YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS
Choose wisely!
IT’S TIME TO BE REALISTIC

- We all have dreams, but we need to work at making our dreams become a reality.
- Each one of us has different strengths, but we also have areas in which we do not excel.
- Sometimes, no matter how hard we try, we just don’t have the ability to excel in certain areas.
- You need to be realistic.
- If you haven’t reached certain standards by now, you are unlikely to meet them in the next couple of years. You may, however, reach them in later years with more time and dedication.
HOW WILL MY CHOICES NOW AFFECT MY FUTURE?

- You need to be aware of the requirements of 6th Form courses in order to ensure that you keep your options open for the future.
- You also need to keep in mind what universities will require.
- Some 6th Forms and Universities expect high achieving students to take what they consider to be “academic” courses at GCSE. By this they mean English, Maths, Sciences, Languages, RE, History and Geography.
AS AND A LEVELS

- Minimum General Requirement:

  6 A*-C grades including English and Maths with at least 4 of these at Grade B or above in 4 different subjects.

  i.e. B in Core Science and B in Additional Science only counts as B in one subject.
Examples of Subject specific requirements in addition to the minimum:-

**Psychology**  B in English, Maths and Core Science

**Economics**  B in English and Maths

**English Language**  A*- B in English Language & Literature and in English Literature

**Chemistry**  B in Core and Applied Science and Maths OR B in Chemistry, Maths and Physics or Biology

**Mathematics**  A in Maths

**Government and Politics**  B in English

**Music**  Grade 5 theory
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

- Minimum Entry Requirement:

  6 A*- B grades including

  English, Maths, Core Science, Modern Foreign Language, Humanities (ie History or Geography)
LEVEL 3 BTEC

- Minimum Entry Requirement:
  6 A*- C grades including English and Maths

- Specific requirements will be needed in addition to the above for certain subjects e.g.

  Applied Science  A*- C in Core and Additional Science or BTEC
  Sport & Exercise Sciences  A*- C in Core Science or BTEC
  BTEC
  Art & Design  A*- B in Art related plus a portfolio of work
  subject  A*- C in Art or Media
  Creative Media
LEVEL 2 BTEC

- Minimum Entry Requirement:
  4 A*- D grades

- Specific requirements will be needed in addition to the above for certain subjects e.g.

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POINTS

- Some post-16 providers look at average points score as well as grades, in order to make sure that they only accept students who are working in all subjects taken.
- Many expect you to have been entered for at least 9 GCSEs.
- Points are awarded as follows:
  
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- E.g. 1A*, 2As, 3Bs, 3Cs, 1D gives an average points score of 45.4 – overall Grade C average.
- You need to work in every subject you take or you could spoil your chance of getting into the 6th form of your choice.
EARLY ENTRY

- If you sit a GCSE in Year 10, the grade and points still count unless you take the same subject at a more advanced level in Year 11.

- For example, if you achieved an A* in Spanish in Year 10 and got an A at AS level in Spanish in Year 11, the AS takes over from the GCSE. It is worth 2 GCSEs and so double the points.

- This also applies to those doing AS Philosophy and Ethics.
# KS3 LEVELS AND GCSE GRADES

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WHAT IF I DON’T HAVE THE GRADES I NEED TO DO MY CHOSEN COURSE?

- Check how close you were to the requirements. If you were very close to the requirements and you review card shows that you work hard, you may be considered if there are spaces on the course.
- Understand that you can’t change your Key Stage 3 Levels now.
  - Be realistic. If you have achieved a Level 4 at Key Stage 3, you are not going to be able to turn it into an A* by the end of Year 11. You might manage a Grade C, however, with a lot of hard work.
- Stop the addiction to your mobile phone and social networking sites such as Facebook.

MAKE LEARNING YOUR FOCUS FROM NOW ON!
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

- Read the booklet which explains the courses on offer.
- Look at your KS3 Levels and the entry requirements for each route and course.
- Most students with Levels 5, 6, 7 and 8 in English, Maths and Science should be following one of the routes which will lead to the English Baccalaureate in order to take “academic” subjects at AS and A Level.
- Students with at least Level 5 in English and Maths should be looking at the general GCSE route.
- Students with Levels 2, 3 and 4 should be looking at the GCSE vocational route.
ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE

You will study English (Language & Literature), Maths, Science Course, MfL, RE and History or Geography.

- If you take the **Maths, Science & Languages focus**, your Science course will be Physics, Chemistry and Biology with the option of taking Additional Maths or IT and you will study 2 MfL.

- If you take the **Languages focus**, your Science course will be Core and Additional Science and you will study 2 MfL plus at least one other subject.

- If you take the **Maths & Science focus**, your Science course will be Physics, Chemistry and Biology with the option of taking Additional Maths or IT plus one other subject.

- If you take the **General Baccalaureate**, your Science course will be Core and Additional Science and you will study at least 2 other options.
GCSE

○ General GCSE

You will study
English (Language & Literature), Maths, Science, RE, MfL plus at least 3 options.

○ GCSE with a Vocational focus

You will study
English (Language & Literature), Maths, Science, RE, MfL plus 2 or 3 options. These options will include College vocational courses and additional study lessons.
All students have one double PE lesson and one single PSE lesson a week throughout KS4.
REMEMBER

- Apart from English, Maths, Sciences, Languages, Art and Music you do not have to do a subject at GCSE in order to do it at A Level.
- No GCSE subject is a secure route to a job.
- Think before you choose:

  You do not need Drama or History to be a lawyer.
  Taking Health & Social Care will not help you to become a doctor.
  Doing Music will not make you a popstar.
  Media Studies is not the route to fame and fortune.
WILL I GET GIVEN THE SUBJECTS I WANT?

- We try really hard to ensure that as many students as possible who meet the entrance requirements and who have made sensible choices are given what they have chosen.

- Because we have to limit the size of groups and are restricted in the staffing and timetable, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to have all your choices.

- When you come for interview on 15th March, you will be asked for additional choices (ie subjects you feel you would enjoy and do well in) in case we cannot give you all your initial choices.
QUESTIONS?

- Senior members of staff will be available now in English 1 and 2 and General 1 for the next 30 minutes only, to answer any questions you may have.
- We look forward to seeing you all again on 15\textsuperscript{th} March. After you have met with your daughter’s Form Tutor, you will meet with a senior member of staff in the library regarding Option choices. Someone from the Careers Service will also be available if you wish to talk further on that day.
- Thank you for taking the time to come this evening. I know that your daughter will be delighted that you have shown such interest in her future – although she may not actually tell you that herself!