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### Welcome

Thank you for expressing an interest in Kettering Science Academy Post-16 education for your child. Many of you will already have students at the Academy and will have visited the 6th form area. If you were unable to attend our Open Evening and are considering sending your son or daughter to KSA, please do contact us to arrange a tour and find out more about what KSA Post-16 Education has to offer your young adults as they transition from main school into Post-16. Above all, we would like to share our values and beliefs, so that you can be confident that Kettering Science Academy is the kind of school which is dedicated to ensuring that we make a difference, in any way that we can, to you.

For us, high quality relationships are at the heart of everything that we do. We want our young people to be happy, confident, curious, and resilient learners who are determined to always do their best. We know that this can only happen if relationships, built on trust and mutual respect, are central to everything that we do. We believe that when young people feel safe and secure, everything is possible, and we are committed to doing our very best to make sure that we unlock the potential in everyone.

We provide an extensive range of academic and vocational courses at Level 3 and we look forward to working with you to put together a suite of qualifications which meet your abilities, interests and will support your next steps. Furthermore, we are committed to providing you with a learning environment that will help you build a strong foundation for success in the future. Our recently refurbished Post-16 Centre has dedicated study areas, a large ICT suite, and social facilities. It is always staffed to guarantee you access to whatever you need.

We value hard work highly and we have uncompromising expectations in relation to this. We want all our young people to ask themselves just one question at the end of every day – was I better today than I was yesterday? So, whilst passing exams and gaining the necessary qualifications to take that next step is hugely important, we are equally passionate about providing young people with opportunities to develop their character. We are proud of the extracurricular opportunities that we can provide, and we work hard to give our Post-16 students plenty of opportunities to develop their confidence and creativity – both in and out of lessons.

If you choose Kettering Science Academy, you will be joining a team. Brooke Weston Trust, our governors, and our staff, are all incredibly proud to work with us and we are all committed to constantly improving things for the young people in our care. The calibre of our staff is second to none, and we can promise you that all students will be challenged, supported, and inspired daily in all aspects of their school life. You can also be assured that we will always give 'that little bit extra'. It's not just what we do, but how we do it that makes the difference. Kettering Science Academy 'feels' different. There is a definite atmosphere of energy, anticipation, and excitement. Everyone who visits us comments on it, and we hope you will be able to experience this yourselves during your tour.

We look forward to making that journey with you as we continue to dream big, work hard, and stay humble.

## Our Sixth Form

At Kettering Science Academy's Sixth Form we offer a personalised experience for all our students.





We have a proven track record of success with an ever increasing number of students obtaining places at Oxbridge and Russell Group universities as well as growing numbers securing prestigious apprenticeships.

A big part of our ever-growing success is the emphasis we place on belonging to a community. When you become a student in our Sixth Form, we welcome you into our family and offer ongoing support to follow your dreams. You will meet your tutor every morning and, through a bespoke mentoring programme, they will get to know you and how to best support you as you progress forwards. As well as this, during tutor time and Global Learning, you will work on developing your life skills including learning about finance and cooking!

Why choose us?



Students are now securing places at Russell Group universities, including the University of Cambridge.

Our high quality facilities, dedicated staff and Sixth Form block allow you to work independently of the younger years while remaining a central part of the school. This new space has allowed our current students to take more control of their studying and developing their time management in preparation to move onto their next step.

Achievement for every student comes through hard work and we believe in creating the conditions which enable every learner to be successful. While every student will study at least three A levels, the extra-curricular activities we offer allow you to develop key skills including independent study skills, leadership, and confidence. We understand that each young person has different aspirations and we work tirelessly to support you to achieve these.

Our pastoral team, along with our independent careers adviser, offer you the support and guidance needed at each stage of your journey. A collaborative partnership with other Brooke Weston Trust schools, local colleges, universities and organisations enables us to offer a varied and rich curriculum. We seek to offer a range of external speakers covering topics from university life and apprenticeships to job opportunities in a variety of sectors.

Our experience of supporting students to achieve their best means we are aware of the challenges during the transition between Years 11 and 12. We have well-established procedures in place to ensure this process is as smooth as possible. We are proud of all of our Sixth Form students and our continued investment in them is a sign of our commitment to each and every student that begins their Post-16 studies with us. I look forward to welcoming you in September.



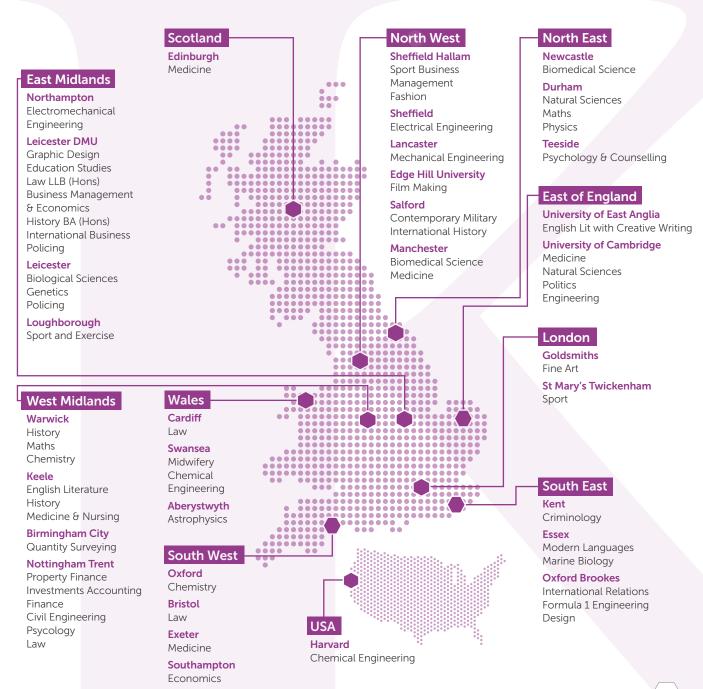
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# See where KSA can take you

#### Achievement

Staff at Kettering Science Academy are experts in their subject areas and provide a personalised learning programme tailored to the needs of our Post-16 students. We set aspirational targets to help students accomplish their best and feel proud of their achievements. Many students go on to study at university, competing for top courses nationally.

Here's where some of our most recent students are now studying.



# Studying at Kettering Science Academy



#### Values and Expectations

There is a positive learning environment in our Sixth Form which is based on clear expectations and mutual respect. Sixth Form students are expected to work and study independently, although there are opportunities for students to study with peers and staff in subject areas. The Sixth Form is part of the collegiate structure of the Academy and is integrated into the wider academic community, allowing students to participate in sporting activities and engage in the enrichment programme. Students are expected to leave Kettering Science Academy as socially confident young adults who have experienced self-development in addition to excellent academic success.

#### **Tutor Support**

Sixth Form tutors are responsible for students' academic progress. Their job is to support students to achieve their targets, nurturing them along the way. The tutor will also assist students with individualised guidance for progression from the Academy to future pathways at university, apprenticeships or in employment.

#### **Progress Checks**

Student progress and attainment is monitored throughout the academic year and reported to the student and their parents/guardians. During these periods of monitoring, students and staff will discuss their progress so far and, if necessary, intervention will be put in place to support students to achieve.



## Courses

#### A Level

Art & Design: Fine Art	Religious Studies	Biology
Art & Design: Photography	Computer Science	Chemistry
Business	Maths	Physics
English Language & Literature	Further Maths	Psychology
Geography	Media	Sociology
History	French/German	

#### Other Courses **BTEC**

Health & Social Care	Finance	Criminology	IT Diploma
Children's Play, Learning	AQA Certificate Level 3	Physical Education	
& Development	Mathematical Studies	Cambridge Technical	

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#### **Entry Requirements**

In order to begin studies here at Kettering Science Academy, students must achieve five GCSEs at grade 5 or above. Some subjects have additional entry requirements so please read the specific subject information carefully.

For details on how to apply please visit: www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/sixthform **SCAN THE** 

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# Pathways to Success

Example career pathways and the combination of subjects to study

Technology IT, Cyber Security, Ethical Hacking	IT ● Business ● Psychology ● Sociology ● Religious Studies
Finance / Accounting	Finance • Business • Maths • IT • Geography
Medicine	Chemistry ● Biology ● Physics ● Maths ● Psychology
Sciences Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Radiography, Psychology, Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Sport Science	Biology ● Chemistry ● Psychology ● Health & Social Care ● Sport
Engineering / Computer Science / Data Science	Maths ◆ Physics ◆ IT ◆ Geography ◆ Biology
Sports Coaching	Sport ● Biology ● Health & Social Care ● Sociology ● Psychology
Law / History / Paralegal	English ● History ● Criminology ● Psychology
Creative Industries	Art ● Photography ● Media ● IT ● Business
Architecture	Art ● Maths ● Physics ● History ● English
Environmental Studies / Engineering	Geography ● Biology ● Physics ● Religious Studies ● History
Art / Marketing / Social Media	Art ● Photography ● Media ● English ● History
Events Management	Business ● IT ● Finance ● English
Logistics Transport Planner, Aviation, Operations Manager, Buyer	Business ● English ● Finance ● IT ● Maths
English Journalism, Editor, Social Media, Communication, Teaching, or English as a foreign language abroad	English ● History ● Media ● Photography
Healthcare / Childcare / Social Care	Child Development ● Health and Social ● Sociology ● Psychology

# Enrichment and Personal Development



#### **Future Learn Awards**

These are awards based on interesting topics in different fields run by universities.

#### **University Taster Days**

Students can opt into a variety of taster day experiences from a range of universities.

#### Librarian

Students can train as librarians and assist in the school library, running special events.

#### Creative

First aid, film, music and drama clubs.

#### Sport

Sports clubs, Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

#### National Citizen Service

NCS gives young people a unique opportunity to develop greater confidence, self-awareness and responsibility. It encourages personal and social development by working on skills like leadership, teamwork and communication. Young people will make friends with new people and face new challenges on residential weeks. They will work with businesses and local community organisations to design and deliver a 30 hour social action project on an issue they are passionate about.

#### **Charity Events**

Students can plan, organise and run charity events for the whole school e.g. Children in Need, Sport Relief and Macmillan Cancer Support.

#### Mentoring

Peer mentoring throughout the Academy.



#### Individual Work Experience

All students will complete a work placement during their time in the Sixth Form. Students will be required to research and apply for their placement with support from their tutor.

#### Community Projects

Sixth Form students work with other year groups to plan and organise projects involving younger students and the community. The aim is to develop their social and citizenship skills while being role models for younger students at the Academy.

#### **Head Students**

The Head students are elected by their peers annually. Their role is to represent the Sixth Form on the school council, attend and speak at open evenings and take on leadership roles in the Academy. They have a key role in the Sixth Form review.

#### Sixth Form Ambassadors

Sixth Form students have the opportunity to become an ambassador, working with staff to promote the Academy to the wider community and accompanying visitors. This role develops students' confidence and communication skills. Preparation for the Future Academic preparation includes visits to universities and workshops on student

finance, bursaries, how to apply to university and apprenticeships. Sixth Form students also benefit from guest speakers who talk about different careers. To develop students' life skills, Kettering Science Academy also offers workshops such as cooking, first aid and driving safety.

#### Destinations and courses

We are very proud of the destinations that all of our students go onto. Some examples of courses and University destinations that our students have gone on to are shown on page 5.

#### Degree apprenticeships:

We are delighted that many students have successfully achieved degree apprenticeships, which enables them to complete their traditional academic studies, alongside the benefit of working with companies, often with national or international profiles and established career structures. Our students have taken up degree apprenticeships in such diverse areas as banking, computer science and the construction industry. We expect these opportunities to expand further as employers seek to recruit talented young people who they can train to fit in with their company's ethos and organisational needs.

# **Brooke Weston Trust**

# Proven track record:

Over 30 years of making a difference

# Kettering Science Academy is a valued member of the Brooke Weston Trust

Our mission at the Brooke Weston Trust (BWT) remains steadfast and unwavering – 'to transform educational performance in the communities where we work to improve student achievement by removing the barriers to learning and providing opportunities for personal development.'

Lead by our CEO Dr Andrew Campbell for a decade, we have maintained a long-term commitment to high-quality education since 2008. BWT is a family of schools, each with its own unique character, meeting the needs of the local communities we serve.

Our values reflect our culture of high expectations and ambition for all – each of our employees is asked to consider 'is this good enough for my child' when making decisions that affect the students in our care.

Our schools, both Primary and Secondary, are based across Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire and as of 2023, all are Ofsted rated as good or better. We work together collaboratively sharing best practice and new ideas, our strengths, and talents to achieve the best for your children, both in education opportunities and enhancing life chances for every one of our young people, encouraging and nurturing their ambitions and potential.

Over each academic year, there are so many opportunities for our students to meet, compete, celebrate their successes, grow, and develop in amazing ways to enter the world as adults who are enabled to shape their own futures.



