



# Caldew School Sixth Form

## Year 12 Option Blocks for September 2023

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

The grid below shows the most likely blocking arrangement for Year 12 courses starting in September 2023. **There is no guarantee that this will be the final arrangement** since we may have to adapt the blocks to enable groups to run, or to better suit the majority of our students' needs.

It is important to realise that **courses will only run if there is sufficient uptake**. 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	
English Literature		Applied Science		Business Studies		History		English Language	
Health & Social Care		Biology		Computer Science		Physics		Geography	
Maths		Criminology		Chemistry		Psychology		Criminology	
Photography		Media Studies		Performing Arts		PE		DT	
				Philosophy and Ethics		Music			
				Psychology					
				Art					

**If any of your subject choices clash, please make a note of this in the comments box.**

In **addition** to choosing three subjects from the above columns, students need to choose either Core Maths or EPQ subjects from the below table. Core Maths and the EPQ run in Year 12, allowing students to then concentrate on their three main A Level courses in Year 13. Please refer to the guidance notes overleaf for those subjects that require you to follow a maths course and the required GCSE grade. (Bullet points 3 and 4 of the entry requirements).

EPQ	
Core Maths	
Further Maths	

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.

**Please read the Guidance Notes on the back of this form about entry criteria and how to complete this form.**

## Guidance Notes:

**Step 1:** Show your choices by numbering the box next to the subjects you would like to study (1 the most important, 3 not as important). **You must choose at least 3 subjects and they must be in different option blocks.** (In exceptional circumstances and after GCSE results are available it may be possible for a student to take four subjects from different columns. If students want to follow the Further Maths course they also must pick Maths from Block A)

**Step 2:** Choose one of the subjects from the additional table (Core Maths, EPQ or Further Maths). Tick the small box beside the subject you want to study.

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

**Step 4:** Return this form to **Admin Office** by **Monday 27 February 2023**.

Comments:

## Entry requirements

1) The general entry requirement to Caldew School Sixth Form is five 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 grade 5 in the subject at GCSE:

- Applied Science (at least one grade 5 if you studied Combined Science e.g. 45)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- 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 Computer Science, Chemistry or Physics, you also need to study a Maths course at AS or A level. You can choose **Core Maths** but it is recommended that you 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 (and choose Maths A Level)
- For Core Maths      A minimum of GCSE grade 4