



Sixth Form Entry: Options 2010

Information for Parents

I appreciate that it may seem rather early to be asking Year 11 pupils to indicate what they hope to study in September. However it is necessary to gather this information so that work can commence on timetabling. If your daughter/son is undecided about entering Ellesmere College Sixth Form, I advise you to still submit a subject choice preference form so that we are at least aware of the subject combinations she/he would want to do.

There are two main courses to choose from. A level or IB. Students are to choose a minimum of FOUR subject at A level, no more than ONE of which may be limited to AS level. It is expected that pupils will also take a course in General Studies to AS Level which will give them five subjects in total. The IB involves a selection of six subjects, one from each block.

The courses are shown on the double sided form attached to this sheet. All subjects are proposed to run subject to sufficient demand. It is important that choices are made on the basis of the academic strengths of each student and the appropriate combination to ensure that career routes under consideration are kept open.

The TARGET date for the return of the preference form is the 22nd, February 2010. Please ensure that your son/daughter does not delay returning the form since it is important that their choices influence decisions about subjects and circuits.

Completing the preference form.

All pupils in Year 11 have been given a copy of the preference form. The completed form should indicate the subjects your son/daughter hopes to study in Year 12. For AS level the choices **must** be placed in priority order. It may be the case that some combinations will not be possible; in such an event they will be informed, re-opting where necessary. Details of each course are set out in the Sixth Form Options Booklet, distributed in the Michaelmas term. Extra copies can be obtained by contacting Reception. If applying to follow the IB course the subject choices are made by selecting one in each column.

It is hoped that no pupil will need to retake their Mathematics or English but occasionally some do. Retake classes in Mathematics and English will be scheduled and so considerations of re-takes need not normally limit choice except in so much as ability in English or Mathematics would suggest steering clear of some courses.

If further guidance is required please, in the first instance, contact your son or daughter's Tutor or Housemaster/Housemistress. Mr S Mullock, Head of Careers, can be contacted if your son or daughter is in need of careers guidance. A comment box is included on the form to request specific guidance, which will be followed up once the form has been received.

S. V. Pritt-Roberts
Deputy Head Academic
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SIXTH FORM A LEVEL OPTIONS PREFERENCE FORM 2010

Year 12 Options

For September 2010

Name of pupil

House Tutor

If new to College please put contact email address:

- ◆ Students are to choose four subjects.
- ◆ Please indicate priority by numbering choices 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
- ◆ Indicate in comment box below if you require any further information or wish to indicate any Uncertainties or need for guidance.

Priority Number (1,2,3,4)		Tick 4 Subjects
	Art & Design	
	Business Studies	
	Biology	
	Chemistry	
	Design (Product)	
	Drama & Theatre Studies	
	Economics	
	English Literature	
	French	
	Geography	
	Govt. & Politics	
	History	
	ICT	
	*Latin	
	Mathematics	
	*Further Mathematics	
	Media Studies	
	Music	
	Physics	
	Physical Education	
	Sociology	
	Spanish	

***Please note**

Further Mathematics is subject to numbers and students must satisfy additional criteria before being accepted.
Latin is offered on a reduced timetable.

Comment

Please return this form by Monday 22nd February 2010 or, if not currently attending the College and applying to join the Sixth Form after this date, then please return this form within a week of receipt.

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International Baccalaureate Diploma

Name of pupil

House Tutor

Email

If new to the school please leave /Tutor blank but provide email instead.

The following matrix sets out the subjects available for the IB Diploma for our cohort in September 2009. Please circle one subject from each of the Groups 1 to 6 so that 6 subjects are chosen in total, three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level.

	Group 1 Native Language	Group 2 Second Language	Group 3 Individuals & Societies	Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts and electives
Higher Level	English	English as a Second Language (A2)	History	Biology	Mathematics	Chemistry
	German	French as a Second Language (B)	Economics	Physics		English as a second language
	Self study native language		Business & Management			Geography
						Music
						Spanish second language (B)
						Theatre Arts
						Visual Arts
Standard Level	English	English as a Second Language (A2)	History	Biology	Mathematics	Chemistry
	German	French as a Second Language (B)	Economics	Physics	Mathematics Studies	English as a second language
	Self study native language	Spanish <i>ab initio</i> *	Business & Management	Environmental Systems and Societies		Geography
						Music
						Spanish second language (B)
						Theatre Arts
						Visual Arts

Spanish ab initio is a beginners' level for students who have not studied the language before. Latin may be available by negotiation.

Registrations after Easter must choose from the final circuits as published in May 2010.

- All students must study their native language in group one. If this is a language other than the ones listed please state which is your native language underneath the self-study box.
- Students whose first language is not English must take English as a second language in either group two or six. This is A2 English at either higher or standard.
- German students should be aware that German Universities do not recognise Environmental Systems and Societies and therefore require students to have studied Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Most do not recognise Business & Management, preferring Economics. Theatre Arts is another subject that is not accepted by a number of German Universities. You are advised to consult your agent or the universities directly to ensure that the subjects chosen for IB are acceptable to them.