

How we meet the 16-19 study programme requirements 2023-24

Our 16-19 Study Programme

The Whalley Range Sixth Form study offer is designed to provide students with a supportive, yet challenging, learning programme that enables them to successfully transition from high school and prepares them fully for their future aspirations. This combines learning towards certificated qualifications and other personal development activities.

Study programmes typically combine the elements below:

- At least 3 (or equivalent) A level and/or Advanced BTEC qualifications at Level 3.
- A one year, Level 2 vocational programme
- English and/or Maths GCSE resit classes where a student has not yet achieved a GCSE grade 4.
- Timetabled sessions of Supervised Study (RISE) to develop the skills required to move subject and independent learning forward.
- A Personal Development curriculum delivered by Learning Coaches at registration and within assembly sessions, and through a weekly Personal Development lesson. The curriculum is comprehensive and covering current affairs, health and wellbeing in addition to increasing awareness of different cultures, finance and careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- A Community, Careers and Progression week with activities and opportunities to engage with employers and post 18 provision.
- The opportunity to study for the Extended Project Qualification.
- The opportunity to engage in the Sports Leaders programme and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- All students studying science A level who do not study A level maths, study a Mathematical Studies course.

What will my timetable be like?

Throughout the application and enrolment process, the different pathways of study will be explored and advised, based on prior skills and attainment. Students can choose to either study a wholly academic pathway of A levels, an applied general pathway of Advanced BTEC courses, or a combination of both.

Our students in Year 12 receive 5 one-hour lessons per qualification per week. This is increased to 6 one-hour lessons per qualification in Year 13. Our Personal Development Curriculum is delivered every morning in Year 12 and Year 13. Personal Development lessons are taught to Year 12.

All students in Year 12 and 13 will also be expected to engage with Supervised Study (RISE). This is a staffed programme to support students with independent study skills and homework and coursework completion. Supervised Study is based in a computer suite so students have access to all resources required.

Careers, Education, Information & Guidance (CEIAG) is woven into the students' whole curriculum, as students will be exposed to 'careers in the curriculum' throughout their two years with us, in addition to guest speakers in assemblies and designated Personal Development days. All students have access to one-to-one careers

appointments and advice on all post-18 pathways, including visits to local universities and presentations on student finance and apprenticeships. The school also pays for access to Unifrog for all students in Year 7 to 13 for independent research in this area and UpLearn for Level 3 science, psychology and maths students. There is also a bespoke programme of support for those wishing to apply for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science or those requiring entrance exams such as Oxford and Cambridge.

Further information from the DfE regarding the 16-19 Study Programme can be found on the gov.uk website, by clicking here.