



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1681

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Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

You may recall that students submitted their preferred A Level subject choices before the Christmas holidays. We are writing to make you aware of the next steps in this process and confirm the A Level courses we will be offering in September 2020.

The students' subject choices have been reviewed by their current subject teachers. If there are any concerns about their choices, this will be discussed with them over the coming weeks. Concerns may arise because of their current effort levels and/or seeming interest in the subject, or the possibility that they may not fulfil the entry criteria for the subject.

We are pleased that we can continue to offer students a broad range of A Level subjects. However, you will recall the communication last year from the Headmaster and the Chairman of Governors, with regard to the significant pressure on the school budget. These financial pressures continue and, as last year, we have had to consider very carefully the subjects we can offer in our Sixth Form. Unfortunately, due to insufficient student interest, we will not be able to offer A level courses in: Art, D&T: Product Design or Philosophy & Ethics (RS) for September 2020. Students have been made aware of this today and students who selected these options will be seen over the next week so alternatives can be discussed.

We also need to make you aware that Psychology was a very popular choice with students and is oversubscribed for the number of classes we are able to run in September 2020. After GCSE results day, students complete their registration for the Sixth Form. If at this point the course remains oversubscribed, entry will be based on:

- prioritising those students who indicated Psychology as a preferred option at this early stage;
- the GCSE results achieved in GCSE English, Maths and Science;
- the quality of the summer task submitted at registration in September.

Please be assured that we have taken the popularity of this course into consideration when making offers to external applicants to our Sixth Form.

As a reminder, students applying to enter the Sixth Form need to achieve a minimum of 33 points in their six best full-course GCSE results. We would normally expect students to achieve a 4 in Mathematics and English Language. Students also need to achieve the minimum entry requirement stipulated in the Sixth Form prospectus for each A level subject they wish to take. Please see the relevant section(s) of the school website for further information.

Kind Regards

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