


KS5 Curriculum Changes

Why the need for change?

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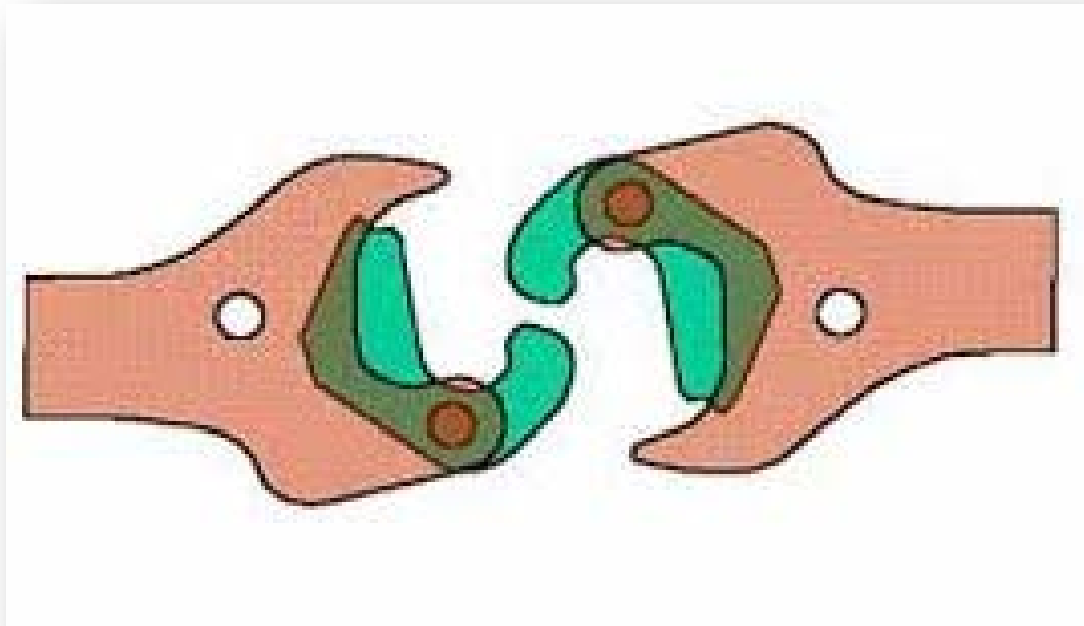


Assessment

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AS Standalone

...marks will not count towards the A Level



UCAS CHANGES

Grade	A-level points	AS-level points	Extended Project Qualification points
A*	56	N/A	28
A	48	20	24
B	40	16	20
C	32	12	16
D	24	8	12
E	16	4	8

<https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/tariff-2017>

What next...?

- From September 2016 students will take...
 - **3 A levels PLUS 1**
 - EPQ (majority)
 - Some students will be permitted to study 4 A Levels where it will advantage them in their university application or future career (ie. Further Maths/Technical Baccalaureate)

ALL COURSES OFFERED ARE SUBJECT TO DEMAND

FAQs?



- **WHAT IS EPQ?**

- Extended Project Qualification
- Independent learning course based around research
- Students can choose any topic that does not just repeat their A levels
- Submission of a 5000 word essay or a 1500 word essay together with a physical product
- Universities and employers hold in high regard because of independent enquiry and is excellent preparation for higher education/apprenticeships

MR SMETHURST
HEAD OF POST 16 ENRICHMENT
EPQ

The EPQ is all about...

- It is a research-driven 5000 word extended essay (or a physical product) that is worked on independently over the course of the year. The skills used in this are those that they would be expected to demonstrate in the next, more independent phase of life, in education and/or in work
- explores further an aspect of a subject(s) being studied
- could be a choice of a topic with a strong personal interest
- could explore an area to be continued at Uni or in work
- could do a project about an issue of concern, perhaps relating to personal life or something in the local area
- Examples: To what extent is animal testing necessary?
 - Does the archaeology of Shefford reflect an economically-thriving settlement?
 - Is time travel possible?
 - Can software be designed to automatically measure the dimensions of window cavities?

What do universities think of the EPQ?

- Top universities (and employers) have been very supportive of the EPQ because:
 - they value the skills it develops
 - in competitive subject areas, a preference will often be given to candidates offering the EPQ and/or a differentiated offer be made.
- **Cambridge University:** ‘The Cambridge Colleges welcome the introduction of the Extended Project ... primarily because of the benefit we recognise in the skills it will develop in learners and the consequent easing of the transition from study in secondary to higher education.’
- **Glasgow University:** ‘The University very much values the Extended Project and its role in preparing students for a successful higher education experience...in highly selective areas preference may be given to students entering from 2010 with A-levels, who also offer the Extended Project for entry.’
- **Warwick University:** ‘Warwick welcomes the development of the Extended Project and we anticipate that this qualification will assist in our assessment of an applicant’s potential to succeed at undergraduate level study.’

FAQs?

- **WHAT IS A TECHNICAL BACCALAUREATE?**
 - The TechBacc is a new work-related programme which helps you develop technical and professional skills (Engineering)
 - Consists of BTEC Engineering, EPQ & Core Maths
 - Group of qualifications

FAQs?



- **WILL BTEC SUBJECTS BE AFFECTED?**
 - All BTECs are 2 year courses
 - Newly reformed BTECs include an exam element (majority 25%)

FAQs?

- **HOW MUCH TIME DOES AN A LEVEL STUDENT GET?**

- 2016

- 12hrs timetabled for each subject in Yr12
(includes 3hrs independent study)

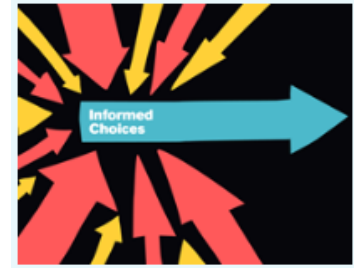
- Students will gain an additional 27hrs of taught time per subject in Year 12 due to no study leave

- No study leave because of linear approach

FAQs?

- **WHO SHOULD TAKE CORE MATHS?**
 - Core maths should be taken to support students taking the TECH BACC
 - (BTEC Engineering, EPQ & Core Maths)
 - One year course only
 - Any students not taking the Tech Bacc but wishing to study core maths please see Mr Saran

FAQ's?



- **MY CHILD WANTS TO GO A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY, HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THIER CHANCES?**
 - No university requires you to have more than 3 A levels for entry
 - Cambridge now will be doing entry examinations
 - Careful selection of two of these are important:
 - English Lit, Maths & Further Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Geography, History, Languages

FAQ's?

- **ARE ALL COURSES RUNNING?**

- We are not offering Accounting next year
- English Language is replaced by English Language and Literature

ALL courses are offered subject to demand

FAQ's?



- **CAN I TAKE RUGBY AND 3 A LEVELS?**
 - YES because you must have a minimum of 3 A levels
 - Rugby has no qualification attached to it

FAQs?



- **WHAT FURTHER SUPPORT CAN I ACCESS?**
 - Form tutor
 - 4YPUK (Careers advice, book online)
 - SLT linked to each Year 11 Form class
 - Sixth form team
 - Universities, employers, apprenticeships

THANK YOU FOR COMING

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