

# What is Specialist Technology College Status?



Specialist Status is a prestigious achievement which can be awarded to schools which are part of the maintained secondary education system in England. Achieving Technology College status means that the school has chosen Technology (Design & Food) with Mathematics and Science to be the main focus of their work as a specialist school.

The aims of a specialist school are to:

- Raise attainment and achievement for all students both in the specialist subjects and across the whole curriculum.
- Strengthen and develop the quality of teaching and learning strategies in the specialist subjects and use them to help raise standards throughout the school.
- Extend opportunities for vocational learning and enrichment activity through the specialist subjects, including links with business, employers, further and higher education institutions and organisations related to the specialist subjects.
- Develop within the school, characteristics which signal its specialist ethos and identity and which are reflected in the school's mission and objectives - including increased take-up and interest in specialist subjects.
- Work collaboratively with partner schools to provide or facilitate high quality learning opportunities and outcomes in the specialist subjects - by sharing specialist facilities and resources, enhancing further the quality of teaching and developing and disseminating good practice.
- Develop the capacity to provide or facilitate high quality learning opportunities and outcomes in specialist subjects, either working as an individual school or working collaboratively with other schools, within the school's wider local community, including local businesses and employers.