

Post-16 Options - An introduction

SIXTH FORM OPTIONS EVENING
THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2016
MISS FLANAGAN – DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM
MR WILKES – DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



Objective of this evening

Understand the options process and next steps.

Learn about six@ba.

Ask questions.

Feel confident.



Options Timeline

5th February – Extended Assembly for Year 11 students

11th February – Post-16 Options Evening

22nd February to 26nd February – Discussions/Activities in Tutor Time

22nd February – Option Forms can be handed in from this date

26th February – Deadline for Option Forms



Explore New Subjects

A chance to discover brand new subjects and ways of learning.

Speak to subject leaders and understand subject focus.

Use the top trumps cards to look through your options.



Are all subjects equally challenging?

Our options allow a number of routeways.

All A-levels.

Mix of A-levels and Applied Subjects.

Applied Subjects.

A-levels are more challenging. Within the A-level family, some subjects are harder to achieve higher grades in than others.



New A-Level Structures

A-Levels are becoming 2 year courses with final exams at the end of Year 2 only. This is being phased in over the next two years.

Students wishing to sit an AS finish that course after year 1.

We will teach A-Level and AS students together in a class in Year 12.

Can you sit them all at AS and then choose which to carry on? Yes, but these exams will count for nothing in your final A-Level score.

If you don't know which subjects you want to do to AS and which to full A-Level (most of us wouldn't!), you can make this decision during Year 12.

See your subject leaders about this.



SEPTEMBER 2015

First teaching of new A level and AS in:

- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- English language
- English literature
- English language and literature
- art and design
- business
- computer science
- economics
- history
- sociology
- psychology.

AUTUMN 2015

Specifications available to schools before first teaching of new A levels and AS in September 2016 in:

- modern foreign languages
- ancient languages
- geography
- religious studies
- drama and theatre
- dance
- music
- physical education.



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AUTUMN 2016

Specifications for any remaining A level and AS (subject to consultation) to be available to schools ahead of first teaching in September 2017.



SEPTEMBER 2017

First teaching of remaining new A level and AS, including maths, further maths and design and technology.



ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

SUMMER 2016

Last exams for current AS and A2 in the subjects reformed for first teaching in September 2015. First exams in new AS taught from September 2015.



SUMMER 2017

First exams for reformed A levels in:

- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- English language
- English literature
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Balance or Specialisation?

Be cautious about over-specialising too soon. Keep as many doors open unless you are absolutely certain about what career path you want to take.

Think about a balance between methods of study and assessment types. We offer practical qualifications that feel like apprenticeships to very academic subjects.

Talk to your parents, tutor, teachers, Miss Flanagan or Mr Wilkes.



Do your research

Mr Davies and Miss Flanagan will suggest some great sites to explore in tutor-time activities. Your tutors will be there to support all the way, as will I and Miss Flanagan – we are happy to visit registration and discuss.

I recommend you research 5 jobs that you are interested in, routeways to that job and 5 degrees or further qualifications/experience that would be useful, ahead of the options evening.



Academic Support ▶

Curriculum ▶

Examinations

Staff Profiles

Staff Structure

SEN Offer

Achievement Support

Support Timetable

IAG - Advice & Guidance

VISUAL CREATIVITY

Excellent provision for visual and performing arts.
Extra-curricular opportunities to facilitate students
reaching their full potential.



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Option Evening

My focus – the options process

Miss Flanagan – What we can offer beyond qualifications

Hannah Cummins (Durham University) and current Y13s – A student perspective

Subject Stands, with Subject Leaders – Teachers and Students

Staff on hand to answer questions



The Options Form

We'll now do a 'walkthrough' of the options form.

Designed around student initial choices.

Important that you find out about entry requirements for some subjects.



Berwick Academy – Post 16 Choices

Name _____

Form _____

Please list your ideal option choices (in order of preference) below. Indicate (R) for Reserve choice(s).

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

This final choice is usually Reserve Choice, or Further Maths.

The options listed below are based on the initial options questionnaire carried out in Year 11. They are designed to allow the maximum possible option choice. See Mr Wilkes or Miss Flanagan if for some reason this is not possible. Please take into account the IAG discussions you have had about recommended routes.

AS Subject pathways leading to full A-Levels				
AS Art	AS DT - Graphics	AS Geography	AS History	
AS Biology	AS DT – Resistant Materials	AS Maths	AS Computing	
AS Business	AS English Language	AS Physics	AS Psychology (only one of	
AS Chemistry	AS English Literature	AS Sports Studies	AS Sociology these two will run)	
AS Drama & Theatre Studies	AS Further Maths			
Applied / Level 3 Courses				
Business (Applied)	Health & Social Care (Applied)	PE (Applied)	Creative Media Production (Applied)	
Music (Applied)	Social Sciences (Applied)	Science (Applied)		
Full Time – Single Subject Courses				
Level 3 Engineering (18hrs teaching plus 10hrs work placement pf) or				
CACHE (24hrs teaching plus 10hrs work placement pf)				
After School Subjects – Subject to Staffing				
AS Photography (Run after school – will be run subject to appointment of Photography teacher)				

At present, based on initial student surveys, AS Economics, AS Philosophy & Ethics, AS French & AS German are not viable courses and as such may not run. Please indicate below in the issues section if this is a problem.

Issues or Further Questions

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Three or Four subjects?

Extended Project Qualification

Voluntary Work

Work Placements

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A-levels or Applied/Vocational Courses?

Engineering is an Engineering A-Level completed in ONE YEAR.

Think about planned route after Sixth Form. This should influence your choices.

You can blend choices from first two groups of qualifications.

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Signed by Student _____

Signed by Parent _____

What next?

Work hard on all your subjects, even those you finish in Year 11.

Sixth Form Entry criteria have to be met. English and Maths GCSE grades are very important.

Work through the activities designed for tutor time.

Discuss with parents and teachers.

Do some research on jobs and higher qualifications, even job shadowing if possible.

You can change your mind even up to the last minute. There will be a post-results interview to recheck course selections in August.



Questions?

If you have any questions, please catch any of us at the end.



What we do...

Aim to get you where you want to be by the end of Year 13

Support you through tutoring and specialised advice/guidance programme

Integrate volunteering/work experience into your timetable

Opportunities for personal development e.g Italy trip, New York trip, D of E

Lots of opportunities to visit Universities and Employers (and they visit us)

Get involved with charity fundraising, student newspaper, events management,
music and performing arts.....



Support

Tutors have Year 12/Year 13 specialisms

IAG for Sixth Form delivered via the tutorial programme, assemblies, mentoring and 'off timetable'

Specialist members of staff to support applications for the Forces and Police/other uniformed services, Engineering, Health and Social Care/Childcare

Senior students, Student Subject Leaders and Academic Peer Mentoring programme



Achieve @ BA

Sixth Form results have increased year on year for both A level and Applied subjects

Wide and enhanced range of Applied, vocational and academic qualifications available



Year 13 university destinations 2015

Students achieving their first or second choice university

100%

Examples:

Music @ York University

Psychology@ Newcastle University

Economics @ Durham

English Language @ Manchester

History of Art @ Glasgow

Business and Human Resource Management@ Stirling

Also...Midwifery, Business, Marketing, Architecture, English Literature, Journalism, Geography, Forensic Science, Criminology, Psychology, Primary Education, Sports Science, International Events Management, Interior Design, Graphic Design, Film Studies.



Year 12 achievements 2016 so far...

Students accepted for the prestigious Futures programme

Students accepted for the Durham University Guaranteed Entry programme

36 Students taking the Northumbria University Entry programme

Students down to the final selection for: RAF/Royal
Marines/Army/engineering

We are a partnership school for:

Durham University

Newcastle University

Northumbria University



Year 13 achievements 2016 (so far...)

50% of our students already have offers from elite universities

10 students have completely unconditional offers from multiple universities

Computer Science @ Durham

Social Policy @ Stirling

Computer Science @ Glasgow

English/Education @ York

Architecture @ Newcastle

Primary Education @ Leeds

Business @ Durham

Fashion Design & Marketing @Northumbria

We have major links with local and national employers to help you secure a high quality apprenticeship e.g. Rolls Royce, EDF (Torness), Accountancy firms (KPMG/Baker Tilly)



View from a former student....

Possibility of going to Newcastle College – didn't feel supported by College

Resit Year 12 after changing subjects

Completed Supported Progression Scheme with Durham University in Year 12

Finished Year 13 with AA Distinction* (English, Business & ICT)

Met offer for Durham

Now half way through second term of Business & Management course

Felt truly supported by all of my teachers and other members of staff at BA

