

YEAR 12 OPTION BLOCKS – INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2026

A Level Route:

At Arthur Mellows we offer three pathways: A Levels, Vocational route or a combination of both. Vocational subjects (BTEC, AAQ's and OCR Nationals) are Level 3 qualifications which are recognised by both employers and most universities.

Students who wish to study A Level courses will need 7 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths, English Language and a minimum of 4 Grade 6s *

* Maths / English – If a student attains a Grade 3 in **ONE** of these subjects, consideration of a place will still be given.

Specific entry requirements for each subject will be stated in the prospectus

- Please select **three** A Levels you would like to study as part of your Post 16 options.
- You can only select one subject from any Option Block. If you choose a mixed route (Vocational and A Levels subjects) this rule still applies across both tables.
- If you wish to study Further Mathematics, you must also choose Mathematics.

Final courses are always subject to minimum numbers and may not run if not viable.

Option A	✓	Option B	✓	Option C	✓	Option D	✓
A Levels		A Levels		A Levels		A Levels	
Art - Fine		Business Studies		Biology		Biology	
Economics		Chemistry		Chemistry		Classic Civilisations	
English Language		Combined English		Film Studies		Computer Science	
English Literature		Drama and Theatre Studies		History		History	
Mathematics		French		Mathematics		Mathematics	
Psychology		Further Mathematics		Physical Education		Product Design	
Religious Studies – Philosophy and Ethics		Geography		Physics		Psychology	
GCSE English Resit		Sociology		Politics			
GCSE Maths Resit		Spanish		Sociology			

Clashes: Please complete this section if you are unable to take the subjects you wish due to the Option Block choices. Please indicate your preferred 3 choices:

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Vocational Route:

Students who wish to study Vocational courses will need 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language*.

* Maths / English – If a student attains a Grade 3 in **ONE** of these subjects, consideration of a place will still be given.

- Please note you can only select **one subject from each of the option blocks**. If you choose a mixed route (Vocational and A Levels subjects) this rule still applies across both tables.
- If you wish to study Vocational courses, please select the equivalent of 3 A Levels:
Part 1 Vocational Subjects = 1 A Level Equivalent **Parts 2 and Part 3 Vocational Subjects = ½ A Level Equivalent each**. Please note that to take Part 2, you must be taking Part 1

Business Courses Explained:

- Business Extended Certificate – 1 A Level Equivalent – Choose Part 1 only
- Business Foundation Diploma – 1½ A Level Equivalent – Choose Part 1 **AND** Part 2
- Business Diploma – 2 A Level Equivalent – Choose Part 1 in Block D, Part 2 **AND** Part 3 in Block C

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OPTION A ✓			OPTION B ✓			OPTION C ✓			OPTION D ✓		
Vocational			Vocational			Vocational			Vocational		
Column 1	Column 2		Column 1	Column 2		Column 1	Column 2		Column 1		
Applied Science			Digital Media			Applied Science			Business Part 1		
Business Part 1			Health and Social Care			Business Part 2		Business Part 3	Engineering		
			IT			Sport Part 1			Music Performance		
Digital Media			Sport 2						Travel and Tourism		
GCSE English Resit											
GCSE Maths Resit											

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