

Proposed Year 12 Option Blocks 2021-2023

Students can select a **maximum of one subject** from each option block. Three A level / Level 3 courses are chosen as your core curriculum which form the main part of your 6th form programme of study alongside the **mandatory Extended Project Qualification**. All students following a Level 3 pathway will undertake the Level 3 EPQ between January of Year 12 and December of Year 13 when final assessment will take place.

(A) – indicates this is an A Level course – A levels are a 2 year programme with linear assessment

(B) – indicates this is an applied BTEC /CTEC/WJEC course at Level 3 with A level equivalence for University applications. These also include a proportion of external exams and coursework as explained by the individual subject staff and are designed as a linear 2 year programme

| | Option A | Option B | Option C | Option D | Option E |
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| Level 3 Courses + EPQ | English Literature (A) | Art / Art Textiles (A) | Maths (A) ① | Chemistry (A) | Biology (A) |
| | Geography (A) | Business Studies (A) | Sociology (A) | Photography (A) | History (A) |
| | Spanish (A) | Physics (A) ① | Applied Science (B) | Religious Studies (A) | Product Design (A) |
| | Psychology (B) | Business (B) | Media (B) (or choose in option D) | Media (B) (or choose in option C) | Criminology (B) |
| | Travel and Tourism (B) | | Drama (B) | Sport (B) | Information Technology (B) |
| | | | | Health and Social Care (B) | |

EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Students must choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea and decide on their finished product. The EPQ is a fantastic opportunity to experience university-style study and expand your knowledge in an area of interest. It also teaches you some great skills that will be applicable at university as well as in the workplace and beyond, such as self-discipline and independent research.

We encourage creativity and curiosity. A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme, but should look beyond the specification. A finished product may take the form of a:

- Research based written report; production (eg charity event, fashion show or sports event etc); an artefact (eg piece of art, a computer game or realised design).

The EPQ attracts UCAS Tariff points.

- Feedback from Universities suggests that the skills that students develop as part of the EPQ are highly valued; Some Universities adjust their standard offer for certain courses to include the EPQ; Others use EPQ results in Confirmation and Clearing to distinguish between students who have the same A level / BTEC results.; A number of universities and colleges encourage applicants to refer to their project in the personal statement and interviews.

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| Level 2 Foundation Year | This is a one year course to ensure you become Level 3 ready and progress on to Level 3 courses once successfully completed See Miss Corlett/Mr Smith in Enterprise for full information about the foundation course |
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The course below is outside of the option blocks (please indicate an interest in studying this subject on your application form):

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| Level 3 Core Maths | This is designed for students who achieve a grade 9 to 4 in GCSE Mathematics, but who choose not to continue with AS or A level Mathematics . It supports student progression by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing them for the mathematics requirements of a number of higher education courses • developing their understanding and ability to apply mathematics |
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Please note:

- The option blocks and subjects offered outlined overleaf are subject to change based on interest from students and on the availability of staffing. If insufficient student interest is shown then courses may not run. Students are informed at the earliest opportunity if this is the case following all applications and interviews having been completed.
- Final option blocks will be confirmed in the summer of 2020 after final interviews have taken place.
- The option blocks have been designed to allow students to access the more frequently chosen combinations of course that students have chosen over recent years at LCA. However it is not possible to offer every combination of subject.
- In addition to the options overleaf, **Level 2 English/Maths is mandatory for all students** who still need to attain these qualifications and will be timetabled accordingly outside of these blocks

① - Students picking A Level Physics must also choose A Level Maths in Option C