

+ CHOOSING A LEVELS IN YEAR 12 – ADVICE & GUIDANCE

In March of Year 12, all pupils are required to indicate their preferred pathway post-16. Most pupils choose to return to school to do their A levels or a BTEC, and some will opt to go into Further Education to follow a chosen pathway. Pupils remaining at school select three, or in some cases four, subjects to study to A level, alongside Physical Education and Tutorial (incorporating a range of important topics including Careers, Personal Development, Study Skills, Finance and Budgeting).

Support offered to pupils leading up to A level subject choice decisions:

- Important information covered in Careers Education classes
- Visits to the Careers Suite to access all resources (hard copy & digital access)
- Visits to an ICT Suite to access Careers software and to research careers online
- Designated Careers Week in early February where all pupils will learn of the importance of specific subjects in career pathways in their subject classes and have the opportunity to ask subject-specific questions of their teachers
- Interview Skills Workshop during Year 12 Careers Week
- Presentation to all of Year 12 by Mrs Kelly (Head of Careers) on A level subject choices and career pathways
- A level Information Booklet distributed to all Year 12 pupils with detailed information on all subjects offered, including the nature of assessments
- Information (including booklet) placed on the year 12 Careers Google classrooms to aid decision-making
- Year 12 Parents Information Evening in February/March to inform parents on A levels, alternatives to A levels, subject choice, careers information etc.
- Attendance at local Careers fair organised by Enterprise Causeway at Ulster University, Coleraine, where local universities, apprenticeship providers and employers are represented
- Individual Careers Guidance interviews in early March to select A level choices and to discuss Career plans and aspirations, ensuring the appropriate subjects have been chosen to facilitate these pathways
- Interviews/group sessions with the Careers Service advisor, Department for the Economy

Hyperlinks:

- [Year 12 Careers Presentation](#)
- [Skills in Demand pdf](#)
- [A level Subject Information Booklet](#)