

Post-16 Options Booklet 2008 – 2009

Welcome to this, the first Marsh Academy Post-16 Options Booklet.

This is an exciting time for Post 16 Education at the Marsh Academy. We are developing a wide range of new courses, both academic and vocational, which are designed to enable all of our students to reach their full potential in whatever field of study they choose.

We have been very proud of our achievements in Post-16 this year. An increasing number of students have stayed on at the Academy, being attracted by our wide range of courses and the facilities that we can offer. Our Post 16 students benefit from their own dedicated ICT network which has recently been upgraded as well as high quality social facilities.

A significant number of students successfully apply for university places, studying a diverse range of disciplines from Law to Film and Television Studies. More students than ever before have applied for university places this year. We are also very proud of the success of our vocational students who, if they do not find full time employment, are welcome to extend their studies and as a result are often offered a university place on completion of their course.

Many subjects will be new to you, it is very important that you find out about the range of options available by reading the programme outlines contained within this booklet. It would also be a good idea to talk to members of staff and students already involved in these courses.

Opportunities at the Academy for Post-16 students are expanding all the time. Whatever your interests, abilities and ambitions we can offer courses which will enable you to take your life forward. We very much look forward to seeing you in September. The rest is up to you.

Good Luck!!

What can you study?

The courses you choose to study will depend on the GCSE grades you achieve at the end of Year 11. It is important to remember that whatever grades you achieve there is a course that will be suitable for you at the Academy.

If you have achieved 5 GCSE grade Cs or above you will be able to follow courses at Level 3. These include AS, BTEC and Applied AS GCE subjects. We would expect students following these courses to study 4 subjects at this level. Although you must have a minimum of 5 GCSE C grades we would expect you to achieve at least a B in the subjects you wish to study. This is particularly important with Science and Maths where experience has shown that students who have not achieved this level at the end of Year 11 struggle to achieve the standards required.





There are also a wide range of Level 2 courses available. These are usually the equivalent of 4 A*-C GCSE grades. The courses offered are based around specific vocational areas. As well as following these courses you will also be given the opportunity to continue to study English, Maths and ICT.

All Year 12 students follow an Enrichment programme designed to broaden the experience of students. This program includes further careers guidance, preparation for University as well as the contribution of visiting speakers.

The Marsh Academy and Folkestone School for Girls are now working in close collaboration. If there is a particular subject, for instance, Psychology and Law, which you would like to study but is not offered by the Academy, it may be possible for you to go to the Folkestone School for Girls to study it there.

Choosing Your Subjects

It is important that you make the right choice of subjects. Make sure that you:

-  Choose subjects that you think you will enjoy. Think carefully about your particular skills, aptitudes and interest.
-  Select subjects for which you are likely to meet the entrance requirements.
-  Find out as much as you can about the different subjects on offer, especially those that you have not experienced before.
-  Research your chosen career path to ensure you choose subjects that will enable you to do what you want after you leave school. If you are unsure of your chosen career path choose a range of subjects that will enable you to keep your options open.



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Course Equivalents

National Qualification Framework levels

Each accredited qualification has an NQF level. If qualifications share the same level this means that they are broadly similar in terms of the demand they place on the learner. However, qualifications at the same level can still be very different in terms of content and duration.

The following table shows a selection of individual qualifications up to and including Level 3 (A Level equivalent) and how they appear in the current National Qualifications Framework.

LEVEL 3	
Level 3 BTEC National	BTEC National in Sport
Level 3 A levels	NVQ in Leisure Management
LEVEL 2	
Level 2 BTEC First	Travel and Tourism
Level 2 GCSEs	NVQ Agricultural Crop Production Grades A*-C
LEVEL 1	
Level 1 BTEC Introductory	Construction
Level 1 GCSEs	NVQ in Bakery Grades D-G

Once you have made your decision apply on-line at www.Kentchoices4U.com and complete the paper application form to be found at the back of this booklet. The deadline for applications is Friday 13th February.