

# OUR CURRICULUM



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- Wide range of A level and vocational qualifications to provide for students' interests, needs, aptitudes and learning styles
  - 41 different A level courses
  - 19 vocational qualification courses in 10 different subjects
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# WHAT ARE A LEVELS?

**A LEVELS ARE  
LEVEL 3  
QUALIFICATIONS**

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Subject based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training or work.

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# A LEVELS AT PETER SYMONDS

## WHAT'S ON OFFER

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Over 40 A Levels

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Almost any combination of subjects

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Try a new subject or study a current subject in further depth.



# A BROAD CURRICULUM

A Levels			Vocational courses
Art	French (and AS Level)	Photography	Applied Human Biology
Biology	Geography	Philosophy	Applied Law
Business	German	Physical Education	Beauty Therapy
Chemistry	Graphic Communication	Physics	Business
Classical Civilisation	History	Politics	Criminology
Computer Science	History of Art	Product Design	Digital Media
Dance	Italian	Psychology	Education and Early Years
Drama and Theatre	Law	Religious Studies	Fashion, Theatre Media Hair & Make-up
Economics	Mathematics	Sociology	Hairdressing
English Language	Further Mathematics	Spanish (and AS Level)	Health and Social Care
English Language & Literature	Media	Statistics	Information Technology
English Literature	Music (and HSMC)	Textile Design	Performance: Acting
Environmental Science	Music Technology	Three-Dimensional Design	Popular Music Performance
Film Studies			Sport

# HOW MANY A LEVELS WILL I STUDY?



**MOST STUDENTS  
STUDY 3  
SUBJECTS OVER  
THE TWO YEARS**

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Some students may take an additional AS course, worth half an A Level, in French, Spanish or Further Maths.

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A Levels can be combined with vocational courses such as BTEC or Level 3 Diplomas

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# HOW TO CHOOSE A LEVELS?

DO YOU ALREADY  
KNOW WHAT YOU  
WANT TO DO AS A  
CAREER?

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YES – work backwards –  
look at what University  
entry requirements are

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NO – choose subjects  
you enjoy and keep  
options open



# WHAT TO EXPECT



## FOR EACH SUBJECT:

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5 hours of lessons

5 hours of independent study

Differences in the way you are taught

Greater difficulty than GCSE

A Levels are graded A\* - E at the end of the exams in the second year. Exam content is from across the work you have studied in both years.

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# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## YOU WILL NEED:

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A minimum of five GCSEs at level 4+ including English and Maths.

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However, all of your grades are important.

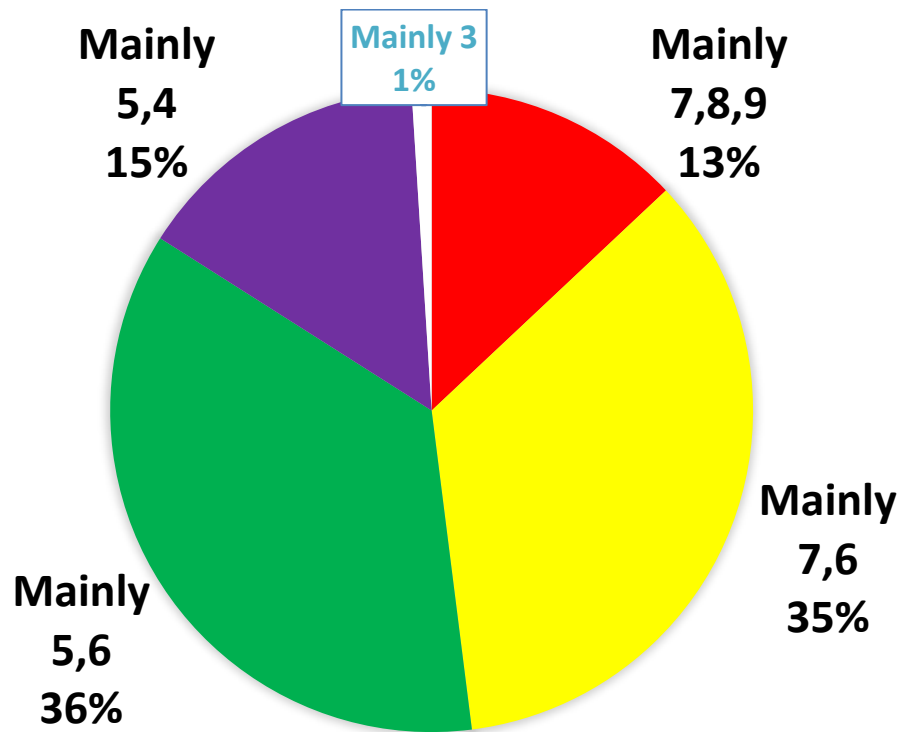
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Some subjects have higher entry requirements, Maths, Sciences, Languages, Computer Science, Psychology





# AMBITION FOR ALL STUDENTS



While Peter Symonds is perhaps best known for its expertise in working with highly able students, we are equally skilled in supporting and challenging students at other points in the ability range. We do not select on the basis of ability, and have as many students who averaged around a 4 grade at GCSE as we do those who averaged above an equal blend of 7, 8, 9 grades. We welcome applications from all students to join our diverse, inclusive, safe community.



# PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE

Peter Symonds College: Curriculum Pathways 2023 intake

