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Pre-A Level Course

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Pre-A Level Course overview

For many years the Pre-A Level course at Chase Grammar School has provided a wonderful pathway for international students to join in with current students for a year before entering Year 12. Students are welcome to join us on this course in September, January or April, with progression into our 6th form following in the next academic year.

This course is designed to maximize integration, both with the curriculum students are learning, and also socially, by having students work alongside our English pupils. In addition, our House system in boarding means friends are quickly made, enabling students to settle in and work on improving their academic and language skills alongside students from the UK and beyond.

The course offers students the comprehensive preparation required to enable progression to study A Levels in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Business, Computer Science and related disciplines. It is also an accepted pathway onto the International Foundation Diploma course in Business, Finance and Information Technology which is run and assessed by NCC and offered at Chase Grammar School.





There is also a significant proportion of the course dedicated to helping students improve their English language (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and achieve both a qualification in functional skills English and the internationally recognised IELTS.

There is an abundance of support available to help students, but the commitment of the individual to practising and completing work set in their own personal time cannot be underestimated. Students will be taught the skills to enable them to undertake effective independent research, which is vital when progressing to A level studies in the UK. Indeed, it is expected to form a part of students' personal commitment to achieving success throughout their course.

All students on our Pre-A Level course join in with our daily extensive enrichment programme alongside UK students and our international students from 20 different countries. This programme of activities offers students the opportunity to try new things, whilst still being able to develop the necessary skills to achieve strong grades in the 6th form.

Course structure

Students on our Pre-A Level course are assessed upon their arrival and will go into classes with our current GCSE students. They follow an individual programme designed around their choices and needs.

This allows students the chance to develop their English language skills whilst making friends with other pupils, and learning their subject choices at a pace which suits them.

They will be part of a wide range of subjects and enrichment areas on the course including: English as an Additional Language, including

- IELTS preparation Mathematics
- Science Choice of a wide range of GCSE courses (such as Art, Humanities, Business, Computer Science and Languages)
- Afternoon enrichment programmes Sport /Games



Pastoral care

In our boarding houses, students will usually share rooms with pupils of different nationalities (and similar ages) to ensure as much integration within the school as possible.

Boarding staff will be in regular contact with parents to ensure they are kept up to date with their child's integration in the school.

On our extensive enrichment programme, the students on the Pre-A Level course have numerous opportunities to develop friendships with students from around the world, including the UK.

In addition, all students on the Pre-A Level course have guardianship and half term breaks included as part of the schools' wider offering.

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Passing A Levels was made possible because of the course. I now have a choice of great universities.



Assessment and reporting

There are regular assessments to gauge progress throughout the year, as well as six reporting periods (each half term) through which feedback is sent to parents and students are set new targets following discussions with their Academic Mentors.

Students with a strong assessment may be invited to sit formal GCSE examinations at the end of the year in a limited number of subject areas.

Progression

In June the students will sit formal assessments in school and they must:

- achieve a minimum overall level of 5.5 in IELTS (with no single component lower than 5.0) to qualify for A Level study at Chase Grammar School
- achieve a minimum overall level of 4.5 in IELTS (with no single component lower than 4.0) to qualify for the International Foundation Diploma course at Chase Grammar School





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