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elcome to South Bank University Academy! Our motto "Create a better future" reflects our commitment to providing quality education to all students . We are a unique school, genuinely led by our values.

At our school we believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and we strive to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and lifelong learning.

Our core values of social responsibility, endeavour, kindness, empathy, and community guide everything we do at South Bank University Academy. We encourage our students to treat one another with kindness and respect, to take ownership of their learning and to persevere through challenges and setbacks.

We are proud of our diverse community of students, teachers, and staff and we believe that our differences make us stronger. As a school community we are committed to promoting equality, inclusivity, and social justice.

We support our students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their education, make a positive impact in the world and become responsible citizens. Our curriculum is broad and powerful and we have excellent specialist facilities, giving students a high quality of education. Ofsted recognised this in awarding the school another Good judgement in June 2022. We enrich our curriculum with a range of initiatives, including the innovative Future Pathways Programme, which prepares students for rewarding, sustainable careers.



Principal Annette Moses
South Bank University Academy

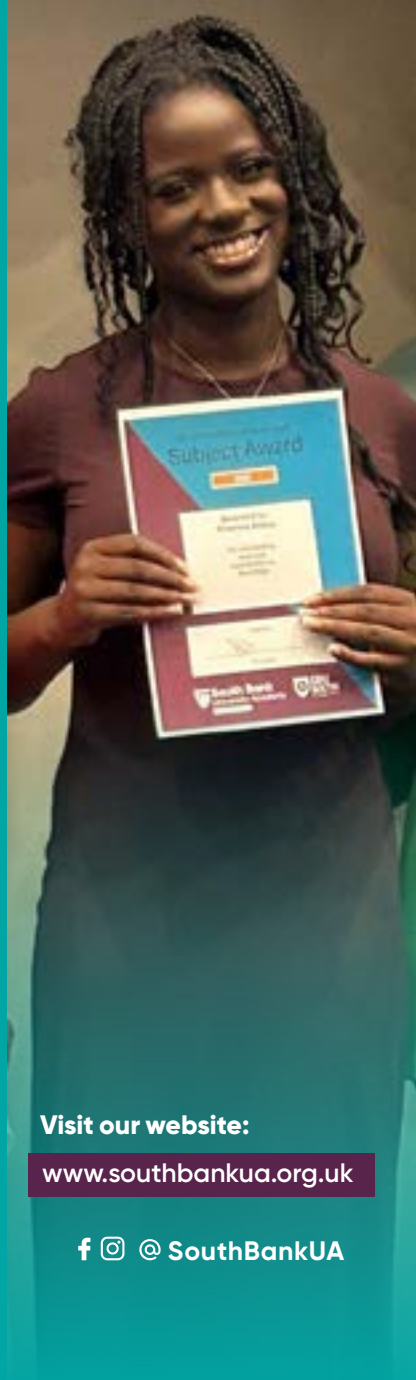
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"At South Bank University Academy pupils are safe and well cared for. They enjoy coming to school and like the strong sense of community"

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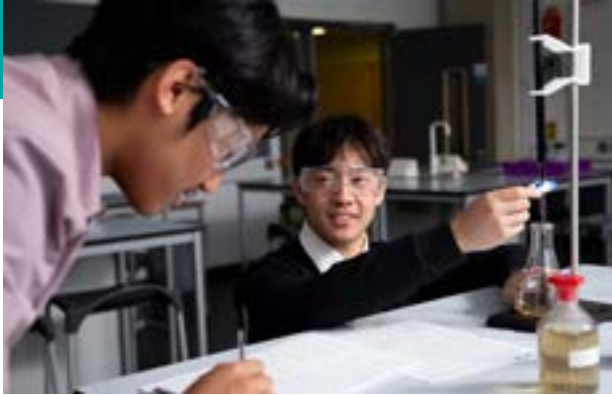
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OUR VISION



At South Bank University Academy, we are dedicated to offering Sixth Form education with a distinctive and forward-thinking approach. Our mission is clear: to offer a unique and innovative learning experience that prepares our students for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Situated in the heart of London, SBUA harnesses its location to the fullest; our full-time careers service boasts exceptional partnerships with various educational institutions, global employers, charitable organisations and – uniquely – with the LSBU Group. These partnerships include Morgan Stanley, Accenture, Construction Youth Trust, WiseUp Network, Envision UK and many more.

Our careers and pathways education is meticulously measured against statutory benchmarks, tailored to each individual student, and continuously refined based on results and feedback. We are committed to empowering our students with the skills, knowledge, and connections they need to thrive in their future with our wide range of workshops and visits as well as through our pastoral curriculum time.

We prioritise the growth and development of every individual student, according to their individual needs; with small class sizes and a focused approach with high standards of care, we create a nurturing learning environment that fosters students' potential.

Our expert staff body is dedicated to supporting students every step of the way, ensuring that they receive the guidance and encouragement they need to excel.

We have a dedicated sixth form space with newly-refurbished common room, a roof terrace and a range of study spaces to support students' collaborative and independent learning. All students in the Sixth Form receive a Chromebook and a personal locker with charging cable, giving them access to learning on a powerful, flexible basis.

Alongside our high-quality educational support services, we offer a wide range of enrichment activities to cater for all interests, including sport, clubs, gaming, charity and community work and many more. Our student leadership team gives students the opportunity to influence and improve both the day-to-day running of the school and its strategic direction, representing the student body and developing their professional leadership skills.

We offer a wide range of study options, in Academic and Technical pathways. Alongside A-Levels we are now running the increasingly popular T-Level courses, which include a substantial industrial placement. Our vocational pathway offers both extended diplomas at level 3 and diplomas at level 2 so we are able to offer courses with a wide range of entry requirements.

OUR PATHWAYS

A Level Pathway

Students choose 3 subjects (or four for the first half term and drop one in October).

The entry requirements for the A Level pathway are: Grade 5 in both English and Maths as well as at least two other subjects, and Grade 6 in relevant subjects (Grade 7 or above in some specialist subjects e.g. Further Maths- full details available on request).

Subjects

- Art A Level
- Biology A Level
- Chemistry A Level
- Computer Science A Level
- Design Technology A Level
- Economics A Level
- English Literature A Level
- Further Maths A Level
- History A Level
- Maths A Level (Also: Core Maths)
- Physics A Level
- Politics A Level
- Psychology A Level
- Sociology A Level

Technical Pathways

Students select one, two or three subjects totalling three A-level equivalents. All subjects are available as single or double entries.

The entry requirements for Level 3 Diplomas are Grade 4 in English or Maths (minimum Grade 3 in the other), as well as at least three other subjects. Entry requirements for Level 2 Diplomas are at least four subjects at Grade 3.

Where a student meets the specific entry requirements for a course (e.g. a grade 5 in English and a grade 6 in Sociology GCSE to study Sociology A Level), but hasn't met the general entry requirements for the A Level pathway (e.g. grade 5 in maths), they can follow a blended pathway with an A Level supplementing their vocational course.

Subjects

- Business & Enterprise Extended Certificate (single) or Diploma (double)
- Computing Extended Certificate (single) or Diploma (double)
- Digital Media Extended Certificate (single) or Diploma (double)
- Business Level 2 Diploma
- Computing Level 2 Diploma
- Digital Media Level 2 Diploma
- English/Maths GCSE Resit



NEW! T-LEVELS

T Level Pathway

T-Levels are exciting new qualifications for Sixth Form students, combining a high standard of knowledge with career-focused skills and a long industrial placement.

Students select one specialism to study full time, with 80% of hours in school and 20% on an industrial placement with a relevant employer.

The entry requirements for the T-Level pathway are: Grade 5 in either English or Maths (and grade 4 in the other), plus any two other grade 5s or equivalent.

About T Levels

T Levels are a 2-year qualification that you can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship.

They have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need.

T-Level subjects at SBUA

- Digital Software Development (ICT Subject Area)
- Marketing (Business Subject Area)
- Media, Broadcast and Production (Digital Media Subject Area)

Get ahead in your career

You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for.

Your industry placement gives you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies. When and how you complete it depends on the T Level, school or college, and employer.

T-Levels are equivalent to 3 A Levels and awarded UCAS points.

Your T Level will be worth UCAS points (a T Level Distinction* is worth the same as 3 A levels at A*) and will be recognised by universities and other education providers so you can choose to continue studying if you wish.



Art & Design A Level

Description

Art is amongst the highest expressions of human culture, embodying ideals and aspirations, challenging beliefs and assumptions, and creating new possibilities for it to pursue.

Studying art at A-level is an exciting and challenging opportunity for students to develop their own art practice, taking their knowledge and skills to the next level.

The two year course begins with a series of workshops, simultaneously turning much of what they have understood art to be on its head and also securing and developing knowledge and skills gained in GCSE. A-level art is not for the faint hearted, to do well students require a lot of commitment and they need to be driven and open to exploring new ways of looking and making.

After the workshops, students then begin their personal investigation. This is a practical investigation supported by written material. Students are required to conduct a practical investigation into an

idea, issue, concept or theme, supported by written material.

The focus of the investigation is identified independently by the student and must lead to a finished outcome or a series of related finished outcomes.

In year 2 students produce a second project responding to an externally set theme.

Career Links

The UK is a global leader in the creative industries, in 2019 it was estimated that it contributed £116 billion to the UK economy. Studying art can lead to a wide range of jobs within this sector, for example; advertising, architecture, design, fashion, publishing, film & television (CGI Directing, Costume, hair & make up, SFX), software, gaming, curation, craft based jobs (e.g tailoring, restoring antiques, jewellery, ceramics etc).

Studying art teaches students to create their own solutions to problems. In an ever changing world, this is one of the most important skills to nurture.



Biology A Level

Description

The study of life itself, A level Biology explores the theories and principles involved in living systems, in all their intricate beauty. Topics you will learn about include: lifestyle, transport, genes and health, development, plants and the environment, the natural environment and species survival, energy, exercise and coordination, as well as practical biology and research skills.

By the end of the course, you will know about the principles of genetics, molecules, taxonomy, natural selection, evolutionary theory, global warming, bacteria and viruses, and more.

You will gain an understanding of how society makes decisions about scientific issues, as well as some of the ways in which the scientific community contributes to the success of the economy and society. It also presents

the opportunity to sharpen several skills which can be applied in non-science contexts too; these include a critical awareness of social and environmental issues, plus analytical and evaluative skills.

Career Links

A level Biology is on the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects and it makes an excellent choice, offering access to a wide range of university courses and careers.

You'll need biology for most degrees in medicine, biology, biomedical sciences, dentistry, dietetics, physiotherapy, orthoptics and veterinary medicine.

Biology is usually required or recommended for courses in biochemistry, environmental science, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, sports science, physiology and speech therapy.



BUSINESS & MARKETING

**Business & Enterprise Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma,
Diploma and Extended Certificate.
Business & Enterprise Level 2 BTEC.
Marketing T-Level.**

Level 2 & 3 Diplomas / Certificate Description

The BTEC Level 3 Diplomas are broadly equivalent to two/three GCE A Levels. The programme aims to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the operations and structures of businesses and also to equip students with the skills required to succeed in employment or at university.

The course will involve businesses in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Students that successfully complete their programme of study could progress onto a Business related degree or Higher National Diploma.

Previous Level three students have gone directly into employment in areas of growth in finance, administration and management. You will be expected to complete assignments at home and work in class. There are also exams in the course that are taken in January and May.

Career Links

Students on the National Extended Diploma in Business and Enterprise can pursue a degree in Business, Management and related courses.

The business industry has a wide variety of career paths, such as Accounting, Marketing, Sales, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Administration and Human Resources.

T-Level Marketing

Students will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector. You will cover the purpose of marketing, how it adds value to an organisation including leadership, culture and impact. Career paths include digital marketing, advertising, market research and testing, public relations, events and many more.



Chemistry A Level

Description

A level Chemistry studies the material world and through it, we can describe and explain our experiences.

For example, what happens when sugar dissolves in tea? Why is mercury a liquid at room temperature? How do we make plastics? What can we do about global warming? How and why will I be affected if oil runs out?

Chemistry will continue to be at the forefront of responding to the needs of society; with chemists central to making advances in designing new materials, efficient energy use, drug development, and technology, to name but a few.

Career Links

Chemistry A level is on the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects, with its broad variety of tested skills. It is a respected choice for many degrees and careers.

Chemistry has been described as the 'central science' and is often combined with either physics or biology.

However, it is a compulsory choice for anyone wishing to pursue medicine, dentistry and veterinary science, as well as chemistry-based degrees, such as pharmacy, pharmacology, and biochemistry.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science A Level. Information Technology Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma, Diploma and Extended Certificate. Information Technology Level 2 BTEC.

Computer Science A Level

Description

This two-year A Level builds advanced understanding of how computers work and how to develop robust software. You will:

- explore data representation, algorithms, programming paradigms, databases and network architecture;
- apply a full software-development life cycle—analysis, design, implementation, testing and evaluation—to create a substantial coded solution;
- develop clear, well-structured documentation and reflect on the social, ethical and legal impact of computing.

Assessment comprises two written examinations (80 % of the grade) and a non-examined programming project (20 %), giving you equal opportunities to demonstrate theoretical knowledge and practical expertise.

Career Links

A Level Computer Science equips you for further study or apprenticeships in computer science, software engineering, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science and many other digital disciplines. Strong analytical and programming skills are also valued in sectors such as finance, engineering, healthcare and education, opening pathways to roles from software developer and data analyst to ethical hacker or STEM teacher.

Information Technology BTEC

Description

This two-year Level 3 programme blends academic study with applied practice across 360 guided-learning hours. You will examine information-technology systems, data modelling, cyber security, and web or application development through four mandatory units. Assessment is evenly split between externally-set examinations and internally-assessed, employer-informed projects. Throughout, you will plan, develop, test, and evaluate digital solutions while producing clear technical documentation and reflective evaluations.

Career Links

Students gain a strong foundation for roles in business analytics, cloud infrastructure, UX design, cyber-security operations, technical sales, and more. The qualification carries full UCAS tariff points, supporting progression to university degrees, higher apprenticeships, or junior positions such as IT support technician, data analyst, or digital project assistant.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Design Technology: Product Design A Level

Description

Design is everywhere - opportunities are endless, and literally shape the world around you. This A level is an exciting opportunity to develop and enjoy the creative aspect of design within an enjoyable and stimulating course whilst allowing your innovative style to take root.

Opportunities for design are closely linked to the real world of product manufacture, and have a three-dimensional outcome. Product Design has many strands and leads to so many vocational paths. This country really needs, now more than ever, fantastic designers to lead the pathway in innovation.

The course builds on students' experience of GCSE and allows you to further

your design education. You will study design knowledge, and learn to use manufacturing skills, propose prototype and concept solutions to designing situations.

Career Links

All design related Further Education and Degree level courses. These can include Art and Design, Architecture, Engineering, Graphic Design, Animation, Product Design, Computer Aided Design, Town Planning, Industrial Design, Car Design and Media Presentation, Animation, Pure Graphic Design and Marketing.



DIGITAL MEDIA

Digital Media Level 3 CTEC: Extended Diploma, Diploma and Extended Certificate.

**Creative iMedia Level 2 Cambridge National.
Media, Broadcast and Production T-Level.**

Description

Students will develop professional and social skills through interaction with performers, clients and peers; as well as theoretical and technical knowledge and understanding to underpin these skills. This will allow your creativity and flair to be harnessed in the design and production of media products used within the industry.

Students will learn conceptual ideas, and visualise these all the way through the production cycle; from planning and pre-production right through to editing, post production and presentation of products. You will also learn how to analyse target audience requirements, research market demand and bring a media concept alive working in line with legal

and regulatory requirements, in a safe and effective way, protecting themselves and those they're working with from injury or harm.

Career Links

Students will also gain an understanding of how different businesses and organisations in the media sector work. When it comes to progression or employment, you will learn about the variety of opportunities available, and the roles and responsibilities of media businesses and organisations within the sector. This will make sure you develop clear ideas about where students might like to take their career and what progression routes they'd like to follow.



DIGITAL SOFTWARE PRODUCTION

Digital Software Production T-Level

Description

The T Level is a rigorous two-year Level 3 qualification—equivalent in size to three A Levels—that combines classroom learning with a minimum nine-week (315-hour) industry placement.

The core component (40 % of the grade) develops knowledge of emerging technologies, data ethics, cyber security, and project management, assessed by written papers and an employer-set project. The occupational specialism (60 %) focuses on analysing requirements, designing architectures, coding, testing, and refining a working software solution, demonstrating full-lifecycle development skills and professional standards.

Career Links

Successful students are well prepared for entry-level roles such as software developer, QA tester, or DevOps technician, and for degree apprenticeships or university study in Computer Science or Software Engineering. The programme emphasises practical experience and industry engagement, enabling progression to careers in full-stack development, mobile app production, game design, fintech, and other dynamic digital sectors.



ECONOMICS

Economics A Level

Description

A level Economics is divided into two parts: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Microeconomics explores the concept of an ideal free market based on perfect competition, and compares it with the complexity and inefficiency of real modern market phenomena.

Macroeconomics looks at economics from a national point of view and explores themes like Inequality, Unemployment and Immigration, Economic Growth and Trade/Budget deficits. It also considers the trade-offs that governments face as they try to resolve problems such as the financial crisis of 2008.

Economics also explores themes in behavioural economics, the fast-emerging counterpoint to classical 'ideal behaviour'. After doing an A level in Economics, you will understand the

assumptions behind economic terms such as 'free markets', which increasingly dominate political debate. You will also realise the bluntness of economic policy tools and the extent to which economic concepts and methods help us understand and tackle issues such as climate change, inequality and racism.

Career Links

As well as leading into Economics-based degrees, Economics is a good background to a wide range of other degrees. Be aware that top Economics degree courses may well also require A level Maths. Although it is not in the Russell Group list of 'facilitating subjects' A level Economics is well respected for the breadth you need to show to get a good grade.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature A Level

Description

English Literature is the study of how language shapes the world – its histories, its cultures, and its people. It asks students to explore how writers give voice to love, power, conflict and identity, and how these voices evolve across time and place. Studying English Literature at A-level is both intellectually demanding and deeply rewarding, offering students the opportunity to engage with texts that challenge, provoke and inspire.

This two-year course introduces students to a wide range of poetry, prose and drama, with an emphasis on close reading, comparative analysis and critical debate. Students begin by exploring texts that reflect the social, political and cultural shifts across time, focusing on themes such as love, power, gender, and resistance. Key works include *The Handmaid's Tale*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Othello* and *The Feminine Gospels*.

In Year 13, the focus shifts to how romantic relationships are represented through the ages in *The Great Gatsby* and a pre-1900 poetry anthology. Alongside this, students develop confidence in responding to unseen prose and poetry – an essential part of the final examination. Assessment consists of coursework and examinations and encourages students to form independent interpretations, supported by critical perspectives and contextual understanding.

Career Links

English Literature is one of the most respected and versatile A-levels, offering pathways into a wide range of careers. It develops essential skills

in communication, argument, analysis, empathy and interpretation – skills highly valued in fields such as law, journalism, politics, education, public relations, publishing, advertising, and the arts.

Students may go on to study English or related humanities degrees, but the subject also supports applications in areas such as philosophy, history, drama, media, and even business or psychology. In a world where language shapes reality, studying literature provides a vital toolkit for understanding and influencing it.



HISTORY

History A Level

Description

History examines the political, economic, social, and cultural issues of different eras and cultures. At its most ambitious, the subject is the study of everything. In A level History you will cover enough in breadth and depth to develop a good understanding of events in their historical context, and to develop an historian's approach to the past.

"Why was a particular course of action followed?" is a fundamental question underlying the study of history, and its primary purpose is not to judge but to comprehend. From an intellectual standpoint, A level History is about the acquisition of vital learning skills: you need to be able to read and digest large amounts of information and to pick out what is and is not relevant to the question you are dealing with.

History will teach you how to analyse, reflect, and to argue clearly in class and in writing. However, it will also improve your understanding of the world today and how it works. This will enable you to play a fuller part in creating a better future for yourself and for others by making you better informed and therefore able to make ethical decisions for yourself and others.

Career Links

History can lead on to a very wide range of careers from law, politics, architecture, finance and business through to creative media, journalism, broadcasting and tourism management. Furthermore, History is a very practical subject, because it involves:

Learning about people – how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team-building at work!)

Learning about countries, societies and cultures – so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?

Learning to locate and sift facts – to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!)

Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others – whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports – and having the confidence to defend your findings.



Maths A Level

Description

Unlock your potential with A Level Maths at our sixth form. Dive into an engaging curriculum covering Pure Mathematics, Statistics, and Mechanics with Edexcel, designed to challenge and inspire you. Experience hands-on learning with opportunities like our exciting trip to Trinity College, Cambridge, where you can explore advanced mathematical concepts in a prestigious setting.

Our department has strong outreach links with King's College London Mathematics Factor School who provide after school tuition to our Year 12 and 13, Maths King's School, Dulwich College Master Math classes and Oxford University Comprehensive Oxford Maths and Physics Online School (COMPOS). Our focus is to equip our students with excellent problem solving and modelling skills throughout the course and participation in the senior UK Maths Challenge, with progression opportunities to the prestigious Andrew Jobbings Kangaroo competition.

Career Links

Studying A Level Maths opens doors to a wide range of careers and degree opportunities, from engineering and finance to data science and actuarial science, equipping you with essential analytical skills valued by employers across many fields. Join us and elevate your mathematical journey!

See also: Core Maths (p23)

Further Maths A Level

Description

Enhance your mathematical journey with A Level Further Maths! This advanced qualification builds on the foundations of A Level Maths, delving deeper into topics like complex numbers, matrices, and advanced calculus. Our curriculum includes modules in Core Pure Mathematics, Further Statistics, and Decision Mathematics with Edexcel, designed for those who excelled in GCSE Mathematics and are eager for a greater challenge. Further Maths enhances problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, preparing you for prestigious university courses and careers in fields such as mathematics, physics, engineering, and computer science. Experience the thrill of tackling higher-level concepts and push your abilities to new heights with A Level Further Maths!

Career Links

Studying Further Maths will enhance entry prospects to degree courses including mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science and actuarial sciences as well as related advanced apprenticeships.



PHYSICS

Physics A Level

Description

A level Physics gives the opportunity to explore the phenomena of the universe and to look at theories that explain what is observed. This subject combines practical skills with theoretical ideas to develop hypotheses to describe the physical universe.

You will learn about everything from kinematics to cosmology and many recent developments in fascinating topics, such as particle physics. If you are interested in the limits of space, the beginning of time and everything in between this is the subject for you. Physics is more than a subject – it trains your brain to think beyond boundaries.

Career Links

Physics is a highly respected A level, on the Russell Group's list of 'facilitating' subjects. A good grade in A level Physics demonstrates to an employer that you have analytical and mathematical skills that you can apply to real life situations

There are many possible career paths that it will create for you, for example: Engineering, Medicine, Forensic Science, Astronomy, Construction Design, Cosmology, Electronics, Power generation, Finance and many more.



PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology A Level

Description

Psychology is the 'scientific study of the mind and behaviour', and the A Level offers an introduction to the 'core' areas of the discipline. Social Psychology focuses on the social interactions people have with each other.

Cognitive Psychology looks at how we perceive and interpret the world around us. Developmental Psychology considers how people develop and change from before they are born, throughout their lives. Psychologists interested in Psychopathology study the causes of mental disorders, such as OCD, Phobias and Schizophrenia. Biological Psychology looks at the role of evolutionary forces and genetics in behaviour. It investigates how the nervous system and hormones work, how the brain functions, and how changes in these can affect behaviour.

Finally, in order to find things out Psychologists use a variety of Research Methods and A level Psychology deals with how experiments are designed and analysed.

Career Links

A degree in Psychology does not require you to have studied Psychology A Level. However, many courses ask for a science subject, of which Psychology is one. While A Level Psychology is not currently in the Russell Group's list of facilitating subjects, it will provide you with the skills required of an undergraduate - an inquiring mind and the ability to use scientific research findings to support and challenge various claims about why people behave the way that they do.



SOCIOLOGY

Sociology A Level

Description

A level Sociology enables you to develop knowledge and understanding of essential sociological theories and methods (such as Functionalism, Marxism, and Feminism) with which sociologists make sense of the diversity of societies, and of the forces which have and will continue to shape social change.

Sociology will help you to think about society in a new and critical light, questioning the status quo and developing a sophisticated understanding of the real issues that affect the society we live in.

It is an excellent subject for showing you how society works and to make you aware of the range of conditions that individuals within society experience.

Students often comment that they did not realise how varied the human experience can be and how powerfully group identity shapes a person's future.

Career Links

Sociology is not classed as a Russell Group facilitating subject, but provides an excellent starting point for any social science degree from Economics, Psychology, and Politics to Criminology and Philosophy. You do not need to have an A level in Sociology to take Sociology at university, though it helps.



ADDITIONAL COURSES

Enriching your Sixth Form education

Extended Project Qualification

The EPQ is an independent research project which involves writing an essay of 5000 words, or creating a product. As the project evolves, you are required to complete a production log to record specific stages of the project and this also contributes to your project result. The third component of the project is an oral presentation.

Generally, the whole process from start to finish takes about 120 hours. Most students use the summer vacation at the end of Year 12 to do the preliminary research and then complete the project in the early part of Year 13. It is a formal 'level 3' qualification that attracts slightly higher UCAS Tariff points than a new AS-Level.

Career Links

EPQ is valued at 50% of a full A level in the UCAS tariff. The greatest advantage of an EPQ is in helping convince top universities to make you an offer. EPQ provides clear evidence of that you have interests and ability which go beyond the A-Level curriculum. It demonstrates your capability of undertaking independent reading, research, and essay writing which is the mainstay of most undergraduate degrees. You will be able to include this in your UCAS applications making it unique and successful among competing applicants.

Core Maths (Maths in Context)

Mathematics in context is designed to make maths relevant for learners. We use real-life extract and data, making sure learners are confident tackling the maths they need for their next steps in life.

This engaging and relevant qualification will consolidate mathematical knowledge, develop understanding and ability to apply mathematics to real life context.

We cover applications of statistics, probability, linear programming, sequences and growth. Useful topics on taxation, budgeting and modelling also included in the curriculum.

The qualification is designed for students who achieved at least a grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics but are not going on to A level Mathematics. It is equivalent to AS qualification and Edexcel Level 3 certificate in mathematics in context. Course requires 180 hours and can be spread over 2 years and 2 papers.

Future Pathways Programme

The Future Pathways Programme is an innovative career and education-focused initiative provided to all students studying at

SBUA, aimed at helping them to explore different future opportunities in terms of higher education, employment, or vocational training. It connects students with various resources, mentorship, and guidance to help them make informed decisions about their careers and education after they leave school. The programme utilises the links SBUA has with the rest of the LSBU group.

Our unparalleled programme allows us



ADDITIONAL COURSES

to embed our school values in a unique and pioneering way: social justice, kindness, empathy, endeavour, and community. Through this programme, we foster a sense of social responsibility, encouraging students to actively contribute to their communities.

We complement their ongoing projects with educational trips and meaningful interactions with leading companies across London

Key features of the programme include:

- Career Guidance
- Workshops and Seminars
- Mentorship
- University and College Partnerships:
- Skills Development
- Work Experience and Insight Days

Skills you will learn

The Future Pathways Programme helps students develop skills for both academic and professional success:

1. Career-Specific Skills: The course programme may offer training in industry-specific skills. We also enable hands-on training in areas like engineering, health care, or digital design.

2. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: - Approach complex challenges creatively and analytically.

3. Communication and Language Skills: Improving both written and verbal communication, such as public speaking, report writing, and effective presentation.

4. Leadership and Teamwork: Opportunities to lead group projects, or work collaboratively with peers.

5. Time Management and Organisation: Students learn to meet deadlines and manage multiple responsibilities.

6. Financial Literacy: Sessions include training on budgeting, saving, and understanding personal finances.

7. Resilience and Adaptability: helps students build emotional intelligence, stress management, and adaptability.

8. Digital Literacy: including proficiency in using software, online research and social media management.

9. Entrepreneurial Skills: students learn how to think innovatively and manage small projects.

10. Interview and Job Search Skills

These skills not only support academic and career readiness but also contribute to a student's overall personal development.



OUR FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

We believe that an inspiring learning environment plays a crucial role in shaping students' academic success. Our modern facilities are equipped with cutting-edge technology,, spacious classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, dedicated study areas, and extensive resources, providing all our students with the perfect setting to excel in their studies.

Academy Facilities:

- Multi-functional Sports Hall
- Astroturf multi-use games area
- Great technology spaces including 3D Printers, CNC Router
- Modern science Labs
- Digital media suite
- High quality computing
- Learning Resource Centre
- Spacious canteen with family dining
- Lockers with charging points
- Silent Study Areas
- Sixth Form Common Room & Outdoor Terrace
- Industry-standard Labs and Workshops
- Specialist Facilities for Engineering, Business and Health
- Digital Engineering Facilities
- Virtual Reality and Gaming Technology
- Robotics and 3D printing
- Computer Engineering and Design

LSBU Group Facilities:

- World-class learning hub and library
- Business Incubator
- Sport and Fitness Centre

LSBU Group Benefits

As part of the LSBU Group, SBUA Sixth Form students enjoy benefits including:

- £1000 bursary if you progress to a course at LSBU
- Free gym membership
- Regular visits to LSBU
- LSBU Library membership (over-18s)



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

South Bank University Academy puts the safety and wellbeing of students at the core of our work. We want all students to learn how to keep safe and stay happy. This will allow them to thrive both academically and emotionally, and enable them to contribute positively to the wider community. We are committed to ensuring that consistent and effective procedures are in place to fulfil its statutory obligation to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care.

We have a dedicated and compassionate pastoral team that works to build a strong, positive relationship with students and their families. They understand that students are individuals and no two students share the same personal journey. We strive to ensure that the time with us here will be happy, healthy, successful, and extremely positive for all our students.

Our commitment to providing high-quality personalised care, that supports students' educational and personal development. This includes Social, Moral, Spiritual, and Cultural (SMSC) support, with tutorials covering personal development, careers guidance, work-related learning, and sex and relationships education.

"Enrichment activities provide fun challenges, helping us develop skills beyond academics. I participate in the football club to help boost my motivation and provide a refreshing break from studies."

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Enrichment

We run a comprehensive after school enrichment programme of courses, clubs and activities available to all students. In addition to teaching students new skills, these programmes increase students' wellbeing and support them in pursuing their personal aspirations.

Students learn new skills they carry with them throughout their lives including vital leadership skills such as oracy, communication, team-work, commitment and responsibility.

Alongside this, our enrichment programme enables students to further develop the skills learnt during their Future Pathways projects and curriculum time, so they have a complete understanding of what they are learning.



NEW: LONDON BRONCOS PARTNERSHIP

Getting Match Fit: Physical and mental wellbeing through Rugby League

South Bank University Academy Sixth Form is proud to present Getting Match Fit – a unique programme harnessing the power of rugby league to develop both body and mind. SBUA sixth formers have the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Get Match Fit programme here at SBUA for free!

With a strong emphasis on mental toughness, resilience and mindset, students will learn to perform under pressure and build the discipline needed to succeed in life beyond sport.

Training will be led by professional London Broncos coaches, with oversight from John Keyes (former Arsenal FC Academy Manager). Students will sharpen their speed, agility and power – skills transferable to sports such as football, athletics and basketball. They'll also benefit from the presence of professional players, who will provide exclusive one-to-one insights into elite performance.



LONDON RUGBY
LEAGUE FOUNDATION

Crucially, rugby league is a late maturation sport, meaning there is no need for prior experience to take part.

Alongside sporting opportunities, the programme offers invaluable work experience in areas such as marketing, business, finance and event management – giving students the chance to explore the wide career pathways associated with professional sport.

With 'Getting Match Fit', every participant is supported to create a better future for themselves. Additionally, there are plans to further develop the potential of this exciting partnership in 2026.



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Getting Here:

We are located a short distance from East Street Market and Walworth Road. Public Transport links are extremely frequent.

If you are planning to come by car, please contact the Academy Reception first as parking on site is restricted.

Nearest railway & tube stations:

Elephant & Castle

Bus Routes:

12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176
(East Street, Walworth Road)

21, 53, 63, 353
(Old Kent Road)

42 & 343
(East Street)

