

# **Contextual Statement for UCAS 2020 applications**

## **School context**

Thomas Telford School is an all ability City Technology College based in Telford, which draws students from Telford and Wolverhampton. We have a Sixth form of approximately 500 students who are fully integrated into the School as a whole.

## **Sixth Form Courses**

In Year 12, all students normally complete a 4 AS Level equivalent programme and this can include a combination of academic A-Levels and BTEC or Cambridge Technical Level 3 courses where appropriate. All students sit the AS examination at the end of Year 12, where appropriate.

In Year 13, most students reduce to 3 subjects, in order to consolidate their learning or to accommodate work experience placements, which may be essential for a university or job applications. A small number of students continue a 4 A level equivalent programme.

## **UCAS predictions**

Students are formally assessed and written reports of progress are made 9 times a year. These reports are informed by regular tests in class, mock examinations in February and the AS examination result. UCAS grade predictions are finalised in September/October of Year 13, based on this solid body of evidence. Students therefore have realistic and reliable predictions against which they can make informed decisions about university and course choices.