

# Turton School transition from KS4 into KS5

## Choosing A level subjects

The most important criteria for choosing A levels subjects are:

1. Looking at what you are likely to enjoy and be good at. If you enjoy a subject or have an ability in it already, you are more likely to do well.
2. Are there any particular subjects and/or grades you may need? If you have a particular career, job, or further study in mind, you may need to choose specific A-Levels in order to meet entry requirements.
3. How open you want to keep your future study and career choices?

## Subject considerations

Below are subject combinations which complement each other well. More information will be given about these over the course of the 2 years.

Medicine	Humanities	Arts	Maths	Technology	Social Sciences
Biology Chemistry Physics Maths	History Geography RE Government and Politics English Languages	English Drama Fine Art Graphics Photography Languages	Maths Further Maths Maths Physics Computer Science Economics Business Studies	Product Design Textiles Graphics Computer Science	Psychology Sociology Government and Politics Economics Business Studies

## Applying to Turton Sixth Form (important dates)

### Year 10

September – December: Information on the Sixth Form and higher education.

January – April: Each form will have the opportunity to see the Sixth Form and take to the Sixth Form team about their choices and linking to careers.

July: Taster Day to experience A-Level lessons.

### Year 11

September – October: Students complete an application in form time, each form will have a member of the Sixth Form team for guidance and support.

November – January: Students are interviewed by a member of staff about subject choices and how they link to potential plans post 18.

August: Results day and second interview to either confirm subject choices or make changes as needed before starting Y12 in September.

## **Guidance for subject choices at A-Level and where they can lead**

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk> – Informed choices is based on the 24 Russell Group (a group of the leading UK universities)

Click on: 'I don't know what degree I want to study.' This will walk you through the different course types then allows you to pick A-Level subjects, from these it gives you potential university courses.

You can download these for use later or click on the degrees to get more information and look at which universities offer these courses.

This will take you to UCAS (you will use this in Y12 to apply to university) where you can look at entry requirements, employment and related courses.

Or click on 'I know what degree I want to study.' You can click on a degree and it will show you which A-Level subjects are essential. This will take you to the university page where you can find out the context of the university and search for more details on courses you are interested in.

## **What you can do after A levels**

- Here is a great place to start looking - <https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options>
- Continue on to university - A levels are the most common qualifications studied to get into higher education.
- Keep your options open if you're unsure about what you want to do in the future.
- Look for employment – they're valued by employers because they show a good level of education.
- Go on to vocational or work-based qualifications, such as a higher apprenticeships.