



Completing AS Subjects and the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness in Year 12

AS Subjects

Students are admitted to study four AS level subjects if they achieved the required GCSE score of 5.0 or above in their GCSE exams. Based on this achievement, they are accepted onto courses in which they are capable of achieving and it is therefore our expectation that they will complete all four AS levels aiming to gain their target grade in all of them.

This principle takes on new significance in the light of the increasingly competitive environment for higher education courses. HE institutions are able to see what students have achieved in all examinations at AS level and will be inclined to give preference to students who have passed all four subjects well. Students who have passed all four AS level subjects should obviously also have a higher overall points score.

Certificate of Personal Effectiveness Level 3

The Certificate of Personal Effectiveness is the means by which we accredit students' completion of their Personal Development programme in the Sixth Form and covers the main wider key skills. It carries a UCAS tariff of 70 points. The qualification is accepted at a number of universities and we now have examples of some of our students gaining places at these institutions with CoPE as part of their offer. The University of Keele is one example where a student who wished to study Law was offered ABC as opposed to AAB, because CoPE was taken into account.

Where students apply to institutions at which CoPE is not accepted as part of a points offer, for example Oxbridge, there are examples of students of similar ability being differentiated on the basis of the activities they have undertaken as part of CoPE.

Furthermore those who have completed the Certificate of Personal Effectiveness will find it easier to construct a good Personal Statement for their university application, since they have more they can write about in respect to the wider skills they have developed.

It is a requirement that students complete all the AS level subjects they have started during Year 12 and that they complete their Personal Development folder for CoPE, in order to progress to the Upper Sixth.