

11th January 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

UPPER FOUR (YEAR 9) (I)GCSE OPTION CHOICE EVENING – 19th JANUARY

We look forward to welcoming you to our Upper Four GCSE Options evening. Given the current situation we have taken the decision to move this to an online format that we used last year for both GCSE and A-level options.

Where possible, we would ask that parents(s)/guardian(s) access the presentations with your daughter, through your daughter's Teams account. We appreciate that this is not always possible, particularly in the current situation, and parents(s)/guardian(s) who have requested and provided a valid email address will be invited separately. Note that we will only send an invite if the email address is the same as that we hold on file as a contact address. The event will be run through Microsoft Teams and your daughter/you will be added to the Team and able to access the presentations from Thursday at 1600. If you are unable to access or have any issues then please contact the IT support desk using ITHelp@ladiescollege.ac.gg

If you are using an Apple device, we suggest that you use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge for Mac to access Teams, unless you have the Teams Application installed on your device.

Currently available:

- [GCSE Options booklet link](#)
- [Parent / Guardian response Form](#)

From 1600 Thursday 13th January: Access to Upper Four Options Team, including subject presentations via subject channels. Each subject has recorded the presentation that would have been given in person for you to review in advance. Had this been held in person, you would have had the opportunity to attend four presentations and been guided to those subjects your daughter was considering but was unsure about. This format allows you to view more presentations prior to the Options Evening. Each presentation would have been followed by a live Q&A session with each teacher that will now take place on the evening of the 19th.

Wednesday 19th January:

- 1800 – Mr Barnes will introduce the format of the evening and some of the considerations in making subject choices. This will start promptly at 1800, you are advised to join the meeting a few minutes in advance, in the “General” channel
- 1815 – Main presentation ends. Move to individual subject/channel meetings.
- 1820–1828 Session 1: subject Q&A
- 1830–1838 Session 2: subject Q&A
- 1840–1848 Session 3: subject Q&A
- 1850–1858 Session 4: subject Q&A
- 1900 – 1920 Optional final drop in “General” channel.

Please do try to join the session at the start time (we are working to the 'system time' shown on the computer), you are welcome to leave earlier if your questions have been answered.

Thursday 17th February: Please make your four subject choices by noon.

If students are currently receiving learning support, have examinations access arrangements or an identified learning need, you are advised to visit the Learning Support channel and to consider making an appointment with Mr Herschel, Acting Head of Learning Support.

The advice for choosing which question and answer sessions to attend is that you should prioritise the subjects that you are unsure of. We hope that the GCSE Options booklet and the subject presentations are informative and answer many of the questions that you may have. We have attempted to replicate the format of our physical evening while giving you the advantage of being able to review the presentations in advance. Please do attend the question and answer sessions with questions that you may have ready to ask. In case of any queries, please email hbarnes@ladiescollege.ac.gg

We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,



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