

**HELSBY**

**High School**



Achieving Success  
Valuing Others

**2022 - 2023**

**Sixth Form  
Additional  
Qualifications and  
Enrichment  
Opportunities**

## **Additional Qualifications**

To broaden students' academic learning, we are offering additional qualifications to go alongside students' main Advanced Level and Level 3 qualification choices.

### **Certificate in Financial Studies**

Certificate in financial Studies (CeFS) covers the core disciplines of financial education. Students are encouraged to become responsible borrowers and sensible savers, and to appreciate the need for financial planning throughout their life. It prepares them for further study by developing the core skills of critical analysis and evaluation, verbal communication and written communication. In addition, students will develop a range of transferrable knowledge and skills. This can support entry to university on finance and banking courses and a wide range of other disciplines. CeFS is equivalent to an AS Level and offer UCAS points which can contribute to student university application.

### **Core Mathematics**

Core Mathematics is a Level 3 qualification that is equivalent to 40% of a full A-Level. It is designed for students who have an interest in mathematics but do not wish to take the full A-Level qualification. It would enable students to develop their mathematical skills beyond GCSE level to support their wider academic studies. The content is specifically designed for its relevance to a wide range of future studies and employers and involves scenario-based learning to build students' confidence in the application of maths to real life situations.

**Please indicate if you would be interested in completing one or both of these additional qualifications:**

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Expression of Interest (Please tick)</b>
Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS)	
Level 3 Core Mathematics	

## Enrichment Opportunities

We are considering adding to our sixth form curriculum enrichment provision one lesson per week on a Wednesday Period 5 for students to attend extra-curricular opportunities. These may be run as a half termly or termly activity to allow students to change the activity throughout the year. It is our hope that these activities would complement students' academic studies and broaden their sixth form learning experience.

In order for us to plan this extra-curricular offer, we need to know which of the following students would be interested in signing up for. The table below describes some of the potential activities or opportunities that could be offered. **Please put a tick in the final column any that you would be interested in attending.**

Possible Enrichment Activity	Description	Expression of Interest (Tick if interested)
Mural Painting	Work in the art department to create large scale artworks for classroom and corridor displays.	
Programming with Python	Learn the basics of Python computer programming and its applications.	
Certificate in Financial Studies	Equivalent to an AS Level qualification – see above for further details.	
EPQ	Extended Project qualification – An independent research task involving either writing an essay or creating a product.	
Crocheting	Learn the basic crochet stitch and how it can be used to make scarfs, blankets etc.	
Crafts	Develop your basic arts and crafts skills as well as decoupage.	
Cake Decorating	Learn the basic of using icing, frosting and other edible decorative elements to make cakes a work of art.	
Typography	Explore how the style and effect of written text can be used to convey an emotional response.	
Yoga	Take part in basic yoga classes that focus on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost your physical and mental well-being.	
Beginners Spanish	Learn the basics of conversational Spanish.	
Beginners Italian	Learn the basics of conversational Italian.	
Music Society	Develop your love of music, both creating and listening to music as well as support for musicians.	
Careers Support	Receive advice and guidance on interview techniques, CV writing, public speaking etc.	
STEM projects	Work as part of a team on collaborative projects based on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.	
DoE Outdoor activities	Develop your skills to support Duke of Edinburgh Award, such as map reading, orienteering, basic survival etc.	
Triathlon training	Receive coaching from a Level 2 trained triathlon coach for running, cycling and swimming activities.	
Beginners photography	Learn how to improve your Single-Lens Reflex (SLR) camera skills to improve the quality of your photographic images.	

Oxbridge workshop	Receive support and guidance to develop your assessment and interview skills in preparation of applying to an Oxbridge university.	
Cultural visits	Attend local art galleries and museums to expand your cultural capital in a range of areas.	
PE and sporting fixtures.	Take part in a range of sporting activities and competitive fixtures (football, netball, badminton, basketball etc.)	
Gold Digital IDEA Award	IDEA is the international award winning programme that helps you develop and demonstrate your digital, enterprise and employability skills.	
Environmental Action Group	Work collaboratively with others to review our school and its community to ensure our practices are up to date with environmental expectations.	
Drama Society	Become an ambassador for Drama and learn how it can be used to connect with younger students and the wider community.	
Mental Health Awareness Group	Learn simple but practical strategies to support mental health and well-being.	
Kitchen survival skills	Develop your basic culinary skills to support you as you become more independent adults.	
Intro to British Sign language	Learn the basics of BSL as a visual means of communicating using gestures, facial expression and body language.	
CAD/CAM design	Develop your CAD/CAM 2D design skills to be used in conjunction with a laser printer.	
Vehicle Maintenance	Learn the basics of vehicle maintenance (changing a tyre, checking air pressure, changing oil, adding washer fluid, etc.)	
Creative Writing	Explore different forms of writing, including non-fiction, poetry, prose, script writing etc.	
Basic Engineering equipment	Learn how to use basic equipment and skills such as a lathe, engineer square, filings, cutting, turning to make a plumb-bob.	
Debate Club	Develop your oratory skills and how to structure an argument or contest ideas.	
Gaelic Football	Learn how to play this popular Gaelic sport played on a rectangular pitch with H-shaped goals.	
Touch Rugby	Develop your skills and improve your fitness through participating in this fantastic sport.	
Table Tennis	Develop your physical and mental stamina through improving your table tennis skills.	
Crest award	Take part in scientific experiments and projects that will inspire you to behave like scientists and engineers with a nationally recognised award.	
Science Olympiad competition	Work collaboratively with others to take part in national scientific competitions.	
Astronomy	Delve into the study of everything outside the Earth's atmosphere, galaxy, and beyond into the wider universe.	
Military Fitness	Weekly workouts that with challenge and improve your physical strength and stamina.	
Driving Theory	Receive support and guidance to coach you in preparation for your Driving Theory test.	
Volunteer work	This could include offering support for older adults through Home Instead organisation, or working with younger children, or charitable work.	
Dominoes	Develop your strategic and mathematical mind through the game of dominoes.	