



LITTLE HEATH SIXTH FORM



**STUDY
PROGRAMMES**

KS5 STUDY PROGRAMMES

Study programmes are the suite of qualifications and activities outside of the classroom which together combine to help our students achieve the qualifications, skills and experiences which are necessary to progress on to next step in their career.

They are made up of the following components:-

1. CORE OFFER

- These are the 3 or 4 subjects the student has opted to study for his/her 2 years in the Sixth Form. These options will be discussed at courising interviews in January and in August and will be tailored to the student's ability and future plans if these are known.

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- These are the wide range of planned non-qualification activities outside of the classroom which will help develop their resilience and confidence as well as their ability to develop team working, leadership and problem solving skills.
- These include opportunities in school to develop skills such as student leadership, Sixth Form Committee, Duke of Edinburgh scheme and support for younger pupils in lessons. We also signpost external programmes such as the National Citizen Service to our students and expect our students to take advantage of these.
- There is also a mentor programme which helps supports students to be better prepared for life after Sixth Form by including topics such as healthy eating, personal finance and staying safe. Much of the mentor programme is focussed on supporting students to plan their next steps albeit higher education or higher level apprenticeships.

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- This work is supplemented by an extensive range of support from the Careers Leader who organises a comprehensive list of outside speakers form a range of different career pathways every term. These are signposted by mentors.
- We also offer students a well-being hour every week. This is one afternoon session a week when students are allowed to engage in fitness activities and/or creative hobbies. These can be carried out off site.
- Year 12 students will be expected to complete a week's Work Experience in Term 6
- Please see the Sixth Form Prospectus for more details on what our offer includes.

3. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Students will also be asked to do a MOOC hour. This is 1 hour per week when s/he conducts research using a provider such as Futurelearn. This research should be linked to the student's core offer and/or career plan.
- We also encourage students to complete an EPQ in Year 12 .This is a great opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge of their subjects and improve their independent learning skills. Such activities include attending lectures at Reading University, taking part in field trips and visits arranged by departments such as visits to the Houses of Parliament, Bayer and the BFI library in London. Once again the full list of opportunities on offer can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus on the school website.

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STUDY PROGRAMMES MEDICINE/ DENTISTRY/ PHYSIOTHERAPY / RADIOGRAPHY/ NURSING

1. CORE OFFER

- Three/four A Levels chosen from the following :- Biology, Chemistry, Further Mathematics, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Extended Certificate in Btec Science, and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

Depending on the intended career path the student may wish to choose from the following activities in order to enhance their application:-

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School Service such as becoming a Prefect, joining the Senior Student leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups
- Taking part in the Maths Challenge
- Work experience in a relevant area
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Applying for Medical Day at RBH
- Taking part in AWE Spotlight Event
- Taking part in “HealthReach” a programme run by Reading University, bespoke activities requested at LHS

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- Attending the Oxford International Biomedical Centre Symposiums at LHS
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar
- Attending presentations by various speakers such as healthcare ambassadors, alumni healthcare professionals
- Supporting the Y8 Medical School
- Applying for tailored days e.g. Veterinary Day at Bayer, Alternative Careers to Medicine Day at Reading University

3. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- EPQ on an issue related to medical research or ethics
- Relevant MOOC
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University

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STUDY PROGRAMMES BUSINESS RELATED DEGREES AND CAREERS

1. CORE OFFER

- Three/four A Levels chosen from the following:- Business, Economics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Politics, ICT, Media, Cambridge Technical in Business

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School Service such as becoming a Prefect, joining the Senior Student Leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups
- Work experience in a relevant area
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Business /enterprise competitions
- Debating society
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar
- Attending presentations by relevant outside speakers such as PWC, KPMG, BDO, Ernst & Young, Association of Project Management, SSE, Alok Sharma MP, CGI etc.
- Attending Careers and Apprenticeship Fairs

3. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- EPQ on an issue related to a business approach
- Relevant MOOC
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University

STUDY PROGRAMMES HUMANITIES DEGREES AND CAREERS

1. CORE OFFER

2. EPQ ON AN ISSUE RELATED TO A BUSINESS APPROACH

3. RELEVANT MOOC

4. ATTENDING RELEVANT OPEN DAYS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

5. ATTENDING LECTURES AT READING UNIVERSITY

6. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School Service such as becoming a prefect, joining the Senior Student Leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups
- Work experience in a relevant area
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Debating society
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar

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- Attending presentations by relevant outside speakers e.g. Bank of England, Alok Sharma MP, Lord Borwick, the CEO of the Guardian Media Group and CEO of Recycling Technologies
- Taking part in the Stock Market Challenge at Reading University
- Taking part in school trips e.g. Houses of Parliament, Columbia Investments in Threadneedle Street
- Attending Careers and Apprenticeship Fairs

7. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- EPQ on an issue/topic which is linked to your chosen degree/career path
- Relevant MOOC
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University and after school events such as history film club

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STUDY PROGRAMMES STEM DEGREES AND CAREERS

1. CORE OFFER

- Three/four A Levels chosen from the following:- Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Btec Science

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School Service such as becoming a Prefect, joining the Senior Student Leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups
- Work experience in a relevant area
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar
- Attending AWE Spotlight - an annual event held at Little Heath School
- Attending Medical Mavericks day
- Attending the Oxford International Biomedical Centre Symposiums with Little Heath School
- Attending STEM drop down days by companies such as National Grid, EDT, RAF and RSA

- Spectroscopy Day at Little Heath School run by University of Reading
- Taking part in trips and workshops e.g teaching laboratories at Bayer PLC
- Attending talks on “Critical Thinking” from Dr Ware (OUH)
- Attending Careers and Apprenticeship Fairs

3. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- EPQ on an issue/topic which is linked to your chosen degree/career path
- Relevant MOOC
- Taking part in the Maths Challenge
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools e.g Headstart summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University and after school events such as the Maths Inspiration lectures

STUDY PROGRAMMES MEDIA/FILM PRODUCTION/ CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DEGREES

1. CORE OFFER

- Three/four A Levels chosen from the following:- Media, Film Studies, Art, Drama, Music, Music Technology, Textiles, English Literature

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School service such as becoming a prefect, joining the Senior Student leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups.
- Support for school productions. This ranges from performing, directing, designing and creating scenery, producing promotional material.
- Work experience in a relevant area
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar
- Attending presentations by visiting speakers such as London Retail Fashion Academy, Nvidia and MERL
- Attending Careers and Apprenticeship Fairs

3. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- EPQ on an issue/topic which is linked to your chosen degree/career path.
- Relevant MOOC
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University and after school events.

STUDY PROGRAMMES SPORT AND LEISURE DEGREES AND CAREERS

1. CORE OFFER

- Three/four A Levels chosen from the following:- Business , PE, Biology, Psychology, Btec Sport, Btec Applied Science, Cambridge Technicals in Business, Cambridge Technical in ICT and Media

2. NON QUALIFICATION ACTIVITIES

- Mentor programme
- School Service such as becoming a Prefect, joining the Senior Student Leadership Team supporting lower school classes/tutor groups.
- Representing the school in sports events and support for school sports teams.
- Helping to organise Sports Day
- World Challenge and/or Duke of Edinburgh – these both give the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- Sixth Form Committee
- Applying to be a Reading Scholar
- Attending presentations by visiting speakers
- Attending HealthReach organised interactive events in school by University of Reading
- Attending drop down day events run by Medical Mavericks

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- Relevant MOOC
- Attending relevant open days and summer schools
- Attending lectures at Reading University and after school events