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The Unit Award Scheme has been offered by the AQA exam board as a way of recording student achievement in completing units of study tailored to their individual learning needs. It has proved successful in enabling students to move on to:

- further study
- training
- employment
- independent living

The UAS has proved to motivate, encourage, engage, support and raise self-esteem and can reward achievement which might otherwise go unrecognised.

Students will study a range of units chosen in discussion with a trained co-ordinator who runs and is responsible for UAS. Each UAS unit clearly sets out what the student has to do to and the evidence needed.

There is no examination for this course. Each time a unit is achieved, a Unit Award Certificate is applied for. This lists all the outcomes, i.e. all the knowledge, skills and/or experiences completed as detailed on the unit. The certificates don't indicate a level - UAS is not a qualification - but instead show the detail of what the student has achieved in completing the unit. They provide a great talking point for the learner about what they've done, e.g. during an interview for a college place or employment.

There is no set scheme of work for this course as it very much depends on the students we have enrolled each year. The interests and abilities of the students are taken into account when deciding on which units to study. The units can be tailored to suit, but to view some of the existing 10,000+ units please visit:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/programmes/unit-award-scheme/unit-search>