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**HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL**  
An Academy Trust

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25<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Parent / Guardian,

### **Year 11 Post 16 Options Process**

I thought I would write again to update you on the progress of the online Post 16 Options Process and also to highlight the next step for those who have completed the form.

Further to the information I provided during the Year 11 Options evening on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and my letters on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, I can confirm that only a few days remain for your son to take advantage of the online application process for the Post 16 Options. At the time of writing a little over half the students are still yet to complete the application form. This form must be completed by all 155 Year 11 students whether they intend to stay here at HBS Boys' or continue their education elsewhere. The deadline is midnight on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

I would again like to highlight that as this is a formal application form it is essential the final question has an appropriate answer and justification either for your son's subject choices here at Hitchin Boys' or reasons why your son wishes to leave us. This should be at least 50 words, as in most cases it will form part of the 1:1 discussion process that is due to begin from February 2015.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the document providing you with information on which course code applies to which subject.

I have received a handful of queries concerning students now wishing to consider the new subjects of Sociology, Government and Politics, Economics or Psychology but who didn't attend the sample lessons in early November. The aim of the sample lessons was to encourage the students to learn more about these new subjects and demonstrate a commitment to them. I fully appreciate that choosing subjects for the next two years is a major step and we do not wish to close any doors but we do wish that all students show the same level of enthusiasm for a new subject. If your son is in this position then he should be encouraged to firstly discuss in detail what students, who did attend the relevant sample lesson, learnt about the subject and then to contact Mrs Lansdown, Assistant Headteacher ([jlansdown@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:jlansdown@hitchinboys.co.uk)), to explain what they know about the relevant new subject and why they would like to study it. I hope this manages to ensure all students have met the same requirements to enter the sixth form at Hitchin Boys' whilst not excluding any unnecessarily.

Following the passing of the deadline this Sunday the names of the students who have replied but who are sadly intending to leave us at the end of their GCSEs will be passed to Mr Moore (Head of Careers) so he can support any of the students with any applications they may need. Any student who has not replied either way by the 30<sup>th</sup> November will also have their name passed to Mr Moore for him to work with. Those who have replied and intend to stay at Hitchin Boys' will have their choices collated, analysed and passed to the timetable ahead of the first timetable meeting in early December. Any changes to Post 16 options will be invited in the days following the parents' evening for Year 11 on the 13<sup>th</sup> January (please put this date in your diaries).

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I sincerely hope your son wishes to continue his education here at Hitchin Boys'. If you have any queries about this or the online application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pdawson@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:pdawson@hitchinboys.co.uk). I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Dawson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Mr P Dawson  
**Head of Geography and Year 13**  
**(Head of Year 12 from Sept 2015)**

## Post GCSE Option Choices 2015-2017 with subject code

Subject	Option Code	Where is it taught*		
		HBS	HGS	TPS
Art and Design – Fine Art	Ad	X	X	X
Art and Design – Photography	Po	X	X	X
Design and Technology (Graphic Product Design)	Gp		X	
Design and Technology (3D Product Design)	Te	X		X
Design and Technology (Food Tech)	Ft		X	
Design and Technology (Textiles)	Tx		X	
Business Studies	Bs	X	X	
Economics and Business	Be			X
Economics	Ec	X		
Computer Science	Cp	X		
ICT (Applied)	It	X		X
French	Fr	X	X	X
Spanish	Sp	X	X	X
German	Gm	X	X	X
Latin	Lt	X	X	
Classical Civilisation	Cs		X	
English Language and Literature	En	X	X	
English Literature	El		X	X
Geography	Gg	X	X	X
Philosophy and Ethics	Ep	X	X	X
History	Hi	X	X	X
Government & Politics	Go	X	X	
Health & Social Care	Hs		X	
Psychology	Py	X	X	X
Sociology	So	X	X	X

Biology	Bi	X	X	X
Chemistry	Ch	X	X	X
Physics	Ph	X	X	X
Maths	Ma	X	X	X
Further Maths	Mf	X	X	X
Drama – Theatre Studies	Dr	X	X	
Music	Mu	X	X	X
Media Studies	Me		X	X
Physical Education	Pe	X	X	X
AS Level in Ancient Greek	Gk		X	
BTEC L3 Diploma in Business - Double	Bl			X
BTEC L3 Diploma in Travel and Tourism	Tv		X	X
BTEC L3 Diploma in Health and Social Care	Hb			X
BTEC L3 Diploma in Applied Science	Ab			X
BTEC L3 Diploma in Sport and Exercises Sciences - Double	Sn	X		
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma in IT	Ie			X
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)	Pa			X
BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma in Music Technology	Mt			X
L2 Certificate Award in Community Sports Leadership	Sl	X	X	X
L3 Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership	Sl	X	X	X

Notes:

1. **ALL** students will be required to review their option choices after parents evening in January 2015. Most students will be expected to confirm their original choices. However, should any subject above not receive the minimum required level of interest to make it viable we will aim to inform you as soon as possible so you can pick an alternative subject.
2. This document is to be used in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> form prospectus when completing your option choices on the Google form that will be emailed to all year 11 students' school Gmail account.
3. Minimum entry requirements to our Consortium are 5 A\*-C at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced level or Level 3 course. Some subjects will have specific requirements – please see the relevant page of the prospectus.