



The Key Stage 5 Curriculum - Years 12 and 13:

The vast majority of Sixth Form students' study three subjects at Key stage 5 which include A-Level and BTEC courses or a blend of both. All year 12 students are offered the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) this is mandatory for those studying three subjects and optional for those studying four subjects or undertaking GCSE re-sits in English and/or Maths.

Subject leaders are responsible for the design and implementation of the Sixth Form curriculum and where possible, offer subjects which allow progression from year 11 to 12, enabling students to continue to build upon prior learning and further develop their cumulative subject knowledge.

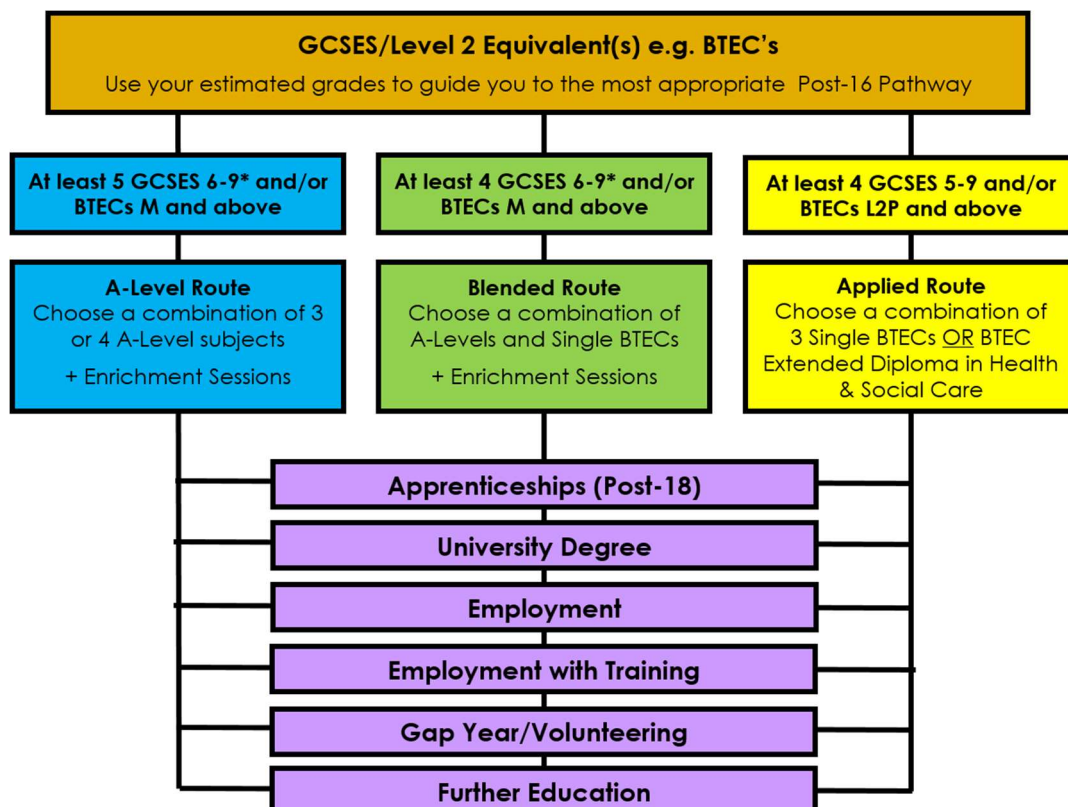
To prepare year 11, students for post-16 learning, they are invited to attend subject taster sessions after their KS4 examinations and complete bridging work in all subjects as part of the induction and transition progress. This aspect of the post-16 curriculum design supports students in making informed decisions about their Sixth Form subject choices.

The Sixth Form curriculum is reviewed annually to reflect students' applications and we offer students one of three personalised learning pathways as follows:

1. A pure academic pathway (A-Levels only)
2. A vocational pathway (BTEC's Only)
3. A 'blended' pathway (combination of A-Level and BTEC subjects).

Students can opt for 3-4 subjects comprising of an A-Level only qualification route, an Applied General (BTEC) only route or a blended pathway comprising of both qualification types.

The Key Stage 5 curriculum is implemented using a 'pathway approach' and is summarised in the diagram below:





There are a wide range of courses offered at Thomas Alleyne's High School that enables Sixth Form students to follow a variety of higher education and career choices. All subjects in the Sixth Form are taught by well-qualified and experienced subject specialists, consequently, teachers have secure knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach.

The following subjects are offered at Key Stage 5:

A-Level Subjects:

Art and Design	Further Mathematics
Biology	Geography
Business	History
Chemistry	Mathematics
Design and Technology	Music
Drama	Photography
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Psychology
French	RE: Philosophy and Ethics

Applied General (BTEC) Subjects:

BTEC Applied Science (Single Award)
BTEC Forensic Science (Double Award)
BTEC Health and Social Care (Single Award)
BTEC Health and Social Care (Triple Award)
BTEC Sport (Single Award)

Furthermore, all students are allocated at least seven lessons for fortnight of 'Sixth Form 7' which is teacher set super-curricular work to enhance knowledge and understanding of subject areas. As part of the annual curriculum design process, Senior Leaders and the Governing body review the Key stage 5 curriculum to quality assure that it continues to meet the needs of the local area, reflects student choice via the Year 11 to 12 transition process, and that courses are viable.

Assessment of progress is by teacher assessment throughout the Key Stage, and via external examination/moderation at the end of Key Stage 5.