



# TOWNLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Sixth Form Curriculum for 2017-18

The government recently introduced a phased reform of the A-Level system and from September 2017, reformed A-Levels will be linear in structure, which means that:

1. To obtain the full A-Level qualification students will undertake a two-year course with all qualifying examinations taken at the end, assessing all learning over the two year course
2. The AS-level examination will remain but as a stand-alone qualification, which will no longer count towards the final A-Level grade

## Townley Grammar School Curriculum Offer

Students will choose three full A-Level subjects to take in the Lower Sixth and will continue with these in to the Upper Sixth. Students will also be able to undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their three full A-Level subjects. (Please see overleaf for information on EPQ)

Some Higher Education courses require or advise that students study four subjects over the two years. This option will be appropriate for some students but they will need to achieve an Average Points Score of 52 or above in their GCSE examinations.

AS-Level courses will no longer be routinely offered as part of the Curriculum at Townley although some courses may still run when appropriate.

At Townley, we strongly believe that A-Levels continue to be the most appropriate and rigorous courses and examinations that have, and continue to enable our students to succeed in Higher Education, at specialist Performing Arts Colleges and Conservatoires, in employment and when undertaking Internships.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is supported and enriched by a 'Rounded and Grounded' Programme in Year 12 that enables students to develop additional skills and interests that compliment their formal academic courses.

	Extended Project Qualification
Exam Board	AQA
	EPQ can be studied alongside you're A Level programme. Students will be allocated an EPQ advisor to guide them through the qualification.
Essential skills	The EPQ requires students to carry out research on a topic that they have chosen and is not covered by their other qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production. A student can take inspiration from something studied in class or something completely unrelated to their studies.
Overview	<p>The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop a students' skills in independent research and project management.</p> <p>The Extended Project Qualification offers opportunities for students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a significant contribution to the choice and design on an extended project and take responsibility for the outcome.</li> <li>• Develop and improve their own learning and performance as a critical, reflective learner</li> <li>• Develop and apply decision-making and, where appropriate problem solving skills</li> <li>• Extend their planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills</li> <li>• Use their learning experiences to support their aspirations for higher education</li> <li>• Transfer skills developed as part of their extended project to other areas of study.</li> </ul>
University requirements	<i>The EPQ is awarded UCAS points worth half of an A Level and is widely recognised by universities and employers as a valuable qualification.</i>