

A photograph of a modern building with large windows and a tree with yellow leaves in the foreground. The building is white with a curved facade and multiple rows of windows. The tree in the foreground has bright yellow leaves, suggesting autumn. The sky is a clear, light blue.

Planning a Successful Future

Post 16 Options

March 2024



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



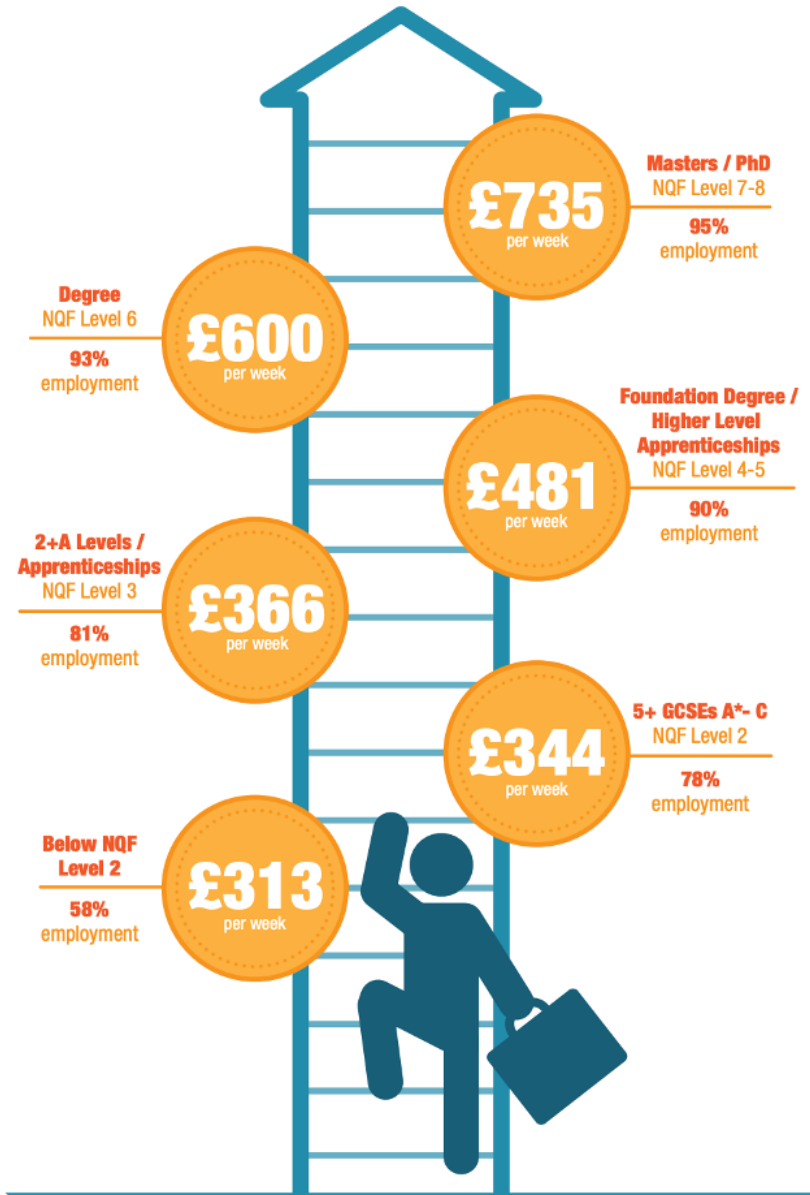
Past pupils

- **Owen Linton** – UU, International Hospitality Management
- **Jack McKinney** - QUB, Medicine
- **Michael Leathem** – Instructor Development Lead, Easyjet
- **Jamie, Drew & Adam** – BT Apprenticeships



Earning Power of Qualifications

By continuing into further and higher level education you can greatly increase your earnings potential and employment prospects.



Low or little demand for those with no skills.



Average salary by education level

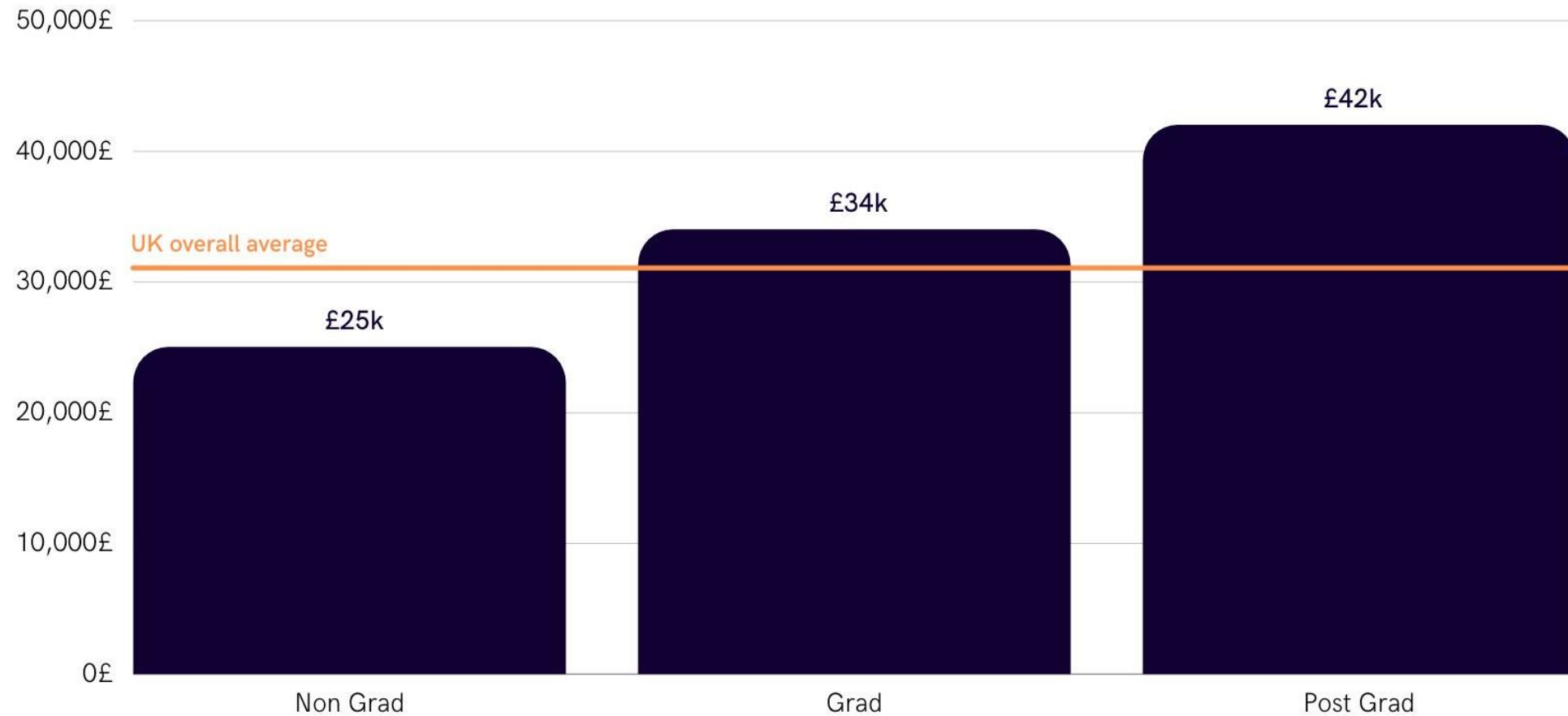
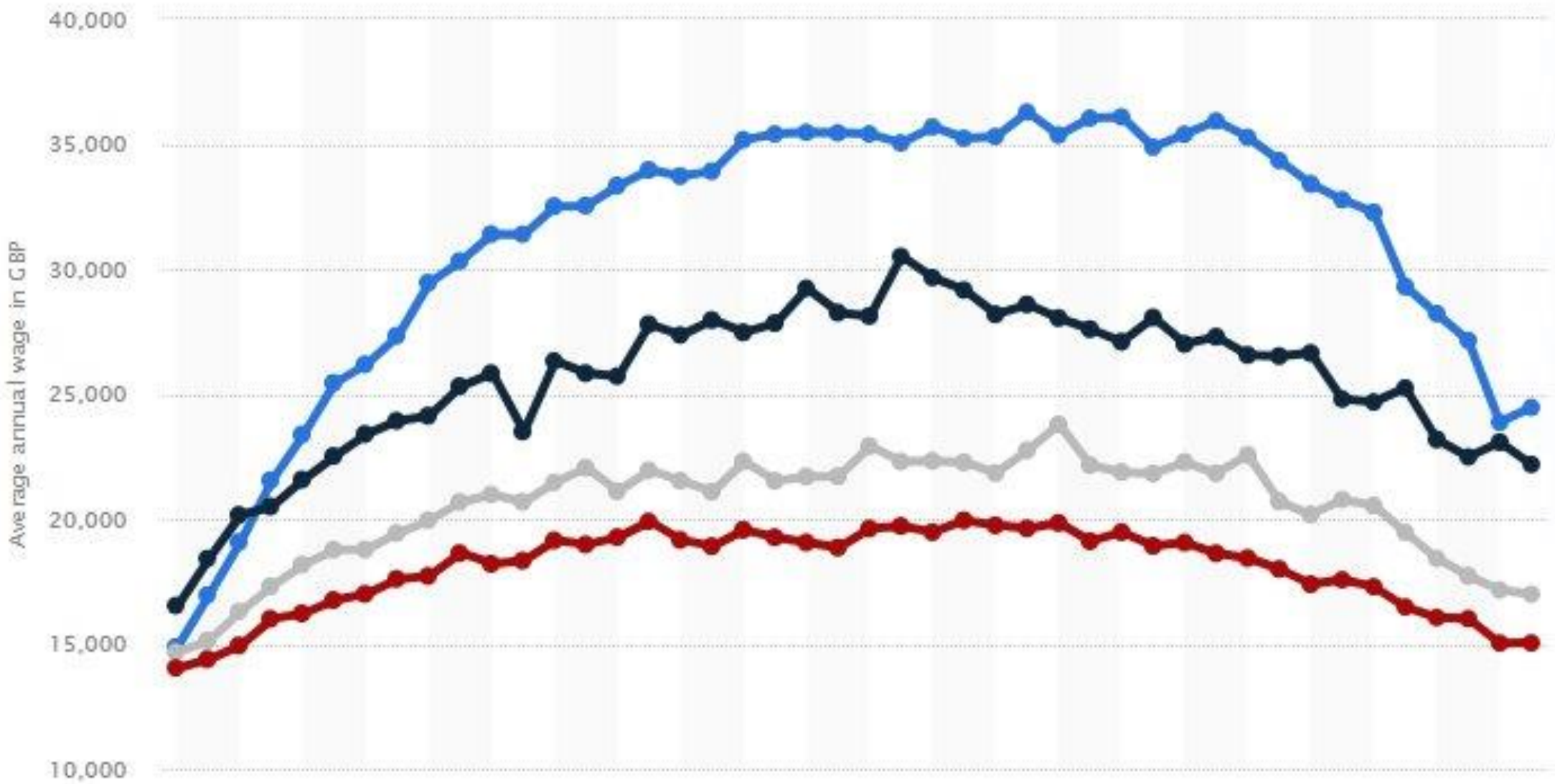


Chart 3: Average salary in the UK by level of education







NORTHERN
Regional College



preparing young
people for the
world of work



work+

kainos



citibank



Allstate



THALES



ROYAL AIR FORCE

pwc



Careers Experiences



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...



Career Ready



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)





Name: _____

Form Class: 12 _____

Subject	Exam Grade February 2023	Teacher Predicted Grade	Steps to improve	Teacher Signature
English				
Maths				
FLW/Public Services				

Make YOUR calculations based on CT3

1. List all of your other subjects below English, Maths and LLW
2. Enter your CT3 grade
3. Find your best 5 grades and work out their BBMS points – 24 or 14 including E+M requirements?

BBMS Points

NI CCEA Grade Structure	BBMS Points	AQA Grade Structure	BBMS Points	GCSE Equivalents	BBMS Points
A*	9	9	9	Level 2 Distinction *	9
A	8	8	8	Level 2 Distinction	8
B	7	7	7	Level 2 Merit	7
C*	6	6	6		
C	5	5	5	Level 2 Pass	5
D	4	4	4	Level 1 Distinction	4
E	3	3	3	Level 1 Merit	3
F	2	2	2	Level 1 Pass	2
G	1	1	1		



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
English Literature
Government & politics
Geography
Health & Social Care
History
Nutrition and Food Science
Life & Health Sciences
Mathematics
Media Studies
Religious Studies
Sociology

	Equivalent to no. of A-Levels
Double Award BTECS	
IT	2
Public Services	2
Travel & Tourism	2
Sport	2
Single Award BTECS	
Business	1
Engineering	1
IT	1
Public Services	1
Travel & Tourism	1
Sport	1





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



BIOLOGY 1 A LEVEL, CCEA

Course Content

- Molecules & Cells
- Organisms & Diversity
- Physiology & Ecosystems
- Biochemistry
- Genetics & Evolutionary Trends

Skills Developed

- Recognition & recall of facts, terminology & scientific concepts
- Selections, organisation & presentation of information gathered through research
- Safe conduction of practical tasks
- Recording of observations & communicating these through tables & graphs
- Planning, carrying out & evaluating investigative work
- Communication skills

How it is Assessed

- Exam – 80%
- Internal Assessment – 20%

Associated Careers

- Medicine
- Food Scientist
- Pharmacist
- Optician
- Sports Scientist
- Public Health Officer
- Environmental Scientist
- Animal Nurse
- Teaching
- Chemist
- Forensic Scientist



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
Mon. & Tues. 29 th & 30 th	Target Setting Interviews
21 st February	Careers Convention
26 th February	Yr12 Mock Results
Wednesday 28 th February 1.20-3.20	Year 12 Subject Fair - Year 12/13Pa <u>AH</u> – subject stands – pupils/subject info organised by teachers <u>Private Study</u> - overview, progression, earning power, career routes, <u>6th Form Centre</u> – 6 th Form Life – Prefects, opportunities, Q&A, etc.
Monday 4 th March	New subject presentations
Wednesday 6 th March	Enrichment Fair
12 th March –15 th March	Focus on the Future Interviews
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent Consultation, School Cloud







The Champions Wall

19	6	8	3	9	4	1



MODEL CARES...

SENIOR TEAM	HEADS OF YEAR	INDUCTION PROGRAMME	SEN TEAM	LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME	TRINITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT	WELLBEE
ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS	WELLBEE AMBASSADORS



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 **Tuesday 5th March**

Post 16, Subject Choices, Rd 1, 2024

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 *

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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, 2024

All pupils in Year 13 will study the follow subjects:



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

- CEIAG (Careers Information Advice and Guidance) - including work shadowing; mock interviews, assessment centre preparation, university visits; Apprenticeship guidance
- 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, 2024

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
- English Literature
- Environmental Technology
- Geography
- Government & Politics
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Life & Health Sciences
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Nutrition & Food Science
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Technology Product Design

5. Single Award BTEC, 1 choice each

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

6. 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 2023 offer, 2024 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'

7. **Subjects on offer in other school - 2023 offer.** Subjects to be offered in 2024 are yet to be confirmed. If there is a subject not on this list you would like to study please complete 'Other' box.

- Chemistry
- Moving Image Arts
- Performing Arts
- Physics
- Geography
- 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

Section 5 - 1 Year Course Options 2024-25



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

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- Career Ready – preparation for Assessment Centers and interviews

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

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)

8. 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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- **Miss. McGibbon** - Head of Senior School - emcgibbon690@c2ken.net