



Making Informed Choices

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Which statement best describes you?



Good at examinations

Understand complex concepts

Predicted to achieve:



- 5+ grade 5s at GCSE
- Grade 4 in English
- Grade 5 in Maths
- Grade 6 in the subjects, or related subjects, you wish to study. Refer to SJSF prospectus for specific requirements for each subject.



Possible Pathways



A Level pathway

OR



Mixed A level and BTEC / CTEC courses



A Level pathway



- 3 A levels
- Possibly, in addition, an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) worth the equivalent of half an A level





Possible Combinations



- A level English Literature, A level Art, A level Mathematics
- A level Spanish, A level Law, A level History
- A level Mathematics, A level Economics, A level Physics
- A level Biology, A level Chemistry, A level French
- A level Mathematics, A level Further Mathematics, A level Computer Science
- A level Physical Education, A level Biology, A level Psychology



Mixed A level and BTEC / CTEC courses



- A mixture of A levels and applied / vocational / coursework based courses
- Possibly, in addition, an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) worth the equivalent of half an A level



Possible Combinations



- A level Drama and Theatre, Performing Arts CTEC, Music A level
- A level Geography, CTEC Business, BTEC Sport and Fitness
- BTEC Applied Science, CTEC Health and Social Care, A level Sociology
- Business Studies CTEC (Double) Psychology A level
- BTEC Sport and Fitness (Double) Biology A level
- Textiles CTEC , English Language A level, History A level



Which statement best describes you?



More suited to coursework based work that is continually assessed throughout 2 years



Understand more easily when study is related to real-life

Predicted to achieve:

- 5+ grade 4s at GCSE
- Grade 4 in English
- Grade 4 in Maths is preferred



Which is the best pathway for you?



Vocational Level 3 Applied courses, e.g.
BTECs / CTECs/vocational A levels



- Fewer examinations
- High coursework element
- Will provide access to university
- Equivalent in university UCAS points to A levels



OR



Career specific **full-time** Level 3 courses in:

- Public services
- Art and Design and Photography
- Childcare and Education
- Performing Arts and Music
- Sport and Physical Activity



Fewer examinations
equivalent to 3 A levels



What is the difference between A levels, BTECs and CTECs?



- One of the main differences between BTECs / CTECs and A-Levels is the way both are assessed. A-Levels mainly involve two years of study geared towards examinations at the end, whereas BTECs / CTECs are continually assessed via coursework and practical projects.
- Ninety-five per cent of universities and colleges in the UK accept BTEC students, including competitive universities from the [Russell Group](#).
- Over 100,000 BTEC / CTEC students apply to university every year, with the number steadily rising all the time. There has been an even bigger rise in the numbers of applicants offering both BTEC *and* A-Level qualifications.
- **Over 25% of RCT students study at least one BTEC / CTEC course**
- **In 2017, over a quarter of students accepted into higher education held at least one BTEC.**
- CTEC – ‘Cambridge Technicals ‘ – Exam board OCR
- BTEC- ‘Business and Technology Education Council ‘ - Exam board Pearson (edexcel)





What next?



- Read through the information in the Prospectus pack – including the '**Guide to Making Post – 16 Subject Choices**'
- Submit application form by **Friday 16 November**
- Counselling in **February** with a member of the Sixth Form Team
- Make sure you are aware of the **individual subject entry requirements** for your selected option choices

- Ensure you have a **back-up plan** and discuss this during counselling - just in case your GCSE results are not as expected in August.
- A levels in English, Law, History, Philosophy and Ethics, Sociology, Psychology, Drama and Theatre Studies all require English GCSE grade 6

- **SJSF Induction event Tuesday 25 June and Wednesday 26 June**
- Choices not set in stone



Are you considering application to Top universities including Oxford and Cambridge?



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Presentation will start in 5 minutes time,
here in the Sports Hall



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