



# SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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## Post 16 Curriculum Offer 2017/18

In the Sixth Form at the Skegness Academy students choose a total of 4 options in Year 12. A copy of our current options form can be seen later in this document. Students have 5 lessons per week each lasting 1 hour. They also have 5 periods of self-supported study (SSS) which is spent in the LRC with along with 2 specialist Learning Mentors who support their academic, personal, social and emotional development. We offer both a Level 3 and Level 2 curriculum.

### Which Level?

#### Level 2

Level 2 is also known as **GCSE**. This you will have completed in year 11. In order to be fully qualified at level 2 you need to obtain at least a 4 in English and mathematics GCSE as well as a minimum of three other subjects. This is what you need to get on to most apprenticeships and to get into many jobs. It is also what you will need in order to move on to A levels.



If you expect to get grades D-G (1-3) at GCSE, we offer a one year Level 2 course in the sixth form. You will be able to re-sit English and mathematics GCSE, as well choosing two other courses. Many of our level

2 students have achieved real success. They have worked hard, gained confidence and at the end of the year have gone on to apprenticeships, employment, college or level 3 courses in the Skegness Academy Sixth Form.

#### Level 3

Level 3 means qualifications at an **advanced** level; it is the step up after GCSE. There are different types of qualifications at this level, but they are all equivalent. They include:

- A level
  - Academic qualification
- AS level
  - Academic qualification that is half an A level but carried 40% UCAS points
- Certificate
  - Vocational qualification that is half an A level equivalent
- Extended Certificate
  - Vocational qualification that is a full A level equivalent
- Diploma
  - Vocational qualification that is two full A level equivalents





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Academic courses are traditional courses which deal with more theoretical ideas. You will need to process information and usually present ideas in written form, often as reports or essays. Some courses will also include practical elements and a little coursework, but overall they will be assessed by examinations. If you want to go into a traditional career such as medicine or law, you will need academic subjects. If you are planning to go on to university you should take at least one academic subject.

Vocational courses are work-related qualifications. They are designed to allow you to learn in a way that suits you, and give you the skills that employers are looking for. There will be more practical activities and you will produce a portfolio of coursework. You will get feedback on how you are doing during the course and how to aim higher. Vocational qualifications can lead on to training, employment and vocational courses at university.

You will need to meet the academic entry requirements for each course. This is because the courses are challenging and we must be sure that you have the ability and skills to be successful. In order to study at level 3 you must have at least 5 GCSEs at 4 or above, including English. No student can start AS courses without a 4 grade in English. Any student starting level 3 courses without a 4 grade in mathematics will have to retake this in year 12. We expect you to take four subjects in year 12. Each course takes two years to reach the full qualification. However, at the end of the first year there is a half-way qualification when it is possible to review your choices.



## Which courses?

It is your decision which courses you choose. The following information should help you.

DO	DO NOT
<p>Choose courses you enjoy and want to spend your free time studying.</p> <p>Choose courses you are good at, which use your strengths.</p> <p>Choose course which are relevant for your future career.</p> <p>Choose courses which go well together and support each other e.g. mathematics and physics.</p> <p>Talk to your teachers and your parents.</p> <p>Find out what the course involves.</p> <p>Research which qualifications a university requires for different degrees.</p>	<p>Just do what your friends are doing.</p> <p>Choose a subject just because you like the teacher.</p>



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## **Courses – Academic Level 3**

We envisage offering the following academic Level 3 subjects in 2017/18:

1. Biology
2. Chemistry
3. English Literature
4. Film Studies
5. Geography
6. Government & Politics
7. Health and Social Care
8. History
9. Mathematics
10. Media Studies
11. Physics
12. Psychology
13. Sociology

## **Courses – Vocational Level 3**

We envisage offering the following vocational Level 3 subjects in 2017/18:

1. Art & Design (Certificate, Extended Certificate and Foundation Diploma)
2. Business (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
3. Computing (Extended Certificate taken as a double option in Year 12)
4. Children's Play, Learning & Development (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
5. Health and Social Care (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
6. ICT (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
7. Law (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
8. Performing Arts (Certificate, Extended Certificate)
9. Science (Year 13, Extended Certificate only)
10. Sport (Certificate, Extended Certificate)

## **Courses – GCSE & Level 2**

We envisage offering the following vocational Level 2 and GCSE subjects in 2017/18:

1. GCSE English
2. GCSE Mathematics
3. ICT (Cambridge Technical Certificate)
4. Health & Social Care (Cambridge Technical Certificate)
5. Sport (Cambridge Technical Certificate)

A copy of the current options form is on the following page.



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## A2/Level 3 Vocational Option Blocks 2017-2018

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
History A Level	Physics A Level	Government & Politics A2	Geography A Level	
Mathematics A2	Science BTEC Ext. Cert	Chemistry A Level	Statistics A2	Business OCR Ext. Cert
Performing Arts BTEC Ext. Cert	Media Studies A2	Sport OCR Ext. Cert (1)	Health & Social Care OCR Ext. Cert	English A Level
Film Studies A2	Art & Design BTEC Foundation Dip		Law BTEC Sub Dip (2)	
Business OCR Ext. Cert	Psychology A Level	Law BTEC Sub Dip		
Sociology A Level				
Sport OCR Ext. Cert (2)				
Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment

## AS/Level 3 Vocational Option Blocks 2017-2018

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
Physics AS	History AS	Mathematics AS	Film Studies AS	Sociology AS
CPLD BTEC Ext. Cert**	Law BTEC Cert	Performing Arts BTEC Cert	Business OCR Cert	
ICT OCR Cert	CPLD BTEC Ext. Cert**	Media Studies AS	Computing BTEC Ext. Cert**	Computing BTEC Ext. Cert**
Art & Design BTEC Cert	Chemistry AS	Psychology AS	Biology AS	Art & Design BTEC Ext Cert**
Geography AS	Health and Social Care OCR Cert		Government & Politics AS	Sport OCR Cert
English AS				
Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment

\*\* You are required to take both options (Certificate & Ext. Cert)

For Self-Supported Study/Enrichment students will have one SSS and two Enrichment sessions

## Level 2 Option Blocks 2017-2018

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	OPTION 4	OPTION 5
English GCSE	Mathematics GCSE	Health & Social Care OCR Tech Cert Level 2	Mathematics GCSE	English GCSE
	Sport & Physical Activity OCR Tech Cert Level 2			ICT OCR Tech Cert Level 2
Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment	Self-Supported Study/Enrichment