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# Sixth Form Progression Policy

This policy is reviewed annually

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## **Sixth Form Progression Policy**

### **Aims of the Policy**

- To ensure that students are placed on the most suitable progression route in order to guarantee that they have the best possible opportunity to progress to university, higher level apprenticeship or employment.
- To ensure students are studying the most appropriate courses to enable the above.

### **Key Stage 4 to 5 Progression**

- Students achieving suitable Level 2 qualifications at KS4 without English and / or maths will be offered either a Level 2 / Level 3 suite of qualifications and continue to study English and/or maths throughout Year 12.
- Students achieving suitable Level 2 qualifications at KS4 with English and / or maths will be offered A level or Vocational subjects at Level 3, or a mixture of the two. Ideally, a student will have achieved a grade 6 (or equivalent) at GCSE in the subject(s) they wish to study. If a student has achieved grade 5 (or equivalent) in a subject(s) they wish to study, the strength of overall performance will be taken into consideration along with the particular subject(s) / courses chosen. Students who are borderline or who have only achieved a grade 4 in the desired subject will only be accepted through review with the Head of Department in the desired subject area.

### **Year 12 to Year 13 Progression**

- Where a student has achieved a D grade or above or their predicted grade (whichever is lower) at the end of Year 12 and, specifically, at the end of Year 12, June mock exams, they will be offered progression to A2 automatically.
- Where a student has achieved grade E / U at the end of Year 12, then a discussion will take place between the subject leader and Head of Sixth Form with respect to suitability for progression to A2 study. Some students may be asked to resit Year 12.
- Where a student has been successful in gaining a Pass grade or above, in a Level 3 course in Year 12, they will be offered progression to the full qualification in Year 13.

### **Extended programs**

- In exceptional circumstances and in discussion with the Head of Sixth Form, students may be offered the opportunity to extend their programme of study to three years. This may mean repeating Year 12 or completing Level 3 courses over a three year period. This is only undertaken if it is in the best interests of the student involved.

In all cases, the best interests of the student will be considered first and the final decision on student progression routes will be made by the Head of Sixth Form / Principal of the Academy.

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