

Information for Admissions Tutors

IKB is a 'Studio School' opened in September 2015. We are a STEM based school offering A levels and L3 Btecs in the STEM subjects and through collaboration with a partner school offering other L3 qualifications. In addition to their academic subjects most students take part in long term work placements every Monday in Year 12, this develops the skills and experiences they need for higher education whilst giving them an insight into their chosen career path. This does mean they have less non- contact time in school than in a traditional sixth form setting and need to manage the time commitments that come from a weekly work placement alongside typically three A levels.

We do not offer decoupled AS qualifications for students taking A level subjects with us. As a young school we have a limited number of staff many of whom are new to teaching with us, we are developing the systems and processes to support students and have been identified as an institution that received contextualised offers from a number of Universities.

We use past paper questions/exams and Btec assessment criteria to assess students termly using published grade boundaries to allocate grades and these assessments along with any coursework and formal mock examinations have been used to generate predicted grades. Teachers are advised to make accurate predictions based on evidence and not to over-predict A level results. All predicted grades and reference are written and checked by the Principal to ensure reliability.