

Curriculum Booklet



Lodestar
Academy

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Aims

At The Lodestar Academy, we deliver a curriculum that is dynamic, broad, balanced and creative to ensure that our students gain the most from their time with us.

The staff team is fully committed to supporting each individual student in developing the emotional and academic resilience needed to engage with learning. We seek to equip our students with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for successful future work and study, with a focus on the employment sectors available to them within the local community.

Students will experience learning in a range of settings as we enhance classroom based learning with extended educational experiences in all subject areas throughout the school year.

Our model of teaching - The Lodestar Way - ensures consistency in the routines of the classroom and provides staff and students with clarity over our expectations around behaviour and learning.

The Lodestar Way

Teachers	The Lodestar Way	Students
Meet and greet at door. Recognition of uniform and good behaviour.	Threshold	Enter the classroom calmly and ready to learn.
'Do Now' task immediately available to students. Complete register.	Do Now	Independent work begins on task.
Share the lessons objectives with students, achievable within a lesson.	Learning Objectives	Understand what you will be able to do by the end of the lesson.
Explanation and modelling of a good outcome.	Success Criteria	Understand what a good outcome is and what is needed to achieve it.
Teach something new, led by objectives and building on prior learning.	I do	Learn something new, following objectives.
Check all students for K/U/S. Adapt teaching following findings.	Mini plenary	Prove knowledge, understanding or skill.
Set tasks that allow students to practice the new learning together. Be alongside students.	We do	Apply new learning in a group/paired task.
Check all students for K/U/S. Adapt teaching following findings.	Mini plenary	Prove knowledge, understanding or skill.
Set tasks that allow students to embed and demonstrate their new learning independently. Tasks adjusted according to student attainment. Engage with students throughout.	You do	Use new learning within an independent task. Let staff know if you need help.
Check all students learning against the success criteria. Feedback WWW/EBI/Next Steps.	Plenary & feedback	Know what went well and even better if.
Stand by the door as students leave the room.	Orderly Exit	Leave the room calmly.

Curriculum Overview

The curriculum at The Lodestar Academy is comprised of two strands: our core curriculum offer and our personal pathway offer.

Our core curriculum offer ensures that each student has the opportunity to make progress and achieve in subjects that are essential to their educational and personal development.

Our personal pathway offer provides students with an opportunity to develop key employability skills as well as explore subjects relating to the local employment market.

Our Offer

Year	Core Offer	Personal Pathway
7, 8, 9	English Language English Literature Maths Science RS History Geography Art Digital Citizenship PHSE Drama Food Tech PE	LOT Forest School Careers
10, 11	English Language English Literature (Y10 2026) Maths Science RS Digital Citizenship PHSE Careers LOT	Motor Vehicle Hair Dressing Construction Film Studies Art History BTEC Child Development BTEC Sport BTEC Performing Arts BTEC Travel and Tourism

English Language

Why this subject is important

English is essential for communicating with others and is fundamental to learning in all curriculum areas. By studying English students develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing which will enable them to participate in society and to gain employment.

Exam boards

TQUK Functional Skills

Edexcel Entry Level

AQA GCSE

What you will learn

Through studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from different periods of history, you will develop your reading and text analysis skills. You will explore themes of conflict, music, animal rights and crime and punishment, supported by a range of extended experiences. The development of your coursework portfolio will support your progress in writing of fiction and non-fiction texts.

How you will be assessed

2 written examinations

1 spoken language assessment

Extended Experiences

Creative writing competitions, bespoke opportunities to engage with schemes, creative writing experiences, literary trips.

What you can achieve

Year 9 – Step Up to English Silver and Gold Year 10 – Entry Level/Functional Skills

Year 11 – Functional Skills/GCSE

Mathematics

Why this subject is important

The study of maths can help to develop a huge range of skills: reasoning, problem solving, creativity, communication and organisation. A maths qualification is essential to most jobs and will open doors to a wide range of career opportunities.

Exam board

AQA

What you will learn

You will study a range of topics within the areas of number, algebra, shape, space and measure and data handling.

How you will be assessed

Entry Level Certificate: 1 examination in each of the 8 topics studied. GCSE: Three written examinations at the end of year 11.

- Paper 1 (non-calculator) 1hr30mins
- Paper 2 (calculator) 1hr30mins
- Paper 3 (calculator) 1hr30mins.

Extended Experiences

Smart Stocks investment competition, casino event, orienteering trip, geocaching trip.

What you can achieve

Entry Level Certificate

GCSE

Science

Why this subject is important

The study of science will help young people to ask and answer a variety of questions about the world they live in. Science promotes creativity and problem solving and teaches methods of enquiry and investigation.

Exam board

Edexcel

What you will learn

You will study the following 6 components:

- The human body
- Environment, evolution and inheritance
- Elements compounds and mixtures
- Chemistry in our world
- Energy, forces and the structure of matter
- Electricity, magnetism and waves

How you will be assessed

6 practical experiments

6 written assessments

Extended Experiences

Workshops at Paignton Zoo, Dawlish trip, Jurassic Coast trip, Kents Cavern, The Eden Project visit.

What you can achieve

Double Award Entry Level Certificate Level 1, 2 or 3 Single Award Entry Level certificate Level 1, 2 or 3

Religious Studies

Why this subject is important

Religious Studies helps you understand the beliefs, values and traditions that shape individuals, communities and societies around the world. You will explore some of life's biggest questions about meaning, purpose, morality and truth, while developing your own informed opinions. The course also helps you appreciate how religion, philosophy and ethics influence culture, law and everyday life. Students develop analytical, critical thinking and research skills that are valuable in further education and a wide range of careers.

Exam board

AQA

What you will learn

You will develop your knowledge and understanding of religious and non- religious beliefs. You will develop your ability to construct well-argued, well- informed, balanced and structured arguments.

The course has three components:

1. Religious, Philosophical and Ethical Studies in the Modern World
2. Study of Christianity
3. Study of a World Faith

How you will be assessed

Assessment takes place through written examinations at the end of the course. You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religions and beliefs.
- Explain the influence of religion on individuals and society.
- Analyse religious, philosophical and ethical issues.
- Evaluate different viewpoints.
- Construct well-informed and balanced arguments using evidence and sources of wisdom.

What you can achieve

GCSE Religious Studies, short course

Citizenship

Why this subject is important

Citizenship Studies helps you understand how society works and how you can make a positive difference in your community. You will learn about democracy, government, law and human rights, giving you the knowledge to become an informed, active and responsible citizen. The course encourages you to engage with real-world issues and develop the confidence to participate in society and influence change.

Exam board

AQA

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Explore how the UK's political system and democracy operate.
- Learn about rights, responsibilities and the justice system.
- Investigate issues relating to identity, diversity and equality.
- Understand the role of citizens in local, national and global communities.
- Study how people can take action to address social and political issues.
- Develop research, discussion, decision-making and problem-solving skills.

How you will be assessed

Assessment is through two written examinations at the end of the course. You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of citizenship concepts.
- Apply your understanding to real-life situations and current issues.
- Analyse information, evidence and different viewpoints.
- Evaluate arguments and make justified judgements.
- Use examples from your own citizenship actions and investigations where appropriate.

Extended Experiences

An active citizenship project with individualised roles and responsibilities, Crown Court visit, guest speakers.

What you can achieve

GCSE

P.S.H.R.E.

Why this subject is important

Personal, Social, Health, Relationships and Economic education is a subject through which our students develop the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to manage their lives now and in the future. PSHRE equips young people to be healthy, safe, and well prepared for life in modern Britain.

What you will learn

Topics covered in PSHRE include sex and relationships, drugs and alcohol, financial management, British Values, careers, healthy lifestyles and emotional wellbeing.

How you will be assessed

Teacher devised assessments are taken for each unit studied. These are marked by staff at Lodestar Academy.

Extended Experiences

Mock interviews, museum trip, guest speakers, setting up a bank account.

P.E.

Why this subject is important

All students have a statutory right to PE lessons, reflecting the importance of students taking regular exercise in order to maintain healthy minds and bodies. PE provides students with opportunities to become physically confident as well as develop healthy competitive spirits and uphold values such as fairness and respect.

What you will learn

Students have a double PE lesson every week and will participate in a varied range of sports including badminton, basketball, cricket, tennis, football and rounders. Students are supported to develop their team building skills and focus on how they can contribute to a wider group in a successful and supportive way.

Extended Experiences

Our end-of-term trips seek to provide students with opportunities to try additional physical activities such as swimming and ice-skating.

Learning Outside the Classroom

Why Learning Outside the Classroom is important

Learning Outside the Classroom helps you develop the skills and attitudes needed to succeed in school, work and life. Through a range of experiences, challenges and practical activities, you will strengthen the Habits of Mind—the behaviours that successful learners use when faced with problems, uncertainty or new situations. You will learn how to think independently, work collaboratively, persevere when things are difficult and reflect on your own growth.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will develop key Habits of Mind, including:

- Persisting when faced with challenges.
- Managing impulsivity and making thoughtful decisions.
- Thinking flexibly and considering different perspectives.
- Listening with understanding and empathy.
- Questioning and problem-solving creatively.
- Taking responsible risks and stepping outside your comfort zone.
- Working effectively with others.
- Reflecting on your learning and setting goals for improvement.

You will apply these habits through practical experiences, team activities, outdoor learning, projects and real-life challenges.

How you will be assessed

Assessment focuses on your personal development and engagement rather than traditional examinations. You will be assessed through:

- Active participation in activities and challenges.
- Demonstrating the Habits of Mind in different situations.
- Reflection on your learning and personal growth.
- Teamwork, leadership and communication skills.
- Evidence collected through discussions, presentations, projects and learning journals.

The emphasis is on showing progress, resilience and a willingness to learn from experience.

What you will achieve

By participating in Learning Outside the Classroom, you will:

- Develop greater confidence and independence.
- Improve your communication, teamwork and leadership skills.
- Become a more resilient and adaptable learner.
- Learn how to approach challenges positively and persevere when things are difficult.
- Build self-awareness and understand your strengths and areas for growth.
- Gain valuable life skills that support success in education, employment and everyday life.

English Literature

Why English Literature is important

English Literature allows you to explore some of the greatest stories, plays and poems ever written while developing a deeper understanding of people, societies and cultures. Through studying texts from different time periods, you will investigate themes such as power, conflict, love, identity and ambition. The course encourages you to think critically, analyse ideas and understand how writers use language and structure to influence readers. These skills are highly valued in further education, employment and everyday life.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Study a range of literary texts, including Shakespeare, a 19th-century novel, modern drama or prose, and poetry.
- Explore key themes, characters and ideas within these texts.
- Analyse how writers use language, structure and form to create meaning.
- Compare different texts and viewpoints.
- Develop your ability to support ideas using evidence from texts.
- Build your skills in critical thinking, interpretation and written communication.

How you will be assessed

Assessment is through two written examinations at the end of the course. You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate detailed knowledge and understanding of literary texts.
- Analyse language, structure and form.
- Explain how writers present characters, themes and ideas.
- Compare writers' methods and viewpoints.
- Construct clear, well-supported and analytical written responses.
- Use subject-specific terminology accurately and effectively.

There is no coursework component, so all assessment is based on your performance in the final examinations.

What you will achieve

- Gain a recognised GCSE qualification.
- Develop strong analytical and evaluative skills.
- Improve your ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and persuasively.
- Become a more thoughtful, reflective and critical reader.
- Build confidence in essay writing and discussion.
- Develop transferable skills that are highly valued in A Levels, university courses and a wide range of careers.

Food Technology

Why this subject is important

Food Technology allows students to explore their creativity using a range of materials and techniques. Students have the opportunity to design and make products that respond to a wide variety of problems within a range of contexts. Students are taught how to become competent in a range of cooking processes such as selecting and preparing ingredients, using utensils and electrical equipment and how to adapt their own recipes.

What you will learn

The course gives a basic understanding of all safe food handling procedures, including temperature control, personal hygiene, cleaning and preventing contamination.

Throughout the course, you will also compile a portfolio of recipes to take forward to a further education course, or even into personal life to help provide yourself and your family with balanced, nutritious meals.

How you will be assessed

Online modules and assessments for both levels of the course.

Extended Experiences

Catering for academy events; fairtrade breakfast; hosting a governors event

What you can achieve

Food Hygiene Certificate Level 1 Food Hygiene Certificate Level 2

BTEC Home Cooking Skills Level 2

Drama

Why Drama is important

Drama provides a safe and supportive environment where you can develop confidence, creativity and communication skills. Through practical activities, performance and collaboration, you will learn how to express yourself clearly, listen to others and respond thoughtfully. Drama helps you find your voice, build resilience and develop the confidence to speak in front of others—skills that are valuable in every subject and throughout life.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will develop a range of important skills, including:

- Confidence and self-expression when speaking and performing.
- Oracy skills through discussion, presentation and performance.
- Communication skills including voice, tone, body language and active listening.
- Creativity and imagination through creating characters, stories and performances.
- Teamwork and collaboration by working closely with others.
- Problem-solving and thinking on your feet during practical activities.
- Empathy and understanding by exploring different perspectives and experiences.
- Resilience and perseverance when developing and refining performance work.

How you will be assessed

Drama is assessed through your participation, engagement and personal development rather than formal examinations.

You will be assessed through:

- Practical drama activities and performances.
- Group and paired work.
- Presentations and spoken contributions.
- Reflection on your own progress and development.
- Demonstrating confidence, communication and collaboration skills.
- Willingness to take creative risks and try new approaches.

The focus is on growth, effort and skill development rather than achieving a particular performance standard.

What you will achieve

By studying Drama, you will

- Become a more confident speaker and communicator.
- Develop the ability to present ideas clearly and effectively.
- Improve your teamwork and leadership skills.
- Build resilience and self-belief.
- Strengthen your creativity and problem-solving abilities.
- Learn to listen actively and respond respectfully to others.
- Gain valuable oracy skills that support success across the curriculum and beyond school.

Art GCSE or Arts Award

Why this subject is important

Studying the arts helps to develop emotional intelligence and hones a student's organisation and attention to detail. The creativity and self-discipline which students of art develop is highly sought after in a range of career sectors.

Exam board

Eduqas (GCSE)

Arts Award

What you will learn

This course will enable you to:

- discover the enjoyment of creating and participating in arts activities
- experience arts events
- develop creative and communication skills that are essential for success in 21st century life
- explore the work of artists and craftspeople and gain insights into the professional arts world

How you will be assessed

GCSE:

- Portfolio (60%)
- Externally set assessment (40%)

Arts Award:

- Your work throughout the course will be collected in an individual portfolio, which will be assessed by your teacher and moderated by Arts Award staff.

Extended Experiences

Art exhibitions (visiting and hosting), music workshops, dance workshops.

What you can achieve

Explore (Entry Level 3) Bronze (Level 1) Silver (Level 2)

GCSE

KS3 Humanities

How Humanities are important

Humanities helps you make sense of the world around you by developing the skills to investigate people, places, events and societies. By combining History and Geography, you will learn how the past has shaped the present, how humans interact with their environments and how to think critically about the challenges facing our world today. The subject encourages curiosity, independence and informed decision-making—skills that are essential for life beyond school.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will develop a range of powerful academic and life skills, including:

- Critical thinking – questioning information and considering different viewpoints.
- Enquiry and investigation – asking meaningful questions and finding evidence to answer them.
- Research skills – locating, selecting and using information effectively.
- Analysis and interpretation – identifying patterns, causes, consequences and connections.
- Map and fieldwork skills – understanding places and environments through observation and investigation.
- Communication skills – presenting ideas clearly through discussion, writing and presentations.
- Decision-making and problem-solving – exploring real-world issues and proposing solutions.
- Evaluation skills – judging the reliability of evidence and forming balanced conclusions.

How you will be assessed

Assessment focuses on the skills you develop rather than simply what you can remember. You will be assessed through a variety of activities, including:

- Research projects and investigations.
- Presentations and group work.
- Map, data and source analysis.
- Extended writing and reports.
- Problem-solving and enquiry-based tasks.
- Opportunities for self-reflection and peer feedback.

What you will achieve

By studying Humanities, you will:

- Become a more confident and independent learner.
- Develop strong analytical and reasoning skills.
- Improve your communication and presentation abilities.
- Learn to interpret evidence and make informed judgements.
- Gain a deeper understanding of people, societies and the environment.
- Build transferable skills that support success across all subjects and future careers.

KS4 Pathway - Film Studies

Why this subject is important

Film Studies helps you develop critical thinking skills. You'll learn how to analyse films beyond just the story—looking at cinematography, sound, and editing. These skills are useful not only for understanding films but also for any situation where you need to think critically or solve problems.

Film Studies also taps into your creativity. You'll have the chance to explore storytelling and how films use visuals and sound to communicate ideas. This can be exciting if you're interested in media or arts careers, such as film, TV, advertising, or journalism.

Studying films from different cultures and genres will help you gain a broader perspective on the world. It's a great way to understand different ideas and viewpoints. In the end, Film Studies GCSE equips you with valuable skills that will be useful in higher education and future careers.

Exam board

Eduqas

What you will learn

The course will enable you to:

Explore developments in film over time

Explore independent film making and foreign language films

Create your own independent piece of film

How you will be assessed

You will sit 2x 1 hour 30 minute written exams (70%).

You will create short film for a non-exam assessment (30%).

What you can achieve

GCSE qualification

KS4 Pathway – History

Why History is important

History helps us understand how the world we live in today has been shaped by the actions, decisions and experiences of people in the past. By studying History, you will investigate significant events, individuals and changes over time, helping you to understand different societies, cultures and perspectives. The subject develops your ability to think critically, question evidence and make informed judgements about the world around you.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Investigate key events, individuals and periods from British and world history.
- Explore the causes, consequences and significance of historical events.
- Examine how and why societies change over time.
- Study a range of historical sources and interpretations.
- Develop skills in analysing evidence and reaching well-supported conclusions.
- Understand how different viewpoints can shape our understanding of the past.
- Build strong written communication and argument skills.

How you will be assessed

Assessment is through written examinations at the end of the course. You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of historical events and periods.
- Explain causes, consequences and changes over time.
- Analyse and evaluate historical sources.
- Interpret and assess different historical viewpoints.
- Construct clear, balanced and evidence-based arguments.
- Use historical evidence to support your judgements.

What you will achieve

By studying History, you will:

- Gain a recognised GCSE qualification.
- Develop excellent analytical, research and evaluation skills.
- Improve your ability to communicate ideas clearly and persuasively.
- Learn to assess evidence and make reasoned judgements.
- Become more informed about the world and the forces that have shaped it.
- Gain transferable skills valued by colleges, universities and employers across a wide range of careers.

KS4 Pathway – Vocational Skills

Why Vocational Learning Opportunities are important

Attending vocational courses at Coombe Pafford provides you with the opportunity to learn practical, real-world skills in a professional environment. These experiences help you develop independence, confidence and employability skills while exploring potential career pathways. Vocational learning allows you to apply your knowledge in practical situations and gain a better understanding of the workplace and the expectations of employers.

What you will learn

Through your weekly vocational placement, you will:

- Develop specialist practical skills within your chosen area:
 - Motor Vehicle
 - Construction
 - Hairdressing
- Learn how to work safely and responsibly in a professional setting.
- Develop problem-solving and practical skills through hands-on activities.
- Build confidence using industry-standard equipment and techniques.
- Improve communication, teamwork and customer service skills.
- Gain an understanding of career opportunities within your chosen industry.
- Develop employability skills such as punctuality, organisation, resilience and professionalism.

How you will be assessed

Assessment focuses on the skills and behaviours you demonstrate during your practical learning experiences.

You will be assessed through:

- Participation in practical activities and projects.
- Demonstration of technical and vocational skills.
- Safe and responsible working practices.
- Professional attitudes and behaviours.
- Communication and teamwork.
- Progress towards personal and vocational learning targets.
- Feedback from instructors and workplace professionals.

What you will achieve

By attending Coombe Pafford each week, you will:

- Gain valuable practical experience in a vocational setting.
- Develop skills that are directly relevant to future careers.
- Increase your confidence, independence and self-belief.
- Build positive attitudes towards learning and employment.
- Improve your ability to work with others and solve real-world problems.
- Develop a clearer understanding of your strengths, interests and career aspirations.
- Prepare yourself for further education, apprenticeships, training programmes and employment opportunities.

KS4 Pathway – Child Development

Why Child Development is important

Child Development helps you understand how children grow, learn and develop from birth through early childhood. The qualification explores the factors that influence a child's physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, helping you gain a deeper understanding of how to support children to thrive. It is an excellent choice for students interested in working with children, education, health care or social care in the future.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Explore how children grow and develop from birth to five years.
- Understand the physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs of young children.
- Learn about the importance of play in children's development.
- Investigate factors that can affect a child's growth and wellbeing.
- Develop an understanding of health, safety and nutrition for young children.
- Learn how adults can support children's learning and development.
- Explore careers and opportunities within childcare and early years settings.

How you will be assessed

Assessment includes a combination of coursework-style assignments and external assessment.

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of child development.
- Apply what you have learned to realistic childcare situations.
- Research and present information clearly.
- Plan and evaluate activities that support children's learning and development.
- Analyse different factors that influence children's growth and wellbeing.

What you will achieve

By studying Child Development, you will:

- Gain a recognised vocational qualification.
- Develop valuable knowledge about how children learn and grow.
- Improve your research, communication and organisational skills.
- Build confidence in planning and evaluating activities.
- Gain an insight into careers involving children and families.
- Develop transferable skills that are useful in education, health care, social care and many other professions.

KS4 Pathway – BTEC Sport

Why BTEC Sport is important

Sport is about much more than physical activity. BTEC Sport helps you understand how the body works, what contributes to success in sport and physical activity, and the importance of maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. It combines practical experiences with theoretical knowledge, helping you develop skills that are valuable both in sport and in everyday life. Whether you want a career in sport, fitness, coaching or health, or simply enjoy being active, this course will help you build confidence, resilience and teamwork skills.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Explore the components of physical fitness and their impact on performance.
- Understand how the body responds to exercise and physical activity.
- Learn about health, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles.
- Develop practical sports skills and techniques.
- Analyse performance and identify areas for improvement.
- Learn about leadership, teamwork and communication in sport.
- Investigate careers and opportunities within the sport, fitness and leisure industries.

How you will be assessed

Assessment includes a combination of coursework-style assignments, practical activities and external assessment.

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sport and fitness.
- Apply your learning to practical sporting situations.
- Analyse and evaluate performance.
- Complete research and written assignments.
- Demonstrate teamwork, leadership and communication skills.
- Plan, participate in and review sporting activities.

This allows you to showcase both your academic understanding and your practical abilities.

What you will achieve

By studying BTEC Sport, you will:

- Gain a recognised vocational qualification.
- Develop a strong understanding of sport, fitness and health.
- Improve your communication, organisation and leadership skills.
- Build confidence through practical participation and teamwork.
- Develop resilience, determination and a positive attitude towards challenges.
- Gain insight into careers in sport, coaching, fitness, teaching, leisure and health-related professions.
- Prepare yourself for further study, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

KS4 Pathway – Performing Arts

Why Performing Arts is important

Performing Arts gives you the opportunity to develop creativity, confidence and communication skills through practical performance experiences. Whether you are interested in acting, dance, performance or working behind the scenes, the course helps you develop the ability to express yourself, collaborate with others and present ideas effectively. These are valuable skills that can support success in education, employment and everyday life.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Explore a range of performance styles and techniques.
- Develop skills in creating, rehearsing and performing work.
- Learn how performers communicate ideas and emotions to an audience.
- Study professional performances and the work of practitioners.
- Develop creativity through devising and performance projects.
- Improve your teamwork, leadership and organisational skills.
- Learn how to evaluate and reflect on your own work and the work of others.

How you will be assessed

Assessment includes a combination of practical performances, coursework-based projects and external assessment.

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Develop and demonstrate performance skills.
- Create and rehearse original work.
- Work effectively with others to produce performances.
- Analyse and evaluate performances and creative processes.
- Document your development and decision-making throughout projects.
- Apply feedback to improve your work.

What you will achieve

By studying BTEC Performing Arts, you will:

- Gain a recognised vocational qualification.
- Develop confidence when performing and presenting to others.
- Improve your communication, collaboration and leadership skills.
- Build resilience through rehearsal, reflection and refinement.
- Strengthen your creativity and ability to think imaginatively.
- Develop self-discipline, commitment and professionalism.
- Gain insight into careers within the performing arts, media and creative industries.
- Acquire transferable skills that are highly valued in further education and the workplace.

KS4 Pathway – Travel and Tourism

Why Travel and Tourism is important

Travel and Tourism helps you understand one of the world's largest and most exciting industries. It explores how travel connects people, cultures and places, while developing the skills needed to work in customer-focused and professional environments. The course helps you build confidence, communication and organisational skills, preparing you for a wide range of future careers both in the UK and around the world.

What you will learn

Throughout the course, you will:

- Explore different types of travel and tourism destinations.
- Understand why people travel and how tourism impacts communities and environments.
- Learn about the UK and global tourism industry.
- Develop customer service and communication skills.
- Investigate how travel and tourism businesses operate.
- Build planning and organisational skills through travel-related projects.
- Learn how to work professionally and effectively with a range of people.
- Explore career opportunities within travel, tourism, hospitality and events.

How you will be assessed

Assessment includes a mixture of coursework-style assignments, projects and external assessment.

You will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the travel and tourism industry.
- Research and investigate destinations, organisations and tourism issues.
- Apply your knowledge to realistic travel and tourism scenarios.
- Present information clearly and professionally.
- Analyse information and make informed recommendations.
- Demonstrate planning, communication and organisational skills.

The course allows you to show both your understanding of the industry and your ability to apply practical skills.

What you will achieve

By studying Travel and Tourism, you will:

- Gain a recognised vocational qualification.
- Develop excellent communication and customer service skills.
- Improve your teamwork, organisation and problem-solving abilities.
- Build confidence in presenting ideas and working with others.
- Gain an understanding of a major global industry.
- Explore future career pathways in travel, tourism, hospitality, events, leisure and customer service.
- Develop transferable skills that are valued by colleges, universities and employers.