

# SIXTH FORM OPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

This form should only be completed by students already attending this school. Students from other schools who wish to apply to enter our sixth form should complete the form that can be found on the school website.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Form: 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to enter the sixth form here? YES/NO/UNDECIDED  
(Delete as appropriate)

If your answer is NO, you do not need to complete the rest of the form, except for the signature of your parent of guardian below.

Intended career, university course, or area of interest.

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It is compulsory to study either AS Critical Thinking or AS Citizenship during the Lower Sixth. Please tick one of the following:

I would like to study

Critical  
Thinking

Citizenship

Don't Mind

Please list below four subjects you would like to take next year IN ORDER OF DECREASING PREFERENCE i.e. choice 1 would be the subject that you most want to study.

Choose your subjects from the following list:-

Art & Design*	English Literature	German	Physics
Biology	French	Government & Politics*	Psychology*
Business Studies*	Further	History*	Religious Studies*
Chemistry	Mathematics	Mathematics	Textiles
Economics*	Geography*	Music*	Theatre Studies*

The asterisked subjects may be taken without having previously taken the subject at GCSE. If you want to do Further Mathematics you must also choose Mathematics.

**MY CHOICES:**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that not all combinations of subjects will be possible. If you cannot study these subjects you will be consulted before any further decisions are made on your behalf. Some subjects may not be offered due to group size being too small.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be returned to your form tutor NO LATER THAN MONDAY 27th February 2012.

## LOWER SIXTH OPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

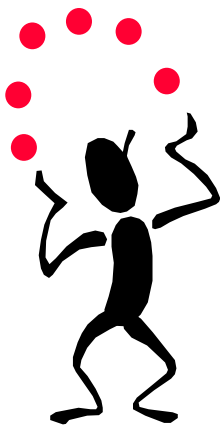
### Introduction

- In the Lower Sixth, **everyone** will study four subjects in school for nine periods each per fortnight. You will also have two periods of AS level Critical Thinking or AS level Citizenship, one period of Physical Education and a PSHE/Careers lesson. The remaining periods are for private study, and you may have work set by your teachers specifically to be done during part of this time. Please raise any issues concerning the choice of subjects with Mr Gannon (Head of Sixth Form).
- At the end of the Lower Sixth year, you will complete a public examination (AS) in each of your subjects. This is a qualification in itself, and counts towards university entrance. The level of difficulty of this examination is intended to lie between GCSE and A level. However, most subjects will expect you to take the first AS unit as an external examination in January.
- In the Upper Sixth, you normally drop one of your subjects, reducing to three A levels plus A level General Studies. A number of students chose to study an AS called the Extended Project Qualification instead of General Studies. You may choose to continue to study all four of your subjects in consultation with your Form Tutor and Mr Gannon.

### What subjects can I study?

**An A\*/A grade is required in GCSE subjects being continued at Advanced Level.**

The subjects, which may be offered in the Lower Sixth next year, are as follows:



Art*	Government & Politics*
Biology	History*
Business Studies*	Mathematics
Chemistry	Music*
Economics*	Physics
English Literature	Psychology*
French	Religious Studies*
Further Mathematics	Textiles
Geography*	Theatre Studies*
German	

\* The asterisked subjects may be taken without having previously taken the subject at GCSE. If you want to do Further Mathematics you must also choose Mathematics.

## What do I have to do?

For internal applicants on your form you should choose **four** subjects from the list and write them **in order of decreasing preference** on your Sixth Form Options Form. It will be assumed that your first **three** choices are the ones, which, at this stage at least; you think you will wish to continue to A level in the Upper Sixth. For external applicants on your Sixth Form Application Form(found on the website-see below) you should choose **three** subjects from the list and write them **in order of decreasing preference** and put your fourth choice in the appropriate place on the form.



We will, of course, make every effort to enable you to study the subjects you choose, but it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate perfectly the different choices of over one hundred students. Until we see what choices you make, we cannot tell how far this can be achieved. We ask you to understand that what the school can offer is restricted by costs and the availability of staff.

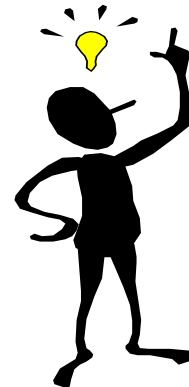
A grouping of subject blocks and a provisional allocation of students to teaching groups is made in the Summer term.

The deadline for internal candidates for handing in your Sixth Form Options Form is **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. You may ask to change your choices after that date, but there is no guarantee that this will be possible. We cannot guarantee with external candidates that all your choices will be possible.

## What do I choose?

If you have a particular career area in mind, you have probably already researched the kind of subjects that are likely to be necessary, or helpful, in achieving your goal. Apart from that –

- Choose subjects which you already enjoy and have done well in.
- Find out about the new subjects you can start in the Sixth Form and see if they have any appeal for you.



## How do I choose?

You are invited to attend, with your parents, an Options Evening from 6-8 pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. This is an opportunity to discuss with staff and sixth formers Advanced Level courses that you are interested in studying. You will also be given a brochure with course details at the beginning of this evening. If you are still unsure then do approach subject staff to ask further questions. If you are unsure whom to ask about a particular subject, your Form Tutor should be able to tell you.

## **Do we take external candidates in the sixth form from other schools?**

- We welcome applications from girls from other schools and each year admit on average between 20 and 40 applicants.
- The minimum requirement for entry is an A grade at GCSE in the subject to be studied (or related subjects) and at least 5 GCSE subjects at A grade. We also require a good school report.
- Places are limited and offers are made in the first instance on the basis of “mock” results, predicted grades and results finally achieved. All offers are conditional on actual results.
- Please be aware that all places are dependent on subject and staff availability.
- Application form is on the school website [www.kingedwardvi.org/](http://www.kingedwardvi.org/)
- Please be aware that not all subject combinations are possible.
- Further inquiries should be made to Mr Gannon, Head of Sixth form.

We hope that you will choose courses that you will enjoy and which bring you success. Many university courses do not require specific A level qualifications. However, some university courses require or recommend certain subjects. The latest information we have regarding these courses is below. You need to realise that different universities require different entry standards and you would be advised to refer to the UCAS Official Guide, the UCAS website ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)) and Careers books in the Library. Courses for which there is a high demand and competition require very high grades (A/B) at A level and a range of A\*/A grades at G.C.S.E. Dr Harper, our Careers teacher, is always willing to help you.

Accountancy	A level Maths is required at some universities.
Chemistry	A Level Mathematics is preferred for many courses.
Dentistry	3 subjects from Sciences/Maths is preferred at AS level. Chemistry is essential and it is advisable to have this and Biology at Advanced Level.
Drama	A level English Literature is preferred for many courses.
Economics	AS/A level Mathematics is a requirement for many top universities.
Engineering	A level Mathematics and Physics are usually required (except for Foundation courses).
Environmental St.	One or two Science subjects usually required, including Mathematics at some universities.
Geography	One or more Sciences may be required for BSc courses.
Law	No specific A levels required but History and/or English may be preferred at some universities.
Medicine	Two Sciences at A2 are required by most universities. Chemistry is essential and Biology desirable. Most universities will accept any "rigorous" academic A level for the third subject. Virtually all medical schools are agreed that applicants should be strongly encouraged to broaden their subject base to include non-science subjects in the Sixth Form.
Optometry	Two science A levels required; Biology and either Mathematics, Chemistry or Physics.
Pharmacy	Two science subjects required one of which must be Chemistry.
Physics	A level Mathematics and Physics normally required (except for Foundation courses).
Physiotherapy / Occup. Therapy	One or two science subjects.
Primary Teaching	A wide range of subjects is required
Psychology	A science, either Biology or Psychology preferred.
Speech Therapy	At least one science subject; Biology required by some universities.
Sports Studies	An A level Science subject is required.
Veterinary Science	A Level Chemistry required and Biology/Mathematics/Physics generally expected.

References to A level Maths refer to a single Maths qualification; if you are considering a degree in Maths, Physics or Engineering, you will find that Further Maths at A level is an advantage.  
Science subjects: Physics/ Chemistry/Biology/Mathematics

