

Kingsmead Sixth Form is able to offer 7 Applied, Intermediate and BTEC courses for students who have achieved 5 D-E grades. Students select 2 of the double awards which are taught alongside Work Related and CHRE studies.

## Applied Double Award GCSEs and BTECs

### **Experience of Work:**

*For all of the applied courses there is a work experience element, students taking these courses will be required to arrange a two week private placement with an organisation related to their studies. Assistance from the school will be provided, to ensure these placements meet Health & Safety requirements.*

### **1st 4sport Level 2 Award in Leadership through Football (QCF)**

This unique qualification is a conduit for learners to develop a range of skills as independent enquirers, team workers, self-managers, creative thinkers and effective participators. These skills are developed through an engagement with The FA's grass-roots football development programmes.

Learners will be introduced to a number of leadership roles, including:

- Leading football activity sessions
- Refereeing small-sided games
- Managing a local small-sided game team
- Contributing to the organisation and delivery of a local football festival/event for young people.

### **Applied GCSE - Business:**

Investigating all aspects of the operations of a business forms the basis of two controlled assessments. Completing the Marketing and Customer Needs unit, they will explore areas like the marketing mix and customer service. They will also do a controlled assessment on People in Business, looking at areas such as recruitment and selection. Students also complete two examination units on Setting up a Business, which is tested in January, and Business Finance, examined in June.

### **Applied GCSE - Health and Social Care:**

Promoting health and well-being, understanding the provision of care to the elderly, personal development and relationships and nursery are the central themes in this course.

### **BTEC Science—Level 3**

The Certificate has been introduced as a new BTEC Level 3 National qualification, to be broadly equivalent to one AS Level. This increases flexibility and improves opportunities for co-teaching with Advanced GCEs and other qualification types. The 30-credit BTEC Level 3 Certificate offers a specialist qualification that focuses on particular aspects of employment within the appropriate vocational sector. The BTEC Level 3 Certificate is a qualification which can extend a learner's programme of study and give vocational emphasis.

**The Mandatory units are:** 1 Fundamentals of Science, 2 Working in the Science Industry and 4 Scientific Practical Techniques. The assessment is 100% course work.

### **BTEC First Diploma - Sport:**

Divided into seven units covering the sports industry; Fitness Testing & Training, Practical Sport, Injury in Sport, Planning & Leading Sports Activities, Nutrition for Sports Performance, Planning & Running a Sports Event and Exercise & Fitness Instruction. The final level qualification is Pass, Merit or Distinction, equivalent to 4 A\*-C grades.

### **BTEC Performing Arts Level 3**

This is an exciting NEW course for Applied students that will allow you to look into and develop skills in different areas of the Performing Arts. This is a one year course and is equivalent to 1 AS Level, therefore a great stepping stone for your future studies. You will study 3 units over the year consisting of one Drama and one Dance unit followed by a final Integrated Project that will combine the skills and knowledge from both areas.

### **OCR Nationals Level 2 ICT — GCSE equivalent:**

This is a double-award subject, in which students work on practical units to build up a portfolio of work in six units – ICT Skills for Business (using the full range of Office software), Spreadsheets (using Excel), Databases (using Access), Creating Video (using Movie Maker), Creating Music (using Mixcraft) and Creating Computer Graphics (using Fireworks).

## **Work Related, CHRE and Retake GCSEs**

All Sixth Form students are required to take part in either Work Related or Employability Skills and CHRE as part of their studies.

### **Work Related Learning & Work Experience:**

Level 2 students will all have a weekly Work Related Learning lesson to support their preparation for Work Experience and study for an accredited BTEC in Work Skills to enhance their CV and increase future employability prospects.

### **GCSE Retakes:**

Students who achieved a D grade in Maths or English have the opportunity to retake these GCSE subjects. Grades A\* - C in both English and Maths are essential for students who have aspirations of going to university. These are the only retakes offered in Sixth Form.

### **Citizenship Health and Religious Education:**

Topics covered during CHRE include mental health, drug use, sex education and the study of a range of moral and religious issues.

## **NEW A LEVEL COURSES FOR 2012**

### **Applied A-Level Art & Design Double Award**

Students make 2D and 3D work whilst developing the skills and understanding all artists, craftspeople and designers need in their work. Students will increase skills in using materials and techniques and develop an understanding of specific work-related aspects of art, craft or design.

### **AQA GCE Applied Science**

The AS and Advanced GCE in Applied Science have been designed to form qualifications which provide knowledge and understanding of this vocational area. They are ideal qualifications for those students who want a broad background in science, which will allow them to progress to further or higher education, training or employment. **Unit Title:** AS Unit 1 Investigating Science at Work ( Portfolio), AS Unit 2\* Energy Transfer Systems \* ( external Assessment) and AS Unit 3 Finding out about Substances ( Portfolio).