



# Ark John Keats Academy

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share the positive impact that One Degree mentoring has had on our students at Ark John Keats Academy.

We began working with One Degree in March of last year. The setup process was straight forward thanks to Roger's support. We offered the programme to our Year 11 students and Year 12 resit students, with a particular focus on those eligible for Pupil Premium and those whose post-16 or post-18 options would be significantly enhanced by moving up a grade in GCSE mathematics.

The results were very positive. Students who engaged with One Degree made, on average, twice as much progress in maths between their February mock exams and the final GCSEs compared to their peers who did not participate. In addition to a measurable impact on attainment, students consistently spoke about how much they valued the support, encouragement, and structure that One Degree provided.

Thanks to Roger's feedback to us and the data he shared, I was also able to share feedback with our careers team, highlighting how aspirational our students had become in discussing their future goals.

We are now in the process of launching the programme again for 2025, and I look forward to seeing even more students benefit from One Degree mentoring.

Kind regards,

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