

# HeadStart Sixth Form Introduction Parents' meeting 22nd October 2024

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# Agenda

The Team

Purpose

Entry

Academics

Enrichment

University

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# Meet the Team

- **Mr Timothy Davidson**: Head of Upper Secondary School
- **Ms Emily Graham**: Assistant Head of Upper Secondary School
- **Mr Neil Roscoe:** University Guidance Counsellor
- **Mr Simon Thomas**: University Guidance Counsellor
- **Ms Yardenna Jones:** BTEC Coordinator
- **Ms Kelly Tuppen:** Y13 Pastoral Coordinator
- **Mr Giovanni Guarino:** Y12 Pastoral Coordinator
- **Khun Waree Srisomlieng**: Sixth Form Secretary



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# What is the purpose of Sixth Form?

- Holistic experience
- Academics
  - AS & A Level
  - BTEC
- Wider curriculum
- Preparation for college education
- Emotional preparation for for adult life



# Purpose & Expectations

- The ‘bridge’ between school & university
- Independence
- Study periods & space
- Mature communication



# Entry to Sixth Form

## Minimum Grade Requirements:

- 5 A*- C grades at IGCSE
- Minimum B grade at IGCSE in subjects wanting to study at AS Level
- Applications will be reviewed individually



# Starting in Sixth Form

- *Complete a Sixth Form Information Form*
- Subject Fair in Term 1 *(tomorrow!)*
- Provisional options agreed in Term 2 through interviews with senior staff
- Final allocations made by end of Term 2
- Blocks agreed
- Amendments can be made on IGCSE results day, (mid-August 2024) through a meeting with a Senior Member of staff




# A Levels @ HeadStart

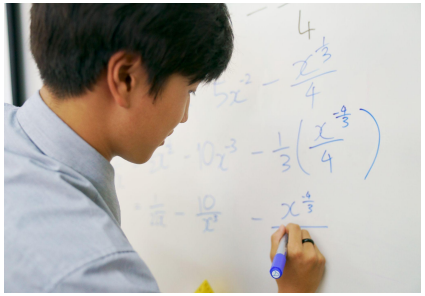
# Why AS & A Level?

- Two years
- Globally respected & recognised
- Tried and tested
- Students can specialise to study at undergraduate level
- 3 or 4 Subjects
- Y12 & AS Level (50%)
- Y13 & A2 Level (50%)
- Flexibility; May/June & October/November

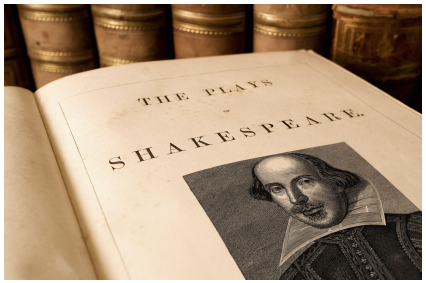
# Subjects Available

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- French & Mandarin
- History
- Computer Science
- Literature in English
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- *Native Languages**

**self study*










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# EPQ at HeadStart

- Pearson Level 3 qualification
  - Equivalent to an AS Level
  - 28 UCAS points
- Similar to IB ‘Extended Essay’
- Students complete a project
  - Dissertation
  - Investigation or Field Study
  - Performance
  - Artefact



Project Qualification

Level 3 Extended Project

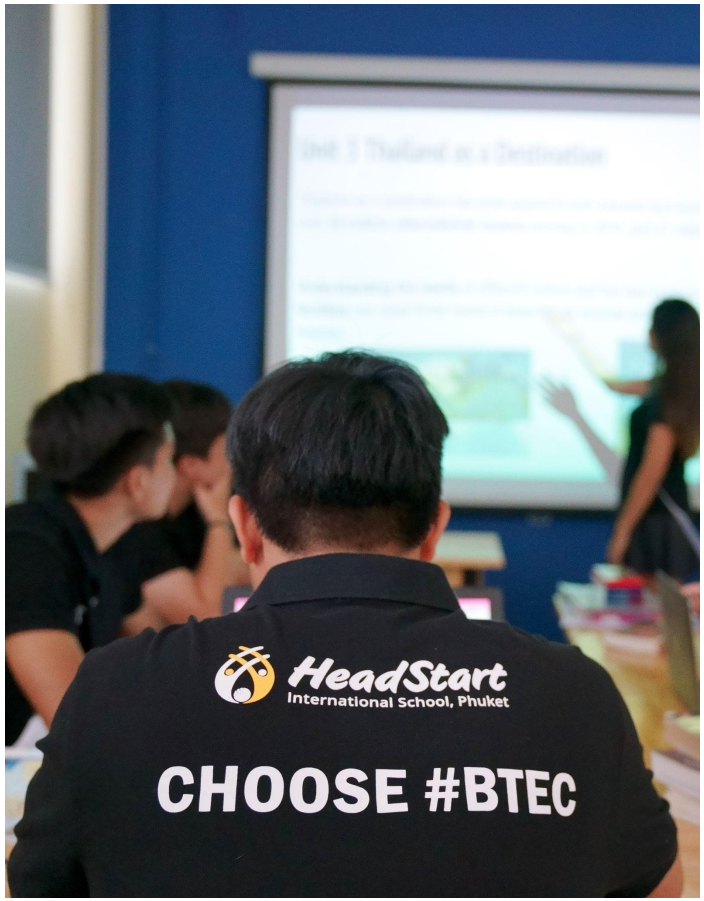
# Why EPQ?

Taught lessons at the start of the course develop

- research skills
- academic writing skills
- referencing skills
- avoiding plagiarism
- proposal writing
- project management skills
- writing and investigative skills
- presentation skills

# Why BTEC?

- Viable alternative to A-Levels
- Hands on style of learning
- Controlled Assessments
- Coursework and assignment based
- Allows progression to university an option that might have otherwise been un-achievable
- Popular path to university & jobs in place of, or addition to, A-levels.
- Approximately 25% of students accepted to university courses in the UK hold at least one BTEC, according to UCAS.




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# Which Level 3 BTECs do we offer?

| Subject | Year 12 Qualification | Year 13 Qualification |
|---|---|---|
| Business | **Subsidiary Diploma**<br>(≈ 1 A Level)<br>10 hours per week | **Diploma**<br>(≈ 2 A Levels)<br>10 hours per week |
| Business<br>Travel & Tourism<br>Sport<br>IT | **Certificate**<br>(≈ 1 AS Level)<br>5 hours per week | **Subsidiary Diploma**<br>(≈ 1 A Level)<br>5 hours per week |
| Either:<br>• Performing Arts<br>• Music | | **Subsidiary Diploma**<br>(≈ 1 A Level)<br>5 hours per week<br>***Potentially***<br>**Foundation Diploma**<br>(≈ 1.5 A Levels) |

# How universities around the world view BTEC

- Some Universities of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands accept BTEC for entry (case by case). These tend to be for vocational courses
- Some universities in Asia accept BTEC
- Universities in Canada: Public and Career colleges will accept BTEC (case by case)
- We support you in researching university requirements in advance

| Grade | AS Level | A Level | Level 3 Certificate | Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma (1 A Level) | Level 3 BTEC Diploma (2 A Levels) | Level 3 EPQ (1 AS Level) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A* | | 56 | 28 | 56 (D*) | 112 (D*D*) | 28 |
| A | 20 | 48 | 24 | 48 (D) | 96 (DD) | 24 |
| B | 16 | 40 | | | 80 (DM) | 20 |
| C | 12 | 32 | 16 | 32 (M) | 64 (MM) | 16 |
| D | 10 | 24 | | | 48 (MP) | 12 |
| E | 6 | 16 | 8 | 16 (P) | 32 (PP) | 8 |

# Different Systems

## British System

- 3/4 AS & A levels
- EPQ
- BTECs
- Choice of subjects
- Optional courses e.g. LAMDA
- DofE

## IB Diploma

- 3 Higher / 3 Standard
- Set blocks
- Compulsory:
- Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay

## AP

- Number of subjects (QSI offer 4)

# What is the Difference?

- Very little
- All are “College Preparation Courses”
- All enable students to gain entry to universities worldwide
- High scores in all are worth “College Credit”
- Breadth is possible at A level
- Depth is ONLY possible with A level

# Progression in Thailand

- AS & A Levels are recognised by all the major Thai Universities
- BTEC is accepted by Thai Universities
- We prepare students for courses that may have an overseas element
- We provide a Transcript which fulfills Mathayom 6 requirements for university

# Why BTEC?




- **Pearson BTEC Level 3 qualifications are now officially accredited by the Thai University Central Admission System (TCAS).**

# Requirements for Thai University



Completion of Year 13

# Everything else

- PSHE
- Leadership Roles
- After School Activities
- Academies
- Music
- Drama Productions
- Duke of Edinburgh
- MUN
- Social Activities
















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# Duke of Edinburgh International Award

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# Communication Skills

- Students learn to create compelling TED Talks
- Master public speaking and engage the audience
- Build confidence in conveying ideas
- Emphasize clarity and impactful delivery
- Discover effective body language and vocal techniques
- Enhance their presentation skills and inspire others.



Culminating in an event in January open to parents

Post the January event these sessions focus on the **Science of learning**

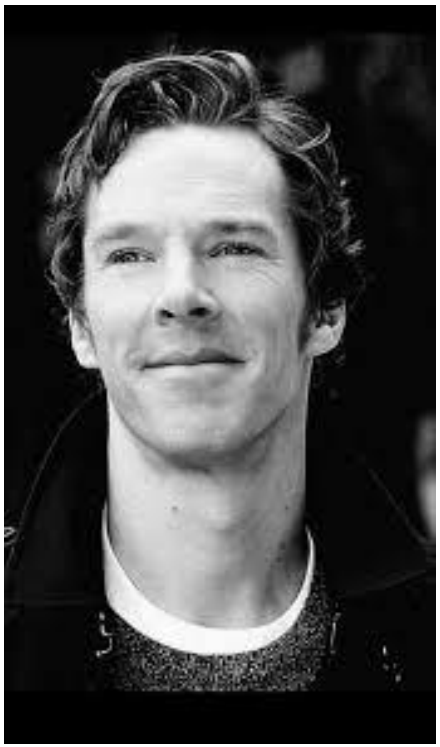
# The LAMDA Programme

## The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts

- 4:30 - 6:00
- Examinations
- UCAS points

We teach LAMDA — Exams & Qualifications

- Performance: acting/ devising drama/ miming
- Communication: speaking verse and prose/ reading for performance/ speaking in public
- Musical theatre: solo & duo/ group
- Shakespeare



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# Model United Nations

Current affairs

Fix world problems




Global citizens

Public speaking

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- Head Girl & Boy
- Deputy Head Girl & Boy
- Heads of Committees:
  - Service
  - Eco
  - Student Wellbeing
  - House
- Prefects
- Student Council
- House Captains

# Student Leadership @ HeadStart

# What does Student Leadership do?

- Run school events
- Take the lead with school & community service projects:
  - Life Bag packing
  - Mangrove planting
  - Lunch Bunch
  - Halloween events







# What to Expect

- 5 Hours of teaching per subject per week by a subject specialist
- 5 hours of independent study per subject
- Increased level of independence
- Pastoral support
- UPrep, PSHE, DoE, EPQ, Communication Skills
- Extra-curricular activities
- ASPs & Academies, Interventions
- Student Leadership activities




# Academic Excellence @ HeadStart

# Exam Success

## IGCSE Results 2024

- 37% of all grades were A*- A
- 99.6% pass rate
- 14 subjects from faculties across the school obtained 100% A*- C
- 92% of students obtained 5 x A* to C or higher.

# Cambridge IGCSE Results 2024

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Conor Bowens
9 x A*


Berta Palop Roca
8 x A*, 1 x A


India Smuthkochorn
6 x A*, 3 x A


Chutikarn Doowa
6 x A*, 3 x A


Chatchaya Udomkiratak
6 x A*, 3 x A


Yichen Ma
6 x A*, 2 x A


Emma Palop Roca
6 x A*, 1 x A


Federico Solaroli
4 x A*, 3 x A


Ingfah Rongrueangkul
2 x A*, 4 x A


Seungha Lee
2 x A*, 3 x A


Alexandra De Rosa
2 x A*, 1 x A


Petr Drobotenko
1 x A*, 5 x A


Yuet Zheng
1 x A*, 3 x A


Soodpreda Srikatanyoo
1 x A*, 3 x A


Zhiyi Tong
1 x A*, 3 x A


Supansa Promiam
1 x A*, 3 x A


Kanthaya Kongsawad
1 x A*, 2 x A


Jessica Manton
4 x A


Anastasiia Orlovskaia
3 x A


Shira Nagar
3 x A


Yejin Lee
3 x A


Yufei Lin
3 x A


Stefan Fabig
3 x A

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## Students Achieving 3 or more A-A* Grades

# Exam Success

## BTEC Results 2024

### Y12

- 39% with Distinction or Distinction*
- 100% Pass rate

### Y13

- 72% with Distinction or Distinction*
- 100% Pass rate

# Exam Success

## AS level Results  2024

- 35% of all grades were A (highest grade at AS)
- 99% pass rate

## A level Results 2024

- 28% A*-A
- 98% pass rate
- Average UCAS score of 119 points *(+17 vs 2023)*

# Y12 and 13 Exam Success Poster

## AS/A Level & BTEC Results 2024

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and Placement Programme
Preparing your child for
higher education and beyond!
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# UNIVERSITY OFFERS AND PATHWAYS
# 2024 GRADUATING CLASS



# UNIVERSITY OFFERS 2024



**29 students graduated from HeadStart in 2024**

## Thailand

Srinakharinwirot University
Chulalongkorn University
King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL)
Bangkok University

## Netherlands

Erasmus University
University of Twente

## Germany

BIMM Berlin

## Singapore

Singapore Institute of Management (SIM)

## Ireland

Trinity College Dublin

## UK

St Mary's University Twickenham
University of Bristol
University of Westminster London
Arts University Bournemouth

## Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

# UNIVERSITY OFFERS 2024



**University offers from top 100 QS universities**

## Netherlands

- Erasmus University Rotterdam: QS93
- University of Amsterdam: QS52

## UK

- University of Bristol: QS55
- University of Nottingham: QS99
- University of Manchester: QS32

## Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin: QS81

## Hong Kong

- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University: QS65
- City University of Hong Kong: QS70

# UNIVERSITY OFFERS 2024



**University offers from top 250 QS universities**

## Netherlands

- Erasmus University Rotterdam: QS93
- University of Amsterdam: QS52
- Eindhoven University of Technology: QS138
- University of Twente: QS179

## UK

- University of Bristol: QS55
- University of Nottingham: QS99
- University of Manchester: QS32

## Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin: QS81

## Hong Kong

- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University: QS65
- City University of Hong Kong: QS70

## Thailand

- Chulalongkorn University: QS211

# UNIVERSITY OFFERS 2024



**University offers from top 500 QS universities**

## Netherlands

- Tilburg University: QS412

## UK

- Brunel University London: QS343
- Oxford Brookes University: QS429
- University of Essex: QS465

# UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS 2024



By Subject

Medicine
BA Economics and Business Economics
BA (Hons)Architectural Design
BMus (Hons) in Popular Music and Songwriting
BSc Business Management
BSc Civil Engineering
BSc in Sport Psychology
BEng in Mechanical Engineering
BA (Hons) Business Administration
BA (Hons) Illustration
BEng, Software Engineering
BA Chemical Sciences
BA (Hons) Degree in Design
BA (Hons) in Media Production

# University Preparation

- Individual counselling
- UPrep for students
- Applications
- References
- Transcripts
- University Fairs
- University visits
- UPrep for parents
- Unifrog & Morrisby



# To Conclude

Support

Academics

Enrichment

UPrep

Fun










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# Transition Programme in June Year 11-12

- Refresh and Relax Residential Trip
- Team Building
- Public Speaking with Able Wanamakok
- Skills Day with Colin Gallagher of PSU









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QUESTIONS?