THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels were brand new two-year technical courses introduced in 2020 to provide students with the skills and knowledge to progress into technical careers

They are an exciting alternative to A Levels for students who know their Post 18 career plans.

Developed with employers, they are designed to provide the skills and knowledge required to get into a technical career.

T Levels combine classroom study with a substantial industry placement.

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Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form was one of just 52 providers nationally selected to offer the first T Levels in 2020, starting with Education and Childcare and Digital. In 2023, we will be increasing our T Level offer by introducing Business Management and Administration.



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How do T Levels work?

T Levels are two-year courses that can be studied after GCSEs. They are an alternative study option to other existing qualifications such as A Levels and Apprenticeships and will provide progression routes into skilled and technical employment, or onto higher/degree apprenticeships and university.

Academic and Technical

These qualifications will be a mix of theoretical work learnt within the classroom at Sixth Form and valuable practical experience aimed on industry placements with local employers working in partnership with the Sixth Form.



Occupational specific

The idea behind T levels is to allow students to gain the knowledge and skills which will enable them to directly enter employment on completion of Sixth Form.



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Our economy is changing; our community is changing. We are in a digital age. The Department for Education recognised the need to adapt to suit this change in climate to prepare our young people to meet industry needs. A Levels were introduced in 1954, BTECs were introduced in 1988 and GCSEs were introduced in the early 1990s. The T Levels have been designed and introduced as an evolution in the education system. T Levels are fit for purpose to allow us to rival other worldwide technical education.

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Digital

Core Knowledge

Choosing to study the Digital T Level students will gain core knowledge in a variety of areas, including:

- Looking at the Business Context
- Concepts and Fundamentals of Data
- Legislation, Ethical and Moral Issues
- Digital Analysis
- Digital Environments
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Emerging Technology Trends and Innovations
- Security
- Digital Tools
- Planning and Testing



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Occupational Specialism

Your specialism will be in Digital Production, Design and Development.

Studying this specialism, you will:

- Analyse a problem to define requirements and acceptance criteria aligned to user needs
- Design, implement and test software
- Change, maintain and support software
- Create solutions in a social and collaborative environment
- Discover, evaluate and apply reliable sources of knowledge
- Apply ethical principles and manage risks in line with legal and regulatory requirements when developing software

Industry placement

As part of this course students will spend 45 days in a relevant workplace developing practical and technical skills with an employer.

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Business

Core Knowledge

Choosing to study the **Management and Administration** T Level, students will gain core knowledge in a variety of areas, including:

- Business Context
- People

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- Quality
- Finance
- Policies and Procedures
- Project and Change Management
- Business Behaviours



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Occupational Specialism

Will be Team Leadership and Management

Studying this specialism, you will:

- •Lead, Manage and develop individuals and teams to meet set outcomes
- Build relationships with colleagues, customers and other stakeholders
- Deliver Core operational tasks and plans
- Manage and implement projects
- Apply governance and compliance requirements

Industry placement

As part of this course, students will spend 45 days in a relevant workplace developing practical and technical skills with an employer.

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Education

Core Knowledge

Choosing to study the Education T Level students will gain core knowledge in a variety of areas, including:

- Wider context
- Supporting education
- Safeguarding, health and safety and well-being
- Behaviour
- Parents, families and carers
- Working with others
- Child development
- Observation and assessment
- Reflective practice
- Equality and diversity
- Special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language

Occupational Specialism

Your specialism will be in Early Years to allow students to gain the Early Years Educator Status which is a license to practise straight after Sixth Form Studying this specialism, you will:

- Support and promote children's play, development and early education
- Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress
- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children
- Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

Industry placement

As part of this course, students will spend 750 hours in a relevant workplace developing practical and technical skills with an employer. where they will be assessed on their competencies.

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Education and Childcare

Core Knowledge

Students will gain core knowledge in a variety of areas, including:

- Behaviour
- Child Development
- Equality and Diversity
- Parents, Families and Carers
- Safeguarding, Health and Safety & Wellbeing

Occupational specialism

This will focus on early years' education and childcare.

- Support and promote children's play, development and early education
- Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress

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- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children
- Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

Industry placement

Students will develop practical and technical skills as part of an industry placement with an employer two days per week.



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Register your interest

If you are currently in Year 11 and interested in studying a T Level in September 2023 in either Digital, Education and Childcare or Management and Administration, at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form, you can register your interest by emailing sixthformtsa@yare-edu.org.uk. Please stipulate which T level you are interested in studying and someone will get back to you.

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