**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CHANGE THEIR CHOICES**

At Princethorpe College:

* Almost all students will study three subjects at A-level in the Sixth Form. These are your Option Subjects. Most students will also undertake the Extended Project Qualification on a topic of their own choosing (for further information on the EPQ, please see below). Some students may elect to study Core Mathematics or Further Mathematics in place of their EPQ. A small number of students may wish to study a fourth A-level subject; this is something that can be discussed on an individual basis with our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ben Collie.
* In the online survey, you will be asked to:
	+ Indicate whether or not Princethorpe is likely to be the Sixth Form of your choice
	+ choose **THREE** subjects you would like to study **in order of preference** and
	+ choose **ONE** reserve subject which will be taken if the combination of your first three subjects choices does not prove possible
* If the responses to the survey suggest that there is insufficient demand for a subject, then it may not be offered. If that is the case, any student affected by the withdrawal of an option will be contacted.
* Details on all of the subjects, including required GCSE grades, can be found in our Sixth Form Information Booklet. This was given out at the Sixth Form Open Evening and is also available.
* Please note that **Sports BTEC** can now be done either as a **one** A-level equivalent or a **two** A-level equivalent. If you would like to take it as a one A-level equivalent, then select it as one of your choices in the survey. If you would like to take the two A-level equivalent, select it as twoof your main choices in the survey.
* Students who are interested in studying **Further Mathematics** must consult with Karen Bannister, our Head of Mathematics, for approval before choosing. She can be contacted by email at karenbannister@princethorpe.co.uk. If you would like to study Further Mathematics, it is possible to study it either as one of your three Option Subjects or as a fourth Option Subject. Please indicate in the online survey which route you would prefer.
* The **EPQ** is the **Extended Project Qualification**. This is a very highly regarded qualification which counts for half an A-level (slightly more than an AS-level, which is worth 40% of an A-level) and is graded all the way up to A\*. It can be thought of as a mini-PhD in which students can research and write about any subject which interests them. Instead of a dissertation, students may pursue an investigation (an active research project), an artefact (something they can create) or a performance. As such, students can play to both their interests and their strengths. Universities are very keen on the qualification as it demonstrates the independent research and project management skills that they will need at university. Students undertaking EPQs will often receive lower A-level offers to access university courses than those who do not. All EPQ students are trained in research methodology and supported by a mentor.
* **Core Mathematics** is a full AS-level qualification which is taught over six periods per week for the Lower Sixth only. It is designed and recommended for students who have an interest in Mathematics or are taking subjects which include a significant mathematical content (such as the Sciences, Economics or Psychology, for example) and who are NOT taking A-level Mathematics. It allows them to maintain their mathematics in the Sixth Form and also supports them in tackling the mathematical elements in their other subjects. We would recommend that students have at least a grade 6 in the GCSE if they would like to take this course. Please note that choosing Core Mathematics would mean that a student would be very unlikely to be able to take an EPQ.

**Subjects which may be offered** **in September 2018:**

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| * Art
* Biology
* Business Studies
* Chemistry
* Computer Science
* Core Mathematics (AS)
* Drama & Theatre Studies
* DT: Product Design
* DT: Fashion & Textiles
* Economics
 | * English Literature
* English Language & Literature
* French
* Further Mathematics
* Geography
* German
* History
* Latin
* Law
* Mathematics
* Music
 | * Photography
* Physical Education
* Physics
* Politics
* Psychology
* Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics)
* Sociology
* Spanish
* Sports BTEC
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