout this course you will learn how to construct logical discussions and how to employ scientific evidence to support or challenge theories on behaviour. You will also extend your understanding of human behaviour and hone your writing, debating and research skills. The following are examples of some of the topics that you will cover over the two years; schizophrenia, romantic relationships, social influence, attachment, psychopathology, research methods and issues and debates.

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#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

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#### **ASSESSMENT**

Your work will be assessed by an exam.

**Did you know that the average psychologist salary in the UK is**

**£32,489**

Pay scale: Average Psychologist Salary in United Kingdom

## **Elhadji – A Level Maths, Economics, BTEC IT**

“I was told that the transition from secondary school to sixth form would be hard, however the staff at CTK, especially my teachers helped make sure the process was easy for me.”

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL

An A Level in Religious Studies can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from teaching to archaeology. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths including law, philosophy, social work, teaching and community work.

### CONTENT

During your course, you will develop an in-depth understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion. Your course will be thoroughly engaging and further develop your interest in Religious Studies. The topics you will study include philosophy of religion, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, and the possibility of life after death. You will also take part in debates surrounding the concept of conscience and free will, the influence on ethical thought and its developments in religious beliefs and the

philosophy of religion. In addition to this, you will study developments in Christian thought, religious beliefs, values and teachings, sources of religious wisdom and authority, practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within Christianity.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by external examination.

“I went to a partner school and came to a CTK progression event. I'm so glad I chose CTK and got the results I hoped for.”

**Priestess – Sociology (A),  
Religious Studies (A), Law (B)**

### Olivia – A Level Sociology, French, English Language and Literature

“I recommend CTK because the experience for each person is different and worthwhile. The teachers do all they can to ensure their students do well. I studied Sociology, French and English Language and Literature and I got BBB. I am going to the University of Westminster to study Law.”



## SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL

An A Level in Sociology can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from social work to teaching. As a well-respected subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including politics, teaching, law and anthropology. It can lead to several career paths including social work, nursing, teaching, policing, the civil service and legal professions.

### CONTENT

Your Sociology course will develop your critical thinking skills, encourage you to evaluate sociological thinking and change the way you see the world and your place within it. You will consider Sociology in the context of education, families and households, crime and deviance, beliefs in society, theory and research methods. You will also conduct in-depth analysis of sociological theories and reflect on your own experience of the social world, applying it to your study of society.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10.

### ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by three two-hour exams.



### Joshua

“My teachers at CTK help me realise my potential and aim higher, they always make me feel included. I found it easy to settle into CTK and make friends. I have met some great people who help to build me up. I've been on some great trips. I really enjoyed studying A Level Sociology and Maths.

I'm going to Keele University to study Accounting and Finance.”

### Belinda – A Level Psychology, Sociology, History, EPQ

“I achieved an A in Psychology, A in the EPQ, B in Sociology and C in History. I'm going on to Kings College London to study a BSc (Hons) in Mental Health Nursing. I would definitely recommend CTK. My teachers have been really supportive and helped me achieve my goals.”

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**BTEC Technical  
Advanced Diplomas  
available at  
CTK St Mary's**

If you want to specialise in a single subject that you really enjoy, BTECs are a great route. When you successfully achieve your level 3 BTEC qualifications, you will achieve UCAS points in the same way as A Levels, ensuring you have lots of university options to choose from.

- Business **26**
- Health and Social Care **27**
- Media (Creative Digital Media Production) **28**
- Science (Applied Science) **29**
- Sport and Exercise Science **29**

**BUSINESS**

**BTEC TECHNICAL ADVANCED DIPLOMA**

*(Equivalent to 3 A Levels)*

The technical advanced diploma is highly valued by employers and universities. It is a strong pathway to university level courses and careers in subjects such as finance, human resources, management and marketing.

**CONTENT**

On this work-related course, you will complete projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, with a focus on finance, ICT, law and marketing. You will visit a range of workplaces and will receive input from many prestigious business partners. You will study topics such as exploring business, developing a marketing campaign, personal and business finance, managing an event, and international business. You will also develop your time management and essay writing skills. This two-year course is equivalent to three A Levels and will equip you with the necessary skills to progress to employment and higher education.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. If you do not meet these entry requirements, please see page 30 for other courses which may be of interest to you.

**ASSESSMENT**

The course is equivalent to three A Levels. It is assessed by coursework and external examinations.

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**Ami – BTEC Business**

“All staff at CTK ensure that students do their very best and this approach is evident throughout as students are always put first.

My teachers provided me with the necessary support and encouragement throughout my studies which ensured that I received such high results on my course. I achieved D\*D\*D which is equivalent to A\*A\*A at A Level and will now study Psychology (Mental Health) at Nottingham Trent University.”



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

### BTEC TECHNICAL ADVANCED DIPLOMA *(Equivalent to 3 A Levels)*

After completing your advanced diploma, you can progress on to degrees in social work, paramedic science, occupational therapy, police, probation services, midwifery, youth and community work and all fields of nursing. This course can also provide access to relevant apprenticeships in care.

#### CONTENT

This course will provide you with an excellent opportunity to develop a good knowledge base and practical care skills for professions within health and social care. This Advanced Diploma empowers you to grow in confidence, improve your organisational skills and mature intellectually. You will study topics such as human lifespan development, working in health and social care, anatomy and physiology, enquiries into current research in health and social care, meeting individual care and support needs, promoting public health and principles of safe practice in health and social care. You will also complete work experience in health and social care.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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#### ASSESSMENT

The course is equivalent to three A Levels. It is assessed by coursework and external examinations.

80,000

According to The Health Foundation, at any one time there are over 80,000 vacancies for social care jobs in England

#### Julia – BTEC Health and Social Care

“CTK has excellent teaching facilities, and it also has one to one support from teachers who are always willing to help. This helped me get the most out of my journey through sixth form and reach my full potential. The experiences I had these two years will help me in my career in midwifery and I am truly grateful. I achieved D\*D\*D\* which is equivalent to A\*A\*A\* at A Level.”

#### Grace – BTEC Health and Social Care

“The environment at CTK is friendly, supportive and encouraging, where anything is possible with hard work and dedication. All my teachers were fully committed to ensuring that I got the grades I deserved. I achieved the top grades D\*D\*D\* (equivalent to A\*A\*A\* at A Level) and am going to study Occupational Therapy at St George's, University of London.

I have learnt so much during my time at CTK St Mary's. I will cherish my time here and the friends I have made who will remain my friends forever.”





## Andrea – BTEC Digital Media Production

“My teachers at CTK have ensured I can pursue my career in Photography. I would strongly recommend CTK because of the facilities, support and guidance given to help me succeed. I achieved D\*D\*D, equivalent to A\*A\*A at A Level and will study Photography at Kingston University.”

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## **MEDIA (CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION)** BTEC TECHNICAL ADVANCED DIPLOMA *(Equivalent to 3 A Levels)*

This course is valued by employers and universities. On completion of the course you can progress to a degree course such as multimedia, advertising, TV or film. The course also provides excellent opportunities to begin work within the media industry.

### **CONTENT**

The course is perfect for you if your ambition is to work in the media or the creative industries, covering units such as film editing, sound editing, digital photography and advertising production.

You'll develop a broad understanding of creative media whilst building on specialist areas of interest. The course will ensure that you start building the technical skills, knowledge and understanding relevant to working in the evolving, fast moving and exacting media industry. The units also provide a unique insight into employment opportunities, job requirements, and working practices needed to compete in such a highly competitive industry.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. If you do not meet these entry requirements, please see page 30 for other courses which may be of interest to you.

### **ASSESSMENT**

The course is equivalent to three A Levels. It is assessed by coursework and external examinations.

**Did you know that the average salary for media related jobs is**

**£52,500**

**CW Jobs: Average salary for Media jobs**

## **SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)** BTEC TECHNICAL ADVANCED DIPLOMA *(Equivalent to 3 A Levels)*

This course is a great route to a range of degrees including Biomedical Sciences, Forensic Science, Engineering, Bioscience, Nutrition, Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Radiography and Nursing.

### **CONTENT**

During this two-year course, you'll study science investigation skills, principles and applications of science, genetics and genetic engineering, physiology of human body systems and electrical circuits and their application. You'll also develop medical physical techniques, laboratory techniques and their applications, investigative science project, microbiology and microbiological techniques and forensic evidence collection and analysis.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. If you do not meet these entry requirements, please see page 30 for other courses which may be of interest to you.

### **ASSESSMENT**

The course is equivalent to three A Levels. It is assessed by coursework and external examinations.

## **Kirudsika – BTEC Applied Science**

“CTK is very friendly, with a good working environment. I have learnt a lot through my journey. The teachers supported me in many ways and encouraged me to do my very best. I achieved D\*D\*D which is equivalent to A\*A\*A at A Level. I am going to study Biomedical Sciences at Brunel University.”

## **Daniel – BTEC Sports Science**

“My teachers encouraged me throughout my studies which has enabled me to progress to University of Kent to study Sport Therapy and Rehab. The extra curriculum has been really strong, and I have represented CTK in football, basketball and boxing. Teachers always want their students to aim high and be the best they can be.”

## **SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE** BTEC TECHNICAL ADVANCED DIPLOMA *(Equivalent to 3 A Levels)*

This course is ideal if you want to pursue a career in sports development, work in coaching and the fitness industry, or business in sport (marketing and sports therapy and rehabilitation). It is also appropriate for progression to teaching roles through specialist degree routes.

### **CONTENT**

You will develop your knowledge, understanding, practical skills and appreciation of the context in which sports activity takes place. It will help prepare you for university as well as for careers in the sports industry. You will study anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming for health, sport and well-being, sports leadership, sports event organisation, development and provision of sport and physical activity, coaching for performance, professional development in the sports industry, sports psychology, practical sports performance, application of fitness testing, rules and regulations, investigating business in sport, skill acquisition and research methods.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK St Mary's on page 10. If you do not meet these entry requirements, please see page 30 for other courses which may be of interest to you.

### **ASSESSMENT**

The course is equivalent to three A Levels. It is assessed by coursework and external examinations.





## BTEC LEVEL 2 Aspiring Graduate Programme (ASGP)

If you don't yet meet the entry requirements for our A Levels or Level 3 BTEC courses, then our Level 2 courses and Aspiring Graduate Programme can help you get there.

The Aspiring Graduate Programme will develop your self-confidence, communication and study skills. Your tutors will deliver a bespoke tutorial programme, catered to your needs and aspirations and also including English and Maths.

You will be given specialist support with progression onto a Level 3 programme at CTK Emmanuel, CTK St Mary's, or elsewhere. If you want to progress into work, you'll be given support to secure an apprenticeship or job.

We welcome applications from you if you show determination, hard work and a desire to succeed with the support and encouragement we can provide you with. The following subjects are available:

- Business
- Health and Social Care
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English
- Literacy I
- Numeracy 1

### Entry requirements

You will need a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above.



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# How to apply

If you are an ambitious student who wants to pursue your education in a sixth form setting, we look forward to receiving your application. We welcome students of every faith and none, but all students must respect and support our Catholic ethos and values.

Need help deciding which subjects to study? Our friendly careers team can help – email [careers@ctksfc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@ctksfc.ac.uk) to book an appointment.



## STEP 1

Apply to join us at [www.ctk.ac.uk/apply/](http://www.ctk.ac.uk/apply/) – please include your most recent predicted GCSE grades and a reference from your school or Year 11 report.

## STEP 2

Keep focused on striving to achieve your best at school. Your reference including attendance, and predicted grades, will play an important role in securing your place with us. Our CTK Graces (Grit, Respect, Awareness, Curiosity, Endeavour and Self-Control) are important traits of all students.



## STEP 3

Attend your interview. This is a great chance to find out more about CTK and for us to get to know you. You'll be sent an interview pack in advance and it's important that you complete the preparation. Bring examples of work you are proud of, records of achievement, and don't be afraid to ask questions!

## STEP 4

You'll receive an offer of a place to study at CTK Aquinas, subject to your predicted grades and a positive report/reference from your school.



## STEP 5

Get to know us! We'll email you with lots of opportunities to get to know about your teachers, your course and what you'll be doing when you join us. You can attend taster lessons, Welcome to Sixth Form Days and ongoing careers advice and guidance. Follow us at [@christthekingsfc](https://www.facebook.com/christthekingsfc) on facebook and instagram, [@ctksfc](https://twitter.com/ctksfc) on twitter, or subscribe to our youtube channel.

## STEP 6

Confirm your results in August 2022 to secure your place and start enrolment.



## Open Events

We hold regular open days, online and in person – visit [www.ctkstmarys.ac.uk/events/](http://www.ctkstmarys.ac.uk/events/) to book your place.





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