



Sixth Form Information Evening

Friday 4th October 2024



A Sixth Form to be proud of...

A team of supportive and dedicated teachers, plus additional academic provisions to help you to achieve the best that is possible;

Strong enrichment opportunities: EPQ / MBA / MAPP / Public Speaking LAMDA qualification and the Bloxham Sustainability Challenge;

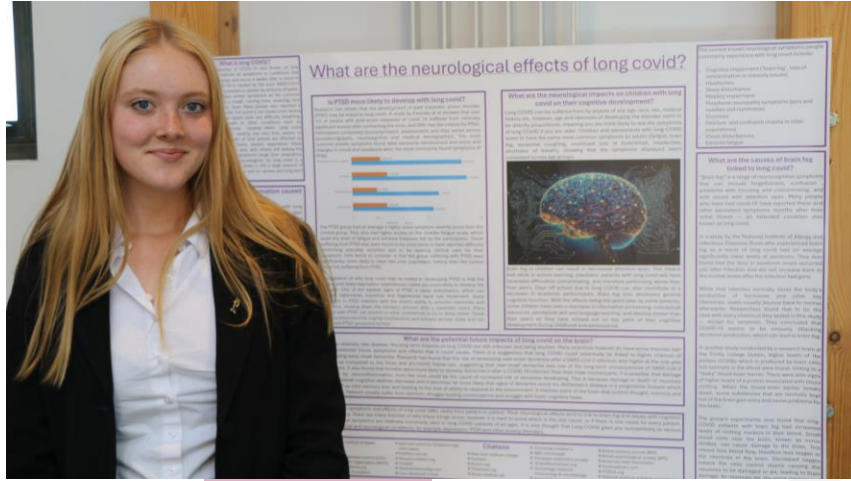
Sixth Form Lecture Series;

Your Sixth Form Tutor;

White Lion Sixth Form Centre;

Getting you ready to be proud of the next steps that you take beyond school.





Transition from Fifth Form to Sixth Form

Fifth Form

- Prep is independent
- Every period full
- Do the work that is set

Lower Sixth

- Prep is independent
- Study periods
- Expectations change

Upper Sixth

- Independent learners
- Self-organised
- Self-motivated

Challenge, Leadership & Service

- Leadership skills fostered lower down the school are realised via the senior student body through the:
 - School Prefect Team
 - House Captains
 - School Council / Sixth Form Council Representatives
 - Gold DofE
- Strong service programme at Bloxham School:
 - Bloxham Sustainability Project
 - Primary School Mentors
 - Banbury Foodbank
 - Coaching course with accredited qualification
 - Charities Committee
 - TEFL
 - Lifeguarding
 - Working with the elderly



Sixth Form Academic Curriculum

- Students will be taking A-level and/or BTEC / CTEC courses (Business, Sport and Hospitality*).
- Most students will study **three post-16 subjects** plus an **enrichment option** to broaden the curriculum (Extended Project Qualification / Mini MBA / Mini MAPP / Sustainability Challenge / LAMDA public speaking).
- All Sixth Form students participate in community service, sport and the broader curriculum programme
- **It is vital to get the right students on the right courses.**

A-levels

- **A-level courses.**

- Mix of Examination boards used (AQA, Edexcel, OCR, CIE, WJEC / Eduqas)
 - Most are two-year linear courses with end-of-course assessments covering knowledge and understanding.
 - Some subjects have coursework elements. The Sixth Form Curriculum booklet has these details.
 - CIE courses are split AS / A2 with examinations at the end of both L6th and U6th years.
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- At A-level more exam questions require extended answers and explanation of understanding. Differential is often the ability to evaluate i.e. fully understand rather than learn by rote (a big step up from GCSE).
 - Increasing importance of academic skills e.g. researching, essay-writing and referencing, and wider skills e.g. problem solving, analysis and critical thinking.

Sixth Form Academic Curriculum

- Art & Design
- Biology
- BTEC Hospitality
- BTEC Sport
- Business
- CTEC Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Government & Politics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Photography (Art & Design)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Textiles (Art & Design)
- Religion, Philosophy, Ethics

Entry Into The Sixth Form

- We would normally expect students to achieve **a minimum of six GCSEs, including **maths and English**, at grades 9 to 5.**
- Students should achieve a **grade 6 (good B grade pass)** or above in those subjects they wish to take at A-level.
- This should be a **grade 7 if studying mathematics or the sciences.**
- Some subjects now contain a considerable level of mathematics and students may well be recommended that a GCSE grade 6 is strongly advisable.
- For subjects with no associated GCSE, the grades achieved in other subjects will be taken into consideration.
- Entry onto Post-16 courses is subject to GCSE grades and the discretion of the Deputy Head (Curriculum) and Headmaster.



The Fifth Form Experience

How is my child currently doing?

Assessment Grades Reports (half-termly)

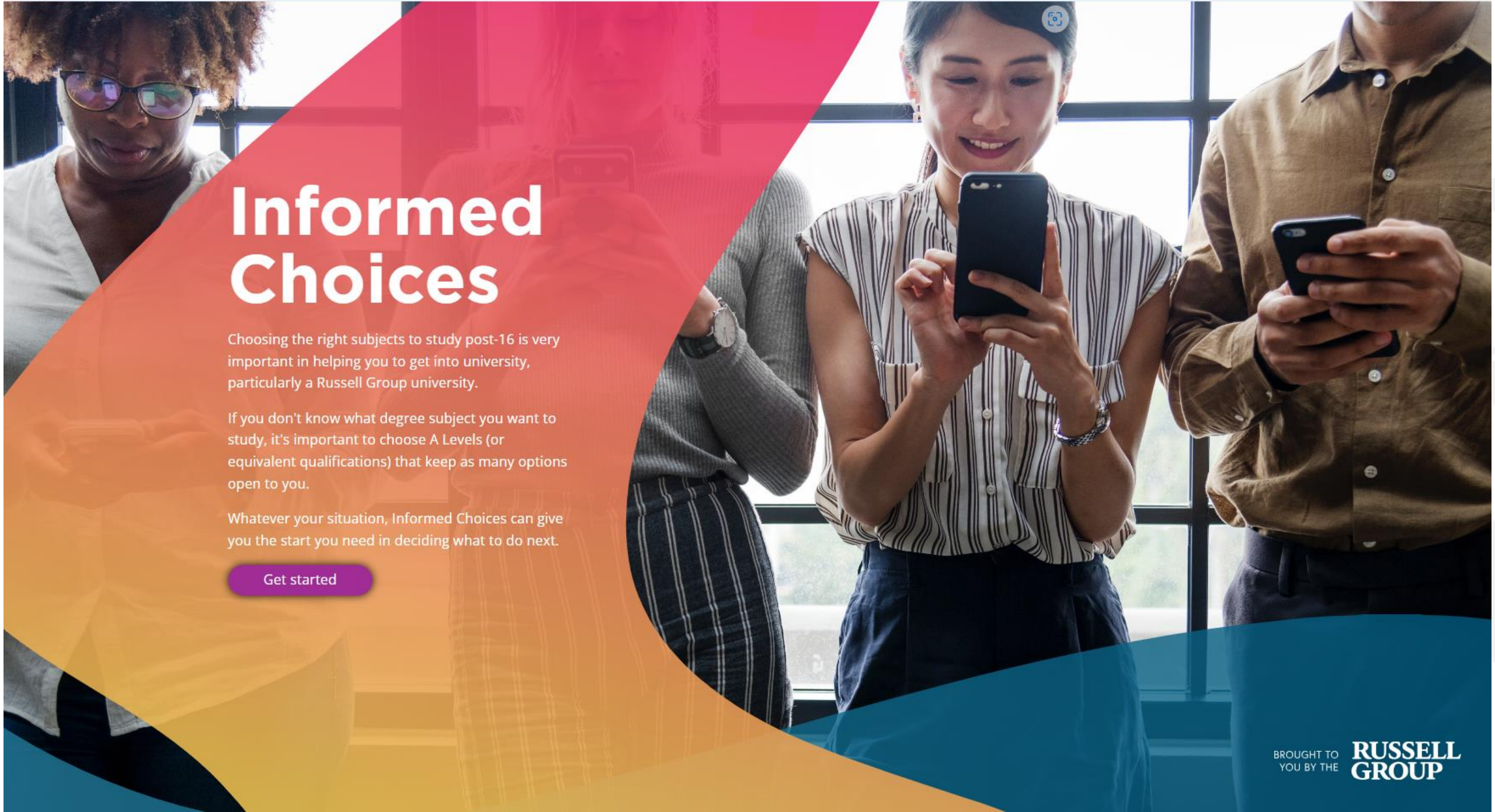
1. Target Grade – From MidYis baseline testing + a challenge factor.
2. Currently Working Towards
3. Attitude to Learning (AtL)

November Trial Examinations 1.
Parents' Evening (Friday 22nd November)



Higher Education Institutes

- Vast majority require three good A-levels or equivalent.
(Over 25% of all entries in 2024 were based on at least one vocational qualification)
- Are looking for breadth of curriculum.
- Will be making offers based on GCSE results and/or predicted A-level / post-16 grades.
- Vital to look at HE course requirements before starting post-16 courses
- Russell Group – has now ditched “facilitating subjects” in favour of its website *Informed Choices* [Informed Choices | Informed Choices](#)



Informed Choices

Choosing the right subjects to study post-16 is very important in helping you to get into university, particularly a Russell Group university.

If you don't know what degree subject you want to study, it's important to choose A Levels (or equivalent qualifications) that keep as many options open to you.

Whatever your situation, Informed Choices can give you the start you need in deciding what to do next.

[Get started](#)

Highly competitive courses

- Preparing for the long game.
- AGT identification and support programme. Including 16+ scholarships (academic, art, sports, DT, Music and Drama).
- Competitive course programme (BMAT, UCAT, LNAT, CAT, HAT, MAT, PAT etc).
- Work experience.
- Early applications (UCAS deadline U6th 15th October).
- Eunoia lecture programme.

Which 16+ scholarships are available?

Academic

Art

Sport

DT

Music

Drama



Requirements and Expectations

Eunoia
Society

Extra
curricular
activities

EPO

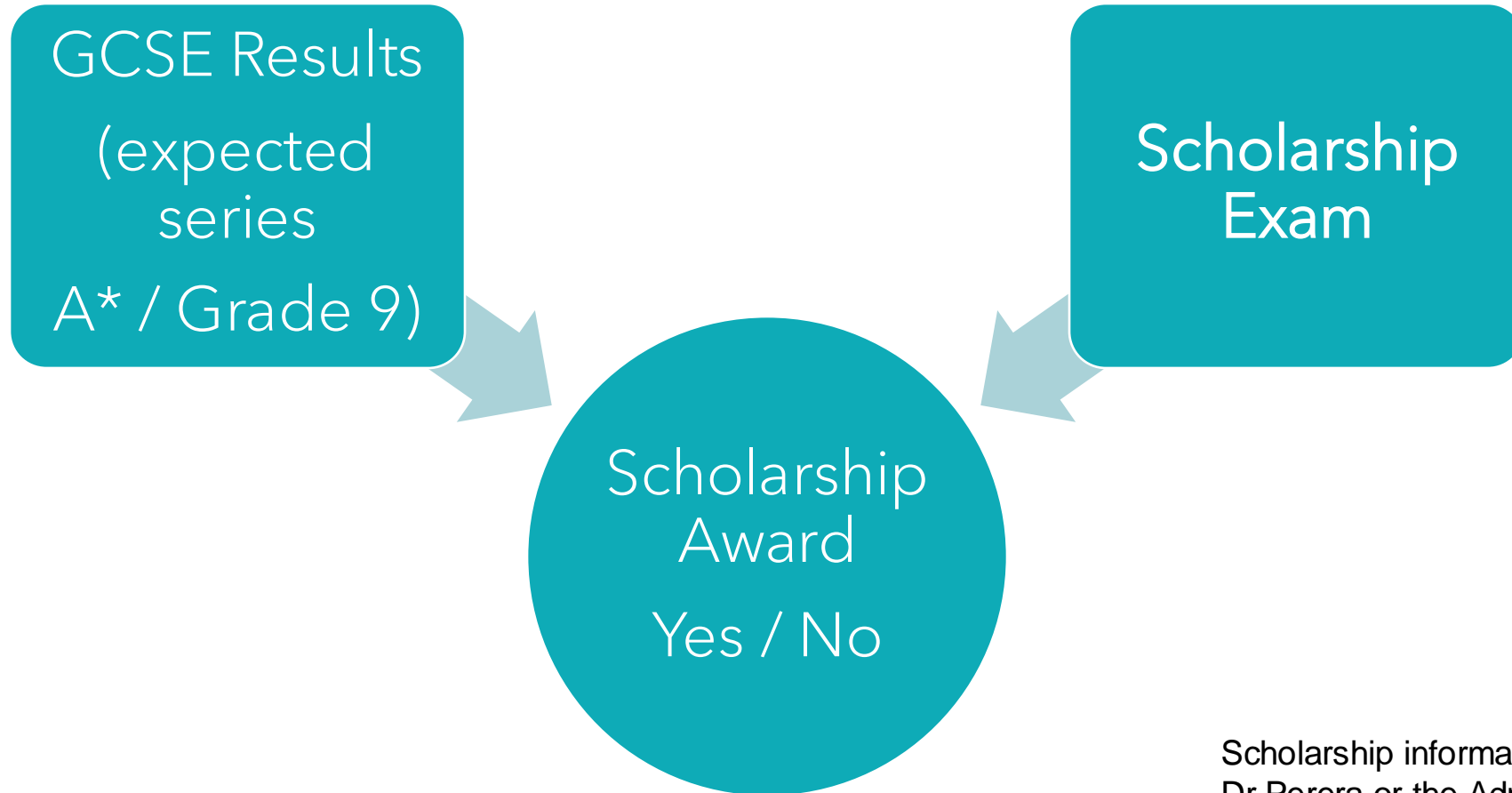
Demonstrate intellectual
curiosity

Ambitious

High Academic Potential
(Series A* / Grade 9 GCSEs)

Oxford / Cambridge / Competitive courses

Award of Scholarships



Scholarship information is available from
Dr Perera or the Admissions Team

The Decision Making Process

Sixth Form Information Evening

- ✓ Information gathering:
- ✓ Subject presentations by Heads of Department / current Sixth Form students
- ✓ Careers advisor available
- ✓ Senior staff available



The Decision Making Process

Michaelmas Term 2024

- **Wednesday 9th October**
Students undertake an **online Morrisby psychometric test** followed by careers guidance (one-to-one) meetings with Mrs Bilotti (through Michaelmas term).
- **Thursday 7th November – Wednesday 13th November - Trial Examinations**
- **Individual student interviews with a member of the Senior Leadership Team**
- **Friday 22nd November, 3:45pm** - Fifth Form Parents' Evening
- **Advice and discussions** with tutors / subject teachers / school staff
- **Individual careers interviews** – with Mrs Bilotti - by appointment
- **Friday 6th December - Provisional post-16 subject choices**

The Decision Making Process

Lent Term 2025

- **January - School creates option blocks in response to provisional choice**
 - The school will create a best-fit model (not all permutations and combinations will be possible and set sizes must be viable)
- **Jan/Feb 2025 - Second round of option choices (Jan / Feb 2025)**
 - Ongoing discussions between parents / students and school
 - Individual student interviews with Senior Leadership Team (where required)

Summer Term 2025

- **Results day - Thursday 21st August**

An Education for Life

- Careers provision that follows the CEAlG Framework & Gatsby Benchmarks
- Careers support in the Sixth Form aims to:
 - ✓ help students make well-informed choices about their future studies and working lives including the opportunity to attend the bi -annual careers fair, and the apprenticeship conference in alternate years
 - ✓ provide opportunities for students to understand and develop their competencies, aspirations and options through a variety of ways
 - ✓ maintain and develop links with a wide range of organisations providing opportunities for students
 - ✓ deliver a bespoke service (tailored to the individual needs and circumstances of the student)
 - ✓ facilitate lifelong careers-based opportunities through the Old Bloxhamist (OB) Network

Tonight's programme

19:00	Art Art Block	Biol GH7	Chem GH2	DT GH6	Econ GH5	Eng GH3	Hosp GH	Maths VLR	Music GH11	Psy WL1	Pol GH1	Tex WL2	Religion, Phil, Eth GH9	WL SFC
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20:00	Biol GH3	Bus + CTEC GH	Chem GH2	Drama GH6	Geog VLR	Hist GH1	Maths GH5	PE + BTEC GH10	Photo Art Block	Phys GH7	Psy WL1	Span GH9		WL SFC
20:20	Bus + CTEC GH	Comp GH2	Drama GH6	Fre GH9	Geog VLR	Hist GH1	PE + BTEC GH10	Photo Art Block	Phys GH7					WL SFC
20:40	Bus + CTEC GH	Comp GH2	Drama GH6	Fre GH9	Geog VLR	Hist GH1	Photo Art Block	Phys GH7						WL SFC
21:00	Finish													

Students should plan to attend 5 subject presentations and 1 tour of the White Lion Sixth Form Centre
Careful consideration needs to be taken as to when presentations are.

Not all subjects are available in all time slots. However, most permutations are possible.

