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# The 6th Form Curriculum What, Why and How?

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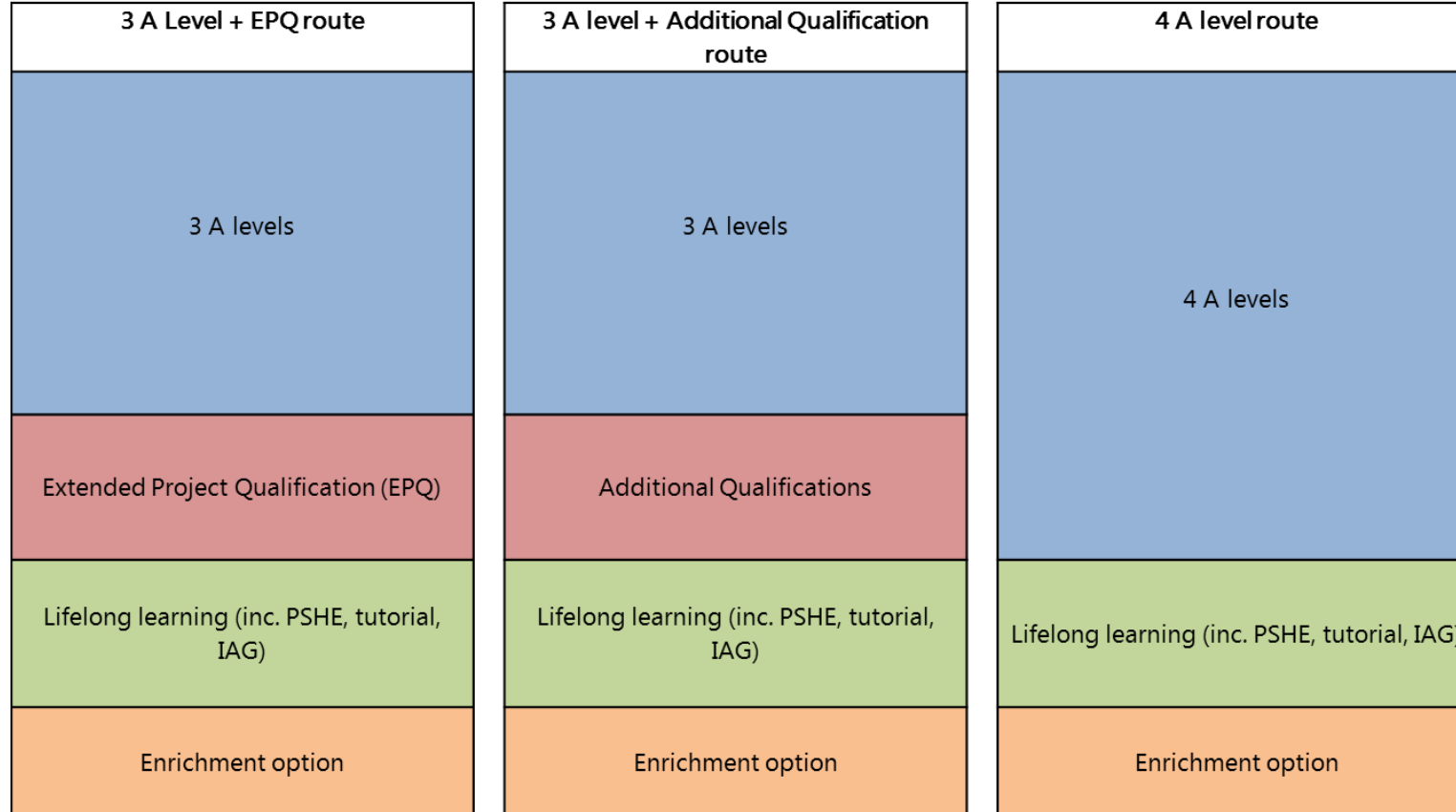
## Changes to A Levels

- 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)





# Core Curriculum Offer





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# What can I choose from?

29 different A Levels including:-

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

Up to 8 different 'breadth options' including:-

- Geology
- Classical Civilisations
- Creative Writing
- Fashion & Textiles





# Which A levels should I choose to 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.





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

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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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# Am I guaranteed to get my preferred subjects?

The vast majority of students will be allocated their preferred subject combination. However, occasionally this might not be possible because:

- The timetable cannot be organised without two subjects 'clashing'.
- Numbers for a subject are so small that the course is not viable.



## Entry Criteria

Criteria for both overall entry and for individual subjects are identified after a great deal of thought and analysis. They are there to:

- Ensure that students have the best chance possible to be successful in their A Level studies, and therefore have a positive experience at Sixth Form.
- Ensure that all decisions around entry are objective and equitable.

Do therefore make sure that you are fully aware of the entry criteria, so you know exactly what you need to do in order to qualify, firstly for the Sixth Form, and then for your preferred subjects.





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## So what do I need to do now?

- Current Marling students will not need to submit a formal application. However, they will be asked to complete a subject choices form in February.
- Students not currently studying at Marling School will need to submit an application form. Deadline is February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024.





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Thank you.

