

The de Ferrers Academy Sixth Form

16-19 Study Programmes

Level 3 courses form the core aim of our study programme. Students can select from 25 academic and 9 applied qualifications. Students can combine academic and applied courses if they wish to do so. In addition to 5 hours of timetabled lessons per week, per subject we also offer additional learning opportunities through revision sessions and supported study periods.

In addition, we offer the Extended Project Qualification to allow students the opportunity to develop their independent study/research skills.

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 are expected as part of our minimum entry criteria. We therefore do not offer additional lessons for students wishing to resit.

The core aim of the study programme is complemented by non-qualification activities to develop the students' character, soft skills, attitudes and confidence. These include:

- **Weekly enrichment sessions:** *During this hour session we cover personal, social, moral and cultural education, and CEIAG.*
- **Progress Mentor time:** *Students meet with their progress mentor for twenty minutes each week. During this session students cover study skills, goal setting and reflection activities.*
- **Work experience:** *Students are encouraged to complete work experience during their time in the Sixth Form. This could include a regular placement during non-contact time or a week long placement.*
- **Volunteering and charity work:** *Students are encouraged to give back to the academy and volunteer at academy and Trust events. Students are also supported in planning and organising events to raise money for their chosen charities.*
- **Students Leadership Opportunities:** *Within the Sixth Form we have a range of student led committees including: The Wellbeing Committee, The Social Committee and Clubs and Societies and The Sixth Form Forum (student voice). Alongside these committees, our Sixth Form students also form the Academy Head Student Team.*
- **Career Focus Weeks:** *Throughout the summer term we explore Post-18 destinations. We invite employers and universities into lessons to provide an insight into specific careers and degrees. Through enrichment sessions we cover apprenticeships and all aspects of the university application process.*