

Contextual Statement for UCAS 2021 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 550 students who are fully integrated into the School as a whole.

Sixth Form Courses

In Year 12, all students normally complete a 3 A level equivalent programme and this can include a combination of academic A-Levels and BTEC or Cambridge Technical Level 3 courses, where appropriate. A small number of students complete a 4 A level equivalent programme.

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 university or job applications. A small number of students choose to 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 and mock examinations. This year, predictions have been based on one mock examination taken in January 2020 and the body of evidence from formal assessments completed in class in the period up to 22 March 2020. UCAS grade predictions are finalised in September/October of Year 13. The School provides students with realistic and reliable predictions against which they can make informed decisions about university and course choices.