

Advice and Guidance

Post 16 – Making Choices

Making choices for Post 16 study is not as easy as it seems. There are many things that you need to consider before you make up your mind.

The decisions that you make for your studies at Post 16 should take into account:

- What career you wish to follow when you leave school
- Whether you want to go to university and what you want to study there
- What subjects most interest you
- What subjects you are good at

Once you have decided on these things you then need to do some research on the subjects that you would like to study in Post 16.

Consider the following:

- I know what *level* of subject I should be choosing
- I know what subjects will help me to get the university place that I want
- I know what subjects will help me to get the job that I want
- I have spoken to subject staff and other people to help me make my decisions
- I know exactly what I will be studying in each of my subject areas
- I know how I will be assessed in each of my subject areas
- I know how much work I will be expected to do for my subjects

How many of the statements can you answer 'yes' to?

If you answered yes to most of the statements then you are ready to make your choices.

It is really important that the decisions you make are right for you. Don't choose a subject just because your friend is choosing it or because you like the teacher! Making the wrong choices only wastes your time and can sometimes mean an extra year at school!

This evening is your opportunity to start gathering all the information you need to make the right choices for your future.

Important Dates – 2016-17

- Thursday, 17 November 2016 – Post 16 Options Evening
- Friday, 13 January 2017 – Complete your online application by this date to ensure your choices are used to create the option blocks
- Tuesday, 17 January 2017 - Follow up interviews commence
- February 2017 – Formal offer letters will be posted home

Finally, don't forget to ask your teachers. These people know you and your capabilities. For further information don't hesitate to contact Mr S Bing.

Good luck!

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Post 16 Course List 2017 – 2018

You should choose your options for 2017-2018 from these blocks. If you will be studying Level 2 courses, select from the Level 2 column only.

<u>BLOCK 1</u>		<u>BLOCK 2</u>		<u>BLOCK 3</u>		<u>BLOCK 4</u>		<u>BLOCK 5</u>		<u>BLOCK 5 (LEVEL 2)</u>	
	(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)		(X)
HISTORY		SOCIOLOGY		RELIGIOUS STUDIES		ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE		IB CORE		Food Production & Cooking	
BUSINESS		SPORT (Single)		SPORT (Double)		MATHS STUDIES (SL)				Construction	
FILM STUDIES		MATHS		SCIENCE (Single)		BIOLOGY					
MATHS STUDIES (SL)		MUSIC		MEDIA STUDIES		SPORT – Football Academy (Triple)					
BIOLOGY		ART		3D DESIGN		BUSINESS					
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS & SOCIETIES		HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (Single)		HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (Double)							

Please note:

Where a subject is selected as a double, this counts as two choices.

English and Mathematics GCSE courses will be available to all students, if required, in September 2017. These will not count as part of your choices, but may be required to be taken.