



Caldew School Sixth Form

Year 12 Options Form for September 2024

Name: **Form:**

During Sixth Form each student should select three subjects which they will study for two years. Some courses are externally assessed at AS Level after one year and these are highlighted in the prospectus.

The grid below shows the provisional option blocks for Year 12 courses starting in September 2024. These are based on the preferences which students shared with us in the Autumn term.

Some subjects are blocked following the options process. If you want to study; Art, DT, Media or Music please select these at the bottom of the table.

Block A		Block B		Block C		Block D		Block E	
Geography		Applied Science		Business Studies		Computer Science		Criminology	
Health & Social Care		Biology		Chemistry		History		Physics	
Maths		Performing Arts		English Language		Psychology			
				English Literature		PE			

Other Subjects

Art		DT		Media		Music	
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You must choose 3 subjects and they should be in different option blocks. If any of your subject choices are in the same block, 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, EPQ or Further Maths from the below table. Core Maths and the EPQ run in Year 12, allowing students to then concentrate on their three main courses in Year 13. A student can only study Further Maths if A Level Maths has been chosen as one of your three main courses and this can be certificated at AS and A Level.

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. The Sixth Form pastoral team will be in school on results day to discuss options.

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 3 subjects and they should 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.

Step 2: Ensure either Core Maths, EPQ, or Further Maths are ticked (once you have selected your other subjects)

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

Step 4: Return this form to **Caldew School and place it in the box at Student Services by Friday 26th January.**

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. Maths can be taken as a fourth option and be certificated at AS Level at the end of year 12.

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

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