

KIRTON ACADEMY



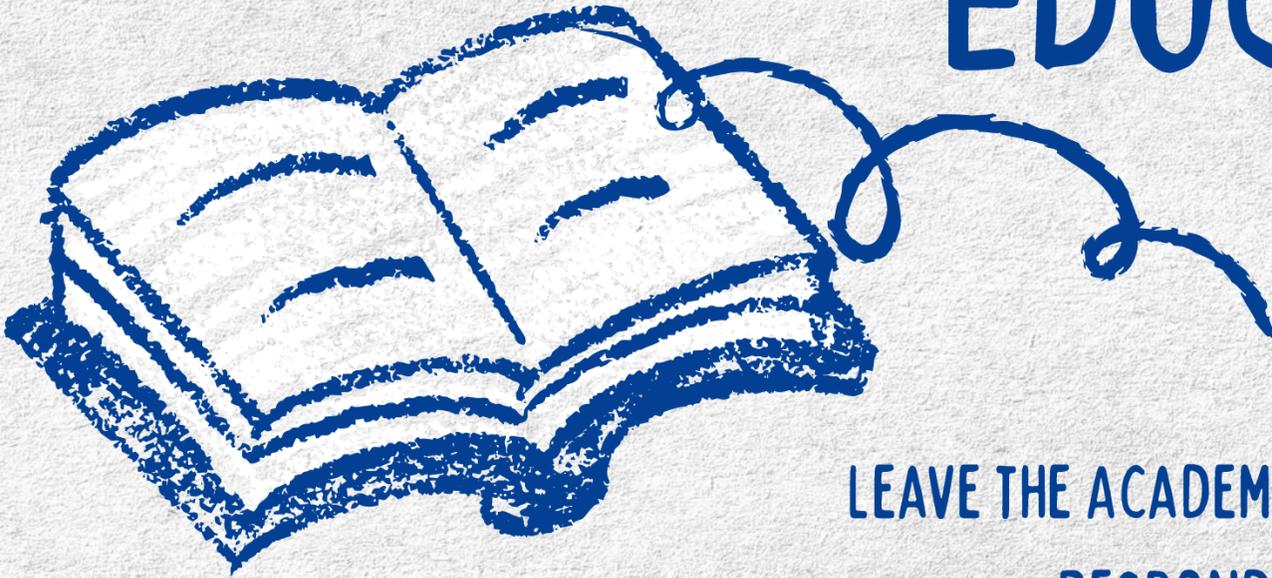
KS4 OPTION CHOICES

Making informed choices to support your future



Y9 ASSEMBLY 2026

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



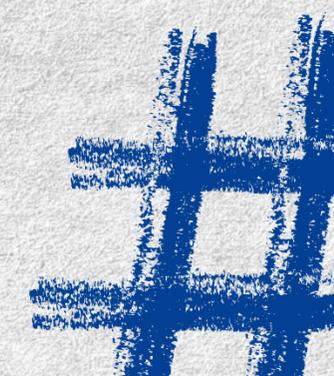
LEAVE THE ACADEMY AS YOUNG ADULTS ABLE TO SHARE YOUR OWN IDEAS, VIEWS, AND OPINIONS, RESPONDING TO OTHERS IN A CONSIDERED AND WELL-ARTICULATED MANNER.

KNOW MORE, DO MORE, REMEMBER MORE, MAKING PROGRESS TO ACQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURAL CAPITAL YOU NEED TO SUCCEED IN LIFE, FROM WHAT IS INTENDED IN THE CURRICULUM.

HAVE PRIDE IN THE WORK YOU PRODUCE.

BE WELL PREPARED FOR YOUR NEXT STAGE OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR EMPLOYMENT.

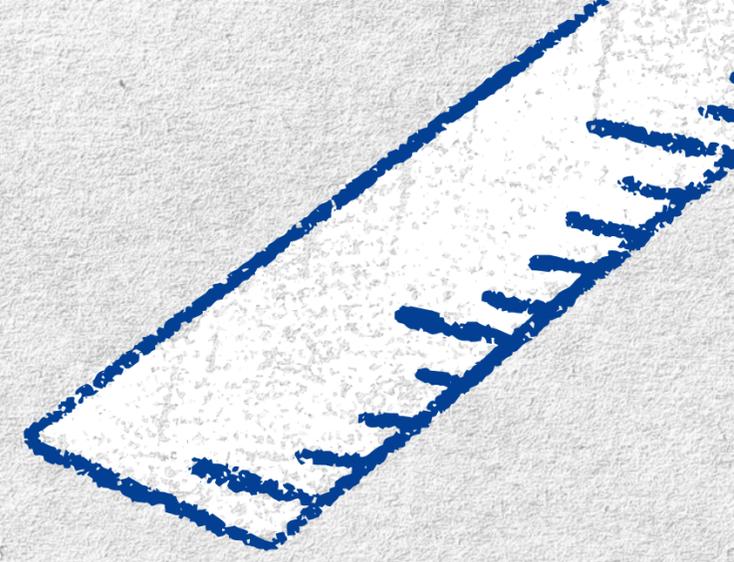
ACHIEVE WELL IN NATIONAL TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS, WHERE RELEVANT.



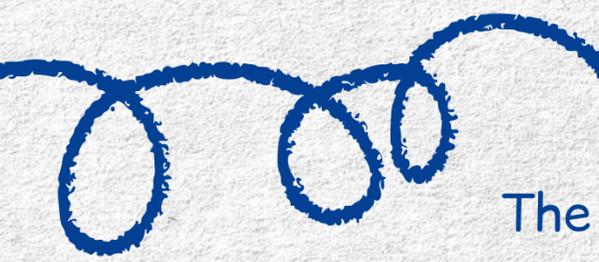
KEY TERMINOLOGY

Core	These are compulsory subjects: English, maths, science, PE, RE/Life
Guided Pathway Choices	There is an element of choice about which of these subjects to study
Level 1	GCSE grades 3-1 or equivalent
Level 2	GCSE grades 9-4 or equivalent with grades 5+ being classed as strong pass grades
GCSE	A course graded 9-1. These are assessed mainly or solely by examination (see individual subject guides for further information)
BTEC Technical Award / OCR National	Vocational qualifications, graded pass/merit/distinction/distinction*, and equivalent to a GCSE. Larger portfolio/coursework-based elements, with some assessment by exam (see individual subject guides for further information). Designed to equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills; and closely aligned with the world of work
Full EBacc (EBacc = English Baccalaureate)	For students to study the Full EBacc they must take GCSEs in maths, English, at least two sciences, one of history or geography and a modern foreign language





ATTAINMENT 8

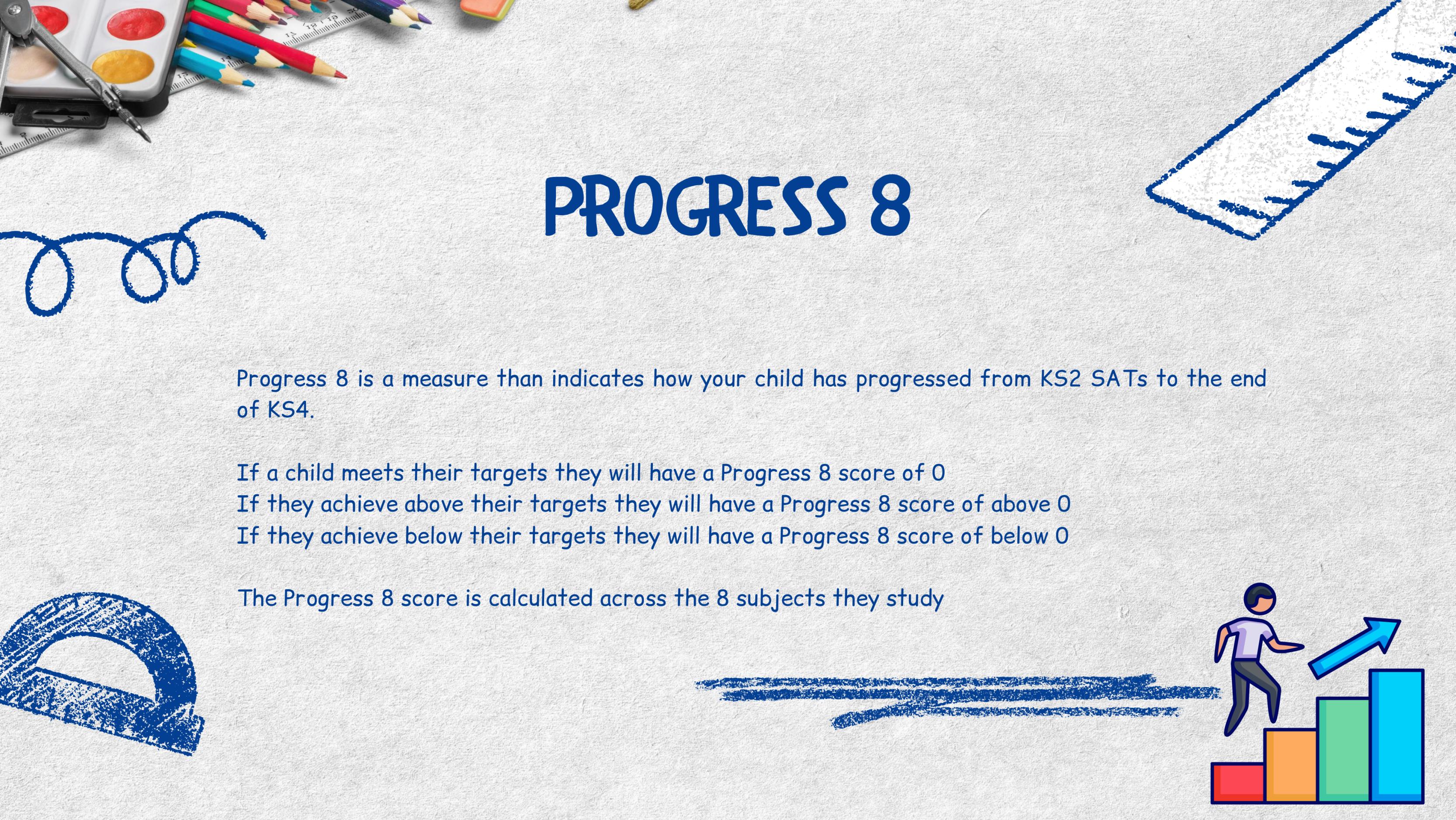


The government uses a measure called Attainment 8. Attainment 8 is often part of the admissions criteria for post 16 education and employment choices. A student's Attainment 8 indicates their average grade and their performance across a range of subjects.

It is calculated using their best possible grades in:

- GCSE Maths, GCSE English Literature and Language (maths and the best English grade are double weighted)
- Any three GCSE qualifications from the sciences, geography, history or modern foreign languages
- A further three qualifications which can be either BTEC Technical Award/OCR National, GCSE or other approved qualifications





PROGRESS 8

Progress 8 is a measure than indicates how your child has progressed from KS2 SATs to the end of KS4.

If a child meets their targets they will have a Progress 8 score of 0

If they achieve above their targets they will have a Progress 8 score of above 0

If they achieve below their targets they will have a Progress 8 score of below 0

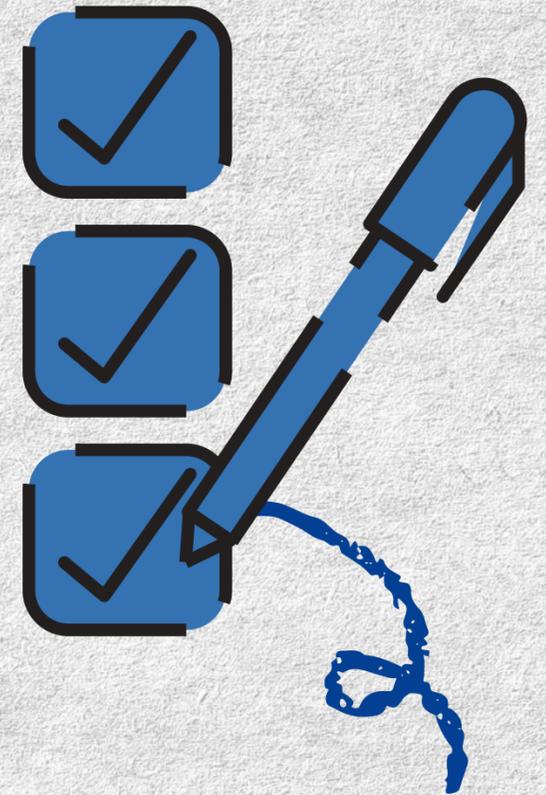
The Progress 8 score is calculated across the 8 subjects they study



THE FULL EBACC

English (best grade from Literature or Language - students MUST have sat both)
Maths
Science x 2 (best 2 grades if separate science, both grades if combined)
History or Geography
French or Spanish

MOST students will study the full EBACC
Many students will take either a Humanities or a Language subject
Some students may take a more vocational route without EBacc subjects



CORE SUBJECTS

Year 10

English Language (Eduqas) 2 hours

English Literature (AQA) 3 hours

Maths (Edexcel) 5 hrs

Science (OCR) 6 hrs

PE 2 hr

RE/LIFE 1 hr

3 Options subjects at 2 hours each

Year 11

English Language (Eduqas) 2 hours

English Literature (AQA) 2 hours

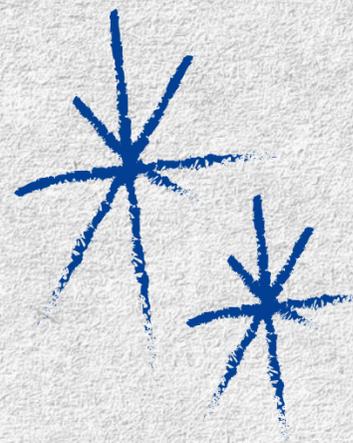
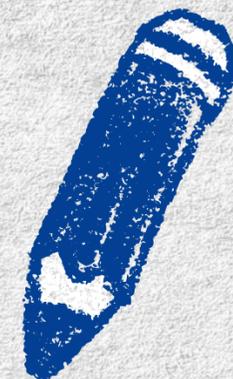
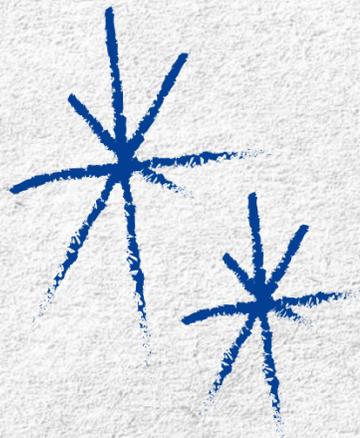
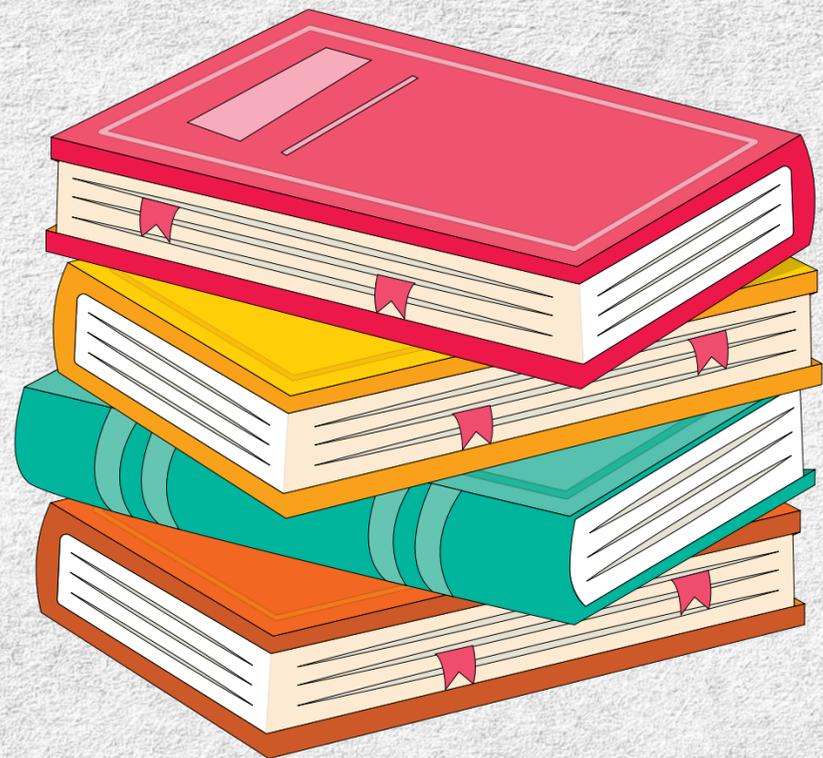
Maths (Edexcel) 4 hrs

Science (OCR) 6 hrs

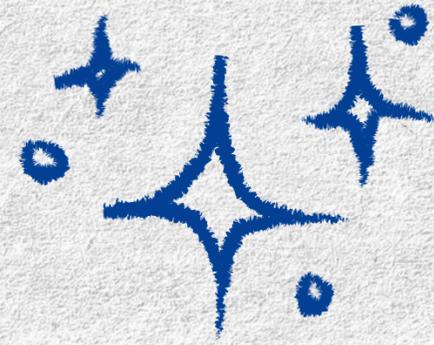
PE 1 hr

English intervention 1 hour

3 Options subjects at 3 hours each



ENGLISH LITERATURE



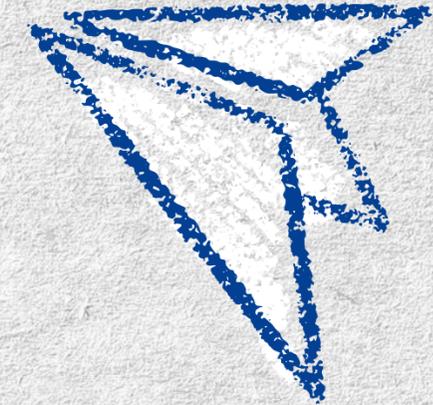
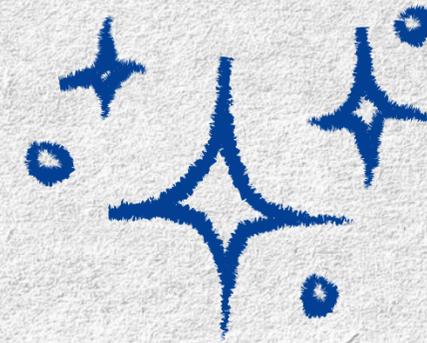
- ✓ Students will study the following texts as part of their GCSE English Literature course. These will be examined across 2 examinations.

English Literature is a separate GCSE to English Language

- ✓ Blood Brother - Willy Russell
Macbeth - William Shakespeare
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens

Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology
Unseen Poetry

CORE SUBJECT



HUMANITIES SUBJECTS



GCSE History - Edexcel

You will study Medicine in Britain, The British Sector of the Western Front, Anglo Saxon and Norman England, Superpower Relations and the Cold War, Weimar and Nazi Germany

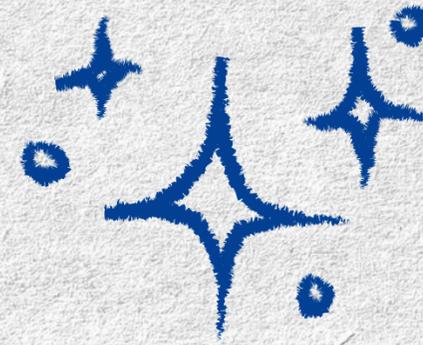


GCSE Geography - AQA

You will study Living with the Physical Environment, Challenges in the Human Environment, Geographical Applications and Geographical Skills.

You are required to take part in a practical field work study as part of this course





LANGUAGES

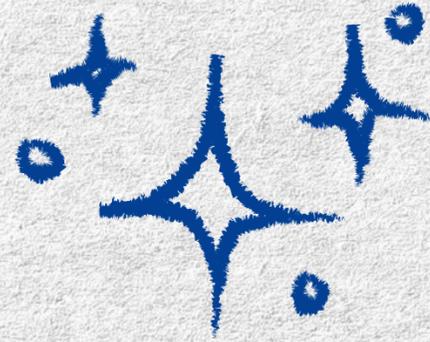


GCSE Spanish - Edexcel

You will study *My Personal World, Lifestyle and Wellbeing, My Neighbourhood, Media and Technology, Studying and my Future, Travel and Tourism.*

You will sit Listening, Reading, Writing papers and a practical speaking assessment





CREATIVE SUBJECTS

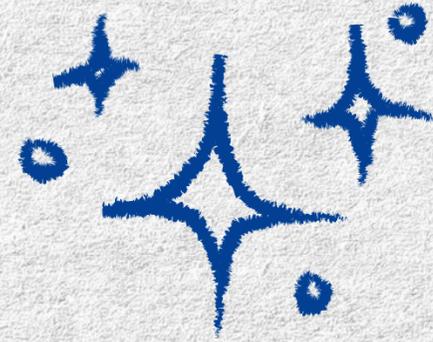


GCSE Art & Design - AQA

Research contemporary artists, use their inspiration to inspire your ideas using colour, line, form, shape, tone and texture.

This course is 60% portfolio work built over the two years and 40% an externally set assignment which is completed over 10 hours in Year 11





WJEC LEVEL 1/2

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

VOCATIONAL

AWARD

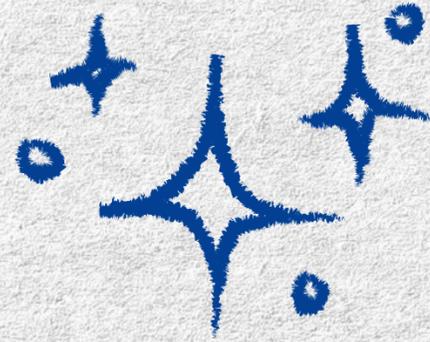


This course offers students to be creative when designing and making dishes. Students will learn the roles in both the restaurant and hotel industries.

This is assessed through both a written exam (40% of the course) and a 12 hour practical exam (60% of the course) completed in Year 11

Students will be the first to experience our newly developed food room





DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

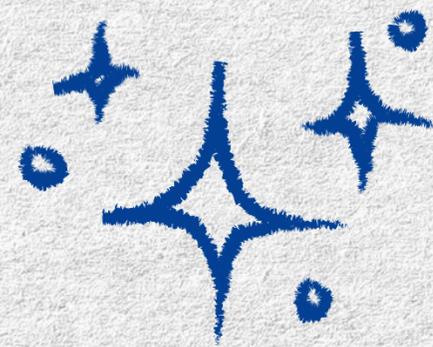


Students will work creatively with a range of media whilst learning how to design to meet the needs of the end user.

Students will study core technical, design and making principles including a broad range of design processes, materials techniques and equipment.

Assessment is 50% written exam and 50% practical application assessment over 35 hours in Year 11





WJEC LEVEL 1/2 VOCATIONAL AWARD

PERFORMING ARTS

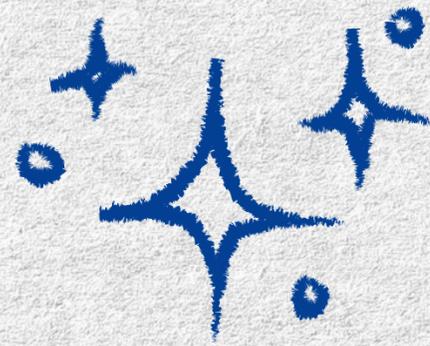


This course can be studied through the disciplines of Drama, Music, Music Technology and Musical Theatre. Further studies then take place through either Performance Disciplines or Production Disciplines.

This is the second year this course has run, student feedback has been great with regards to the individualised choices available to each child.

Assessment for this course is through 3 controlled assessments across the 2 years of the course





OCR LEVEL 1/2 CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL

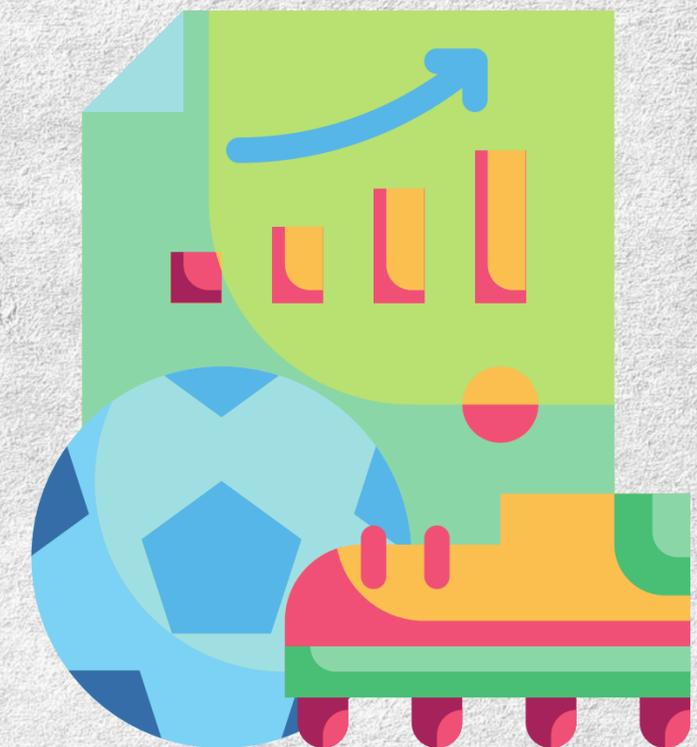
SPORTS SCIENCE

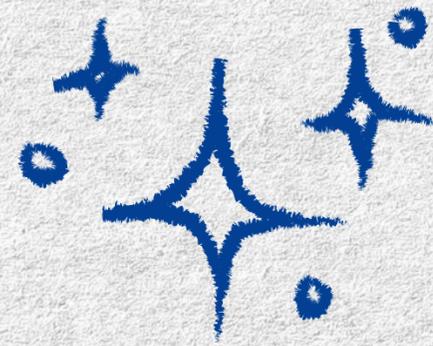


This course has run at the academy for a number of years very successfully, many students have used this course to go on to study Sports Science at higher levels.

Students must be aware that there is both theory and practical components to this course. Learners will need to think creatively, analytically, logically and critically.

Coursework is completed across the two years





BTEC LEVEL 1/2 TECHNICAL AWARD

DIGITAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



This course is designed to support learners to develop sector specific skills. Students will study:

Exploring User Interface Design, Principles and Project Planning
Collecting, Presenting and Interpreting Data
Effective Digital Working Practice

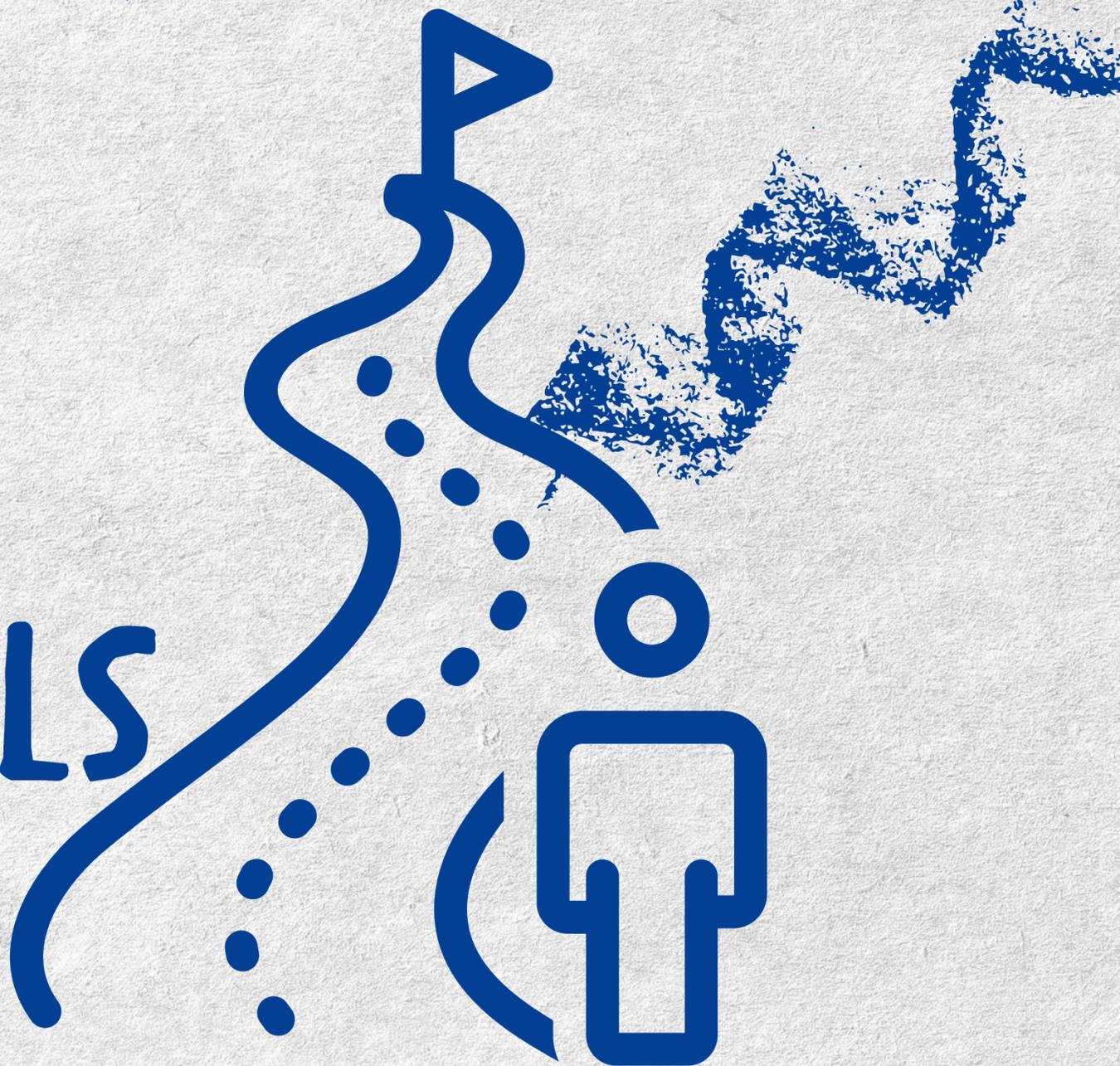
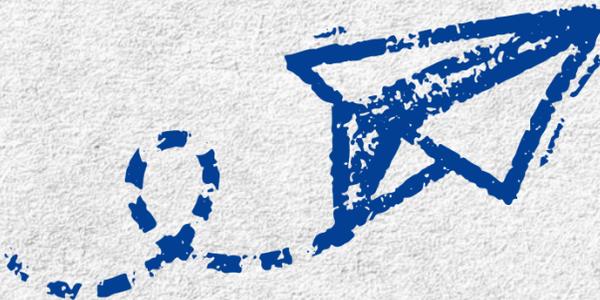
The first 2 units are assessed internally and the final unit is assessed through a written exam paper.

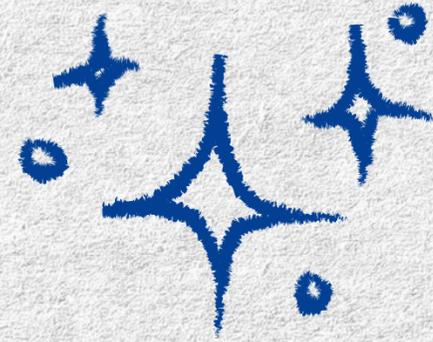


BEGIN WITH THE
END IN MIND



OPTION TRIALS





OPTION TRIALS - 19TH MARCH



KEY STAFF FOR OPTIONS



MRS RICKETTS
PRINCIPAL



MR WARBURTON
ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL



MISS ROBERTS
HEAD OF YEAR 9

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

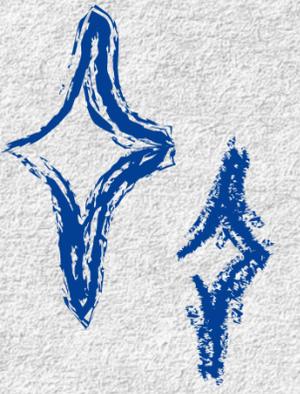
Attend the Guided Pathway Evening on
Thursday 19th March 4.30pm - 6.30pm

- OPTION CHOICES WILL BE SELECTED ON THE MCAS APP

Submission accepted between Thursday 19th March
4.30pm and Friday 24th April 4.30pm

If you have any queries please contact Mr Warburton through
enquiries@kirtonacademy.co.uk

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



- We collect 5 choices from you, we will endeavour to provide as many students as possible their top 3 choices.
- In some cases this may not be possible as some courses may be under or over subscribed.
- Options are not given on a first come first served basis therefore please take your time to ensure you choose the correct courses for you.
- Any late submissions may not get their option choices

