

## Sixth Forms in Partnership

### **A-level Subject Information Evening**

1800 - 2000 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We write to provide further details of the A-level Subject Information Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and very much hope you are able to attend. The event takes place at The Ladies' College and teachers from both Colleges will be present to answer questions that you may have.

**Students:** You are approaching a very important and exciting stage of your education. The choices that you make at this stage will have a substantial influence on the way that your future develops. It is essential that you take time to consider your options and discuss matters fully with your parents and your teachers.

**Subject Information Handbook:** Can be accessed electronically [here](#) or via the College websites. A paper copy will be provided on the evening.

**Videos:** Students at Elizabeth College will access these through Firefly and the videos have been added to your daughter's pastoral Team for students at The Ladies' College. We recommend accessing these and watching the relevant videos together with your daughter / son. If this is not possible and you require separate access to the videos please contact the relevant College using an email address that is already held by the College. Note that the videos contain important subject details, and it is expected that these will have been viewed prior to the Subject Information Evening. Teachers are then present to answer any questions that arise subsequently.

**Wednesday 1st November:** Mr Barnes and Dr Addenbrooke will introduce the evening, followed by Senior Prefects from both Colleges, who will share their perspectives of studying within the Partnership. After reviewing the Subject Information Handbook and viewing the appropriate subject videos, please choose up to 4 subject sessions that you would like to attend. The subject sessions will be Question and Answer sessions, not presentations, so the handbook needs to have been read and the videos watched *before* the evening. In your planning, it is advisable to prioritise subjects about which you are not sure rather than ones on which you are already firmly decided. It is also advisable to have thought about which questions you wish to ask in the Q&A sessions to assist with your decision making. Please be aware that teachers will not comment on individual suitability of students for each course as this is a more public forum and the relevant class teacher may not be present to answer such questions. There will be opportunities to have additional conversations later in the year with teachers.

**Programme:**

1800 – 1820	Presentations by Mr Barnes, Dr Addenbrooke and the Senior Prefects
1830 – 1845	First subject Q&A
1850 – 1905	Second subject Q&A
1910 – 1925	Third subject Q&A
1930 – 1945	Drop-in session for final subject questions

There is limited parking on site and the event will be busy. Members of the premises team will assist with directing you to parking spaces on the night and your cooperation including allowing sufficient time and sharing transport where possible is appreciated.

Students will need to complete their provisional choices online by **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** using the login details that will be given to you on 1<sup>st</sup> November or subsequently if you are unable to attend. If you do not make your choices by this date, we shall not be able to take your preferences into account when setting the Sixth Form curriculum. Please refer to the timeline at the start of the Subject Information Handbook for an overview of the process.

You may choose from the following **provisional** list of A-level subjects – those subjects which do not receive sufficient support at this stage will be withdrawn.

Ancient History	DT – Product Design**	German
Art & Design (Art)	Drama & Theatre Studies	History
Art & Design (Graphic Communication)**	Economics	Mathematics
Art & Design (3D Studies)**	English Literature	Music
Art & Design (Digital Photography)	Film Studies	Physics
Biology	French	Psychology
Business Studies	Further Mathematics*	Religious Studies
Chemistry	Geography	Spanish
Computer Science		Sport & Physical Education

*\* Students selecting Further Mathematics should be aware that this counts as two subjects with correspondingly more workload and tuition, and that they will be expected to select two further subjects at A-level.*

*\*\* There is a choice of three Design Technology courses, two of which are examined under the Art and Design umbrella. Please read the subject handbook carefully and speak to the teachers to determine which is most appropriate for your chosen pathway.*

All students will take additional studies including the College's Diploma and, in addition, students may also choose one of the following:

- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Mathematics in Context (previously Core Mathematics), particularly recommended to support mathematical content in other subjects, such as the Sciences, for those students not studying Mathematics A-level

The College's partnership requires all entrants to the Sixth Form to have passed (I)GCSEs at Grade 4 or above in Maths and English Language along with Grade 6 or above in subjects relevant to those to be studied at A-level. Your sons/daughters are receiving guidance in making decisions with regards to careers and choices. We will also provide an overview of the process during our Subject Information Evening. Concerns regarding choices will, of course, be discussed with students and parents during Year 11/Upper Five and post GCSE results.

We look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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