

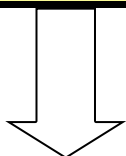


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## Entry into the Academy

- Students are placed into one of three pathways
- This is decided by their SATs results and the CATs tests completed at NRA
- Membership of Pathways is reviewed termly



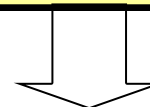
## KS3 : Years 7 & 8

- Pathway X study French, Geography and History as separate subjects in preparation for the English Baccalaureate
- Pathway Y spend additional time in English and Maths to address areas of weakness. They study French as a separate subject in preparation for the English Baccalaureate
- Pathway Z spend additional time studying Literacy to boost their level and enable them to access the rest of the curriculum. 12 hours a week is spent in open ended exploratory leaning to extend their learning skills

## KS4 : Years 9, 10 and 11

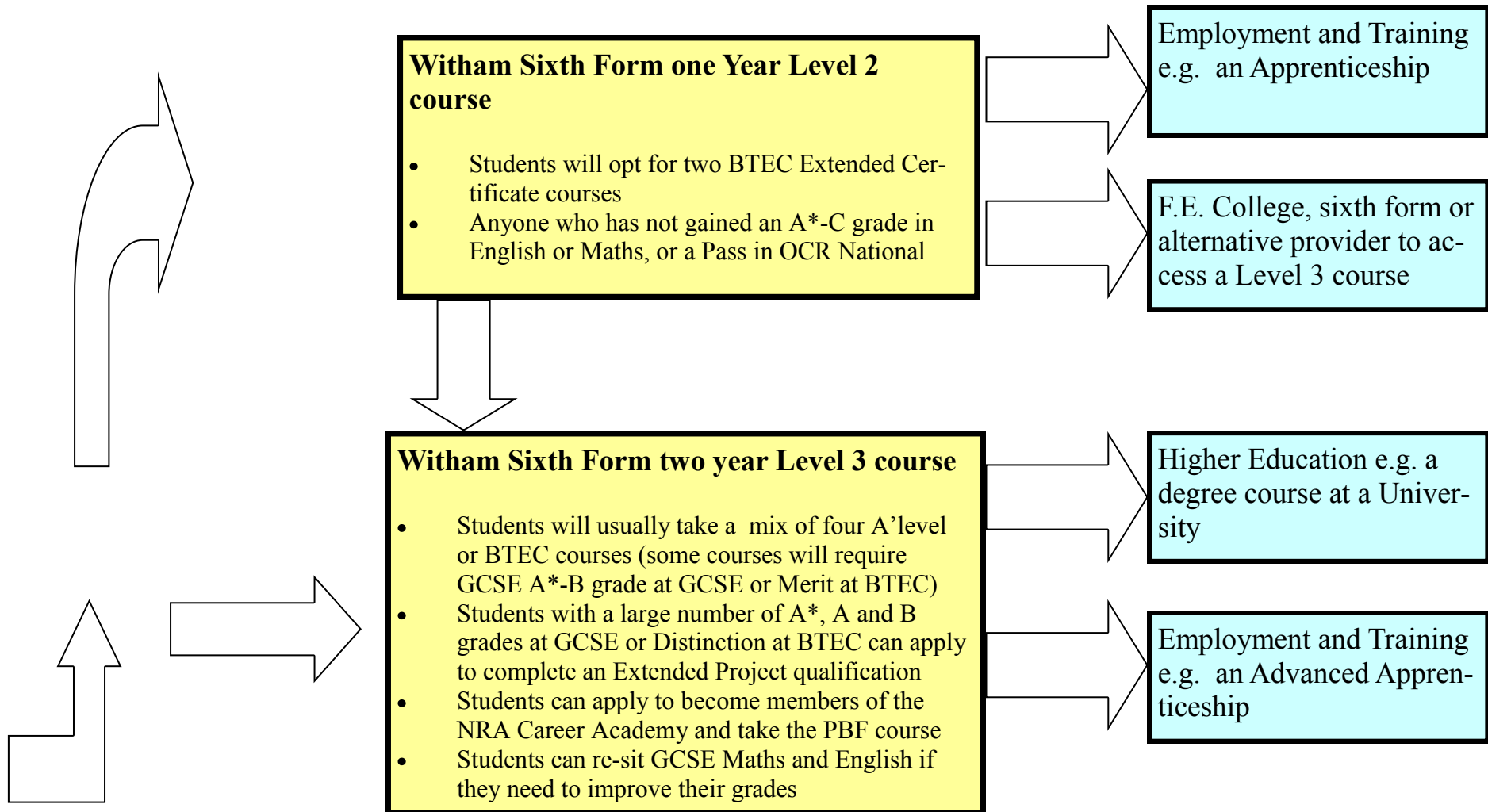
- Pathway X all study French GCSE as part of the English Baccalaureate. In English they begin their English Language and English Literature GCSEs. In addition, students complete the Higher Paper GCSE course in Maths and follow a Double or Triple GCSE course in Science.
- Pathway Y complete WorkSkills and the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE) qualifications to develop their understanding of the world of work and to extend and gain credit for their personal qualities, abilities and achievements. In English students complete English functional skills Level 1 in Year 9 and take English Language and English Literature GCSEs in Years 10 and 11. In addition students follow the Foundation GCSE Maths course, taking some modules early, and complete an OCR Award in Science by the end of Year 10 before progressing to Core Science GCSE in Year 11.
- Pathway Z complete WorkSkills and COPE qualifications to develop their understanding of the world of work and their study skills. In English students complete English functional skills Level 1 in Year 9 and take GCSE English Language in Years 10 and 11. In addition, they study for Entry Level or Foundation level Maths and an OCR Award in Science

Core subjects leave students well prepared for almost all career plans, but in addition all students choose three courses from a range of optional subjects that are open to those from all Pathways.



## At the end of Year 11

- Students gaining the equivalent of 5 A\*-C grades can move on to Level 3 courses at Witham Sixth Form, courses at F.E. colleges or other sixth forms or employment and training e.g. Apprenticeships
- Students gaining the equivalent of 5 D-G grades can move on to Level 2 courses at Witham Sixth Form, courses at F.E. colleges or other sixth forms offering Level 2 courses or employment and training
- Students gaining some qualifications at Entry level or GCSE grades D-G can move onto Level 1 courses at FE colleges or other providers e.g. NVQs, or to employment and training



**Witham Sixth Form one Year Level 2 course**

- Students will opt for two BTEC Extended Certificate courses
- Anyone who has not gained an A\*-C grade in English or Maths, or a Pass in OCR National

Employment and Training  
e.g. an Apprenticeship

F.E. College, sixth form or alternative provider to access a Level 3 course

**Witham Sixth Form two year Level 3 course**

- Students will usually take a mix of four A'level or BTEC courses (some courses will require GCSE A\*-B grade at GCSE or Merit at BTEC)
- Students with a large number of A\*, A and B grades at GCSE or Distinction at BTEC can apply to complete an Extended Project qualification
- Students can apply to become members of the NRA Career Academy and take the PBF course
- Students can re-sit GCSE Maths and English if they need to improve their grades

Higher Education e.g. a degree course at a University

Employment and Training  
e.g. an Advanced Apprenticeship