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An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts

Welcome

Sixth Form Information Evening

Wednesday 4 November 2026

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Sixth Form at The Joseph Whitaker School

- Will I be successful?
- Will I receive the highest quality of teaching
- Are the expectations of the teachers high?
- Will I be taught by staff that know and care about me?
- Will I enjoy my 2 years in the sixth form?



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A Level Results

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KS5 Examination Outcomes

	2024	2025	2026
A*-A	33%	34%	32%
A*-B	60%	67%	69%
A*-C	84%	85%	93%
Pass Rate	100%	100%	100%

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Destinations 2025

University	60% 36% Russell Group
Employment	10%
Apprenticeship	16%
Gap year	12% (8% Deferred HE secured)
Armed Forces	2%

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Common Misconceptions

- I need to take Law A level to be a lawyer
- I need to take 4 A Levels

College – The Reality

- Results are not as high as The Joseph Whitaker School
- Class sizes are very large
- It's a long way to Bilborough on the bus!
- They won't know and love you like we will.
- No one will get you out of bed!

Entry Criteria

Traditional A-Levels:

- 5 Grade 9-4 in GCSE subjects
- Grade 5 in chosen subjects
- Grade 7 to study Maths
- Biology, Chemistry and Physics – Trilogy 7/7 or Triple 7 and a 7 in Mathematics
- Computing: Grade 6 in Mathematics
- *Psychology/Sociology and Media Studies as above but must have a 5 in English Language or Literature

***Grade 5 in Mathematics is required for Psychology**

Induction: 24/25 June 2027 – *Students must attend this event

Application Deadline: 3 December 2026

BTEC/Applied

- To undertake a BTEC/Applied course - 5 Grades 9-4 are required.
  - Extended Diploma in Business
  - Applied Health and Social care
  - *BTEC Music
  - Applied Human Biology
  - BTEC Extended Diploma In Sport
  - Applied Criminology

NB. It must be stressed that no course will run unless numbers are viable.

The Bursary

Vulnerable Bursary - £1200

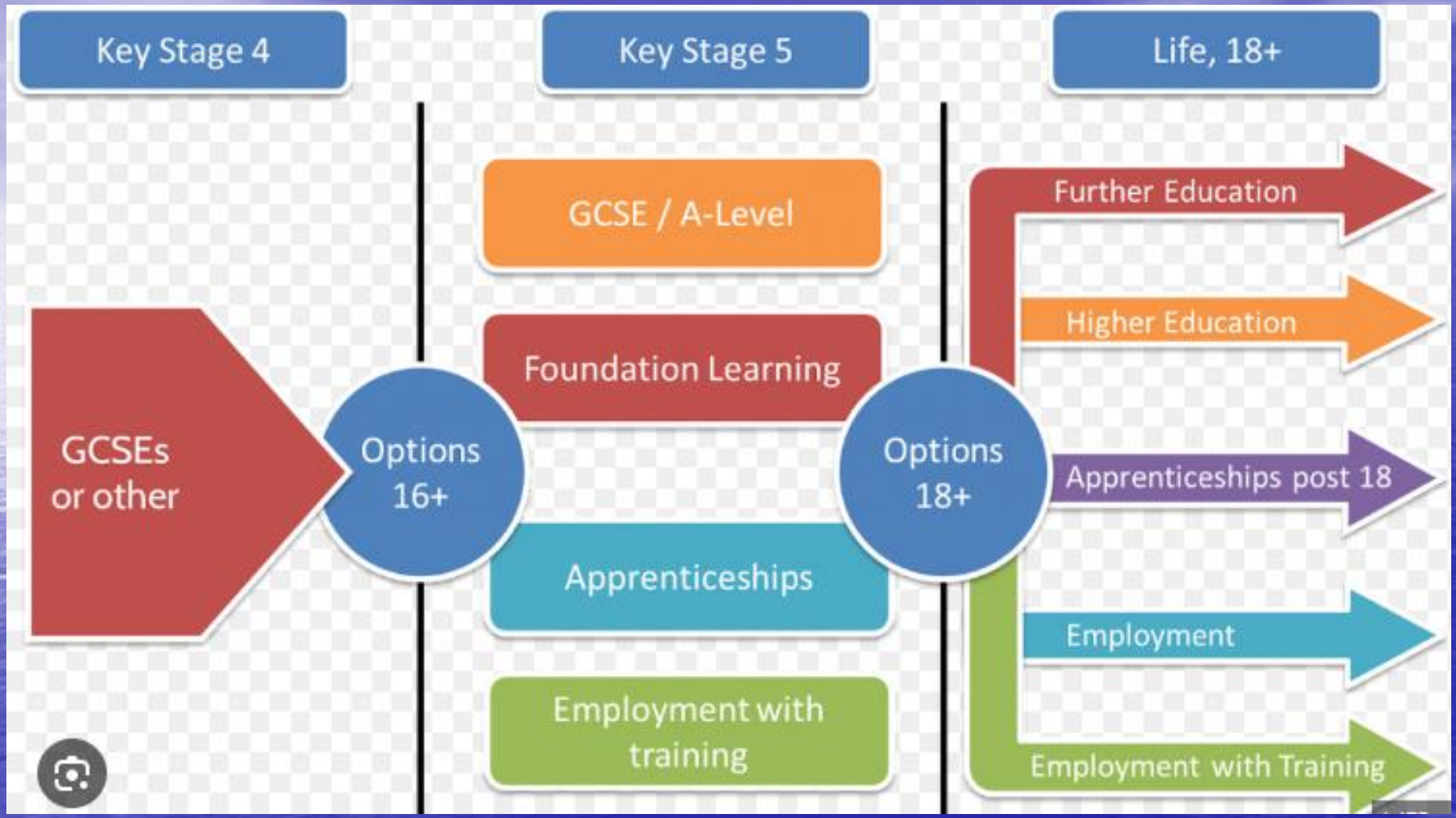
- In Care
- Living independently having left Local Authority Care
- Receiving Income Support or Universal Credit
- Disabled young people in receipt of Employment Support Allowance who are also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments

The Discretionary Bursary

Students can apply for help for specific needs.

- Priority 1: Eligible for Free School Meals
- Priority 2: £35,000
  - £2.95 Daily meal allowance
  - £200 Clothing/Shoe allowance
  - UCAS Fee - £34.50
  - X 3 University Open days.
  - % School Trips* (Curriculum – 100%)
  - *Transport – 50% (live greater than 2 miles from school)
  - Laptop.


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We want you to make the right choice!

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Student Destinations

24/25 - Leavers

Students	Grades	
Amber Bacon	A* A* A	York University Biomedical Science
Minnie Bosworth	A* A A	York University Digital media
Eleanor Heath	A* A B	Leeds University Law
Oscar Marten	A A A	University of Manchester Chemical Engineering
Eliza Creelman	A A B	Newcastle University Law
Kuba Habet	A A B	University of Manchester Biomedical Science
Gracie Ball	A* A C	University of Nottingham Psychology
Daniel Parr	A A Dist*	Newcastle University Business
Olivia Arrell	A A C	Cardiff University Geography

25/26 - Leavers

Students	Grades	
Ben Higgs	A* A* A	Durham University Economics
Micha Daunt	A A A B	Durham University English Literature
Tom Park	A A A	Leeds University Chemical Engineering
Megan Williams	A A B	University of Nottingham Veterinary Medicine
Laura Badacz	A A B	York University Midwifery
Cubby Brand-Rea	A A C	Rolls Royce Degree Apprenticeship
William Morgan	A B B	Loughborough University Economics and Finance
William Mackley	B B D*	Loughborough University Interntional Business
Billy MacIntosh	B C Dist*	University of Nottingham Financial Mathematics

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But…it is not all about going to University and gaining A*s

- Joel Brereton – Mechanical Engineer with the RAF
- Morgan Whitton – Degree Apprenticeship with The Environment Agency
- Tom Lilley – Degree Apprenticeship with the Derbyshire Constabulary
- Jude Ryan –Degree Apprenticeship with Barratts Homes
- Matthew Rhodes – Music for Film, Games and TV @ Leeds Conservatoire
- Isobelle Jones – Acting – University of Central Lancashire
- George Leivers – Derby university – Football Journalism
- Isla Wood – Speech Therapy @ Birmingham City University

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Why go to JWS Sixth Form?



- Excellent Facilities
- You are not just ‘one of a number’
- We value student opinion
- New courses added
- Every year we have a high number of non-JWS students join
- The very best JWS teachers teach A-Level and Applied Subjects at Post-16
- The Support is second to none!

Academic

- Last year 33% of our students got an A grade
- 60% went to University
- 16% to Apprenticeships
- 100% passed
- Intervention Systems – extra lessons



Pastoral



- Mental health Support
- Making sure your physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing is cared for
- A Personal Tutor
- ‘Drop in anytime’ Policy
- Counselling and signposting
- Assemblies and support groups

Career Support



- 1 to 1 Career Support
- Work Experience Week
- At least 2 trips to universities
- Trip to apprenticeship fair
- Very strong Links with local and national businesses
- HE+ Oxbridge Support
- UCAS support
- Plus lots more

Enrichment

First Aid Courses



Extended Project Qualification



Trips:

Skiing, Morocco, Lisbon, DofE Residential Trips





Careers Advice, Apprenticeship Fairs

Leadership



Full Programme of UCAS support

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Student Directors

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Joe Haynes



Studying – Biology, Chemistry, Maths

Aspires to - Study Medicine

Ayesha Salami



Studying – Business, Computer Science, Psychology, EPQ

Aspires to – Gain a Technology Degree Apprenticeship

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Performing Arts

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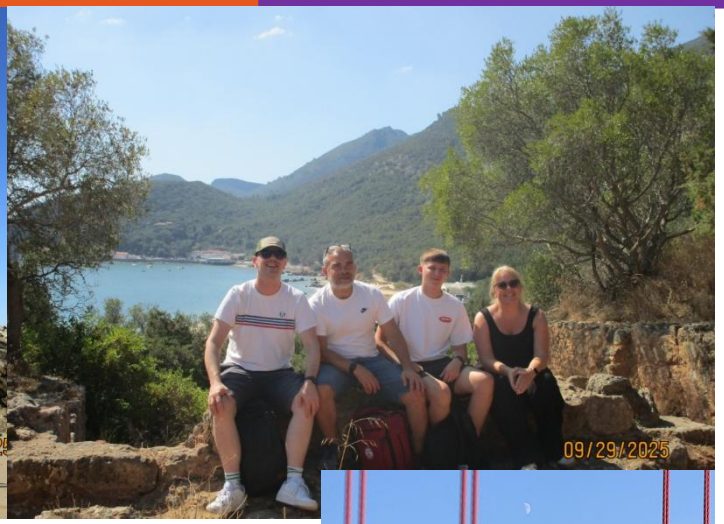
Portugal Geography Trip

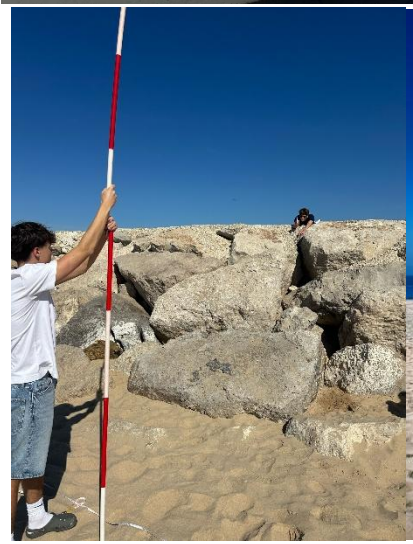


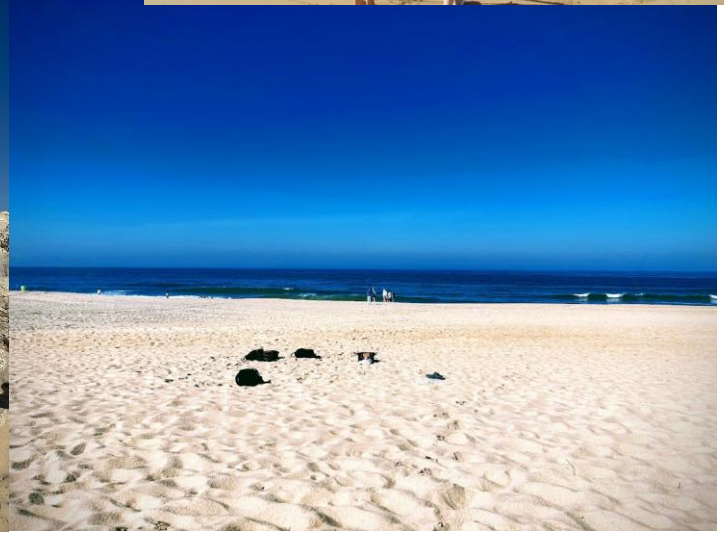
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Morocco Trip



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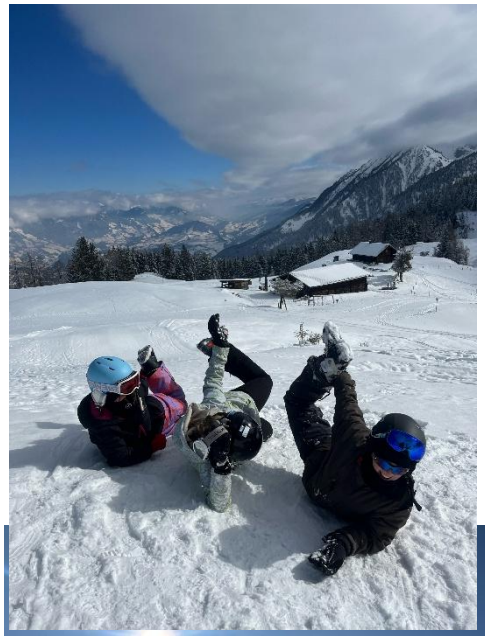






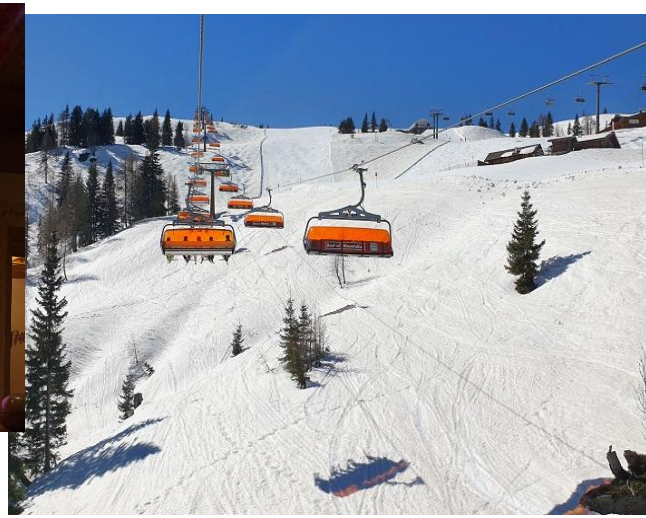
Austria Ski Trip

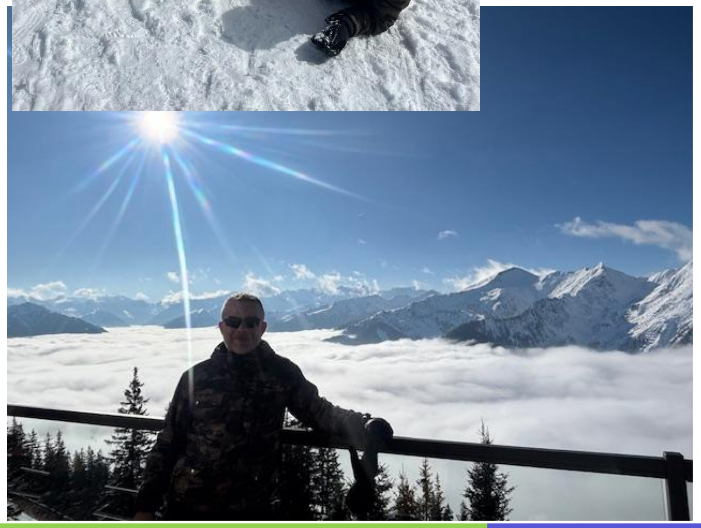
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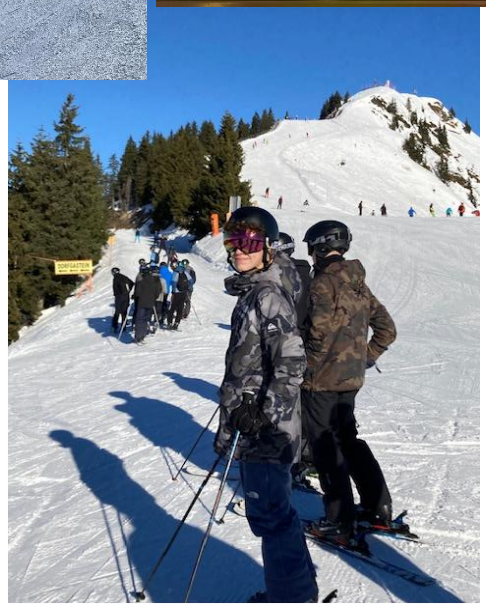














Fern Millhouse –

3rd Year Medic @ Cambridge University

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"It's the staff that make the Joseph Whitaker Sixth Form such an amazing place to study. Teachers were incredibly passionate and spread their love of their subjects to the students"

"There is an unbelievable number of non-academic opportunities that really strengthen friendships in the student community. I loved completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the Lake District, skiing in Austria and travelling to Morrocco"

"Being a "Red Shirt" is something unique to the Jo Whit experience and the opportunity to have a paid position during lunch break was so useful to build savings for university"

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Alice Jones

3rd Year Engineering Major @ Cornell University

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The main thing that sticks out for me during my time at the Joseph Whitaker Sixth Form was the amazing support provided by the teachers both inside and outside of the classroom. Inside the classroom, I was encouraged to dive deeper into my chosen subjects, ask questions and connect concepts together to see the bigger picture. Outside of the classroom, we were given opportunities to develop personally, share ideas and try new things.

In addition to the support that was offered day in, day out, I truly realised how special the Joseph Whitaker Sixth Form was when I started applying for university. I chose to apply to Cornell University in America, to study Mechanical Engineering and I was overwhelmed by the amount of help I received during this process. The teachers at the Sixth Form put so much time and energy into giving my application the best possible chance and I will forever be grateful for the input that they had. Telling those who had helped me that we had been successful, was an incredibly special moment and it showed without doubt how much the Sixth Form cares about its students.

I know for certain that I wouldn't be where I am now without the support of the Sixth Form and I believe there is no place better to grow and improve, whilst having fun along the way

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Emily Hitchcock

3rd Year Primary Education Undergraduate

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"I came to the Joseph Whitaker sixth form from Samworth Church Academy because I decided it would give me the opportunity to grow in confidence and experience new opportunities, as well as giving me an excellent education.

My teachers and other students were so welcoming, from day one I was submerged in a lovely friend group, and I have made friends and memories for life. One of my favourite memories was the ski trip in year 12, something completely out of my comfort zone but I am so glad I did it."

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Olli Hamilton

Police Officer

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"My time in Sixth Form gave me so many memories I will never forget. It made me learn what I needed to do to achieve what I wanted to do growing up.

My advice would be to make sure you know what you want to do before doing it. University may not be the best thing for you and there are alternatives, for example degree apprenticeships.

Policing was something I always wanted to do growing up and I felt like I had the full support all my way through sixth form."

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Special Outcomes







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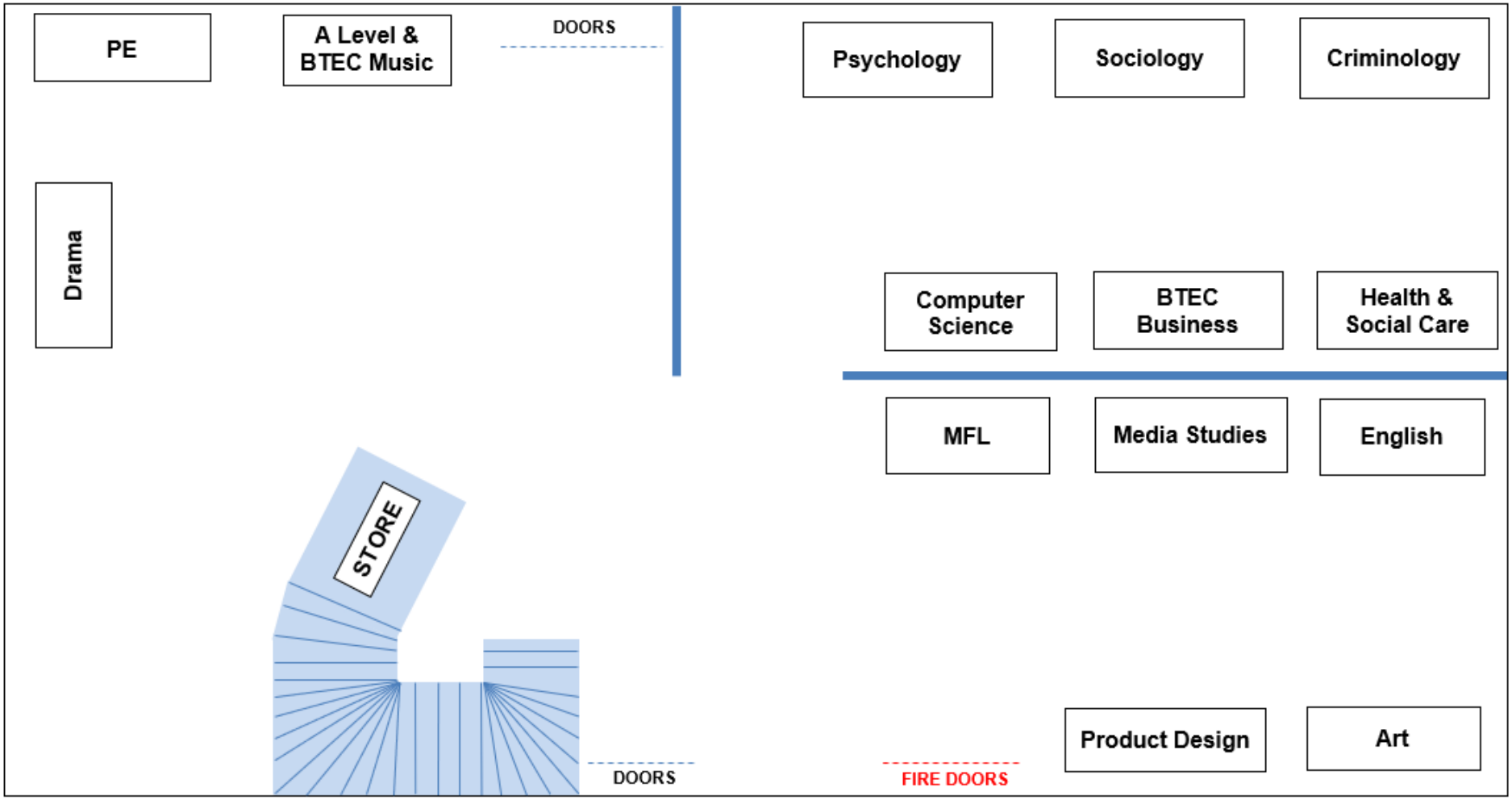
Application Form

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Please complete by the 3rd December

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Post-16 Information Evening – Lower Floor Plan



Post-16 Information Evening – Upper Floor Plan

