

Madeley Academy is an average sized community academy with an over subscribed Sixth Form of around 300 students. 50% of our students join us for Sixth Form having completed their Secondary education at other local schools. The school is located in an area of Telford with high levels of social deprivation and the proportion of students eligible for the pupil premium is almost double the national average, as is the number qualifying for the 16 to 19 bursary fund. Nationally, it is in the highest quintile for Free School Meals, Social Deprivation and SEND students. The school accommodates well above the national and local average number of children in care. 38% of our cohort come from the BAME community.

Against this backdrop, achievement in the Sixth Form is in the top 5% nationally for both academic and vocational courses. All students who wish to, have gained a place at University over the past 10 years and up to 30% of these have been at 'prestigious' universities, well above the national average figure. 70% of students are the first in their family to attend university which demonstrates the school's ethos of developing high aspirations.

In Year 12, most students complete a 4 AS Level equivalent program and this can include a combination of academic or BTEC Level 3 courses. All students sit the AS examination (or equivalent) at the end of Year 12 in order to benchmark progress. In Year 13, 60% of students continue with their 4 subjects, some reduce to 3 subjects in order to consolidate their learning or to accommodate work experience placements.

Students are somewhat limited in their course combination choices due to the timetable blocks within the whole school timetable. Due to our size the viability of running some courses such as Further Maths, Economics, Languages and Computer Science can be limited.

Students are formally assessed and written reports of progress are made 3 times a year. These reports are informed by regular tests in class, mock examinations in January, March and the AS examination result. UCAS grade predictions are finalised in October of Year 13, based on this solid body of evidence including the DfE prediction system. Students therefore have realistic and reliable predictions against which they can make informed decisions about university and course choices.