

SUBJECT CHOICES FOR YEARS 6 & 7 (2013-14) (ver1)

		Subject	X where appropriate	No of Periods	Language
	Compulsory Subjects	Language 1	X	4	
		Language 2	X	3	
		PE	X	2	English
	Choose either (RE will be combined Catholic and Protestant and offered in English only)	Religion (English only)			
		Ethics			
2	Choose either	Maths 3			
		Maths 5			
3	Options Choose at least 2 from these 4-period options	Philosophy 4			
		Economics ^(b)			English
		Language 3 ^(a)			
		History 4			
		Geography 4			
		Physics			
		Chemistry			
		Biology 4			
		Art 4			English
		Music 4			English
4	If you have <i>not</i> chosen His4/Geo4/Phi4 above, you must choose the 2-period course	History 2			
		Geography 2			
		Philosophy 2			
5	If you have <i>not</i> chosen Bio4/Phy/Che above you must choose Bio2	Biology 2			
6	Advanced Courses (3-periods per week) <i>Adv Maths only with Maths 5</i>	Adv Language 1			
		Adv Language II			
		Adv Maths			
		TOTAL PERIODS (Minimum 29)			

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	Complementary Subjects Art, Music and Economics <i>may not</i> be chosen if you have chosen them as 4-period options. Language 5 and Economics 2 are for <i>beginners only</i> . Threshold for opening a Complementary Subject is 7 students. (Art and Music might be combined with the 4-period option.)	Language 5 ^(c)			
		Lab Biology/Chemistry			English
		Drama			English
		ICT			English
		Sociology			English
		Economics ^(d)			English
		Art			English
		Music			English
		Politics			English

- (a) Started in Year 2 (only French and/or Spanish available, depending on student numbers)
 (b) Started in Year 4
 (c) Beginners only (teacher would be available for: Dutch, Danish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish)
 (d) Beginners only

The final total number of periods: minimum 31, maximum 35. If an advanced course is chosen, the maximum is 36. (As an exception, pupils are allowed, with the approval of the directorate, to have more than 35 (36) periods per week if they wish to attend other courses which can be combined with their personal timetable.)

NB: While every effort is made to accommodate the wishes of all, some pupils may have to choose another set of subjects. This will be the case if either the number of pupils requesting a course cannot justify the opening of a course or if a requested course combination can not be created in the timetable.

Please return this form to Mr T Hackmann by **Wednesday 6 February 2013** at the latest.

Pupil's Name Class:
 (BLOCK CAPITALS please)

Parent/Guardian Signature

General Remarks

- (a) Pupils **must** choose at least **two** 4-period options.
- (b) A pupil cannot choose an option or a complementary subject in the 6th Year if his/her results show that he/she has not been following this subject satisfactorily in the 4th and 5th Years.
- (c) The Advanced Courses are, as the name implies, in-depth studies of the subject. They should only be chosen by pupils with a particular interest and ability in the subject.
- (d) Courses for optional subjects can normally be organised only if there are at least 5 pupils requesting the course. The threshold for Complementary Subjects is 7 students.
- (e) For timetable reasons, it will not be possible to offer every combination of options and/or complementary subjects because a number of subjects will be taught simultaneously.
- (f) There can normally be no change in language choices for pupils entering Year 6. However, in specific circumstances the following changes are possible:
 - A change from a lower to a higher level (eg L3 to L2) is allowed subject to the decision of the Head regarding administrative feasibility and the passing of an attainment test;
 - A change from a higher to a lower level (eg L3 to L4) must be approved by the Class Council in the light of the pupil's attainment;
 - When a change of L2 is approved on entry to Year 6, the former L2 remains the working language for History/Geography;
 - A change of L1 is considered to be a change of section and not a change of language. A change of section is normally not envisaged.
- (g) If an option course cannot be created in a language section's basic language, offering it either in the working language of the pupils concerned or in the language of the school's host country may be envisaged.
- (h) **Pupils are strongly advised to liaise with the relevant teachers before making their final choices.** Students who perform badly in subjects they were advised by teachers not to take as a main option will not be allowed to modify their choice at the end of the 6th Year.
- (i) Pupils will not normally be allowed to make changes to their options. However, written requests will be considered if they are handed in within the first two weeks of S6.

Pupils *may not* give up a course at the beginning of the 6th Year which has been organized for the minimum number of pupils.
- (j) It will not normally be possible to change the choice of Options and Complementary Subjects after the final choice has been made. In certain cases it may be possible to make a change between S6 and S7, eg Philosophy 4 to Philosophy 2, History 4 to History 2, and also Maths 5 to Maths 3. If towards the end of the 6th Year a pupil feels s/he has made a wrong choice in the level or in the language, it may be possible to rectify this provided there will still be two 4-period main options, 29 periods in columns 1-4 and at least 31 periods in total. Such requests must be made in writing by parents. On the recommendation of the Class Council, the Head of the School will take the decision.
- (k) In Year 7 it is not possible to replace an option/complementary course with another option/complementary course.