

The Ridgeway School



Science Specialist Status



Sixth Form Core Modules 2010

A relaxed learning environment where individual attention, academic mentoring and positive relationships with staff foster excellent student achievement for all.





Critical Thinking



What will I study on this course?

AS Level

There is no set content to learn on this course. Instead the course focuses on the skill of thinking logically. You will learn how to present a convincing argument and how to find the flaws in the arguments of others. Material will be taken from a range of current affairs, TV debates, politicians' speeches and so on. You will develop a capacity for methodical thinking which will be helpful in all aspects of future life and study. The aim is to develop your ability to reason – a trait of the academically able student.

A Level

You will develop the skills needed for the resolution of dilemmas and problem solving as well as the ability to write a well developed argument. You will also extend your abilities to analyse critically the thinking of others. There is no coursework.

What exams are there and when?

AS Level

Unit 1: Introducing Critical Thinking and Assessing the credibility of evidence (January)
Unit 2: Assessing and developing argument (assessing and evaluating different kinds of reasoning) (January or June)

A Level

Unit 3:
Resolution of Dilemmas (June)
Unit 4:
Critical Reasoning (June)

Exam Results 2009
A2 100% A-E

Exam board - OCR

What grades do I need?

AS Level

You will need at least grade A in GCSE English and, hopefully, a grade A in either GCSE Maths or Science.

A Level

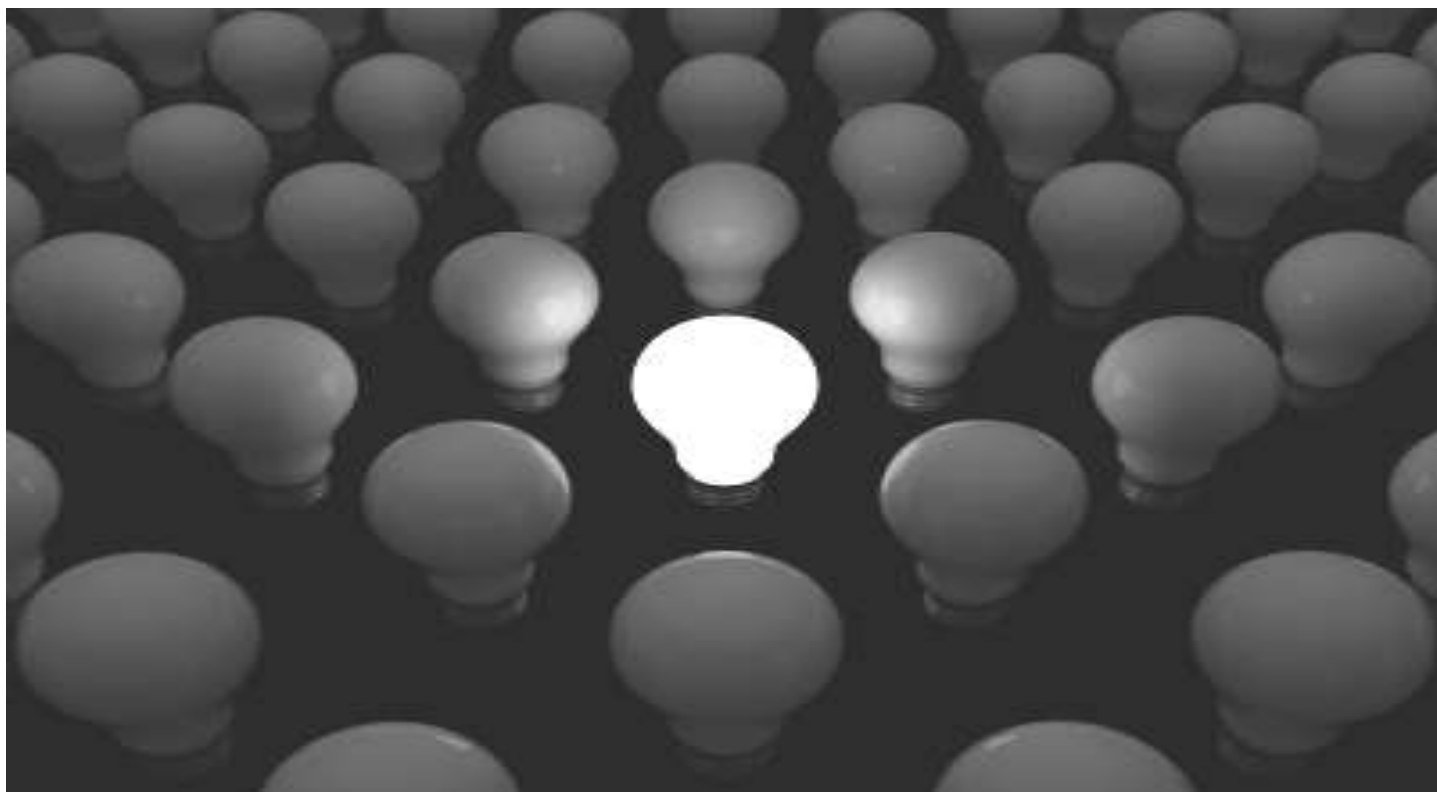
Successful completion of AS level Critical Thinking with at least grade E.

You will develop the skills needed for the resolution of dilemmas and problem solving. We teach the entire A Level course in one year with the possibilities of re-sits and further practice in Year 13.

It is excellent preparation particularly for study in law, medicine, philosophy, mathematics or journalism. It is highly regarded evidence of your ability to think and reason logically—qualities all employers look for and test for in their aptitude tests. There are sections on Critical Thinking in the law and medical aptitude tests (LNAT and BMAT) which are now required by many of our top universities. It is also excellent preparation for Oxbridge interviews and forms a part of the new Oxbridge entrance exams in many subjects.



Extended Project



Level 3 Qualification AQA

A one year course with the equivalent study time of an AS which:

- Carries UCAS tariff points
- Has flexible assessment
- Develops thinking and independent study skills
- Is highly valued by colleges, universities and employers

This new AQA Level 3 course gives you a chance to take control of your studies. You can choose to explore a further aspect of a subject you'll be studying or simply choose a topic that you have a personal interest in. The finished project can be a written report, a performance, a piece of art, a CD or DVD, or even computer software.

What you have to do:

- Choose a topic of study
- Complete a production log which records the project
- Process plan, research and carry out your project
- Prepare a presentation on the outcome

What will you gain:

- Improved planning, research, analytical and presentation skills
- Competence in using new technologies in your studies
- Experience of developing and applying decision making skills
- Essential skills for higher education.

Want to know more?

Speak with Miss Rowe or visit www.qca.org.uk or www.aqa.org.uk





CoPE



CoPE Level 3 (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) ASDAN

Celebrating Success Rewarding Achievement

The aims of the qualification are:

- To improve a way in which you can gain accreditation for enrichment and study activities you are completing as part of your post - 16 course
- To enable you to develop and demonstrate a range of skills, which will help support your future study or work

The Certificate of Personal Effectiveness can:

- Help manage your learning effectively
- Broaden your experience
- Contribute towards your UCAS application
- Develop your employability skills and personal effectiveness

A portfolio of evidence that must be carefully selected to meet the six skills.

- Working with others
- Improving own Learning and Performance
- Problem Solving
- Research
- Discussion
- Oral presentation

There are challenges that you plan, deciding on skills to focus on and then you collect evidence as you go along. These include:
 Active Citizenship
 Career Planning
 Enrichment Activities
 Work Related Activities
 Global Awareness Extended Project



Why should you take CoPE Level 3?

- UCAS award 70 UCAS points (more than an A at AS Level)
- Most universities recognise CoPE Level 3 and CoPE will give you a competitive advantage with your university application
- You will improve your Personal Statement for UCAS
- You will become a better independent learner
- You will develop skills like personal organisation and time management
- Evidence can be easily gathered and you will gain accreditation for things you might already do e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award, Work Experience, Musical Instruments, Extra curricular activities
- Evidence can also be easily gathered from your other AS Level courses

You will have completed the CoPE course by the end of Year 12!



Citizenship



AS Level Citizenship

Exam Board AQA 1101

Content and Skills

Citizenship is at the heart of contemporary debates about society. Central to the course is active citizenship participation. You are required to participate in a number of citizenship activities and record your involvement in an Active Citizenship Profile. You can work as individuals or in groups and your activity can be linked to local, national or global issues. This part of the course will particularly appeal to students who completed GCSE Citizenship in Year 10.

You will study:

Unit 1 40%

Identify Rights and Responsibilities. This will include key questions on:

- What does it mean to be British?
- Are we all equal citizens?
- What are my rights and responsibilities?
- How are my rights protected and supported?

Unit 2 60%

Democracy, Active Citizenship and Participation. This will include key questions on:

- Who can make a difference?
- How can I make a difference?

Active Citizenship, skills and participation.

You will need to keep a record of these activities in your Active Citizenship Profile. This information can be taken into the exam.

Assessment information

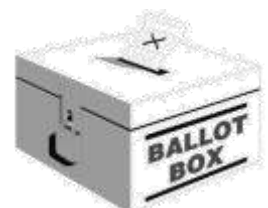
Unit 1 CIST 1 is a written paper of one hour and fifteen minutes. This will include a source based question and marked out of 60. Papers can be sat in January and June.

Unit 2 CIST 2 is a written paper of one hour and thirty minutes. This will include a source based question and mini essay plus structures questions on active citizenship participation. You can use your Active Citizenship Profile to help you to complete this paper. Unit 2 is marked out of 90. Papers can be sat in January or June.

Suggested Reading

Exam board information - [Www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

- AS Citizenship Tim Holden Rowley and John Blewitt ISBN 0340859040
- Inside Britain - a guide to the UK constituency . Citizenship Foundation 0340929863.





CSLA



Units of Work

- **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**
- **SAFETY IN SPORT**
- **KNOW YOUR FRIENDS**
- **FITNESS SESSION FOR SPORT**
- **ORGANISATION OF EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS**
- **IMPROVISATION AND ADAPTED GAMES**
- **GAMES AND ACTIVITY EXPERIENCE**
- **PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION**

COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERSHIP

Aims

- To produce responsible, motivated and confident young leaders who can lead safe and enjoyable sporting activities
- To encourage young people to get involved in organising and assisting with the provision of sport in the community

Rewards

- As is an accredited course, you will officially qualify as a Community Sports Leader, with your name being registered on the Sports Leaders UK register
- It provides a common foundation for the Coaching Schemes of the National Governing Bodies of Sport

Requirements from you

- Your **COMMITMENT** and **DEDICATION** to the course
- To be prepared to offer some of your free time
- As you will be volunteering to do this course, it is offered to you free of charge





Food, Society and Health



This course will enable you to gain CIEH (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health)

Level 2 / Level 3 qualifications in:

1. Food, Catering and Society
2. Food and Nutrition

There are opportunities for visits and placements linked to the food and health sectors.



There will be an opportunity for you to gain practical food skills and create dishes suitable for students on a budget.

You will research topical issues surrounding nutrition and health.

These qualifications will be recognised by employers in the retail and food industries and could help you to secure holiday work in these sectors.

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