

GCSE Full Time Programme

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	GCSEs
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFP-GR9Z-1100

Course Overview

Our Full Time GCSE programme is one of a kind in Greater Manchester and provides a pathway for new arrivals in the UK and home-schooled students to acquire GCSEs in order to progress further with their education. It also supports students who have only been able to take a limited number of GCSEs, enabling them to build a stronger profile and gain additional qualifications for progression.

The Full Time GCSE Programme gives students the opportunity to study 4 GCSEs in one academic year. As with all Level 2 courses, any students who have not attained passes (grade 4 or above) in their GCSE Maths or English Language will need to study these as part of their 4 subjects. Subject to demand and availability, we are sometimes able to offer a fifth GCSE in a modern foreign language such as Arabic, Chinese, and/or Spanish to native speakers.

Students who continue their journey with us for A Levels may also be able to pick up additional GCSEs the following year to further enhance their profile.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above including Maths and English Language (achieved in the most recent summer examination series).

Students who have not attained any GCSEs in their last academic year (i.e. if they have arrived from abroad or were home schooled) will need to take a short assessment to ensure they are working at a grade 3 (or above) level in Maths and English Language.

What You Will Learn

Subject choices may vary, depending on each students timetable, as well as the site they are attending but there are usually options to study both science and humanities subjects.

Assessment

GCSE exams are held at the end of the year during May and June. All subjects are exam-based.

Progression

Many learners use this course as a platform to move onto Level 3 qualifications including A-Levels, Access, T-Levels, as well as Apprenticeships.

This course will prepare you for Level 3 qualifications which can lead you straight into work or Higher Education. Former Full Time GCSE alumni have continued their journey at the Trafford & Stockport College Group before progressing to degree courses such as Medicine, Law, Literature, and Engineering at prestigious universities including Manchester and Oxford.

Career Options

This course helps you build the qualifications, skills and confidence needed for a wide range of future careers. By progressing onto Level 3 study, apprenticeships or further training, you can move into areas such as healthcare, engineering, law, business, and education. The programme develops key skills including communication, problem-solving and independent study, which are highly valued by employers and universities alike.

Mandatory Units

GCSE Maths and English Language are mandatory for those students who have not attained a grade 4.

Other GCSEs available, depending on the site and subject to specific conditions.:

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Psychology

Sociology

Religious Studies

Citizenship

Contact Details

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