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Choosing Your A Levels What, Why and How?

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Changes to A Levels

- A two year course with examinations at the end of the second year
- AS levels still exist but do not count towards an A level
- In most subjects the content remains broadly similar, but with some extra depth or additional areas of study
- Greater emphasis on examinations, less emphasis on coursework
- Existing grading remains unchanged (A*-U)





Why do 3 A Levels?

- All degree courses and apprenticeships are accessible with 3 A Levels, or the equivalent thereof.
 - Typical Cambs offer for 3 A levels: A*A*A
 - Typical Cambs offer for 4 A levels: A*A*A A (no favouritism for candidates studying 4 A levels)
- As far as universities are concerned, 3 strong A Level grades will always beat 4 less strong grades.
- Studying 4 A Levels, then dropping to 3, means that valuable time that could have been spent making the step up to the qualifications that you will ultimately gain has been lost.
- Following a 3 A Level route at Marling gives you an opportunity to gain an additional accreditation or qualification, which can be completed in Year 12.



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Why do 4 A Levels?

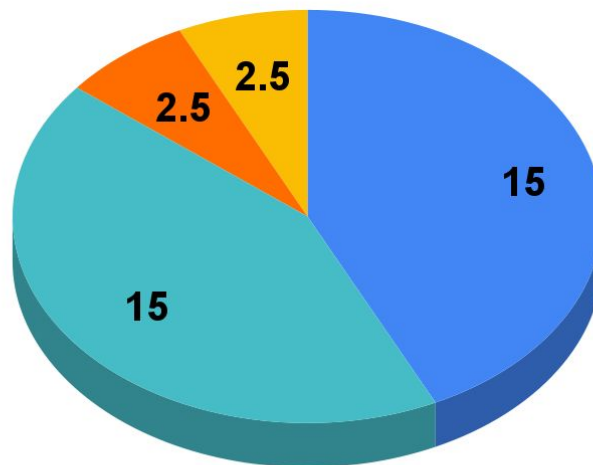
- You are planning an application to a highly competitive university or course, and you wish to provide FURTHER evidence of 'exceptional academic capacity'.
- You wish to study A Level Further Mathematics (this MUST be taken as a 4th A Level).



This is how your working week is divided up

- Your working week should be approximately 35 hours
- For each hour in the classroom spend one hour studying independently
- Use your study periods in school to complete about half of your 15 study hours
- Schedule the rest of your 15 study hours in the evenings and at weekends
- Approx 2.5 hours are for Marling Diamond
- Approx 2.5 hours are for Tutor Time (PSHE)

Y12 35-hour working week



- Lessons
- Independent study
- Tutor Time
- Marling Diamond



Core Curriculum Offer

3 A Level + EPQ route	3 A level + Additional Qualification route	4 A level route
3 A levels	3 A levels	4 A levels
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Additional Qualifications	
Lifelong learning (inc. PSHE, tutorial, IAG)	Lifelong learning (inc. PSHE, tutorial, IAG)	Lifelong learning (inc. PSHE, tutorial, IAG)
Enrichment option	Enrichment option	Enrichment option





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What can I choose from?

29 different A Levels including:-

- 5 different Art & Design endorsements
- Music & Music Technology
- Politics & Government
- Sociology
- Economics
- French, Spanish & German





What can I choose from?

6 different 'breadth options', all of which can lead to additional qualifications or accreditations:-

- Geology
- Classical Civilisations
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Mathematical Studies
- Creative Writing
- EPQ





Which A levels should I study?

You will need to consider:-

- Any plans you have for beyond sixth form study.
- Subjects you have enjoyed previously.
- Subjects that are suited to your strengths.
- The balance of your subject choices.
- Which combinations leave a greater range of future options open to you.





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Possible future plans...

- University
- Conservatoires of Music, Drama and Dance Colleges
- Apprenticeship
- Studying abroad





What if I don't know what I want to do in the future?

- Keep your options open
- Try to maintain as much breadth as possible
(avoid subjects with too much overlapping content or skills)
- Most importantly of all, do your research

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=5203

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors>





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and...

talk to us

(Whether it's information on a subject, a question about your personalised curriculum, or anything else, we are here to help)





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So what do I need to do now?

- Students not currently studying at Marling School will need to submit an online application form.
- Form can be accessed via www.marlingsixthform.org.
- Deadline is February 17th 2023.





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Thank you.

