



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Re: Year 12 Options – Initial Expressions of Interest**

As your child approaches the end of Term 1 in Year 11, we are now beginning the early stages of planning for their progression into Year 12 and the expanding Sixth Form at Capital School. This is an exciting time for our pupils as they begin to consider the pathway that best matches their strengths, interests, and future ambitions.

At this stage, we are gathering initial expressions of interest only. Alongside this letter, you will find the Year 12 Initial Options Form, where pupils are asked to indicate their top five subjects they may wish to study in Sixth Form. Pupils will be issued a paper copy of the form during tutor time on Thursday 4th Dec 2025.

While we offer both A-Level and Level 3 BTEC qualifications in Sixth Form, pupils do not need to focus on the differences between these pathways at this stage. Their priority for now is simply to think about the subjects they may wish to study next year. If you would like to explore further information, you can click the links attached to each subject in the table below to view the official qualification specifications. The subjects we are offering align closely with those available in other UK curriculum schools in Bahrain.

It is important to note that a subject will only run if there are enough pupils who choose it. If a course receives too few initial or final requests, the school may not be able to offer it. In addition, all subjects will have minimum iGCSE entry requirements to ensure pupils start Year 12 with the appropriate foundation for success. For most subjects, this requirement is likely to be around a Grade 6, although exact entry criteria will be confirmed in the Options Booklet and during the A-Level and KS5 Information Evening.

Alongside their three chosen subjects, pupils will also have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This enables pupils to undertake an independent project in an area of personal interest and is highly valued by universities for developing academic writing, independent research, and project management skills.

To ensure every pupil is fully supported, each student will also take part in an Individual Transition into KS5 Interview during Term 2. This meeting will help us confirm that their choices are appropriate, realistic, and aligned with both their iGCSE performance and their future education or career aspirations.

After the winter break, pupils will then be asked to submit their final confirmed choices, selecting three subjects for Year 12, with the option to add the EPQ. Final acceptance onto courses will depend on both pupil demand and their iGCSE outcomes.

To support pupils and parents further, we will be holding an initial A-Level and BTEC Briefing event on Wednesday 10th December in the MPH where we will be outlining key information



and being able to answer questions regarding our A-Level and BTEC offer and the process itself.

An additional A-Level and KS5 Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 7th January, where we will guide families through the process of submitting confirmed options and outlining in more detail the options process and the specific contents of the courses. For those parents who are not in the country at this time due to religious festivals, we will run a smaller evening on Sunday 25th January to answer any questions you may have. It is very important that you attend at least one of these evenings.

We look forward to working closely with you and supporting your child as they take this important next step in their education. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warm regards,

**Scott Holden**  
Head of Secondary

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Principal