

Sixth Forms in Partnership

JOINT COLLEGES' SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM 2023-2025

You are invited to choose the A-level courses that you wish to study in the Sixth Form from the blocks below. The subject groupings have been arranged in response to the preliminary preferences you expressed. They therefore represent the arrangement of subjects that best enables the majority to study the combination of their choice – this year, once again, we have been able to arrange the subjects offered so that **all students** may have the provisional choices they initially submitted. **It is important that you take advice from your teachers as to whether or not they recommend that you study their subject at A-level.** Further advice regarding subject choice and the technical considerations of the curriculum can also be obtained from Dr Addenbrooke or Mrs Dittmar at Elizabeth College and from Mr Barnes at The Ladies' College. Preliminary choices suggest that we should be able to offer all the subjects below. However, if after this stage student **numbers are insufficient** for any subject, then **it may not be offered**. Should this be the case, you will be advised promptly so that you can choose another subject.

If you do not intend to continue your education at Elizabeth or The Ladies' College, your parents must inform Mrs C Roussel (registrar@elizabethcollege.gg) or Miss R McClean (registrar@ladiescollege.ac.gg) this term (after the end of this term incurs an additional term's fees).

The subject groupings for 2023-2025 are:

Block 1	DT (Graphic Communication), DT (3D Studies), Drama, Economics, Further Maths 1 and Mathematics
Block 2	Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Literature, Music and Psychology
Block 3	Art, Ancient History, Business Studies, English Literature, Geography, Further Maths 2, Physics and Psychology
Block 4	Art, Biology, Business Studies, DT (3D Studies), DT (Product Design), Film Studies, History, Physics and Sports Education
Block 5	Chemistry, Computer Science, French, Geography, German, Mathematics, Photography, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sports Education and Spanish

All these subjects will be full A-level qualifications. There is no external AS assessment in the Lower Sixth; however, there will be internal examinations for the Lower Sixth in the Trinity term to provide feedback at the half-way stage. These will be assessed in the same way as the final examinations and on the same resources (e.g. the required texts will be those that students will be examined on at A-level rather than the AS texts). This decision has been taken in the best interests of the students to maximise the teaching time at Advanced level and in line with many other top performing schools.

You will be aware that the Colleges are offering the highly regarded Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), enabling students to develop and demonstrate the independent research skills values by universities. We have also introduced Mathematics in Context. This course may be of particular interest to those who are doing a Science based course including Psychology or a course using data such as Economics or Geography, and have not also chosen Mathematics A Level as an option, to support these other subjects. Further details regarding either Mathematics in Context or the Extended Project Qualification are available in the Subject Handbook previously issued. In addition, students will also have the opportunity to take a variety of other courses and

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activities to enrich their education and provide depth and breadth to their Curriculum Vitae. They will be able to choose those that interest them and suggestions, including the UCAS points that may be available, will be discussed with them. These enrichment activities will then count towards the award of the Colleges' Diploma.

It is possible for students to change subjects during the Trinity term in Upper Five / Year 11 or post (I)GCSE results provided the blocks and group sizes allow. Students will be briefed on the procedure and considerations closer to the time.

Subject Choices: Entering your A-level choices online

Student: xxxxxxx

Tutor Group: xxxxx

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Please follow these steps to enter your choices on-line using the 'TOOLS' system.

To start TOOLS, type the following URL into your internet browser exactly as it appears below:
www.studentoptions.co/ECLCoptions/

Then login using your personal details:

Username: xxx

Password: xxx

Once in TOOLS, you should make your choices by selecting the relevant subject from the blocks offered. All students should choose 3 subjects, have the option to select EPQ or Mathematics in Context and then select "Free" or "Free2" in any remaining blocks; this time will be used for other lessons such as Careers and for students to complete work outside of class, remembering that each subject will be setting and expecting at least 5 hours of independent work per week to be completed outside of lessons. Further Mathematics students must select both Further Mathematics 1 (Block 1) and Further Mathematics 2 (Block 3), because it leads to two A-level qualifications and therefore needs an appropriate allocation of time on the timetable, and so their remaining two subjects should be chosen from Blocks 2, 4 and 5.

If you would like to refer to the Subject Choices booklet again, this can be found on the Sixth Form pages at either www.ladiescollege.com or www.elizabethcollege.gg or by clicking the link in TOOLS. **Please complete your choices by Friday 10th March.** In case of difficulty please email Mr H Barnes or Dr T Addenbrooke on hbarnes@ladiescollege.ac.gg or taddenbrooke@elizabethcollege.gg.

Yours sincerely,

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The Ladies' College

Dr T Addenbrooke
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