



INTERNATIONAL COURSES 2017

A Levels & The 6th Form Academy



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“The college has outstanding facilities such as labs and smart boards. The technology is superb. Computers are readily available and you can use free Wi-Fi anywhere in the college.

The lessons are really interactive and teachers have excellent ways of engaging students. The homework requires a lot of independent learning and research skills, an ideal preparation for University.”

– Zeynep from Turkey

A LEVELS

The UK A level programme is an established and highly regarded academic route into Higher Education in the UK. A levels are valued by Universities and provide direct entry onto UK University programmes.

Typically 3 A level subjects are chosen from a range of Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Sociology, Law, Physics, Psychology, Business, English, Media and Art and taught over a 2 year period of study. Each subject is taught for 4.5 hours per week over 36 weeks with additional supporting study programmes and tutorials on a wide variety of general topics.

Teaching includes small group work, project based learning and trips to Business or other related activities.

The A level programme attracts students from a wide range of nationalities including European, Asian, African and Middle Eastern students as well as English students providing a multi-cultural and very enjoyable environment in which to study.

A Level key facts...

Age: Students must be over 16

Course length: 2 years

Start dates: September

English entry requirements (IELTS for Non - EU UKVI):

- a) IELTS 5.5 with no component lower than 4.5 for a direct entry
- b) IELTS 4.5 and 5.0 (no component lower than 4.0) with a 4 week accelerated English programme at the beginning of the course (start 14/08/2017)

Academic entry requirements:

Five GCSE at Grade C or above in appropriate subjects or the equivalent in your education system. Contact our team to find out if your qualifications meet the entry requirements.

Additional Support we offer

- Free English language lessons to help you further improve your English language level
- Regular tutorials to discuss your progress and areas for improvement



“The college has superb technology so many computers and big libraries which students can go to find reference books for their studying. Classes are interactive, you can discuss and talk about your ideas with teachers and students which can really enhance analytical thinking.

As a tower resident there are great facilities to use in the tower like free Wi-Fi, of course students can have their privacy and independence because they have single rooms and the most important point is safeness.”

– Niloofar from Iran.



“The room in the Halls of Residence (the Tower) is spacious. I like independent living in the Halls. The residents come from different countries and we all love studying. I really like the atmosphere.

The college is really bright, clean and modern. My classmates are very polite and friendly. The teachers are very kind and helpful.”

– Juanzi from China.

Please see overleaf for a summary of the A Level subjects we have to offer...



A LEVEL SUBJECTS

Art

This A Level provides you with an opportunity to develop and explore your own ideas in a variety of disciplines which could include painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, printmaking and photography.

Biology

An understanding of many contemporary issues, such as biotechnology and global warming, requires a grasp of fundamental biological ideas. This programme will develop your practical skills and broaden your understanding of concepts such as genetics, molecules and cells, reproduction and biodiversity.

Business Studies

Learn how to run a business. Planning and Financing a Business; Managing a Business: People; Operations Management; Marketing and Competition. Strategies for Success: Financial Strategies and Accounts; Marketing Strategies; Operations Strategies; HR Strategies; The Business Environment and Managing Change.

Chemistry

The course covers the three key areas of Physical, Inorganic and Organic chemistry. There is an in depth focus on developing the right theoretical knowledge to become excellent at problem solving. Chemistry is fundamentally an experimental subject and we provide numerous opportunities to use practical experiences to link theory to reality, and equip students with the essential practical skills they need. Theory is consolidated with regular practical work in the laboratory.

Economics

Markets and Market Failure; The National Economy; Business Economics and Distribution of Income; The National and International Economy.



English

The programme covers the study of both language and literature, with the opportunity to create your own texts. Language work analyses texts in different contexts and looks at the impact of specific devices and word choices, while literary work involves the study of three set texts and other pieces of writing including anthology pieces and unseen texts. There is a strong mix of the analytical and creative on this course.

Law

You will learn about contract law, the civil law of tort and criminal law and understand the criminal justice system in the UK.

Media

Topics are: Investigating Media, Creating Media, Critical Perspectives, Research and Production – you will also undertake your own investigations and production piece.

Physics

You will study everything from mechanics, electrical forces, and nuclear energy to theories of matter and the creation of the universe.

Psychology

You will learn about a variety of behaviours, such as obedience in social psychology, cognitive abilities such as memory and the influence of brain structure and genetics. You will also study the research methods used to investigate behaviour and conduct your own investigations. To understand what data means, you will also learn about data analysis and you will study applied units about criminal psychology, environmental psychology and issues in mental health.

Sociology

Sociology trains you to answer the 'what', 'how' and 'why' questions about human societies. You will cover Education; Culture and Identity; Families; Health; Work, Poverty and Welfare; Beliefs in Society, Global Development; Media; Crime and Deviance; Stratification and Differentiation.



“Each student gets a lot of attention from teachers during the lessons, which I find very helpful. The technology enables teachers to offer interesting, lessons involving various activities which make subject topics easily comprehensible.”

— Nini from Georgia.

(Nini achieved 3 A grades in Sociology, Media & Psychology, 2016)

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

You can choose to stay in our on-campus Halls of Residence, self-catering house or with one of our approved host families. Please tick your option on your application form.

Onsite accommodation

Highbury's onsite accommodation is situated within The Tower, the College's tallest building. All 75 bedrooms enjoy views of Portsmouth and its coastline.

Each floor consists of 15 good-sized bedrooms, two kitchens, dining area, lounge and television. Each bedroom includes a bed, desk, wardrobe, en-suite bathroom (shower, toilet and wash basin), telephone, television and computer points and free Internet access. There is also a laundry room, with washers and dryers, and a 24-hour security is in operation on the College site.

Homestay accommodation

One of the best ways to help improve your English and also give you a better understanding of British life and culture is to stay with one of our carefully-selected homestay families. Homestay accommodation is on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner during the week, all meals at weekends). Students normally arrive at their homestay accommodation on Sunday and leave on Saturday.

Self-catering accommodation

It is a Victoria-style house within walking distance to our city centre campus. You will be more independent and sociable living in the house with other students. The house is fully furnished with free Wi-Fi access.

Visa

To check if you need a visa to study in the UK, visit www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

We are a Tier 4 sponsor licensed by UK Visa & Immigration. If you need a visa to take a full-time English language course with us, we are able to issue visa documentation for you to apply for a short-term study/student visa (www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa).

We may be able to issue you a CAS number for a Tier 4 (General) student visa (www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa/overview) if:



- you are over 16 years old
- you are doing a full-time A Levels or English language course
- you have met our course entry requirements and are eligible for a Tier 4 (General) student visa
- we are satisfied you both intend and are able to complete the course with us

Please note you cannot extend these types of visas and there are no work rights in the UK.



PORTSMOUTH, UK

Highbury College is situated in Portsmouth, the UK's only island city. A great place to live, it has a popular seafront and one of the best climates in Britain.

The city has much to offer in terms of entertainment and culture, including bars, clubs, theatres and museums. Seafront attractions include miles of green parkland, a funfair and a boating lake. During the summer you can enjoy festivals and live music.



Shopping

Gunwharf Quays is the city's landmark waterfront development and boasts designer outlet stores as well as bars, restaurants and a cinema. Southsea's Palmerston Road has a wide range of shops, including independent outlets and high street names.

Music & nightlife

Big name bands and other touring attractions play at the Guildhall and you can enjoy independent acts and comedy at Southsea's Wedgewood Rooms. Gunwharf Quays is a popular spot for nightlife and it's great fun exploring Southsea's Albert Road and Palmerston Road areas for trendy bars, clubs and restaurants.



Top attractions

Portsmouth is the current headquarters of the British Navy and the Historic Dockyard includes Admiral Nelson's famous warship HMS Victory. For a stunning view of the harbour you can ascend the 170-metre high Emirates Spinnaker Tower or you could visit the birthplace of novelist Charles Dickens.



Sport & fitness

The seafront promenade is perfect for walking, jogging or running, the Mountbatten Centre has an Olympic-sized pool, health suite, gym and athletics track, there are many cycle-paths as well as a whole host of watersports available.



Further afield

The Isle of Wight, once the holiday playground of Queen Victoria, is easily reached by hovercraft or ferry, where historic towns, picture-postcard villages and beautiful countryside are plentiful.

Travel links

Trains take just 1hr and 30mins from London (Waterloo) and convenient airports are Southampton, London Gatwick and London Heathrow.



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