



The 16-19 Study Programme is designed to help prepare students for higher education, apprenticeships, or work. Within Biddulph Sixth Form we offer a programme of study which enables learners the opportunities to be well prepared for their next steps:

### 1. Core Components of the Study Programme

- **Qualifications available:**
  - **A Levels:** Students generally choose 3 A Level subjects to study and these are each taught on 9 periods of learning per fortnight.
  - **Vocational Qualifications:** We offer a range of BTEC qualifications at L3 Diploma and L3 Extended Certificate. These are taught on 18 lessons and 8 lessons respectively, per fortnight.
- **Maths and English:** If a student has not yet achieved a GCSE grade 4 (C) or higher in Maths or English Language, they are required to continue studying these subjects alongside their main qualification. BH6 offers students the opportunity to study Maths Functional Skills and GCSE and GCSE English Language.
- **Additional Activities:**
  - Supported Study periods enable students to work within a staffed facility where they are supported to access independent learning to support the learning completed within the classroom.
  - Work experience is offered as a regular experience as part of the Enrichment programme and also for students to complete in the summer term as a 2-week block placement.
  - Enrichment activities like sport, music, or mentoring are included to develop student's skills.

### 2. Personalised Learning and Support

- The study programme should be tailored to the student's needs and abilities. We offer flexibility to study A Level, vocational qualifications or a mixed pathway.
- The Workskills pathway is designed to support L2 learners and enables them to complete a L2 BTEC qualification alongside GCSE Maths and English re-sit and weekly work experience.

### 3. Guidance and Progression

- Students should receive guidance about post-18 progression options, whether it's university, apprenticeships, or employment.
- Students are supported in planning for further study or work after completing their qualification.
- Careers guidance and progression planning are an essential part of the study programme. Students receive comprehensive support through the 'Next Steps' tutor programme and through the work completed by the Careers, Enterprise & Employability Coordinator based within school.

### 4. Additional Considerations

- **Study Time:** The programme should offer a full-time educational experience, meeting the 540 hours of study per year.
- **Attendance:** BH6 students are full-time students are required to attend each day.

## 5. Entry Requirements

- Each institution may have specific entry requirements based on the type of qualification.
  - For **A Levels**, students typically need at least three grade 6s and five grade 5s at GCSE.
  - For **Vocational Qualifications**, students typically need a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths, plus three further higher-grade passes.

## 6. Funding and Support

- Students can receive financial support through the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This fund helps students with the cost of travel, equipment, and other study-related expenses, depending on their financial situation.