



Alsager Sixth Form College

PROGRESSION TO YEAR 13 POLICY & AGREEMENT

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Chair of Governors
Mrs A Wheaver

Signature:

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Date: 26/06/2024

Thank you for choosing Alsager Sixth Form College for the next stage of your education. We look forward to working with you over the next two years and to helping you prepare for life beyond Alsager, as a university student, apprentice or employee. Our aim is to support all students so that they can succeed in their chosen course, be that a one-year traineeship or the two-year A level (or equivalent) courses. Past records show this to be a huge strength of Alsager Sixth Form College, with our rates of student retention being far higher than the national average. This reflects the excellent level of support that we offer our students. Before you start your courses, it is very important that you understand what will be expected of you during the next two years. Copies for future reference can be found on the Sixth Form section of the school website under the 'Policies' heading.

Rationale

- All students studying A levels will study two-year courses, with no external AS exams at the end of year 12.
- For A Level students, the first external exams that students will sit will be in May of Year 13. However, as part of our ongoing internal assessment, all students will sit an internal progression exam in each of their A Level subjects in April of Year 12. The outcomes in these exams will support the reporting on progress towards target grades and help teachers when they are considering grades entered as part of references for UCAS applications. For qualifications that use alternative forms of assessment, such as Applied General qualifications or A Levels with coursework components, student's performance in **completed units** of assessments throughout the year will contribute to their progression exam grade.
- To be able to progress to Year 13 in a subject, each student will be required to achieve a minimum of an E grade in the end of year 12 exam. In cases where this does not happen, students will be given the opportunity to retake the exam. If the grade does not improve from a U in the second sitting, students and parents will be invited in to talk to the Director or Deputy Director of Sixth Form about alternative options. These could include either re-sitting Year 12 on different courses, selecting an additional one-year qualification for Year 13 (appropriate only for students with two strong passes in other qualifications) or being supported to identify a suitable course or apprenticeship at another Post-16 institution. This is designed to be a supportive process to ensure that all students achieve the best outcomes possible.

For a successful Sixth Form experience, it is the expectation that students will achieve at least 95% attendance and adhere to Alsager School and Sixth Form policies.