

# BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

**Sixth Form Subject Choice Presentations  
for September 2021**

# SUBJECT CHOICES FOR LOWER SIXTH

## Welcome to the Subject Choices information for pupils commencing Lower Sixth in September 2021

We are delighted to be able to give you a taste of what each department offers for study in the Sixth Form, whether you are looking at A level, IB Diploma or BTEC.

Please first watch the introduction from the Headmaster and the Deputy Headmaster Academic, which gives an overview of what Bromsgrove offers and what our expectations are for pupils in the Sixth Form.

You may then choose to watch as many presentations as you would like - we always advise students to go to more presentations than they think they are interested in; don't just look at the subjects you already have in mind to study, look at some alternatives and arm yourself with some extra knowledge before making your subject choices.

If you need some additional information please look at the video presentations from our Academic Managers covering areas such as the difference between IB and A level and advice about choices with a particular university course in mind. If you will be new to Bromsgrove in September, watch some of the videos explaining our pastoral ethos, our extra-curricular offer and how we can support international students with their studies.

Once you have had an opportunity to view some subject videos and to reflect upon them, please book in to speak with a senior teacher at some point over the following week. They will be keen to discuss any remaining concerns or questions you may still have and will also be in a position to confirm that your individual subject choices are likely to be appropriate given your current aspirations and targets. Staff will be available from Monday 8th February for individual appointments to discuss any deeper issues and questions.

We hope you enjoy watching the talks and presentations and please do contact either your tutor, Head of Department or the Admissions team if you have any further questions.

*The Sixth Form Choices brochure, containing full subject details and additional information about the Sixth Form at Bromsgrove, can be found on this link on our website: [Sixth Form Choices Brochure](#)*



# VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Please **first view the overview from the Headmaster the Deputy Head Academic**, [click on the link below](#); when you have viewed that presentation please close the browser window and return to this document to select the subject presentations you wish to see.

## **Overview of the Sixth Form at Bromsgrove from the Headmaster and Deputy Head Academic**

## THE SUBJECTS

To view the subject presentations, [please click on the title for each subject in the list below](#), these will open up in a browser, when you have viewed each subject please close the browser window and return to this document, then click on the next subject you wish to see.

<b>Art and Art: Textiles (A level) &amp; Art: Visual Arts (IB)</b>
<b>Biology</b>
<b>Business (A level &amp; IB)</b>
<b>Business (BTEC)</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>
<b>Classical Civilisation (A level)</b>
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>
<b>Drama &amp; Theatre Studies</b>
<b>Economics</b>
<b>English B - Second Language (IB)</b>
<b>English Support for International pupils (IELTS)</b>
<b>English Literature</b>
<b>Environmental Systems &amp; Societies (IB)</b>
<b>Geography</b>
<b>History</b>
<b>Latin</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Modern Languages</b>
<b>Music</b>
<b>Physical Education and BTEC Sport Science</b>
<b>Physics</b>
<b>Politics</b>
<b>Religious Studies</b>
<b>First Language Russian (IB)</b>
<b>First Language German (IB)</b>
<b>World Literature for First Language IB</b>

# PRESENTATIONS BY ACADEMIC MANAGERS

Please click on the link for each presentation below, these will open up in a browser, when you have viewed each subject please close the browser window, returning to this document, and then click below on the next presentation you wish to see.

## **Why Study IB**

Dr Michael Thompson, Director of IB

## **Why study A level or BTEC**

Mr Jon Wingfield, Director of A level

## **Academic Support and Tracking Through the Sixth Form**

Mr Jon Wingfield, Director of A Level

## **Support for International Sixth Form Boarders**

Mrs Julia Boonnak, Head of International Department

## **University Applications and Introduction to the Futures Department**

Miss Zia Leech, Head of UCAS and Bromsgrove Futures

## **Pastoral Care at Bromsgrove**

Mr Al McClure, Deputy Head Pastoral

## **Extra Curricular Programme at Bromsgrove**

Mr Paul Mullan, Deputy Head Extra-Curricular



# ONLINE APPOINTMENTS WITH ACADEMIC MANAGERS

Once you have had the opportunity to view relevant presentations, we are keen for you to have at least one personalised discussion with a Senior Academic Manager to answer any questions that you may have and confirm that your choices suit your current plans well. Please use the information on the following page to make those appointments.

TALK TO:	YOUR QUERY:
<b>Dr Thompson</b> Director of IB	<i>For any <b>IB related questions</b> (such as the suitability of the IB, subject combinations within IB). To confirm IB subject choices.</i>
<b>Mr Wingfield</b> Director of A Levels and BTEC	<i>For any <b>A level or BTEC related questions</b> (such as the suitability of A Levels or BTEC, subject combinations within A levels and BTECs). Questions related to transition into the Sixth Form. To confirm A level or BTEC subject choices.</i>
<b>Miss Leech or Mrs Ashcroft</b> Futures Department	<i>For any questions related to <b>university admissions or future careers</b> such as the suitability of IB, A levels or BTECs or subject choices given career aspirations.</i>
<b>Mrs Holden,</b> Deputy Head, Teaching	<i>For any question related to <b>transition into the Sixth Form, the choice between IB, A levels and BTEC.</b> To confirm subject choices.</i>
<b>Mr Ruben,</b> Deputy Head, Academic	<i>For any question related to <b>transition into the Sixth Form, the choice between IB, A levels and BTEC.</b> To confirm subject choices.</i>
Head of Department*	<i>Any <b>subject specific queries</b> should be emailed direct to the Head of the relevant academic department. *contact details at the end of each subject presentation</i>

Please use the information on the following page to make appointments with Senior Academic Managers:

# HOW TO BOOK APPOINTMENTS

## Pupils currently at Bromsgrove

Appointments can be booked directly on **School Cloud**. **Appointments are available on Monday February 8th / Tuesday February 9th / Wednesday February 10th**

The appointment system will open for bookings on Saturday February 6th. You can access the account at: <https://bromsgroveschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please login using the email address where you wish to receive the booking confirmation and your child's preferred first name, surname and date of birth. When you log in, the system automatically provides you with a list of staff to meet with. May we request that you *do not book more than 3 appointments*.

Please click here to go direct to **School Cloud booking** If you have any problems logging into the system please contact our database manager: [sgallois@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:sgallois@bromsgrove-school.co.uk).

## Sixth Form Joiners from other Schools

Discussions will be held on Zoom. **Appointments are available on Thursday 11th February & Friday 12th February**, including some later in the day (UK time) for those in different time zones.

To book appointments with staff please email Ms Jessica Lomas with your request and the time/day that suits you best, and we will do our best to match you up. [jlomas@bromsgrove-school.co.uk](mailto:jlomas@bromsgrove-school.co.uk)

## SUBMITTING YOUR SUBJECT CHOICES

Attached to this email is a document explaining how to make your subject choices, including a link to an online survey to submit your choices. The survey will go live on **Thursday February 11th**. If you have queries about the survey please contact **Mr Dowling** by email.

