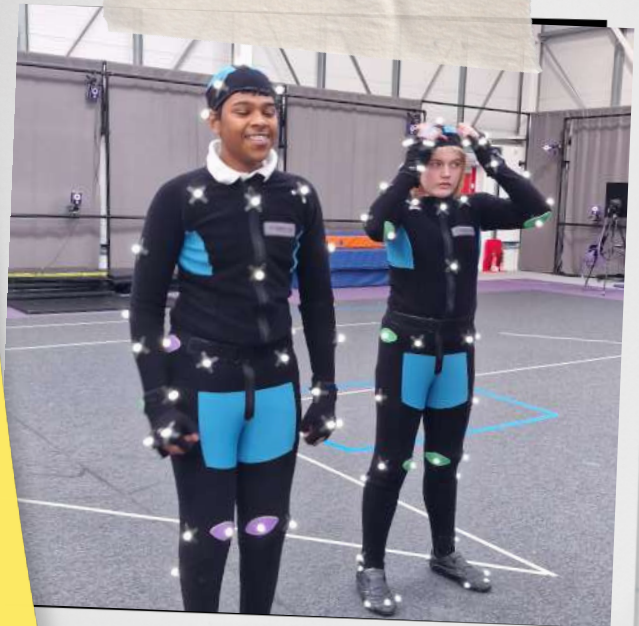


Accreditations in Key Stage 4 at Manor Green College

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When your child enters Key Stage 4, the curriculum contains both a core and an option based element. Sometimes this can be a bit confusing, so we have created this guide to look at courses that may be on offer. If you have any further questions about accreditations or Key Stage 4 life, please do not hesitate to contact me on mharrington@mgcollege.co.uk

Their future starts now.

Mark Harrington
Head of Key Stage 4

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The simple answer is that accreditations prepare students for the next step in their education. For many this may be college or for some a work place with training. Accreditations recognise the hard work and progress students have made within their courses.

Accreditation also help Post-16 colleges enroll students on the most appropriate courses for their continued progression.

Most of our students will look at courses at Crawley College and Brinsbury College. Students will enroll on a foundation course which will have a continued focus on English, Maths and independence skills.

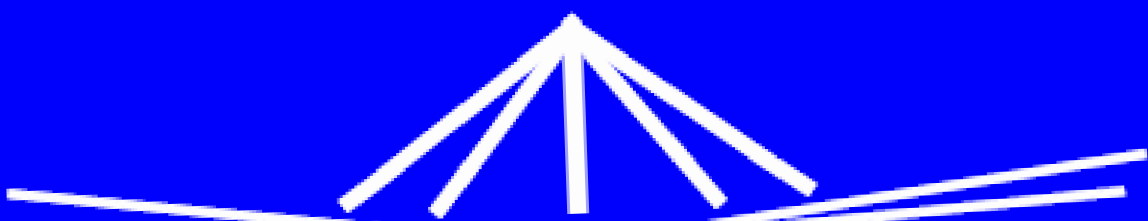
The foundation courses that students usually start with are:

- Independence +1
- Personal Progress 1
- Skills +1
- Vocation +

The length of time students spend on these courses depends on their progress.

More information about the foundation programmes can be found on the Crawley and Brinsbury websites.

Why Accreditations are important



In the modular and generic pathways, the students will follow the curriculum shown below

Core curriculum (same for everyone)

GCSE Maths **or** Entry level Maths (1, 2, or 3)
Entry Level English (1, 2, or 3)
Entry Level Science (1, 2 or 3) **or** Science
Crest Award
Entry Level PE (1, 2, or 3)
BTEC Pre Vocational Studies

Alongside the core offer, students have an optional element to their curriculum as outlined below:

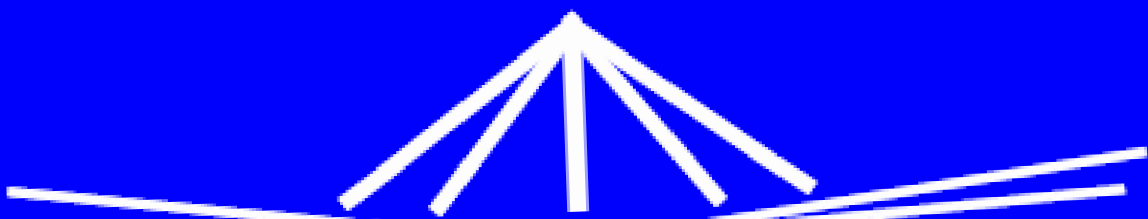
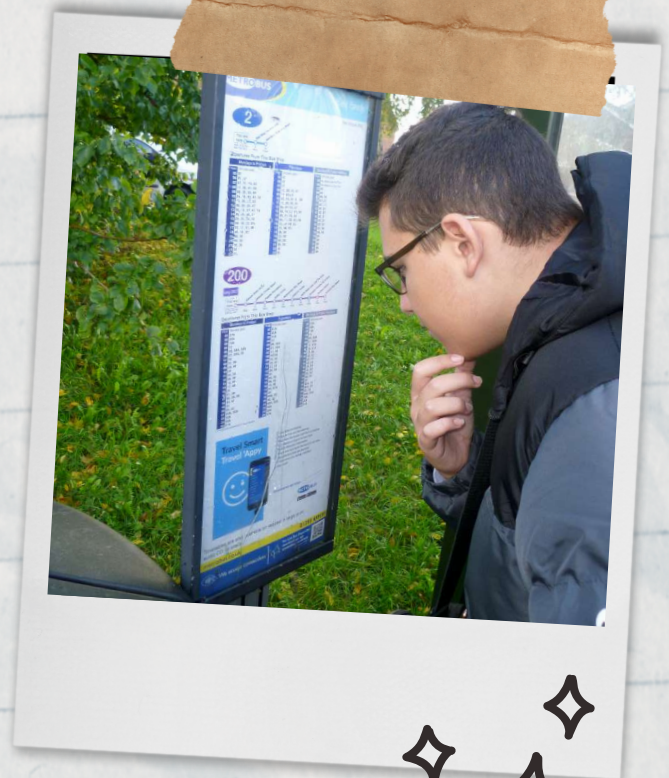
Modular students will choose 2 from the following:-

GCSE Fine Art
GCSE 3D Design (DT)
GCSE Arts, Craft and Design (DT)
Catering
GCSE Photography
Performing Arts (Arts Award)

Generic students will opt into the above offer where appropriate. Generic students will complete an Arts Award in DT or Art as standard.

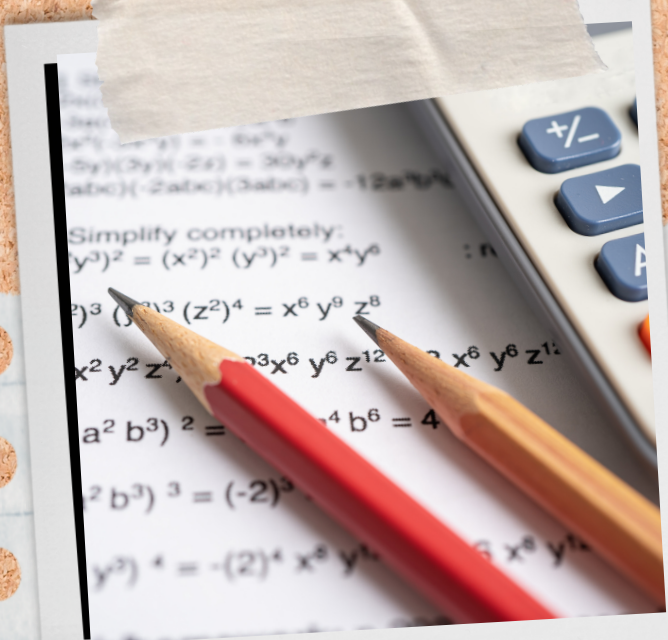
The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues from Year 9 into KS4.

What you do
and what you
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Entry Level



In Key Stage 4 students continue to study English, Maths, Science and PE.

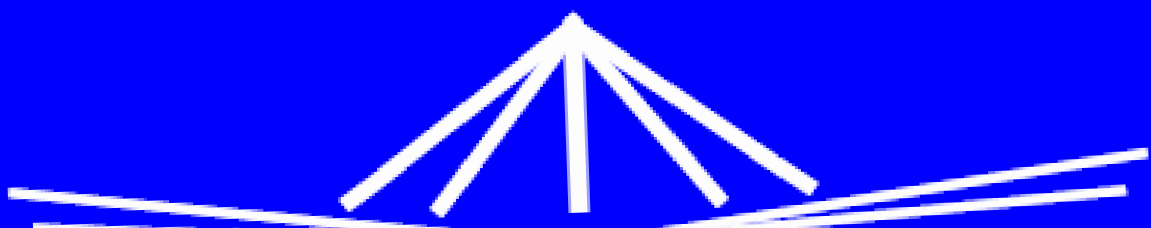
The accreditation course for these subjects is called Entry Level. This is split into 3 different levels:-


- Entry Level 1
- Entry Level 2
- Entry Level 3

Entry Level 1 is the lowest and Entry Level 3 the highest. The entry level accreditations sits just below GCSE accessibility and prepares students to begin studying GCSE level work.

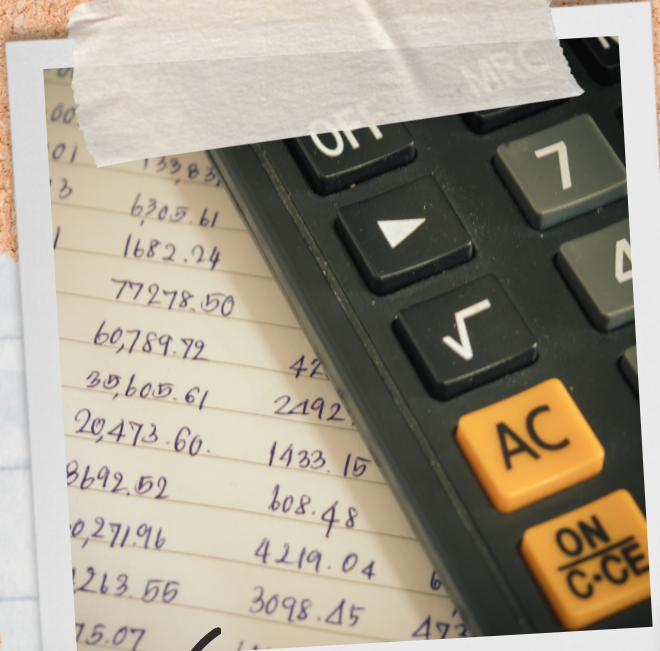
The course is made up of coursework and tests which are taken throughout Y10 and Y11.

All students will try and get an Entry Level in English, Maths and PE. Teachers will judge whether students follow the Entry Level in Science or complete a Crest Award.





GCSE MATHS



Some students will be selected to take part in Foundation GCSE Maths. This will not be for every student. This is a level 1 course

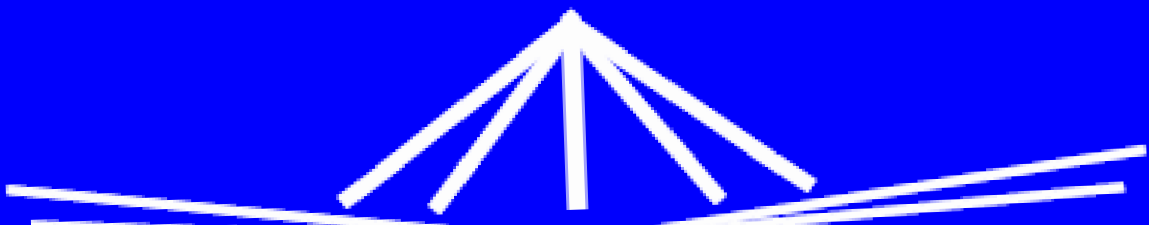
GCSE Maths is a two year course, which has three formal exams at the end

Students work in a smaller group separate to the Entry Level course.

If they pass students will be awarded a grade between 1 to 5

Grade 1- 3 is a Level 1 qualification
Grade 4-5 is a Level 2 qualification

Access arrangements such as extra time, a reader, or a scribe can be applied where appropriate.





GCSE Art and Design



Students will be given the opportunity to opt into creative courses as part of GCSE Art and Design. This isn't purely art focused and students can explore the following avenues:-

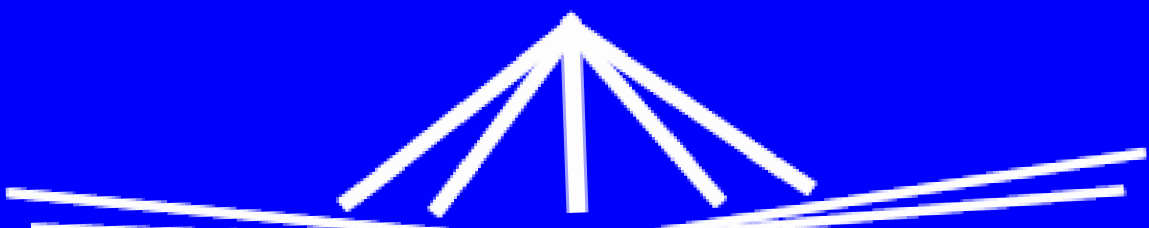
- Fine Art (Art)
- Photography
- 3D Design (DT)
- Art, Craft and Design (DT)

These courses are part of the option based curriculum. Staff, students and parents can discuss the most appropriate route for each individual.

The course is made up of coursework and a two day practical exam.

Students will be awarded a grade at the end of two years that will be graded between 1 to 9.

- Grade 1-3 is a level 1 qualification
- Grade 4-9 is a level 2 qualification





Arts Award

Arts Award is an award scheme for students who enjoy Performing Arts (Drama, Dance, Singing and Music)

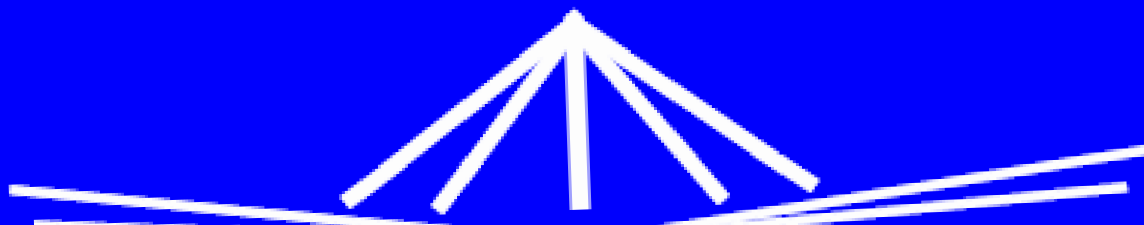
Students can be awarded different awards for taking part and studying performing arts. The different levels that MGC offer are:-

- Arts Award Discover
- Arts Award Explore (Entry Level 3)
- Arts Award Bronze (Level 1)

The teacher for this course will choose the best level for the student and the level of work needed.

There is no exam for Arts Award, this is a coursework based course. Students do however have to take part in a performance whether onstage or backstage.

Students are awarded an Art Award after 2 years





BTEC Pre Vocational Studies



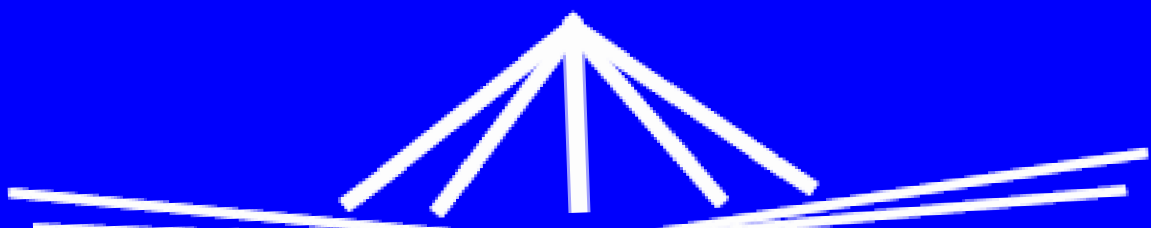
The BTEC Pre Vocational study course at Entry Level 2 is made up of different units that prepare students for adult life and the work place. These units are embedded into QUEST and work skills throughout Key Stage 4.

The BTEC units are 'topped -up' by our Catering Course, where students can complete units with a catering focus.

There are different levels of certificate

- Subsidiary Award
- Award
- Certificate
- Extended Certificate

Your teacher will decide what level you are able to access and a certificate will be awarded at the end of Y11





AQA Unit Awards

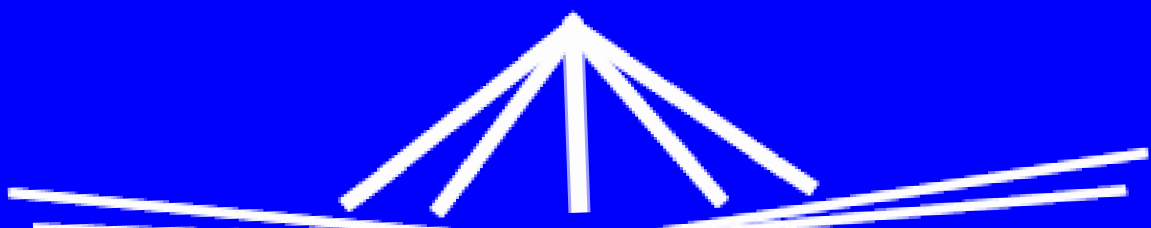


AQA Unit Awards are not a qualification but are used throughout KS4 in recognition of students work.

Students can obtain a Unit Award for a whole variety of subjects including Life skills, travel training, cooking, and even work in some lessons.

The class teacher will be able to discuss what units your child maybe pursuing.

There is no examinations with unit awards.



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If you need any further information
about accreditations please do not
hesitate to contact me or your class
teacher.

