

The de Ferrers Academy: 16 -19 Study Programme

Academic courses

I. Level 3 Courses

All students will be expected to study 3 subjects (or equivalent). Each subject has 5 hours of teaching allocated to it. Students can choose from a range of BTEC and A Level qualifications or a combination, depending on their pathway.

Proposed Pathways for Sixth Form Entry 2017

Qualifications	Entry Criteria
BTECs	3 A* - C Plus Grade 4 in English <i>and</i> Maths
A Levels	4 A* - C Plus Grade 5 in English Plus Grade 4 in Maths
Greater choice of A levels...	Some subjects will have very specific entry criteria that e.g. Grade B/6 and upwards

II. Core Maths

Students who have chosen to study a course with a significant element of Mathematics will also be taught Core Maths for two hours per week, over two years unless they have also chosen to study A level Maths.

Courses include: Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, PE, CTEC Science and Economics.

III. Resits for English and Maths

Provision will be made for students who have not achieved the government basics threshold, if this is higher than our minimum entry criteria. For entry in September 2017 we require grade 4 in English and Maths.

Work Experience

We encourage all students to complete relevant and meaningful work experience during their time in the Sixth Form. This could be worked into their usual weekly routines or as a one off placement.

Provision for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities

Please refer to our SEND - Policy & Accessibility Plan

Other activities within a study programme

I. Deciding Your Future Days

During the summer term we provide a range of employment and university workshops for students to attend. This includes guest speakers from universities, industry and training providers. All students are offered the opportunity to take part in a mock interview in preparation for university/employment. Students are also offered the opportunity to attend a workshop on finance and budgeting.

II. Mentoring

Some students will be asked to attend regular mentoring sessions with a senior member of staff. This is likely to last for a minimum of one half term.

III. ELOs

We offer an extensive range of Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) at lunchtimes as well as before and after the academy day. These sessions are run by subject specialists.

IV. Supported Study

Most students will be timetabled *some* 'supported study' hours. This will be determined by their student status. This time will either be spent with subject specialists or in the Independent Study Centre (ISC) which is fully staffed and equipped for students to complete independent study.

V. Volunteering

We offer many opportunities within the academy for students to volunteer their time to help our younger students whilst developing essential skills themselves.