

Critical Thinking AS Level:

Entry Requirements:	5 A* - C grade GCSEs - However this is a very academically demanding course and it is strongly suggested that students who have achieved the majority of their GCSE grades at A* - B consider it.
Course Content:	<p>Sir Martin Kelly ('Fishy Business in Loch Ness' 28th March) reports Dr Ian Winfield as saying that the fish stocks in Loch Ness are not big enough to feed a monster, therefore a monster does not exist. He confuses cause and effect. It is perfectly obvious to me that the reason why the fish stocks are low is because the monster keeps eating them!</p> <p>(Peter Stanton, Letters to the Editor, The Independent, 31st March 1995)</p> <p>This course is not about fish, but about reasoning. The above example shows you how reasoning can lead to differing conclusions. This course aims to increase your ability to interpret, analyse and evaluate ideas and arguments. It will help you to express your ideas in concise, unambiguous language. It will equip you with skills to confront arguments aimed at persuading you to a particular course of action, in an objective way and hopefully allow you to make better decisions as a result. It will help you in all your other courses, as well as in later life.</p>
Progression into careers via:	Critical Thinking trains the mind and provides you with a set of useful skills which can be used in all other areas of academic study. It is especially recommended for any student who is considering an application to a Russell Group University including an Oxbridge application.
Further Information:	Do it, you will never regret it, and there is no coursework.
Length of Course:	AS One-year
Examination Board:	OCR GCE in Critical Thinking
Periods Per Week:	2 Hours per week