



The King Edmund School

A Business & Enterprise and Applied Learning Academy

Welcome to the Year 11 Aspirations Evening

Aim of tonight

- **How best to reach their personal best, subject specific feedback**
- **The KS4 journey (presentations with Mr Osei-Poku)**
- **Careers Talk (Conference Room)**
- **Careers advisors (Common Room)**
- **KES Sixth Form**

The changing landscape Pre 16

- **New GCSEs**
- **New grading**
- **Linear exams**
- **Reductions in coursework**
- **More challenging**

The changing landscape Post 16

- **New A Levels**
- **New vocational qualifications**
- **More linear structure**
- **More challenging**
- **More exams**
- **More choice for students**
- **Apprenticeship opportunities are widening**

What employers want

- **Communication skills**
- **Team work**
- **Leadership qualities**
- **Organisation and deadlines**
- **Self managers**
- **Reliability**
- **Flexibility – the jobs of the future haven't even been invented yet**

What universities want

- **Independent learners**
- **Able to juggle workload**
- **Well rounded people**
- **Resilient learners**
- **People who do more than just study**
- **Lots of students – universities are widening access; university is not just for the students with the highest grades.**

Routes 16+

- School Sixth Forms
- Colleges
- At work via apprenticeship route
 - Talk at 7.30 on apprenticeships

What are your study options?

- **A Levels**
 - Two years
 - Specialist, in-depth study
 - Choose 3 subjects
 - Theoretical
 - Mostly written assessment (although some coursework in subjects like Art, Drama, Product Design)
- **Vocational courses**
 - One or two years
 - One subject in depth
 - Practical and applied learning

Know your levels

- **Level 1**
 - Equivalent to GCSE grades 1-3
- **Level 2**
 - Equivalent to GCSE grades 4+
- **Level 3**
 - A Levels or equivalent.

Know your Points

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- Grammar schools look for at least 52 points to start A Levels (4 grade 7s and 4 grade 6s), but many of their students will be 60+ points.
- At KES we think you can do Level 3 courses on around 35-43 points.
- Many A Level subjects also require you to have a 4 or 5 in English and Maths, others like you to have a 6 in the GCSE if you have studied it before.
Assume a “pass” in vocational qualifications is a 4/5
- Vocational subjects have lower requirements.
- Most apprenticeships require 4 in Maths and English

KES Sixth Form

- **Comprehensive Sixth Form with high expectations**
- **Offering combinations of courses we know students want to take**
- **Excellent facilities**
- **Established systems for pastoral care including progression advice, industry links and Higher Education preparation**
- **Extensive opportunities for personal development – leadership, team work and curriculum enrichment**
- **Full time, structured timetable including supervised study and EPQ**
- **Opportunities to mix and match courses**

A typical Level 3 timetable

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	History	Economics	History	Biology	FREE
2	FREE	History	Biology	Economics	Economics
3	Economics	Biology	EPQ	FREE	History
4	Biology	STUDY	FREE	STUDY	FREE
5	STUDY	FREE	Enrichment	History	Biology

A typical Level 2 timetable

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Construction	English	Construction	Work Placement	
2	Construction	Maths	Construction		
3	English	Construction	Construction		
4	Maths	Construction	FREE		
5	Construction	STUDY	Enrichment		

Courses at KES Sixth Form

Level 2 Learners (One Year)	Level 3 Learners (Two years)		
	Vocational	Mix	Traditional
Construction Childcare Health & Social Care Public Services + English GCSE & Maths GCSE + Work experience 2 days per week	Applied Science (forensics)* Business & Finance* Health & Social Care** Hospitality** IT** Music Performance* Sport** Childcare***	Combine A Levels with vocational courses, e.g.: Double IT BTEC + AL Business Or BTEC Music Performance + AL English + AL Drama	A Levels in Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computing, Drama, Economics, English Lit, English Lang/Lit, French, Geography, History, Law, Maths, Further Maths, PE, Physics, Psychology, Product Design, RE, Sociology EPQ, Core Maths

KES Sixth Form

- **99% pass rate at A Level with over 50% at A*-B.**
- **100% pass rate for vocational qualifications with 80% at Distinction/Distinction*.**
- **Excellent progress from starting points for students.**
- **65% of 2018 students took up university places; 35% go into full time employment**

What next?

When making your choices think about:

- **Career aspirations**
- **Subjects you enjoy**
- **Subjects you are good at**
- **Assessment methods that suit your learning style**
- **Opportunities to work outside the classroom**

In addition:

- **Talk to subject ambassadors, subject staff, tutors**
- **Get careers advice**

Key Dates

Internal Students	External Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interviews with parents between Nov and February• Applications filled in and places given• Taster day on 12th Feb 2019• 22nd August results day and enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form in packs• Send back to us by 14th Dec 2018• Applicant day on 8th Feb 2019• 22nd August results day and enrolment