

Guidance Notes for Students

Application Form 2019



Section A: Please complete details accurately; you should use black pen throughout and ensure your handwriting is legible and accurate.

Section B: Course choices. You should be choosing 3 A Level courses or equivalents, for example:

A Level Biology/ A Level Mathematics/ A Level Geography

Or

Applied Science National BTEC/ Business BTEC National Double

Or

A Level Biology/ A Level Psychology/ Health & Social Care Single BTEC

You can only choose ONE subject in each BLOCK. This is because the lessons in each block take place at the same time.

We encourage all A Level Scientists who are not studying A Level Maths to take CORE Maths; this should be a fourth option. Other students are also welcome to add this as a fourth subject.

Some subjects are facilitating subjects. You can read more about what this means here: <http://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>

Some subject appear in more than one block because we typically offer multiple groups. Where this happens you need only pick one group. **Double BTEC options are clearly blocked across two blocks and create two of your options.**

Not sure what to choose? These sites offer some useful information:

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/feb/03/how-to-decide-which-a-levels-to-take>

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/job-profiles/home>

Options don't fit?

Don't panic! These are provisional blocks and once we have everyone's forms in we will do our best to make any changes that allow a greater number of students to study their preferred combinations. This is why we ask you to number your choices in order of importance to you. We cannot guarantee we will be able to resolve clashes and we will not know if this is possible until the Summer Term.

Section C: The Personal Statement

So, there's no doubt that these choices are a big deal. We want to give you the best advice possible over the next few months. Use the personal statement section to tell us what motivates you; what are your ambitions- for the next three years; the next decade; long term goals. If you don't know what you want to do after 6th form that's okay too, just tell us what makes you tick. We can probably give you better advice and maybe open a few doors you didn't know were there if you tell us about the stuff you enjoy doing when you're not in school too. We will be discussing what you write here when we meet so please take your time to do it well.

Section D: Additional Information

It helps us enormously to develop our offer and support you in the remainder of year 11 if we know what you are aiming for, so please be as clear as you can in the current plans question.

Why do we want to know if your parents went to uni? Quite simply, if they didn't (and you think you might like to) there will be a lot of great opportunities open to you in 6th form offered by external providers to give you insight into what uni life might be like. If we know you are eligible we will get you the info from day one!

Reflection Points: Okay, so you are sitting/ have sat your PPEs. What went well? What didn't? With 4/5 months to go what are the three things you know need to change if you're going to love opening that envelope in August?

And that's it... any other questions?

The Sixth Form office will always be happy to answer them. Get in touch.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 25th January 2019