

## The tutorial programme

Students have a weekly 70-minute progress tutorial which, supported by the lecture programme and subject based development ensures they are fully ready for life in modern Britain. Life as a young adult in the modern world is both complex and diverse. On leaving the academy the students will have been taught key pieces of knowledge, developed an understanding of what it means to be an adult and the skills to make informed choices going forward.

## Why all students have tutorials

The UK has the narrowest post-16 curriculum of all developed nations – for this reason alone it is important for our students to gain wider knowledge beyond their core courses.

In addition, the most common progression route for Dixons Sixth Form students is to study at a good or elite University. Our tutorial programme helps prepare students for University style education.

## Programme content

Our tutorial programme covers the common themes in the PSHE curriculum:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World

## What students can do with this course

After successfully completing their studies at Dixons Sixth Form many students will leave home for the first time and live as independent adults, possibly in new and distant locations. The tutorial programme is built on the foundational principle of 'maturation by design'. Throughout this programme there is a balance between preparing young people to manage their lives now and laying the foundation learning that are developed through the programme, as we prepare them for their future. As pupils move through the two years this balance gradually changes, as they gain increasing independence and begin to have more personal experience the topics or issues they have been taught throughout a developmental PSHE education programme. To expect students to recall information accurately, draw on skills and strategies and apply learning they may have received a number of years earlier (when perhaps it felt less relevant) at 'critical moments' in their immediate lives, is unreasonable. It is therefore important we provide a comprehensive and relevant programme of PSHE education which revisits and reinforces earlier learning through learning that connects it to contexts that are relevant to this age group.

In addition to tutorials, we will also provide all students with preparation and for making an informed aspirational choice about their next steps, beyond Dixons Sixth Form. Students will research and visit different universities, coupled with high quality advice from internal and external experts. All students will formulate a career plan that will take them through to an apprenticeship, university or a real alternative where they can lead happy and successful lives.

## How this course is assessed

The tutorial programme forms part of a student's programme of study as such attendance is a part of being a Dixons Sixth Form student.

## Further Reading