

A new generation of vocational qualifications is coming to HFSIX.

From September 2027, the Government is introducing major changes to vocational education for 16–19-year-olds across England. New V Levels at Level 3 and Foundation Certificates at Level 2 will gradually replace many existing vocational qualifications. The changes are being introduced in stages between 2027 and 2030, so some HFSIX courses will change sooner than others. [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)

At HFSIX, we are carefully planning our transition so that students continue to benefit from high-quality, applied courses with clear routes to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Level 3 pathways

For students joining us in September 2027, we are planning to introduce the new Level 3 V Level in Digital Systems and Data and the Level 3 V Level in Education, replacing our current qualifications in Information Technology and Childhood Studies for new students. These new V Levels are equivalent in size to one A Level and can be combined with A Levels and other vocational qualifications to create a programme suited to each student's interests and plans. [Pearson](https://www.pearson.com)

Our existing vocational pathways in areas such as Business, Health & Social Care, Sport and Creative Digital Media will continue where the qualifications remain approved for funding, with further changes introduced gradually as the national reforms reach these subject areas.

Level 2 and English and mathematics

At Level 2, we are also exploring the new Foundation Certificate in Digital Systems and Data. Foundation Certificates are one-year programmes designed to help students develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to progress successfully to Level 3 study. [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)

Students who have not yet achieved Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and/or Mathematics will continue to study these subjects alongside their main programme. For appropriate students who achieved a Grade 1 or 2 in GCSE Mathematics, HFSIX also offers Functional Skills Mathematics as an alternative pathway.

Confirming our course offer

As these are new national qualifications, some final course titles are still subject to regulatory approval and funding confirmation. Our confirmed September 2027 course offer will be published later in the academic year.

Whatever the qualification title, our priority remains the same: providing every HFSIX student with the right programme, excellent teaching and a clear route to their next step.