



CATERHAM SCHOOL

30 September 2011

To Parents and Guardians of Fifth Year students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 11 October at 6.15 pm**

I hope that you will have taken the opportunity to read the booklet *An Introduction to the Sixth Form at Caterham in 2010/11* which has been distributed to all our students in the Fifth Year.

Students will be making their choices for attending subject presentations and we look forward to meeting you with them at the Sixth Form Open Evening. Please arrive at 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30 pm start on Tuesday 11 October. This will be an opportunity for you and your son or daughter to find out more about the Sixth Form at Caterham, to hear about Sixth Form subject choices and to speak to staff about the range of subjects your son or daughter may be considering.

The Open Evening itself will consist of a brief introduction from the Headmaster and the Director of Sixth Form, followed by short presentations by Heads of Departments, each lasting 15 minutes. Your son or daughter will be given an individual programme, which includes the five subject presentations that he or she will have already chosen from the attached Options Form. **To confirm your attendance please contact Mrs Allyson Aranha, School Secretary -**

**[allyson.aranha@caterhamschool.co.uk](mailto:allyson.aranha@caterhamschool.co.uk)**

**by Thursday 6 October.**

Students are in no way committing themselves to final subject choices by attending any presentation at this stage. Some may indeed already have clear ideas of their A level choices. I would suggest therefore that the focus is on subjects which may be new to them, or about which they are unsure. Students can always arrange subsequent meetings to talk to Heads of Departments in more detail about those subjects which they definitely wish to pursue. These choices will assist in constructing the timetable next year and whilst it will not prevent your son or daughter making changes in light of experience and examinations results it may limit your freedom of choice given the probable timetable constraints.

At Caterham, students take a minimum of four subjects in the Lower Sixth to AS level. Students will then normally continue with three or four subjects to A2 (the full A Level qualification). The range of subjects studied in the Lower Sixth Form, together with our own

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programme of enrichment opportunities, will serve to broaden the curriculum of all our Sixth Formers.

At Caterham we take pride in the role of our Sixth Formers as leaders of the pupil community, in their A level successes and in their careers after they leave the School. Almost all Sixth Formers go on to University courses, with many each year gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge. The carefully guided choices made in the Fifth Year represent a vital first step on the road to this success.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Open Evening.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Lesser**  
**Director of Sixth Form**  
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**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING**  
**TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER, 2011**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>FORM:</b>
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Please tick the **five** AS presentations you wish to attend

ART	
BIOLOGY / HUMAN BIOLOGY	
BUSINESS STUDIES / ECONOMICS (joint presentation)	
CHEMISTRY	
3D DESIGN	
DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES	
ENGLISH LITERATURE	
FRENCH / GERMAN / SPANISH (joint presentation)	
GEOGRAPHY	
HISTORY	
LATIN / GREEK (joint presentation)	
MATHEMATICS / FURTHER MATHEMATICS (joint presentation)	
MUSIC	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
PHOTOGRAPHY	
PHYSICS	
POLITICS	
PSYCHOLOGY	
PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS (RELIGIOUS STUDIES)	
TEXTILES	

Each presentation will last approximately 15 minutes

NB: Subjects which have very few takers may be withdrawn.

**RETURN THIS SHEET TO YOUR TUTOR BY**  
**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2011**



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### Guidance Notes

**Most people study at A level subjects they like and are good at. However before you make your choices, please bear in mind:**

You will need to qualify for any subject you wish to study at A level. The qualifications are listed in the back of the options booklet. There is little point in attending a presentation for a subject for which you are very unlikely to qualify

Some careers or university courses require certain subjects to be studied at A level. If you are strongly committed to a certain career, please check with Mr Lesser (universities) or Mrs Brown (careers) whether there are any specific requirements.

### **Please also consider:**

If you are thinking of studying a subject that you are not currently taking for GCSE - eg Photography, Textiles, Psychology etc, you should attend this presentation.

In some subjects there is a big difference between GCSE and A level. Even if you are sure that you want to take a subject, it may still be worth attending the presentation to get a clear idea of what the A level course involves.

Please consult your parents before filling in the form