

An Overview of the Year 11 Options Procedure

Our intention is that students at Dubai College should be in a position to make informed decisions about their four AS Level choices by fully supporting them throughout the process.

For AS Level courses starting in September 2012, we intend to streamline the option selection procedure by making course documentation and the actual option selection process available online.

Timeline

Tuesday 1 st November 2011	Y11 Consultation Evening
Thursday 3 rd November	Morrisby Assessments
Tuesday 3rd January 2012	Subject specific and options information go 'live'. To access this information, click on: https://mydc.dubaicollege.org and, when logged in, click on 'mytools'. Students will then be able to access course outlines and make their option choices 'online'. Students can access 'mydc' using their normal school login username and password.
Wednesday 4 th January	One-to-one Guidance Interviews commence
Wednesday 18 th January	Careers Convention Evening
Tuesday 31 st January	Morrisby Assessments
Monday 6 th February	Year 11 Consultation Evening
Wednesday 29th February	AS Level Option choices deadline

Morrisby Assessments

All students have the opportunity of taking the Morrisby test that gives advice on aptitudes, abilities and interests and relates these to option choices and future careers. For those students who have opted to take the assessment, feedback will be given in their guidance interview. For those that were unable to sit the Morrisby test in November there is another opportunity on Tuesday 31st January 2012.

Guidance Interviews

Each member of Year 11 will have a one-to-one interview with a senior member of staff regarding possible A Level choices and options for the future. This member of staff will be a point of contact for the student throughout Year 11 if further information or advice is needed.

Careers Convention Evening

Students will have the opportunity to attend 3 sessions (from a list of up to 15 sessions) with a Dubai College alumni (where possible) who will give a brief overview of his or her career path and undertake to answer career specific questions.

Year 11 Consultation Evening

This will be a 'normal' Consultation Evening where parents and students are invited to discuss the attainment, progress and effort of their son or daughter and whether they may be suitable for further study in the subject. Senior staff will also be available to discuss AS Level option choices for subjects that are not being taken at GCSE and for more general guidance about decision making prior to the deadline of 29th February.

AS Level Choices: An Overview

At Dubai College, option blocks for AS Level subjects are constructed, as far as possible, taking into account the demands of the students. The process as follows:

- Students choose their **4** preferred subjects online by **Wednesday 29th February 2012**;
- Subject Leaders review the students' choices and offer counseling if they feel that they are inappropriate for individual students;
- Option blocks are then constructed with the intention of offering all prospective Year 12 students (who have submitted their choices by the above deadline) their preferred subjects;
- Staffing and timetable construction can then start.

Students and parents need to be aware of the following:

- **We reserve the right to not offer a course if there is insufficient demand for it.** If this does occur, students will be told as soon as possible after the deadline and offered appropriate advice;
- Students who miss the deadline of 29th February may not receive their preferred choices;
- Students may change their minds about option choices but will only be allowed to change (subject to the discretion of Subject Leaders, as above) if their new choice fits in with the constructed option blocks **and** there is sufficient space available in subject sets. If there is insufficient space, then the student will be added to a waiting list for that subject.

Available Option Choices

- Accelerated Mathematics **
- Arabic *
- Applied Information and Communication Technology
- Art and Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Design and Technology
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics ***
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Music Technology *
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Spanish.

Notes

* Arabic and Music Technology will be offered to AS Level only.

** Year 11 Accelerated Mathematics students **must put down Accelerated Mathematics, not Mathematics**, if they wish to continue studying Mathematics as an option choice; they cannot choose Mathematics in addition to Accelerated Mathematics.

*** Students who wish to take a **full** A Level in Further Mathematics must enter this as an option now. AS Level Further Mathematics will also be offered to Accelerated Mathematics students in Year 13 as they will complete their A Level in Mathematics at the end of Year 12.

For most students, their 4 option choices will give a taught week of 20 lessons in Year 12.

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Enrichment

Enrichment is a compulsory part of the programme throughout the Sixth Form and aims to broaden and develop students' skills. Students choose from a menu of different activities and courses in both terms 1 and 2.

Islamic Studies

Islamic Studies is a compulsory part of the programme for all Muslim students.

The Extended Project

We are currently trialing this AS Level qualification for a very small group of the *current Year 12* cohort. The intention for academic year 2012-2013 is to further develop this course by increasing the size of the group who the course is offered to.