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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 2017. 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 three main courses to choose from, A level, 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 27th January 2017. 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 options 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 re-take their Mathematics or English, but occasionally some do. Re-take 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 and/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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SIXTH FORM A LEVEL OPTIONS PREFERENCE FORM 2017

Year 12 Options

For September 2017

Name of pupil _____

House _____ Tutor _____

If new to College please put contact email address: _____

Circle one subject in three different columns. If selecting BTEC Sport you must circle it in both Column A and Column B

A	B	C	D	E
BTEC Sport	BTEC Sport	Business Studies	Biology	Geography
Art	Chemistry	Economics	Business Studies	Physical Education
Drama	Computer Science	English Literature	French	Physics
Geography	Design Technology	Further Maths	Mathematics	Politics
Mathematics	History	Sociology	Media Studies	Spanish
Psychology	Music			

Comment

Current Pupils: Please return this form to your tutor by **27th January 2017**, or before.

New Entry to Sixth Form: please return this form to Admissions within a week of receipt.



International Baccalaureate Diploma Entry for 2017

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. Six subjects are studied to make up the diploma; three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level. Please circle your subject choices, two may be selected in column one, one only in remaining columns, maximum number to select is six subjects. Please indicate which level by ticking the appropriate box at the bottom of each column.

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

	Group 1 Language You may chose two in this block but you may only take 6 subjects in total	Group 2 COMPULSORY	Group 3 Individuals & Societies	Group 4 Experimental Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts and electives
	German (native language speaker)	English A Language & Lit	History	Biology	Mathematics	Chemistry
	Italian (native language Speaker)		Economics	Physics		Geography
	French (native language speaker)					Music
	Other native language:					Theatre Arts
	French B					Visual Arts
	Spanish B					
	Spanish ab initio					
Higher						
Standard						
Studies (Maths only)						

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 students must study their native language in Group One- please tick the appropriate box or if your native language is not shown please indicated in the 'Other' box.
- UK students will study English in Group Two so will select their second language in group one.
- 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.**

Current Students: please return this form to your tutor by Friday 27th January, 2017

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