**The King's Academy: Higher Learning Needs (HLN) Modified Curriculum and Qualifications for Years 10 and 11**

**HLN Curriculum Overview**:

In Key Stage 4, (Years 10 and 11) our students with a placement in the HLN Base begin to work towards their Pathways and Entry Level Qualifications and in some cases, selected GCSEs.

Our HLN curriculum has an emphasis on practical, vocational and independent skills to help our students prepare for adulthood. Our students continue to study Food every week and and The King's Trust Achieve Programme offers opportunities for project work, learning new skills and improving life skills.

**The National Curriculum (compulsory)**

It is compulsory for students to study certain subjects up to the age of 16: these subjects form the National Curriculum (English, Maths, Science, RE, PE, Careers Education and PSHE)

All students in our HLN Base access some GCSE teaching, as appropriate to their ability and SEND, alongside their Entry Level Qualifications in English and Maths. This gives our students the option to be dual entered for GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths, as well as Entry Level.

Our teachers will plan the curriculum accordingly, dependent on the academic needs of individuals, and will teach skills outside of the programmed year of study, if needed. For example: the teaching of early reading skills (phonics) will continue for students into KS4.

**HLN Curriculum at KS4**

A typical HLN timetable at KS4 consists of:

- English (Step up to English Entry Level and GCSE) , 5 periods
- Mathematics (Entry Level / access to GSCE ) , 5 periods
- Science and Food (Entry Pathways Science Today)
- Geography, History and RE (Entry Level Pathways Humanities)
- Art, Dance and Drama (Creative Arts Entry Level Pathways)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award https://www.dofe.org/
- King's Trust Achieve Programme For more information, please see the website https://www.kingstrust.org.uk/
- Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)
- Careers Education (delivered through King's Trust Achieve Programme, Tutor programme and 1-1 Careers appointments and visits to Post 16 providers)

**Options for HLN students**

Students with a strength or enjoyment of an additional subject may be offered a modified timetable to allow them to access a subject alongside their HLN timetable. This personalised approach allows our students to achieve their personal best and achieve specific outcomes from their Education, Health Care Plans (EHCP) and supports Preparation for Adulthood.

For example, some of our HLN students have studied a subject within mainstream classes, with support:

- GCSE Art

- Health and Social Care Level 1
- Child Development Level 1
- GCSE Science
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Textiles

**Tutorials**

Some of our students may require additional support or 1-1 specialist teaching. Tutorials for small groups and individuals are timetabled according to student need. Some students accessing GCSE level courses may require additional support for revision and study skills. Some students may require Speech and Language intervention or specialist teaching from our Qualified Teacher of the Deaf or our Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired.