

The Crest Academy Sixth Form – Programme of Study (2021/22)

1. Substantial qualifications that stretch students and prepare them for education at the next level or for employment

All students in The Crest Academy Sixth Form are enrolled on a study programme where they can study Academic, Applied General and Technical qualifications. Students are given and guidance when starting The Crest Academy Sixth Form regarding the appropriateness of courses based on their prior attainment, interest, passions and future goals.

There are data points throughout the academic year to ensure that students are working at an appropriate standard. All students start a minimum of 3 Level 3 qualifications, and one of these will serve as their core aim.

2. English and mathematics where students have not yet achieved a GCSE grade 4

When students have not been successful in achieving a grade 4 in GCSE English or GCSE Maths they have timetabled lessons and are entered for a retake in November and if necessary the summer term.

3. Work experience to give students the opportunity to develop their career choices and to apply their skills in real working conditions.

Students are supported to find work experience placements throughout the academic year and have a range of employer interactions through talks/assemblies. Students also have the opportunity to gain meaningful experience of the workplace via trips/visits. Students also participate in social action projects via Wings of Hope Awards, Mark Evison Foundation and the NCS Summer Programme. All activities planned consider student's need and future plans.

4. Other non-qualification activity to develop students' character, broader skills, attitudes and confidence, and to support progression

All students at The Crest Academy Sixth Form are part of a tutor group and have timetabled tutor sessions each morning. This programme is planned to provide students with a range of knowledge and skills to support them to become active citizens and confident young adults ready to move on to the next stage in their lives. We also provide a full careers programme across the year which includes a drop down 'Futures/Transitions Week' and regular careers talks. In addition to this we provide a range of enrichment activities, such as sporting enrichment to community action projects.

All students in Year 12 actively participate in the NCS programmes to develop core skills needed for each life stage including their independence. The Crest Academy Sixth Form also participates in the Uni Connect Programme to encourage students from our diverse backgrounds to make informed decisions about university.