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At St Edward's Academy Sixth Form, our culture is rooted in high expectations and ambition. This culture is implemented by our curriculum offer. We offer a broad curriculum, comprising predominantly academic qualifications with the addition of vocational qualifications to meet the needs and aspirations of our learners. At Key Stage 5, we offer a predominantly academic curriculum of A Levels and the EPQ. 17 subjects are currently offered (15 at A Level and 2 BTEC Level 3). This breadth of choice allows students to specialise and focus their learning on key areas of study. Our curriculum provides access to higher education, apprenticeships and straight-to-career options. Courses are taught by specialist teachers and are designed to develop students' knowledge, skills and awareness in their chosen fields.

Our curriculum is knowledge engaged, meaning we understand the importance of the acquisition of knowledge and the impact of this on future success. We define learning and progress as knowing more, understanding more and being able to do more - both in terms of knowledge and skills. We also note how passion and creativity will help students to aspire to and achieve excellence in learning.

Subject experts are best placed to organise and sequence the curriculum. At Key Stage 5, curriculum planning centres on the exam syllabi. Being a fully inclusive Sixth Form does not mean that students do not achieve academic excellence at St Edward's Academy. We have very high progression rates into education, employment or training, year-on-year, including those that access their first-choice university.