Key factors in choosing A Levels

Choose subjects you love. You'll be spending a lot of time on them!

Look carefully at the syllabuses. Ask yourself (and your teachers) how the A Level is similar or different from the courses that you're taking now; are those differences appealing?

Be pragmatic. Discuss proposed combinations with your tutor and the Professional Guidance team to make sure you're not cutting off routes you might want to take in the future.

If you're thinking of taking a new subject, make sure you investigate the nature of the course really closely. Attend taster sessions and look at the syllabus carefully. It's much better to be able to commit whole-heartedly from the outset, rather than feeling that you're just trying something out.

What combinations can I do?

Here are the provisional columns from which you can choose your A Level programme:

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Let us know if your ideal combination doesn't work and we will try to help you.

See our separate Enrichment Programme brochure for more detail on Enrichment courses. More in-depth information about our courses can be found on the Bedales website:

www.bedales.org.uk
These ‘tweet’ length descriptions from our Heads of Department may whet your appetite.

**Art**
Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, animation, film, life drawing, conceptual, contextual and critical thinking, art history, architecture, multi-media... The gateway to a creative career via A Levels and Art College.

**Biology**
Discover what life's all about! Genes, brains, disease, biodiversity and much more.

**Business**
Entrepreneur? Interested in why Amazon and Apple are so successful? Or marketing, motivation or leadership? Business gives you the tools to understand the modern global economy.

**Chemistry**
How can we synthesise new pharmaceuticals, or explain where colour comes from? Chemistry is about using the materials around us to solve the problems that we face in society.

**Latin**
Enter the mindset of a culture that aimed to rule the world and left its mark on law, politics, literature, and art. Taste the heritage with some of the greatest writers the world has ever known!

**Classical Greek**
Logic, democracy, aesthetics. Razor-sharp language and impeccable taste. Society and thought that shaped our world and set the standard for literature and art.

**Classical Civilisation**
Great stories. Heroes. Conflict. Moral reflection. Can politics really make a difference? Classical Civilisation holds up ancient societies as a mirror to our modern world.

**Dance**

**Design (Product)**
Change the world? Improve people's lives? Every part of everything that is manmade has been designed. Could you do it better? Choose Product Design.

**Design (Fashion)**
Choose challenge, individualism, originality and innovation, industry, culture, history and the future. Choose Fashion!

**Drama and Theatre Studies**

**Economics**
From Brexit to inequality, from globalisation to risk aversion, from labour markets to failing markets. Economics explores the decisions people make and why they make them.

**English Literature**
“I will fly to thee on the wings of poesy” (Keats). Explore the power and transcendence of language. Hone your rhetoric, flex your minds and ask what it means to be human.

**Extended Project**
Something you are interested in beyond the A Level curriculum? 60% of an A Level, an EPQ is your own original research project. Universities love them.

**Geography**

**Government and Politics**

**History**
More than “one damn thing after another”; people living, arguing, campaigning and dying for change. Radical newspapers to Russian History via South Africa and Mrs Thatcher.

**Mathematics**
Big data, robotics and AI are revolutionising our lives. Maths will help you develop the analytical, research and problem-solving skills required for exciting future career opportunities.

**Further Mathematics**
Is 42 the answer to life, the universe and everything? Maybe not, but Further Maths looks at infinity, imaginary numbers and matrices to help make sense of real world problems.

**Modern Languages**
French, German, Spanish. Enhance your job prospects. Win overseas postings. Discover new dimensions through another language, its culture, literature and films.

**Music (Pre-U)**
Play to your strengths and get the best marks whilst enjoying your craft. Lots of choice. Great for enthusiasts or those considering music at university or conservatoire.

**Physics**
From quarks to quasars the universe reveals its mysteries and patterns through the power of Physics. Problem solving can be fun, no challenge too big or small.

**Psychology**
Be astounded at how every behaviour is a complicated merger of biochemicals, genes, peer-influence, brain structure, past experience and cognition. The science of the mind.

**Religious Studies**
Is the world as it seems? Did the universe ‘begin’? Do consequences or intentions make an action wrong? Can we reach enlightenment? Philosophy, Buddhist Thought & Ethics.