



KING EDWARD VI SHELDON HEATH ACADEMY

Educational excellence for our City

How do we meet the requirements of the 16–19 study programme? Academic Year 2022-2023 (updated 15 July 2022)

The KESH Sixth Form 16-19 study offer is designed to provide students with a structured learning programme that supports their individual development and personal progression in line with their future career plans. Our study programmes are individually tailored but combine both qualification and non-qualification activities and are based on a student's prior attainment, interests and career goals. Essentially our study programmes will combine the key elements below:

Substantial Level 3 qualifications (both Academic and Vocational) that aim to stretch students while preparing them for Higher Education, University, Apprenticeships or Employment. These could either be Academic (A levels) or Vocational (BTEC's) or a mixture of academic and vocational.

GCSE Maths or English where students have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above.

Relevant and meaningful work experience to provide our students with the opportunity to develop their career choices while allowing them to apply their skills and knowledge in real life work environments. Students are supported in actively seeking work experience placements relating to their interest and potential career path. Time is set aside for these work experience placements in the summer term. Some vocational courses, such as BTEC Health and Social Care, have work placements running throughout the year as a key part of the course.

Other Non-Qualification activities, such as our LIVE award to develop Leadership and Innovation through Volunteering and Enrichment. These activities and opportunities are designed to develop our students' character, broader interpersonal and communication skills and positive attitudes. All non-qualification activities complement other elements of the programme and are designed to develop our students, alongside their self-esteem and confidence in order to support their future career and educational progression. This includes tutorials, study skills and support for students to progress to employment or Higher Education. For example, KESH runs an annual Learning for Employment University fair as well as a Learning for Employment Careers Fair, while we also take all of our students out to a UCAS convention. In addition to this, individually students visit university open days or apprenticeship providers relating to their future aspirations.

A comprehensive enrichment/PSRE programme is delivered through daily form time, weekly assemblies and a weekly Personal Development session. A weekly Sixth Form careers element is embedded into the programme.