





# Caldew School Sixth Form

## Year 12 Option Blocks for September 2018 (version 2)

The grid below shows the most likely blocking arrangement for Year 12 courses starting in September 2018. **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. Using information provided to us by our current Year 11 students, we have tried to 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 Head of Department 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
Biology	Applied Science	Business Studies	Core Maths	Core Maths
Computer Science	Chemistry	French	EPQ	English Lit.
English Lang.	DT	Maths	Geography	EPQ
Law	History	Music	H & S Care	Further Maths
Media Studies	Phil. & Ethics	PE	ICT	
	Psychology	Physics	Maths	
		Psychology		

**Step 1:** Read the Guidance Notes attached to 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.

**Step 4:** Return this form to **Caldew School (FAO Mr A James)** by **Friday 16 March 2018**.

**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

## Guidance Notes:

1) The general entry requirement to Caldew School Sixth Form is 5 9-4 grades or equivalent at GCSE in total.

2) If you want to study any of the subjects listed below, you need to achieve at least a 5 grade in the subject at GCSE:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- History (or an equivalent if not studied at GCSE)
- Music
- Physics

If you study a GCSE Combined Science course rather than triple, you need to achieve at least a grade 5 in the subject you want to study at A level.

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 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.