



## PLATANOS SIXTH FORM



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We have an unshakeable belief that we can make a difference. We are changing lives.

# THE PLATANOS SIXTH FORM

Thinking about your future?

Do you want to grow and develop?

Do you want to study at a place where you are known and valued as an individual?

**Join the Platanos Sixth Form.**

We offer our students:

- Outstanding Post-16 learning and experiences
  - We have exceptionally high standards with an established tradition of academic achievement
  - Exceptional teaching
  - A diverse programme of enrichment
  - Excellent facilities
  - A first-rate Careers and University preparation programme
  - An ethos and culture which supports and guides all our students in ensuring their time at Platanos is a rewarding one
  - Social, sporting, artistic and recreational activities to help ensure a healthy work / life balance.
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# A first class education for all.

We believe that there is no limit to what our students can achieve. In fact, we are constantly challenging our students to aim higher than they ever have before. We also want our students to enjoy their Sixth Form experience – social, sporting, artistic and recreational activities to help ensure a healthy work / life balance.

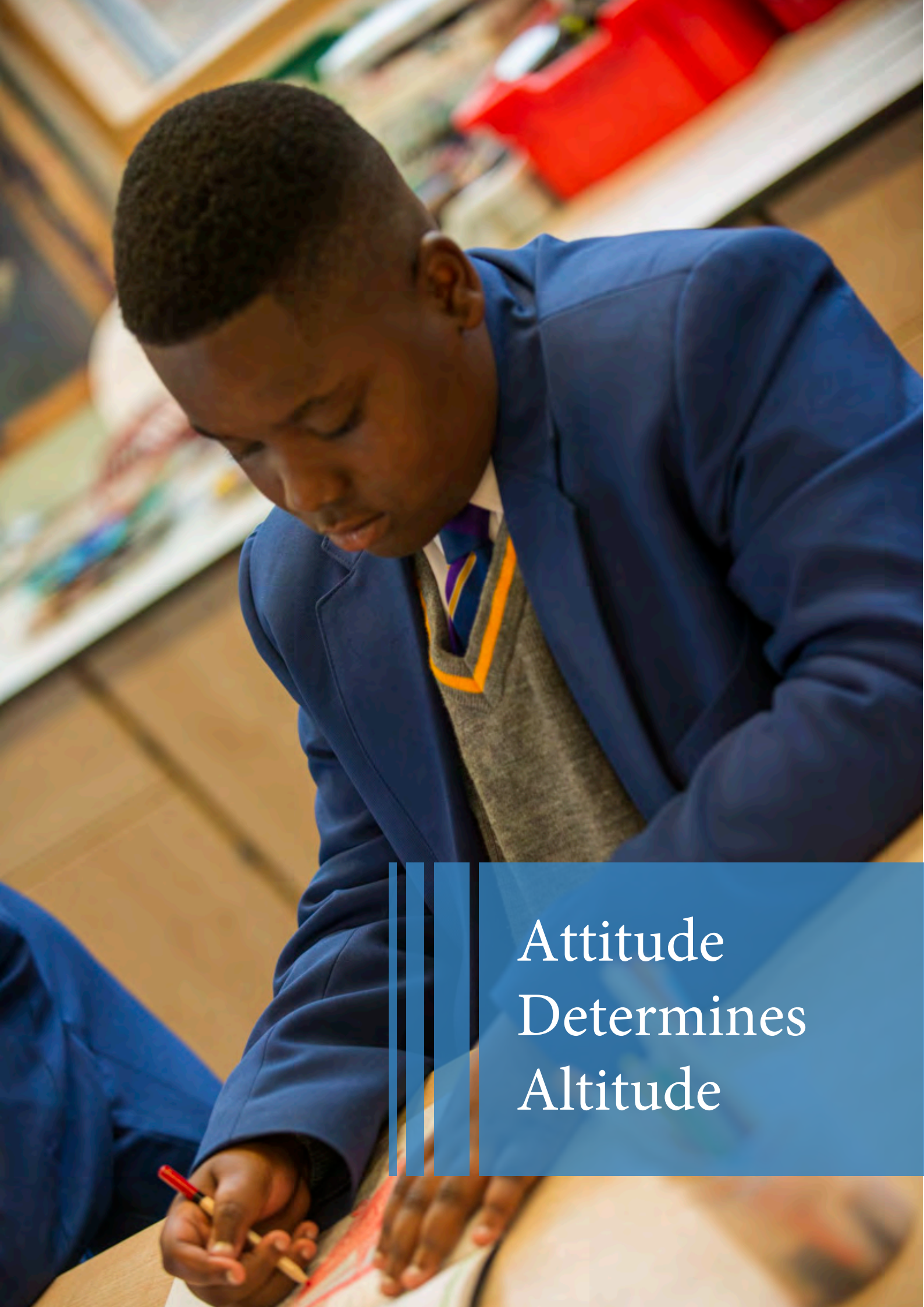


We are incredibly proud of what our outstanding students have achieved to date but, with our Sixth Form, we are even more excited by what lies ahead.

We encourage talented Year 11 students who share our ambition and appetite for hard work to consider making an application to study in our Sixth Form so that you can become part of the next chapter of this success story.

We want to develop young people who will be highly sought after by higher education and employers who will know that they are the best and most appropriately qualified in the area.

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A young man with short dark hair, wearing a blue school blazer over a grey sweater and a purple and blue striped tie, is leaning over a desk. He is holding a red pen and writing in a notebook. The background is a classroom with a wooden desk and a red storage bin.

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A young woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a white school uniform shirt, is smiling and looking towards the right. The background is blurred, showing other people in a school setting. A blue overlay is present at the bottom left of the image.

Meet your future  
at the Platanos  
Sixth Form.

# The Platanos Pathways

## Pathway 1 Advanced Level

### **Strand 1: Pharmacy, Medicine, Health Administration**

Courses:

A-level Biology

A-level Physics

A-level Chemistry

A-level Mathematics

***Entry Requirements:*** GCSE grades  
5 or above in English, Maths and  
Science plus three other subjects

### **Strand 2: Legal Professions**

Courses:

A-level English

A-level History

A-level Sociology

A-level Law

***Entry Requirements:*** GCSE grades  
5 or above in English and four other  
subjects

### **Strand 3: Accountancy and Business**

Courses:

A level Mathematics

A level Economics

A level Psychology

A level Business Studies

***Entry Requirements:*** GCSE grades  
5 or above in English, Maths and  
three other subjects



# Pathway 1

## Advanced Level

### Subjects at Advanced Level

#### **Biology**

Biology is the scientific study of living organisms and how they interact with each other and their environments.

#### **Chemistry**

Chemistry is the scientific study of how substances behave: how and why they combine or separate to form other substances and how matter interacts with energy.

#### **Physics**

Physics is the scientific study of the laws that govern our Universe from the smallest subatomic particles to the Universe itself. A range of topics including energy, forces, electricity, particle physics, nuclear physics and quantum physics are all covered.

#### **Mathematics**

Mathematics is not simply about calculations at A level. A more demanding subject than GCSE Maths, A level is a rigorous subject requiring clear thinking and hard work. Students learn about Geometry, Calculus, Trigonometry, Mechanics and Statistics.

#### **English Literature**

This is the study and appreciation of all forms of literature including poetry, novels and plays.

#### **Law**

This course is about understanding the role of law in today's society. Students learn about the nature of law, the English legal system, private law, public law and legal skills.

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Realise your  
ambitions at  
Platanos Sixth  
Form



Students are encouraged to take advantage of the individualised learning at Platanos Sixth Form

# Pathway 1

## Advanced Level

### Subjects at Advanced Level

#### **Sociology**

This is the study of people, their values, attitudes, culture and the organisation of society.

#### **History**

The study of the past - of people, events, places and other times. Students will be researching evidence, asking questions and forming explanations.

#### **Business Studies**

This is the study of how businesses operate. Students learn about marketing, finance, operations, strategy, human resources, leadership and management.

#### **Psychology**

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and experience. It seeks to explain how our minds work.

#### **Economics**

This subject covers the market system, market failure and government intervention, the national and international economy, the economics of work and leisure, the UK economy and the global context.



# Pathway 2

## Creative and performing arts and digital media

(With effect from September 2024 for Year 12)

### Introduction

BTEC courses are flexible and can be studied alongside GCSEs. BTECs contain a mixture of core and optional units with lots of opportunities to build on your digital media skills with exciting practical projects such as film-making and other aspects of media production.

Students with a BTEC qualification in Creative Digital Media Production would be able to use their skills in photography, editing, sound recording, web design, games design, digital animation, graphics, mobile app development and website development. Employment opportunities exist such as audio, digital re-mastering and post-production engineering, studio set-up and management, sound technician, acoustic consultant, recording equipment customer service, recording mixer, interactive and mixed media specialists, music editing, programming, sound design, remixing, audio development for apps and video games.

**BTEC First** courses provide good, flexible foundations and are equivalent to GCSEs.

**BTEC National** courses are the equivalent of A levels and are accepted by many universities. Entry requirements are five GCSEs at grade 4 or above.

**BTEC Apprenticeships** involve practical approaches and work experience.

#### Courses:

- Art and Design
  - Performing Arts
  - Creative Digital Media Production
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We prepare students to rise to the demands of further education, to become active citizens of the global community

# Pathway 3 Vocational

(With effect from September 2024 for Year 12)

The Vocational Pathway offers students great flexibility in the programme of subjects that they can study and is very tailored to their individual needs.

GCSEs can be studied alongside BTEC qualifications.

Online study can widen the range of subjects on offer.

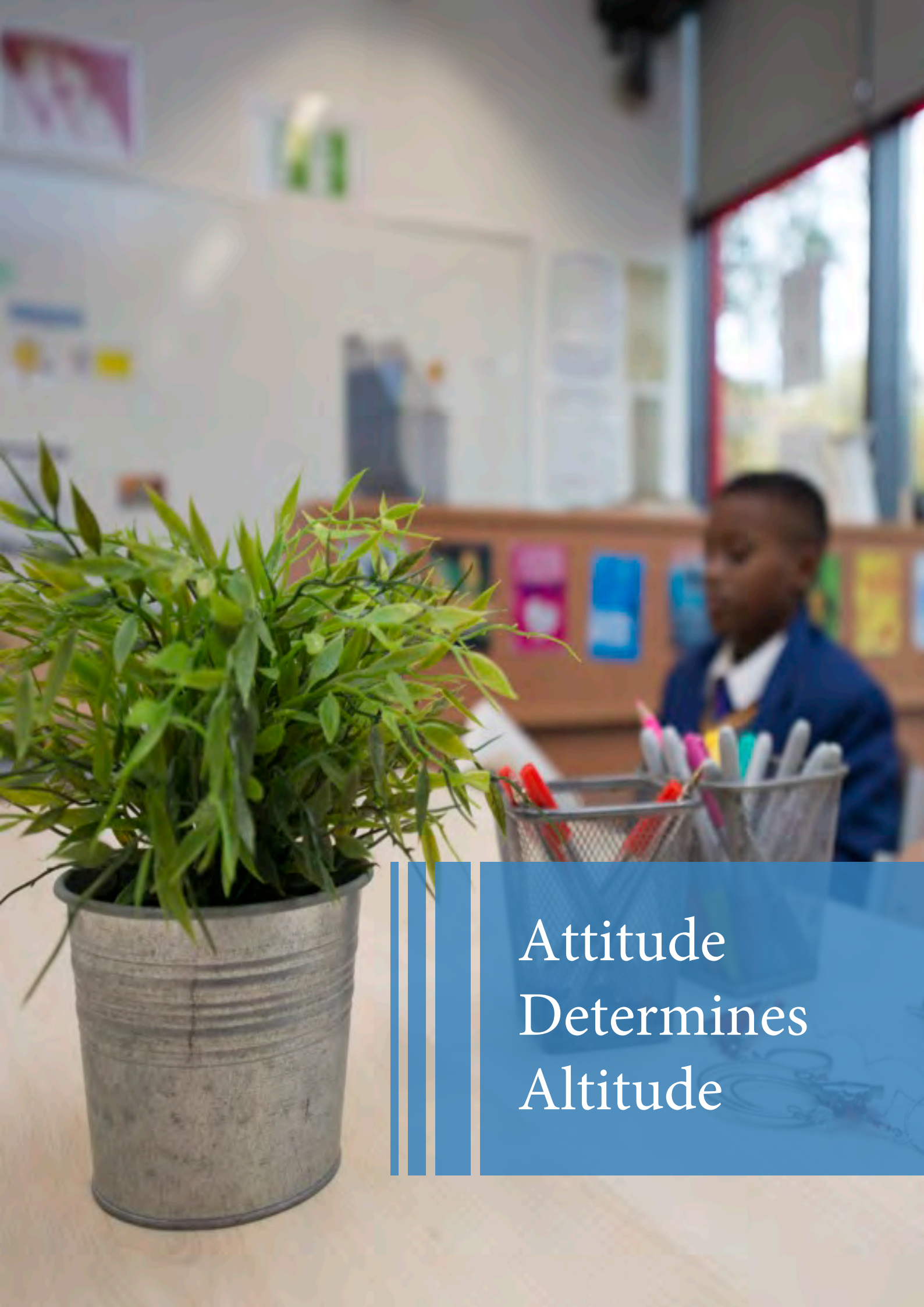
The Sporting Pathway will be tailored to offer a range of sports in addition to Sports-related level 3 (A-level equivalent) courses. There will be an offer of practical sports sessions with a focus on leadership skills, discipline and skills.

The Sporting Pathway offers the opportunity to study GCSE re-sits and sports-related BTECs. With the offer of flexibility, there is a greater emphasis on online learning within the vocational Sporting offer.

## Courses:

- Science
- Childcare and Education
- Early Years Education
- Business Finance
- Hospitality
- Sport





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