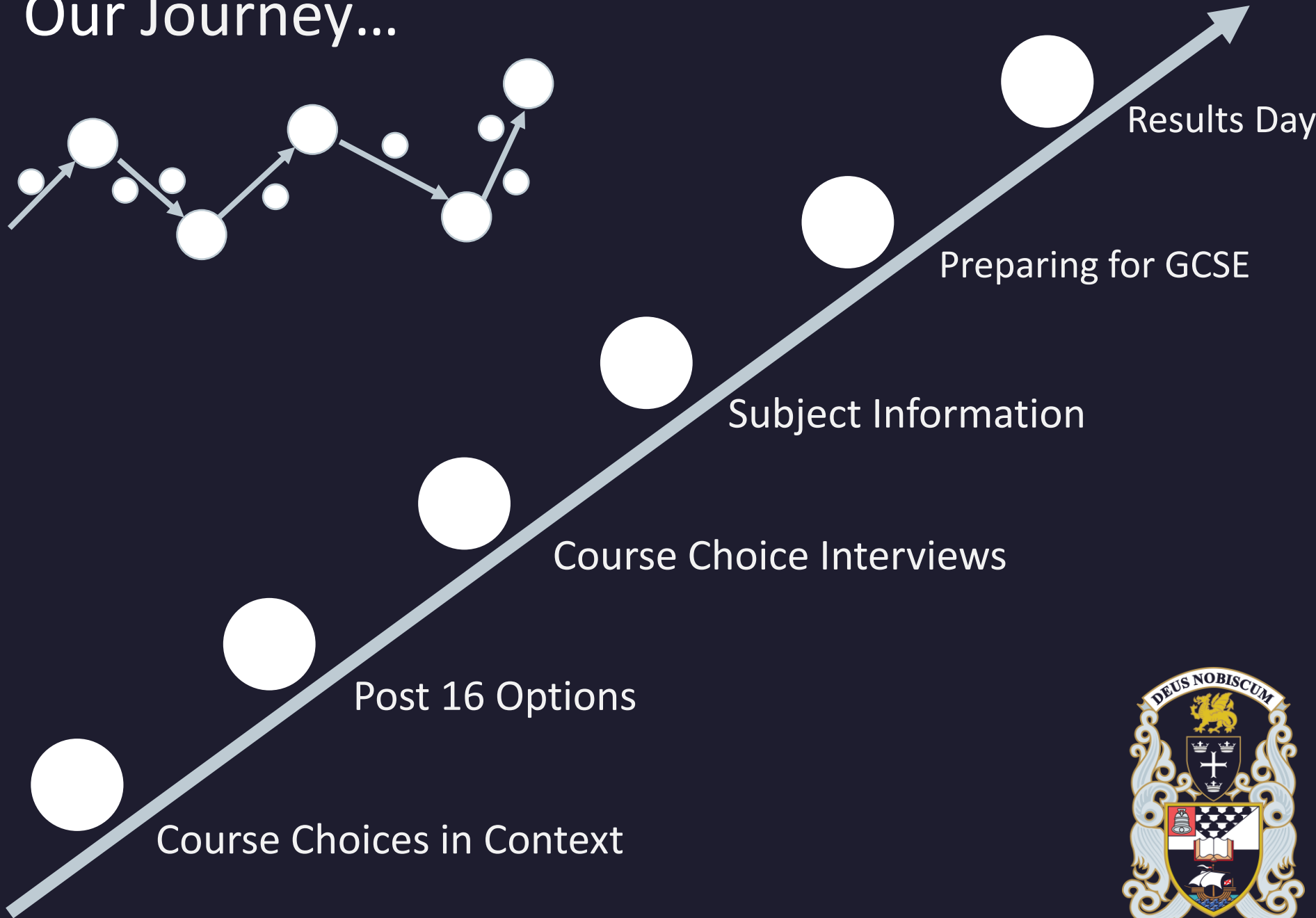


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# Our Journey...



## Form 5 Employability and Careers Programme 2024 – 2025

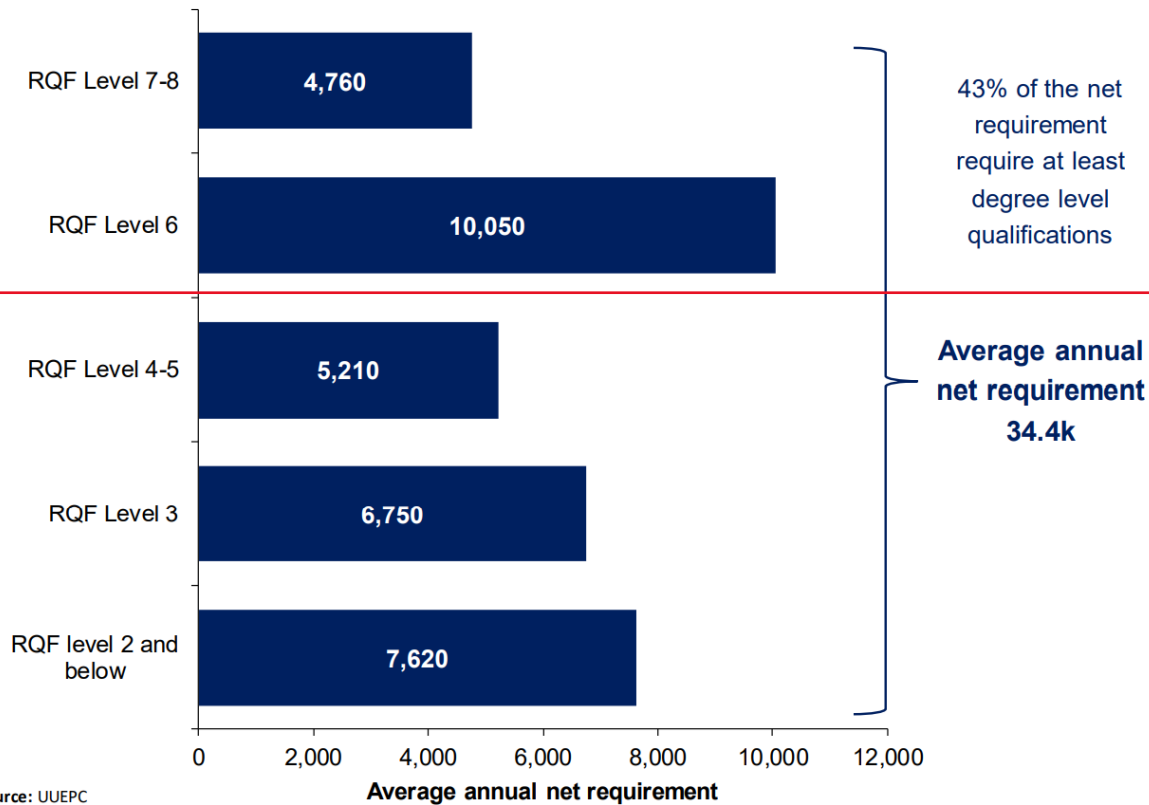
Date	Event
Thursday 7 November	Form 5 Parents' Consultation
December 2024	DfE Careers Presentation during tutor group *
December 2024 - January 2025	New subject presentations during tutor group*
October 2024 – March 2025	Scheduled online interviews with the Careers Adviser from DfE
December 2024 – February 2025	Subject talks in class
Tuesday 7 January 2025	Eye4Education Labour Market Information sessions
Friday 10 January 2025	Form 5 Careers Day
Tuesday 18 February 2025	Form 5 Parents Information Evening
Monday 24 - Friday 28 February 2025	Careers Interviews and completion of the A Level Choice form with a member of the MCB Careers team or a Vice-Principal
Thursday 21 August 2025	Post GCSE results careers interviews

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# **COURSE CHOICES IN CONTEXT**

# Annual average net requirement by qualification level 2023 - 2033

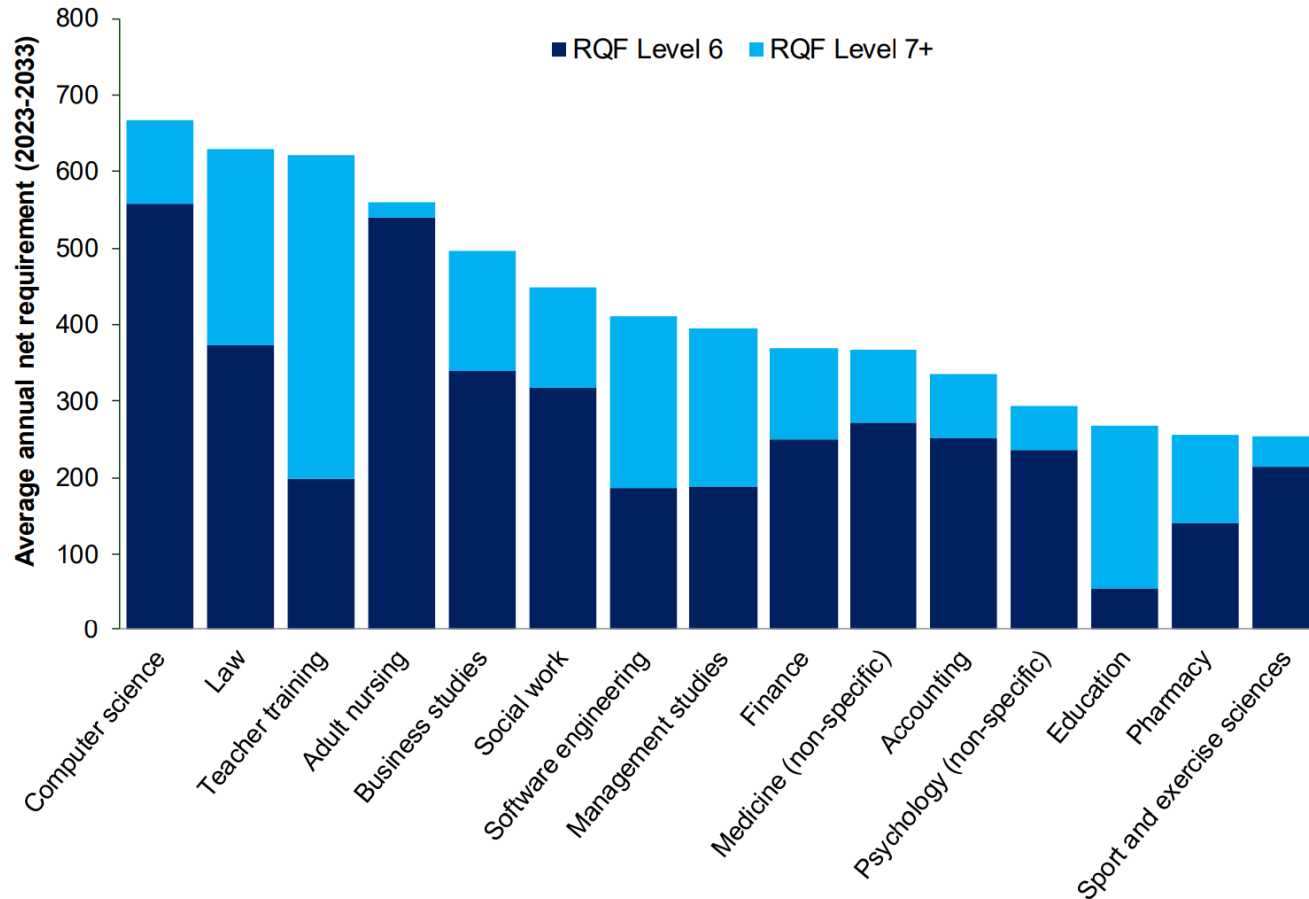
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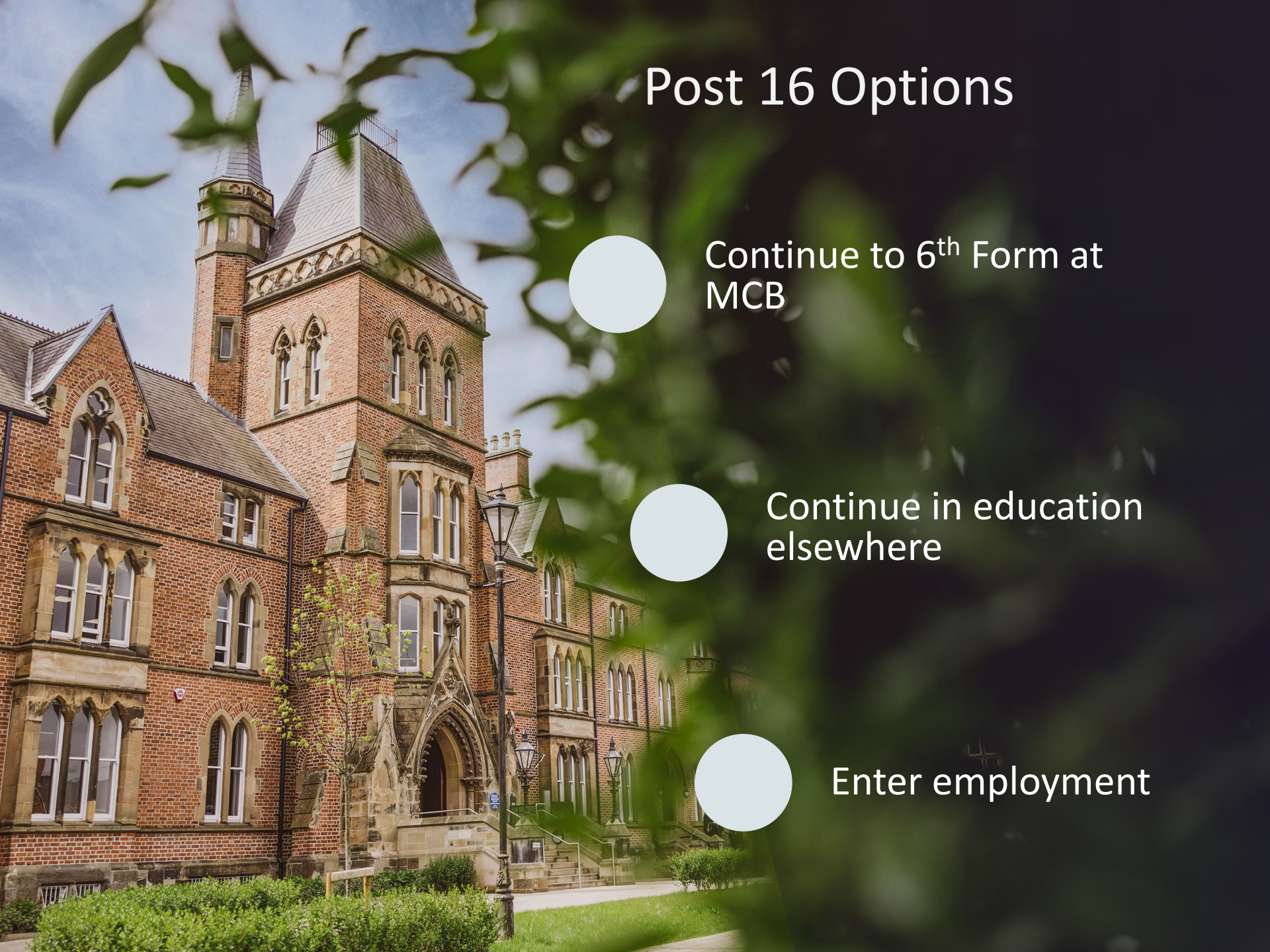
Source: UUEPC



# Annual average net requirement Undergraduate Level by subject 2023-2033



Source: UUEPC



# Post 16 Options



Continue to 6<sup>th</sup> Form at  
MCB



Continue in education  
elsewhere



Enter employment



Continuing to study at MCB

# Entry Requirements

The academic requirements for entry into the Sixth Form are as follows:

1. **A minimum of 6 GCSE subjects at Grade 'C' or above** (all taken by the end of Form 5) including a Grade 'C' or higher in GCSE English and Mathematics.
2. A minimum of **3 GCSE subjects at Grade B or above**.
3. Students must have **a viable course of 3 A levels/BTECs to study**. In addition to points 1 and 2 set out above, **students must meet the Subject Entry Criteria, as outlined in the Options Booklet**, for each subject they wish to take at A level. Their subject combination must timetable and have available places.
4. Students may request to take a 4th subject if they have attained 35 points or higher in their GCSEs. Students studying Further Mathematics must take a 4th subject.



# Entry Requirements Explained

Subject	Minimum GCSE subject grade and additional requirements	Alternative requirements if not taken at GCSE (min grade B unless otherwise stated)
Business Studies	B	<b>B in English Language and Mathematics</b>
Chemistry	At least A grade in Chemistry <b>and</b> A in Mathematics ( <b>no foundation papers can be taken, and at least A-grade must be achieved in both Unit 1 and Unit 2 theory papers</b> )	A in Double Award Science with A in Chemistry component and A in GCSE Mathematics
Mathematics (Route 1)	A in Mathematics (must have sat M4/M8) <b>and</b> C in Further Mathematics	
Physics	At least A grade in Physics <b>and</b> A in Mathematics ( <b>no foundation papers can be taken, and at least A grade must be achieved in both Unit 1 and Unit 2 theory papers</b> )	AA in Double Award Science with A in Physics component and A in GCSE Mathematics.
Biology	At least A grade in Biology ( <b>no foundation papers can be taken, and at least A grade must be achieved in both Unit 1 and Unit 2 theory papers</b> ) . A B grade in Mathematics is essential, but an A grade is desirable	
Psychology		A, B, B from Mathematics, English Language and Science (Chemistry, Physics or Biology or a BB in Double Award Science). Please note that whilst ABB is required, <b>the A grade can be achieved in any of the 3 subjects</b>

A photograph of a building's roof with a central spire and a weather vane. The spire is ornate, with a weather vane on top. The roof is covered in grey shingles. A brick chimney is visible on the left side. The text "COURSE CHOICE INTERVIEWS" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# COURSE CHOICE INTERVIEWS

# Details

- Monday 24th – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Students will attend along with parents/ guardians
- Subject choices and their future
- Required subjects and combinations
- Keeping options open



# Preparation

- Discuss career pathways with the student
- Encourage them to reflect on their skills
- Research careers, university courses and alternative pathways into given careers
- Review the Subject Choices Booklet
- Review the student's Winter report



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# MAKING CHOICES

# Subjects on Offer

## STEM

- Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Digital Technology
- Environmental Technology
- Further Mathematics
- Nutrition and Food Science
- Mathematics

## Social Science

- Business Studies
- Geography
- Economics
- Health and Social Care
- Psychology
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Travel and Tourism



# Subjects on Offer

## Humanities

- English Literature
- Classical Civilisation
- French
- German
- Government and Politics
- History
- Latin
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish

## Creative

- Art and Design
- Drama and Theatre
- Moving Image Arts
- Music



# Sample Subject Combinations

## STEM

- Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics
- Biology, Chemistry and one other
- Physics, Mathematics, Technology and Design or Environmental Tech

## Humanities/Arts

- History/Politics/English/ RE and a Language
- Two languages and one other
- Drama or Music, English Literature, a Language



# Sample Subject Combinations

- Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Economics
- Chemistry Biology and Mathematics
- Health and Social Care, Biology, and Psychology
- History, Economics, Politics
- English Literature, History, Modern Language
- Business Studies, Economics, and Maths



# Restrictions

- If Further Mathematics is chosen, Mathematics must also be chosen along with two other subjects. It is important to note that some universities will not accept Mathematics and Further Mathematics as 2 distinct A Levels.
- Digital Technology must not be chosen with Computer Science.
- It is advisable to take no more than one BTEC subject.



# Advice on making choices

Encourage your child to:

- **Make positive and informed decisions**
- **Consider long term performance** and the realistic chances of success in the subject
- **Be independent** do not rely entirely on others' experiences and opinions on subjects to make their choices
- **Choose the subject**, avoid making decisions on who will be in the class or who will be teaching it





**NEXT STEPS**

# The process

- **Timetabling – any change please see Mr Maltman**
- **Starting Lower 6<sup>th</sup>**





# Form 5 support



# In school

Form and pastoral teams are here to support your child:

- Academic
- Pastoral



# Form and Pastoral Teams

- Head of Middle School – Mrs Bell
- Head of Form – Mrs Callaghan
- Deputy Head of Form – Mr McKee
- Form Tutor – R Devlin / Mrs McGlinchey
- Pastoral Care – Mrs Cooney  
- Mrs Kennedy
- Director of Studies - Mr McReynolds



# Revision support

- Revision Techniques - booklet.
- Mini revision bootcamp - Nov 2024.
- Easter revision bootcamp – April 2025.
- Retrieval booklets - in Tutor Group.
- Departmental support - study skills, drop-in clinics, L6 mentors, lunchtime sessions, subject guidance.
- Learning Support department.
- Study Support.
- Methody Matters.
- Revision timetable.



# Exam Stress

- Inevitable and normal.
- Improves performance.



but...

- Too much leads to anxiety.
- Hinders performance.

# Support

## Home

- Routine
- Regular breaks
- Exercise / self care
- Sleep
- Phones
- Plan

## School

- Pastoral Care
- Form team
- Tooled Up
- Support on offer
- Physical, mental and emotional health



# Homework



M.C.B.

- Homework first ...
- ... then consolidation / revision.
- Advice is approx. 2 hours per night.

# Attendance

- Directly linked to achievement.
- Vital to be in class.
- Tutor group.
- Making most of remaining weeks.



**Thank you**

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# Results Day – 21<sup>st</sup> August

- Students have achieved what is needed
- Students have achieved what is needed but want to change subjects
- Students have missed an entry requirement in one or more subjects
- Students have not met MCB 6<sup>th</sup> Form entry criteria





**Thank you!**

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