

16-19 Study Programme for Fairfax Academy 2025-2026

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 2025-2026

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>Students have access to programmes and opportunities to support in securing Post-18 placements in university or employment.</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 Qualificationsⁱ 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 3ⁱⁱ 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>Qualifications on offer prepare students for life in 21st Britain. Current Year 12 students have enrolled to the new AAQ qualifications in Health & Social Care, Applied Science and IT</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>We currently have 2 students attending resit classes to sit GCSE Maths in November.</p> <p>We have not offered a GCSE resit programme to the current Year 12 students. Students who have not achieved a grade 4 in Maths or English Literature or English Language.</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 students will have access to a week of work experience in June of next year through our own programme. In addition to the work experience completed last academic year, Year 13 students are encouraged to seek further 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 bi-weekly and there is a focus on CEIAG during the PSHE lesson slots.</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, opportunitiesⁱⁱⁱ 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>EPQ forms part of the current 2025/26 Fairfax curriculum offer.</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>Our institution does not currently offer these types of programmes due to the nature of our setup. However, through our robust and comprehensive careers programme, students leaving Year 11 are well informed and supported to progress into the most suitable post-16 pathway for them. For those not yet ready to undertake a substantial qualification, we provide opportunities to engage in programmes focused on work experience and the development of key employability skills.</p>

ⁱ 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)

French (A Level)

Further Mathematics (A Level)

Geography (A Level)

German (A Level)

History (A Level)

Law (A Level)

Mathematics (A Level)

Philosophy & Ethics (A Level)

Physics (A Level)

Psychology (A Level)

Sociology (A Level)

ⁱⁱⁱ Applied Science

Business

Food

Health and Social Care

ICT

Sport

ⁱⁱⁱ 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