



Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world

A Level Course Information Sheet-2016

Our mission is to make a real and lasting difference by applying the Pestalozzi principles of educating the Head, Heart and Hands. Pestalozzi is a UK-based charity with more than 50 years' experience of offering life-changing opportunities to young people from disadvantaged communities around the world. Pestalozzi awards scholarships to exceptional 16-19 year olds who are academically gifted but have limited educational prospects in their home countries. These young people have all demonstrated their enthusiasm for helping to make a difference in their communities. Pestalozzi students live for two years in a multi-cultural, multi-faith community in East Sussex, UK, where they welcome difference and embrace diversity. Pestalozzi scholarships give these young people an opportunity they would not otherwise receive – the chance to develop their potential, pursue their dreams and go on to make a real and lasting difference in the world.

Students will undertake an Enhanced A Level Study Programme. This 2 year programme will include not only A Level accreditation but also Theory of Knowledge (TOK), an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Creativity, Action and Service activities. All components of the enhanced A Level programme are officially accredited.



A-Levels are the traditional qualifications offered by UK schools and colleges for 16-19 year olds. They're highly valued by universities and employers and focus on academic subjects, although some are work-related. Students will be able to study up to 5 A Levels up to end of the initial 6 week 'Right Choice' period. The number will then reduce to 4 once final choices have been made.

Creativity Action and Service (CAS)

CAS involves students in a range of activities alongside their academic studies. It is not formally assessed however; students reflect on their CAS experiences as part of the programme and provide evidence of achieving learning outcomes for CAS.

The three strands of CAS are:

- **Creativity** – arts and other experiences that involve creative thinking
- **Action** – physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle, complementing academic work elsewhere in the programme.
- **Service** – an unpaid and voluntary exchange that has a learning benefit for the student.

In order to demonstrate these concepts, students are required to undertake a CAS Project. The project challenges students to show initiative, demonstrate perseverance and to develop skills such as collaboration, problem solving and decision making.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This qualification, worth the equivalent in UCAS points of half an A Level, again looks to develop the capacity of young people to plan, research and deliver a project. It provides an opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond the A Level syllabus.

The Extended Project will develop and extend from one or more of the learner's study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It will be based on a topic chosen by the learner and agreed as appropriate by the college.

Opportunities Programme

At Pestalozzi, the Opportunities Programme provides information, advice and guidance to students about progression opportunities during and after Pestalozzi. Throughout the Programme, students are exposed to and learn about a variety of careers, industries and sectors, including NGOs and volunteering organisations in-country.

Students are equipped with essential skills and experiences needed to get ahead in their careers post-Pestalozzi. They also examine gap year opportunities and alternative options.

A-level subject offer

1. Art History
2. Art and Design (Fine)
3. Anthropology
4. Biology
5. Business Studies
6. Ceramics
7. Chemistry A
8. Economics
9. English Language
10. English Lang/Lit
11. English Literature
12. Film Studies
13. French
14. Further Maths
15. Geography
16. Government and Politics
17. Graphic Design
18. History
19. Maths
20. Media Studies
21. Philosophy
22. Photography
23. Physics
24. Psychology
25. Spanish
26. Sociology
27. Textiles
28. World Development

Pestalozzi International Village Trust provides a programme of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship education to complement the A Level course, covering a wide range of topics, including healthy living, environmental awareness, personal safety, first aid, time management and effective budgeting. Students are expected to participate in this programme in their induction, at the beginning of their first year.

Pestalozzi students are also expected to contribute to fundraising and publicity activities in the local community and be ambassadors for Pestalozzi wherever they are in the local area.

The Pestalozzi students face a very demanding daily schedule, and in order to do well, they must have high levels of motivation, exceptional self-discipline, excellent time management skills and the ability to cope with pressure



effectively.

Students leaving Pestalozzi after their two year scholarship follow many paths; some students go on to receive scholarships from Universities across the world; others will take a gap year where they will complete valuable work experience, internships and volunteering at organisations in their own countries. In the past, Pestalozzi Alumni have gone on to study at Universities in the UK, USA, Germany and in their own countries. Alumni have also secured gap year experiences/internships at International Non-Governmental Organisations such as WWF (World Wildlife Fund for Nature).