

Senior School Entry and AS Subject Choices for September 2024

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Agenda

- Senior School entry requirements
- Curriculum in Senior School
- Choosing subjects



Senior School entry requirements

- 15 or more points in GCSE subjects
 - A* or A = 3 points, B = 2 points , C* = 1.5 points, C = 1 point
 - RS Short course is half the value
- Satisfy the Principal on past school record and achievement
- A suitable match of subjects.



What happens in Senior School?

- 3 AS (or BTEC) qualifications in Year 13 and 3 A2 (or BTEC) qualifications in Year 14
- Well established Careers Education Information and Guidance Programme
- A wide ranging Year 13 Enrichment Programme, sport, music, societies and leadership opportunities

What should you consider?

- Entrance criteria
- Ready for 2 years intensive study
- Subjects on offer
- Pathway for degree courses



What subjects are available?

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Life and Health Sciences
- Mathematics and Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Software Systems Development
- Spanish
- Sports Science and the Active Leisure Industry
- Technology and Design
- Travel and Tourism (BTEC)

Choosing subjects

- Interest
- Ability
- Motivation
- Skills areas

Provisional Dates

Process	Date
A level options booklet	Week commencing 29 January
Information available on new subjects	Year Assembly 30 January
Individual interviews	Weeks commencing 5 February and 19 February
Completion of online A-level Options Form	Tuesday 27 February

What now?

- Read the Options Booklet carefully
- Talk to teachers
- Pupils can use decision making strategies and research websites discussed in careers classes
- Focus on their strengths
- Think about future plans
- www.careersserviceni.com
- <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/options-after-year-12>
- www.ucas.com
- xello