



Year 9 Options Evening Presentation

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Atlantic Academy Guiding Principles

As with all Aspirations Academies, our guiding principles of Self Worth, Purpose and Engagement, linked to our School conditions Character Confidence and Commitment at the core of everything we do.



Character: Self Worth

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Belonging
Heroes
Sense of Accomplishment



Confidence: Purpose

Leadership & Responsibility
Confidence to Take Action



Commitment: Engagement

Fun & Excitement
Curiosity & Creativity
Spirit of Adventure

Atlantic Academy Our Vision

By providing an outstanding all through provision we will transform the lives of all of our students; inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential. We strive to go the extra mile to best prepare students for success in the ever changing world.

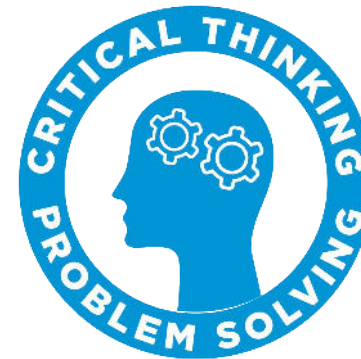
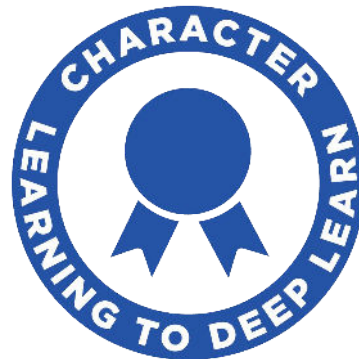


Atlantic Academy **Power Skills**

DID YOU
KNOW?
THAT IN 2028

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Aspire and
Achieve



How will **YOU** seize this wonderful opportunity?

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What are you interested in or motivated by?

What makes you want to work hard?

What are your strengths and qualities – what are you good at?

What are your most favoured subjects and least favoured subjects?

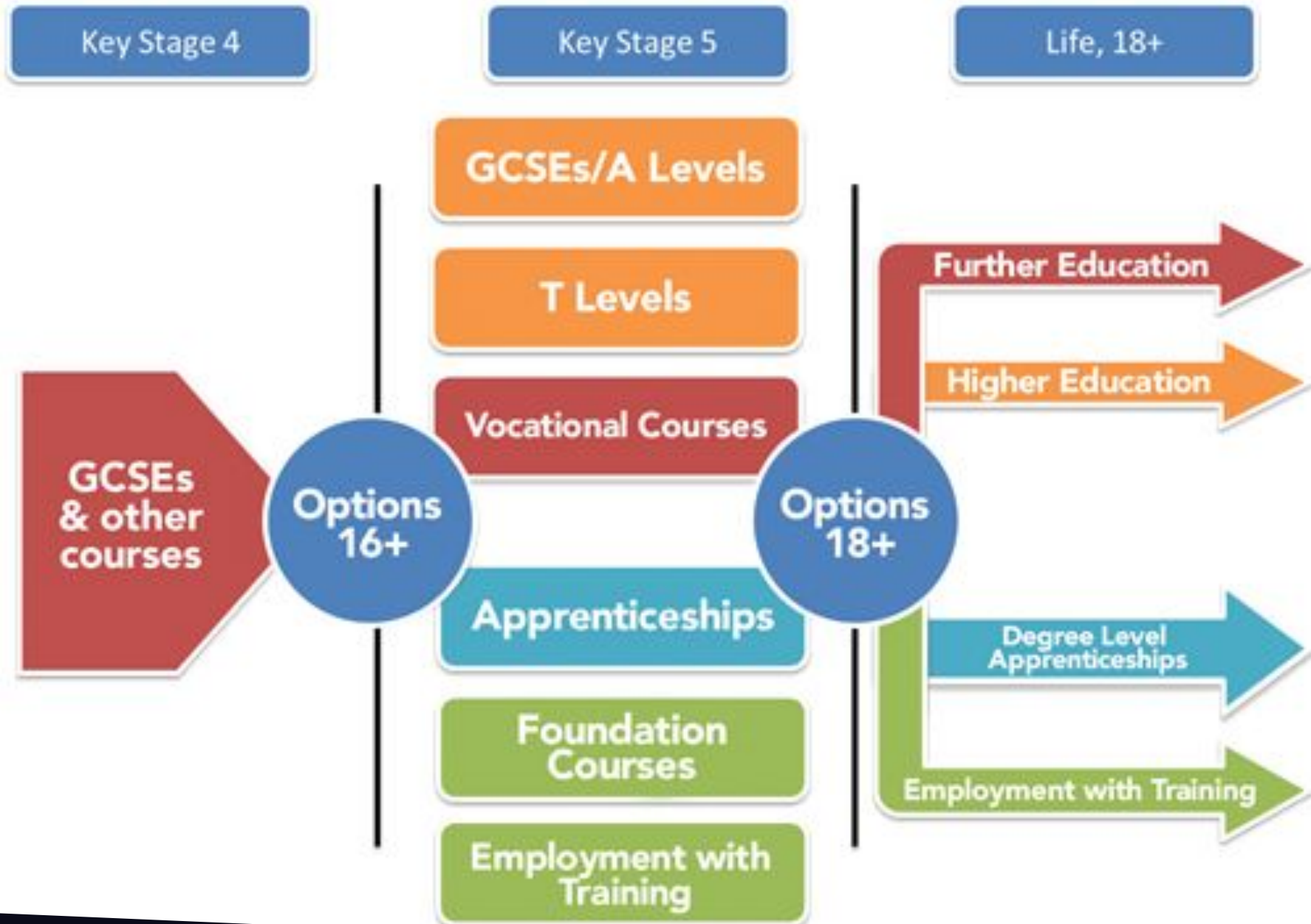
What is your preferred method of study?

What post-16 (after Year 11) progression pathway are you thinking about?

What type of profession/industry do you think you would like to work in?



Atlantic Academy Pathways



Atlantic Academy GCSE vs Vocational

GCSE

- Is an academic qualification, taken in a number of subjects.
- Involves studying the theory of a subject with some subjects having controlled assessments as part of the criteria.
- GCSE grades are awarded from 9 to 1 which are the new equivalent to A* to G.
- All GCSE subjects are now examined at the end of Year 11.

Vocational

- Equivalent to 1 GCSE and is graded at Level 1 Pass, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction and Level 2 Distinction*.
- A portfolio of controlled assessments are built up over the whole course
- Most vocational qualifications will comprise of 25% external examination with 75% of the courses internally assessed supported by external moderation.

Atlantic Academy Grade Equivalents

- We use prior attainment data and national progress data to ensure each student can reach their potential.
- We provide a clear indication of the likely progress of students on particular subjects.
- We make firm recommendations to students and parents/carers to ensure they are on the most suitable pathway of study to suit their needs, interests and aspirations.

Old grades	New grades	Vocational Grades
A*	9	Level 2 Distinction*
A	8	Level 2 Distinction
B	7	Level 2 Merit
C	6 5 STRONG PASS 4 STANDARD PASS	Level 2 Pass
D	3	Level 1 Pass
E	2	
F	1	
G		
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Atlantic Academy Core Subjects

Compulsory Study for all Students

- For all students there is a compulsory part of their curriculum.
- These are the core subject areas of:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - HPQ
 - Science Trilogy
 - where students will study the three different disciplines of Science and certificate with a combined double GCSE Grade.
- All students will take part in four hours of core Physical Education over a two week period and a fully inclusive personal development and futures curriculum during tutor time.



Atlantic Academy Open Subjects

Students have a wide range of subjects to choose from as optional choices. This decision has been made to ensure that all students have a broad, balanced and suitable curriculum throughout years 10 & 11.

- It is this blend of academic GCSE and vocational courses that ensures all students are successful with their two-year journey.
- Through extensive research into local labour market statistics and recommendations, we have selected to offer a range of subjects that fit into particular sectors that are set to grow across the South-West.
- These areas include, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) based industries, Health and Social Care and Hospitality.
- Each Open subject has an allocation of five lesson per fortnight.



Atlantic Academy Curriculum Offer

Our KS4 Curriculum Offer

Option Block 1

History
Geography

Option Block 2

French
Geography
Health and Social Care
Engineering
Sport

Option Block 3

Art
Drama
Sport
Philosophy and Ethics
Hospitality and Catering



Atlantic Academy Additional Information

- We will attempt to match students with their preferred choices. It is therefore very important to consider carefully all option preferences and their rank order when completing the online form.
- In some cases, exact matches may not be possible:
- Too many or too few students opt for a particular subject
- Please avoid selecting the same courses because you want to be with a friend or specific member of staff. This is your choice to help you reach the future you deserve.
- You have all received a letter with your options form. This needs to be completed online and submitted by Friday 28th February



Atlantic Academy Timeline

Monday 3rd February:

- Options Launch

Monday 3rd - 17th February

- Options Taster Lessons
- Careers Education in PSHE

Tuesday 4th February:

- **Options Evening** (4:30–6:30 PM) for students and parents/carers.

Friday 7th February:

- Online Google Options goes live

Friday 28th February:

- Deadline to submit the Options Form online.

Week Commencing 14th July

- Confirmation of Options



Atlantic Academy What Next?

- Options booklet
 - Options process and key information
 - Subject information
 - Exam board links
- Year 9 PSHE lessons
- Taster lessons
- Talk to tutors, teachers and other students daily about their experiences
- Visit subjects this evening



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