

Rossett Sixth Form



KEY TRANSITION DATES

16 November – Sixth Form Road Show

12 January – Sixth Form Parents' Evening

13 January – Taster Day

20 January – Application Deadline



Sixth Form Subjects 2017

A Level subject choices will impact on a students future career path.



How many subjects?

- Students select 3 A Level subjects to study over 2 years.
- Students will pick a fourth option based on their GCSE results:

EPOQ
IFS student finance level 3 qualification
Fourth A Level (students with a high average points score)

WHAT TO CONSIDER.....

- A Levels and facilitating subjects.
- Other A Levels e.g. Economics, Sociology, Media Studies.
- Creative and other Level 3 Qualifications.

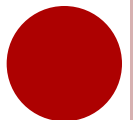
Over 30 courses on offer so there is something for students of all abilities.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



- At least 5 GCSEs at grade C (4).
- GCSE grade B or above is normally required in the subject to be studied at A Level (A for Maths).
- The following subjects may be studied without prior knowledge of the subject:
 - Media Studies ■ Sociology ■ Psychology ■ Physical Education ■ Philosophy & Ethics ■ Drama ■ Economics
- Certain A Level subjects require a specific GCSE grade in another subject as part of the entry requirement e.g. Economics (6+ in Maths).



A LEVEL OR BTEC WHAT'S THE BEST OPTION ?

- A Level subjects will be **predominantly exam based**.
- BTEC Level 3 will be **more coursework based**.
- Both options offer the same UCAS points when **applying to university**.
- A student can do all A Levels, all BTEC courses or a combination of both.



UCAS

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUBJECTS?

- It is important that students choose subjects that they enjoy because studying them for two years **requires commitment**.
- Do their teachers feel they will be successful in this subject ?
- Have they got a chosen career in mind?

Some careers need specific A levels e.g. **Medicine requires Chemistry and Biology**. For some other Science / Engineering courses you may need 2 science subjects.



HOW SHOULD THEY CHOOSE...

- Research university courses.
- Entry requirements.
- Complementary or contrasting subjects.
- Look at course content ? Similar or different to GCSE.
- Students should speak to teachers, meet with our Careers Advisor and talk to the Sixth Form Team.



HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COURSES

- Some courses have **high entry requirements** because of academic rigour or the number of applicants per place.

For example

- Physiotherapy is very competitive. To study at Birmingham University you need at least A Level grades AAB, 7 GCSEs at A/B grade as well as A Level Biology at a grade A.
- Chemical Engineering – To study at Newcastle University you need at least AAA including A Level Mathematics and Chemistry.

UCAS

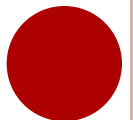
FACILITATING SUBJECTS

- These are favoured by the most prestigious universities. Students aiming for Oxford / Cambridge or a Russell Group university would be advised to take these subjects at A Level.
- Try to avoid having any more than one 'Other A Level' if considering an application to Oxford or Cambridge University.



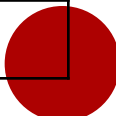
CREATIVE AND OTHER A LEVELS

- Many of our students who gained Distinctions in BTEC Sport (double), have gone on to York St. John and Leeds Beckett to study a sport related degrees.
- Some of our music students have progressed to Salford University to study Music Performance and Production.
- Adam is completing an apprenticeship at a local media company after achieving BBC.



EXAMPLES OF CAREERS AND SUBJECTS

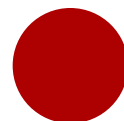
Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Further Maths
Law	History, Economics, English Literature, Philosophy and Ethics
Sports	PE, BTEC Sport, Biology, BTEC Science, Psychology
Medicine or Veterinary Medicine	Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics
Nursing	Biology, BTEC Health & Social Care, Psychology, Sociology
Drama	Drama, English Language, Media
Media	Media, English Language,
Criminology	Sociology, Psychology, English Language, History
Business	Business, Economics, History
Art /Design	Art, Art and Photography, Design Technology



SUBJECTS WE HAVE OFFERED IN THE PAST

Maths and Science	English and Media and ICT	Art, Music and Design	Humanities	Sport and Languages
Maths (F)	English Literature (F)	Art & Design	History (F)	French (F)
Further Maths(F)	English Language	Art & Photography	Geography (F)	Spanish (F)
Biology (F)	Media Studies	Product Design	Philosophy & Ethics	PE (Physical Education)
Physics (F)	ICT	Theatre Studies	Business Studies	BTEC Sport (Single)
Chemistry (F)	Computer Science (F)	Music	Economics	BTEC Sport (Double)
BTEC Science		Food Technology	Psychology	BTEC Health & Social Care
			Sociology	

We tailor our subjects to meet the demands of each year group



WHAT IS AN EPQ?

- Extended Project Qualification
- Graded (A* - E)

One Year course

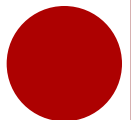
- Choose an area of interest
- Carry out their own research
- Write a 5000 word report or 1000 words and produce an artefact



ADVICE

Encourage your son or daughter to :

1. Talk to their teachers
2. Research possible careers / university courses (UCAS)
3. Speak to family / friends in industry / Career Advisor
4. Take subjects they enjoy
5. Speak to the Sixth Form team



QUESTIONS?

1. Visit school website for more information and select Sixth Form
2. Twitter feed
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