



February 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

In order to facilitate planning for next year's Sixth Form Curriculum your son/daughter is being asked to select, provisionally his/her subjects for next year.

It is important to emphasise that pupils require 14 points (where A* = 4; A = 3; B = 2; C* = 1.5, C = 1) to return to the Sixth Form. In addition, students with 23 or more points may take 4 AS levels and those with 30 points or more are expected to do so.

Pupils who opt to study the **BTEC Diploma** in Physical Education who do attain GCSE 12 or 13 points may still be considered for entry. Please contact the school directly once results are published.

Each individual AS / BTEC subject will have specific subject criteria, this information has been published on the school website <http://www.wallacehigh.org/about/academic/>

Irrespective of the number of AS subjects eventually taken, we are asking the pupils to choose provisionally four subjects at this stage. A decision on whether three or four AS levels will be taken (and if appropriate, which three from the four selected) will be made during our Sixth Form Intake following the issue of GCSE results in August.

Accelerated Mathematics

This year pupils will have the option of studying 'Accelerated Mathematics' in Block B. This is the full CCEA A-level studied during one year of study (Year 13). Pupils in this class will have the option of studying Further Mathematics in Year 14. Pupils opting for this option must be taking three other AS subjects.

Physical Education BTEC

In September 2019 Physical Education BTEC replaced the current A-level in PE. Pupils have the choice of Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-level) in Block A or Diploma Award (equivalent to two A-levels) by choosing PE in Block A&C.

Further information on both awards is available from the appropriate Head of Department. Mr S Alexander (Head of Mathematics), Mr N Hinds (Head of Physical Education).

Appendix 1 outlines some of the issues concerning subject choice itself and consideration of these will be useful when choosing subject combinations.

A Sixth Form Prospectus and Career Guidance material is available on the school website:
<http://www.wallacehigh.org/about/academic/>

You and your son /daughter are invited to attend a **Subject Choice Meeting** on **10th March** when you and your son/daughter will have the opportunity to finalise choices in consultation with a member of the Careers Department. In addition, your child should complete the attached Careers self-awareness template before the interview in March and the completed form should be brought along to the meeting.

Class	Arrive
12U	3pm
12V	3.30pm
12W	4pm
12X	4.30pm
12Y	5pm
12Z	5.30pm

If you are unable to come at the time indicated I would be very grateful if you could email the school at school@wallacehigh.net so that alternative arrangements may be made. It is anticipated that most interviews will take ten minutes. We would ask that each pupil completes the following careers questionnaire prior to the interview
<https://forms.gle/hw3XbFnGcRHHpqtS6>

Subject choices made at this time form the basis of staffing and timetabling decisions. Consequently, only limited changes to these will be possible in August and although we would like to be as accommodating as possible, no change can be guaranteed.

Yours sincerely

D Cleland
Vice Principal

Name: Class set:

A	B	C	D
Biology Computing /SSD English Literature French Digital Technology Mathematics PE (Extended Cert.)* Religious Studies	Accelerated Maths Biology Economics Geography German History Mathematics Moving Image Arts	Art Biology Chemistry English Literature Nutrition & Food Science Politics Technology Music PE (Diploma)**	Business Studies Chemistry Geography History Digital Technology Physics Spanish Health & Social Care

* BTEC Extended Certificate (equivalent to a single A-level)

**BTEC Diploma (equivalent to two A-levels). Pupils must also select the Extended Certificate PE in block A.

Please enter your choice of **four** subjects (one from each option block) in the appropriate spaces below.

A	B	C	D
Second Choice Should a first-choice subject be over / under subscribed			

NOTE:

- If you are uncertain about returning to Wallace High School in September 2020 you still need to complete the options.
- If you are **sure** you are not returning write 'not returning' across the boxes and return the sheet as normal.
- If you think that you most **probably** will only take three AS subjects please circle the subject you are least likely to select – this information is useful for timetable planning.
- If a subject is oversubscribed pupils with a higher UMS score at GCSE will have priority.

SIGNATURE:

Parent/Guardian

Appendix 1

- For a subject to be taken at AS/A2 there are subject-specific requirements as outlined in the accompanying Sixth Form Prospectus.
- All AS subjects provided will be available as an A2 level in Upper Sixth.
- Choose **three or four** subjects, one from each option block, from the option boxes provided. No more than **one** subject can be selected from each option box.
- It is important to note that where applicable, pupils intending to take an AS level science subject must achieve at least a minimum mark in the appropriate science component of GCSE Double Award Science – see prospectus for specific details.
- Although pupils can select three or four AS levels in Year 13, **most** pupils (except those studying Accelerated Maths) will only take three A2 subjects in Upper Sixth, irrespective of whether three or four AS subjects were studied. However, it is possible for pupils to continue with all four AS subjects into A2 level in Upper Sixth.
- The **subject choice meeting on 10th March** will give pupils and parents / guardians an opportunity to discuss the career implications of choices. Please bring the completed pro-forma showing choices made along to that meeting.
- If the number of pupils opting to take a particular subject at AS level is very low, the school reserves the right to withdraw the offer.