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Year 12

Post-GCSE Choices

Presentation

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Agenda:



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1. Researching Careers & Current Trends
2. Options After GCSE
3. Subjects on offer
 - a. Link Courses
 - b. Subject Requirements for particular careers/courses
4. Completing the Provisional Choices form
5. Questions

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Section 1:

- Researching Careers & Current Trends



Careers Research

Refer to the Helpsheet

Year 12 Career Planning Helpsheet

If you are...

When looking up courses ask Questions such as:

- Do I need to go to college or university to become this?
- What subjects are essential?
- What grades are necessary to get into this course at College or Uni?
- Are there alternative ways to get into this course / career?
- Are apprenticeships available in this career path?
- What skills are mentioned as important? Do I have those yet?
- How could I improve those skills? What activities could I try?

➤ Alternatively, **contact someone already working in the sector** and ask them about their job. Most people will be happy to tell you the positive and negative aspects of their job.

➤ Think about the ways you can **acquire new skills** and develop those that you already have. There are so many extra-curricular school activities that provide excellent opportunities for you to develop vital transferable skills like teamwork, ICT skills, communication etc. You could consider taking up a new activity in the next few years to develop your skills.

➤ **Future Learn:** www.futurelearn.com

As work experience over the next few years may be more challenging due to limited access to businesses, it will be useful for you to gain experiences in other ways.

Future Learn is a website specialising in online courses which anyone can take part in. Many of them are free and could offer insights into a career or university course.

Completing some of the courses may also look good on your CV or University or college application.

➤ **Virtual work experience:** www.careersandstuff.com

There are lots of opportunities posted on this website - a great alternative to face to face experiences.

Go to **My School**, select **My apps** and **Xello**.

Login using your **c2ken login** and **password**.

Complete the Matchmaker quiz in About me to find a range of jobs which may suit your skills.

You can also complete the other tasks in About Me.

Careers Research **XELLO**

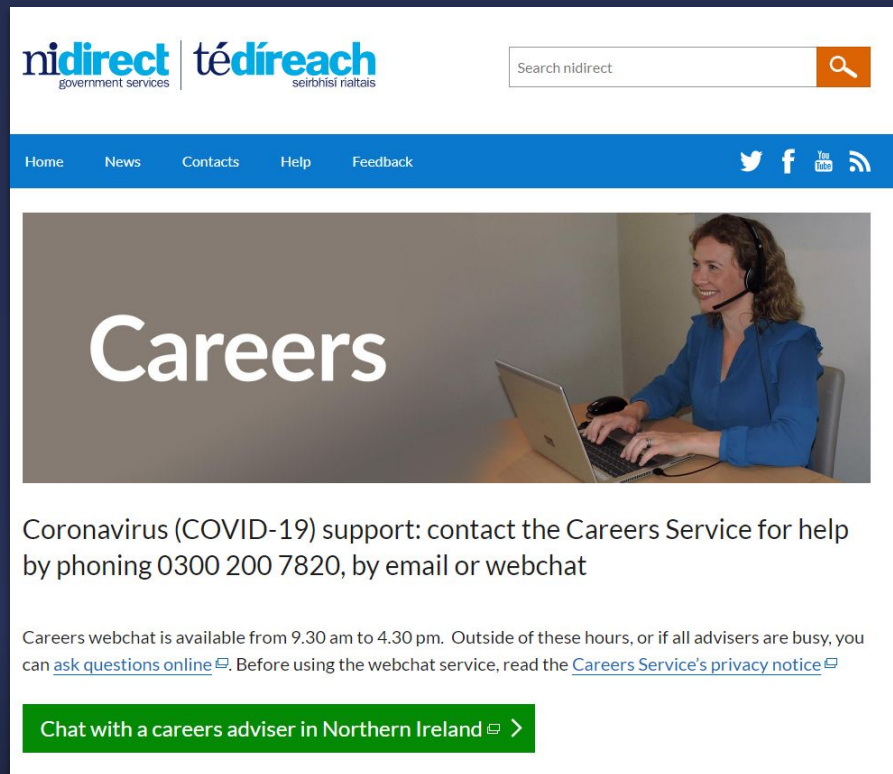


Careers Research

NI Government Website **www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers**

providing comprehensive information in video and written form and numerous links to sites for further support.

Option to chat with a careers advisor in NI.



The screenshot shows the top section of the NI Government Website's careers page. At the top, there are logos for 'nidirect' (government services) and 'té díreach' (seirbhísí riailtais). To the right is a search bar labeled 'Search nidirect' with an orange magnifying glass icon. Below the logos is a blue navigation bar with links: Home, News, Contacts, Help, and Feedback. On the right side of this bar are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and RSS. The main content area features a large banner image of a woman in a blue shirt working on a laptop, with the word 'Careers' in large white text overlaid. Below the banner, there is a text block about Coronavirus (COVID-19) support, followed by a paragraph about the webchat service's availability and links to 'ask questions online' and the 'Careers Service's privacy notice'. At the bottom, there is a green button with the text 'Chat with a careers adviser in Northern Ireland' and a right-pointing arrow.

nidirect | **té díreach**
government services | seirbhísí riailtais

Search nidirect

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Careers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) support: contact the Careers Service for help by phoning 0300 200 7820, by email or webchat

Careers webchat is available from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. Outside of these hours, or if all advisers are busy, you can [ask questions online](#). Before using the webchat service, read the [Careers Service's privacy notice](#).

Chat with a careers adviser in Northern Ireland >

Careers Research

www.successatschool.org/advice/subjects

The careers Paths / explore career zones section of this website is useful for information about different career areas.

The screenshot shows the 'Success at School' website's 'Advice' section, specifically the 'Subjects' page. The website's logo is at the top left, with the tagline 'choose your next steps'. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Career Paths, Advice (which is highlighted), Employers, Universities, Jobs & Courses, and Forums. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Advice > Subjects'. The main content area is titled 'Subjects' and features a list of subject-related posts. The first post is titled 'Where can a religious studies A-level take me?' and includes a star icon and a '0 like' count. The second post is titled 'Subject Guide: Art & Design' and includes a star icon and an '8 likes' count. The third post is titled 'Subject Guide: Biology' and includes a star icon. To the right of the main content area, there is a 'Forums' section with a 'Go >' link. The first forum post is titled 'maxillofacial surgeon' and includes a 'Go >' link. Below the forums section, there is a 'Latest Poll' section with a 'Go >' link. The poll is titled 'How do you unwind after studying?'.

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Home Career Paths Advice Employers Universities Jobs & Courses Forums ...

Home > Advice > Subjects

Subjects Date Category Sub - Category

Where can a religious studies A-level take me?
Looking at your A-level options and not sure what to study? Read on to find out how a religious studies A-level can not only be an interesting subject, but can also give you a range of transferable skills...
0 like

Subject Guide: Art & Design
UPDATE: This is an old page, please visit our online store to view and buy the latest Gatsby Subject Resources. This art & design guide links classroom learning with careers, giving...
8 likes

Subject Guide: Biology
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Forums Go >
maxillofacial surgeon
Hi, Did my question go through?
What should i do for my GCSE's?
Hi, I was just wondering which GCSE subjects i should pursue for the job of maxillofacial surgeon, I would prefer to become...
Latest Poll Go >
How do you unwind after studying?

To explore careers,
browse career videos,
check out links between
subject choice and
career and get help
making decisions.

You can take the Buzz
quiz and see what the
results suggest.

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www.icould.com

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'i could' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'Education Employers' logo, the 'i could' logo, and links for 'Explore careers', 'Buzz Quiz', 'Teaching resources', and 'About us'. Below the navigation bar, a header reads 'Career ideas and information for your future'. The main content area features a large green banner with the text 'Find inspiration' and 'Explore real-life career videos by job type or subject', accompanied by a grid of small video thumbnails and a 'Start now' button. Below this, a section titled 'Making choices' offers 'Get tips on GCSE options, apprenticeships, university, finding work and more' with an 'Advice and guides' button. To the right of this section is a green graphic of a signpost. At the bottom, a section titled 'Discover your strengths' encourages users to 'See which subject choices and jobs could suit you' and includes a 'Take the Buzz Quiz' button. This section is flanked by two columns of animal icons: a cat, butterfly, owl, and bear on the left; and a bee, bear, owl, and tiger on the right.

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Explore real-life career videos
by job type or subject

[Start now](#)

Making choices
Get tips on GCSE options, apprenticeships,
university, finding work and more

[Advice and guides](#)

Discover your strengths
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and jobs could suit you

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Careers Research

Once you have decided on the job family, job, course or subject area that interests you it is important to **find out what subjects, skills and level of education are needed to enter that career.**

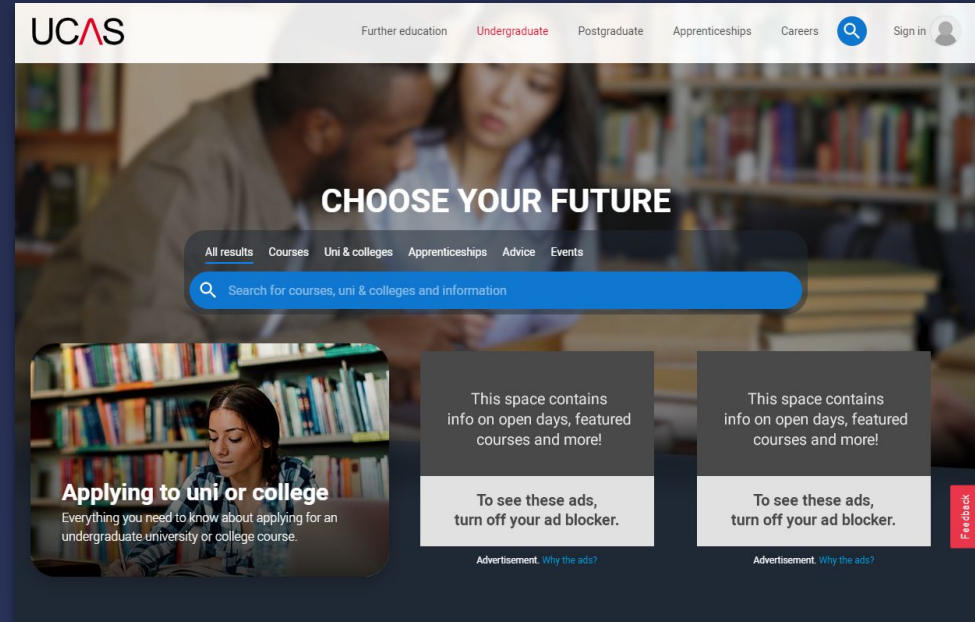


If you are considering a specific University course you should look up the course on the **UCAS** website:

www.ucas.com

This will provide you with a lot of information on entry criteria to courses, what subjects are essential, what grades are needed in different universities, etc.

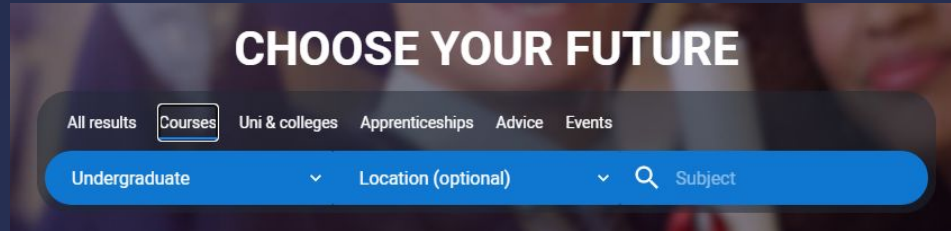
Careers Research **www.ucas.com**



Search:

- Courses
- Universities
- Undergraduate
- NI / Elsewhere
- Entry Criteria

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www.ucas.com



18 courses from 1 provider



French

Queen's University Belfast

Main Site

BA (Hons)

4 Years

Full-time

19/09/2022

128

UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses



Accounting with French

Queen's University Belfast

Main Site

BSc (Hons)

4 Years

Full-time

19/09/2022

136

UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses



Anthropology and French

Queen's University Belfast

Main Site

BA (Hons)

4 Years

Full-time

19/09/2022

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UCAS Tariff Points

Related courses

Careers Research Colleges

If you are considering a course at a regional college like **ATU**, **NWRC** or **CAFRE** then you should review their prospectus.

- NWRC: www.nwrc.ac.uk
- CAFRE: www.cafre.ac.uk
- ATU: www.atu.ie



If you are considering a Basic or higher level apprenticeship then look up the specific apprenticeship website.

Many are linked with courses in the local regional college and more information can be found at this address:

www.nwrc.ac.uk/training-and-apprenticeships

2023: 5 leavers to HLAs or Degree Apprenticeships

**Business / Engineering /
Accountancy / ICT**

Careers Research **Apprenticeships**



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Apprenticeships

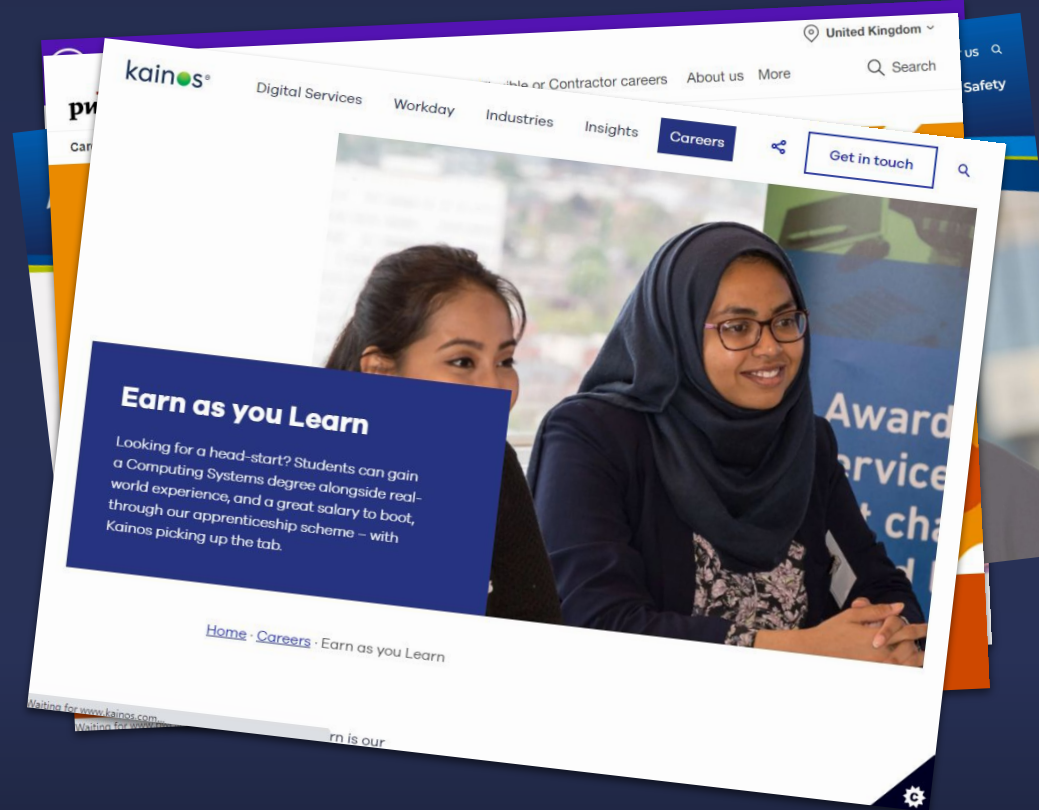
Here are just a few examples of some apprenticeships based in industry:

BT Apprenticeships

<https://www.bt.com/careers/early-careers/apprentices>

NIE Apprenticeships

<https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/apprenticeships>



#What's Trending Future Job Opportunities



The following areas are extremely important to the Northern Ireland economy:



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- **ICT:**

Software development, database development, systems architecture and internet specialist skills, mobile communication, computer games, touch screen technology, satellite navigation devices .

- **Creative and digital media**

Cloud computing, mobile technologies, computer games and digital entertainment, cyber-security products and services.

- **Agri-food sector**

Laboratory technicians, food scientists, bio-technology, machine operatives, supply chain manager.



- **Business and financial services**

Accountants, bank officials, underwriters, insurance and investment brokers, actuaries and pensions advisers.

- **Advanced manufacturing and engineering**

This includes careers requiring CAD skills, mechanical and electrical engineering skills including at technician level.

- **Renewable energies and recycling**

Mechanical engineers, research and development managers, physical scientists, design and development engineers, biological scientists and biochemists.

- **Health and life sciences**

Ambulance paramedics, Physiotherapists, Dentists, Veterinary Nursing, Pharmacists, Nurses, Doctors, Dental hygienists, occupational therapists etc.

Questions to Ask



- Do I need to go to college or university to become this?
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Contact someone already working in the sector and ask them about their job.

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Developing New Skills

- Think about the ways to acquire new skills and develop those that they already have.
- There are so many extra-curricular school activities that provide excellent opportunities to develop vital transferable skills like:
 - Communication
 - Time Management
 - Critical thinking and problem solving
 - Teamwork / Leadership
 - ICT skills / Digital Literacy
 - Initiative and Creativity
- Taking up a new activity in the next few years would develop these skills.



Skill Development - Extracurricular



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CLUBS & AWARDS

Board Game Club
Chess
DOE – Silver and Gold
Eco Committee
French Debating Competition
History Club
Law Society
Modern Foreign Languages
Pottery Club

Sign Language Club
STEM Club
Study Club
SU (180)
Technology Club
Textiles Club
Upcycling Club
Young Enterprise

MUSIC & DRAMA

Choir
Concert Band
Drama
Guitar Club
Junior Drama Club
Languages Choir
School Rock Groups
String Orchestra
Trad Group
Ukulele Orchestra

SPORT

Athletics
Cricket
Cross Country
Football (Boys)
Football (Girls)
Hockey
Netball
Rugby
Sports Day
Surf Club
Swimming
Tennis

What subjects are they best at & what types of work do they enjoy doing?



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- Project work
- Working with numbers
- Writing assignments
- Laboratory work
- Learning languages
- Using computers
- Designing and drawing
- Playing sports
- Performing in plays or concerts
- Making things
- Working with others
- Meeting deadlines



What do they enjoy doing in their spare time?



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- Playing sport or exercising
- Writing & being imaginative
- Playing computer games or using the internet
- Building or repairing things
- Acting, singing, dancing or playing musical instruments
- Designing and making things
- Budgeting money
- Attending youth clubs and meeting friends
- Organising Events eg: parties or trips
- Being outdoors whatever the weather
- Bossing everyone else around!



Strategy for choosing GCSE subjects



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1. Which subjects are compulsory?
(Maths, English Language & Science)
2. What subjects do they **like**?
3. What subjects are they **good at**?
4. What subjects are **required** for their future career pathway?

5. What would this subject combination rule out in terms of careers?

Summary

- Research career ideas which suit skills and interests
- Keep current career trends in mind
- Find out what subjects & qualifications are necessary for each career possibility
- If you're undecided keep options open for as long as possible

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Section 2:

- Options after GCSE & A level

Options after GCSE

1. Sixth Form in LGS
2. Sixth Form in another school
3. Further Education
4. Training or Apprenticeships
5. Employment

Would you enjoy 2
more years at LGS?

Options after GCSE Sixth Form

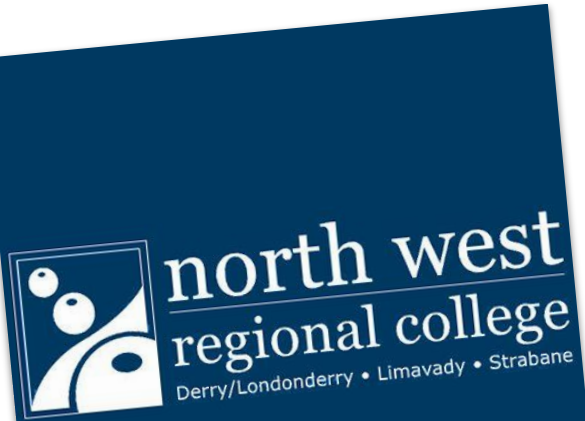


Before applying to stay at LGS to study A levels ask these questions:

- Are you good at studying?
- Do you enjoy studying?
- Have your results been good enough for further study?
- Do you need to study further for the type of job you want to do?
- Do you understand the volume or difficulty of work expected at A level?

Options after GCSE

Further Education College



Application forms for NWRC should be submitted as soon as possible, as they take applicants on a first come first served basis.

A NWRC course would be a sensible back up for students unsure of their GCSE outcomes and undecided about A levels.

Options after GCSE

Link or Leave

In the A level subject booklet there is some explanation of the link course options available through NWRC and Limavady High School.

- Engineering (NWRC)
- Health & Social Care (NWRC)
- Construction (NWRC)
- Applied Science (NRWC)
- Moving Image Arts (LHS)
- Performing Arts (LHS)

However for some students it may make sense to consider NWRC as an option for all their course requirements.

Options after GCSE Apprenticeships

Many apprenticeship courses such as the ones listed and those at the North West Regional College require you to have “C” grades in English and Mathematics (and sometimes a Stem subject as well)

- **BT Apprenticeships**
- **NIE Apprenticeships**
- **PWC Apprenticeships**
- **Kainos Software Engineer Apprenticeships**



Google Classroom & Open Days

College Open Days

We can't wait to meet you in-person at our next campus Open Day!

Open Day gives you the opportunity to explore our campuses and discover what life at NWRC is really like. Tour the facilities, meet our award-winning staff and chat with current students to find out why NWRC is the right choice for you.

Events are taking place on the following dates in 2024:

- **Tuesday 27th February**, 12noon - 8.00pm (Strabane Campus)
- **Wednesday 28th February**, 12noon - 8.00pm (Strand Road and Springtown Campus)
- **Thursday 29th February**, 12noon - 8.00pm (Limavady and Greystone Campus)

NOTE: keep an eye on our social media pages for updates. Can't wait? You can view our [Virtual Open Day](#) content online. We also offer personalised guided tours of our campuses upon request.



[Book a Campus Tour ►](#)

Options after GCSE

AS Levels at LGS

An **AS Level** is the First Year of an A-level Course and is a qualification in its own right.

Two (or 3) units are studied at AS Level in Year 13.

Two (or 3) units are studied at A2 Level in Year 14.

Combining the **AS (40 %)** and **A2 (60%)** produces the final **A Level** grade.



Options after GCSE

AS Levels at LGS: Entry Criteria

All pupils entering Year 13 in September are expected to meet our preferred criteria:

- A minimum of 14 points
(A/A* = 4, B = 3, C* = 2, C = 1)
- At least 3 Bs/high C*s
- C or above in English
- C or above in Maths
- Met Subject Entry requirements
- **Good Attendance Record in Years 11 & 12 (95%+)**
- **Good Behaviour Record in Years 11 & 12**



Options after GCSE

AS Levels at LGS

AS/A-levels **help you develop skills** that are required for all careers.

They enable you to **keep your options open much longer** than many other vocational-type courses.

They remain the **most popular** means by which students can gain access to degree programmes and the world of higher education but they are not the only way.



Options after GCSE
AS Levels at LGS

Generally:

Year 13: AS Level: **4 subjects**

Year 14: A Level: **3 subjects**



Options after GCSE

AS Levels at LGS: Points to Consider

1. GCSE Performance:

A student scoring approximately 16 points should be capable of four AS Levels.
A or A* = 4 points B = 3 points C* = 2 point C = 1 point

2. The Entry Requirements for your chosen course.

Each subject has its own entry criteria listed in the subject choices booklet.

3. The differences between GCSE & A Level Content

Be sure they discuss the differences with subject teachers and listen to their advice.

4. Coursework vs Exam

Coursework is great for gaining confidence, gaining marks, relieving exam pressures, **but**, Are you good at meeting deadlines? Organised?

Summary

- What route would suit best? A Levels / FE / Apprenticeship / Work
- **Have they shown the ability to study 3 or 4 A levels?**
- Be sure that the A levels or course chosen is acceptable to enter the desired profession / career / uni course
- **Are they aware of the differences between studying GCSE & A Level in their chosen subjects?**
- Are the A Levels chosen going to give a balance between coursework and exams?
- **If you're undecided, keep your options open for as long as possible by selecting A levels AND making applications to local colleges etc.**

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Section 3:

- A Level Subjects on offer
- Subjects required for specific careers

Options after GCSE

A Level Subject Choices Booklet

SPORTS SCIENCE & THE ACTIVE LEISURE INDUSTRY

A LEVEL
Subject Choices



Exam Board: CCEA



Modules	% of AS Grade	% of A2 Grade	How It is Assessed	Unit Title
AS Module 1	60%	24%	COURSEWORK	Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry: Fitness & Training for Sport
AS Module 2	40%	14%	External written exam (2 hours)	Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry: Health, Fitness & Lifestyle
A2 Module 1		60%	COURSEWORK	Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry: Event Management in the Active Leisure Industry
A2 Module 2		40%	External written exam (2 hours)	Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry: The application of Science to Sports Performance

Career Opportunities

This qualification is accepted by most universities as an A level entry for sport related courses. The onus is on the student to **check university entrance criteria** before committing. It can open up a wide range of opportunities in higher education which will help you begin a successful career, for example as a PE Teacher, Sports Development Officer or Physiotherapist. You can also choose to pursue a career as a Personal Trainer, Leisure Centre Manager or a Sports Coach. In this course you will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills in research, analysis, planning, time management, event management, problem-solving and communication as a coach or instructor.

Entry requirements

- All students wishing to study this course at A level must:
- Be an active participant in at least one sport inside or outside of school
 - Have a proven record of meeting deadlines and commitment to his/her studies
- Those who have taken GCSE PE must have:
- Achieved at least a C+ in both GCSE PE and GCSE English Language
- If a student has not studied GCSE PE, then they must have:
- Achieved at least a B in English Language
 - Studied DAS and achieved at least 70% in the Biology component of the course (105 UMS)

Other Information

By studying this course, you will develop an understanding of Sports Science and the Active Leisure Industry relating specifically to sport and recreation and health and fitness. Leisure is one of the fastest-growing industries in the world today, with gym and indoor sports facility use becoming a way of life. This course will give you the opportunity to gain an insight into a fast-growing leisure environment.

For more in depth subject information:

Read the subject booklet you have received.

- This outlines the **Course which pupils would follow** in that subject.
- It includes **information on the form of assessment the A Level uses:** for example the % of work within the subject which is assessed by elements of course work throughout the 2 years (called Controlled Assessment).
- Also **consider which style of assessment suits the student** when selecting certain A levels.

AS Level at LGS

Subjects on Offer

English Literature

Digital Technology

Art and Design

LINK at NWRC

Mathematics

Software Systems
Development

Nutrition & Food Science

Applied Science

Further Mathematics

History

Technology & Design

Construction
& the Built Environment

Biology

Government & Politics

Sports Science
& The Active Leisure Industry

Engineering

Chemistry

French

Business Studies

Health & Social Care

Physics

Spanish

Geography

LINK at LHS

Life & Health Science

Music

Religious Studies

Moving Image Arts

Performing Arts

* only **one** link course can be chosen

Subjects New to Students at A level in LGS

Government & Politics

Life & Health Science

Link Subjects at NWRC

Engineering

Construction

Health & Social Care

Applied Science

Link Subjects at Limavady High School

Moving Image Arts

Performing Arts

- Pupils can only select ONE link course

Life & Health Science - Entry Requirements:

- Minimum of BB in Double Award Science (to include a minimum of 70% in each of the Biology, Chemistry and Physics components which must be achieved in higher tier papers; this equates to 105 UMS marks in both B1+B2, C1+C2 and P1+P2)
- **and a minimum of 70% in GCSE Maths (280 UMS).**
- **In exceptional circumstance, students who achieve an A* in Single Award Science will be considered.** In this case the students must consult with the HoD no later than 1st February of Y12 so that arrangements can be made for them to complete a course upgrading to DAS equivalent standard in certain key areas over the summer before final acceptance onto this course. A student who has not provided evidence that they have upgraded their knowledge cannot be accepted.

A point to note with **Life & Health Science**

- AS level Life & Health Science may be taken alongside other science AS levels .
- At A2 it counts as an individual subject for some Allied Health courses at Ulster University and will be counted as an achieved separate grade even if taken with Biology, Physics or Chemistry.
- **If you are considering applying to any other university, we strongly recommend you check with admissions before continuing to A2.**

Further Maths

- This year if you select maths and further maths you will study **A level maths in Year 13** completing the **entire A level in one year**.
- You would then complete **Further Maths in Year 14**, again completing the **entire A level in one year**.
- If you would be interested in this as an option then it is **very important that you select Further Maths on your form at this stage**, otherwise there may not be enough students to create a class within the timetable and the option will be removed for this year.
- Please look at the entry criteria in your booklet and speak to your Maths teachers for more information.

Please note: Some A level subjects DO NOT require you to have studied it at GCSE but they will have specific entry criteria

- For example Government and Politics:

Essential Criteria:

- 1. A minimum of a B grade in GCSE English Language and/or Literature is essential.
- 2. Grade B in GCSE History is preferred.
- 3. Students must be interested in researching political stories and events using a range of media.
- Any other entry will be at the discretion of the Head of Department.

Please Be aware...

- Some universities in the Republic of Ireland do not accept **Health and Social Care** and **Sports Science and the Active Leisure Industry** as acceptable in their entry criteria, please check the university courses you are interested in to be sure.

Careers & Examples of Requirements:

- Most Engineering Courses require Maths and Physics at A Level. Some accept Technology instead of Physics.
- Many Architecture Courses prefer/require Art at GCSE and Physics or Double Award to GCSE. Maths, Physics and Art to A Level can be preferences. Some accept Technology at A Level. A portfolio of work will be required.
- Food Science Courses require Double Award at GCSE and prefer Chemistry and Biology at A Level.

Careers & Examples of Requirements:

- Modern Language Courses: require two languages at GCSE.
- Many Law Courses: require a very good GCSE profile but most do not ask for specific subjects at A Level.
- Optometry: Double Award or 3 Sciences at GCSE. 2/3 of Chemistry, Biology, Maths, Physics at A Level (see individual courses). Physics not always asked for but very important.
- Computer Programming: A-level to include Mathematics & Software Systems Development. GCSE Mathematics grade C.

Careers & Examples of Requirements:

Teaching

- Some Primary Teaching courses require **A or B in GCSE English and Maths.**
- Some **Scottish Universities** seem to prefer students offering **Maths and English beyond GCSE.**
- Teaching Experience/Observation or working with young people in a voluntary capacity is essential for application.

Careers & Examples of Requirements:

Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry

- Need— **3 Sciences or Double Award at GCSE. Very high grades!**
Need as many A* at GCSE as possible (Eg: 8 or 9) for some of the most competitive courses.
- **Study 4 AS subjects and 3 or 4 required at A Level.** Including Chemistry. Top Grades!
- **Dentistry** requires evidence of manual dexterity
2/3 of Sciences and Maths at A Level is a preference/requirement for many courses and aptitude tests are required for most.
- **Work Experience, voluntary work and thorough interview preparation is essential.**
- Aptitude Test - UCAT. (www.ucat.ac.uk)

Specific University Requirements:

Many UK universities use GCSE results to select students for entry, not AS grades.

- Some of these universities include:
Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, St Andrews, King's College London, Imperial College London, Exeter & Durham.
- Therefore your GCSE results can impact the universities which you will be able to apply to.

Summary

- All A level subjects have entry criteria, do they meet the criteria for the subject they wish to study?
- **All uni & college courses and apprenticeships have entry criteria, do you know what subjects the course requires or subjects they will not accept at A Level?**
- Have you considered what you will do if you don't achieve enough points or the required grades to return to LGS? Do you have a plan B and C?

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Section 4:

- Completing the Choices Form

Completing the Form:

- Option blocks will be created from the choices made on this form.
- Pupils will have the **opportunity to change** their mind during the interview process, **BUT only within the confines of the option blocks.**
- Please take this seriously and make an informed choice.
- We do regret that on occasions there have been some subject combinations that have not been possible.
- Some courses may not run.

Selecting A Levels at LGS

- You may choose a **maximum of 4 subjects** and a **minimum of 3 subjects**.
- Only one of your choices may be a link subject (studied at LHS or NWRC)
- You **MUST** select the subjects in order of your preference.
 - The subject you wish to study most should be your 1st choice.
 - Next most important should be 2nd choice. etc.
 - You should also select a Reserve subject

Provisional Subject Choices Form



PROVISIONAL CHOICE FORM

AS LEVEL

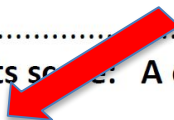
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Your choices cannot be guaranteed. They are subject to timetable provision and entry criteria.



Name: Form:

Mock examinations points scale: A or A* = 4, B = 3, C* = 2, C = 1



English Language			
Mathematics			
		Total Score	

- **When writing your DA science grade:** write it in one box as the highest predicted Double Grade. EG: A & B or A* & A

Provisional Subject Choices Form: Example

Mock examinations points score: A or A* = 4, B = 3, C* = 2, C = 1

English Language	A	Double Award Science	A & B
Mathematics	B	Religious Studies	B
Geography	B		
French	C*		
Food & Nutrition	A		
Computing	C	Total Score	27

- Total your points

A or A* = 4

B = 3

C* = 2

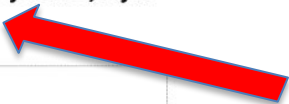
C = 1

- Pupils scoring over 16 points would be expected to take 4 AS levels.

Provisional Subject Choices Form

What do you intend to do after GCSEs in June? Put the following possibilities in rank order, using 1 for your first preference, 2 for your second.

	A-Levels at LGS		
	FE Course		
	Employment/Apprenticeship		



If you have listed FE or Apprenticeship as first preference give the type of course/apprenticeship in which you are interested:

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What career do you have in mind at present?

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Even if you are not planning on returning to LGS after your GCSEs please complete the form and return it so that we can support you through your next steps and provide information.

Returning to Study at LGS

If you are hoping to return to LGS to take A-levels you may choose a **maximum of 4 subjects** and a minimum of 3 subjects. Only **one** of your choices may come from the block showing the link courses with the FE College and High School. **Please write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 beside your subject choices ie in order of preference**. Finally, indicate a reserve subject with (R)

AS Courses Available in LGS

AS Subjects Available as Link Courses

Subject	Pref	Subject	Pref	Subject at <u>NWRC</u>	
Art & Design		Life & Health Science		Engineering	
Biology		Mathematics	FM @ GCSE	Health & Social Care	
Business Studies			No FM @ GCSE	Construction	
Chemistry		Music		Applied Science	
Digital Technology		Nutrition & Food Science			
English Literature		Physics		Subject at <u>Limavady High School</u>	Pref
French		Religious Studies		Moving Image Arts	
Further Maths		Software Systems Dev		Performing Arts	
Geography		Spanish			
Government & Politics		Sports Science & the Active Leisure Industry			
History		Technology & Design			

- Choose a **maximum of 4 subjects** and a minimum of 3 subjects.
- Only one** of your choices may come from the block showing the **link courses** with the FE College and High School.
- Please write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 beside your subject choices ie: in order of preference**.
- Finally, indicate a reserve subject with (R)

Strategy for choosing A Level subjects

Five questions:

1. Which subjects are available to you?
2. What subjects do they like?
3. What subjects are they good at?
4. What subjects are required for their future career pathway?
5. What would this subject combination rule out in terms of careers?

Timeline

Thursday 11th January

Presentation to pupils

Tuesday 16th January (6.30pm)

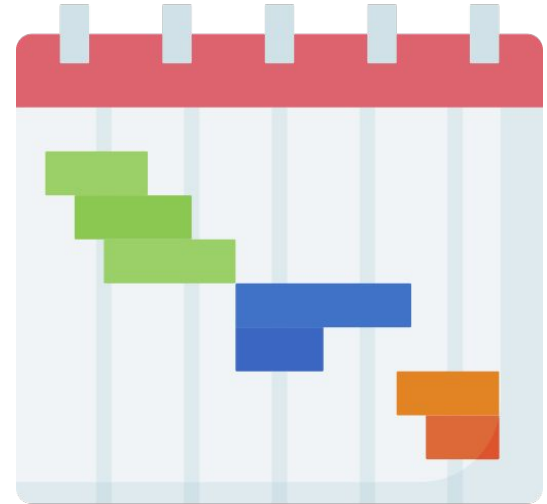
Presentation to parents

Monday 5th February

Deadline for Handing in Forms

During February/March

Subject Choice Interviews



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Section 5:

- Questions





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