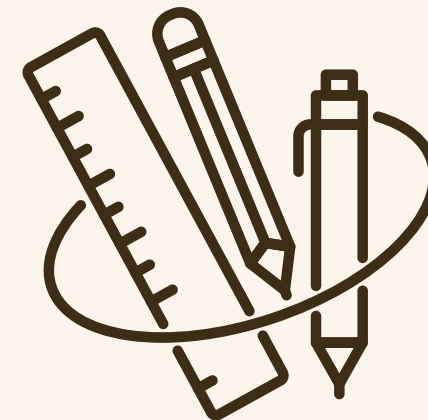
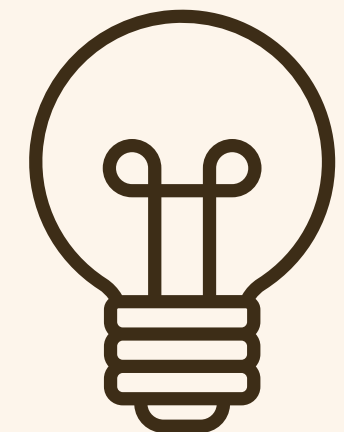
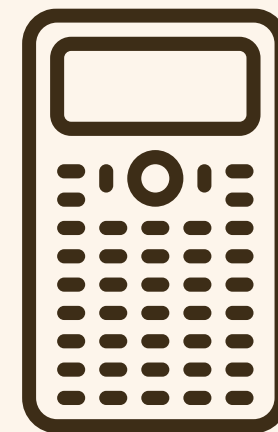


BISAK SIXTH FORM

A-LEVEL OPTIONS EVENING

Explore A-level choices and future pathways.



A Holistic approach

At BISAK, we believe education is about more than just exam results. Our holistic approach ensures students thrive academically, personally, and socially.

- ◆ **Whole-Person Development** – We nurture the mind (academic excellence), body (well-being), and spirit (character & resilience).
- ◆ **Beyond the Classroom** – Leadership opportunities, extracurricular activities, and tailored university preparation.
- ◆ **Future-Ready Students** – Confident, capable young adults prepared for university, careers, and life.



What makes our sixth form unique?

Small class sizes & personalised support

University preparation & career guidance

Volunteering opportunities



Leadership roles & student councils

Strong academic & extracurricular balance

Fundraising opportunities

A-level options 2025-2027

- Wide range of subjects available
- Facilitating subjects for university applications
- Choosing subjects that match interests & career goals

Arabic

Art

Biology

Business

Chemistry

English Literature

French

Geography

History

Mathematics

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

Why Balance is Key in A-Level Subject Choices

Facilitating Subjects and a Balanced Approach:

The Russell Group's Informed Choices guide (2025) recommends selecting a combination of subjects that reflects both a student's strengths and their potential career or academic interests, allowing for versatility and flexibility when applying to a variety of courses.



"Facilitating subjects such as Mathematics, English Literature, the Sciences, and History are highly regarded by universities and help keep options open. However, relying solely on STEM subjects may limit a student's broader skill set. Universities value a balance between STEM and humanities subjects, as this combination develops analytical, critical thinking, and communication skills that are essential for success in higher education."

Russell Group Universities



Our Support in Your University Journey

University application process & key deadlines

Choosing the right university & course

Writing a strong personal statement

Guidance available for international applications (US, Canada, Europe, Middle East)

Organise talks from universities and recommend roadshows



UCAS

common app



When applying to UK universities, pupils will usually go through UCAS. This is a relatively straight forward application process, but it has deadlines that pupils need to be aware of:

- Medicine/Oxbridge – October 15th
- General application – January 29th (equal consideration)

Common App is used for applications to the U.S.

Deadlines vary for different universities and some universities in the U.S. require you to apply directly.

So, it is important to check with each university as to their application process and requirements.

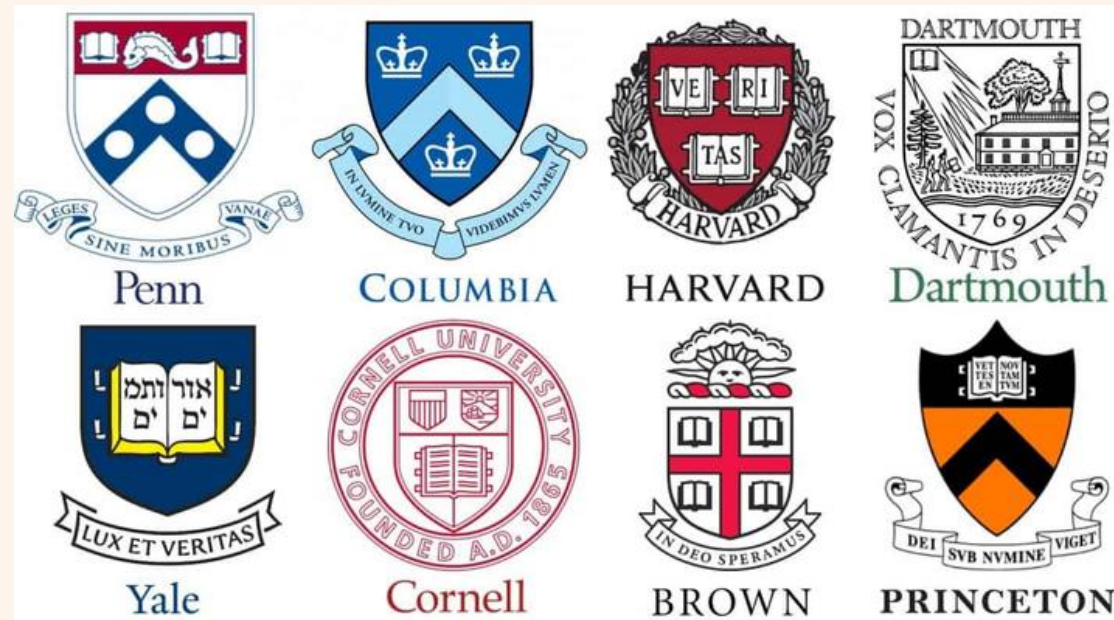
Sixth form Requirements

- For your child to successfully proceed into Sixth Form and to fully access all their option choices, pupils are expected to achieve a minimum of a **grade 6 at iGCSE/GCSE** for their chosen subjects in Sixth Form.
- Pupils not attaining these grades and wishing to choose these subjects will be at the decision of the Senior Leadership Team.
- If your child is unable to attain these grades, then they may be at risk of not progressing into Sixth Form and they may require to repeat Year 11, re-sit some of their iGCSE/GCSE examinations or look for an alternative educational provision.



What we expect from you

Your Path to University: Key Steps for Success



Russell Group Universities



Which university?

There is a myriad of universities to choose from around the world. All have their own specialties and application processes.

Research!

1

Time spent researching the best fit is incredibly valuable.

Communicate

2

Contact universities individually through the university website to see if it is the right place, the right course and the best fit.

Personal statements

3

What can be done to help make them shine? What can be said to make a candidate attractive to a university? We offer help, support and guidance with the writing of these.

Changes to UCAS

UCAS is set to change the personal statement format for university applications starting in September 2025, affecting applicants for the 2026 entry. The traditional free-form 4,000-character essay will be replaced by a structured format consisting of three specific questions. This change aims to provide clearer guidance, reduce stress, and promote fairness.

New Format for 2026 Entry

Applicants will respond to the following three questions:

- **Why do you want to study this course or subject?**
- **How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?**
- **What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?**



Medical Student/Oxbridge Candidates



Applications for medical schools and Oxbridge close on **October 15th.**

Year 12 is the ideal time to begin preparing. Ensure references and personal statements are completed well in advance.

Check which admission tests are required—BMAT or UCAT—and find the nearest test centre. Book your test early to complete it in plenty of time.

Student panel



Patil Ayvazian

Head Girl

**Canadian
University
application**



Shayan Farrooq

Head Boy

**UK/USA
University
application**



Dania El Malki

Prefect

**Bahrain/Middle East
University
application**



Mohammed Radwan

Prefect

**UK/Canadian
University
application**



Theme:

How did your A-level choices shape your university applications?

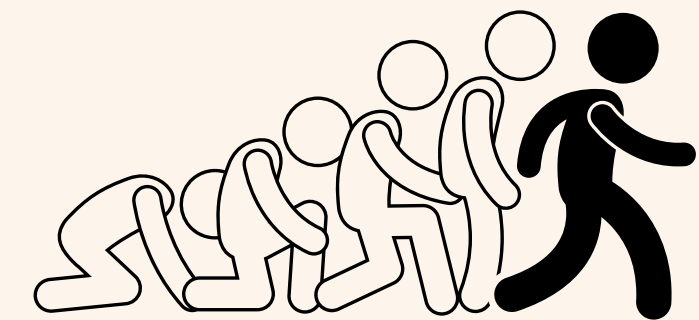
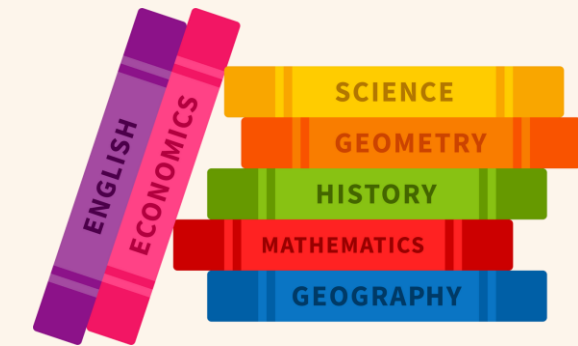


Theme:

**How do leadership
and volunteering
help in University
applications?**

Panelists' key advice:

- Choose subjects you genuinely enjoy and excel in.
- Start thinking about personal statements early
- Use the opportunities at Sixth Form to develop independence and time management skills.



🎓 Supporting our pupils Future - Careers & A-Level Choices

👋 Who I Am

I'm **Miss Berouijel** the **Careers Counsellor** here at BISAK.

I'm here to help guide pupils through important decisions about A-Level subjects, university pathways, and career aspirations.

🕒 How I Support You & our pupils

- One-to-one guidance on subject choices and career pathways
- University research support (UK, US, Canada, Europe, and more)
- Personal statement and application advice
- Career insight sessions and parent information evenings

🌐 Using **Unifrog** – Our All-in-One Future Planning Platform

We're proud to be a **Unifrog** school – a powerful tool that helps students:

- Match subjects to career pathways
- Explore university courses globally, with entry requirements
- Access apprenticeship, work experience, and career profiles
- Build CVs and write personal statements

🔑 **Logins available for students & parents – Everyone should have access by now.**



ENGLISH LITERATURE

Course Overview

The English Literature A Level course builds on the skills pupils have been taught at GCSE and will enable pupils to undertake independent and sustained studies to deepen their appreciation and understanding of a substantial body of texts.

Pupils will complete 4 units of work which are assessed as open book examinations:

- Post 2000 Poetry and Prose
- Drama
- Poetry and Prose
- Shakespeare and pre-1900 Poetry.

Texts taught:

- Othello
- Hamlet
- A Streetcar Named Desire
- Frankenstein
- The Kite Runner

Pupils will learn and develop their ability to:

- ✓ Use literary critical concepts and terminology with understanding and discrimination.
- ✓ Identify and explore how attitudes and values are expressed in texts.
- ✓ Show understanding of dramatic form and how it shapes meaning in a dramatic text.
- ✓ Show knowledge of how contexts influence meaning.

Soft Skills

- ✓ Effective communication
- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Independent study
- ✓ Planning and researching
- ✓ Ability to convey arguments and opinions
- ✓ Creativity

Higher Education

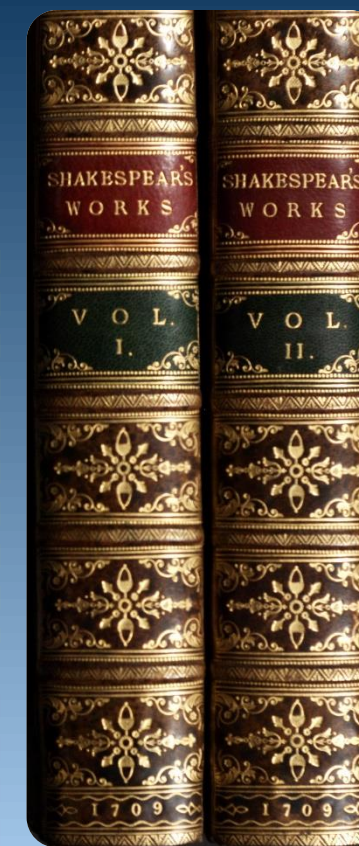
English Literature is one of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects - so called because choosing English at A-Level allows a wide range of options for degree study.

Careers

It is widely recognised by universities that the skills developed through the study of English Literature are among the most transferable, with English graduates going on to develop the widest range of careers — among the most popular are publishing, broadcasting, marketing and PR, journalism, law, teaching and politics.

You should study English if you are...

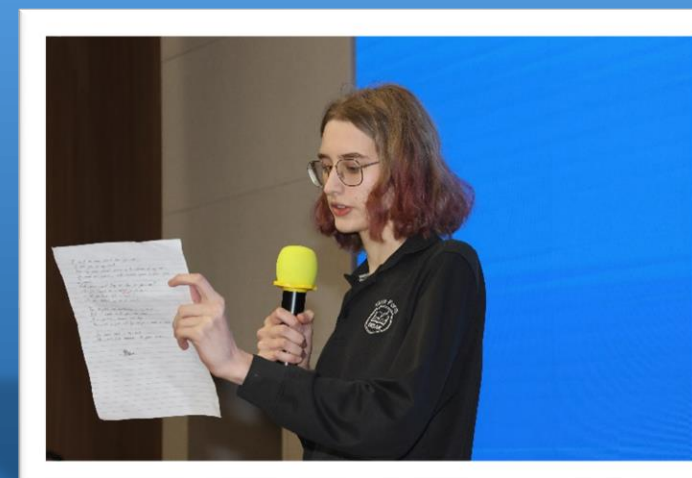
- ✓ Passionate about literature and reading
- ✓ Organised and driven when working independently
- ✓ Someone who can think both critically and creatively
- ✓ Looking for an A Level that is beneficial for a wide range of university courses.



I'm planning on studying law at university next year, and the close analysis of texts that we do for our English Literature A Level course will really help me to study legal cases in detail. Developing essay writing skills, participating in class discussions and gaining a sensitivity for the nuance of language are all factors that will stand me in good stead for my future studies. Developing these reading skills will also help me with my Law National Admissions Test (LNAT).

I've found the overall experience to be stimulating, and I would highly recommend English Literature A Level to anyone who wants to apply for a subject involving the interpretation of others' thoughts and developing and expressing their own eloquently.

Matvey Spencer-Sokirzhinskiy – Year 13

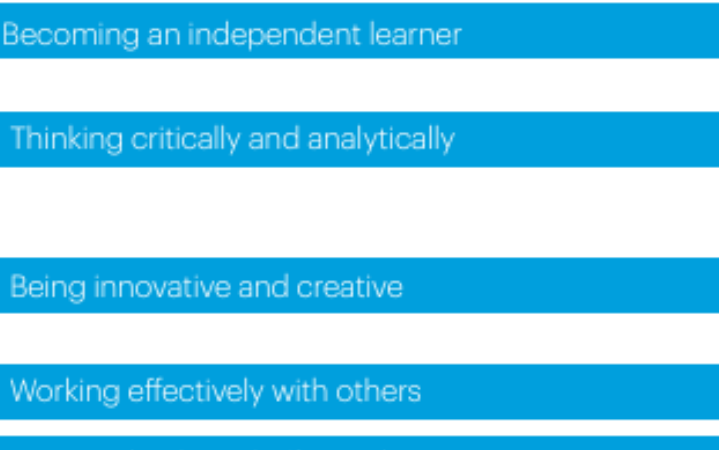


BISAK Humanities

Top skills to thrive in 21st century work



Top 5 skills developed in university by AHSS students



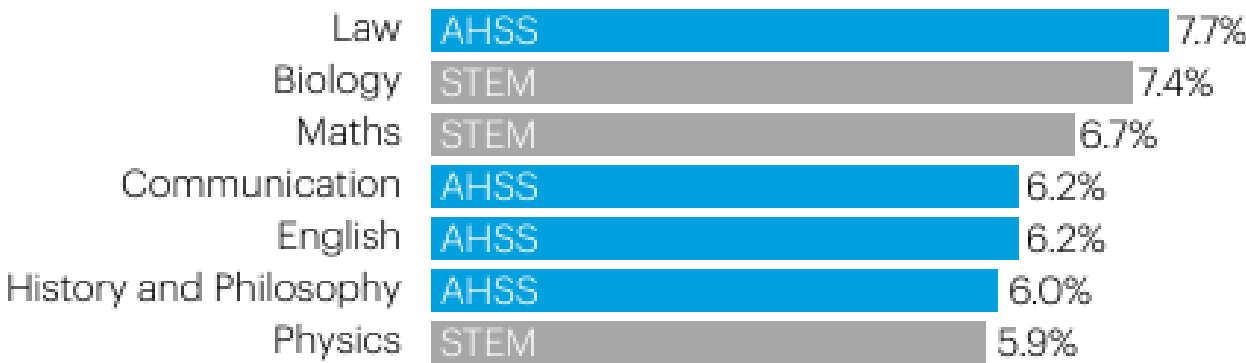
Year 10 & 11 Humanities at BISAK:

- Geography
- History
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

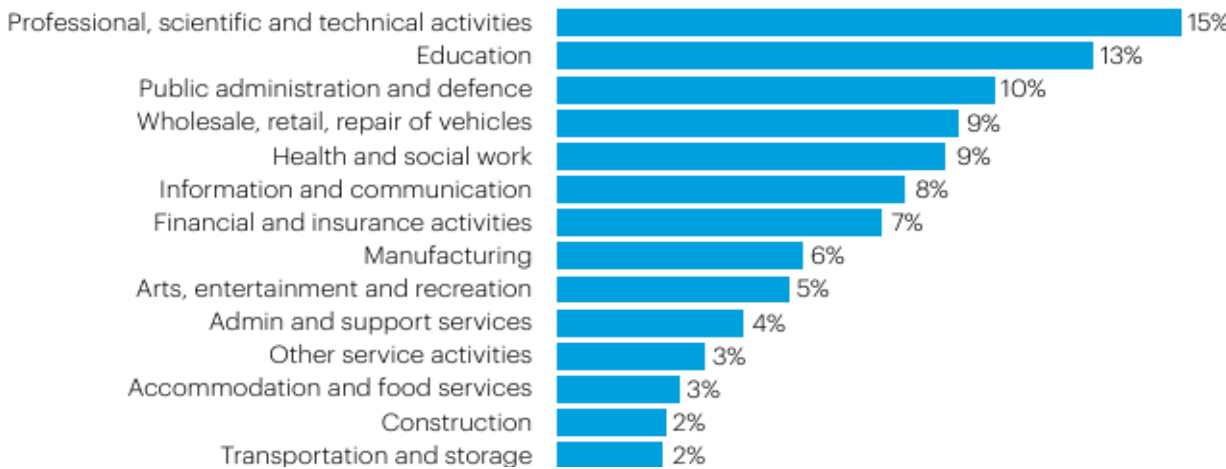
“I believe humanities majors make the best project managers, the best product managers, and, ultimately, the most visionary technology leaders.”

—Vivek Wadhwa (distinguished fellow, Harvard Law School)

Top 10 subjects, average annual wage growth rate



Main sectors of employment for AHSS graduates, 2017 (% of all AHSS graduates)



Sixth form Support



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Mr Husher

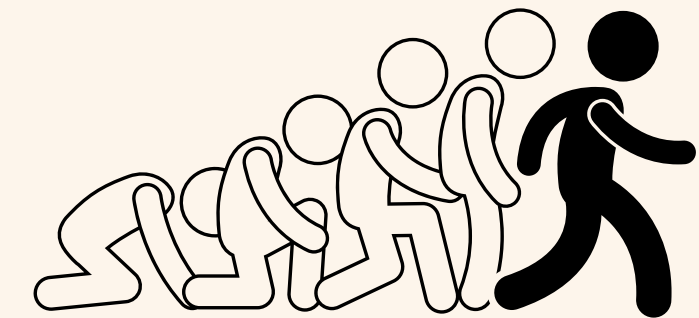
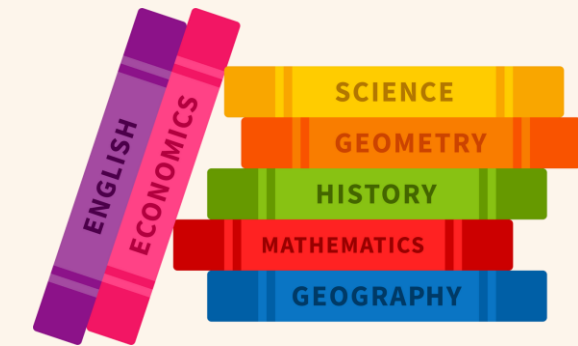
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

ryanhusher@bisak.org

Thank you & next steps:

- Visit Alevel subjects for more insights.
- Speak to Sixth Form staff for further guidance
- Follow up with student mentors or alumni for personal advice.

At **3:40pm**, please return to the MH hall where Mr Kapumpa will be sharing important information on this Summer's GCSE examinations.





Information about GCSE Exams June 2025 Exam Series

BISAK



Exam Dates

GCSE/IGCSE Written Exams:

- 8th May to 18th June 2025

PE Practical Exams / Languages Oral Exams / Art Personal Portfolios:

- Have already started or about to start

Contingency Day:

- 25th June 2025

Exam Timetable

- The Exam Timetable will be updated and shared with students by email
- The Exam Timetable will be updated and posted weekly on the BISAK website when the exams start
- Check the Exam Timetables carefully for scheduled start and end times. Candidates doing the same subject exam can have different exam times due to exam clashes

Exam Days

- ☐ On the day a candidate has exams they have to get to school at least half an hour before the scheduled start of the exam
- ☐ Please make appropriate arrangements for a prompt pick-up after the exam, especially for out-of-school-hours and weekend exams

Result Days

The results will be accessed electronically

- **Pearson/Edexcel**
 - **GCE/IAL A Levels: 14th August 2025**
 - **GCSE/IGCSE: 21st August 2025**

Results will be available on ResultsPlus

- **Cambridge (Sociology)**
 - **A Levels: 12th August 2025**
 - **IGCSE: 19th August 2025**

Results will be available on myresults.cie.org.uk

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- **Thank you very much and good luck to all candidates in their exams**

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- **Any questions?**