

# 16-19 Study Programme for Fairfax Academy 2024-2025

At Fairfax Sixth Form, we strive to meet our Academy motto: "Sinceritas Laboris: there is dignity in hard work", in every aspect of Academy life and in the life beyond. We aim to challenge and support our students, in equal measure, to achieve the very best academic success and to ensure they take advantage of all the Academy has to offer in preparation for their future successes.

## Rationale: Study programme principles 2024-2025

All 16 to 19 students should be given the opportunity to follow a study programme that:

<p>1. <i>provides progression to a level higher than that of their prior attainment</i></p>	<p>Fairfax Academy offers a curriculum of Level 3 Qualification, following on from GCSE study.</p>
<p>2. <i>includes qualification(s) that are of sufficient size and rigour to stretch the student and that are clearly linked to suitable progression opportunities in training, employment or higher levels of education</i></p>	<p>The current offer gives a wide range of Level 3 Qualifications<sup>i</sup> for our students to follow a specialised pathway – such as Science based courses, Humanities, Arts.</p> <p>Students may also take a range of BTEC Extended Certificate Level 3<sup>ii</sup> subjects to supplement their A Level choices. Not all subjects offered run if numbers are not deemed viable.</p> <p>Students are given directed study time to support their courses.</p>
<p>3. <i>requires students who do not already have GCSE A*-C in maths and English to work towards them (or other approved stepping stone qualifications) that will help the student in question to progress towards achievement of these qualifications</i></p>	<p>Although the school does not offer a resit option due to our entrance criteria, in a small minority of cases students are accepted with a 3 grade in English/Maths following an interview/ discussion with parents and student. Student is accepted on a trial basis and lessons for the resit are organised with the Maths/English Faculty. Once the result is received in January, we review options if they have still not achieved the minimum grade.</p>
<p>4. <i>includes work experience - this may relate to the student's study programme, develop employability skills and/or create potential employment options for those who cannot do substantial vocational qualifications</i></p>	<p>Students undertake a Personal Learning and Development Programme that encompasses all aspects of Post 16 education.</p> <p>As part of this programme, Year 12 and Year 13 students will receive a weekly personal development lesson that encompasses careers, PSHE, and enrichment opportunities.</p> <p>Year 12 students will have access to a week of work experience in June of next year through our own programme. Year 13 students are encouraged to further seek out their own work experiences to be undertaken outside of school hours, in the first instance. Those students who wish to enter education and who require work experience are supported through the work experience procedures we currently have in place.</p> <p>Students are provided with an individualised programme of careers advice based on their requirements, with outside speakers working with our students in workshop scenarios.</p> <p>Registration Tutor time also has a dedicated day to careers and personal wellbeing each week.</p>
<p>5. <i>includes other activities unrelated to qualifications which develop the character, skills, attitudes and confidence that support progression</i></p>	<p>To develop our students further, opportunities<sup>iii</sup> for the Sixth Form are widespread and range from whole school involvement with their forms and houses, through to specifically organised activities and events through the Sixth Form.</p>

<p>6. <i>students who are not yet ready to study for a substantial qualification can undertake a programme focused on work experience and the development of employability skills</i></p>	<p>Due to the challenging nature of the entrance criteria, this principle is not applicable to Fairfax Academy.</p> <p>However, all students have access to a Learning Mentor and are supported through this scheme as well as by the Progress meetings held each half term to ensure they remain on their full range of study.</p>
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<sup>i</sup> The subject offer for 2024-2025

Accounting (A Level)

\*Applied Science (BTEC National Extended Certificate)

Art (A Level)

Biology (A Level)

Business (A Level)

Chemistry (A Level)

Design and Technology: Product Design (A Level)

Drama (A Level)

Economics (A Level)

English Language (A Level)

English Literature (A Level)

Geography (A Level)

History (A Level)

Law (A Level)

Mathematics (A Level)

Philosophy & Ethics (A Level)

Physics (A Level)

Psychology (A Level)

Sociology (A Level)

<sup>iii</sup> Applied Science

Health and Social Care

ICT

Sport

<sup>iii</sup> House Council

House Captains

Sports Captains

School Council

Forms Reps

Eisteddfod

Prefect

Senior Prefect

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

World Challenge

Peer Mentoring

Social Club

Lead Learners

Super Sums

Reading Buddies

Debate Team