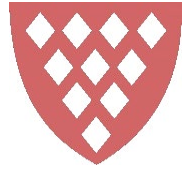


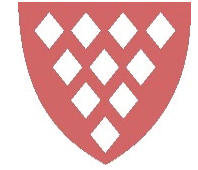
“
**DO WHAT YOU
HAVE TO DO
UNTIL YOU CAN
DO WHAT YOU
WANT TO DO.**

- OPRAH WINFREY



Looking beyond GCSEs...

GCSEs are a stepping stone for future work or study and will directly impact the progression routes that students will be taking beyond Year 11 at KCC.



Routes

Whilst it can be hard to categorise the range of destinations that students will be able to explore, they mainly fall into three categories:

Academic

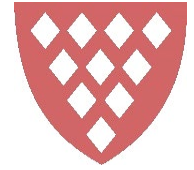
- A Levels
- Single Level 3 Applied courses

Vocational

- Triple/Double Applied courses
- Technical Certificates

Work-based

- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships

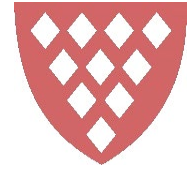


Routes

Students should take an **open-minded** approach to all routes and research multiple opportunities. They should make decisions based upon:

- GCSE strengths and weaknesses
- The style in which they would like to learn/work
- Future career plans (or keeping options broad and balanced if there are no career plans).



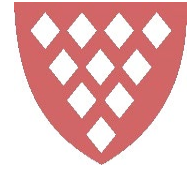


Routes

Having goals and targets help students to perform more highly than those who are 'lost'.

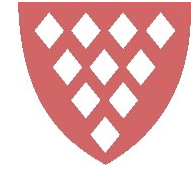
Research takes time and decisions take more time. Sometimes it's a matter of just ticking off options that students don't want to do.





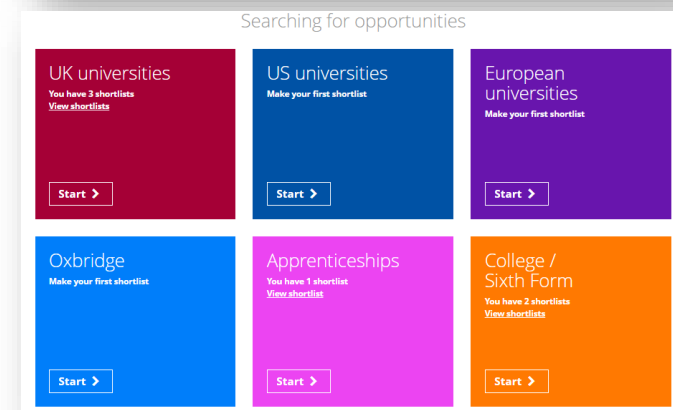
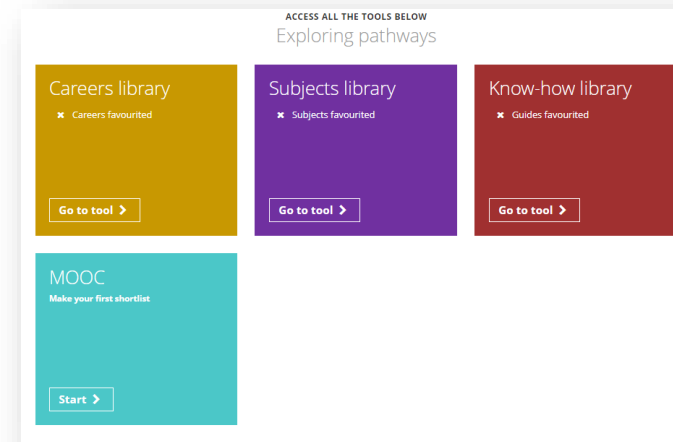
Making an Informed Decision

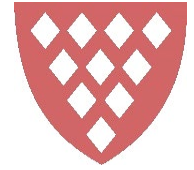
- Use prospectuses, websites and open events to find out more about the qualifications on offer at KCC Sixth Form and at local colleges.
- When considering whether an apprenticeship might suit you, doing relevant work experience can help.
- Seek advice from teachers, college staff, employers and careers advisers (bookable through tutors).
- If you are interested in a higher education course in the future then check out entry requirements, including those of the leading universities.
- Find out about the different careers that interest you or the subjects that you may want to take at University or as a higher apprenticeship.



Making an Informed Decision

Students are using Unifrog, which is a ***universal destinations platform*** designed to help them explore all of the opportunities that are available for them next year and beyond.

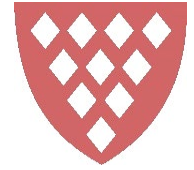




GCSE Grades Impact Future Choices

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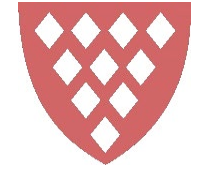
The majority of Sixth Form Colleges, or FE Colleges will require **at least** a Grade 6 in particular subjects in order to take a subject at **A Level**.



GCSE Grades Impact Future Choices

For vocational routes or apprenticeships, strong GCSE grades will make the difference between starting a Level 2 or a Level 3 course.

For all routes, any student who does not achieve at least a Grade 4 in Maths and English will have to resit until they do so, or until they reach 18.



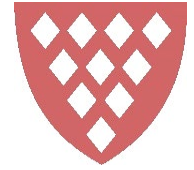
GCSE Grades Impact Future Choices



“Students should have achieved a strong set of GCSE grades including the majority at 8 and 9. Your GCSE (or equivalent) English language and mathematics grades should be no lower than 7. We also consider your overall GCSE subject profile”

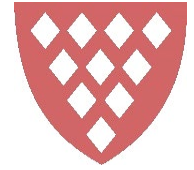


“We look for a strong set of GCSEs, such as grade 8 or 9 in at least five relevant GCSEs or grade 7 in the majority of GCSEs. We strongly prefer applicants who can demonstrate a solid grounding in mathematics or statistics, such as those with GCSE grade A or 7 in mathematics.”



GCSE Grades Impact Future Choices

Higher and Degree Level apprenticeships are revolutionising the opportunities that young people will have at aged 18 – top apprenticeships can be much more competitive than University places and therefore again, GCSE grades count.

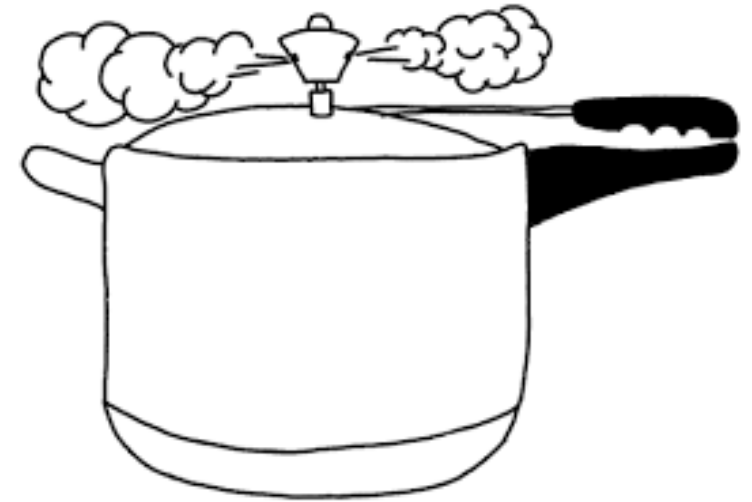


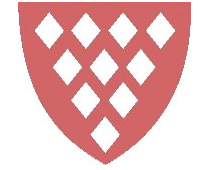
Managing Pressure

“it’s not all about the grades though...”

No. That being said, these qualifications are important in themselves and important to students.

In order to prevent pressure from turning in to stress, students must consistently work hard throughout Year 11 rather than feel like they have too much to do in too little time.

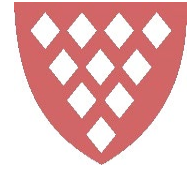




We are looking forward to informing you about the outstanding opportunities and facilities that we have on offer at KCC Sixth Form.

**New Subject Choices
Booklet and
applications will be
launched at this time.**

**Sixth Form
Open Evening
24th November**



Things you may not know about KCC Sixth Form...

- Programmes to suit all... creative, academic, practical, a combination of all the above!
- Sixth Form Students have a strong voice; the Student Leadership Team have brought about change.
- Broad enrichment programme including work experience opportunities and University-style 'societies'.
- Inclusive, supportive environment with emphasis on diversity, equality and well being for all.

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