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Embracing a Journey of Academic Excellence

Welcome to AS Level Parent Orientation

2025-26

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Sixth Form

The Pinnacle of the British Education Journey

•Sixth form represents the "pinnacle" of a student's academic journey, marking a crucial transition in the British education system.

•A specialized stage of education for students aged 16-18.

•Covers the final two years of secondary education (Years 12 and 13) in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

•Emphasizes Advanced (A) Levels and Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Levels.

•Academically rigorous, not suitable for all students (requires a minimum of Grade B at GCSE).

•Students generally study 3 or 4 A Level subjects.

•A Levels (not AS) are essential for entry to UK universities.

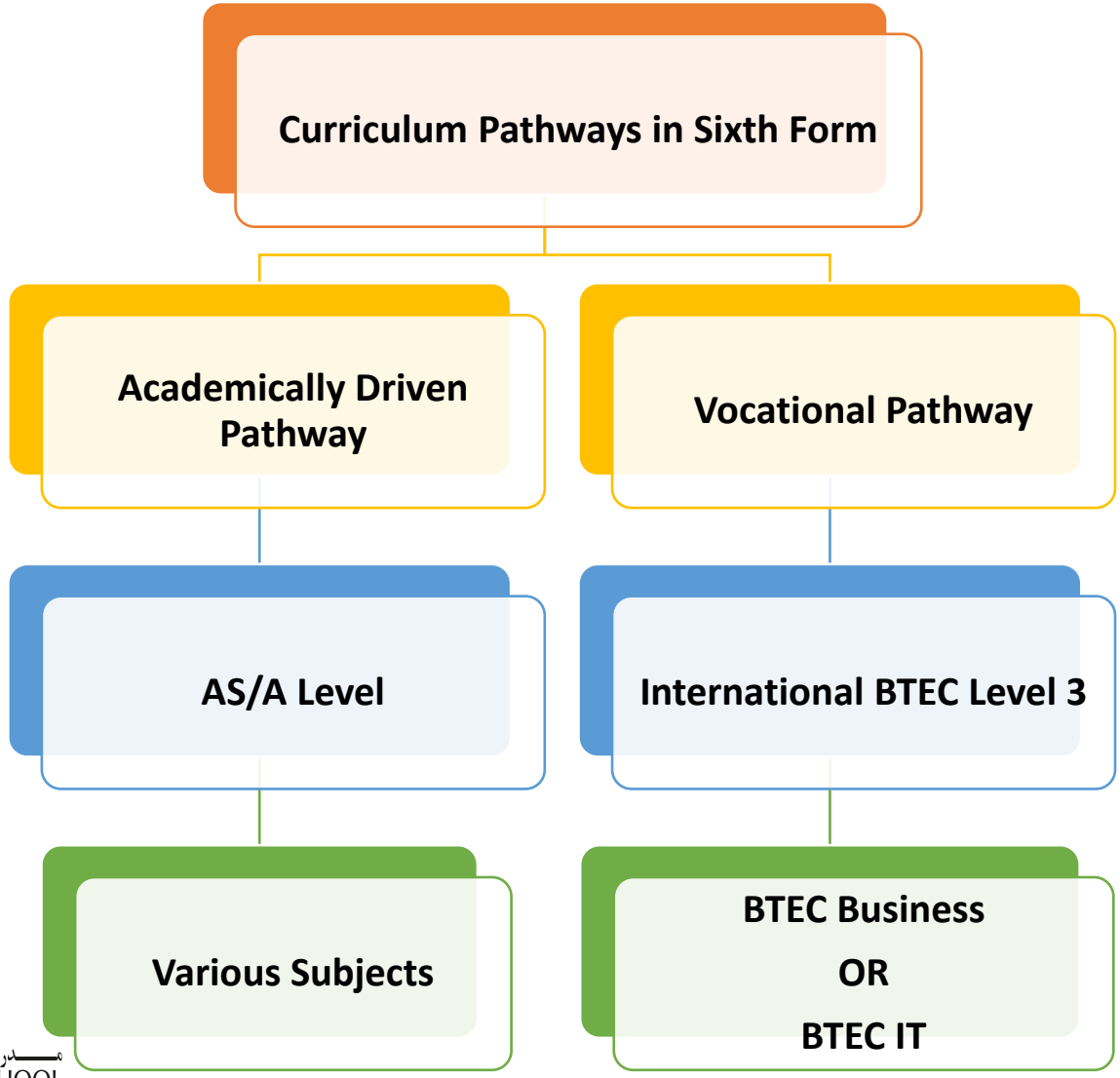
•Minimum grade requirements must be met to enroll in chosen subjects.

Sixth Form vs IGCSE

Transitioning to Greater Academic Challenges

- Students choose subjects that align with your interests and meet the school's admission requirements
- Study fewer subjects compared to IGCSE, but with a more focused approach
- Greater responsibility for your own learning and progress
- More time and flexibility to engage in community service and extracurricular activities
- Opportunity to develop your e-portfolio for university applications
- Involvement in Extended Research Projects (CIPQ & University-related)
- Focus on building valuable employability skills

Stepping Up: Navigating the Transition to Sixth Form



International BTEC Level 3

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•**BTEC**: Business Technology and Education Council.

•**Global Reach**: Pursued by over 1 million learners annually across 50 countries.

•**Alternative Education**: Offers a comprehensive pathway from fundamental learning to professional courses.

•**Industry-Driven**: Developed in collaboration with educators, employers, and governments to align with workforce needs.

•**Practical Learning**: Provides hands-on learning experiences throughout the career journey, whether students transition directly into employment or continue with further and higher education

Subject Offered- Regular AS/A Level

- Arabic A
- Islamic Education A (For Muslim Arab Students)
- Islamic Education B (For Muslim Non-Arab Students)
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Computer Science
- IT

- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Geography
- CIPQ(Cambridge International Project Qualification)

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Geography

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Economics
Mathematics
Chemistry
Accounting

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A Well-developed Skills Programme

IELTS

3D Printing

Fashion Designing

Cognitive behavior therapy

Basics of Programming

Digital Marketing

Health and Wellness Coaching

Admission Prerequisites

Overall Minimum 5 A* -B in IGCSE

Physics	A*-B in Physics and Math
Computer Science	IGCSE CS A* - B in CS Paper 2 (Practical) and Math
Mathematics	ONLY Extended Math A * to B
Biology & Chemistry	A * to B in respective Subjects
IT	
Economics	A * to B in respective Subjects and English Language
Psychology	
Geography	
Accounting	
Business Studies	
Sociology	
English	A * to B in First Language English

- *Students can choose Minimum 3 subjects or a Maximum of 4 subjects to study at AS level in the school.*
- *4 subjects option require to have minimum A in all four subject.*

- *4 subjects are strongly recommended if you plan to apply to top/Ivy league universities/courses*

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Pathway to Excellence

Essential Information on BTEC International Level 3

International BTEC Level 3

- BTEC Level 3 equivalent is Internation A-level
- BTEC Business OR BTEC IT.

BTEC sizes	Equivalent International A level sizes
Certificate (180 GLH*)	International Advanced Subsidiary
Subsidiary Diploma (360 GLH)	International A level
Foundation Diploma (540 GLH)	International A level + International Advanced Subsidiary
Diploma (720 GLH)	2 International A levels
Extended Diploma (1080 GLH)	3 International A levels

MOE Equivalency

International BTEC Level 3

- *BTECs are awarded the same UCAS points as International A-levels.*
- Unlike A-levels, BTEC aren't marked from A*-E.
- Starred Distinction/Distinction Star (D*)- considered to be equivalent to an A*
  - Distinction (D) -considered to be equivalent to an A -B
  - Merit (M) - considered to be equivalent to a C
  - Pass (P) - considered to be equivalent to an E
- **Internship** – a crucial aspect , Students must be able to secure internship
- Parents to help students to secure internship
- Unlike AS/A Level the examination fee to the board must be paid at the beginning of the course

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Supporting Your Journey
Pastoral Care at Sixth Form

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT AT SIXTH FORM

- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Community Service
- Hand On Experience – University Visits
- Internships/Work Experience
- Student Led Clubs and Initiatives
- Field Trips
- Wellbeing
- Alumni Meet

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVES

INTERNSHIP/WORK EXPERIENCE

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CO-CURRICULAR AND WELLBEING

EXPECTATIONS

- New Uniform
- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Regular study habits
- Active Participation in student initiatives
- Regular Parent Teacher communication

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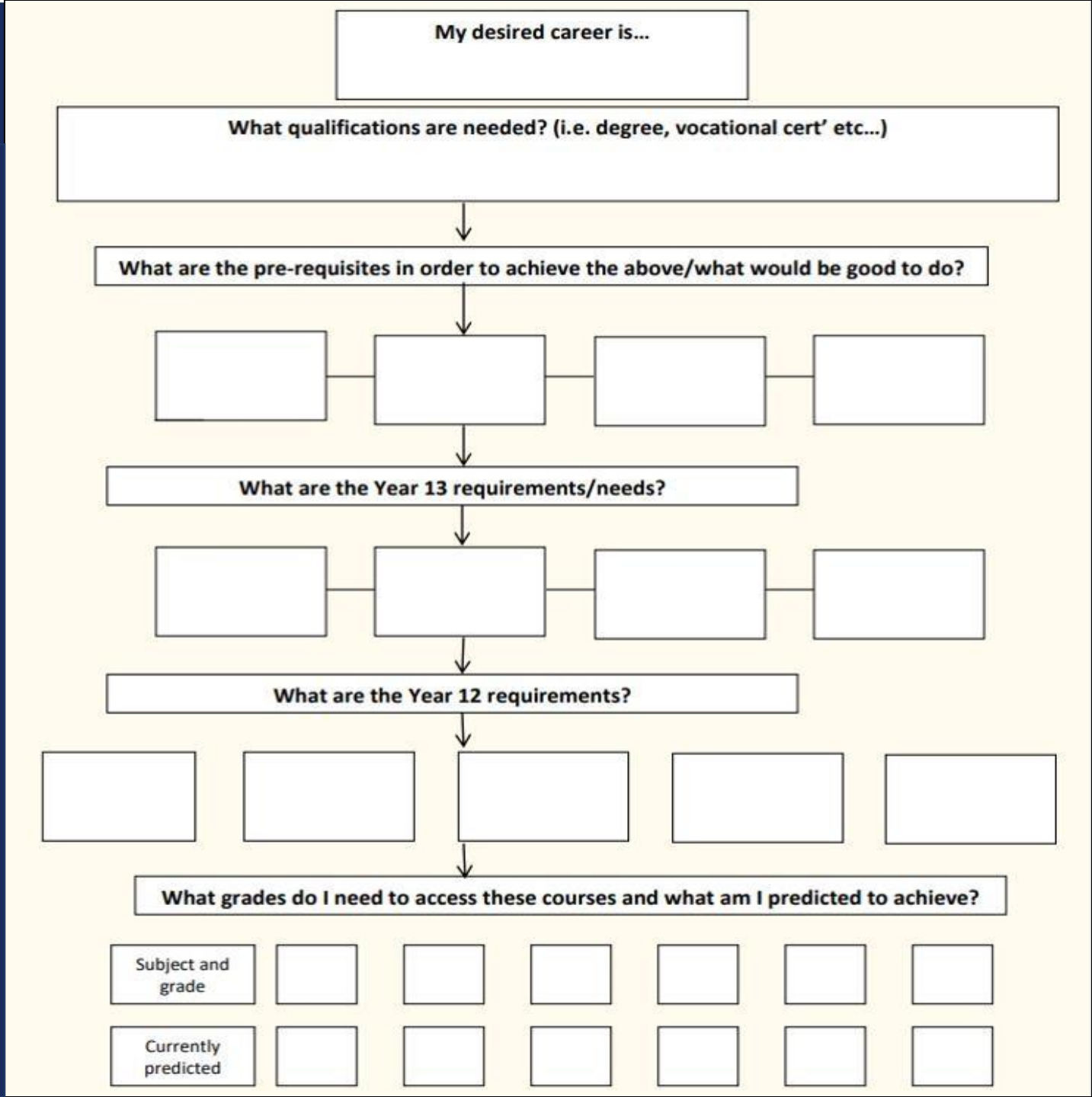
Navigating Your Future
Career Guidance at TWS

Strategic Choice Of Subjects



Navigating Future Paths
Exploring Careers and Opportunities

- Interest – Psychometric Assessment reports.
- Plan and research about the Country and course.
- Make the best use of resources- virtual or in-person university open houses and tours and talk to students and profs, university websites and viewbooks, Career Fair, Unibuddy
- Course that you are opting for, the entry requirements for the course.
- Financial Budgeting- Plan for it/ Scholarships –requirements.
- GEMS Support – Unifrog, Gems for Life – scholarship information, Lifology.

Unlocking University Doors
Can BTEC Students Still Make the Cut?

Over 260 universities including those within the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

BTEC University Recognition

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Equivalency Of General Education Certificate In The UAE

To demonstrate your successful completion of Grade 12/Year 13, please provide:

- Advanced Level or Advanced Subsidiary Level certificate
  - Complete one approved Advanced Level subject or two approved Advanced Subsidiary Level subjects – with a minimum grade of E or better
- GCSE/IGCSE certificate
  - Complete five approved GCSE or IGCSE subjects with a minimum grade of E or better
  - Arabic and Islamic Studies are not included in the approved subjects

https://www.moe.gov.ae/en/EServices/ServiceCard/pages/CertEquivalent.aspx

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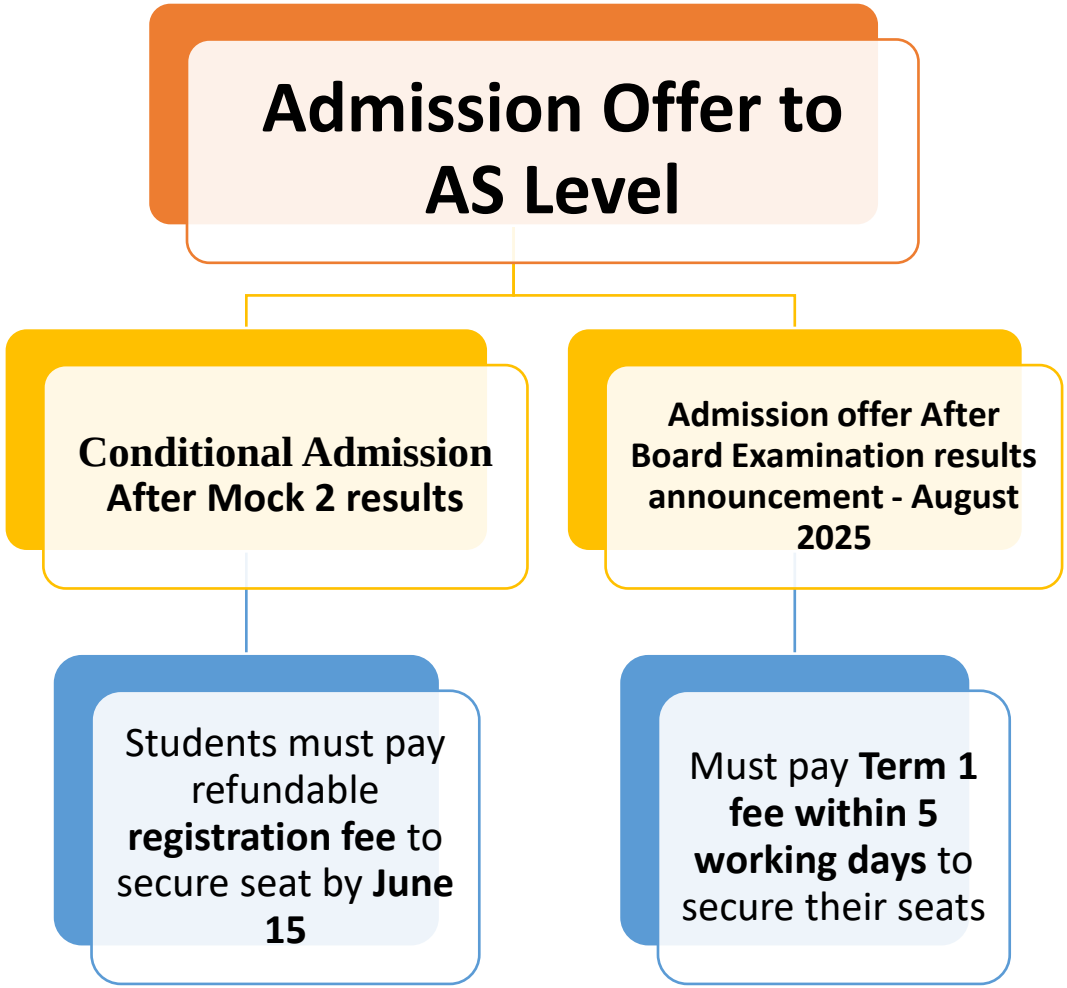
Your Child's Future Begins Here
Admission Offer & Key Dates

Admission Offer to AS Level



Mark your Calendar

- Online registration form (Subject selection for Next year) through Phoenix Parent Portal to be submitted by **15th February 2025.**
- Subject Selection is **COMPULSORY** for All year 11 students.
- Subject selection is also an intention to continue with TWS in the next academic year

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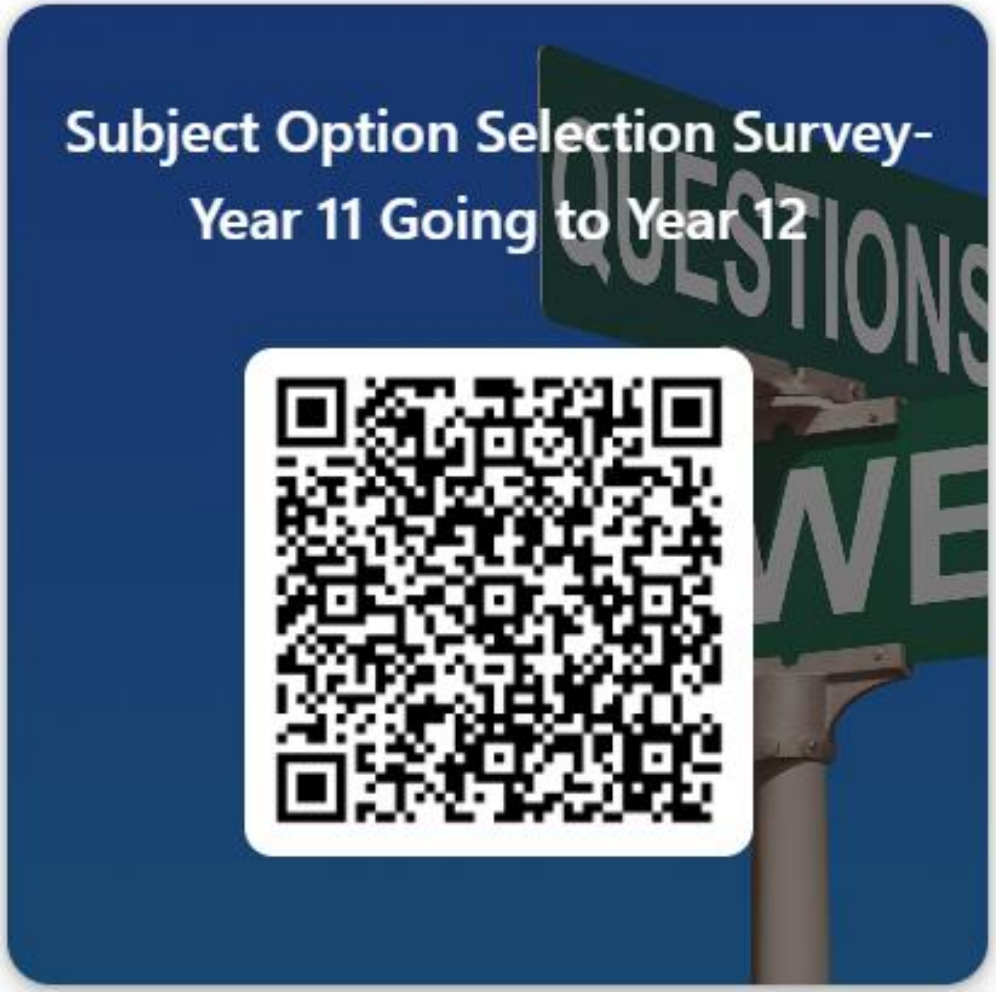
Subject Option Survey



Explore AS Level subjects
Scan the QR Code for More Details!

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