

Rodillian Post 16

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Welcome

Welcome to Rodillian, a provider of Post 16 education, welcoming students from across Leeds, Wakefield and the surrounding areas. We are a small and friendly Post 16 provider with an experienced and dedicated team of staff, making us a first choice for your A Level studies. Our mission, vision and values focus on a personalised approach to pastoral care, support and guidance which continues to help our young adults to thrive in a warm community atmosphere.

We offer both academic and vocational courses and our facilities are designed to promote the highest level of achievement in a safe and supportive environment. It is our aim to nurture students to become resilient, independent young adults with a passion for the subjects they choose to study. We have high standards and expectations of our students who continue to make us proud each year. Our personalised Post 18 preparation programme allows our students to achieve their academic and career aspirations. Our students secure places at some of the UK's top universities and degree level apprentice programmes.

As a Post 16 team we are passionate about the progress and wellbeing of all our students. The support of dedicated and expert staff makes Rodillian the perfect place for students to explore and challenge themselves to reach their full potential.

What is Post 16 life like at Rodillian Academy?

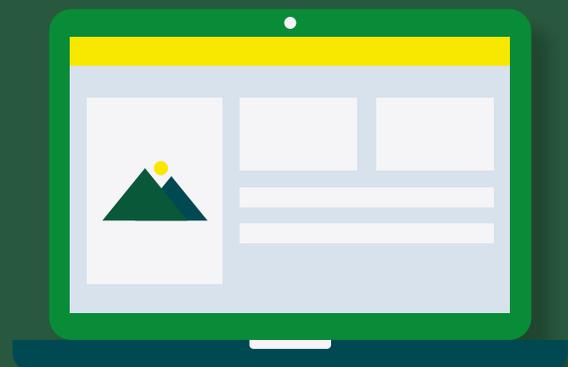
Our dedicated Post 16 facilities include a study room which is a quiet study space for Post 16 students. This is where registered study takes place. This includes fridge access, lockers, washing up facilities and a kettle. The Heads of Year base themselves in the study room when not teaching and the Post 16 Office is next door for ease of access.

We also have a common room. This is a social space for all Post 16 students. This room includes a games table, a mixture of comfy and tabled seating, lockers, cubbyholes, and table top games including Uno and Chess.

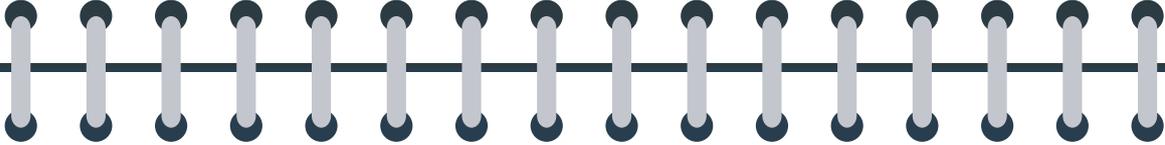
Post 16 students are also able to use our Post 16 Café. This area is open daily from 10.20am to 2pm and includes tabled seating and sofas. Our hot drinks and snack vending machines are available throughout the school day for exclusive use of Post 16 students and staff.

- Post 16 students typically choose to study 3 subjects at post 16.
- Each subject has 6 taught lessons per week.
- Students have one timetabled tutorial session once a week.
- Post 16 students have a minimum of 3 registered study sessions a week.
- Free periods can be spent in the common room, the café or in the study room.
- Students only need to be in school for their timetabled sessions and are otherwise able to independently manage their time, like adults.

All Post 16 students are given a laptop when they enrol at Rodillian Post 16; our staff use Microsoft Teams to share resources and email is one of our primary forms of communication.



Sample Timetable



	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
P1		REG STUDY	OPTION 1		OPTION 2
P2		OPTION 2	OPTION 2		OPTION 2
P3	OPTION 1	REG STUDY	OPTION 2	OPTION 1	OPTION 1
P4	OPTION 1		ENRICHMENT	OPTION 1	REG STUDY
P5	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	ENRICHMENT	OPTION 3	OPTION 3
P6		OPTION 3	ENRICHMENT		OPTION 3
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- Post 16 students can pick three (or four) options to study at post 16 - each subject has six timetabled lessons.
- In year 12, students have three registered study periods a week and in year 13 students have four registered study periods a week. These take place in our study room, a dedicated Post 16 quiet space with room for students to work independently. Post 16 students choose when their registered study periods are so they can build a timetable to suit them and their strengths.
- Students attend one Values session a week. These 50 minute sessions include pastoral support and mentoring as needed, as well as covering the RSE and personal development curriculum at Post 16.

Personal Development & Enrichment

We recognise that Post 16 life is not just about academia and therefore students have the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment opportunities that include the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, being a RAISE ambassador, work experience programmes, peer mentoring, volunteering and debating.

We offer a host of enrichment activities, with dedicated time built into their timetables so students can prioritise these important personal development opportunities. Enrichment includes:

- Sports Leaders programme
- Sports clubs
- Peer Mentoring
- Film Club
- Peer Mentoring
- Supporting year 7 library lessons
- Debating Society
- Cultural and subject specific trips including Geneva, Houses of Parliament, The Deep, Chester Zoo, Canary Wharf, Leeds Crown Court, and the Holocaust Education Trust trip to Auschwitz.

Our students have a weekly tutorial lesson with one of our experienced Post 16 tutors. Our tutorial

programme covers the RSE curriculum, including sessions on life skills, money management, health and wellbeing, choices and pathways at Post 18. Our Post 16 tutors support tutees, taking on a mentoring role if required for academic support, liaising with subject staff and students to ensure progress is maintained.

Students also follow a structured fortnightly programme that aims to develop soft skills ready for the world of work and higher education.

We have full time Careers Advice and Guidance Counsellors offering bespoke 1:1 careers advice and guidance. We offer comprehensive support for all post-18 pathways, including UCAS applications; interview preparation; apprenticeship applications and formats; assessment centre preparation; entering the workplace; CV writing and personal statement and covering letter writing. We are also a Unifrog Sixth Form - each student has their own Unifrog platform which supports all post 18 pathways and advice.

Our careers events include our Post 18 Careers Fair, University experience trips, mock interview events, apprenticeship workshops and assessment centre preparation.



Subjects We Offer

Applied Science Alternative Academic Qualification (Level 3/Extended Certificate)

Applied Science runs over two years and is assessed as 50% coursework and 50% exam. You will develop skills including how to plan investigating, collecting, analysing and presenting data and communicating results which support some of the skills students need to progress to higher education, employment, self-employment or training.

You will study topics ranging from cells, atomic structure and bonding to waves and communications.



Entry requirements:

A grade 55 or above in GCSE combined science or two grade 5s or above from separate science qualifications.

Where can Applied Science take me?

Through both coursework and examined modules you will develop the transferable higher order skills that are valued by higher education providers and employers. Career opportunities include nursing, midwifery, forensic science, radiography, radiotherapy and animal science.

A-Level Biology: AQA

A-Level Biology builds upon the knowledge learnt at GCSE, teaching you the Biochemistry of processes such as photosynthesis and protein synthesis, whilst also covering several aspects of Biology such as Ecology and Genetics. In addition to the content, you will learn invaluable practical and analytical skills through the completion of 12 assessed practicals and earn a separate practical endorsement qualification as a result.



Entry requirements:

A grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology or a grade 66 or above in you have studied GCSE combined science. A minimum grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

Where can A-Level Biology take me?

An A-Level in Biology opens many doors. It is a necessary A-Level for the study of Medicine, Dentistry or veterinary science. It is highly regarded thanks to the analytical nature of the subject. Options for further study include Genetics, Biochemistry, Immunology, Pharmacology, Environmental Sciences, Food Science, Sports Science and many more.

A-Level Business Studies: Edexcel

Whether you decide to work for yourself, work for a large multinational corporation with a pathway of promotions and opportunities, or stay local and work for a small organisation, you will be working in the world of business in your future. From finance to leadership, HR to product development and branding, A Level Business has it all!

During this two-year course you will learn the core business concepts from a wide variety of topic areas and apply them to real business contexts. Beginning with entrepreneurial skills and starting a small business then working towards understanding globalisation and strategic decision-making.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can Business Studies take me?

There is a wide variety of business-related courses on offer at colleges and universities, including Business, Business Management, Leadership, Human Resources, Accounting and Finance, Economics, Marketing and Business Law.

There is also a range of higher-level apprenticeships with a range of organisations, including those in Hospitality, Events Management, Finance, Sales and Business Administration.

As Business includes a diverse range of content and is applied to a variety of different business types, the skills developed will prepare students for any workplace and provide a great foundation for the future.

A-Level Chemistry: AQA

A Level Chemistry is designed to build on the knowledge that you gained at GCSE. The course is designed to allow you to develop key skills such as problem-solving, numeracy and application to real-life contexts. Topics include Atomic Structure, Kinetics, Equilibria, Transition Metals, Biochemistry, Aromatics & Organic synthesis. You will also complete 12 assessed practicals and earn a separate practical endorsement qualification as a result.



Entry requirements:

A grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry or a Grade 66 or above if you have studied GCSE Combined Science. A minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

Where can A-Level Chemistry take me?

Chemistry is an extremely well sought-after and highly regarded A-level which can open more doors than you might expect. Students who study A Level Chemistry may go on to study a range of courses such as Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Healthcare, Law, Environmental Science, Veterinary Science, Forensics, Pharmacy and many more.

Chemistry is an essential A Level if you wish to study Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry or Forensic Sciences.

Level 3 Diploma in Criminology: WJEC

Criminology covers all aspects of crime from types of crime to the range of punishments people receive for committing crime.

Topics include: How crime is portrayed in the media and how this affects people's views of crime; different theories and explanations of why people commit crime; how crime is investigated and prosecuted; how laws are made and how punishment works, and ways to control crime.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can a Level 3 Diploma in Criminology take me?

Criminology is a well-respected course of study if you are interested in further study in the areas of Psychology, Sociology and Law. It is also useful if you are interested in a career in Law / the legal services, Policing and the Criminal justice system, including the Prison and Probation Service and Social Work.

A-Level English Language: AQA

Did you enjoy English at GCSE? Are you fascinated by the English language, how it works and how we use it – in speech as well as in writing? Are you curious to learn about English and how it relates to gender, power or even technology? Ever wondered how you learned to speak without anyone ever explicitly teaching you? Ever wondered whether having a Yorkshire accent and dialect matter? Then A Level English Language is the subject for you. You will take the next step on your linguistic journey, developing your skills of analysis and evaluation; you'll explore how language is used differently in different social situations and scenarios; you'll learn how children learn to talk; you'll study how language changes over time and why; you'll read a huge variety of texts – written, spoken and electronic.

You already have a brilliant foundation to build from: we study the AQA English Language A Level and it is specifically designed to build on what you already know. So join us in a subject where you can hit the ground running and learn everything you could ever need to know about the language we use every day but usually don't need to think about.

Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE English Language.

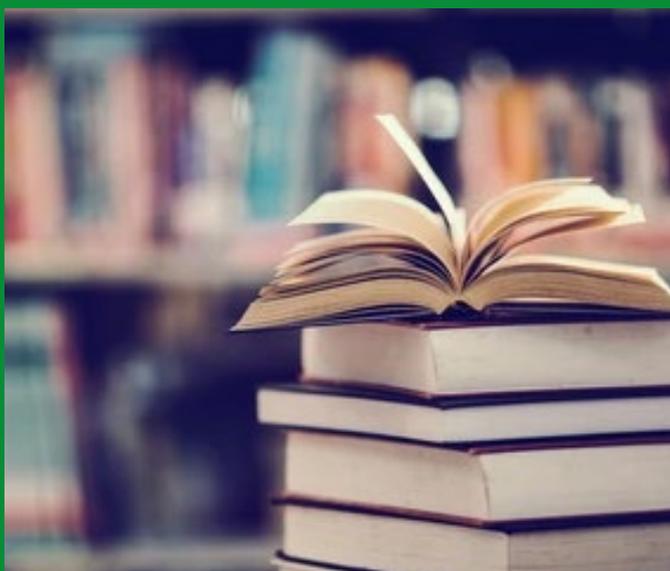
Where can A-Level English Language take me?

English Language is welcomed by universities and is highly regarded when applying for English related courses or courses with shared ground such as Law, Sociology or Psychology. In fact, it will complement almost any course you may choose to follow.

Specific careers such as teaching, law, working with children, librarian or journalism are all routes to which you could naturally progress. You will also have gained an ability to analyse, control, and shape communication which will make you an attractive prospect for any employer in a range of services or industries.

A-Level English Literature: AQA

A Level Literature encourages the independent study of a range of texts across time and will broaden your knowledge and love of the subject. By choosing this course, you will study a variety of texts including one Shakespeare play, a selection of love poetry, a selection of literary extracts and at least two sets of prose texts. You will be expected to read widely around the subject beyond the set texts for contextual and comparative purposes.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above including GCSE English Literature.

Where can A-Level English Literature take me?

English Literature is a subject which is well regarded by University Admissions Tutors and by employers. Students opting for this subject in the Sixth Form frequently go on to study it at university, enjoying potential careers in teaching, the art and entertainment industries, the media or legal professions. Similarly, an A Level in Literature is an excellent support qualification for those wishing to study degrees in Psychology, Sociology, History or Law.

Extended Project Qualification: AQA

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a voluntary qualification that runs alongside your traditional A-Level subjects and is the equivalent of half an A-Level in UCAS points. It is your chance to study a topic of your choice independently with one to one supervision by a member of the sixth form team. The final submission is presented as an academic report. To facilitate this, lessons are taught on a variety of areas such as research methods, data sampling, how to write in academic register and how to present your findings effectively. The EPQ is entirely based around your choice of subject and as such is guides through your own independent learning. You are the expert!



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can EPQ take me?

Skills developed in lessons are specifically designed to help with the transition to writing at University level or to increase your value in employment. A respected qualification which carries UCAS points, opening doors to universities.

■ A-Level Fine Art: AQA

The main component of the A Level Fine Art course is the personal investigation project. For this, you will generate ideas based on a theme of your choosing, inspired by your personal interests and artistic style. You will make links with other artists and designers, both historical and contemporary. You will record images through observational drawing and primary source photography.

You will show evidence of the development of your artwork from starting point to final outcome, and annotate your work throughout to explain the development of your ideas, and the connections you have made with other art practitioners.

You will experiment with a range of varied materials and techniques, from the traditional paint, pastel, and clay to digital processes such as Photoshop.

All this development sketchbook work will lead to the creation of a large-scale final piece.

Entry requirements:

A grade 5 or above in GCSE Art or GCSE Photography as well as a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Fine Art take me?

Fine Art A Level is accepted as a highly regarded qualification for anyone who wishes to go to university to study a wide range of other subjects. It is essential if you wish to go on to study an art and design-based degree.

In terms of career opportunities, almost 1 in 8 UK businesses are in the creative sector, UK creative industries generate more than 100 billion pounds a year to the UK economy and employ more than 2 million people. They are looking for candidates with a higher education art qualification because it shows you have an ability to be creative, generate ideas, and think visually.

We have had previous Rodillian art students go on to be successful architects, photographers, fashion designers, teachers, illustrators, web designers, interior designers, make-up artists, and to work in film and TV.

■ A-Level Geography: AQA

The AQA Geography specification offers a solid foundation in both physical and human geography and in practical applied skills. The specification allows you to develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of physical, human, and environmental geography whilst also exploring the interrelationships between physical and human environments in a synoptic context. Fieldwork is important and there is an opportunity for you to spend a week exploring geographical issues in the field in preparation for a geographical skills examination.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Geography take me?

Geography is a highly regarded academic A-level. It is the only subject in school that can be classified as a science or an arts subject and is counted in relevant qualifications for all university courses. The transferrable skills used throughout the course are highly prized by employers, and geographers are employed in many subject specific careers and numerous other more general professions. Some subject specific jobs include Geo-Physics, Water Management and Utilities, Environment Agency Officer, Vulcanologist, Hydrologist and environmental consultancy.

Alternative Advanced Qualification (AAQ) in Health & Social care: Cambridge Advanced National in Health & Social Care – Extended Certificate: OCR

The AAQ in Health & Social Care gives you the opportunity to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the health and social care sector. Topics include; Equality & Diversity, Safety & Security, Safeguarding, Anatomy & Physiology, Personalised Care and Supporting People with Physical or Mental Health Conditions. You will be encouraged to think logically and analytically and will develop valuable skills such as communication, planning, evaluation, presentation and research which will be transferable in your progression to higher education or that can be applied in real life context and work situations.



Entry requirements:

Level 2 in Health and Social Care desirable but not essential. A minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above.

Where can Health & Social Care take me?

This qualification will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding that will allow you to progress to Higher Education on a health and social care-related programme such as Healthcare and Health Science, Health Sciences, Nursing (Adult/Child/Learning disabilities/Mental health), Social Work, Midwifery nursing, Paramedic Science, Public Health and Wellbeing.

A-Level History: OCR

A Level History gives you a fantastic opportunity to critically assess and analyse some of the most interesting and hotly debated topics from the past. You will learn how to analyse sources and evaluate historians, along with developing your own writing style and learning how to argue your own opinions effectively. We study the Civil Rights Movement in the USA for African Americans, Women, Native Americans, and the Working Classes; assessing the key reasons for and barriers to change they have faced. You will also study Norman England and how William the Conqueror helped shape society today, and The Cold War in Asia (with a particular focus on why the USA failed to defeat Communist forces in Vietnam). Finally, you will have the opportunity to study whatever you want for Coursework, specialising in anything from the Romans to the Romanovs, The French Revolution to the Industrial Revolution.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level History take me?

History is seen as a facilitating subject by universities so is highly sought after for almost all options as it highlights your ability to analyse and evaluate argument at length. Careers which historians regularly go into include, but are by no means limited to; law, politics, journalism and broadcasting, archaeology, publishing, police investigation and, of course, becoming an historian.

A-Level Law: AQA

Law is a fascinating and exciting subject. You will cover a wide range of topics across a spectrum of laws. These predominately focus on criminal law, civil disputes and human rights law. The core skills you will learn are based around application of law to scenario, replicating how legal advice would be given in real life practice. You can expect lots of interesting debate and the chance to gain a compelling insight into real life legal problems.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Law take me?

Law can lead to many career options. It is highly regarded as a challenging subject and marries together well with a range of other subjects. This could be science, to lead on to careers in forensics, or Business for roles in HR, Finance/Accountancy, Insurance, or the Civil Service.

Law is also an obvious choice for the legal profession, allowing you to study law before you go to university or embark on an apprenticeship to become a Solicitor or Barrister.

A-Level Media Studies: WJEC

Media Studies will allow you to develop an in depth understanding of how the media communicates meaning in a variety of forms. You will have the opportunity to critically explore, reflect, analyse, and debate key issues in the media industry by studying components that include, Media language, representation and production. You will also learn to use industry standard Adobe software such as Photoshop, Illustrator and Premier to create your productions.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Media Studies take me?

Media Studies graduates typically enter careers in the media, cultural and creative industries. Areas of work include television and radio, film and video, digital media, computer games, journalism, writing, publishing, PR and media practice.

■ A-Level Maths: Edexcel

A level Maths is a highly respected course which teaches you to think logically and systematically to solve problems.

In Pure Maths you will build on your knowledge of GCSE topics such as Algebra and Trigonometry, and learn new topics such as Differentiation, Integration, Mathematical Modelling and other important mathematical ideas developed by great minds such as Isaac Newton, Leonard Euler and more.

Mechanics is the area of mathematics concerned with the motion of physical objects and the relationships between force, matter and motion; a perfect foundation for any budding Engineers.

In an increasingly data-driven world, many companies and universities value numerical competence in order to interpret graphs and data. Statistics develops these skills and more.

Entry requirements:

A grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics as well as a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Maths take me?

A Level Maths is a highly sought-after qualification and Russell Group research puts Maths as one of the A Level subjects most asked for by universities.

Students who study Maths go on to study a wide range of degree courses such as Science, Architecture, Computer Science, Medicine, Law, Philosophy and many more.

Maths is also an essential A Level if you wish to study Maths, Physics, Economics, Actuarial Science, Statistics and almost all Engineering subjects.

Several research papers have also shown that those who take A Level Maths earn an average of 11% more over their lifetime compared to those taking other A-Levels.

■ A-Level Photography: AQA

The main purpose of any course in Art and Design is to develop your ability to appreciate the visual world and respond in a personal and creative way. You will develop the skills to interpret and convey your ideas and feelings using photography. You will develop your imaginative and creative powers and your experimental, analytical and documenting skills. You will also develop the specialist vocabulary and knowledge and understanding of the place of photography and design in history and contemporary society.

The course will look at image manipulation with Photoshop and students will learn how to use ICT as a tool. Most work will be school based. However, a willingness to venture widely in pursuit of photography is an important quality to have on the course.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Photography take me?

Photography can lead to a range of career opportunities such as graphic design, crime scene photography, fashion, games design, advertising, interior design, merchandising and even web design.

A-Level Physical Education: AQA

A-Level Physical Education aims to build further on the knowledge, skills and understanding that you gained at GCSE. The course is designed to help you to analyse and evaluate factors that underpin performance and involvement in physical activity and sport. You will demonstrate and apply relevant skills, techniques and tactics in physical activity and sport.

Topics include: Applied Anatomy & Physiology, Skill Acquisition, Sport in Society, Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics, Sports Psychology and Sports Technology.



Entry requirements:

You must compete in one sport either in school or for a club. A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Physical Education take me?

Studying A-Level Physical Education will provide many further opportunities to enter the sport and physical activity sector. Students may go on to study a range of courses at university such as Sports Science, Physiotherapy, PE teaching, Sports Psychology, Sports Medicine and many more.

There are also career opportunities in Sports Coaching, Personal Training, Sports Therapy, Sports Analyst and Media in Sport.

A-Level Physics: AQA

A Level Physics is designed to build on the knowledge that you gained at GCSE. The course is designed to allow you to develop key skills such as problem solving, numeracy and application to real-life contexts. Topics include Particle Physics, Quantum phenomena and radiation, Nuclear Physics, Gravitational Fields, Magnetic Fields, Electricity, Capacitors and Electric Fields and Mechanics

You will also complete 12 assessed practicals and earn a separate practical endorsement qualification as a result. You will develop skills that are sought after at university and in industry in order to be able to be a competent investigator or researcher.

Entry requirements:

A grade 6 or above in GCSE Physics or a grade 66 or above if you have studied GCSE Combined Science. A minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

Where can A-Level Physics take me?

Physics is an extremely well-respected subject and Universities and employers appreciate the skills and knowledge that students have studied. Physics carries with it a lot of kudos and is renowned for its study of the unexplainable to the ordinary person. The ability to see beyond the normal world we live in opens up endless possibilities for those that study it.

Students who study A Level Physics may go on to study a range of courses such as Engineering, Physics (pure Physics, Astrophysics, Theoretical Physics and more specialist areas), Aeronautical Science, Maths, Chemistry, Healthcare, Law, Environmental Science, Veterinary Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Medicine, Forensics, Pharmacy and many more.

As well as going on to study at University, students also go on to undertake higher level apprenticeships in subjects such as Engineering of which there are many different types.

A-Level Psychology: AQA

Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour. The A Level Psychology qualification offers an engaging introduction to this diverse and interesting subject; you will learn the fundamentals of Psychology and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Psychology take me?

The scientific aspects of your Psychology course, including the application of a reasoned approach, problem solving and manipulation of data, provide useful tools for careers in healthcare, law enforcement, finance, IT and research. A psychology degree is a great starting point for a career in both science and the arts, as it equips you with a range of skills and opens up opportunities with a range of employers.

A-Level Sociology: AQA

You will study changes to the education system and systems of belief in the UK. You will investigate the impact this has on achievement for different groups in society. Alongside this, you will also delve into the different types of families and households that exist in the UK today, looking at how these have evolved over time. Through this research, you will learn about different theoretical perspectives and apply this knowledge; examining different theories that exist within Sociology, looking at the impact of these on our understanding of society and how theoretical perspectives can impact on choice of research methods, as well as looking at the long-term impact. You will also examine present day issues surrounding crime including punishment and prevention strategies.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can A-Level Sociology take me?

Sociology is highly regarded A-Level which can open more doors than you might expect. Students who study A Level Sociology may go on to Social Work, Law, Human Resources, Media, Probation Services, Research, Nursing, Educational Psychology, Public Services, and Teaching.

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Sports Coaching: Pearson

Students will study the principles of anatomy related to sport and exercise as well as the fundamentals of sport and exercise physiology and sports psychology. Additional units cover fitness testing and fitness training (designing and delivering training routines), which are incorporated into the team training schedules, and research methods for sport and exercise (collecting and analysing data). Also, there is a focus on sports coaching, the analysis of sports performance, sport and exercise massage, sports biomechanics and a study of exercise, health, and lifestyle. A research project provides the opportunity to research a specific topic related to sport and exercise science. The programme also includes industry-related qualifications such as Level 2 Fitness Instructor, Coaching & Refereeing Level 2 as well as invaluable work experience, or the Level 3 Sports Leaders Award which also carries UCAS points to aid access to higher educations.



Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above.

Where can BTEC Sport take me?

The sport sector is a fast-growing industry. This qualification allows for direct progress to employment in assistant coaching roles, as well as progression onto higher education within a variety of fields especially sports science and sports development. This highly practical qualification builds knowledge requires for self-employment in the coaching and development sector as an assistant coach.

Sport & Rugby Pathway

Rodillian Academy launched its competitive sporting programme in 2013. Sport at Rodillian has flourished since then, with teams winning numerous awards and trophies. We are widely recognised as one of the top sporting state schools in the North of England, with regular fixtures against the biggest sporting schools in the north, which puts our players in the 'shop window' for selection into elite development pathways and academies. With County and International representative honours under our belt, students secure professional contracts with elite teams. The competitive sporting programme is now being extended into Post 16. Our outstanding sports provision allows you to combine high-performance training with a high quality academic offer, developing your sporting ability whilst maximising your career prospects.

Through the delivery of carefully tailored programmes, designed to widen the aspirations, expand destinations and thus increase opportunities for our students, our bespoke academic pathways are designed to prepare you to achieve your personal aspirations.

With an effective balance of academics, work experience, life experience and networking opportunities, Rodillian's Post 16 pathways can support you on your journey paving a clear route to university, direct into the field of work, apprenticeship, or as an elite performance athlete. Regardless of the chosen academic pathway, students will have the opportunity to take part in up to 8 hours of elite coaching/strength and conditioning work, which is embedded into your timetable, with ample time set aside for scheduled competitive fixtures or training.

Weekly fixtures against the top rugby schools in the north of England allow you to be seen by selectors from professional clubs in both rugby union and rugby league, providing opportunities to be selected for professional and representative honours. Our sporting pathway also includes the opportunity to gain additional qualifications including Level 2 Fitness Instructor, RFU Level 2 Coaching, HSLA Level 3, and Level 2 Refereeing Award.

As part of this pathway we are offering the opportunity to visit and play Rugby in South Africa in 2027, a once in a lifetime experience.



Destinations

Our students have gone onto a wide range of post 18 destinations from Degree Level Apprenticeships in Project Management, Law and Business to Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities including Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle, and many others. Students have enrolled at universities pursuing a wide variety of degrees including Medicine, Midwifery, Dentistry, Sociology, Law, Psychology, Biomedical Science, Sport Science, Mathematics, Aerospace Engineering, Pharmacy, and many more. With the vast majority of our students applying to university, the number of students who are accepted onto courses at Russell Group universities is increasing each year.

We also have a track record of getting students onto higher and degree level apprenticeships, with

a wrap around careers programme designed to meet students' needs. We are innovative with our approach to UCAS, university, apprenticeship and job applications. We offer comprehensive support with researching pathways and providers, personal statements and applications, interviews, assessment centres and days, entrance examinations and accepting offers. The variety of careers events we offer throughout post 16 have been purposefully crafted and designed for students to have a choice of post 18 destinations open to them to ensure they are successful in the future.

We also have strong links with our alumni who are happy to support current students and offer their knowledge and experience to ensure successful applications and career paths for our students.



How to move from GCSE to Post 16 with Rodillian Post 16:

Entry requirements:

We ask for a minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 5 or above to access our post 16 courses. We do offer GCSE English and Maths re-sit classes if required. Some courses require a grade 6 or higher in that subject at GCSE - see individual subject pages for that information.

Step 1: Research and apply! Pick the courses you want to study at post 16 and apply online. You need to pick a minimum of 3 courses you want to study on our application form. We recommend that you pick at least one reserve option.

Step 2: Interview! After you have completed your application you will be invited to an interview with one of the Post 16 team (see our website for top tips!)

Step 3: Offer! Following a successful interview, you will receive an offer to study with us. Once you receive this you need to accept your offer.

Step 4: Induction! Once GCSE examinations are completed, we hold Post 16 induction: this includes a range of activities and events such as getting to know your tutor, experiencing the Post 16 areas, taster lessons and getting your all important ID badge photo taken.

Step 5: Enrolment. Enrolment takes place on GCSE results day Thursday 21st August 2025. You need a copy of your GCSE results to enrol.

Step 6: Welcome to Post 16 at Rodillian Academy! You are now a member of our Post 16 community.

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