



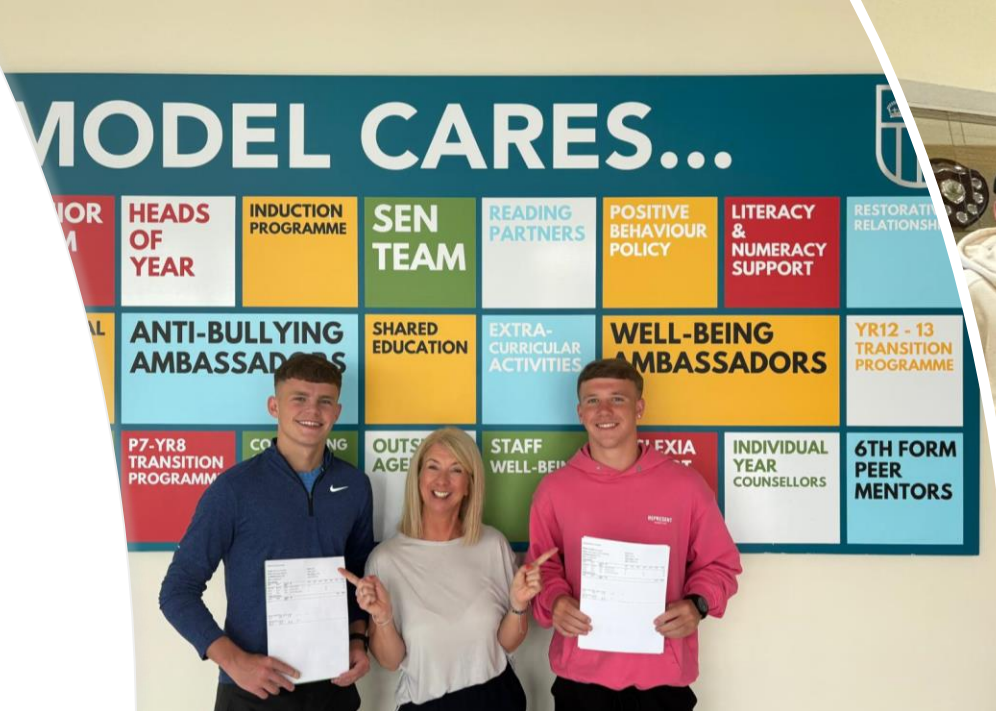
Planning a Successful Future

Post 16 Options

February 2025

Belfast Boys' Model pupils are successful

- 80% of our pupils finish compulsory education with 5 GCSEs or equivalents.
- All (100%) of all boys who finish Year 14 have 2 A' Levels.
- Nearly three-quarters of Year 14 boys have 3 Good A' level grades (C or above) to help them get to university or apply for good, well-paid jobs or apprenticeships.



Why stay at school Post 16?



Gain higher level qualifications



Higher level qualifications = HIGHER WAGES



Higher wages generally = HAPPIER – more money to spend on things you want



With more qualifications you have MORE career options



More likely to get a job you enjoy rather than being stuck in a rut in an unskilled job



Many employers welcome people with the higher-level skills that higher education qualifications develop, irrespective of the subject studied.

Higher Level Qualifications allow you to...



Move on to your next stage of learning



Broaden your career choices



Get a better-paid and more interesting job in the long term



Be more in control of your life



Become interested in learning new things throughout your life



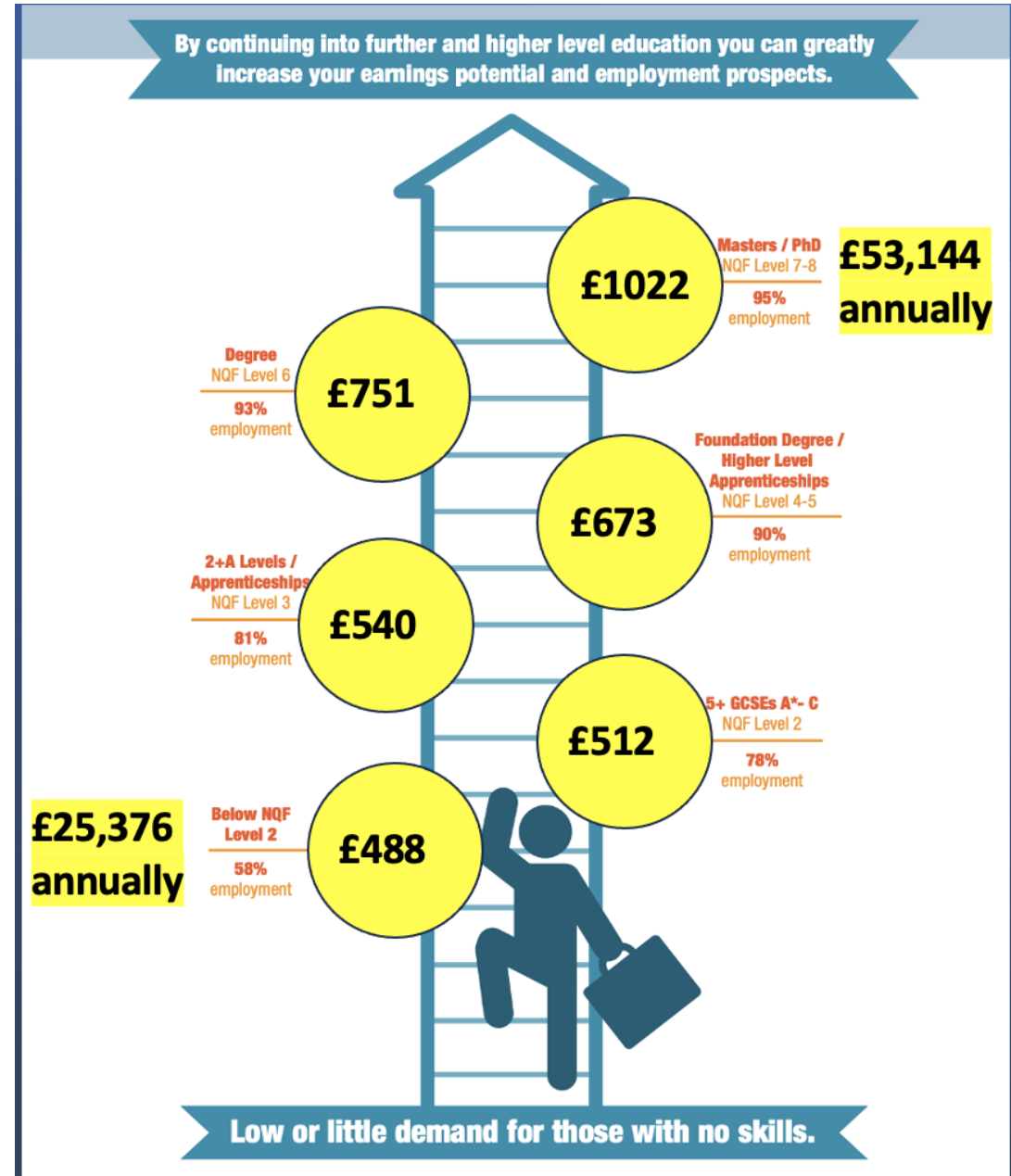
If you are not sure what to do next, A-levels are a good way of gaining widely recognised qualifications while you explore your options

Past pupils

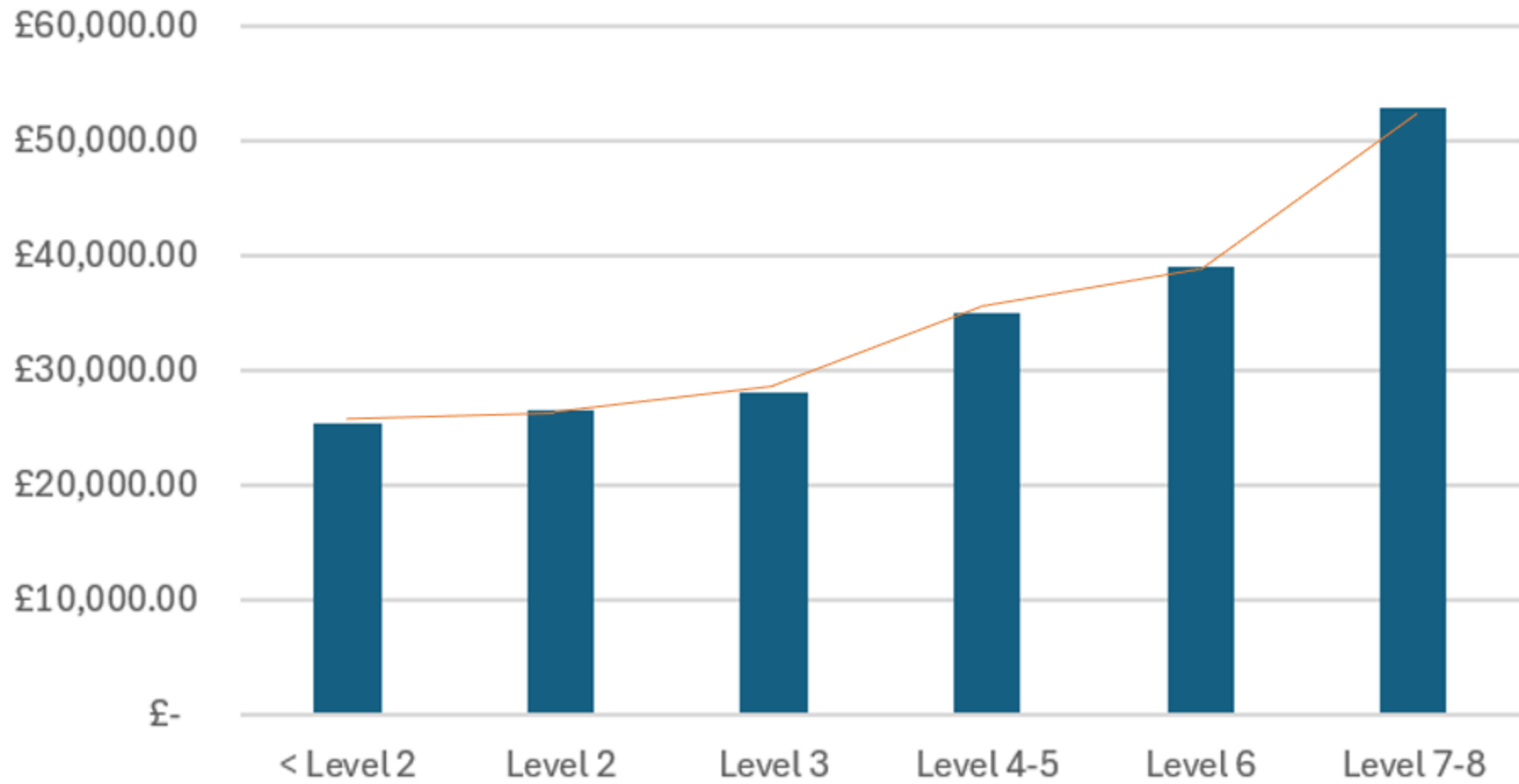
- **Adam Parkhill**, Thales Apprentice
- **Michael Leathem** – Instructor Development Lead, Easyjet
- **Owen Linton** – UU, International Hospitality Management
- **Jack McKinney** - QUB, Medicine



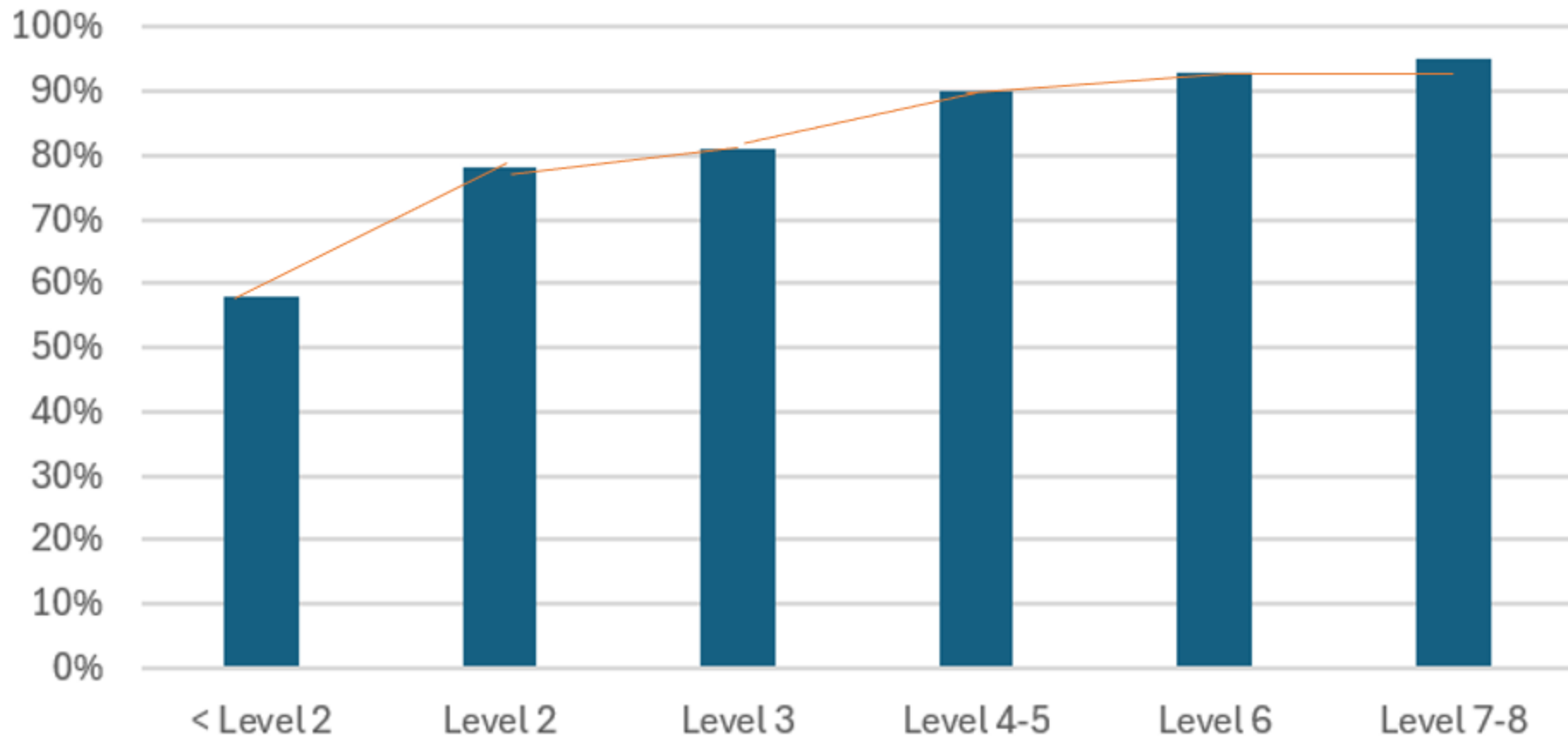
Earning Power of Qualifications



Annual Salary Versus Qualification Level



% Chance of Employment versus Qualification Level



Careers Convention 2025....



NORTHERN
Regional College



work+

kainos[®]

NI Railways



ROYAL AIR FORCE

pwc



THALES



citibank



Careers Experiences in Senior School at BBMS



Developing Employability Skills for the future e.g. CVs, interview techniques & completing application forms



Learning about Post-18 options e.g. University, Further Education colleges, Higher Level Apprenticeships and employment



Participating in workshops with employers and industry professionals



Partners with key companies within Belfast – THALES, BT...



Mock Interviews



Work Experience



UCAS application





Why CHOOSE a subject?

You need it as part of your future Career Plan

You enjoy it and know you will work hard to gain a good grade

You know others have been successful in it.

You are good at it at GCSE & know you can achieve a good grade with work at A-Level

You want to try a new subject that has not been on offer before (*get advice if you have the skills to be successful at it*)



Entry Requirements

Two Year Course

- 24 points from **best 5 results**
- **Minimum GCSE Grade C in English or Mathematics (and no lower than Grade 'E' in the other)**
- Good attendance rate
- Good behaviour record

3 Subject choices
(A Levels or equivalents)

One Year Course

- 14 points from best **5 results**
- **Minimum GCSE Grade E in BOTH English & Mathematics**
- Good attendance rate
- Good behaviour record

2 Subject choices
(GCSEs or equivalents)





Guidance

Post 16
Prospectus

Post 16 Subject
Booklet

Unifrog

Subject Fairs



2year course

1

Choose 3 x A Level
or Equivalent
Subjects

2

Note some
equivalent subjects
are Double Awards
and worth 2 A Levels
(these take 2 choices)

3

Don't choose more
subjects than you
have time for.



Level 3 subjects on offer – 2yr course

A Levels
Art & Design
Biology
Environmental Technology
Government & Politics
History
Nutrition & Food Science
Mathematics
Media Studies
Religious Studies
Sociology

Double Award A Levels
Art & Design
Double Award BTEC
IT
Public Services
Travel & Tourism
Sports Studies
Single Award BTECs
Business
Engineering
IT
Public Services
Travel & Tourism
Sports Studies





Minimum Subject requirements

Subject/Subjects	Preferable Requirements
A Level History, Geography, Technology, Art & Eng. Lit	MUST have studied the subject at GCSE level
A Level Govt. & Politics	Preferable to have a good GCSE History/Politics/English/ English Lit grade
A Level Media Studies	English and/or English Lit - C Good IT skills
BTEC Engineering	Maths - B Preferable GCSE Technology B Occ. Study Engineering - B
A Level Maths	Maths – A Preferable – to have a good grade in Further Maths (B)
A Level Biology/Physics/Chemistry	DA Science – BB Preferable B in relevant Science unit
A Level Life & Health Sciences	DA Science - CC minimum (preferable) SA Science NOT acceptable
A Level Health & Social Care	English - C
A Level Sociology	Maths – C English - B
A Level Environmental Technologies	Single Award Science – A/B Double Award Science - CC
BTEC Business Studies	English - C Maths - C
BTEC IT DA	Preferable to have studied/good grade GCSE Digital Technology
OCR Sport	Preferable to have studied Sports Nationals, Occ. Study Sports & SA Science
Any subjects in other schools	Must have a C in BOTH English & Maths – grammar schools will look for A grades

1 year course

1

You will study L2
Employability & L2
Vocational Skills


2

Choose 2 GCSEs or
equivalent subjects
for Vocational Study

3

You will take part in
the Work Ready
programme – UU,
Career Ready, etc





Level 2 & 3 subjects on offer – 1 yr course

All pupils in Year 13 will do the following non-examination subjects:

- CEIAG (Careers Information Advice and Guidance)
- Pastoral Programme
- Enrichment Programme

You will also take part in the **Work Ready programme**. This programme works with outside providers such as:

- Ulster University, Embracing Talent Programme
- Career Ready
- Job Assist

to develop your employability skills such as communication, teamwork, resilience, problem-solving, critical thinking, etc. which you will find useful for your future.

You **may** also study:

- GCSE English **AND/OR**
- GCSE Maths

You will study: (equivalent to 1 GCSE each)

- **L2 Employability**
- **L2 Vocational Studies**

L2 Vocational Studies

Please vote for 2 of the following options:

GCSE, Level 2	Tick
Catering	
ICT in Business Skills	
Sport and Leisure Business	
Digital Photography in Business	
Construction Skills	



POST 16 SUBJECTS ON OFFER

- Make sure you have read all the subject descriptions in this book
- Discuss your options with you parents & think carefully before you make your choices
- In the first round of voting ALL these subjects will be offer in an open list
- In the final round of voting the subjects will be put into blocks and those subjects with low numbers will be removed as a choice

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SIXTH YEAR SUBJECT CHOICES



Sample Subject Pages



ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY 1 A LEVEL, CCEA

Course Content

Mandatory Units

- **AS Component 1:** The Earth's Capacity to Support Human Activity
- **AS Component 2:** Renewable Energy Technologies

- **A2 Component 1:** Building and Managing a Sustainable Future
- **A2 Component 2:** Environmental Building Performance and Measurement

Skills Developed

- Communication
- Self-evaluation and Self-Management
- Presentation
- Evaluation
- Creativity
- Working with Others
- Decision making
- Planning
- Problem Solving
- Literacy - Research, Analysis and Evaluation
- Numeracy Skills - Data Analysis

How it is Assessed

- **AS Component 1:** The Earth's Capacity to Support Human Activity
- External written examination – 1hr 30mins 20% of A Level**

- **AS Component 2:** Renewable Energy Technologies

Internal Assessment - Students produce a technical report based on a realistic scenario relating to the use of renewable energy technologies **20% of A Level**

- **A2 Component 1:** Building and Managing a Sustainable Future

External written examination - 2 hours 30% of A Level

- **A2 Component 2:** Environmental Building Performance and Measurement

Internal Assessment - Students produce a technical report relating to the environmental performance of a local building. **30% of A Level**

Associated Careers

- Manufacturing
- Electricity, Gas & Water Management
- Construction
- Wholesale and Retail Trade
- Environmental Consultancies
- Waste Management
- Environmental Technician
- Project Management
- Landscape Architect
- Construction Engineer
- Engineering Technician
- Chartered Engineer
- Urban Planner
- Ecologist
- Renewable Energy and Sustainability Co-Ordinator



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA, 2 A LEVELS

Course Content

Mandatory Units

- Unit 1:** Information Technology Systems
- Unit 2:** Creating Systems to Manage Information
- Unit 3:** Using Social Media in Business
- Unit 4:** Programming
- Unit 9:** IT Project Management
- Unit 11:** Cyber Security and Incident Management

Optional Units

- Unit 6:** Website Development
- Unit 18:** Digital Animation and Effects

Skills Developed

- An independent user of ICT
- Advanced ICT skills in Microsoft Office Software
- Advanced ICT skills in Adobe Software
- Graphic design skills
- Animation software to produce animations
- Web authoring software for the design and creation of websites
- Computer systems learning about how PC and Mac computers function

- Employability skills and effective methods of communication in the world of work
- Entrepreneurial skills by understanding ICT and its place in the world of business

How it is Assessed

- **46% external assessment**
- **54% internal assessment**

Associated Careers

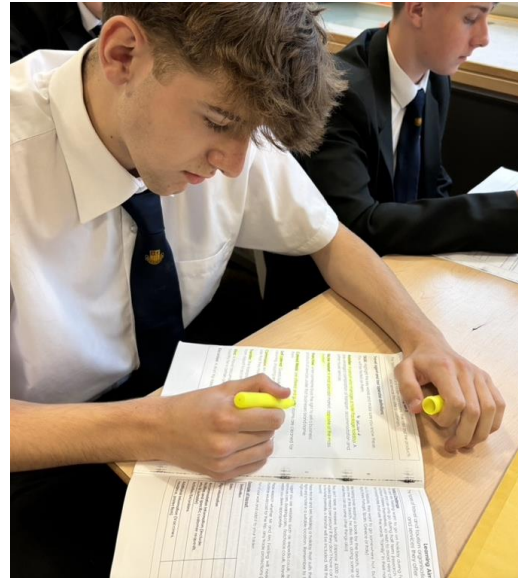
- Computer Operator
- User Support Manager
- IT Software Trainer
- Web Designer
- Web Analyst
- Graphic Designer
- Architect
- Accountant
- Software Engineer
- ICT Teacher
- ICT Technician
- Games Software Designer
- Engineer

Timescale

Date	Event
Tues. & Wed. 28 th & 29 th Jan.	Target Setting Interviews
19 th February	Careers Convention – 10, 12, 13 & 14
Fri. 21 st Feb.	Year 10 Earning Power presentation, during Assembly – may run into period 1
24 th February	Yr12 Mock Results
Wednesday 26 th February	Year 12 Subject Fair - Year 12/13Pa <u>AH</u> – subject stands – pupils/subject info organised by teachers (Nr, On & Cc) <u>Private Study</u> - overview, progression, earning power, career routes, Q&A (Kd & Fq) <u>6th Form Centre</u> – 6 th Form Life – Prefects, Sixth Form life opportunities, etc. (Em, Sh & Wi)
Monday 3 rd March	Year 12 & 13Pa, AH - New subject presentations & explanation of process - where on Team/how to complete MS Form - Booklets distributed & message on Parent App about booklets & when voting opens & deadline for first round voting - 5 th March - Rd1 Voting open, deadline 5th March
Wednesday 5 th March 12.40-3.20	Year 12 & 13Pa - <u>Deadline Rd1 subject voting</u> - Rd1 votes collated, Kd & S Seaton- <i>clashes looked at & blocks formed</i> Year 11/12/13 - Enrichment Fair - voting deadline Friday 7th March
Monday 10 th March	Year 12 – - Round 2 voting (blocks), explanation of block vote, deadline 12th March - <i>Focus on the Future Interviews, Kd/Em/Nr – run from 10th – 13th March</i>
Wednesday 12 th March	Year 12 – - Rd 2 voting deadline
Tuesday 25 th March	Year 12 - Parent Consultation, School Cloud







Completion of Choices – MS Forms

Step 1 Link

- Your parents will be sent a link for each round (via text & Parent App) like this:
<https://forms.office.com/e/FgeKn5k6YA>
- **PUT** into a web browser and it will take you to this page
- **You will also be able to access this from your Year 12 Team**
- Complete these details and click **Next** to take you to the guidance
- Link opens on **Monday 3rd March**

Post 16, Subject Choices, Rd 1, 2025

This is the first stage in the voting process to choose your A-Level subjects. This is an OPEN vote. Please follow all instructions carefully & remember all the guidance you have been given.

* Required

Personal Details

1. First Name *

Enter your answer

2. Surname *

Enter your answer

3. Form Class * Pt
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Next



Step 2 – Guidance

- Read this guidance information section **carefully** before making your choices
- If you click on this icon, it makes the text bigger & it will read the information aloud



Post 16, Subject Choices, Rd 1, 2025

All pupils in Year 13 will study the follow subjects:

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- Pastoral Programme
- Enrichment Programme

You need to choose **three A Level (or equivalent) subjects** which you would be interested in studying from these lists. Remember to consider combinations of subjects and qualifications for your chosen career pathway.

A Double Award course takes up 2 choices.
DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN 1 SINGLE AWARD BTEC (if possible as this can limit pathways)

You may also be studying GCSE English/Maths.

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Post 16, Subject Choices, Rd 1, 2025

Guidance for Making Good Choices...

Choose subjects:-

- You will be good at
- Which suit your interests & skill set
- Have assessment methods you are suited to
- You will enjoy
- You will find useful for your future

DO NOT choose subjects:-

- Because your friends are choosing them
- Because you like a teacher
- You find really difficult or really dislike
- Because you think there will be 'little work' to do, (all subjects have work to do)

Complete EITHER SECTION 4 or SECTION 5:

- Section 4 should be completed if you are coming back to study for A-Levels/BTECs for 2 years
- Section 5 should be completed if you are coming back to study for 1 year.

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Step 3

2-year option

- Choose the subjects you want to study Post 16
- **Remember you are only allowed 3 choices**
- It can be a combination of A-Levels & BTEC subjects
- **Those in the RED box take up two choices**

4. A-Level Subjects - 1 choice each

Please select at most 3 options.

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Environmental Technology
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Government & Politics
- History
- Life & Health Sciences
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Technology Product Design

5. Double Award A Level, 2 A Levels

- Fine Art & Art Craft with Design

6. Single Award BTEC, 1 choice each

- Business
- Engineering
- IT
- Sports Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services


7. Double Award BTEC - 2 choices each

- IT
- Sports Studies
- Travel & Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services



Step 4 – ALC subjects

- Some subjects not available in BBMS can be studied in other schools
- **This is the 2024 offer, 2025 offer to be confirmed**
- **ONLY** choose a subject here if it is not offered at BBMS
- If there is another subject you would like to study, but it is not an option, please put in 'Other'

8. **Subjects on offer in other school - 2024 offer.** Subjects to be offered in 2025 are yet to be confirmed. If there is a subject not on this list you would like to study please complete 'Other' box. 

- Chemistry
- English Literature
- Geography
- Moving Image Arts
- Performing Arts
- Physics
- Other



Step 5

1 year option

- Choose this option if you are coming back for 1-year
- If you have not achieved a grade C in your English **OR** Maths you will resit these subjects
- **Finally**, click **submit** when you have made your choices

Submit

Post 16, Subject Choices, Rd 1, 2025

Section 5 - 1 Year Course Options 2025-26

Complete Section 5 should be completed if you are coming back to study for 1 year.

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You MAY/WILL study:

- Resit GCSE English
- Resit GCSE Maths
- Level 2 Employability (equivalent to 1 GCSE)
- Level 2 Vocational Studies (equivalent to 1 GCSE)

9. Level 2 Vocational Studies - please vote for TWO of the following options:

- Catering
- ICT in Business Studies
- Sport & Leisure Business
- Digital Photography in Business
- Construction Skills

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Submit





Questions?

We hope this makes the Post 16 subject choice process easier to understand.

If you have any queries, please contact:

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- **Mrs. Ryan** - Head of Careers - nryan320@c2ken.net