

## The 16-19 Study Programme at The Grey Coat Hospital

The government policy on 16-19 study programmes can be found [here](#). It covers academic and vocational study programmes and applies to all providers of 16-19 education in England.

The study programme for each student should provide a structured and challenging learning programme that supports their development and progression in line with their career plans. In supporting our students with Additional needs, we will refer to, and comply with, the SEND Code of Practice. Further details can be found in The Grey Coat Hospital SEND Policy and SEND Information Report available on our website [www.gch.org.uk](http://www.gch.org.uk)

At The Grey Coat Hospital, we plan the study programme carefully with each student to ensure that it is tailored to their needs, but it typically includes the following:

**1. Substantial qualifications that stretch students and prepare them for education at the next level or for employment.**

Our offer includes a wide range of A Levels. The subjects each student is enrolled in will be informed by their prior attainment, interests and career ambitions. All students at The Grey Coat Hospital are enrolled on a full-time study programme which typically comprises three A Levels; with some students taking four A Levels. Each A Level is allocated five hours of lesson time per week. A Levels are linear and have terminal examinations at the end of the two-year course. The vast majority of our students progress onto Higher Education courses. We also offer the Extended Project Qualification as an additional optional qualification to all students in Year 12.

**2. English and mathematics GCSE where students have not yet achieved a GCSE grade 4.**

The school stipulates minimum grade requirements for its sixth form. Students must have achieved a minimum of five strong passes (at grade 5) at GCSE level, which must include grades 5 in English Language and in mathematics. Furthermore, there are additional specific entry requirements for each subject studied, which are published on our website.

**3. Work experience to give students the opportunity to develop their career choices and to apply their skills in real working conditions.**

At The Grey Coat Hospital all students are given the opportunity to take part in a week of Work Experience at the end of Year 12, equating to a minimum of 40 hours.

**4. Other non-qualification activity to develop students' character, broader skills, attitudes and confidence, and to support progression.**

All students at The Grey Coat Hospital are part of a tutor group and have a timetabled tutor lesson each fortnight. This programme is planned to provide students with a range of knowledge and skills to support them to become active citizens and confident young adults ready to move on to the next stage.

We also provide a comprehensive careers programme throughout the year. This includes a fortnightly 'Speakers' programme, where guests give a talk to the Sixth Form about a range of topics, such as careers, Higher Education advice, Apprenticeship Routes and Gap Years.

There is also access to a specialist Careers Consultant for those who require it. Careers Advice is supplemented for students with Additional Needs. In addition to this we provide a wide range of enrichment activities and opportunities to develop leadership skills, such as being part of the Prefect Team or being a Student Mentor.

Other enrichment opportunities include the annual RE Conference, MUNGA, and Shakespeare Summer School, and a wide range of subject-specific trips/visits. All students in Year 12 have 3.5 hours of supervised study per week, and Year 13 have 1.5 hours. This may be individually adjusted upward if further support is needed.

Our Sixth Form facilities feature a dedicated study area with access to Wi-Fi, PCs, laptops and other resources designed to meet individual students' needs. A dedicated Sixth Form team; a personalised guidance programme to support students with university applications; opportunities to work with mentors in industry and links with HE Institutions to assist with employability skills and university applications; all ensure that every Sixth Form student can fulfil their aspirations.

The 16-19 Study Programme is reviewed annually and, or when, statutory advice changes.

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