

Tuition Extra Education and Curriculum Statement

At Tuition Extra, we are committed to providing a **broad, balanced, aspirational and inclusive curriculum** that meets the diverse needs of all our learners. Our educational framework aligns with the UK's Key Stage (KS) structure, while offering flexible and personalised pathways to ensure every student can thrive academically, emotionally and personally whilst working at appropriately challenging levels.

Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum is designed to foster **lifelong learning, critical thinking, and practical skills** through a structured progression from early years to post-16 education.

Key Stages 1–3

- **Key Stage 1 (Ages 5–7 with acknowledgement of ‘working at’ levels):**

Focuses on foundational literacy, numeracy, exploration and curiosity. Core subjects include English, Maths, Science, and Relationships and Health, alongside creative and practical disciplines (e.g., Art, Computing, PE). Learning is hands-on, age-appropriate, and tailored to individual needs.

- **Key Stage 2 (Ages 7–11 with acknowledgement of ‘working at’ levels):**

Builds on KS1, expanding into Modern Foreign Languages and deeper subject specialisms. Assessments prepare students for secondary education, with an emphasis on confidence, independence, and problem-solving.

- **Key Stage 3 (Ages 11–14 with acknowledgement of ‘working at’ levels):**

Provides a broad, academically rigorous foundation in core subjects (English, Maths, Science) and humanities/arts. Students develop critical thinking, literacy, and numeracy to prepare for GCSEs or alternative qualifications.

GCSEs and iGCSEs

- **Pearson Edexcel GCSEs/iGCSEs:** Offered in core and applied subjects (e.g., English, Maths, Science, Computer Science, Geography, History). iGCSEs are preferred for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) due to their accessible structure, reduced non-calculator Maths papers, and absence of coursework.
- **Assessment:** Externally examined, with iGCSEs emphasising real-world application and clarity in question design.

Alternative Pathways

We recognise that not all learners follow traditional academic routes. Our curriculum includes **vocational and functional qualifications** to support diverse needs and aspirations:

1. **Open Awards:** Vocational, portfolio-based qualifications in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Levels 1–2). These emphasise practical skills, employability, and personal development across pathways like Animal Care, Forest School Art & Design, health & Social care, Digital Skills, and Horticulture.

2. **Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills:** Focus on real-world English and Maths (Levels EL1-3, L1-2), ideal for learners requiring applied, accessible qualifications. These are widely accepted by colleges, employers, and apprenticeship programs.
3. **Science Qualifications:** Open Awards and iGCSE Science qualifications provide hands-on, inquiry-based learning, with Level 2 preparing students for further study or employment.

Post-16 Education

- **AS and A Levels:** Offered in over 80 subjects, including specialist fields like Computer Science, Art & Design, and Modern Languages. AS Levels provide standalone qualifications or a foundation for full A Levels.
- **Support for SEND and Non-Traditional Learners:** Tailored resources address barriers, with flexible entry requirements and personalised learning plans. For example, a 24-year-old working at GCSE level or a 17-year-old pursuing Open Awards receives age-appropriate, goal-oriented support.

Inclusive and Student-Centred Approach

- **Personalised Learning:** We address individual needs through tailored resources, removing barriers and fostering confidence. For instance, a student working below chronological age (e.g., a 14-year-old at KS1 level) receives targeted personalised interventions.
- **Career and University Readiness:** A Levels and iGCSEs are supported by UCAS application guidance and careers advice. Functional Skills and Open Awards provide direct pathways to apprenticeships, vocational training, and employment.
- **SEND-Focused Adaptations:** iGCSEs and Functional Skills reduce exam complexity, with clearer language, fewer multi-step assessments, and no coursework.

Progression and Outcomes

Our curriculum ensures seamless transitions between key stages and qualifications. Students are prepared for further education, higher education, apprenticeships, or employment through:

- **Real-World Skills:** Practical projects in Open Awards and Functional Skills build employability.
- **Academic Rigour:** iGCSEs and A Levels meet university entry requirements while accommodating diverse learning styles.
- **Holistic Development:** Emphasis on creativity, critical thinking, and personal growth through subjects like Art, Geography, and History.

Conclusion

At Tuition Extra, we believe education is a journey of discovery, not a one-size-fits-all model. Our curriculum empowers students to pursue their passions, overcome challenges, and achieve their full potential, whether through academic excellence,

vocational mastery, or functional skills. By combining rigour, flexibility and inclusivity, often with a practical focus, we prepare learners to thrive in an ever-changing world.

This statement reflects our commitment to **equity, inclusion, excellence, and individualised success** for every student.