

AAESS



**Welcome to
Year 11
Options Evening
2nd March 2016**

Entry Requirements



Interview with the Head of the Sixth Form

**Minimum of Five GCSE passes, Grade C
MUST include Math and English**

**Teacher recommendation for the subject
to be studied.**

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**Subjects selected to be studied at A Level
favour at least a grade B pass at GCSE.**

**This ensures students have a solid foundation
leading into Year 12.**

What is the A Level Qualification?



There are two parts to an A Level qualification:

- AS (Advanced Subsidiary) Examination taken at the end of the first year in the Sixth Form.
- A2 Examination (the full award) taken at the end of the second year.



A Level Subjects

- Each subject will have 8x40 minute lessons for the academic year 2016-17. (Academic Year 2016-17: - 8 periods per day, 40 periods per week)
- 1x 40 min PSHE (Focus on Career Guidance)
- Year 12 Students choose a **maximum of four** subjects to study at AS level.
- Students will normally continue with **three** of these subjects to A2 Level – this is the minimum requirement.

A Level Subjects



- Art,
- Arabic and Islamic (MOE),
- Biology,
- Business Studies,
- Chemistry,
- Economics,
- English Literature,
- English Language
- Geography,
- History,
- Applied Information Communication Technology,
- Mathematics,
- Music,
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) French or Spanish
- Physical Education,
- Physics,
- Psychology,



Option Blocks – September 2016



Based on provisional subject choices submitted in December, and any changes made by students this evening, “Option Blocks” for subjects will be created with the purpose of securing each prospective student their **top 4 subject choices**.

Should a student not be able to secure one of their subjects based on timetable restrictions, discussions on this will take place before the end of term 2. It is important that students have a reserve subject for this purpose.



What should be considered when choosing subjects to study at A Level?

- Grade B at GCSE level recommended
- Subject area of interest
- Future career path



Expectations

- Good role models for younger students, providing inspiration and guidance.
- Hard work
- Commitment
- Meet deadlines
- Work cooperatively
- Leadership
- Extracurricular involvement



University Applications

- Applications to British Universities and Colleges are made through UCAS, which is a Clearing House system where an on-line service allows an application for up to five universities.
- For students considering the US, Canada, Australia and South Africa, applications are made directly to the individual university (some US universities use the Common Application Process).
- Students intending to further their studies in the UAE or Europe are also offered advice and support on their application process



Sixth Form Facilities

- Sixth Form Common Room
- Study room equipped with computers
- Study room has a mini careers library with up to date university information.
- Supervised study room
- Head of Sixth Form Office, located next to common room, where help and support is available to students with regard to personal or academic matters. This 'Open Door' policy is maintained in all aspects of Sixth Form life.
- New Sixth Form uniform for the Academic Year 2016-17



Deadline for submission of entry forms and/or any changes to existing subject choices is:

Thursday

10th March 2016