

Our 16-19 Study Programme at Pioneer House

At Pioneer College our 16-19 study programme has been devised to ensure that our students are extremely well prepared for their next steps and is underpinned by an emphasis on personal development and employability.

Staff at Pioneer College use adaptive teaching to ensure that curriculum delivery meets the needs of all our students. Our 16-19 study programme offers each student a personalised curriculum offer which aligns with their interests and aspirations. The curriculum offer consists of two pathways:

- Vocational Pathway
- Skills Pathway

Both pathways are tailored to students' prior attainment, career goals and aspirations and build on previous learning from Key Stages 3 and 4.

Vocational Pathway

Our Vocational Pathway at Key Stage 5 continues to provide opportunities for students to work towards accredited qualifications whilst also continuing to develop vocational and employability skills. This ensures that our students are exceptionally well prepared for their steps beyond Pioneer House.

The Vocational Pathway provides students with the opportunity to work towards accredited qualifications at Entry Level 1 to Level 1 in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Vocational Studies

Students also study a range of other non- accredited subjects including:

- Digital Skills
- Food and Nutrition
- Accessing the Community
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Health and Fitness



Students on the Post 16 Vocational Pathway also participate in a weekly Work Experience programme, informed by local labour market information both on-site, and with local employers.

Skills Pathway

At Pioneer College our Skills Pathway provides opportunities for learners to develop the skills they will require to prepare them effectively for adulthood. Students engage in regular learning experiences off site to develop their skills in community access, financial literacy, selfcare and independent living. The pathway content has been devised to provide opportunities for students to work towards the Preparation for Adulthood Outcomes which lie within the four pillars of our whole school curriculum: Better Health; Friends, Relationships and Communication; Employment and Independent Living.

The Skills Pathway provides students with the opportunity to study the following non-accredited subjects and work towards making progress towards personalised targets alongside their Education and Health Care Plan outcomes.

- English
- Maths
- Accessing the Community
- Preparation for Adulthood
- Digital Skills
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Health and Fitness

All students also participate in a weekly work experience programme and enrichment opportunities. These additional opportunities serve to complement the other elements of the programme and support the student to progress to further education or employment.

Breadth and Depth of Learning

Our 16-19 study programme continues to offer our students a broad and balanced curriculum without limiting their options for future study or work. We ensure that all our students, regardless of ability, are able to gain real experience and knowledge of the workplace, which



in turn supports the development of their independence and at the same time enhances their employability skills.

Preparing our students for the future

At Pioneer College we continually strive for the best for all our students, and our 16-19 study programme is designed to provide students with a structured and challenging learning programme that supports their development and progression in line with their future aspirations and career aspirations. To this end, where appropriate we ensure that our students have access to:

- qualifications that stretch and challenge them whilst at the same time preparing them for education at the next level or for entry into employment
- a functional English, Mathematics and Digital Skills curriculum
- meaningful work experience which provides students with the opportunity to develop their employability skills and apply their learning to real- life working conditions
- A wide range of activities which help to develop our students' independence, resilience, broader skills, attitudes and confidence, and support progression beyond Pioneer House.

Work Experience

Work experience is a key component of our 16 to 19 study programme. The term work experience refers to all forms of work-related activity including work tasters, running a student enterprise, participation in community projects, volunteering or a work placement arranged with an external employer. Our work experience offer aims to provide our students with the opportunity to develop their career choices, experience a real- life working environment and develop the necessary employability skills they will require as they make the transition into adulthood. Through participation in the work experience and accessing the community programme students are able to make progress towards the following Qualifications:

- Arts Award
- AQA Unit Awards
- Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability



At Pioneer College all learning opportunities on our 16-19 study programme are planned to take account of the student's needs as outlined in their Education and Health Care Plan alongside their interests and future aspirations. We ensure that all our work placements:

- are fully risk assessed with a named person responsible within the organisation for the management of the work placement.
- allow students to apply the skills learned in the classroom to a real-life working environment.
- are undertaken under the direction and supervision of a member of the Pioneer House High School Staff taking into consideration the students' needs as outlined in their Education and Health Care Plan to ensure the young person obtains a meaningful learning experience suited to their needs and aspirations.
- are underpinned by a structured plan with clear learning outcomes
- support the employer to engage effectively with the programme to provide essential feedback based on the young person's performance

Accredited Learning Opportunities

Accredited qualifications offered as Part of the Pioneer College 16-19 Study Programme are as follows:

Subject	Qualification
English	Gateway Qualifications Entry Level Certificate in English (Entry 1-3 and Level 1)
Mathematics	Gateway Qualifications Entry Level Certificate in Mathematics (Entry 1-3 and Level 1)
Employability and Independence	Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability (Entry Level 3 and Level 1)
Vocational Learning	Gateway Qualifications Entry Level Certificate in Vocational Studies (Entry 3) AQA Unit Awards



Accessing the Community	Arts Award
Work Experience	Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability AQA Unit Awards

