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**COLLEGE POLICY DOCUMENT**

**Course Progression**

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The following policy document has been written to show under which circumstances St. Andrew's students will be allowed to the next stage of their academic course.

Each course will be dealt with in turn:

**GCSE**

To progress from GCSE to A-Levels a student would need to have at least 4 A\*- C passes, to include Maths and English. The student would also need to have at least a grade C pass in their chosen A-Level subjects or a grade B where Maths and Sciences are concerned. The same would apply if a student wanted to progress from GCSE to a foundation course.

**1<sup>st</sup> year A level**

To continue the two year A-Level programme a student would need at least a grade D average in all of the subjects at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year when the results are released or after internal test have been concluded if no AS standalone exams have been completed for the subjects. If the student is able to show the average in three out of the four subjects then they will only be allowed to continue with three subjects. If the student fails to reach the criteria for progression then they will be offered a place on one of the foundation courses.

## **Business Foundation**

There are two sets of exams for this course and if a student fails to obtain a pass grade of 50% in the term 1 exams (January – for progress purposes only) they will be able to re-sit the papers in March with the Accelerated group. The 1<sup>st</sup> term exams are not counted towards the final grade but they are used to check on a student's progression and suitability to carry on with the course or move to the Accelerated Foundation course. If after the re-takes and research papers a student is not on track to pass the course he / she will be required to move over to the Accelerated Foundation course. This will enable them to have a second chance at the course and use lessons as revision, which should assist them to pass the course.

## **Science Foundation**

The Science Foundation course will have the same structure as the Business course (except for the March research paper, which will be a practical exam) and the above criteria will apply. The 1<sup>st</sup> term exams are not counted towards the final grade but they are used to check on a student's progression and suitability to carry on with the course or move to the Accelerated Foundation course.

## **Art Foundation**

Due to the structure of this course there are no re-takes available as it is a linear course where all work is presented for marking at the end.

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