



Ken Stimpson
Academy

Prospectus 2024

10 Reasons to Choose Ken Stimpson Academy

Gain work experience

Every student undertakes two weeks of work experience in Year 12 which helps to build their experience, their CVs and strengthen their UCAS application.

Choice of study pathways

You can choose to take a fully academic pathway, fully vocational pathway or a combination pathway- a blend of academic and vocational- it's up to you!

Results to get you where you want to go!

Our students achieve results which allow them to continue on from us to their chosen career paths- from studying Medicine, Business or Law (to name a few), to taking up apprenticeships or employment.

You, and your future, matter to us

Every student has access to our dedicated in-house Careers team who provide individualised guidance to the vast range of post 18 options available to students. We have many and diverse visiting speakers and bespoke trips and visits to employers, universities and schemes which enhance employment opportunities. We also provide individual one to one guidance and support with UCAS applications to universities.

Enrichment opportunities

There are many additional opportunities to develop interests and as a person in our Sixth Form from Senior Student posts to develop leadership, subject mentors, EPQ, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Mock Bar Trial, Cultural Capital trips, subject specific trips, Young Enterprise and more. Life here is what you make it!

Friendly, professional and collaborative environment

We work on the basis that we are a partnership of teaching and learning. Teachers work with students towards the common goal of the best outcomes possible. There is no uniform, but a dress code of smart office wear. As a work environment is required. Students are also trusted to use study time and non-contacts sensibly- they can decide if they stay in school when not in lessons, study independently or to leave and work at home.

Expanding Sixth Form Centre

We have a dedicated Sixth Form block incorporating a Quiet Study Room, a social area and computer facilities with a suite of classrooms that are used for smaller sixth form group teaching.

Exceptional pastoral support

Every student has a tutor who they see every day at 1.15pm. This is their first port of call and the person who will know them best. They are always there for support and advice. Your Head of Sixth Form is based in the Sixth Form area and is always available.

Wide choices of subjects

We have a wide range of A Level and BTEC courses to choose from that will enable you to create your own curriculum to suit your strengths, interests and future intentions.

Excellent teaching

Specialised and experienced teaching staff provide excellent teaching across A Levels and BTEC courses.

“Striving for academic and vocational excellence”

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WELCOME

Welcome to Ken Stimpson Academy

Post 16 at KSA is a central and core part of our identity as a school, we are extremely proud of who we are and what we can offer.

Ken Stimpson Academy is an integral part of the local community and making sure we provide the right education for the young people of Peterborough is an extremely important part of what we stand for.

In terms of the Sixth Form itself, we have and continue to invest in our provision and the available facilities. We have specialist staff who form a dedicated team that ensure the right courses are provided to enable you to succeed with us. They are also there to support and guide you throughout the next stage of your educational journey and onto the world beyond 11 to 18 study.

We consider that the transition from secondary education to Post 16 is a significant change. Our standards are high, and we expect you to behave and work in a manner that demonstrates a mature and adult approach to learning. Our Sixth Form students set the bar for the school; you are the role models for students in their younger years. This is very important to us.

Whilst you study with us you will be expected to work hard, involve yourself fully in school life and most of all make the most of the opportunities given to you. The school will provide you with excellent facilities and high-quality teaching. Your job is to bring the right attitude and approach and to take advantage of everything we are able to provide.

I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of what we are about and what we can do for you. If you consider this to be the right place for you, I look forward to welcoming you in the very near future.



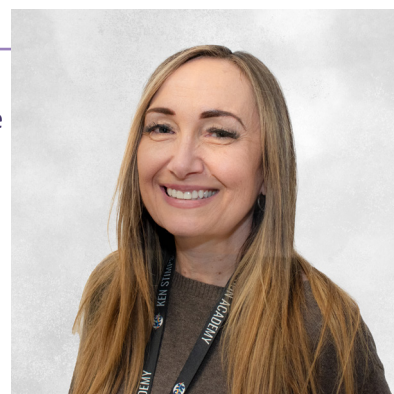
Mr Whales
Headteacher

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MEET THE TEAM

To be sixteen is to be on the edge of life – to be at the end of a journey that parents and teachers have set out for you and held your hand along - and to be ready to take the first exciting steps into taking hold of your own life.

The decisions that students make, the paths that they now choose become their own. They still have the support and guidance of parents and teachers around them, but this is the point at which they begin to truly blossom and decide who they want to be, who they will become and the directions in which they will steer their lives.



Miss Costin

Head of Sixth Form

The future is theirs.

At Ken Stimpson we understand that the Sixth Form years are a bridge, a transition into adulthood. We aim to advise, nurture, support and collaborate with the young people who choose to study with us before they shoot off into the many wonderful directions that their lives will take them.

We have a portfolio of 35 courses that students can access here at Ken Stimpson which include A Levels, Level 3 BTECs and GCSE resits in Maths and English Language should that be required.

Students can take a purely A level or a purely BTEC suite of subjects or they can choose a blended pathway. The beauty of Ken Stimpson Sixth Form is that we are small enough to offer a bespoke pathway for each student and a broad variety of courses. We have time for each individual student and each one has support from teachers, tutors and a Head of Sixth Form who know them properly.

And our students go onto great things – whatever they have set out for themselves whether it is University, Apprenticeships or employment. We have a dedicated in school Careers team who see every student, arrange visits from industry, from employers and trips to universities or other Further Education providers.

I am proud to be the Head of Sixth Form at this caring, vibrant and ambitious school. We are excited to be part of the journey that our students take and privileged to help them along their way. Education opens doors and enables students to have choices in life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you find that you have any questions or need further information after reading our prospectus and our subject pages.

The next steps await...

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Costin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



Mrs Patman
Careers Lead



Mrs Ayre
Careers Team



Mr Walji
UCAS Lead



Mr Swift
Leadership Link

OUR RESULTS

We are very proud of our students as they progress onto the next phase of their lives, whether that is university, apprenticeships or employment. Our Sixth Form results continue to reflect the high level of achievement of our students.

2024 A Level Results

A* - B grades: 48% (2023 = 38%)

A* - E grades: 98% (2023 = 98%)

2024 Level 3 Results

Distinction* - Distinction grades: 50%

Distinction* - Merit: 92.9%

Distinction* - Pass: 100%

Maintained for the past 8 years!



OFSTED FEEDBACK

During the recent OFSTED inspection, our Sixth Form was again graded as Good for a second consecutive time. Feedback from the Inspectors included:

- The sixth form is well led and managed. Expectations of students are high

Students in the sixth form value their experiences at school and the support of their teachers. Students have a clear focus on their next steps in education or employment. They embrace the many opportunities the school provides for them to achieve academically and personally, including the nationally recognised groups learning about enterprise.

In the sixth form students enjoy and benefit from the many impressive opportunities leaders provide. These help students learn how to live happy and healthy lives in contemporary society.

Leaders ensure that all pupils and students in the school receive the independent advice and guidance they need to make positive next steps in education or employment.

- By the time pupils leave school, they are well prepared for further education, employment or training. Pupils have the opportunity to develop problem-solving and teamworking skills through a number of business and enterprise programmes that also help to develop their self-confidence. For example, Years 12 and 13 students competed in the national enterprise scheme where they won the award for the best company, and a team of Year 9 pupils won the 'Build a business challenge' run by Peterborough College.

16 to 19 study programmes are good

- Leadership of the sixth form is good. Students are set challenging targets, and their progress is carefully monitored via half-termly meetings between subject leaders and the head of sixth form.
- Outcomes for students are good and improving as the highly aspirational targets are leading to good progress. Current progress information based on internal examinations and work in students' books indicates that attainment in the sixth form is rapidly improving, especially for the most-able students.
- Students who entered the sixth form without a level 2 in mathematics or English have the opportunity to study English and mathematics at GCSE. The proportion of students attaining level 2 in these subjects is improving.
- The quality of teaching is good across the overwhelming majority of subjects. Teachers have good subject knowledge which they use to ask probing questions to deepen students' knowledge and understanding. Students are set challenging work and are expected to be able to debate topical and important issues, for example fascist foreign policy in history.

ENRICHMENT

Our Post 16 students have access to a number of enrichment opportunities during their time in our sixth form. From Young Enterprise and other portfolio enhancing events to celebrations and team building you will be given access to a wealth of extra curricular experiences. Our main enrichment streams cover:

Work Experience

With opportunities in local businesses and a two week placement in Year 12 for all students.

Cultural Opportunities

Encompassing conferences, theatre trips and galleries. Three full off-site days of cultural capital opportunities

Performances

Sixth Formers support school wide performances, including the talent shows and school productions.

School Council & Senior Students

Giving students opportunities to be involved in decision making. Sixth Formers take a leading role in school development including leading charity work, the Wellbeing Committee, Eco-Group, Mentoring younger students, Anti-bullying group and taking on the role of subject prefects.

University Applications

Students are fully supported through our individualised and bespoke UCAS one to one guidance.

The Dorset Walk

A unique and life-changing opportunity with the Headteacher.

Outstanding Careers Provision

Students visit industry, local businesses, universities, the health service and more over two years.

Further Enrichment opportunities include:

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Young Enterprise Company Programme
- Bar Mock Trial
- Attending Higher Education Study Lectures and Open Days
- UCAS Fair
- Head Students
- Subject Prefects
- Senior Student Council



APPLICATIONS

You can apply for a place in our Sixth Form using the application form on our website. Students will choose three subjects, with a fourth as a backup. GCSE English and Maths may take up one or two of your four choices if you are required to resit. Your timetable will also include a daily Tutor Time and study support sessions. These enable students to develop life skills in self-study and personal enrichment.

To make your choices you will first want to look around our course pages and perhaps have further discussions with the subject staff and other students who are already on the courses. Discuss your options with your parents/carers, your subject teachers, the careers advisors etc. Be realistic about the level of courses you wish to opt for; whilst your grades are not yet set in stone, you should have an idea of what you can achieve. Think about what you want to do eventually/ after Sixth Form. For example, what courses do you want to go on to study at University? If you're not sure then think about choosing some "Facilitating Subjects" - those that give you access to a variety of further education courses such as English and the Sciences.

Some key questions you may wish to ask yourself:

What am I good at?

Think about your strengths and weaknesses and which of our courses best suit these.

What do I enjoy?

Sixth Form courses require a substantial amount of work and commitment, you will not get very far if you are not enjoying the subject.

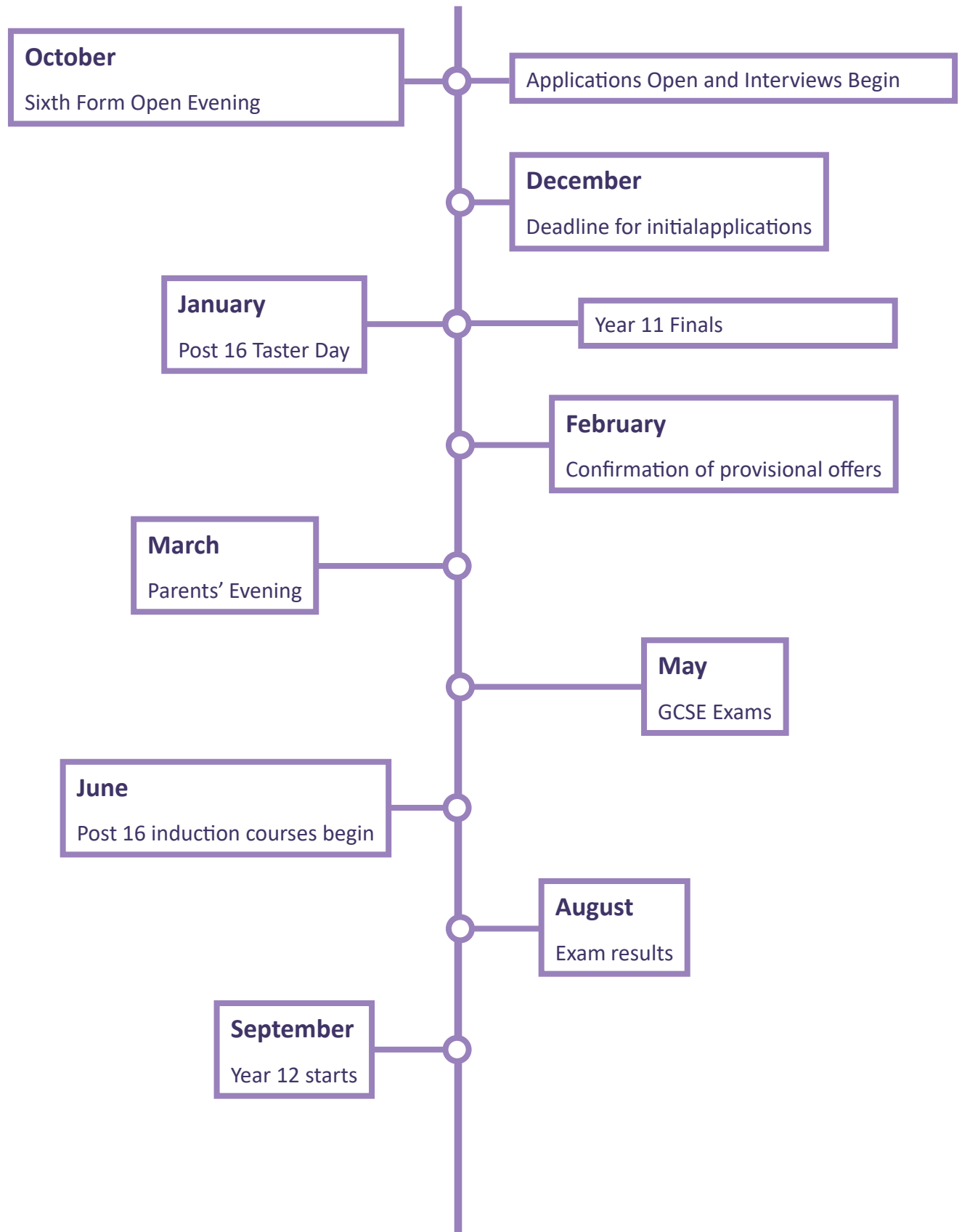
How do I like to learn?

Will your learning style best suit the more academic slant of A Levels with mostly written exams at the end or would you do better on a more vocational journey and largely coursework based assessment?


























COUNTDOWN TO POST 16



OUR A LEVEL COURSES

ART	 Art & Design (Fine Art)	 Business Studies	BUSINESS
	 Economics	 Computer Science	COMPUTING
ENGLISH	 English Language	 English Literature	
	 Film Studies	 Media Studies	
HUMANITIES	 Geography	 History	
MATHS	 Further Mathematics	 Mathematics	
	 French	 Italian	LANGUAGES
PERF ARTS	 Dance	 Drama	
	 Biology	 Chemistry	SCIENCE
	 Physics	 Politics	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	 Sociology		

OUR VOCATIONAL COURSES

Level 2

BUSINESS



Marketing

IT Support



COMPUTING

PE



Sport and Physical Activity

Level 3

BUSINESS



Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Financial Studies



COMPUTING



Information Technology

Mathematical Studies



MATHS

PERF ARTS



Dance

Drama



Performing Arts

Music



PE



Sport and Exercise Science

Applied Science



SCIENCE

SOCIAL SCIENCES



Criminology

Applied Psychology



Health and Social Care

Law (L3)



2024-25 is an exciting time for Ken Stimpson Academy, keep an eye on our website for the most up to date list of our courses as our offer expands!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We are proud to be able to offer an extensive programme of:

- Traditional academic A Levels
- Level 3 vocational courses, such as BTEC Nationals or Cambridge Technicals (these courses A Level equivalent and still attract UCAS points)
- Level 2 vocational courses
- GCSE English and Maths resits (compulsory for students with Grade 3 or below)

All students taking a Level 3 or A Level pathway choose 3 options plus a back up.

GCSE resits takes priority. If a resit is taught at the same time as another course, you will need to go into the resit class.

Students choosing a Level 2 pathway will study any resit subjects alongside two Level 2 Technical Certificates. The Level 2 pathway will be paired with a substantial amount of relevant Work Experience. Upon completion of their Level 2 courses students will have the opportunity to progress onto a Level 3 pathway for a further 2 years in our Post 16 centre.

A Level/AS Level

These are traditional exam based, academic qualifications.

Some subjects will offer 1 year AS Levels and others will offer the straight 2 year A Level.

Entry requirements: 6 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths.

Most A Levels have subject specific requirements as well.

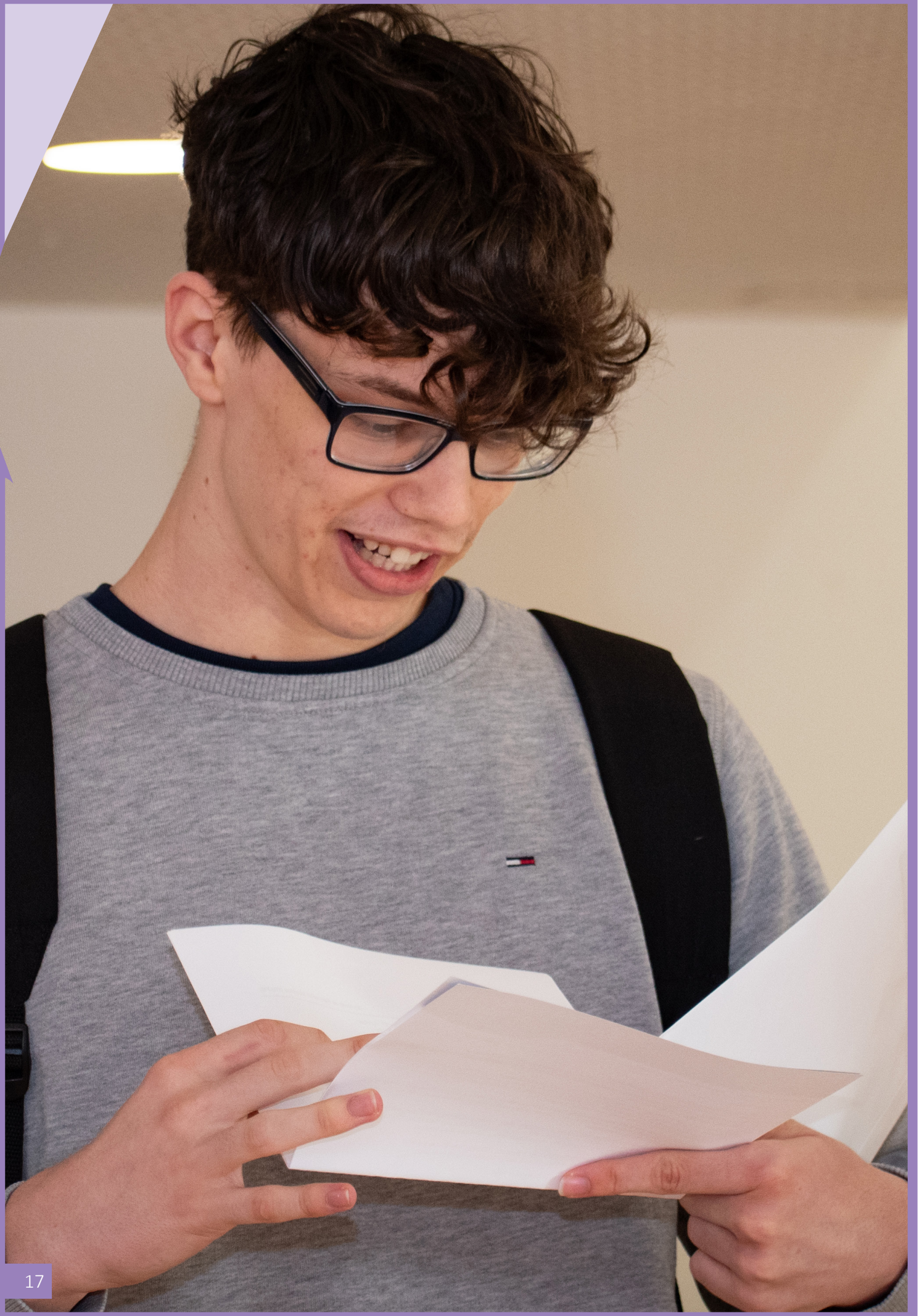
Vocational Pathways (Applied General)

More portfolio (coursework based but must still contain some examined elements).

Level 3 courses will have entry requirements to Level 3 and equivalent to A Levels

Level 2 courses will require a minimum of 5 GCSE grades 3 or above.

These courses are highly valued by employers as they develop research skills and independent learning.





DESTINATIONS

Previous Post 16 students have gone on to many prestigious university and apprenticeship placements. A selection of these included:

- King's College London - Anatomy, Developmental and Human Biology
- University of Leeds - Fashion Design
- University of Nottingham - Economics
- University of York - Psychology
- Durham University - Ancient History
- University of Birmingham - Social Policy and Criminology
- University of Bristol - Physics
- University of Liverpool - Physics
- University of Manchester - Chemistry
- University of Warwick - Economics
- University of St Andrews - History
- Nottingham Trent University - Law with Psychology
- University of Lincoln - Pharmaceutical Science
- University of Portsmouth - Film Studies and Creative Writing
- Staffordshire University - Computer Games Design and Programming
- De Montfort University - Law LLB
- De Montfort University - Fine Art
- Sheffield Hallam - Nursing
- NHS Apprenticeship
- Police Force Apprenticeship
- University of London Royal Holloway - Law

Visit our website for more information and details on how to apply
KenStimpson.org.uk/Post16

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