



## Eckington School Sixth Form Progression exams

### Rationale

- All students studying A Levels will study two year, linear courses with no public AS examinations at the end of year 12.
- The first public examinations that A Level students will sit will be in the summer of year 13. However, as part of our ongoing internal assessment, all students will sit a series of progression examinations in each of their A Level subjects before the end of year 12 (W/C 4<sup>th</sup> May/10<sup>th</sup> May and W/C 7<sup>th</sup> June/14<sup>th</sup> June). These progression examinations will inform on progress towards A Level targets and help teachers when they are considering predicted grades for UCAS applications.
- To be able to progress to year 13 in a subject, students will be required to achieve a minimum of an E grade in the end of year 12 progression examinations. In cases where this does not happen students will be given the opportunity to retake the exam. If the grade does not improve from a U in the second sitting, students and parents will be invited in to talk to the Leader of Student Development for Y12 and the Associate Assistant Principal responsible for sixth form about alternative courses that they can pick up, either at Eckington School or at another post 16 institution. This is designed to be a supportive process so as to ensure that all students remain on the right courses and achieve the best outcomes possible.

<b>Example profiles at the end of Year 12</b>	
UUU, UUE	Meeting with students and parents. Students asked to pick new subjects and return to Year 12 in September. Alternatively, students may be advised to leave. IAG support will be provided.
EEU	Meeting with students and parents. Students advised to resit Year 12 or may be advised to leave. Must resit U grade paper. No Home Study in Year 13. Progression Contract if appropriate.
DDE, DEE	Home study in Year 13 to be reviewed. Will be granted based on review of target data. e.g. If student is two or more away from target in two or more subjects, Home Study will not be allowed. Progression Contract if appropriate.
DDD	Home Study in Year 13 to be reviewed. Will be granted based on review of target data. e.g. If student is two or more grades away from target in two or more subjects, Home Study will not be allowed.
CCU, DDU	Must resit U grade paper. Students progress on a case-by-case basis if no improvement in the U grade subject. E.g. No Home Study in Year 13, Progression Contract if appropriate. May also consider: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. No third subject - Allowed but limiting future options. Work Experience and EPQ considered.</li><li>2. AS Level in a year – may be possible</li><li>3. A year 14 with new subject considered</li></ol> Decision made following meeting with student and parent. Supported by IAG.



Any student progressing to Year 13 on a Progression Contract will have a pack of intervention work to complete over the summer holiday. This work will be focused on individual weaknesses informed by the progression examination and personalised learning checklists.

For students studying towards an applied qualification, such as a Level 3 BTEC, all units assessed in Year 12 must be completed to at least a Pass standard in order to progress into Year 13. If this is not the case at the end of the summer term of Year 12, the work must be completed over the summer holiday and returned for assessment at the start of Year 13.

Parents/carers must acknowledge receipt of any intervention work set over the summer holiday, either for A Level or applied courses, and have responsibility for ensuring it is completed and returned on the first day of term in September. If this intervention work is not completed, the student will not be allowed to progress into Year 13.