

15 November 2021

Dear Year 11 Students (and Parents for information)

Year 11 Sixth Form Options

I do hope that you are looking forward to joining us in the Sixth Form in September 2022. It's a different experience to being in Years 7-11 and a just reward for all the hard work you are facing now.

Due to the ongoing high levels of Covid, we are unable to run the full Open Evening scheduled for Wednesday 24 November. However, in order to make sure that you have maximum information on which to base your choices there will be various things happening in the run up to the opening of the online Options programme.

Over the next week all subjects which are new to you in the Sixth Form will be doing presentation sessions with Q&A for all those interested as per the timetable below:

Ancient History	Dr Matthews	Wednesday	17 November	Break	Upper Library
Religious Studies	Mrs Khan	Wednesday	17 November	Lunch	Upper Library
Politics	Mr Taylor	Thursday	18 November	Break	Upper Library
Psychology	Mrs Watson	Monday	22 November	Break	Upper Library
Business Studies	Mr Newton	Tuesday	23 November	Break	Queen's Hall
BTEC Sport	Mr Huelin	Tuesday	23 November	Break	Upper Library
Economics	Mr Bastow	Wednesday	24 November	Break	Queen's Hall

Please note times and venue carefully. If you are unable to make the session (but you should try very hard to do so if you are seriously considering the subject), you can of course always see the Subject Leader for more information.

Also, over the next week, all departments where the GCSE leads straight on to an A level will make time to introduce you to it.

In the week beginning Monday 22 November you will be issued with the important booklet **SIXTH FORM ENTRY** *An Introduction to Advanced Level Courses*. This gives details of entry requirements and all A level options available at RGS in the Sixth Form. You should read the booklet carefully and talk to your form tutor, Mr Pettengell, the relevant subject leader or me if you have any queries before making your choices.

On **Tuesday 23 November Periods 3 and 4** you must attend a session in the Queen's Hall where we will go through the things you need to remember about making your option choices. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Parents: I will be sending home a copy of the powerpoint from this presentation.

On **Wednesday 24 November at 4pm** the Options programme will be opened (it's the same programme in which you entered your GCSE choices when you were in Year 9) and you will be able to enter your A Level Option Choices using the link via your SIMS Student App. If your SIMS Student App is not currently available, please see Mrs Gamester (in the office opposite mine) for help with this. Although the form includes a tick box for parental approval, this is not required.

It is important that you, after discussion with your parents, enter your choices **by 9.00am on Monday 29 November** when the online system will close. At that point we start processing and organising subjects into columns. Please note that not all subject combinations will be possible, but this changes each year so at this stage we cannot say what won't work. Please be assured that 99 % of requests will work!

Parents: If you are interested in finding out more about a boarding place in the Sixth Form, please contact Mr Scourfield, Head of Boarding, to arrange an individual tour (boarding@rgshw.com). Please note that those who board in Fraser Youens have historically attained results that are 10-15% higher than the general school results so it is a very successful option for several boys each year.

If you have any questions about Sixth Form option choices, please come and see me or contact me via email.

Yours sincerely



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