



King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny

Post 16 Options Form 2021



Guidance notes

Introduction

This form has been produced to support students who wish to follow a Level 3 options pathways in making an application to our Post 16 provision for next year. Some of you may make a joint application to KHS and to another educational provider, then make a decision later which is right for you.

Level 3 Options Pathways

Students will follow a two year Level 3 Pathway in which they study three or four Level 3 vocational courses or A-levels. We would suggest three AS for students with mainly C and B grades at GSCE (or equivalent), and four AS for those with mainly A and A* grades.

All students will also take the Welsh Baccalaureate (WBQ) at Advanced level. The work completed for the WBQ will lead to an additional Level 3 qualification, the Skills Certificate, equivalent to a full A-level.

Please indicate on the application form your 5 options in order of preference. Be aware that we will try to accommodate as many option choices as possible, but the inclusion of a course is not a guarantee that it will run. We have a duty to make sure that every course we offer is viable, this depends on the total number of students opting. If there is an issue with a combination of options we will discuss this with you and suggest alternatives when an offer to study with us is made.

Maths and English GCSE

We are strongly advising that all students following a level 3 pathway have a C-grade as a minimum in English and Maths. Individual cases of students without one or the other will be considered, subject to interviews with a senior member of staff, and identification of a pathway on which they are likely to be able to achieve success. Re-sit opportunities in Maths and English GCSE will be available for such students.

Recovery Curriculum

We are very aware of the need to recover lost learning we shall do this through:

- ▶ Our Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP):
 - ▶ Provision of master classes where students need support with specific aspects of any course;
 - ▶ Development of on-line resources to support our face to face teaching, allowing for consolidation of current understanding;
 - ▶ Potentially use of weekends and holidays to address skills deficits and consolidate learning.
- ▶ We are currently awaiting further information from Welsh Government on the adaptations which may or may not be made for this year group.

We will continue to work with all our partners in learning to ensure that students achieve the best possible outcomes moving forward.

Level 3 Options Pathways

Consider the courses below and complete the form on the link below. Please state your choices in order of preference.

GCE A-level courses

Art and Design
Biology
Chemistry
English Literature
Further Maths
French
Geography
Government & Politics
History
Law
Maths

GCE A-level courses

Media Studies
Music
Product Design
Physics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Studies
Welsh

BTEC Level 3 Courses

Applied Science
Business Studies
Health and Social Care
Information Technology
Sport

Please click on the link below to make your application.

King Henry VIII Sixth Form Application

<https://bit.ly/39gvBly>

Subject information 2021

<https://bit.ly/3chGFHw>

Yours Sincerely,

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