



Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world

A Level Course Information Sheet-2016

Vision

Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world

Mission

To produce globally conscious young leaders by supporting their further education in the multi-cultural, multi-faith environment of the Pestalozzi international community.

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 bright 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.

Academic Programme

A-Levels are the traditional qualifications offered by schools and colleges for 16-19 year olds. They are internationally recognised as an entry qualification for universities. The 2 year programme includes A Level accreditation and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). In the first year, an English for Academic Writing course is also provided. 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.



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.

Careers and Counselling Support

This support provides information, advice and guidance to students about progression opportunities during and after Pestalozzi. Students are introduced to and learn about a variety of careers, industries and sectors, including NGOs and volunteering organisations.

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.

Students will also attend a series of seminars and workshops as well as professional visits that will enable them to maximise their potential for employment.

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.

Students will be fully supported in their applications to university, including guidance on where and how to apply, standardized testing and applications for financial aid. Although we have an excellent track record of matriculation to university there is no guarantee in an increasingly competitive environment of all students attaining a full scholarship place.

Pestalozzi extra-curricular activities

Students are involved in a wide range of activities alongside their academic studies to create a holistic programme that reflects skills, leadership and service. These allow students the opportunity for personal development.

Example A-level subject offer

1. Art and Design
2. Anthropology
3. Biology
4. Business Studies
5. Classics
6. Chemistry
7. Economics
8. English Language
9. English Literature
10. Further Maths
11. Geography
12. Government and Politics
13. History
14. Maths
15. Media Studies
16. Philosophy
17. Photography
18. Physics
19. Psychology
20. Sociology
21. World Development

The range of activities includes:

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

Examples of current activities: football, swimming, guitar, eco-club, Students For a Free Tibet, Rotaract Society, film club, debate society, London Model United Nations, gardening, dance and drama, choir and cookery.

Pestalozzi students have opportunities to contribute to fundraising and marketing activities in the local community and be ambassadors for Pestalozzi wherever they are in the local area.



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.