



How we meet the 16-19 study programme requirements 2025-26

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, covering current affairs, health and wellbeing in addition to increasing awareness of different cultures.
- A week of organised Work Experience with an approved provider.
- The opportunity to study for the Extended Project Qualification.
- The opportunity to engage in the Sports Leaders programme and Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- The opportunity to study Level 3 mathematical Skills during Year 12.

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.

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 Law, 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](#).