

Ellesmere College : A Level Policy

At present there are still significant areas of uncertainty in the government's reforms and how they will affect decision-making by universities when candidates apply for courses. Not all the changes occur at the same time so this is bound to lead to greater complexity. Individual students in the near future may well choose a combination of reformed and unreformed subjects.

- Students joining the Sixth Form to pursue A levels will choose three subjects or, if following the BTEC Sport route which is equivalent to two A levels they may choose one additional A level subject. The IELTS exam course for overseas pupils will count as one A level choice.
- Where a student is undecided, they may start with four subjects and follow the course for a few weeks in September to assist their decision. We expect students to have settled on their three final subjects by half-term.
- Students on the A level only course are expected to pursue the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), it is optional for those on the BTEC/A level course of study.
- The two year International Baccalaureate course remains unchanged.

Subject changes schedule:

From September 2015, schools in England began to teach the first set of reformed A levels in these subjects:

- Art and Design
- Business
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English (Literature and Language)
- History
- Psychology
- Sciences : Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Sociology

Subjects more recently reformed in 2016 include:

- Maths
- Foreign Languages
- Geography
- Music
- Drama
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education