



Stevenson College Edinburgh
Highers and Intermediates
Programme 2009/10



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Intermediates, Highers and Advanced Highers Programme

This brochure details all the Intermediate, Higher and Advanced Higher subjects available through Stevenson College Edinburgh.

Individual subjects may be studied on a part-time basis and some may also be available as open learning and evening classes, subject to demand.

A full-time programme will be based on a group of related subjects, depending on your qualifications and interest. Subjects are grouped into the following broad areas:

Science, Social Studies, Arts and Languages, and Business Studies.

To be considered full-time you need to take:

3 Advanced Highers + tutorial + 1 option*

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Other possible combinations are:

2 Highers + 2 Intermediates + tutorial

1 Higher + 3 Intermediates + tutorial

We do not normally timetable students for more than three Higher subjects.

*The options available include First Aid, IT, Research Skills and Oral Presentation Skills.

How to Apply

To apply, please complete an application form and state which subjects and the level you wish to study. You should check that you will have the entry requirements.

Range of Subjects Available

Advanced Highers

Biology, Chemistry, French, Mathematics, Physics, Spanish

Highers

Accounting, Administration, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, Computing, Early Education & Childcare, Economics, English, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), French, History, Human Biology, Mathematics, Media Studies, Modern Studies, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish.

Intermediate 2

Administration, Biology, Care, Chemistry, English, French, Mathematics, Psychology, Spanish

Intermediate 1

English, French, Mathematics, Spanish

Subjects available through Open Learning may include:

Advanced Higher: English, French*, Italian*, Spanish*

Higher: Biology, English, French*, German, Human Biology, Italian*, Mathematics, Politics, Psychology, Spanish*

Intermediate 2: Biology, Mathematics

Intermediate 1: Mathematics

*e-learning only

Students for Open Learning must be enrolled by 30 September 2009.

Our in-college evening classes include Higher English and Intermediate 2 Mathematics and we also provide evening classes at Boroughmuir High School, organised through Community Education, in Higher English, French, Mathematics, Psychology and Spanish. Advanced Higher Spanish may also be available, please contact the College to confirm. Intermediate 2 ESOL is also available at Boroughmuir.

Entry Requirements

The general entry requirements are:

Intermediate 1: Standard Grade 5 or 6

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE at C or D or equivalent units

Highers: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE at A or B or equivalent units

Advanced Highers: Higher at A or B

Please Note: Some subjects have alternative entry requirements. Check individual subjects for specific entry requirements.

What Can I Do Next?

Intermediates are a preparation for Highers or other courses at College and can be seen as an alternative to Standard Grade.

Highers are normally required to get into higher education courses at university or College.

Advanced Highers are given the same value as A Levels by UCAS and are taken by those who have passed a Higher in that subject.

Times

All courses commence week beginning 31 August 09 and run for an academic year. However, if you choose to study by open learning you can start in June.

Fees

£170 per subject or £1017 for a full-time course, if you are self funding.

Bursary

Students on a full-time programme, as described above, may be eligible for a bursary which helps with living and travel expenses.

Young people who are 18 before the start of the course may be entitled to Educational Maintenance Allowance.

Tutorial

You will see your tutor every week at specific times during your course. These sessions are important, as your tutor is your central contact with whom you will be working closely throughout the year.

The aim of these weekly sessions is to help you have a successful year by:

- helping you settle in and find your way about
- making sure that your programme consists of the right subjects at the right level
- helping you set yourself realistic goals and therefore keeping motivated
- encouraging learning techniques that work for you
- introducing you to the resources that are available, showing you where to find them and how to use them
- helping you cope with pressure

Exam Entry

To be entered for exams you will need to collect a form from the Examination Section of the College Office, complete the form, get it signed by all your lecturers and by your tutor and return it to the College office by **6 November**.

If you do not fill in and return the examination entry form, you will not be able to sit the exam.

The College has the right to withdraw you from any or all of the examinations you have entered if you have not been attending classes punctually or regularly or you are not making satisfactory progress.

Higher Accounting

Higher Accounting focuses on the preparation and analysis of financial accounting information for managers and external users and the preparation of costing information (including the preparation of budgets using spreadsheets) for managers and other internal users.

A range of methods are used to enable students to understand and prepare accounting information.

Higher, units covered:

- Financial Accounting – the preparation of final accounts for profit and not for profit organisations and the analysis of the financial accounting information (partnerships, limited companies and clubs and societies)
- Management Accounting – classifying and controlling costs, costing techniques and budgeting to analyse projects and make decisions.

Entry Requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Accounting and Finance and/or Maths.

NB It is possible to join the Higher without the necessary standard grades or equivalent in the subject but prior knowledge is desirable.

Course materials

The recommended textbooks for the Higher course are:

“Business Accounting Volume 1” by Frank Wood and Alan Songster, ISBN10: 0273681494.

“Business Accounting Volume 2” by Frank Wood and Alan Songster, ISBN10: 0273683107.

SQA Higher Accounting Past Papers produced by Leckie and Leckie.

Intermediate 2 / Higher Administration

This course will enable you to learn how to carry out administrative tasks and acquire skills in processing, sorting, checking, storing and outputting information in a modern organisation.

Intermediate 2, units covered:

- IT for Administrators – Students will develop skills in spreadsheets, database and word-processing and use this software to solve business problems and offer solutions.
- Administrative Services – This unit adds theoretical underpinning and looks at modern working practices, contracts of employment, the role and activities carried out in different functional departments, arranging business travel, and use of the internet and office technologies in the modern office.
- Presenting & Communicating Information – uses internet, electronic diary, e-mail, word processing and presentation software (PowerPoint) to present & communicate information.

Higher, units covered:

- Administrative Services – Students will: explain strategies which can be employed to ensure effectiveness in the workplace; describe the impact of changing work practices on the modern working environment; describe the procedures and processes involved in recruiting, developing and supporting staff; explain how formal meetings are planned, conducted and supported; explain the importance of providing customer service.
- Information Technology for Management – Students will: explain the role of information in decision making; describe the impact of ICT (Word Processing, Database, PowerPoint, e-mail and electronic diary) on workflow, working practices and management and security of information; use ICT (as above) to solve business problems, communicate, and present solutions.

Entry Requirements

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in Administration.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Administration.

Course materials

There are no mandatory textbooks for this course. However, if you wanted a reference book, you could buy:

“Higher and Intermediate 2 Administration”, by Ann Hackston and Margaret Darroch, ISBN: 0340905603.

“Higher Administration”, by Caroline Patterson and Moira Stephen, published by Leckie and Leckie, ISBN: 978-1-84372-286-1
(This book can be purchased via the college at a discount)

Intermediate 2* / Higher* / Advanced Higher Biology

These courses can make an important contribution to your knowledge and understanding of the physical and natural world. These courses are designed to develop the knowledge and skills that will form a basis for further study or employment related to biology. *Only the Intermediate 2 and Higher qualifications are available by Open Learning.

Intermediate 1, units covered:

- Health and Technology
- Biotechnological Industries
- Growing Plants

Intermediate 2, units covered:

- Living cells
- Environmental Biology and Genetics
- Animal Physiology

Higher, units covered:

- Cell Biology
- Genetics and Adaptation
- Control and Regulation

Advanced Higher, units covered:

- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Environmental Biology
- Biotechnology
- Biology Investigation

Entry Requirements

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in Biology.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Biology.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in Biology.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for the Intermediate 2 course is:

“Intermediate 2 Biology” 2nd Edition by James Torrance, published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0-340-91207-3

The recommended textbook for the Higher course is:

“New Higher Biology” 2nd Edition by James Torrance, by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0-340-74319-0

Learning and Teaching Scotland publish a set of books for the Advanced Higher course for each unit which can be obtained through your class tutor once classes have started.

Higher Business Management

This course offers you the opportunity to study the key elements of management in the context of the business as a whole. The course focuses on the key functional areas of business (marketing, finance, human resource management and operations) in all types of organisations. The core of the course is to acquire skills and knowledge which will enable you to participate in the complex world of business and information.

Higher, units covered:

- Business Enterprise
- Business Decision Areas

Entry Requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Business Management.

NB - It is possible to join Higher Business Management without the necessary standard grades or equivalent in the subject but prior knowledge is desirable.

Course materials

The recommended textbook is:

“Intermediate 2 and Higher Business Management Course Notes” by Ann Miller, published by Leckie and Leckie, ISBN: 1843724634

Intermediate 2 Care

This course includes three units, which together give essential knowledge and understanding underpinning work within the social care sector.

The three units covered are:

- Sociology for Care
- Psychology for care
- Values and Principles

It gives you the opportunity to investigate psychological and sociological theories and to examine the important values and principles underpinning work with people in care settings. You will apply what you learn to real life situations.

This course would be beneficial to anyone who is thinking about following a career in social care.

Entry Requirements

Standard Grade English at general level 3 **PLUS ONE** of the following:

Int 1 Care or its units

Int 1 Early Education and Childcare

1 standard grade at general level 3 or 4

Intermediate 2* / Higher* / Advanced Higher Chemistry

These courses can make an important contribution to your knowledge and understanding of the physical and natural world. *Only the Intermediate 2 and Higher qualifications are available by Open Learning.

Intermediate 2, units covered:

- Building Blocks (introduction to elements, compounds, atoms, molecules, chemical reactions and bonds)
- Carbon Compounds
- Acids, Bases and Metals

Higher, units covered:

- Energy Matters
- The World of Carbon
- Chemical Reactions

Advanced Higher, units covered:

- Electronic Structure and the Periodic Table
- Principles of Chemical Reactions
- Organic Chemistry
- Chemical Investigation

Entry Requirements

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in Chemistry. NB a Standard Grade credit Intermediate 2 in another science allows entry.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Chemistry. NB a Standard Grade 1 / 2 equivalent is recommended.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in Chemistry.

Course materials

The required textbook for the Intermediate 2 course is:

“Intermediate 2 Chemistry” 2nd Edition by Norman Conquest, published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0-340-91210-3

The required textbook for the Higher course is:

“New Higher Chemistry” by Eric Allan and John Harris, published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN: 034072479X

Learning and Teaching Scotland publish a set of books for the Advanced Higher course for each unit which can be obtained through your class tutor once classes have started.

Higher Computing

The development of computing over the last decades has been significant in terms of speed and scope. Computing is both a science and a technology and has wide ranging social implications. This is a technical course where you will learn about what makes computers work rather than how to use computers. You should have studied some kind of programming before, the specific programming language is not important.

Higher, units covered:

- Computer Systems - Data representation; computer structure; peripherals; networking; computer software.
- Software Development - Software development process; software development languages and environments; high level programming language constructs; standard algorithms. This unit is very practical, with more than 50% of the time dedicated to practical work.
- Computer Networking - Network protocols; network applications; network security; data transmission.

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Computing. NB Mature students or students who have proven academic ability that do not have the necessary standard grades or equivalent will also be considered.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for the Higher course is:

“Higher Computing” 2nd edition by John Walsh, ISBN 10:0340905638

SCHOLAR Online Materials are also used.

Higher Early Education & Childcare

Higher Early Education & Childcare gives you the opportunity to investigate theories of development and the behaviour of children and also to study the various agencies and professionals involved in child health.

Higher units covered are:

- Child Development: Birth to Twelve Years - In this unit, students will study the growth, development and the behaviour of children from birth to twelve years of age.
- Development Theory - This unit involves the investigation and evaluation of developmental theories relating to children from birth to twelve years of age.
- Holistic Approaches to Child Health - Students will investigate the health needs of children from birth to twelve years of age and evaluate the main influencing factors. They will also study the contributions that various agencies and professionals make towards the promotion of children's health.

Entry requirements

Higher: 4 Standard Grades at level 1 or 2 including English or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Early Education & Childcare.

Course materials

There are two recommended textbooks for the course:

“Child Development: An Illustrated Guide (Birth to 16 years)” by Carolyn Meggitt, ISBN 0-435-42048-8

“An Introduction to Child Development” by G.C.Davenport, ISBN 0-00-322355-8

Higher Economics

This course gives you the opportunity to increase your knowledge and understanding of economic principles.

Higher units covered:

- Microeconomics – The basic economic problem; supply and demand
- The UK Economy – National income; inflation and employment; the role of Government in the economy; Government economic policies.
- The International Economy – International trade and payments; the international economic environment.

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Economics. NB Mature students or students who have proven academic ability and do not have the necessary standard grades or equivalent will also be considered.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for this course is:

“Introductory Economics” by Stanlake and SJ Grant, ISBN 0-582-40548-3.

Intermediate 1 / Intermediate 2 / Higher / Advanced Higher English

Being competent in English is the key to success in many aspects of life and work. This course will improve your writing skills and extend your knowledge of literature in prose, poetry and drama. Advanced Higher is only available by Open Learning.

Intermediate 1/2 units covered:

- Language Study
- Literary Study
- Personal Study

Higher units covered:

- Language Study
- Literary Study
- Personal Study

Advanced Higher units covered:

- Literary Study
- Specialist Study
- Creative Writing

Entry requirements

Intermediate 1: Standard Grade 5 or 6 in English.

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in English.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in English.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in English

Course Materials

A good dictionary, such as Collins or Oxford will be helpful.

Publications by Leckie and Leckie – past papers other study guides are not mandatory but may be helpful.

“Higher English Language Skills” by Frith and Ralston, published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0716932245

“English Language Skills for Intermediate Level” published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0716960184, may also be helpful.

In addition, tutors will specify a novel and/or play for study which you will be expected to buy.

Higher English (Exam Only)

This course will prepare you to re-sit the Higher English exam having already passed the required units. The work of the Higher is covered in full, focusing on the exam without the need for unit assessments.

Entry requirements

Students who have passed all the English Higher units or do the course by Open Learning, may join the exam only class or do the Exam Only Open Learning Course. Study of new literature texts will be required.

Higher ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

This course is for people who want to improve their use of English for entry to university or further study. This course develops reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in an academic context, and includes: Improving accuracy in grammar, pronunciation developing vocabulary range, developing study skills and independent learning. The course also includes preparation for the IELTS test.

Higher units covered:

- Everyday Communication (double unit)
- Study- Related Contexts

Entry requirements

Intermediate 2 ESOL or Cambridge FCE or IELTS 5.5

Course Materials

A good ESOL Learner's Dictionary, such as Longman or Cambridge would be useful.

In addition, tutors will specify a course book which you will be expected to buy.

Intermediate 1 / Intermediate 2 / Higher / Advanced Higher French

This course will develop your ability to use the French language in useful and relevant contexts. The four skill areas are listening, speaking, reading and writing. In addition, the course provides you with knowledge of France and the customs and way of life of the French people. Only the Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications are available by Open Learning (E-learning). Only Higher qualification is available in the evening.

Entry requirements

Intermediate 1: there are no formal entry requirements but an interest in languages is essential.

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in French.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in French.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in French.

Course materials

It is recommended that you buy an extensive French/English Dictionary such as Collins or Oxford versions.

A copy of the French text for the extended reading unit at Higher will be provided by the college.

Higher History

This course will provide breadth and depth in your knowledge and understanding of historical themes through a study of chosen period contexts. It will also develop your skills in explaining historical development and events, evaluation of sources and drawing conclusions.

Units covered:

- Britain 1850 to 1939
- The growth of Nationalism 1815 -1939
- Appeasement and Road to War.

Entry requirements

Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in History or a 'social science' subject plus English Standard Grade 1 or 2.

Course materials

The recommended textbooks for the Higher course are:

"The Growth of Nationalism, Germany and Italy 1815-1939" R Cameron, C Henderson and C Robertson, Pulse Publications.

"Appeasement and the Road to War" R Cameron, Pulse Publications.

"Changing Britain 1850-1979" R Morrison, E Morrison, T Monaghan, Pulse Publications.

Additional class materials will also be provided.

Higher Human Biology

You will develop an understanding of biological principles that can be applied to the many issues facing individuals and society today, such as health care and increasing population. The course covers the structure and function of the human body. Five sections are studied: cell function, life support mechanisms, the biological basis of behaviour, continuation of the species and population studies.

Units covered:

- Cell Function and Inheritance
- The Continuation of Life
- Behaviour, Populations and The Environment

Entry requirements

Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Human Biology.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for the Higher course is:

“Higher Human Biology” by James Torrance, published by Hodder Gibson, ISBN 0-340-80461-0.

Intermediate 1 / Intermediate 2 / Higher / Advanced Higher Mathematics

This course enables you to build on your mathematical experience. Abstract mathematical concepts are covered as well as mathematical techniques which are useful in everyday life and further study or employment. Only Intermediate 1 and 2 and the Higher are available by Open Learning.

Please note that there are two Intermediate 2 Mathematics courses available for study:

- The first Intermediate 2 Maths course is aimed primarily at those who intend to use the course as a means of progressing to Higher Maths.
- The second Intermediate 2 Maths course is aimed at those who do not intend to take a further qualification in Mathematics but simply wish to gain a qualification at this level. It can also be used to gain entry to a range of courses such as the Postgraduate Diploma of Education in some teacher training institutions.

Entry requirements

Intermediate 1: Standard Grade 5 or 6 in Mathematics.

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in Mathematics.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Mathematics

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in Mathematics.

Course materials

You will need a scientific calculator for all Mathematics courses.

You will also need the recommended textbook(s) for the level of the course you are studying. These are:

For Intermediate 1: "Maths In Action: Intermediate 1 Mathematics" published by Nelson Thornes, ISBN 0-17-431497-3.

For Intermediate 2: "Maths In Action: Intermediate 2 Mathematics" published by Nelson Thornes, ISBN 0-17-431494-9.

For Higher: "Maths In Action: Higher Mathematics" published by Nelson Thornes, ISBN 0-17-431499-X.

For Advanced Higher: "Maths in Action: Advanced Higher Mathematics", Books 1, 2 and 3 published by Nelson Thornes, ISBNs 0-17-431541-4, 0-17-431542-2 and 0-17-431543-0.

Past exam papers (these will not be required until later in the course).

Higher Mathematics (Exam Only)

This course will prepare you to re-sit the Higher Mathematics exam having already passed the required units. The work of the Higher is covered in full, focusing on the exam without the need for unit assessments.

Entry requirements

Students who have passed all the Mathematics Higher units

Higher Media Studies

What's so great about the latest blockbuster? Why do some adverts make you laugh? Why does that irritating song always get played on the radio? If you really want to know the answers, try Media Studies.

Media Studies gives you the opportunity to look at how everyday television and radio programmes are made and controlled.

You'll also be working in a team on a practical media project, for example a radio programme or a short film.

Higher, units covered:

- Media Analysis, Fiction
- Media Analysis, Non-Fiction
- Media Production

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Media studies or English.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for this course is:

"The Dictionary of Media and Communications Studies" by James Watson and Ann Hill, ISBN 0340808292

Higher Modern Studies

This course will increase your knowledge of contemporary issues within the UK and the wider world and develop a deeper understanding of political and social affairs. Only the higher qualification is available by Open Learning.

Higher, units covered:

- Political issues
- Social Issues
- International issues

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in English or Modern studies.

Course materials

The recommended textbooks for both courses are:

“UK Politics Today” by Frank Cooney and Peter Fotheringham published by Pulse Publications, ISBN: 0948766808

“Studies in International Relations” 2nd edition 2006 by G. Clarke, F. Cooney, I. Morrison, G. Pont

Higher Music

Music plays a prominent part in our cultural life. Through the study of Higher Music, you will experience music as a performer, composer and listener. You must be able to confidently play at least one musical instrument before you start the course and you will need to audition or send a demonstration recording of your performance.

Higher, units:

- Composing – You will have to compose a folio of two short pieces, each with a minimum length of one minute. Each piece must be accompanied with a score/performance plan and programme notes. The music you compose could be intended for live musicians or music software. SCE has Sibelius software available to music students.
- Listening – Listen to and identify a wide range of musical concepts and stylistic features. You will listen to a wide variety of music and identify a wide range of concepts and stylistic features.
- Performing – You must prepare a programme of pieces on two instruments. An instrument can also include your singing voice.

Entry requirements

Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Music.

Course materials

You will have to provide your own musical instrument.

Higher Philosophy

This course allows you to investigate the nature and scope of philosophy and explore different points of view and arguments. You will develop skills in evaluating evidence, presenting arguments and justifying conclusions.

Units covered:

- Critical thinking in philosophy – Understanding effective and ineffective arguments and how to analyse them philosophically.
- Metaphysics – Metaphysical debate such as: “Is there a rational basis for the belief in God?” or “Do we have free will?”
- Epistemology – Studies the nature and scope of knowledge. Questions such as “what is knowledge?” and “can knowledge claims be justified?” are answered.
- Moral philosophy – Moral philosophy is concerned with the difference between right and wrong. This unit will cover issues like animal rights, punishment and abortion.

Entry requirements

Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B in English and a ‘social’ subject (History, Modern Studies etc.)

Course materials

There is no textbook for this course, but class materials will be provided.

Higher / Advanced Higher Physics

You will develop skills necessary for finding solutions to scientific problems, such as experimenting, investigating and analysing; and gain a deeper insight into the structure of the subject.

Higher, units covered:

- Radiation and Matter
- Mechanics and Properties of Matter
- Electricity and Electronics

Advanced Higher, units covered:

- Mechanics
- Electrical Phenomena
- Wave Phenomena
- Physics Investigation

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Physics. NB a Standard Grade 1 / 2 equivalent is recommended.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in Physics. NB a Higher in Maths is recommended.

Course materials

The required textbook for the Higher course is:

“Higher Still Physics” by Geoff Cackett and Jim Lowry, ISBN: 019914737X

Learning and Teaching Scotland publish a set of books for the Advanced Higher course for each unit which can be obtained through your class tutor once classes have started.

Higher Psychology

This course examines the psychological approach to understanding human behaviour. Only the Higher is available by Open Learning.

Higher, units covered:

- Understanding the Individual: three topics – Early socialisation, memory and stress
- Investigating Behaviour: Research methods and a research investigation worth 20% of the higher
- Individual in Social Context: two topics – Social psychology and definitions and origins of atypical behaviour such as schizophrenia, phobias and depression.

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Psychology or another social subject (e.g. history, modern studies) and English.

Course materials

The recommended textbook for the Higher course is:

'Higher Psychology', by M.Williamsom, M.Cardwell, C.Flanagan.

Higher Sociology

Sociology is concerned with understanding society and human behaviour - how does society work, and in what ways is the behaviour of individuals and groups influenced or determined by society.

Units include:

- Studying Human Society – Introduces a variety of sociological theories about society and human behaviour.
- Understanding Human Society 1 – two topics:
 1. Social Inequality, contrasting different theories on social class and social mobility.
 2. The sociology of education, including different theories on the functions of education, and explanations for differential achievement based on class, ethnicity and gender.
- Understanding Human Society 2 – two topics: 1) the sociology of crime and deviance, looking at different explanations of the crime rate and 2) the sociology of the mass media, looking at bias in the media, how much influence it has, and whether concentrated ownership has an influence on media content.

Entry requirements

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Sociology or another social subject (e.g. history, modern studies) plus English.

Course materials

There is no single textbook for this course, but class materials will be provided, and book details given at the start of the course

Intermediate 1 / Intermediate 2 / Higher / Advanced Higher Spanish

This course will develop your ability to use the Spanish language in useful and relevant contexts. The four skill areas are listening, speaking, reading and writing. In addition, the course will provide you with knowledge of Spain and the customs and way of life of the Spanish people. Only the Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications are available by Open Learning (E-learning). Beginner / Post Beginner and Higher qualifications are available in the evening. Advanced Higher may be possible in the evening, please contact the College to confirm.

Entry requirements

Intermediate 1: there are no formal entry requirements but an interest in languages is essential.

Intermediate 2: Standard Grade 3 or 4 or Intermediate 1 or GCSE C or D or equivalent units in Spanish.

Higher: Standard Grade 1 or 2 or Intermediate 2 or GCSE A or B or equivalent units in Spanish.

Advanced Higher: Higher A or B in Spanish.

Course materials

It is recommended that you buy an extensive Spanish/English Dictionary such as Collins or Oxford versions.

You may also have to buy a copy of the Spanish text for the extended reading unit at Higher and Advanced Higher levels.

Highers & Intermediates Programme 2009/2010 – Draft Timetable

Please Note: This is a draft timetable and is subject to change. Please see the College website to for more information – [www.stevenson.ac.uk / courses / college faculties overview / Access and Continuing Education](http://www.stevenson.ac.uk/courses/college_faculties_overview/Access_and_Continuing_Education)

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Timetable	Mon 9.00-11.15 Thurs 9.00-12.15	Mon 11.15 – 1.15 Fri 11.15 – 2.15	Mon 2.15-4.30 Wed 1.15-4.30	Tues 9.00-12.15 Fri 9.00-11.15	Tues 1.30-4.15 Thurs 1.30-4.15	Wed 9.00-12.15 Fri 2.15-4.30
Advanced Higher			Biology	Chemistry	Maths	Physics
			Spanish		French	
Higher	History Sociology		Psychology	Philosophy	Early Education Psychology Sociology	Modern Studies Psychology
	Chemistry		Physics	Biology	Human Biology	Human Biology
	Accounting		Economics	Business Management	Business Management Computing	Administration
			Spanish		French	
					Media Studies	Music
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