



“The school is led well by ... the headteacher who is providing a clear sense of direction that is focused on raising achievement ... supported by a leadership team, that has a strong and collective sense of purpose”
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An Inspirational Learning Community

Whilst committing to the aims and values embraced throughout our school, as a Sixth Former you will benefit from:

- the opportunity to learn and achieve high academic standards
- the opportunity to grow and become part of the community
- the opportunity to progress and make informed decisions about your future
- the opportunity to access Information, Advice and Guidance whenever you need it

In 1959 Nailsea School opened as a grammar school with just over 90 students. Today there are more than 1400 students achieving excellent academic results in a modern, forward-looking environment where “Every Child Matters”.

Why go to school when you can enjoy your life? At Nailsea School you don't need to make that choice. We can offer you the opportunity to learn and enjoy life at the same time. You will progress and be supported throughout your time in the Sixth Form; you will leave knowing that the results you have achieved and the choices you have made will set you up to enter a competitive world with confidence and enthusiasm. You will flourish in an atmosphere where achievements are celebrated, talents and abilities are fully developed, and you can appreciate the relevance and importance of the work you are engaged in. We will provide you with a challenging, vibrant and progressive learning

experience, in a friendly and sociable environment which exploits the best of modern technology.

A dynamic mix of individuals gives our Sixth Form a unique character. Whether you are new to Nailsea or a current student, you will be equally welcome. Over the next few pages we aim to give you a flavour of why Nailsea School offers you the best possible chance of future success.

David New - Headteacher
Visit us to experience first hand why Nailsea School is your best choice for success in the area
www.nailseaschool.com



The Opportunity to Learn

It can be daunting knowing that the decisions you make now could affect the rest of your life. This is why we offer flexible routes and high quality teaching enabling you to achieve the results you aspire to with the confidence to know you have chosen the right path.



At Nailsea School we aim for and achieve high academic standards. By matching your abilities with the right path of progression your ambitions can be achieved whatever your learning needs.

As well as offering a broad range of Level 3 courses we offer Level 2 courses which will allow you to take a 3 year route to A-Levels or equivalent

qualification. The exact number of courses and duration over which they are taken will match your ability to work independently and meet the demanding programme of study.


Our Specialist Status in Technology & Media Arts supports our teaching whilst enabling you to learn effectively and explore your chosen subjects in creative ways.





“ Significant numbers of students [in the Sixth Form] attain very high standards and a large proportion progress to higher education ”
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“ I’ve loved my time in the Sixth Form - thanks to everybody who devoted so much time and hard work to make it so great ”



“ Pupils assume responsibilities well. They show good skills in working with other pupils, mentoring them or acting as teaching assistants in tutor time. The School Council is highly effective. ”

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“ I really enjoyed the Sixth Form - the more relaxed atmosphere, the social side and the responsibility for your own learning all go to helping you grow up to be successful in the future ”

“ whilst being in Sixth Form we have not only been given the opportunity to travel to Australia, but also to carry out vital charity work helping children who are terminally ill ”



The Opportunity to Live

Learning is not just about academic achievement; learning is about enjoying life too. To be successful you need self-belief; you need to be able to work independently as well as within a team and you need to know you can embrace what life throws at you, with enthusiasm.

Maybe you see yourself as a budding politician or just believe you have something to say? If so, you could join the annual Global Young Leaders' Conference held in Washington DC or New York where you will have the chance to meet UN Diplomats or US Government officials. Alternatively you can voice your opinions closer to home as a member of the School Council or on our school "blog".

As a Sixth Former you will have the opportunity to undertake community service, giving you valuable experience in dealing with very different sectors of society.

You will also have the chance to get involved in activities around the School where you will develop friendships and responsibilities. As a Custodian you could be attached to a group of students as

a friend and general assistant. Or, as a Learning Partner, you can help a younger student with a subject they are struggling with whilst, yourself, receiving training and support to do this.

Whatever activities you choose to get involved in you know they will be fun, simultaneously equipping you with significant life skills and the potential to broaden your CV.





The Opportunity to Progress

Maybe you want to go to Oxford or Cambridge or maybe you want to go into work-based training; whatever your aspirations, together we can achieve them. As you move through the Sixth Form we will work with you to make your dreams become a reality.

In excess of 90% of you will go on to your university of choice, others may choose to go into employment or training. Many will opt for 4 AS levels in the first year and 3 A2s in the second, whilst others will prefer to study over 3 years. Whatever you decide, you can rest assured that the decisions you make will be informed and fully supported.

You will be encouraged to plan, carry out and evaluate a formal period of Work Experience. This will provide you with useful evidence of key skills and qualities which cannot be measured by examination grades alone. Formally noted in the points tariff, your Work Experience evaluation can be used for applying to higher education or as evidence to support a job application.


To help you with your selection and application process we will provide a trip to UCAS* Higher Education Fair, a conference for potential Oxbridge applicants or subject specific and general conferences with speakers from various universities.

For those of you preferring to go into work based training, there is the opportunity to attend job fairs or meet representatives from industry, Further Education colleges or other training providers for you to discuss your options.

Whichever path you choose, our experienced careers staff will be there to guide you.

*University Central Admissions Service





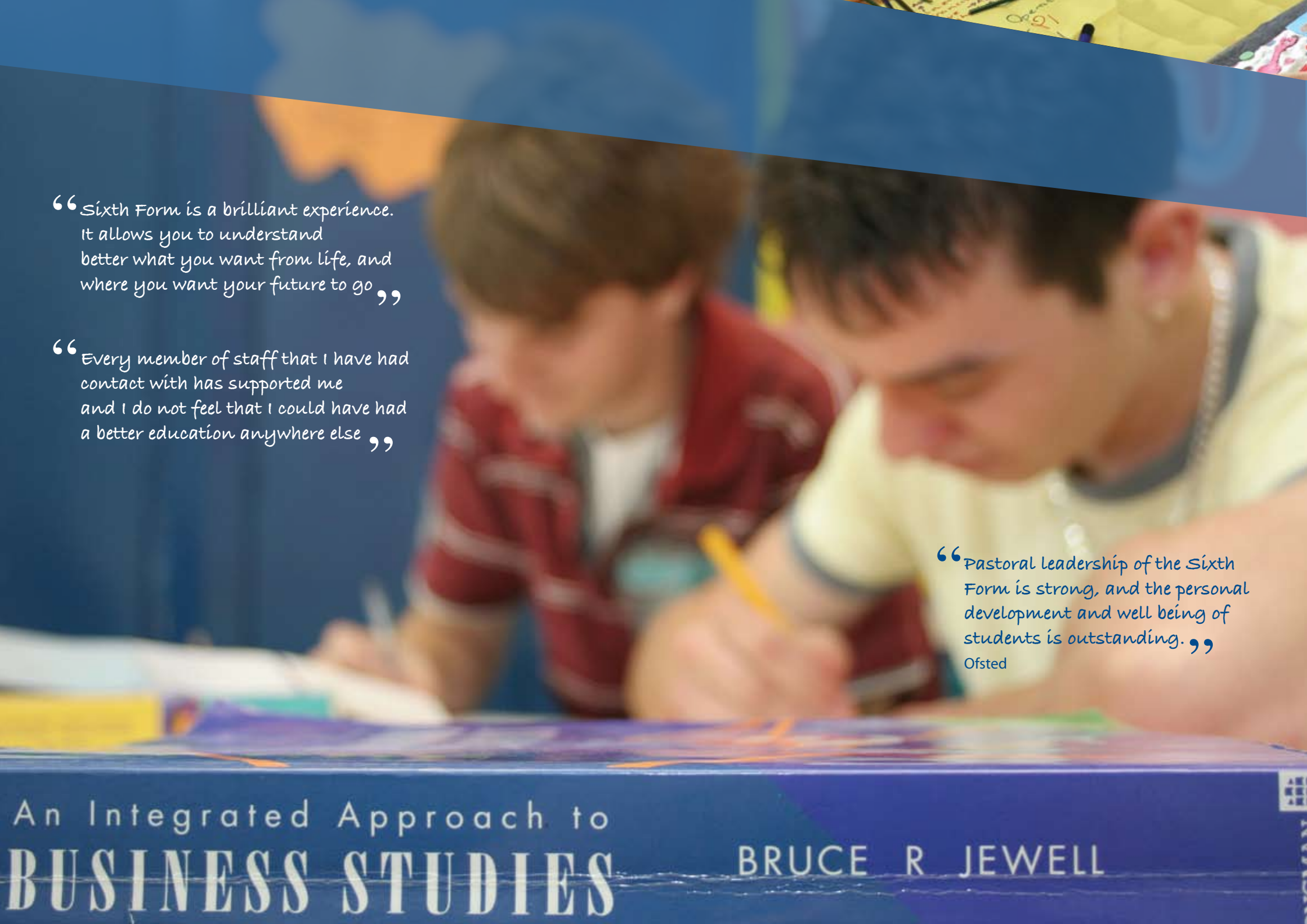
“ I feel ready to go to university ”

“ I am especially grateful to those teachers who encouraged me/helped me apply and get an offer from Cambridge ”

“ the support to help me to choose the right university course could not have been better ”



A REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE - “Promoting creativity in the classroom”

A photograph of two young men sitting at a table, focused on their work. The student on the left is wearing a red and white striped shirt, and the student on the right is wearing a light-colored shirt. They are both looking down at papers or books on the table. The background is a solid blue color. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue diagonal overlay at the top right.

“Sixth Form is a brilliant experience. It allows you to understand better what you want from life, and where you want your future to go.”

“Every member of staff that I have had contact with has supported me and I do not feel that I could have had a better education anywhere else.”

“Pastoral leadership of the Sixth Form is strong, and the personal development and well being of students is outstanding.”
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An Integrated Approach to
BUSINESS STUDIES

BRUCE R JEWELL



The Opportunity to access Information, Advice & Guidance

Having made your choice on the route you are going to take through the Sixth Form you need to know that you will have the support to help you achieve your goals. With proven expertise, our staff are here to guide you every step of the way.

As Custodians or Learning Partners you support and guide younger students. In the same way our staff are here to support and guide you through the Sixth Form and onwards to the next step of your journey.

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team has exceptional expertise in helping you choose the best course or career choice to match your abilities. They are there to help you with everything from

writing a personal statement, training on the UCAS website and setting up an on-line application to discussing any personal difficulties you may be facing.

Dedicated tutorials provide one-to-one or small group meetings with your tutor. These discussions will help you plan your progression through the Sixth Form and enable you to develop your skills as an independent learner.





Typical progression routes through Nailsea School Sixth Form

Your progression through the Sixth Form depends on your needs, abilities and determination. We will work with you to ensure the route you choose allows you to progress at a speed that suits you.

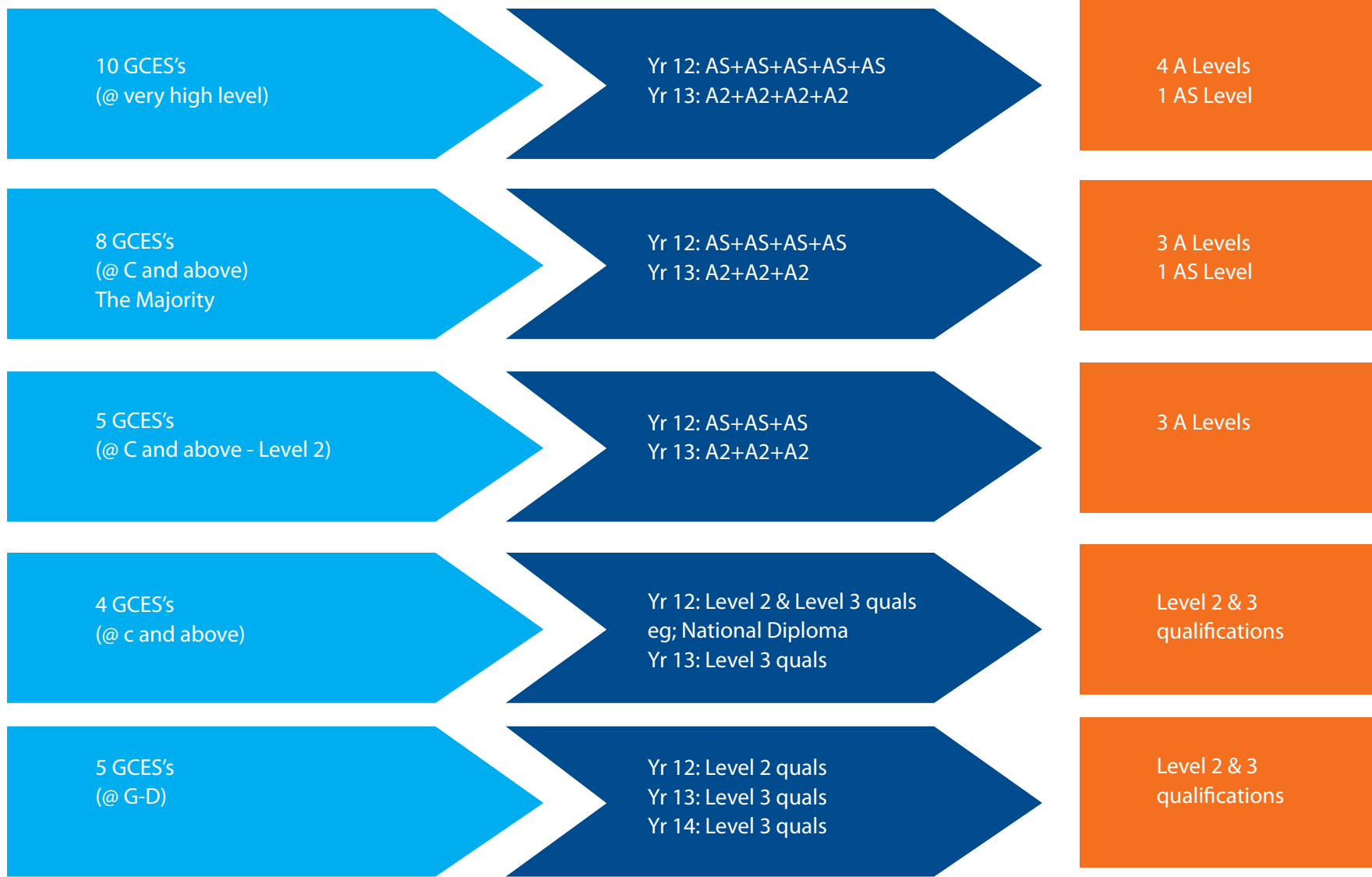
If you achieve 5+ A*- C at GCSE you will most likely take 4 AS Levels in year 12 and 3 A2 in year 13. If you have mainly A* and A grades you may choose to study 5 AS in year 12 and 4 A2 in year 13.

If you achieve mainly C/D grades at GCSE you can consolidate your learning in year 12 by following level 2 courses and take A Levels in years 13 and 14. Alternatively you may prefer

to take Level 3 vocational courses which better suit your style of learning.

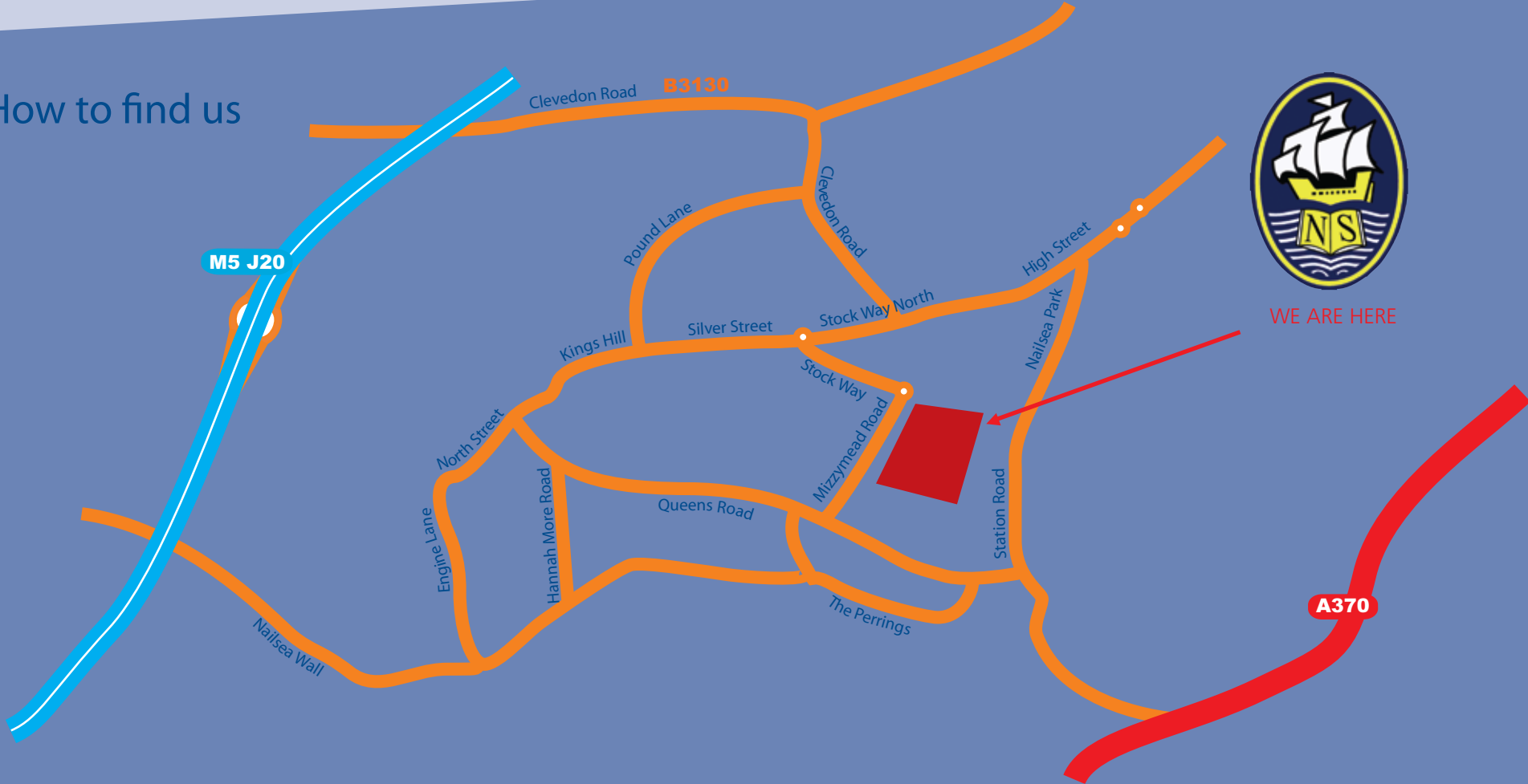
If you achieve GCSEs at grades D to G you could take GCSE Level (Level 2 courses) in year 12, re-sit English and Mathematics if necessary, and then continue to Level 3 (A Level standard) courses in years 13 and 14 – either vocational or traditional courses.





*GCSEs @ G-D = Level 1, GCSEs @ C+ = Level 2, A levels = level 3, Degree = Level 4

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