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 Grades 5 -9 including English and Maths with at least 4 of these at Grade 6 or above in 4 different subjects.
Examples of Subject specific requirements in addition to the minimum:

Psychology Grade 6 in English, Maths and Core Science

Economics Grade 6 in English and Maths

**English Language** & Literature Grades 9-6 in English Language and in English Literature

Chemistry Grade 6 in Combined Science and Maths OR Grade 6 in Chemistry, Maths and Physics or Biology

Mathematics Grade 7 in Maths

Government and Politics Grade 6 in English

Music Grade 5 theory
LEVEL 3 BTEC

- Minimum Entry Requirement:
  6 Grades 5-9 including English and Maths

- Specific requirements will be needed in addition to the above for certain subjects e.g.
  - Applied Science
  - Sport & Exercise Sciences
  - Art & Design
  - Creative Media
  - 5+ Combined Science
  - 5+ in Combined Science
  - 5+ in Art related subject
  - plus a portfolio of work
  - 5+ in Art
APPRENTICESHIPS

- Minimum Entry Requirement
  5 grade 5-9

- Apprenticeships allow you to work and study at the same time.

- You can gain an apprenticeship in many areas such as:
  - Office / Business Administration
  - Care Assistant
  - Nursery Apprentice
  - Hairdressing
  - Chef
  - Legal Support
LEVEL 2 BTEC

- Minimum Entry Requirement:
  4 x grade 4-9

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

You will all study:

English Language, English Literature, Maths, Science Course, MfL, and RE at GCSE. You will also take PE and PSHE as non examination subjects.

- If you take the Scholastic Pathway, your Science course will be Physics, Chemistry and Biology, you will choose between History and Geography and you will opt for one other subject.

- If you take the Creative or Technological Pathways, your Science course will be Combined Science, you will choose between History and Geography and you will opt for two other subjects.

- If you take the Vocational Pathway, your Science course will be Combined science and you will opt for three other subjects.
UNDERSTANDING THE PREFERENCE PROCESS

- **Step One:** Pathways evening on 28th March. After this meeting you should begin to think about the subjects that you would prefer to study in Years 10 and 11. Remember all students will study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, PE and PSE. Read through the descriptions of the subjects available and think about which you would prefer to study.

- **Step Two:** Academic Tutoring Day on 3rd April. During your meeting with your form tutor you will learn where you are currently in your different subjects. You will now know how near you are to the levels that are required for each of the pathways and for some subjects.

- **Step Three:** Year Nine Preference Interviews from 20th to 24th May. You will meet with Mr Smith to discuss your preferences for Year 10. The decisions that will be made will be decided on the levels you receive in your Year Nine examinations.

- **Step Four:** Your Year Ten Preferences: You will learn your preferences around mid-June.
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 3E in English, Maths and Science** should be following the **Creative, Scholastic or Technological Pathways**. You must have **3M** in order to do the **Scholastic Pathway**
- Some students with levels below 3E **in English and Maths** might wish to look at the **Vocational Pathway**.
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 pop star.
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, 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.