



# Battle Abbey School

Pre-U Course



## INTRODUCTION

Dear Year 13

Well done for all of your hard work in completing your Sixth Form programme, whether A Level or BTEC. Ordinarily, you would be in the middle of your exams now. However, these are extraordinary times and, to a certain extent, it gives us an opportunity to deliver an extensive post Year 13 programme which had previously not been possible. I would like to thank so many of you for your input into the design of the programme and have included as many elements as possible that you suggested.

The course will start on Monday 18th May. Options must be returned by Thursday 14th May.

There are essentially four sections to the programme. These are:

1. 'Academic courses' that are designed to broaden your mind, keep you academically active and cover the most popular areas of future study at university amongst your year. There will be one session per week in each subject area and you are encouraged to sign up to as many as possible.
2. 'Life skills'. As the title implies, these are short courses to help you with living independently and succeeding/avoiding common pit-falls beyond studying at Battle Abbey. There will be one session per week and again you are encouraged to sign up to as many as possible.
3. 'Study Skills' is a once weekly session giving some tips and advice on how to bridge the gap between studying at Sixth Form and University.
4. 'Beyond the Classroom'. One of the things that makes Sixth Form life at Battle Abbey so enriching is the opportunities for extra curricular activities, ability to volunteer and leadership opportunities. This is a far more esoteric offering, so is not timetabled as such.

This programme is purposefully designed to be flexible and wide reaching. The exact timings and offerings may change slightly over time as government guidance changes or class sizes change for example.

Make the most of this interesting and varied programme and good luck to you all.

**Mr. P. Usher (Deputy Head)**



## ACADEMIC COURSES

### **Geopolitics (Mr Clark)**

This will be a weekly discussion based upon some of the most salient geopolitical issues of the day.

### **Feminism Club (Ms Boleyn St. Aubyn)**

The popular Feminism club will be reintroduced.

### **Science Research Project (Miss Chohan-Carpenter)**

This will focus particularly on the research and development of drugs, trials and production.

### **Economics & Philosophy (Mr Usher, Mrs Austen-White, Mr Austen-White)**

Decision-making is a critical part of every day life. The process behind making these decisions are fascinating and the impacts they have are far reaching. This short course will examine some of these.

### **Literature and Society (Miss Simpson)**

This course will look at how literature informs and is informed by your chosen degree subject.

### **Maths for non-mathematicians (Mr Smallman)**

This course is focused on students who are undertaking a numerate course at university or career, yet haven't formally studied maths since GCSE.

### **Maths for mathematicians (Mr Smallman)**

A number of students are continuing on to a university course involving a significant amount of maths and this will enable you to continue with your mathematical studies.

### **Art skills in advance of Art College (Mr Tucker-Wall, Mrs Townsend, Dr Green)**

This course will be delivered by the Art Department and will help to further develop & refine skills in advance of studying Art at college.

### **Art & Design History (Mr Tucker-Wall, Mrs Townsend, Dr Green)**

This will allow for a weekly examination of an area of Art & Design History.

### **History Society (Mr Trimby, Mr Perry)**

The continuation of the History Society will give the opportunity for a wide range of Year 13 students to participate in regular seminars on a wide range of historical matters.

*Details of how each course will run will be made available soon and feel free to liaise directly with the relevant member of staff for more information. The exact programme will be subject to change.*



## LIFE SKILLS

### **Budgeting/Personal Finance (Mr Algar)**

One of the most requested sessions was to deliver a short course on how to manage a personal budget. This will cover loans, renting houses and managing household bills.

### **Conversational French (Mrs Johnson)**

A weekly session on developing conversational skills in French.

### **Employability (Mr Algar)**

This course will cover the application process associated with getting a job. It will include CV's, letters of application and the interview itself.

### **IT Skills and Digital Literacy (Mrs Usher, Mr Usher)**

There are many IT tools available to help you at university or in life. These will cover the use of OneNote to organise your notes, Excel, some top tips in Word and other practical skills.

### **SAS (Student Advisory Service) - (Mr Malewicz, Miss Montford)**

Students can contact Ms Montford and Mr Malewicz on Monday mornings with any holistic questions regarding preparation for university, life at university or beyond.

### **Study Skills (Ms Boleyn St. Aubyn)**

There is far more need for independent study at university as well as more research. Therefore, there will be sessions on note-taking, research skills, time management and more.

### **Six Week Personal Exercise Program (Mr Chapman)**

Improve your fitness with a purpose! Test yourself, set targets, train and then evaluate your progress. Weekly guidance on exercise and training for your specific goals as well as basic nutritional advice. Perfect for lockdown!



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

There are many more opportunities for you to contribute to the school community or socialise. Some examples are given below, but this is not exhaustive.

- Helping to edit & curate BAS TV
- Giving university advice to Year 12 students
- Being an EPQ mentor/offer advice to Year 11 students
- Giving academic help and support to younger students
- Participating in or helping to run an aspect of the 'Virtually Battle Abbey' ECA offering such as filming an 'academic short'
- Organising 'fun activities' once or twice weekly:
  - o Pub quiz
  - o House challenges e.g. Taskmaster
  - o Silent Disco
  - o Book club
  - o Battle Abbey's Got Talent

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE (subject to change)

P	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>(08:55)</b>	SAS (RM/LMo)				
<b>2</b> <b>(09:35)</b>	SAS (RM/LMo)	IT SKILLS (PU/FU)	PRE-COLLEGE ART SKILLS (ART Dept.)		
<b>3</b> <b>(10:15)</b>	SAS (RM/LMo)	IT SKILLS (PU/FU)	PRE-COLLEGE ART SKILLS (ART Dept.)	GEO POLITICS (DC)	
<b>4</b> <b>(11:15)</b>	SCIENCE PROJECT (RCC)		EMPLOYABILITY (MA)	GEO POLITICS (DC)	ECONOMICS & PHILOSOPHY PROJECT (PU/LAW/CAW)
<b>5</b> <b>(11:55)</b>	SCIENCE PROJECT (RCC)	ART HISTORY (ART Dept.)	EMPLOYABILITY (MA)	MATHS FOR NON- MATHE- MATICIANS (LS)	ECONOMICS & PHILOSOPHY PROJECT (PU/LAW/CAW)
<b>6</b> <b>(13:35)</b>	PERSONAL FINANCE (MA)	ART HISTORY (ART Dept.)	STUDY SKILLS FOR UNIVERSITY (GABSA)	MATHS FOR NON-MATHE- MATICIANS (LS)	
<b>7</b> <b>(14:15)</b>	PERSONAL FINANCE (MA)		STUDY SKILLS FOR UNIVERSITY (GABSA)	SPORT/ PERSONAL ACTIVITY*	CONVER- SATIONAL FRENCH (MFL Dept.)
<b>8</b> <b>(14:55)</b>	MATHS FOR MATHEMATI- CIANS (LS)	LITERATURE & SOCIETY (JS/MM)	FEMINISM CLUB (GABSA)	SPORT/ PERSONAL ACTIVITY*	CONVER- SATIONAL FRENCH (MFL Dept.)
<b>9</b> <b>(15:35)</b>	MATHS FOR MATHEMATI- CIANS (LS)	LITERATURE & SOCIETY (JS/MM)		SPORT/ PERSONAL ACTIVITY*	ENRICHMENT
<b>10</b> <b>(16:25)</b>					

\*Support is on offer from the PE Department/on Firefly for this



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