
95% of universities and colleges in the UK accept students with technical qualifications

Three times as many students are studying Level 3 technical qualifications (equivalent to A Levels), than studied them in 2003

Those who opt to study for a Level 5 higher apprenticeship (equivalent to a foundation degree) will earn around **£1.44million** over their lifetime.

That's almost **£52,000 more** than a student who studies at a non-elite university

Professional Pathways

1. You will study a **Level 3 technical qualification** in Sport or Business that focuses on project-based learning rather than exams. This is equivalent to three A Levels, and holds the same number of UCAS points
2. You will **work with businesses in your chosen industry** to develop key skills: gaining professional and industry standard qualifications, visiting their offices, meeting their employees, and accessing work experience opportunities.
3. You will **receive career mentoring** to help you make a real and informed choice about what to do when you leave school. Your qualification will allow you to apply to top universities, competitive school leaver programmes, and apprenticeships with respected companies.
4. You will be part of a **prestigious pilot programme** of 150 students across the Ark network. There will be exciting opportunities for you to attend cohort-wide events, including speaker events, team challenges, and reward trips from corporate partners such as Deloitte, Lloyds and Bouygues UK.

Who Should Apply?

- Minimum 5 GCSEs A*-C: including English & Maths
- Interest in Sport, IT, Business & Project Management
- Preference for project-based learning, with fewer extended examinations
- Keen to develop skills for work, access work experience opportunities, and make corporate contacts

NEXT STEPS:

- 1) Speak to current Pathways students to find out about their experiences
 - 2) Email chloe.holmes2@arkonline.org if you need more guidance
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