



Sixth Form Curriculum

Information Evening

December 1st, 2009

Agenda:

- Purpose
- Implications of Choice
- What's on offer?
- The 'strings'
- Options - what lies ahead
- Decision Schedule

Purpose

- Share information
- Support students
- Ease decision process and transition
- Aim for stability and success

Implications of Choice: 1

Student voice tells us...

- Subjects which 'look good'
- Subjects which parents think 'look good'
- Subjects their friends take
- Subjects where they know/like teachers
- Any subject which is new/different

Implications of Choice: 2

Our advice would be...

- Subjects where there is a high likelihood of success
- Subjects students enjoy
- Subjects that complement each other
- Subjects which build on talents, skills, potential

What's on Offer?

Applied Business; Applied Health & Social Care;
Applied Science; Applied Travel & Tourism; Art;
Biology; Business Studies; Chemistry; Critical Thinking;
Design Technology; Economics; English Language;
English Literature; Food Technology;
French; Further Maths; General Studies;
Geography; German; History; Information Technology;
Mathematics; Media Studies; Music;
Music Technology; Performing Arts;
Physical Education; Physics; Psychology;
Religious Studies; Sociology; Spanish; Systems;
Theatre Studies; Textiles.

The 'strings'

Sciences	Arts	Social Sciences	Design/ Creative	Languages	Business/ Practical
Maths	English Language	Sociology	Design Technology	French	Business Studies
Further Maths	English Literature	Psychology	Food Technology	German	Applied Business
Chemistry	History	P.E.	Art	Spanish	I.T.
Biology	R.E.	Economics	Systems		Health & Social Care
Physics	Media Studies	Geography	Textiles [Fashion Design]		Music Technology
Applied Science	Theatre Studies				Travel & Tourism
	Performing Arts				
	Music				

Options – what lies ahead

The option blocks will be drawn up to facilitate the 'strings'

Students are advised to ensure that:

- they have at least two subjects from the same 'string'
- they have thought about possible future plans
- they think about the combination of assessment/skills

REMEMBER: the 'strings' are NOT the option blocks

For example...

Medicine/veterinary – Chemistry, Biology

Engineering – Maths, Physics, Product Design

Architecture – Maths or Physics, either Art or Product Design

Nursing – Biology or Applied Science, Health & Social Care,
Sociology, Psychology

Law – History, English Literature, R.E., Languages

Business – Business or Applied Business, I.T., Economics,
Languages

Sports Studies – P.E., Biology or Applied Science,
Psychology, Sociology

Media – Media, English Language, English Literature

Teaching – Maths/English/Science at GCSE plus at least one
core subject at A level

Thinking about assessment...

Coursework emphasis – Art, Design

Technology, Food Technology, Textiles,
I.T., all the Applied subjects

Practical component – Media, Theatre,

Music Technology, Systems, Geography,
Performing Arts, Science, P.E.

Essays – English, Psychology, Sociology,

R.E., Media, Theatre, History

Entry Requirements?

- 5x GCSE grade C, to include English Language and Mathematics
- Plus - individual subject requirements

Be aware!

- You will need a grade B for GCSE Mathematics in addition to the chosen Science subject to gain entry to that Science...
- Earning a grade B for BOTH English Language and English Literature automatically ensures entry to both the English options, plus Theatre, Media, R.E., Economics, History, Sociology, Psychology...
- Psychology also requires a GCSE B grade in at least two sciences.

Thinking about commitment...

- Economics – sharing delivery with LGGS; prepare for ONE twilight session per week.
- Spanish – delivery mainly at LGGS.

Thinking about resilience...

- Pace and pressures... at AS and A2.
- The school year – AS from September, 2009 – May, 2010; A2 from June, 2010 to May, 2011.
- Aim to stay for two years and to stick with the choices made...

Decision Schedule

- Additional information for students
- Prospectus issued early December.
- **Sixth Form Open Evening:
Tuesday, 26th January, 2010.**
- Application [choices made] by
Thursday, 11th February, 2010.
- Interviews for students start in March
[parents strongly advised to attend].
- Formal, written offer will be made.

Application support...

- **Induction** on Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th June, 2010.
- Students bring their written offer to results day in August [Tuesday, **24th**].
- If grades are achieved – hand in offer to complete admission.
- Attend enrolment on Wednesday, 25th August if grades missed/any changes required.

Transition support...

- September, 2010: transition fortnight – focus on study skills and bridging content – to ease the transition from GCSE to AS.
- Monitoring assessment - reported to tutors and parents
- Mentoring focus for students with concerns.



Believe...

