



Progression Policy

Level 2 to Year 12 Progression – New College Pontefract only

Introduction

At New College Pontefract we offer a small number of one-year resit (Level 2) courses. These allow students to improve on the grades gained in Year 11 and/or fill any gaps in their qualifications.

A large percentage of our Level 2 students do progress onto Level 3 courses on completion of a successful one-year resit programme. To study at Level 2 students should have achieved a good range of GCSEs (or equivalent) mainly at grades D and E. **Students must have achieved Level 3 English Language.**

Progression to Level 3 (Year 1)

A-Level Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirement for is that all students must have at least a Level 4 in GCSE English Language. In addition, students will have to meet the subject specific entry requirements which may consist of a GCSE grade and a minimum average GCSE point score.

Additional details about different Level 3 pathway requirements can be found in our Admissions Policy.

Please note: There may be exceptions to subject specific entry requirements. At enrolment the interviewer will use their professional judgement when deciding if a student can enrol onto a course without meeting the minimum average GCSE point score.

BTEC Entry Requirements

All Level 3 BTEC courses require students to have achieved a Level 4 in GCSE English Language. Students will also need to have achieved a minimum of 4 GCSE grade Cs or their equivalent, and at least a Merit if they studied their chosen subject at Level 2. If a student has not achieved a Level 4 in GCSE English Language and wishes to study an Extended Diploma, they will need to have achieved a Level 2 Distinction in the subject they want to study at Level 3.

Please note

Progression to Y12 will also depend on the following criteria which can be attained via individual student Cedar records.

- No attendance concerns
- Positive response to any of the college's formal interventions
- Good behaviour
- Good attitude towards learning

Progression to Y12 is also at the Principal's discretion.

New College Pontefract and New College Doncaster - Year 12 to Year 13 Progression

A-Level

- All students are required to achieve at least a grade D in all of their subject progression exams to progress to Y13 automatically.
- Students who fail to achieve a grade D in any of their subjects will have the opportunity to resit in August and this will inform decisions about possible progression.
- Students who fail to achieve the progression requirements in one or more subjects will be interviewed by a senior member of staff and the most appropriate course of action will be taken.
- In addition, all students will be interviewed by subject staff during Y13 Progression Day where progression exam results and feedback will be given out. Subject staff can also take into account monthly assessment grades, effort and attitude to learning to allow progress to Y13.
- Students that fail to meet minimum target grades may start on the college's formal interventions procedures when they start Year 13. If it is decided it is in the best interests of the student not to continue on the same programme of study, then an alternative programme will be offered.
- Students that initial fail to meet progression criteria may start on the college's formal intervention procedures when they start Y13.

BTEC

- All students need to pass their progression assignment to progress to Y13 immediately.
- Students who fail to meet the deadline or fail to achieve a pass grade will be provided a with a resubmission opportunity over the summer and an additional assignment.
- Students who pass the assignment but fail to achieve their minimum target grade (MTG) may start on the college's formal intervention procedures when they start Y13.
- Some students will be allowed to progress to Y13, but only on a Progression Contract which is part of the college's formal intervention procedures.

Please note

Progression to Y13 will also depend on the following criteria which can be attained via individual student Cedar records.

- No attendance concerns
- Positive response to any of the colleges' formal interventions
- Good behaviour
- Good attitude towards learning

Progression to Y13 is also at the Principal's discretion.