#### ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU ACADEMY

# SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

2021/22









# WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

#### Dear Student,

Thank you for reading the Archbishop Sentamu Academy prospectus. We understand that you want the best possible opportunities after you leave Year 13 and we are here to offer you those opportunities.

We are a growing Sixth Form able to offer you a wide range of A-Level and vocational course choices. But unlike other, much larger, colleges where it is much easier to become 'just' another student, we remain small enough to give you the personal attention you need to help you with your studies.

Our overall aim is to help you secure the best results possible in whatever subjects you choose; our propsectus details all the course choices and entry requirements.\*

For a copy please email: sixthform@sentamuacademy.org

Whether you are staying with us or joining somewhere else; if you want to join a growing and ambitious sixth form because you want the best results possible, then we are keen to hear from you.

Mrs K Hill
Head of Sixth Form

\*Please note: these are provisional course offers and as such are subject to change.



#### **ART & DESIGN**

This course can lead on to Higher Education, specialising in Art and Design courses.

You will build up a portfolio of work during the course. This portfolio will include: a research investigation; an essay on a topic you choose; and practical work related to your essay topic. Development of practical work is charted in a sketchbook, which needs to be clear and methodical, clearly showing how work was produced with links to photographers/ artists and technical processes being explained.

For the externally set assignment, you will have between 8 and 10 weeks to produce a body of work that relates to a theme that will be assigned by the examining body.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including Maths and English

#### **BIOLOGY**

A-Level Biology builds on the work you do at GCSE, extending and deepening your knowledge of biology. Taught by expert teachers, you will develop a broad understanding of a range of topics including Cells, Genetics, Biochemistry and Ecology.

Practical work is at the heart of all good science teaching, and the required practical activities will give you the opportunity to embed your skills and knowledge. This course prepares you for further university study and is a gateway to a degree in any scientific or mathematical field. A-Level Biology would assist greatly with a medical school application.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English, Maths and Science (Maths and Science - Grade 6)

#### **CHEMISTRY**

A-Level chemistry builds on the work you do at GCSE, extending and deepening your knowledge of chemistry. Taught by expert teachers, you will develop a broad understanding of a range of topics across both organic and inorganic chemistry.

Practical work is at the heart of all good science teaching, and the required practical activities will give you the opportunity to embed your skills and knowledge. This course prepares you for further university study and is a gateway to a degree in any scientific or mathematical field. A-Level Chemistry is a requirement to enter most medical schools.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English, Maths and Science (Maths and Science - Grade 6)

#### **PHYSICS**

Physics is listed by Russell Group Universities as being a facilitating subject, meaning it is one of the subjects which can give you the most options after A Level.

A Level Physics builds on core GCSE understanding of forces and motion and introduces exciting new areas of study such as quantum mechanics, thermal physics and astrophysics. You will be expected to keep a laboratory notebook to record practical activities. Accurate record keeping such as this is excellent preparation for academic research or the workplace.

This is the perfect course if you enjoy problem solving, logical reasoning and learning about the laws of nature which underpin the Universe.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (including Mathematics and English) 6 in Science and 6 in Mathematics

#### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

This is a course suitable for those interested in Journalism, Teaching, Law, Politics etc.

The content covers spoken language, written language from past and present and other aspects of sociolinguistics. You'll consider the way in which you use language on a daily basis and be able to understand the mechanics of spoken and written interactions.

You will be learning creative writing of fiction and non-fiction and analytical skills based on the key language constituents.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English

#### **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

This course is an exciting opportunity, especially if you enjoyed English at GCSE and would like to further develop your skills.

You will be given the opportunity to broaden your knowledge of literary terminology and apply this through a range of fictional texts, including novels, poetry and drama.

You will study a wide range of texts and genres including Othello, a collection of Keats poems and the play, "The Death of a Salesman".

You will also learn a range of literary terms and critical approaches to texts that will enhance your analysis and open your eyes to different interpretations.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including Maths and English (6 in Eng)

#### FILM STUDIES

This course offers a chance to broaden your knowledge and skills if you are applying for Higher Education courses in English, Art, Psychology, Business or other humanities based subjects.

The course is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film – the major art form of the twentieth century – and one ever - developing new modes of expression and exhibition.

A variety of forms of assessment are used, with intentions of producing imaginative and active learners.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including English

#### **FURTHER MATHS**

Studying Maths can open a lot of doors in further employment, with many professions looking favourably on A Level Mathematics.

This is a course that is well worth studying in its own right. It is both challenging and interesting as it builds on the topics you have met at GCSE. These skills are developed further to apply context to modelling real world problems. It is suited to people who enjoy problem solving, computation and logical reasoning.

Throughout the course you will study Statistics, Pure Maths and Mechanics.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (including Mathematics and English, 7 in Mathematics)

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

This is a new course with a balance of physical and human topics, as well as at least 4 days fieldwork of your choice over the 2 years.

You will study the following physical Geography topics: Landscape Systems (coasts and rivers), Earth's Life Support Systems (ecosystems), and Hazardous Earth (volcanoes and earthquakes). You will study the following human geography topics: Global Connections (economic world), Changing Spaces: Making Places (cities), and Disease Dilemmas (geography of health). As a Geographer, you will learn important geographical skills as well as transferable skills which will enable you to access many job opportunities in other fields.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (4+ in Eng, 6 in Geography is desirable)

#### **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**

By studying this course, you will develop your knowledge and understanding of the role politics plays in relation to current local, national and global issues, as well as studying key thinkers and political ideas.

You will learn about the processes, systems and reasons why the UK operates in the way it does. We not only study the actions of politicians, but the role of the media and behaviour of voters. In the second year you will also study American politics, compare the differences to the UK, and learn about different political ideologies. In essence, you will develop your skills of analysis, research and essay writing, communication, debate and team building. These are skills you can carry forward into any career.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 with 6 in History (preferred) or English Language (if History not taken at GCSE)

#### **HISTORY**

History develops a broad range of desirable skills and complements many other subjects.

In Paper I you will focus on the story of the Russian Communist State 1917-91, how the Soviets controlled the people; the economic and social developments the Communists imposed, and the reasons behind the fall of the USSR. The second paper is a study of Mao's China; how Mao established rule and life within Communist China. The third paper investigates rebellion and disorder in the Tudor period.

For the coursework (worth 20% of the A level), you will evaluate the key historical interpretations of the Civil Rights Movement in the USA, particularly focusing on the factors that created change in the fight for black rights.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (Grade 6 in History is desirable)

#### LAW

This is a course that could lead on to a degree in Law, Social Service or other humanities subjects. It will suit you if you are interested in current affairs.

You will study how the English legal system operates and the people who work in it, as well as various sources from which the law comes.

Throughout the course, you will gain detailed knowledge of specific criminal offences and a range of defences. The ever-changing rules on Human Rights law is a further topic of study.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 (Grade 6 in English Language)

#### MANDARIN CHINESE

As well as allowing you to develop your speaking skills to operate in a Chinese environment, the syllabus fosters awareness of Chinese culture and history. The course provides a stepping stone for university courses in Chinese

The skills examined are:

- Listening, Reading and Translation
- Writing
- Speaking
- Chinese History and Culture which is examined in English

Entry Requirements: GCSE Chinese grade 7 recommended, grade 6 will be considered depending on Speaking and Writing grade achieved.

#### **MEDIA**

In this course, you will learn how media affects the way we view the world and how technology has allowed the media industry to become so powerful. You will learn how to understand film, television, print images, and will examine how advertising and documentaries are structured.

This is a stimulating and enjoyable course that complements many of the core subjects and offers the chance to learn a range of transferable skills. Practical elements of the course include learning many essential skills such as desktop publishing, photography and website creation.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4 - 9 including English, ideally at grade 5 or above

#### PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

This course allows students to deepen their knowledge of Christianity whilst at the same time learning new concepts relating to Ethics and Philosophy.

You will study religious figures and concepts, sacred texts and various religious practices. For Philosophy, you will look at the arguments for the existence of God (cosmological, theological) and the non-existence.

For ethics, you will look at ethical language and thought – Aquinas' Natural Law, Fletcher's situation Ethics and Utilitarianism.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 with 4+ in RE (preferred)

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

You will work from a means of personal enquiry and expression involving the selection and manipulation of images. You will employ a creative approach that goes beyond mere observation and recording. Studying photography is engaging and rewarding and will open your eyes to the world around you.

You will learn to record ideas, experiences and insights that are appropriate to your work. You will analyse and critically evaluate photographic images showing an understanding of purpose, meaning and context.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9, creativity and an interest in visual arts

#### SOCIOLOGY

Have you ever questioned the world around you or wanted to know more about the society you are in? If yes, then Sociology is the perfect choice for you. You will study the family and the education system, as well as how to conduct your own social research.

If you're interested in improving your communication, analytical and evaluative skills, then look no further than studying Sociology. It is an academically challenging course that is held in high regard amongst universities and employers.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 including Maths and English

## LEVEL 3 COURSES

BTEC / OCR



#### APPLIED HUMAN BIOLOGY

BTEC Level 3 National Certificate

The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for further study or training. Everyone taking this qualification will study two mandatory units, covering the following content areas:

- Unit 1: Principles of Applied Human Biology
- Unit 2: Microorganisms and Infectious Diseases.

The mandatory content allows you to concentrate on the development of your knowledge and understanding, as well as essential practical and research skills relevant in applied human biology and health science areas, over an extended period.

This course will help in preparing for degree programmes for which some knowledge of human biology may be an advantage. Examples are: BSc (Hons) in Public Health and Health Promotion, if taken alongside, for example, A levels in Psychology and Sociology • BSc (Hons) in Health Informatics, if taken alongside, for example, an A level in Sociology and a Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology.

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs 4-9 (4/5 or Merit equivalent in Science)



#### **BUSINESS (EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)**

A business is any activity that provides goods or services, whether that is to make a profit or not. The common thread in business is that owners and employees are striving to satisfy customers. Nowadays, customers are more informed and have more options in terms of what they buy and who they buy from, so a successful business is one that balances satisfying their customers with selling products or providing services.

You will gain an overview of the key ingredients for business success, how businesses are organised, how they communicate, the characteristics of the environment in which they operate, and how this shapes them and their activities. You will also look at the importance of innovation and enterprise to the success and survival of businesses, with the associated risks and benefits.

By developing relevant business knowledge and understanding, this course will help you to progress to employment, vocational training and higher apprenticeships, or University. The course is assessed by 2 pieces of coursework and 2 external examinations.

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs 4-9 (including a 5 in English and Maths)

#### **CREATIVE MEDIA**

This course consists of units in understanding the print based media industries, producing print based media, page layout and design, factual writing for print and graphic narrative production.

This qualification is equivalent to one A level and can be used to gain entry to a degree in Media Studies or employment in the media sector.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4 - 9 or Level 2 merit or above

#### **CRIMINOLOGY**

#### Level 3

This course provides an introduction to criminal justice. It explores the nature of crime, typical offending patterns and considers what factors make someone more (or less) likely to be a criminal. The course involves a mixture of research, practical application and scenario driven tasks to get students to think more widely about a range of issues around them.

You will study four mandatory units to complete the full diploma -2 are internally assessed and moderated, 2 are externally assessed exams.

Units: Changing Awareness of Crime, Criminological Theories, Crime Scene to Courtroom, Crime and Punishment.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9

#### **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

#### Level 3

The Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to one A level. You will complete a total of 9 units, studying a range of topics such as equality and diversity, health, safety and security, dementia care, effective communication, anatomy and physiology, caring for children and the elderly.

All work is based on internally assessed coursework with a visiting external moderator.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9

#### MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

This course is designed for students who want to develop their performance skills in music and are looking to further their musical studies in a variety of ways. For example, through sole and group performance, designing and delivering musical activities in the community.

You will gain vital skills needed to develop as a musician. You will also research, design and deliver a music project to a community audience The technology aspect looks at sound engineering, microphone techniques and multi-track recording.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 Music GCSE or BTEC Level 2 and, ideally a keen interest in learning to play a musical instrument.

#### PERFORMING ARTS Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. All the content of this qualification is mandatory, with two units which focus on:

- practical skills and techniques in a range of performing arts disciplines
- critical analysis skills and contextual understanding of practitioners work.

You will gain a taste and an appreciation of performing arts, through knowledge and experience of the performance process. You will also have the opportunity to develop a range of skills, techniques and personal attributes which will be valuable across all areas of future study and work. This qualification provides you with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs 4-9, 4 or above in English, 4 or above in Drama GCSE or Merit in Performing Arts at BTEC level 2.

#### TECHNICALS IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

#### Level 3 Cambridge

The qualifications aim to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills of the principles of Sport and Physical Activity. You will gain an insight into the sector as you investigate opportunities for delivering sport and physical activity to a wide range of participants, whether it is to mobilise sedentary people to improve their health and wellbeing or to support regular participants to improve their performance and fitness, all done in a safe and professional environment.

In doing so, you will also gain core skills required for employment or further study in the sector such as communication, analysis, organisation and adaptation. Designed in collaboration with experts spanning the breadth of the sector, the Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity focus on the requirements that today's universities and employers demand. You will practically apply your skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9 plus, ideally a 6 or Merit in PE and a keen interest in current sporting issues.

#### TRAVEL AND TOURISM

This qualification focuses on particular aspects of employment and business in the travel and tourism industry.

You will complete a number of units, beginning with an introductory unit on the travel and tourism sector. In addition to this, you will complete units on long-haul holidays, UK holidays, business aspects of the travel and tourism industry and European destinations to complete a total of 6 units.

All assessments are internally assessed – no external examinations.

Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 4-9





#### **ANIMAL CARE**

This introductory course looks into how to care for a wide range of animals. You will learn through a combination of assignments and practical animal handling. The course leads to either a Level 3 course or employment in the animal care sector.

Unit 1: Animal Health (Externally assessed)

Unit 2: Animal Handling (Internally assessed)

Unit 3: Animal Welfare (Internally assessed)

Unit 4: Animal Housing (Internally assessed)

Examination: 25% Exam / 75% Coursework

Entry Requirements: A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 5-2 or above

#### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT - LEVEL 2**

You will study three units:

Unit 1: (RO18): Health and well being for child development. This unit is assessed by an external 1hr and 15 min examination.

Unit 2: (RO19): Understand the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years. This unit is assessed internally as coursework.

Unit 3: (RO20): Understand the development of a child from birth to five years. This unit is assessed internally as coursework.

This is an ideal course if you wish to enter the caring profession or to lead on to a Level 3 qualification.

Entry Requirements: A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 5-2 or above

#### HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Students study two Units:

Unit | 40% - Is externally assessed

Unit 2 60% - Is an internal assessment and is based around a given brief along with a practical assessment.

The course has been designed with the aim of enabling you to gain a good foundation of knowledge, understanding and skills that are required by the Hospitality and Catering industry, which is a major employer of people in the UK. You have the opportunity to develop a variety of skills, including food preparation and cooking skills, organisation, time management, planning, communication and problem solving.

Entry Requirements: A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 5-2 or above

#### LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

The qualification is perfect if you have a keen interest in vehicle maintenance and are looking to progress within this industry. The qualification will provide you with the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills at the level suiting your ability at entry.

The qualification has been designed to be practical, engaging and motivating to support you in gaining the key knowledge and skills required by vehicle maintenance employers. It is also a mandatory requirement that you will engage with sector employers during the qualification. Once you have achieved their qualification, you can progress to further training and education in automotive and engineering subjects or to a job role in the vehicle maintenance sector.

Units studied include: Health & Safety, Tools & Equipment, Engines, Chassis Transmission and Electrics.

Entry Requirements: A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 5-2 or above

#### FIRST4SPORT - LEVEL 2

#### Diploma in Coaching Sport and Instructing Physical Activities

This qualification provides a benefit to you by developing your knowledge, understanding and skills required to be able to coach sport and instruct physical activities in a range of settings within the active leisure industry. It also supports academic progression should you wish to pursue this option. You will develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required to plan, deliver and review sport and physical activity sessions in a safe environment. You will gain knowledge and understanding of anatomy, physiology and skill acquisition; learning how to identify talent, improve performance and deliver sport/physical activity.

Entry Requirements: A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 5-2 or above



## **OUR TEAM**



MRS KRISTINA HILL Head of 6th Form



MRS MARIE GITTINS
Assistant Head of 6th Form



MRS ANGIE DIXON 6th Form Learning Mentor



MRS LEANNE LEDNER
6th Form Liaison Officer



MRS DOROTHY CHAPMAN
6th Form Admin



MRS JO LONGTHORN 6th Form Teaching Assistant





#### WHAT ARE THEY STUDYING NOW?

#### **ALRA (NORTH)**

Performing Arts

#### **BISHOP BURTON**

International Travel and Tourism

#### **HULL COLLEGE**

Hair and Beauty Motor Vehicle Childcare

#### **IAB BARCELONA**

Acting Scholarship

#### LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

Law

#### LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES

Media, Culture and Comms Media Production

#### MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN

Drama Multimedia Journalism

#### **MANCHESTER UCEN**

Performing Arts

#### **NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY**

Linguistics

#### **OTHER**

Personal Assistant Voluntary Work Child Dynamix

#### **ROYAL CENTRAL (LONDON)**

Acting

#### UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON

Hair and Make-up for Fashion

#### **UNIVERSITY OF HULL**

Sports Coaching
English
Early Childhood Studies
Drama and Theatre Practice

Law

Biology

Business and Finance Management
Biomedical Science

Foundation to Nursing

Primary Teaching with Foundation Year

Law with Criminology

Criminology with Forensic Science

English

Sport and Exercise
Music

#### **UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

Palaeontology

#### YORK ST JOHN UNIVERSITY

Photography

**Education Studies** 

Primary Education

Creative Writing

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Photography

Sport and Exercise Therapy

History

**Politics** 

Drama Education
Sociology

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