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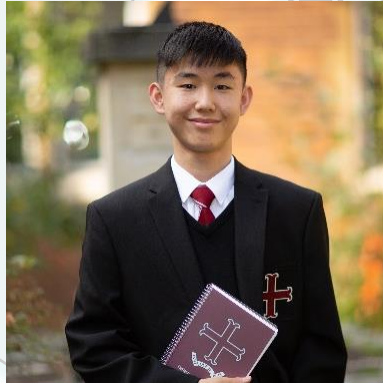


Enfield Grammar School



Enfield Grammar School Sixth Form

Choosing your post-16 options



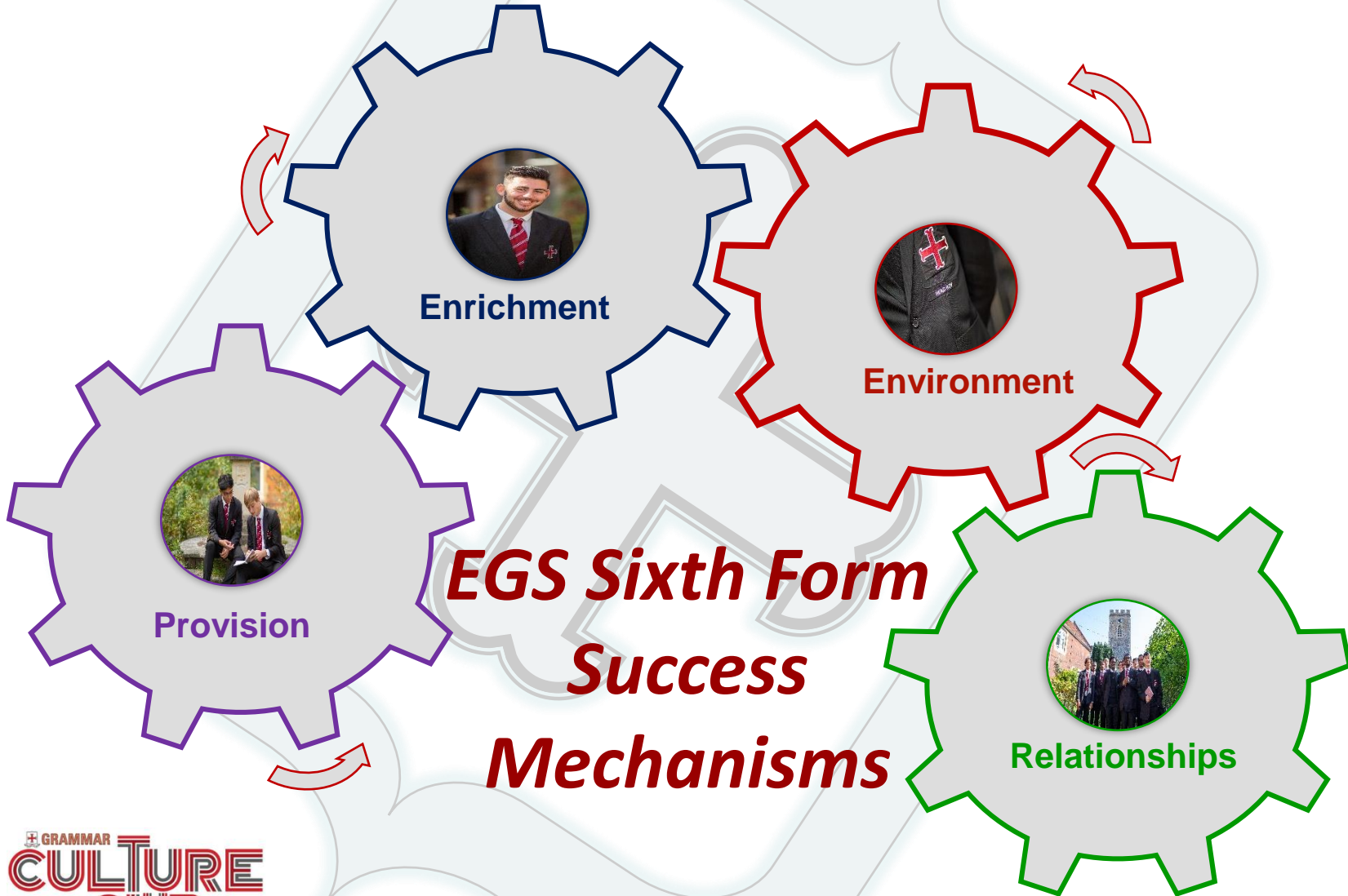
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***“To inspire, challenge and support,
every individual sixth form student
toward raising, achieving and
exceeding their personal and
academic aspirations, every day.
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Sixth Form Vision



Why Choose EGS Sixth Form?





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Should I stay or should I go?



- No question, it's *my* school
- Familiarity with – teachers, staff, systems, building, friends, transport, facilities
- Trust, confidence
- EGS offers the courses I want

- Ready for a change
- A different environment would suit me better
- EGS does not offer the courses I want

What are Vocational Qualifications?

- Vocational qualifications are often called by the name of the largest provider, BTEC.
- BTEC qualifications are made up of units and you complete assignments and tests to link theory work with practical exercises.
- BTECs provide the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a field or subject, and are a viable alternative to the more theory-focused, classroom-based ways of learning which you might be put off by.
- BTECs are vocational qualifications that relate to specific career areas. They are a level 3 qualification.



What are A Levels?

- A Levels (Advanced Levels) are courses that students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland take after GCSEs. They are the most common qualification for admission to university.
- A Levels are taught at schools, sixth form centres and further education colleges and are very well regarded by both universities and by employers. The majority of entrants to UK universities have A Levels.
- They are two-year qualifications which give students a chance to study an existing GCSE subject in greater depth, or perhaps to try a completely new subject like Psychology, Economics or Philosophy and Ethics for example.

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What should I expect from Post-16 courses?

- An increase in difficulty compared to GCSEs.
- You'll see differences in the way you're taught and what is expected of you.
- More directed study time. You will only have three or four subjects to study as opposed to 8 or more at GCSE. This means less time in the classroom in a given week and more time spent studying independently.



Course selection – Option Blocks

- Students selecting 3 subjects or subjects across 3 blocks.
- Enfield County blocks broaden student options.
- Being on the right course is vital.

How to decide which courses?

What do I enjoy?



Post-16 Choices





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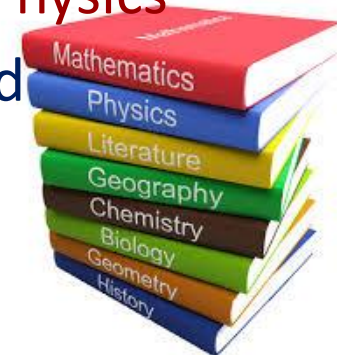


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Subject Combinations

- There are very specific combinations of subjects if you are interested in Medicine, Veterinary Science, Engineering and Architecture
- If you study Biology, then choose Chemistry with it if you are planning on taking Science further
- Study Maths and Further Maths only if you want to specialise in Maths
- Consider both Physics and Maths if you want a career in Engineering
- If you want to take Physics, think about how good your Maths is; generally it is recommended to study Physics with Maths, but you can take Maths without Physics
- If you want a future career in Law, then 3 good A Levels are essential



Can I take four subjects?

- Universities don't want or need four A Levels
- Not even Cambridge and Oxford
- They all want the best three grades you can possibly get
- In rare circumstances we may allow four A Levels if one of them is Further Maths, which is taken alongside Maths



Ideally the **very top** universities want students to present them with a “package”

Advice from Cambridge University:

➤ If you think you would like to **study sciences...**

- Take at least two out of Chemistry, Maths, Biology, Physics & Psychology (some universities accept PE and Geography as sciences)

➤ If you think you would like to **study humanities...**

- Take at least one out of English, History, Maths and languages
- Partner them with “strong” humanities such as Geography, PE, Psychology

Where can I get more information?



UCAS

Further education Undergraduate Postgraduate Alternatives Careers Account

Search for **Courses**

Courses, subjects, and areas

Study level Undergraduate

Postcode e.g. GL52 3LZ

Filters Undergraduate 2021-2022 Clear filters

795 courses from 157 providers

Applied Sports Science
Main Site
BSc (Hons) 4 Years

Exercise and Health Science
Main Site
BSc (Hons) 4 Years

Entry requirements

Qualification requirements

A level ABB

A minimum of 3 A Levels at ABB, to include AB from Chemistry and Biology. For Second Year entry, a minimum of 3 A Levels at AAB, to include AB from Chemistry and Biology. Also required: GCSE at C or above in English or English Language, Mathematics and in either Chemistry, or Physics or Dual Award Science.

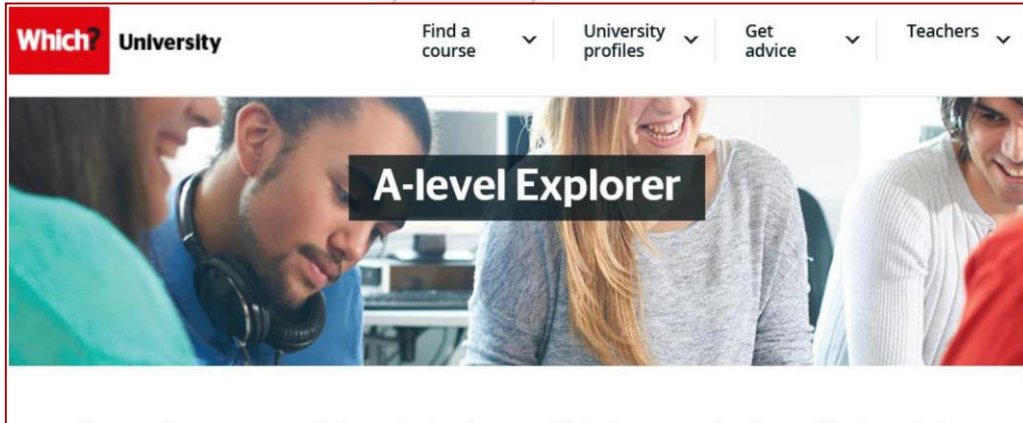
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma DDD

• <https://digital.ucas.com/search>



Where can I get more information?

<http://university.which.co.uk/a-level-explorer>



See where your A-level choices will take you
Enter yours below and find out more

I am taking: Mathematics Design and Technology Business Studies

Business and management studies	Accounting	Finance
Gain a broad understanding of how commercial organisations are structured to succeed, covering specific areas like finance and human resources.	The collection and tracking of financial data for an organisation or individual.	The study of how individuals and organisations acquire and manage money.
Read full guide >	Read full guide >	Read full guide >
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Popular careers	Popular careers	Popular careers



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What do employers want?

PUTTING A PRICE ON EXAMS

Average salary six years on, by subject taken at A-level

Further maths	£25,500	Physical education	£20,400
Maths	£22,500	French	£19,900
Physics	£23,700	History	£19,400
Computing	£22,500	English literature	£19,200
Business studies	£21,000	Sociology	£18,300
Geography	£20,900	Art and design	£16,500
Biology	£20,600		

The Top 10 Key Competencies



Teamwork



Responsibility



Commercial Awareness



Decision Making



Communication



Leadership



Trustworthiness & Ethics



Results Orientation



Problem Solving



Organisational skills

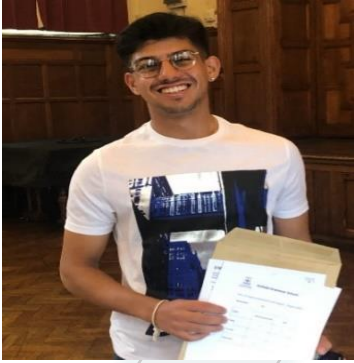
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New Courses and Content



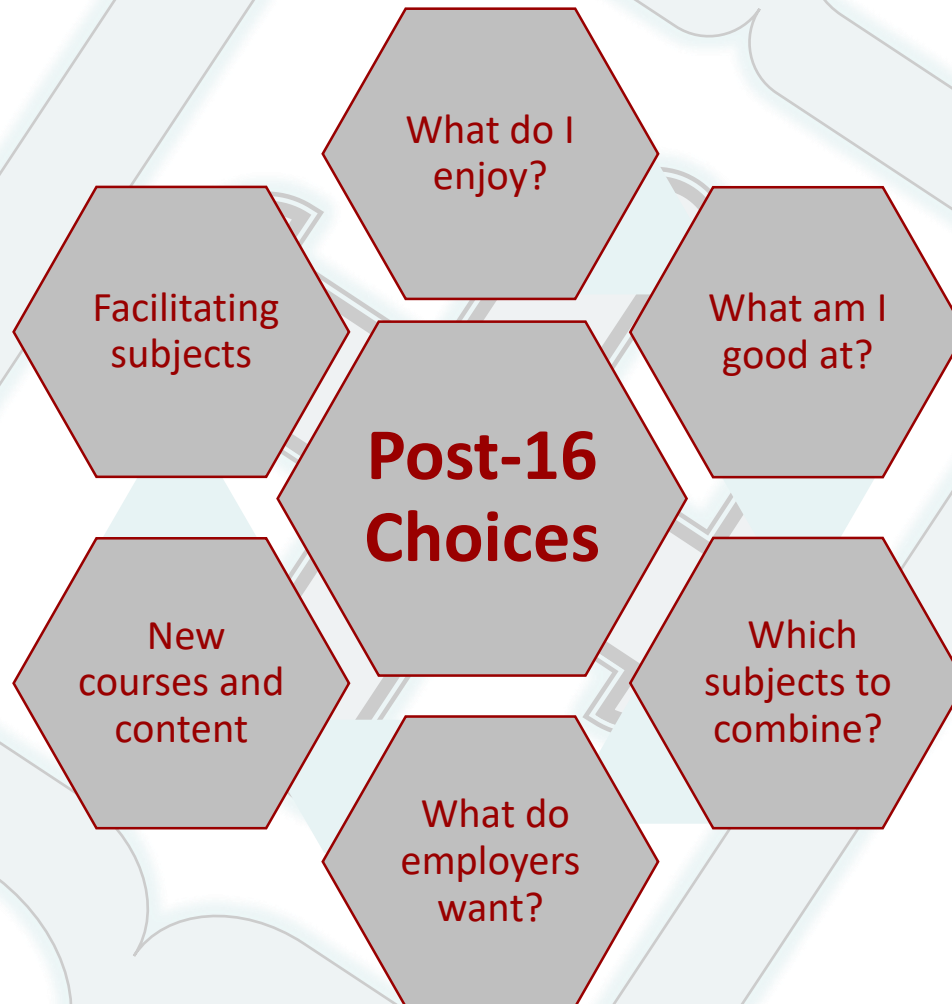
- Read the course outlines on the school website
- Use the QR codes to link to the course specifications
- Speak to your teachers, friends and relatives who have experience of the new courses
- Prepare to ask questions at the subject fair

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What are ‘Facilitating Subjects’?

The subjects that are recognised worldwide as being “good” subjects.

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- Geography
- History
- Maths and Further Maths
- Modern and Classical Languages
- Physics



Final thoughts

Talk about your options!

Ask questions!

Do your research!

Have a back-up (just in case)!

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