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Dear Parent,

Academic Options at Ellesmere College: Years 11 to 12

I appreciate that it may seem rather early to be asking Year 11 pupils to indicate what they hope to study in September 2018. However it is necessary to gather this information so that work can commence on timetabling. If your daughter/son is undecided about entering Ellesmere Sixth Form, I advise you to submit a subject choice preference form so that we are at least aware of the subject combinations she/he would want to do.

There are two main courses to choose from, A level (which includes BTEC) or IB. Students are to choose three subjects at A level. If unsure, students may start with four and decide which three to continue with by the end of September. The IB involves a selection of six subjects, one from each block.

The final date for the return of the preference form is Friday, 26th January 2018. Please ensure that your son/daughter does not delay returning the form since it is important that their choices influence decisions about subjects and circuits.

Completing the preference form

The completed form should indicate the subjects your son/daughter hopes to study in Year 12. It may be the case that some combinations will not be possible; in such an event they will be informed, re-opting where necessary. Details of each course are set out in the Sixth Form Options Booklet, distributed in the Michaelmas term. Extra copies can be obtained by contacting Reception. If applying to follow the IB course the subject choices are made by selecting one in each column. **Students to note:** if the combination of subjects does not work on the blocks, please indicate your subject preference in the comment box below and the request will be considered.

It is hoped that no pupil will need to retake their Mathematics or English but occasionally some do. Retake classes in Mathematics and English will be scheduled and so considerations of re-takes need not normally limit choice except in so much as ability in English or Mathematics would suggest steering clear of some courses.

If further guidance is required please, in the first instance, contact your son or daughter's Tutor or Housemaster/Housemistress. Mr R Macintosh, Head of Careers, can be contacted if your son or daughter is in need of careers guidance. A comment box is included on the form to request specific guidance, which will be followed up once the form has been received.

Yours sincerely,

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International Baccalaureate Diploma Entry for 2018

Name of student

House(if known) Tutor

Email

(If new to the school please leave Tutor blank but provide email instead)

The following matrix sets out the subjects available for the IB Diploma. Select **ONE subject in each column so that 6 subjects are chosen in total, three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level.**

ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE ENGLISH Lang and Lit IN GROUP 2.

	Group 1 Language/Literature Language (Spanish)	Group 2 COMPULSORY	Group 3 Individuals & Societies	Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts and electives
Higher Level	German	English A Language & Lit	History	Biology	Mathematics	Chemistry
	Spanish or French B		Economics	Physics		Geography
	Spanish Ab Initio					Music
						Theatre Arts
						Visual Arts
Standard Level	German	English A Language & Lit	History	Biology	Mathematics	Chemistry
	Spanish or French B		Economics	Physics	Maths Studies	Geography
	Spanish Ab Initio					Music
						Theatre Arts
						Visual Arts

We offer beginners Spanish - *ab initio* is a beginners' level for students who have not studied the language before.

Registrations after Easter or late returns must choose from the final circuits as published

- **All (except UK students) must study their native language in Group 1 - state your native language if not shown.**
- **UK students will study English in Group 2 so will select their second language in Group 1.**
- **German students should be aware that German Universities do not recognise certain subjects.** You are advised to consult your agent or the universities directly to ensure that the subjects chosen for IB are acceptable to them.

New Entry to Sixth Form – please return this form to Admissions within one week

ELLESMERE COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

Academic Year 2017-2018 A level Circuits September 2018 Provisional Curriculum Blocks – PLEASE refer to letter accompanying this form

Name Email

Students entering the Sixth Form must choose **one** subject from **THREE** of the blocks A –E shown below.

If choosing BTEC Sport please tick in both blocks A + B and one further subject at A level is chosen.

A	B	C	D	E	Extras
BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport	Biology	Business Studies	English	
					Resit
Art & Design	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Geography	GCSE Maths
Computer Science	English	Drama	History	Mathematics	GCSE English
Design Technology	Music	Further Maths	Media Studies	Sociology	EAL / IELTS
Economics	Physical Education	Government & Politics	Physics	Spanish	Support for Learning
		Psychology			

Comment

All students will follow the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in their first year.

The circuits show the combinations that work for students over a number of years. They are provisional and where a combination is not possible you may indicate your preferred choice on the bottom row. The blocks will be reviewed to ascertain if a request can be accommodated, without causing disruption to others. The final blocks for timetabling will be published Easter 2018