Year 11
Information Evening
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Academic overview

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Studying at BMS

• We look forward to welcoming you all to our Sixth Form – the vast majority choose to stay at BMS

• Minimum of a B (6) at GCSE in the subjects you want to study

• Based on a minimum of 9 GCSEs

• ALIS* score of 6.0

• Marginally below 6.0 threshold – discussion and negotiation to explore whether a viable course can be built (3 AS levels may be offered as an option)

*ALIS is detailed in the Sixth Form Options booklet and on next slide
How to calculate ALIS

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<th>GCSE Grade</th>
<th>Number achieved of each</th>
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<td><em><em>A</em> (9/8)</em>*</td>
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<td><strong>A (7)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>B (6)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>C (5)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>10</td>
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<td><strong>ALIS Score</strong></td>
<td>10 subjects</td>
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Subject specific entry requirements

- Grade C (5) or better in both English and Mathematics

- Subjects ideally require an A (7) grade (compulsory for Maths), with minimum expectation of a B (6) grade

- Subjects new in the Sixth Form will specify their own entry requirements, detail of which can be found in the Options Booklet

- Further details of the specifications being followed, brief summary of content and the modes of assessment are all in the options booklet, which can be downloaded from the school website, and in the fliers you will receive tonight
**A Level subjects offered**

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<th>Science</th>
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<td>Film Studies</td>
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<td>History</td>
<td>German</td>
<td>English Literature*</td>
<td>Chemistry</td>
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<td>Religious Studies</td>
<td>Classical Civilization</td>
<td>English Language and Literature*</td>
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<th>Mathematics</th>
<th>ADIT</th>
<th>Performance Arts, Music and Sports</th>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Art</td>
<td>Music</td>
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<td>Economics</td>
<td>Further Mathematics</td>
<td>Computer Science</td>
<td>Music Technology</td>
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<td>Philosophy</td>
<td>(counts as 2 options)</td>
<td>DT Design Engineering*</td>
<td>Theatre Studies</td>
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<td>Politics</td>
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<td>DT Product Design*</td>
<td>Physical Education</td>
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*Students may only select either, but not both subjects within a faculty*
Examinations

- Students sit exams at the end of Year 12
- Most students will then drop one subject and continue with three to A level
- Some students may continue all four – for example if doing Further Maths
- Others may pick up a new AS in Year 13 or an extended project
Making Your Subject Choices
29 Subjects with totally free choice
Options

The Sixth Form Options booklet and this presentation are available as a download on the BMS Website.

It is important to think about subject combinations which play to both your strengths and aspirations.
Subject Choice

How do I choose?

Options open

Advice from Head of Careers

Favourites

Driven by career or University requirements

Balance

Strengths
Subject Choice
How not to choose

- Favourite teacher
- ‘Easy option’
- New subject optimism
- Staff pressure
- Parental pressure
- Peer pressure
The importance of good GCSE results

- To get into Sixth Form
- To study the A Levels of your choice
- To receive offers at top universities
- Other post-18 opportunities including Apprenticeships e.g. KPMG
Timetable for Choices

• Provisional choices made after this evening and Year 11 Information Day Wednesday 2 November 2016

• Confirmed choices after Trial Examinations and Parents’ Evenings in February 2017

• Final confirmation on GCSE Results Day – Thursday 24 August 2017
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<td>Transition Interviews begin for Y11s</td>
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<td>29 September</td>
<td>Y11 Information Evening</td>
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<td>2 November</td>
<td>Information Day: Information sessions for AS subjects periods 1 - 4</td>
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<td>Transition forms to be returned</td>
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<td>5 – 12 January</td>
<td>Year 11 Trial Exams</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>Final AS options choice letters distributed to Year 11 along with Trial Exam results.</td>
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<td>Year 11 Parents’ Consultation Evenings</td>
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<td>26 June/27 June</td>
<td>Move Up Days</td>
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<td>Y11 GCSE results</td>
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<td>05 September</td>
<td>Y12 Induction Day</td>
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<td>06 September</td>
<td>Start of term</td>
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Welcome to our Sixth Form

- Outstanding A Level results and first choice University places
- Top Co-educational School in Eastern Region
- 52% A*- A and 96% A* - C
- Average student gained ABB
- Continuity of care
- Individual support
- Sixth Form is a ‘fresh-start’
Sixth Form Ethos and Culture

- Supportive academic environment with Learning Mentors
- Flexible curriculum, 29 subjects and innumerable options
- Leadership opportunities
- Rights and responsibilities of being a student
Sixth Form Ethos and Culture

- Work smarter to play harder
- Recognition of growing independence
- Freedom of movement
- Business dress code
- Academic Support Department
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The Transition process in Year 11

- Led by Ms Christina Webb supported by Miss Sharon Burns
- Designed to guide and advise students to make informed choices
- Mentoring to help focus on individual goals
- Ensure option choices suit future aspirations
- Accessing information on alternative pathways
- Transition is designed to help all students
The Transition process in Year 11

• Information Day – 2 November

• Provisional option choices – 21 November

• Supported by Transition interview – September to March

• Trial examinations – 5 – 12 January inclusive

• Results day – Thursday 24 August

• Further check of option choices in light of GCSE Results
Good Luck with your GCSEs!