

# THE CURRICULUM OFFER



The Mosslands Sixth Form offers an extensive curriculum to meet the needs of all learners. Over twenty subjects are available offering both progression from GCSE and Level 2 BTEC courses as well presenting opportunities to study new subject areas. Students need to study the equivalent of three level 3 courses. In a small number of circumstances, students may have the opportunity to study four Level 3 courses. All students who study for Level 3 qualifications will be offered the opportunity to study for EPQ.

## Level 3 courses:

Two different types of course are offered:

- A Level courses
- BTEC/CTEC (Vocational) courses

A-Levels and BTEC/CTECs are all level three courses of equal standard. However, each type of course differs in respect of the assessment and teaching and learning approaches. Details of these differences can be read in the individual subject information sheets.

## A-levels

Students who opt for A Levels must understand that all assessment tends to take place near to the end of the second year of study. External examinations form a large part of the way in which these subjects are assessed.

## BTEC & CTEC Courses

These courses are vocational in nature and allow students to specialise, to varying degrees, in a particular subject. The levels on offer are:

- BTEC National Extended Certificate – equivalent to 1 A level
- BTEC National Diploma – equivalent to 2 A levels
- BTEC Extended Diploma - equivalent to 3 A levels
- CTEC Extended Certificate – equivalent to 1 A level
- CTEC Diploma – equivalent to 2 A Level

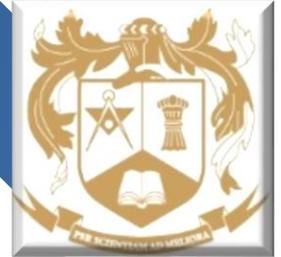
These courses are assessed using a Pass, Merit and Distinction criterion that are equivalent to E, C and A grades. If a student achieves a distinction in enough units then they will achieve a Distinction\* grade which is equivalent to an A\*.

## Progression:

A Levels, BTEC and CTEC courses all carry UCAS points which enable learners to apply to universities for courses of their choice. The average entry requirement for a university is approximately 120 UCAS Points.



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## UCAS Tariff Points:

A Levels	EPQ	UCAS TARIFF POINTS	BTEC Extended Certificate	BTEC National Diploma (2 A Level equivalent)	BTEC Extended Diploma (3 A Level equivalent)	Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate	Cambridge Technical Diploma
		168			D*D*D*		
		160			D*D*D		
		152			D*DD		
		144			DDD		
		128			DDM		
		112		D*D*	DMM		D*D*
		104		D*D			D*D
		96		DD	MMM		DD
		80		DM	MMP		DM
		64		MM	MPP		64
A*		56	D*			D*	
A		48	D	MP	PPP	D	MP
B		40					
C		32	M	PP		M	PP
	A*	28					
D	A	24					
	B	20					
E	C	16	P			P	
	D	12					
		10					
	E	8					
		6					

## Level 2 Courses:

For students who do not achieve 5+ grades 4-9 with English or Maths but have a range of grades between 4-1 at GCSE, we offer a range of vocational courses that are designed to give students the opportunity to gain:

A CTEC diploma or other vocational qualification equivalent to 4x GCSEs at grade 4 /5. There is also the opportunity to retake GCSE Maths and/or English, and a Study Skills programme.

Students who successfully complete a Level 2 course will then be offered the opportunity to progress to Level 3 courses. Students who take up this offer will then be a member of Sixth Form for three years.

New GCSE grading structure

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DIFE)  
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

