

## **UCAS Contextual Statement**

Perth Grammar School is a comprehensive secondary school of 1031 pupils located in the north of Perth. The school has a mixed catchment ranging from inner-city housing estates to rural villages. There are currently over 400 young people with additional support needs in our school which is above the national average. A fifth of our senior school is in receipt of the Educational Maintenance Allowance and 10% of our young people qualify for free school meals. From S4, pupils are able to select 6 subjects each year which can come from a range of academic or vocational qualifications. Students are encouraged to choose to study their best subjects and are supported to select wider achievement options to provide them with breadth in S6. We provide support for young people with both academic and vocational pathways. Most qualifications are offered at Higher level while the range of options is reduced at Advanced Higher according to staffing allocation. Some senior courses are delivered to our students in other schools via Perth City Campus. Around 35% of our S6 cohort go on to Higher Education. This has increased significantly in recent years with targeted support for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. 30% of our school leavers gain 3 or more Highers. The predicted grades which we provide are based on any class assessments from June to December and on the teacher's knowledge of the young person.