

BE EXTRAORDINARY AT AQUINAS



CTK AQUINAS
A CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORM

A SELECTIVE SIXTH FORM CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE

PROSPECTUS
2020-2021

Welcome to CTK Aquinas

If you're a high achieving student who wants to be surrounded by others who are motivated, ambitious and supportive, then our new selective sixth form centre for excellence is here to ensure you achieve your goals.

Here at CTK Aquinas, you'll find more than 21 A Level subjects to choose from, along with extensive pastoral support and the chance to network with our high achieving alumni community. You'll join a group of academically able students, working towards highly ambitious university and career aspirations.

As a bright student who is likely to achieve high grades in your GCSEs, you'll be able to study with an aspirational group of young people who've come together with a strong sense of friendship and community.

You can take advantage of the scholarship programme and receive support from our team of expert careers advisors and tutors, who will help you to apply to the

country's top universities as well as building your confidence and independence.

You'll benefit from excellent, specialised teaching in the A Level curriculum that is tailored to meet your needs. We focus on what really matters – the quality of teaching and learning and the achievement of high grades. We treat all our students as individuals and stretch and challenge you to reach success.

Once you graduate from Aquinas, you'll feel confident about going out into the world and being extraordinary in life and in your career. Welcome to CTK Aquinas!

**Mr Rob McAuliffe and
Mrs Shireen Razey,
Co-Collegiate Principals**



BE AMBITIOUS

"I have always been self-motivated but my tutor and teachers have motivated me exceptionally to achieve my best. I was pushed to want to do more for my academic success and this was reflected in my grades. I hope to study Medicine at the University of Birmingham and to be a successful paediatrician in the future.

CTK is definitely a great place to be. You are really pushed to achieve great success all round with the help of your teachers, tutors and friends. I have really enjoyed CTK – including course trips, meeting new people and making friends."

Naomi – A Level Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics



OPEN EVENTS

BE WITH THE **BRIGHTEST**

As you move into an important stage in your education with top GCSE grades, you'll be looking to study in a special place that will provide the support you need. Your sixth form learning will take place in a purpose-built centre, where you'll receive the best teaching, along with extensive enrichment and sporting opportunities.

Excellent pastoral care and an aspirational, friendly community awaits you at CTK Aquinas.

Here you will feel welcomed and self-assured, whilst being inspired to achieve your very best. You are sure to flourish and go on to study at one of the country's leading universities.

There's every chance you'll succeed in this aim as, over the past 25 years, more than 22,000 young people just like you have reached career success with Christ the King Sixth Forms.

Saturday
9 November 2019

10am – 1pm

Wednesday
29 January 2020

4pm – 7.30pm

Further open events will be held in 2020 – please visit ctkaquinas.ac.uk for the latest dates and information.



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Be YOU. Be EXTRAORDINARY



Lessons are inspirational and interesting. The teaching is great.



We are dedicated to your education and development as a whole person, ensuring you realise your full potential. Students of every faith, and none, are warmly welcomed and enjoy our environment of positive encouragement and mutual respect

This ethos is fully supported through the work of our Chaplaincy, where the team will celebrate with you in times of joy and listen or advise you in times of difficulty. You and all your fellow students are encouraged to develop our virtues of loyalty, respect, care and commitment, supporting your peers and being inspired to live principled, moral and dignified lives.

You will be treated as an individual and will feel welcomed, self-assured and inspired to achieve your very best. Our dedicated, specialist staff will nurture and develop you, encouraging you to aim high and giving you the confidence to achieve your goals.

Character Education Programme – The CTK Graces

Through our character education programme, The CTK Graces, you will develop the traits and attributes you need to be discerning and to thrive in the highly competitive world that awaits you.

You will take part in a learning programme that invites you to consider the personal, spiritual and moral issues you will face in the future.

Our tutorial and pastoral support systems ensure you will be nurtured and valued as an individual.

TOP 6%

A report by national education charity The Sutton Trust, placed Christ the King in the top 6% of schools and colleges nationally for university progression.





G GRIT
R RESPECT
A ASSURANCE
C CURIOSITY
E ENDEAVOUR
S SELF-ESTEEM

At CTK Aquinas, we will:

- **Encourage** you to be ambitious and high achieving.
- **Challenge** you to be resilient, confident, creative and courageous.
- **Educate** you to be articulate, curious, reflective and capable.
- **Support** you to develop the virtues of loyalty, respect, care and commitment.
- **Inspire** you to live principled, moral and dignified lives.

In doing this, we expect that you will progress from Christ the King Sixth Forms as valuable contributors to society, confident in your ability to thrive and ready to realise your full potential.

Our aspirational and nurturing environment will inspire you to be the best and strive for a place on the most sought-after university courses. Our prestigious **Graduate Scholarship Programme** will help you stand out among other applicants in this highly competitive process.

Our impressive track record of academic success, combined with a comprehensive programme of enrichment activities, tailored careers advice and strong links with universities and employers, will inspire you to be successful in every area of your life.

You will enjoy:

- A **curriculum** modelled on research carried out through partnership with independent schools.
- **Small** structured sixth form environment.
- **Support** from a team of expert careers advisers and tutors.
- A chance to **network** with our high achieving alumni community.
- Unparalleled **pastoral care**.
- Enrolment on our unique **Scholarship Graduate Programme**.
- Excellent **transport** links and a fantastic **location** in Brockley, South London.

76.3%

**of Scholarship
Graduate
Programme
students gained
A Levels A*-C**



Be **SUCCESSFUL**

You will have a wide range of A Level subjects to choose from, allowing you to specialise in subjects that you enjoy.

A Levels are not only important for university applications, they are widely recognised by employers around the world and, combined with a degree, will benefit you when applying to graduate schemes. Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge still view A Levels as the key entry requirement for these prestigious institutions.

Set challenging career goals

You will benefit from comprehensive, up-to-date careers information, advice and guidance from qualified advisors, and help with arranging work experience.

Our Careers conference gives you valuable opportunities to meet a range of professionals, choosing from more than 100 workshops and 90 exhibitors. These cover a huge range of careers, from medicine to banking, engineering, entrepreneurship and many more.

Be prepared to strive

You'll receive tailored help with UCAS applications and specialist support with Oxbridge and Medicine applications and interviews.

You will be given the tools you need to stand out when applying to the country's top universities and earn your place on the most coveted courses. A report by national education charity The Sutton Trust, entitled Degrees of Success, placed Christ the King in the top 6% of schools and colleges nationally due to high performance when it comes to university progression.

To help you choose the right university, you will hear talks from graduates and undergraduates and attend our annual Careers conference. Here, you can network with representatives from top universities and colleges in the UK.

Excel with our support

You will work with your Personal tutor throughout your time at CTK Aquinas. They will set ambitious and stretching short and long-term goals. Your personal tutor will work with you to regularly review your progress and help you with any difficulties.

The skills you learn at CTK Aquinas will help you to flourish academically, professionally and personally.

Parent feedback

Parents are encouraged to be involved in your education. Formal reports are produced five times a year and regular parents' evenings ensure that you and your family can discuss your progress, ask questions and respond to your tutor's comments.

The Scholarship Graduate Programme

Aspiring to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities

As a student at CTK Aquinas, you will join the Scholarship Graduate Programme. This aspirational programme is designed to ensure that students with the highest GCSE grades achieve top marks at A Level and progress to respected universities where competition for places is high.

The programme will challenge and support you with your studies, improve your confidence, and give you the edge when applying for universities and future graduate jobs. You will study either the Cambridge Pre U Global Perspectives qualification, or the AQA Extended Project Qualification, both of which are recognised by top universities.

The Scholarship Graduate Programme will give you the qualifications and skills you need to progress to an elite university. You will be grouped with students who have high ambitions and similar aspirations and stretched to achieve beyond the demands of the syllabus. This unique programme will put you ahead of the competition.

You will be given unprecedented access to unique opportunities, trips and support when applying to the most competitive universities, like Oxford or Cambridge. If you want to study subjects such as Medicine and Law, you will be given access to bespoke support programmes, like the Oxbridge and Medical Alumni Evening.



“I achieved AAA* in History, Politics and Sociology and am going on to the University of Warwick to study Politics and International Studies. CTK was a great environment for me to learn in. I’ve really enjoyed the teaching – all my teachers have been encouraging and supportive. They put in the extra time to help with workshops and revision to ensure we did well.

Rose – A Level History, Politics, Sociology

In 2018/2019 CTK students went on to over 70 university destinations. These included:

- A. St George’s, University of London**
 - Biomedical Science
 - Diagnostic Radiography
- B. University of Warwick**
 - Politics and International Studies
 - Law and Sociology
- C. University of Nottingham**
 - Child Nursing
 - Law
- D. King’s College London**
 - Mental Health Nursing
 - Adult Nursing
 - Biomedical Science
- E. University of East Anglia**
 - Translating and Interpreting with Modern Languages
- F. Goldsmiths College, University of London**
 - Management with Economics
- G. Swansea University**
 - American Studies
- H. Queen Mary, University of London**
 - Law
 - Economics
- I. University of Sheffield**
 - Law
- J. Durham University**
 - English Literature



98.4%

CTK Aquinas A Level pass rate

Be **AMBITIOUS**

You will be given the tools you need to start planning your future, thanks to our strong careers programme and links with employers and businesses. We have strong relationships with our successful alumni community, some of whom sit on The Christ the King Partnership Board, providing valuable insight from a diverse range of careers.

Mentoring Successful Professionals Programme

This initiative pairs students with professionals in their area of interest. Mentors have included:

- A Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics
- A subeditor at The Times
- An associate project manager at Transport for London
- A civil servant at the Foreign Office
- An investment lawyer
- A research scientist at Imperial College London.

You will have access to our external speaker programme, which brings more than 30 specialists in their field to our Christ the King Sixth Form centres each year. Speakers come from a number of backgrounds and organisations. They have previously included Sir Ian Cheshire (Chairman of Barclays), David Thompson (film producer) and Gary Gibbon (Channel 4 News Political Editor).

You will have access to exciting opportunities with top employers. These have previously included a professional mentoring programme with the EY Foundation, a Barclays seminar on building resilience and assertiveness, and a talk hosted by the US Ambassador to the UK. You can attend a variety of expert guest lectures, featuring corporate lawyers, barristers and executives from companies such as HSBC, BP and BT.

Be talented

Life at CTK Aquinas is not just about academic achievement, it is also an opportunity for you to discover and develop your interests, aptitudes and talents. From debating to dance, filmmaking to music, you will have many chances to get involved.

You can contribute to the in-house magazine or be elected to the Student Council or Governing Body. The Student Council runs events throughout the year, including the Leavers' Prom, Talent Showcase and charity fundraising events.

You will also take part in fantastic field trips and expeditions, which could include locations such as Kenya, Alaska and the Tien Shan Mountains, as well as retreats and pilgrimages.

Sport at CTK Aquinas

If you enjoy sport, you will love the varied and challenging range of activities at CTK Aquinas. They include:

- Aerobics • Football
- Volleyball • Badminton
- Cricket • Basketball
- Skiing • Netball
- Cross-country • Weight training
- Tennis • Table-tennis
- Fitness training • Boxing

You can take part in inter-collegial sports tournaments. Many of our students have competed at county and national level, in teams and individually. We regularly host visits by accomplished athletes. At our annual sports day, students from all three Christ the King Sixth Forms come together for a great day of activities.



The teachers go above and beyond to help us thrive and achieve outstanding results in our course studies and exams.

Specialist facilities

CTK Aquinas is a purpose-built, modern sixth form with a range of specialist facilities and resources to support your studies.

This includes our spacious, state-of-the-art Learning Resources Centre (LRC). Here you can access computer, printing and scanning facilities throughout the day, and three group study rooms to facilitate collaborative working.

You will enjoy access to more than 7,000 books, digital resources, online learning materials, individual study guides for each subject, specialist journals, periodicals and newspapers, high specification computers, scanners, and internet access.

Computers, many with industry-standard software, are available throughout CTK Aquinas. You will be able to use wi-fi on site and access your home drive files off site.

Other outstanding facilities at CTK Aquinas include:

- A fitness suite and sports teaching area with modern changing rooms.
- A modern canteen.
- Two media suites with digital editing and recording facilities.
- A suite of specialist art, design and technology rooms, including two networked suites of Apple Mac computers.
- Four fully equipped science laboratories.
- Numerous dedicated student support areas.
- Eight networked computer rooms.
- A Chaplaincy area including a Chapel and Chapel common room.



CTK ALUMNI

“By far the most outstanding element of CTK is the quality of teaching. My teachers weren’t satisfied with helping me get the grades I needed, but pushed me to get the highest grades I could. The atmosphere was very much ‘achieve your best’ not just ‘get what you need’ which was really motivating. Meeting the scholarship group was a defining positive! Like-minded friends who had the same goals was a new experience and their support during my two years (and beyond!) is what I treasure most from CTK.

I went to my first choice university, the University of Warwick, and studied Chemistry and Business Studies. I have now joined the Civil Service, working at Ofgem as part of their graduate development program.”

Jamie Tang – A Levels in Chemistry, Mathematics, English Literature, Physics and Cambridge Pre-U: Global Perspectives



Entry Requirements and Essential Information

We pride ourselves on our welcoming community of students who love learning and want to stand out from the crowd. CTK Aquinas students are not afraid to aspire to great success and they will encourage you to do the same.

Entry criteria for CTK Aquinas

CTK Aquinas is a selective sixth form for the area's highest achieving GCSE students seeking to study A Levels in a challenging yet nurturing environment, alongside other students of the same academic ability. Our entry requirements for Aquinas are:

- **English and Maths minimum Grade 5**
- **Best 8 including English and Maths, minimum of 48 points, average 6**
- **Must have a minimum of 6 in the subject studied at A Level and a 7 for Science and Maths**

If you are interested in joining a Christ the King Sixth Form but don't feel that you will meet these entry requirements, you have other options. We offer a range of A Levels and vocational courses with different entry criteria at CTK St Mary's, in Sidcup.

Dress code

When you attend CTK Aquinas, the dress code for you and your fellow students will be smart, dark-coloured business attire and tailored clothing. Acceptable clothing will be plain black, dark grey, navy blue or dark brown formal, business-like suits (tailored trouser or skirt).

Coloured shirts/blouses are acceptable if suitable for a working environment.

Students with additional needs

For students with disabilities, or where English is not your first language, we have a dedicated learning support area with experienced staff. Once your application has been reviewed, we will contact you to discuss your needs so that we can make all reasonable adjustments to help you succeed.

Our location

CTK Aquinas is a selective sixth form centre for excellence located in a purpose built facility in Brockley, easily accessible by public transport.

Our unique environment combines exceptional teaching in a friendly and nurturing sixth form setting.

My teachers have helped me develop a strong work ethic. They have also been very helpful and supportive. They help you do well and prepare you to become independent.

CTK ALUMNI

"I loved the balance between my studies and extra-curricular activities. I was also part of a 'gifted and talented' tutor group which provided numerous opportunities for personal development such as the 'Generating Genius' programme by Dr Tony Sewell. I had an all-rounded experience which definitely helped me to grow academically and also aided my personal development in a supportive environment.

I went on to gain a first class BSc Psychology from University of Leicester. I'm now the Founder & Creative Director of a social enterprise called Inside Out UK, which provides mental health education for young people using creativity."

**Vanessa – A Level Psychology,
Economics, Religious Studies, Biology.**





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ART A LEVEL

This A Level in Fine Art leads naturally to careers in art, graphic communication, fashion, advertising and product design.

Fine Art is also useful if you are considering a career in such fields as architecture, marketing, publicity, arts administration, animation and the media. Fine Art is particularly advantageous if you are seeking to progress onto a foundation diploma in art and design.

CONTENT

You'll explore a range of creative practices including painting, mixed media, sculpture and print-making. Drawing is an essential skill for studying this subject and forms an integral part of Fine Art practice. You will use drawing to record and analyse the observed world, to explore ideas visually and to find new ways of expressing your thoughts and feelings. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks as a creative journal in order to document your own creative process. Gallery and research visits will be an essential part of your Fine Art course. As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you

will be required to produce a minimum 1000 word critical study. At the end of the course your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of our learners.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need a GCSE in an art-based subject at a grade 9-6. If you have not studied the subject at school but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to provide evidence of your ability and interest in the form of a sketchbook/ portfolio at your interview.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignment.

Abubakarr – A Level Business, Psychology, Sociology

“CTK is a friendly community and the teachers are great. Socially, I really enjoy sports day and the trips the college arranges for us. Academically, my teachers offer one-to-ones and go through past exam papers with us, which is really helpful. I would like to go on to study Law or become a social worker.

I would recommend CTK because it's a friendly community and the teachers are great.”



BIOLOGY A LEVEL

An A Level in Biology can open the door to a wide variety of careers. Depending on what you study at university, you could go on to become a doctor, a lab technician, a forensic scientist or even a teacher.

CONTENT

You will find Biology to be a stimulating and challenging subject that encourages you to work to a high standard, thus developing your analytical skills. You will gain an understanding of the various areas within the subject and how they relate to each other. In addition to this, your knowledge and understanding of different scientific methods will be strengthened.

Your A Level Biology course will further develop your mathematical, practical and analytical skills, which will help prepare you for work and higher education. You will develop your practical skills, while studying foundations in Biology, exchange and transport, biodiversity, evolution and disease, communication, homeostasis and energy, genetics, evolution and ecosystems.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need either GCSE Biology or GCSE combined Science at grade 7 or above.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by examination at the end of each year of your course.

£84,685

The average salary for a GP.

Source: Glassdoor: NHS GP salaries

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BUSINESS A LEVEL

An A Level in Business can be the starting point to a range of careers – from accountancy to marketing. It's a highly engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from law, accountancy, human resources, marketing or business management, to teaching, politics or journalism.

CONTENT

Business is a dynamic and interesting subject. Throughout this two-year course, you will enhance your commercial awareness and develop a wide range of business related analytical and entrepreneurial skills. You will investigate different types of organisation, identify investment opportunities and evaluate how markets affect business performance. You'll learn how to understand real-world decision-making processes and critically evaluate the external and internal influences on businesses. Topics you will study include marketing and people, managing business activities, business decisions and strategy and global business.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10.

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by an exam.

**Did you know that the average salary for
Business Management jobs is**

£37,500

Source: Totaljobs.com

CHEMISTRY A LEVEL

An A Level in Chemistry can be the starting point to a range of careers – from engineering to healthcare. It's a highly engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from engineering, pharmaceuticals, or medical research to teaching.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a forensic scientist, chemical engineer, pharmacologist or even a chemistry teacher, depending on which course you study at university.

CONTENT

If you have a natural curiosity about the world and a willingness to search for answers, then our A Level in Chemistry will teach you how to find those answers through laboratory investigations and independent research. Your interest and enthusiasm for Chemistry will develop into a genuine appreciation of how Science works.

Building on the knowledge you gained at GCSE, you'll learn more about how and why reactions happen. You will study topics such as atoms, elements, bonding, energetics, organic Chemistry and the development of the periodic table.

Chemistry studies reactions and substances from a biological and physical perspective. In order to consolidate your studies, you'll learn how to handle data, think critically and apply your knowledge and processes to unfamiliar contexts. Following on from this, you will have the opportunity to consolidate your knowledge through practical experiments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need either GCSE Chemistry or GCSE combined Science at grade 7 or above.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of the course. The assessment of practical work in Chemistry will be reported separately in a certificate of endorsement.

OVER 70%

of Chemistry students entered a professional or managerial role after graduation.

Source: Royal Society of Chemistry: A Future in Chemistry

Mahdi – A Levels in Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Cambridge Pre-U

“My A Levels were tough but rewarding. I'm glad I put the work in as I gained a highly competitive place at King's College London to study Medicine. Whilst studying for my A Levels, I attended medicine taster days at Bristol, St George's and Kings, and felt the course at Kings suited me best.

I was grateful for all the fantastic opportunities that CTK gave me. My tutor has been a positive influence, I could not have done it without her. My ambition is to become a GP.”



DRAMA A LEVEL

An A Level in Drama can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from acting to public relations. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including teaching, public relations, events management, journalism, acting and presenting.

CONTENT

Your A Level in Drama will develop your understanding of drama and theatre techniques. You will study set texts from the exam board; learn about devising techniques before creating your own work; perform extracts of plays and become a critical and reflective performer in different styles of drama.

You will learn and develop skills in writing about drama; not only critically analysing live production but also reflecting on your own practice and how you devise, create and perform a piece of theatre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10. In addition you'll need either GCSE Drama grade 9-6 if you've studied it, or recent experience or involvement in drama or theatre activities. You must also demonstrate a commitment to studying plays and learning theatre techniques.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed in a number of ways, portfolio coursework: Documenting your research, development and the process of taking your performance from page to stage. A written exam: analysing set texts from the exam and evaluating a live theatre production. A practical performance: Performance-based assessment where you can perform or be graded as a director/designer.

Veronica – A Level French, Spanish, Italian, Business

"I achieved AAA*B in French, Spanish, Italian and Business A Levels. I'm going to study BA (Hons) Translating and Interpreting with Modern Languages at the University of East Anglia. I came to CTK because of the good reputation and I'm so glad because my teachers have been so supportive and helped me to achieve my goals."

ECONOMICS A LEVEL

An A Level in Economics can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from engineering to accountancy. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including medicine, engineering, computer science or accounting.

CONTENT

Your A Level in Economics will give you a deeper understanding of how market economies work and you will examine the strengths and weaknesses of such systems using real world examples. You will also analyse current economic issues such as the housing crisis and fiscal policy.

As the course progresses you will examine different market structures and analyse their consequences for firms and consumers. You'll also learn about the world economy, develop your understanding of globalisation and examine the problems that hinder the rapid growth of developing economies. You will have opportunities to go on educational visits, including the Bank of England, and participate in external competitions. You will also be expected to keep up to date with economic developments by regularly watching the news.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10. No previous study of Economics is required.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by exams at the end of each year of your course. You will undertake three papers: Unit one (Microeconomics), Unit two (Macroeconomics) and Unit three (themes in Economics). Each paper will account for one third of your final grade.

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ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

An A Level in English Literature can be the starting point to a range of careers – from teaching to law. English Literature is well-respected if you wish to pursue subjects at university such as English or English Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism, Drama, Media Studies and Law.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a journalist, author, solicitor, copywriter or even a politician.

CONTENT

Your A Level English Literature course will develop your critical understanding, enjoyment and appreciation of literature. You will study a variety of texts from different time periods and make connections between these texts.

Studying A Level English Literature will provide you with the opportunity to develop your close-reading skills and will improve your use of critical terminology. There will be an important focus on independent learning

and wider reading which will enable you to broaden your literary perspective and understand how literature has changed throughout history. You will also study a range of poetry, prose and drama spanning from pre-1900 to post-2000 and this will include one play written by William Shakespeare.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE English and GCSE English Literature grades 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework combined with end of year assessment.

CTK ALUMNI

“My tutors at CTK were fundamental in my academic success. They were always approachable and willing to go the extra mile. I enjoyed taking part in extracurricular activities, including leading the sixth form band and being Director of the Business Enterprise Group, Student Governor and Student Head of Hall. This allowed me to fully engage in the sixth form's community as well as develop a range of skills including leadership and communication.

I went on to gain a first-class degree in Business Management at the University of Westminster Business School. I am now a Business Analyst at BT.

CTK helps all students to become their brilliant best. It is an institution with an exceptional ethos and values which underpin a strong sense of community. It gives you the opportunity to develop as a young person in an environment that allows you to thrive.”

Trevor – Studied A Levels including Business, ICT and English





Did you know that the starting salary for a Film Studies graduate is

£26,000

Payscale: Graduate Film, Video & Media Studies graduate salaries

FILM STUDIES A LEVEL

An A Level in Film Studies can lead to a broad range of professions – from journalism to presenting. It's a modern, exciting subject.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a TV or radio presenter, journalist, film director or producer.

CONTENT

Your A Level in Film Studies will focus on the analysis and deconstruction of film over a wide historical time frame. It will allow you to engage with films from early silent cinema to 1930s Hollywood films to contemporary and experimental cinema. You will be introduced to a wide range of film-making processes so that you develop, through discussion, analysis and debate, a wide range of technical skills for both constructing and deconstructing film.

This will give you the ability to develop your own creative skills as you explore these film-making techniques from different times and

places. The coursework element of the course will allow you to experiment with a variety of film-making technology and film-editing software to develop your creative skills. You will be expected to think independently and to develop your own 'voice', and you will be expected to expand your knowledge outside of the classroom through reading about and watching film. You will work with your peers to debate and pull apart the set film texts and to develop a sophisticated contextual understanding of the world at the time these films were made.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the standard entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10.

ASSESSMENT

External examination and coursework.

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FRENCH A LEVEL

An A Level in French can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from teaching to language interpretation. It's an engaging subject that can lead you to a career in anything from politics, teaching, travel and tourism to interpretation.

CONTENT

This course will help to expand your interest in the French language and culture, as well as develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics which will further develop your understanding of France and Francophone countries.

You will also study French literature and film, which will encourage you to stay up to date with French current affairs. You will also have the opportunity to travel to France, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of French culture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE French at a grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed on your listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar manipulation through translation.



There is a high demand for modern foreign language skills, which can be used in almost any career, particularly in businesses that trade internationally.

Source: Prospects: What can I do with my modern languages degree?

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Elisabeth – A Level Art, English Literature, Mathematics

“My lecturers have shown me great support. They're really supportive and passionate about the subjects they teach and have helped me a lot while preparing for my exams. My future goal is to study Architecture at the University of Bath and become an architect.

“There's a diverse mix of students which makes meeting new people very exciting. It's a really relaxing environment which will allow you to maximise your potential and do your best in all the subjects you choose.”



FURTHER MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

An A Level in Further Mathematics can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from engineering to accountancy. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including medicine, engineering, computer science or accounting. You could go on to become a doctor, engineer, accountant or data analyst depending on what course you study at university.

CONTENT

In order to study Further Mathematics, you must also be studying A Level Mathematics.

It's important that you have a passion for and enjoy Maths. Throughout this course, you will broaden the range of both pure and applied Mathematics options and develop your advanced algebraic techniques. If you are considering applying for Mathematics, or a degree with a high Maths content at university, you are strongly advised to take this course.

Topics you will study include summation of series, roots of polynomial equations, complex numbers, matrices, algebra and graphs, complex numbers and De Moivre's theorem, hyperbolics and matrices, impacts and collisions, poisson distribution and further hypothesis testing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Mathematics at a grade 9-7.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by examination.



DID YOU KNOW...

that there's a shortage of Maths teachers in the UK? Therefore, studying a maths related subject at university is a great way to get into teaching.

Source: The Independent Education news

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL

Your A Level in Geography could lead to a wide range of career paths including conservation, teaching, urban land-use planning, environmental management, overseas development, cartography, climatology and travel writing. Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a teacher, town planner, architect, conservation officer or a journalist.

CONTENT

Your A Level Geography course comprises four main topics. These are water and carbon cycles, landscape systems, global systems and global governance, and changing places. In water and carbon cycles, you will study the physical processes which control the cycling of both water and carbon between land, oceans and the atmosphere.

In landscape systems, you will take part in an integrated study of earth surface processes, landforms and resultant landscapes. For global systems and global governance, you will study the greater connectivity between people, places and environments across the globe. In the changing places module, you will further develop your geographical knowledge by conducting research in an area that is local to you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Geography (if you've taken it), at grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through exams and coursework.

Did you know that the average salary for Geography related jobs is

£37,500

Source: Totaljobs.com – average salary for Geography jobs

HISTORY A LEVEL

An A Level in History can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from teaching to archaeology, politics, law and anthropology.

CONTENT

Your course will help you hone your analytical skills and strengthen your essay writing abilities. To get the most out of your course, you must be someone who enjoys reading, researching, writing, asking questions, and you are also ambitious to develop a high level of skill in these areas. You will also analyse and investigate key historical events and personalities such as the social and political development of Britain in the 19th century and autocracy and dictatorship in Russia.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE History (if you've taken it), at grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed with exams at the end of each year of your course. In your second year you will also complete a coursework unit on civil rights in the USA.



DID YOU KNOW...
that the demand for mathematic experts has grown exponentially in recent years and they offer promising career paths based on their income levels and job progression.

Source: Learn how to Become: Career paths in Mathematics

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Princess – A Level Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics

“I want to study Medicine and I’m researching which universities to apply to. My teachers are extremely supportive. They provide extensive answers to my questions and give me feedback on what I need to do to improve upon my work. I have enjoyed my course trips, my teachers have been lovely and I’ve made some really good friends.

My advice to anyone wanting to study A Levels at Aquinas is make the best use of your teachers’ help. Do the right thing at the right time, stay positive and be polite. I would recommend CTK because the staff are lovely and make you feel welcome.”



MATHEMATICS A LEVEL

Mathematics is a much sought after qualification for entry to a wide variety of careers and Higher Education courses. An A Level in Maths can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from engineering to accounting. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including accountancy, economics, teaching, engineering, medicine, mathematics and computing.

CONTENT

Mathematics is both a stimulating and challenging subject, which is very highly regarded at advanced level. Both employers and universities will take a keen interest in you if you have successfully completed A Level Mathematics.

Topics you will study include indices, surds, polynomials, coordinate geometry, differentiation, integration, trigonometry, sequences, logarithms, first order differential equations, vectors and numerical methods.

In mechanics, you will also study forces, equilibrium, kinematics, Newton's laws of motion and momentum, whilst in statistics you will study the representation of data, probability, discrete random variables, continuous random variables, hypothesis testing and correlation and regression. To succeed on this course, you must have a strong enthusiasm for problem solving.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Mathematics at grade 7. You will also be required to show an appropriate knowledge of algebra before being enrolled onto the course.

ASSESSMENT

Examination at the end of each year of study.

Olivia – A Level Sociology, Photography, Media

“I have enjoyed studying subjects that I want to learn because I have a genuine interest in them. I am aiming to study Sociology and Criminology at either Manchester or Loughborough University.”

PHOTOGRAPHY A LEVEL

A Level Photography is an exciting course that can lead to careers in photography, fine art, film, media and animation, photojournalism, fashion photography, advertising and photo graphics. This is an excellent course to study if you wish to go on to become a photographer, architect, journalist or a film director.

CONTENT

During this course, you will be encouraged to develop a personalised visual language by observing the world through the lens of a camera. You will also learn how to use sketchbooks and digital portfolios to explore your own creative process by experimenting with imagery and manipulating meanings. You will learn a range of both darkroom techniques and digital processes.

You will also collaborate with other students to learn how to use cameras, studio lighting and digital editing software. Your work will be inspired by the study of other artists and photographers through contextual research and visits to galleries.

As part of the personal investigation component of the A Level, you will be required to produce a minimum 1000-word critical study. At the end of the course your work will be displayed at the annual art exhibition, which celebrates the creativity of you and other students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will need GCSEs in an art-based subject at a grade 9-6. If you have not studied an art-based subject at school, but wish to be considered for the course, you will need to demonstrate your ability and interest in art and bring a portfolio to your interview.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through coursework and controlled assignments. You will also be required to produce a portfolio of coursework and separate controlled assignments.

PHYSICS A LEVEL

A Level Physics is an engaging yet challenging course that can lead to a wide range of careers such as engineering, astronomy, computer science, teaching and medicine. Your Physics course will lay the foundation for the skillset you need to pursue many different job roles.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities. You could go on to become an engineer, doctor, astrologist, data analyst or a teacher, depending on which course you study at university.

CONTENT

During your A Level Physics course, you will be introduced to new concepts such as quarks, quantum physics and cosmology. Topics you will study include mechanics and the properties of materials, oscillations, waves and the nature of light, fields, particle physics and current electricity, thermal physics, nuclear instability, astronomy and cosmology. You will also take part in practical work throughout the duration of your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Physics at grade 7 or GCSE combined Science at grade 7 or above. You will also be required to study A Level Maths if you are studying A Level Physics.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by a written examination at the end of each year of your course.

CTK ALUMNI

"I joined CTK Aquinas knowing that I wanted to study at a Russell Group university, but I was still unsure about which subjects to choose. The reality of my time at CTK was very fulfilling. My fondest memory was the interaction between community of friends, support services and teachers who utilised their knowledge and resources to aid my own understanding and achievements.

I enjoyed managing my independent study time, geography course trips and Wednesday enrichment activities such as preparing for the Easter fashion show. Time-management is crucial for success in higher education and in the working world.

I am currently studying a degree in BA Global Health and Social Medicine at King's College London. I hope to proceed into doing a Masters in MSc Health and Development at The London School of Economics and Political Science."

I would recommend CTK because the teachers are very supportive and will help you to reach your educational goals you have."

Jarius – Studied A Level Psychology, Sociology, Geography



POLITICS A LEVEL

Your A Level in Politics will open the door to a variety of industries such as politics, journalism, diplomatic service, civil service, teaching and law.

CONTENT

In order to get the most out of this A Level, you will need to have an interest in politics, enjoy debates and consider other people's viewpoints before coming to reasoned conclusions. You will explore the engagement of people with politics and learn how the political institutions of the UK work. You'll also study the ideas that underpin political actions, and which other political ideas have emerged in the last century.

Your A Level in Politics will allow you to hone your analytical and essay writing skills. The course will comprise a variety of different study methods including debates and discussions, independent research and evidence-based questions and essays.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please see the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10.

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by external examination.

Did you know that the average salary for Politics graduates is

£32,500

Source: Totaljobs.com: Average salary for politics jobs

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PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

An A Level in Psychology can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from counselling to teaching. As a highly regarded subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including counselling, social work, teaching or nursing.

CONTENT

No prior knowledge of the subject is required to study Psychology at A Level. Psychology is a fascinating yet challenging subject and a very popular A Level and degree choice.

Throughout this course you will learn how to construct logical discussions and how to employ scientific evidence to support or challenge theories on behaviour. You will also extend your understanding of human behaviour and hone your writing, debating and research skills. The following are examples of some of the topics that you will cover over the two years; schizophrenia, romantic relationships, social influence, attachment, psychopathology, research methods and issues and debates.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Science at a grade 9-5.

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by an exam.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL

An A Level in Religious Studies can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from teaching to archaeology. As a highly regarded subject, it opens doors to a range of career paths including law, philosophy, social work, teaching and community work.

Once you're trained in your chosen field, your qualification will open up a whole new world of possibilities – you could go on to become a teacher, anthropologist, solicitor, or even a diplomat, depending on what you go on to study at university.

CONTENT

During your course, you will develop an in-depth understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and teachings, as well as the disciplines of ethics and philosophy of religion. Your course will be thoroughly engaging and further develop your interest in Religious Studies. The topics you will study include philosophy of religion, arguments about the existence or non-existence of God, the challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil, the possibility of life after death.

You will also take part in debates surrounding the concept of conscience and free will, the

influence on ethical thought and its developments in religious beliefs and the philosophy of religion. In addition to this, you will study developments in Christian thought, religious beliefs, values and teachings, sources of religious wisdom and authority, practices which shape and express religious identity, and how these vary within Christianity.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Religious Studies (if you've taken it) at grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed entirely by external examination.

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Kafilat – A Level Sociology Psychology, History

“I came to CTK because it was the best sixth form option for me. The taster day I attended showed me that the quality of teaching is really good. I would recommend CTK to anyone as I really enjoyed the teaching and the support that I received from the staff. I was lucky enough to win a CTK scholarship from private capital fund management firm Metric Capital worth £15,000, I'm so grateful for the opportunities CTK gave me. I'm going to study Law and Sociology at the University of Warwick, after achieving an A in Sociology, A in Psychology and B in History.”



SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL

An A Level in Sociology can be the starting point to a variety of careers – from social work to teaching. As a well-respected subject it opens doors to a range of career paths including politics, teaching, law and anthropology. It can lead to several career paths including social work, nursing, teaching, policing, the civil service and legal professions.

CONTENT

Your Sociology course will develop your critical thinking skills, encourage you to evaluate sociological thinking and change the way you see the world and your place in it. You will consider Sociology in the context of education, families and households, crime and deviance, beliefs in society, theory and research methods. You will also conduct in depth analysis of sociological theories and reflect on your own experience of the social world, applying it to your study of society.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Sociology (if you've taken it) at grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by three two-hour exams.

Priestess – A Level Sociology, Religious Studies, Law

“I achieved an A in Sociology, A in Religious Studies and B in Law – I've secured a place at the University of Sheffield to study Law. I'm looking forward to taking a gap year to gain work experience before I take up my place. I'd recommend CTK because my teachers have been really supportive and the facilities such as the LRC are great.”



SPANISH A LEVEL

Your A Level in Spanish can lead to a range of career paths including translating, interpreting, finance, law, sales and marketing, tourism, language translation, diplomatic service and teaching. In addition to this, the knowledge of a foreign language can allow you to pursue any career at an international level. An A Level in a Modern Foreign Language would be beneficial to a great majority of courses at university and would be particularly helpful if you choose to spend a year abroad.

CONTENT

Your course will help you expand upon your knowledge of Spanish culture and develop your linguistic skills. You will focus on a range of historical and contemporary topics which will further develop your understanding of Spain and Latin American countries.

You will also study Spanish literature and film, which will encourage you to keep up to date with current affairs. You will also have the opportunity to travel to Spain, to improve your linguistic skills and knowledge of Spanish culture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general entry requirements for CTK Aquinas on page 10, you will also need GCSE Spanish at a grade 9-6.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed on four key skill areas including listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar manipulation through translation.



CTK has outstanding results and excellent facilities. My teachers helped me realise the career path I wanted to take.

Tami

Class of 2019 Highlights

Rose Figueroa Cunha

- History – A
 - Sociology – A*
 - Politics – A
- Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick

Penelope Bentham

- English Literature – A*
 - Geography – A
 - Psychology – A*
- English Literature at Durham University

I went to a partner school and so came to the CTK taster day. I'm so glad I chose CTK and got the results I hoped for.

Priestess

Veronica Marafini

- French – A
 - Spanish – A
 - Italian – A*
 - Business – B
- Translation and Interpretation at the University of East Anglia

Mambo-Kien Awah Alanga

- Mathematics – A
 - Chemistry – A
 - Biology – B
- Biomedical Science at St George's University

Chibuzo Amatoby

- Psychology – A
 - English Literature – A
 - Politics – B
- Law at the University of Nottingham

Kieran Reidy

- Law – A
 - Geography – A
 - History – B
- Law at Queen Mary University

Kafilat Alogba

- Sociology – A
 - Psychology – A
 - History – B
- Law and Sociology at the University of Warwick

Priestess Bassey

- Sociology – A
 - Religious Studies – A
 - Law – B
- Law at the University of Sheffield

Tiffany Akintayo

- Psychology – A
 - Sociology – A
 - Religious Studies – B
- Midwifery at the University of Hertfordshire

The support I got from my teachers made a huge impact on me achieving my grades.

Danielle

Leva Barkauskaite

- Sociology – A
 - Law – B
 - Psychology – B
- Criminology and Psychology at City of London University

Tai-Jade Shelley

- Sociology – A
 - Law – B
 - Psychology – B
- Criminology and Psychology at City University

Amy Hoang

- Sociology – A
 - Business – B
 - English Language and Literature – B
- Management with Economics at Goldsmiths University

I can't wait to start my Law degree at Nottingham University! I was really supported by my teachers and felt part of a community during my time here.

Cee Cee

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application form or find it at ctkaquinas.ac.uk

If you are an ambitious student who wants to pursue your education in a sixth form setting, we look forward to receiving your application. We welcome students of every faith and none, but all students must respect and support our Catholic ethos and values.

For more information on how to apply, our full admissions policy can be found online at ctkaquinas.ac.uk

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