

16 – 19 Programme of Study

All 16 - 19 students at Hazelwick undertake an interesting, challenging and rewarding study programme that reflects their prior attainment, strengths and career goals. The programme of study post-16 is made up over 30 qualifications in a range of exciting subjects; these are comprised of traditional A levels and applied Level 3 courses, some which students will have studied at GCSE and some that will be new to students. We also offer a Level 2 programme to Hazelwick students enabling them to increase their number of GCSE qualifications, while also taking on weekly work experience. All qualifications have a set of entry requirements that ensure students are able to access their study programme successfully and with confidence. Students are interviewed individually to discuss their study programme and the potential career pathways available to them.

The majority of sixth form students at Hazelwick study three subjects, but some study four. The subjects will be either traditional A levels, applied courses or a mixture of both. Subject combinations are based on individual strengths and future ambitions; we strive to ensure that all students are challenged on an appropriate study programme. All our A Level subjects are two-year, linear courses with exams at the end of Year 13. Some of the applied courses have exams in Year 12 and a larger percentage of coursework/portfolio work throughout the course. Students who have not secured GCSE Mathematics or English Language at grade 4 or above must attend lessons in these subjects during Year 12 and/or Year 13 until a grade 4 is achieved.

A large majority of our sixth form students go on to study at university (over 80%). We have an excellent programme of support and guidance for students, including our Independent Learning Conference, Personal Statement writing workshops and access to an experienced Sixth Form team. Information evenings for parents and students cover the UCAS application process and student finance. Students will also receive support and guidance relating to apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and employment. All our students are given individual support, no matter what their future pathway will be.

Outside speakers regularly offer aspirational advice to our sixth form students on possible career paths. We encourage students to take on work experience/work shadowing placements, mentoring and leadership opportunities within school. The Sixth Form also offers a range of extra-curricular activities to develop our students' soft skills, enriching their characters and understanding of their place in wider society, and thus supporting them in their future lives. In-depth sessions throughout Year 12 and 13 allow students to have a greater understanding of mental health and prejudicial language; we also offer advice to develop students' safety awareness in a range of situations, such as online safety and alcohol and drugs awareness, as they progress through sixth form and beyond.

We strive for all our students to reach their academic potential and leave Hazelwick as happy young adults who will contribute positively to all aspects of society.