



# Caldew School Sixth Form

## Year 12 Option Blocks for September 2017 (v4)

Name: ..... Form: .....

The grid below shows the most likely blocking arrangement for Year 12 courses starting in September 2017. **There is no guarantee that this will be the final arrangement** since we may have to adapt to enable groups to run, or to better suit the majority of our students' needs. However we have used the information provided to us by you in Skills for Life lessons to try and get subject groups that should fit as many possible combinations with all but a few students able to choose 3 out of their first 4 initial preferences.

It is important to realise that **courses will only run if there is sufficient uptake**. This will depend on viability. In addition, if courses are oversubscribed, the Subject Team Leader will make a judgement on who will be accepted onto the course based on; 1.) this form, 2.) performance at KS4 and 3.) future aspirations.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Art	Biology	Applied Science	Business Studies	Core Maths
Biology	Chemistry	English Lang.	Geography	EPQ
Computer Science	DT	History	H & S Care	Further Maths
Law	English Lit.	Physics	History	Music
Maths	ICT	Psychology	Law	
Media Studies	Psychology	Spanish	Maths	
PE			Phil. & Ethics	

**Step 1:** Read the Guidance Notes on the back of this form about entry criteria.

**Step 2:** Show your choices by numbering the box next to the subjects you would like to study (1 your most important, 4 your least important). **You must choose at least 4 subjects and they must be in different option blocks.** This is a very early stage in the process and you will not be held to your choices on this form. However, it is important that you make your decisions carefully so that they are as close as possible to your likely requirements for September.

**Step 3:** If you wish, use the space below to comment on any of above, or attach a note.

**Step 4:** Return this form to **Student Services** by **Friday 17 March 2017**.

**Comment:**

**Are there any other subjects that are not in the option blocks that you would like to study at AS?**

**Please tick a box below:**

Definitely returning to Sixth Form

Thinking about returning to Sixth Form but considering other possibilities

1) The general entry requirement to Caldew School Sixth Form is 5 A\*-C grades or equivalent at GCSE in total (for example, 4s or above in English Language and Maths can be part of this).

2) If you want to study any of the subjects listed below, you need to achieve at least a B grade in the subject at GCSE:

- Biology (at least a B grade in the exams element)
- Chemistry (at least a B grade in the exams element)
- Computing
- History (or an equivalent if not studied at GCSE)
- Music
- Physics (at least a B grade in the exams element)

3) If you want to study Chemistry or Physics, you also need to study a Maths course at AS or A level. You can choose Core Maths from Block E if you don't choose Maths.

4) To study a Maths course, you need to achieve the following Maths grades:

- For AS/A level Maths      A minimum of GCSE grade 6 (we will consider a high grade 5 in exceptional circumstances)
- For Further Maths      A minimum of GCSE grade 7
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- For Core Maths      A minimum of GCSE grade 4

5) Block E – EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), Core Maths and Further Maths - is there for you to indicate that you want to consider adding the EPQ to your subjects. Your GCSE results will determine how many AS courses you follow in Year 12. Some students will study 3 AS courses and the EPQ whilst most students will study 4 AS courses with the option to take the EPQ as well.