



Archaeology

One year AS level.

Archaeology is the scientific and historical study of past human societies based on material remains (buildings/structures and artefacts). It ranges in time from pre-history through to modern times.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course should ideally have a minimum grade C in GCSE Science and English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- the techniques of modern archaeological research;
- how sites are discovered, recorded and excavated;
- how recorded material is analysed, dated, interpreted and presented;
- archaeology's place in society; and
- religion and ritual in ancient Britain and Europe including mortuary practices, art and symbolism, ritual structure and locations, beliefs and the organisation of religion and ritual.

You can expect to:

- develop and understand archaeological terms and concepts;
- study and handle a wide range of archaeological artefacts;
- have the opportunity to attend day trips to museums, professional archaeology units and sites of archaeological significance;
- develop the observational and recording skills required by archaeologists; and • develop critical thinking and to see the relationships between the different aspects of archaeology and the links with other academic subjects.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

A variety of options will be open to you after completing this subject. You can apply for degree courses in Archaeology, Earth Sciences (Geology), (Ancient) History and Classical Civilization amongst many others.

Other Information:

There will be one day trips including Flag Fen and the Museum of London.

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Aimee Sadler (ex Langdon) studied Archaeology and Geology and is studying Geology at Leicester University.

Amanda Wynne (ex Frances Bardsley) studied Archaeology, Geology, History, Classical Civilisation and Italian and is now studying Archaeology at Cambridge University.