

Year 11 Curriculum – Summer Term 2020 – Information for Pupils

Introduction

Following the cancellation of your GCSE exams, the College will prepare you for A-level study and the sixth form more generally. This is an important transition and many pupils find the step from GCSE to A-level challenging, so departments will offer courses which develop the skills and independence required in advanced-level study. The programme will allow you to focus on those subjects which you are planning on pursuing to A-level and to check that you are happy with your plans for the future. Lots of pupils are not certain about the exact combination of subjects and change their mind over the first few weeks of the lower sixth. We hope that this programme will support you in making informed choices.

What will be offered?

You will choose **five** subjects offered at A-level to focus on pre A-level preparation. These should include the subjects you have already chosen for A-level.

In addition, a **blue health** programme will offer you guidance on physical wellbeing, PSHE and Futures provision. These programmes will run until half term, after which you will have the opportunity to engage in an enrichment project for entry to the Headmaster's Challenge competition as well as other enrichment opportunities.

You should discuss these choices with your tutor or hsm on Tuesday 14 or Wednesday 15 April.

You will need to inform your tutor and hsm of your choice by **6pm on Wednesday 15 April**.

What will I learn?

Each department will have a programme of study for you to complete over the course of the first half term. This will prepare you for A-level study effectively and allow you to explore the subjects which you are choosing or considering for A-level.

What subjects can I choose?

The list in **appendix i** indicates the subjects available in the sixth form – choose **five** subjects from those indicated.

How will this be delivered?

You should be spending five hours per two week cycle on each subject according to the published schedule. The finalised version of this schedule will be available by the beginning of week two of term (Monday 20 April).

The work for each subject will be put onto Show My Homework by 8am each morning and each subject group will have a Microsoft Team. There won't be formal lessons as such, but teachers may indicate when they are available to offer you support – you might like to structure your day around these times if you are able.

In addition, teachers will offer one digital drop-in session per week to pupils and advertise when these times will be.

You should discuss your progress each week with your tutor.



What if I am thinking about taking an exam in the autumn?

The government has indicated that you may have an opportunity to sit an exam in the autumn. Details about this are yet to be published, but if you are considering taking an exam then contact the relevant head of department to discuss what you should be doing to work towards this.

What will the Blue Health programme involve?

PSHE lessons will continue as normal (Tuesday Week A Session 4) and you are expected to complete this work.

The Futures department will work with you during the course of the term alongside your tutor and hsm. This will help set them you for the sixth form as well as providing you with wider skills for life.

The Futures programme includes:

- Introduction to setting goals and planning
- Overview of options available after A-levels: university, gap year, degree apprenticeships, overseas study, employment
- Set up Bridge-U account and complete the Keys to Succeed (KTS) activities:
 - Learning Styles – how best do I learn?
 - Multiple Intelligences – what kind of smart am I?
 - Personality Types – how well do I know myself?
- Introduction to UCAS subject guides and Russell Group “Informed Choices” website
- Work experience planning

In addition, you will get guidance on physical wellbeing and exercise from the PE and dance departments.

What happens after half term?

In normal circumstances, you would have been finishing exams, considering work experience and having an extended summer break during which you would prepare for A-level courses. Unless circumstances change, various enrichment opportunities will be offered after half term.

Mr Ruskin will publish details of some of these opportunities.

If you are considering completing the **Extended Project Qualification** in the sixth form

If you are considering a **career in medicine** or similar disciplines, the Futures department will provide a specific programme. Likewise, if you are considering **university in the US**, the Futures department will provide guidance.

I did lots of work over the holiday – is that wasted?

If you completed any holiday work, submit it to your teacher in the first week of term for feedback.



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Dates	Activity	Blue Health Programme
<p>Week 1</p> <p>15 April</p>	<p>Choose your five A-level subjects by Wednesday 15 April at 6pm – make sure to inform your hsm and tutor by that time.</p> <p>Submit any holiday work to subject teachers/hods.</p> <p>Start work on the Futures programme as directed by Miss Gordon.</p>	<p>Futures programme begins in week 1</p> <p>PSHE programme as usual</p>
<p>Weeks 2-6</p> <p>20 April – 22 May</p>	<p>Compulsory</p> <p>Focused preparation for A-level through department courses in five subjects.</p> <p>Work will be indicated on Show My Homework by 8am each day according to the published timetable, with opportunities for digital drop-in sessions.</p> <p>Check in with your tutor weekly to discuss your progress.</p> <p>Other enrichment opportunities will be advertised by Mr Ruskin</p>	<p>Lesson 1: Tuesday 21 April 12 noon</p> <p>Lesson 2: Tuesday 5 May 12 noon</p> <p>Guidance on physical wellbeing and exercise from PE and dance departments</p>
<p>Week 7</p>	<p>Half term</p>	
<p>Weeks 8-11</p> <p>29 May – 26 June</p>	<p>Optional Enrichment</p> <p>You may continue to work on projects set by departments and engage in pre A-level preparation for your chosen courses.</p> <p>Mr Ruskin will circulate details of a multi-media research project for entry into the Headmaster's Challenge competition.</p> <p>A 'pre-EPQ' course will be offered by Mr Young.</p> <p>Those considering applying for medicine and allied courses at university have support and guidance from the Futures department (in the presumed absence of placement opportunities)</p> <p>Those considering applying for US universities should engage with the US Universities programme (YAH)</p> <p>If you feel that another A-level option is worth exploring, you can contact the relevant head of department for guidance.</p>	<p>Futures guidance continues, including pre-medics programme</p> <p>Guidance on physical activity from PE and dance departments</p> <p>Other co-curricular offerings as advertised</p>



Appendix i: A-level Options

You should choose **five** from the following subjects:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design and Technology (product design)
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics*
- Music
- Music Technology
- Philosophy & Theology
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Politics
- Spanish
- Textiles

* if choosing further mathematics, you should choose mathematics as one of your other options.

