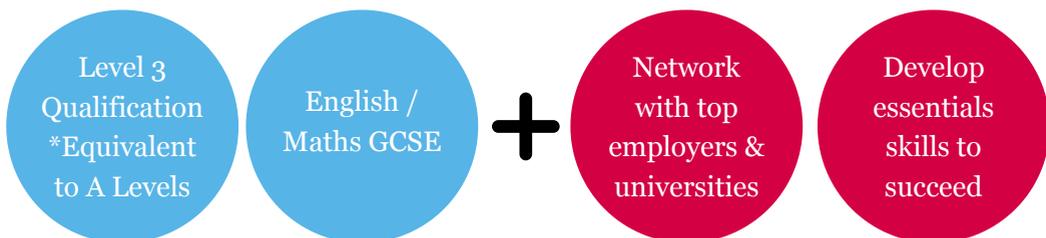


The Professional Pathways Foundation Year

As you start to consider what to do after Y11, it is important to be aware of all the options available to you next year so you can make the best decision when you come to enrol.

One option which may be open to you is the Professional Pathways Foundation Year. This course is for students who achieve mostly 4s and 5s in their GCSEs and need to continue working towards their English/ Maths GCSE in year 12.



Year 1

Secure your GCSE with the support of teachers who know you best, small classes and bespoke support.

Begin your Level 3 qualification. Unlike other colleges, you will begin working towards your Level 3 (A level equivalent) in your first year of the course, rather than continuing to study at Level 2 (GCSE equivalent).

Build skills for success through weekly Personal Development lessons and employer interactions.

Year 2 & 3

Continue working towards your Level 3 qualification by completing exams (40%) and coursework (60%). Many students prefer this style of learning to traditional exam based A levels.

Select and secure your post Sixth Form choices through weekly Work Readiness lessons and networking opportunities with employers and universities.

Attend unique events with other Ark students in the Network and continue to develop your skills.

GCSE pass rates for students on this course were approximately double the national average

Maths: 43% vs 22%
Eng: 73% vs 23%

Where can Professional Pathways take me?



Competitive Apprenticeships

The programme offers **advice, support and networking opportunities** for students interested in apprenticeships. Professional Pathways graduates have taken apprenticeships with top employers including:



Bloomberg

Russell Group & Top Third Universities

44% of Professional Pathways students went to **Russell Group** or other top 3rd universities in 2019



UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton

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BRISTOL

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SURREY

Student Stories from Professional Pathways

I was glad to have the opportunity to improve my GCSE grade as I know this will be helpful for my career. The course helped me improve my grade as I could focus more time and energy on my GCSE with support of my teachers

Originally, I went to college but there wasn't very much support. I chose to come back to sixth form and take Professional Pathways because I wanted to be with teachers who I knew and who could help me grow, push me and get the best out of me.

What should you do if you are unsure about your next steps?

Make sure you speak to a member of staff at school.

They can give you the guidance about your options based on your results and answer any questions that you have.

