

THE HEMEL HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions



I have two subjects that I want to take but they are in the same option block – what can I do?

We use option blocks for timetabling purposes. We also take into account common combinations of subjects. Unfortunately using options blocks will lead to clashes for a small number of students each year. Where a student has a clash they are able to notify us of this on their application form. We keep a record of this.

On rare occasions subjects do move option blocks, and where a subject is very popular a second class is sometimes created in a different option block. If a subject moves blocks we will notify students where we know that they had a clash.

When making your initial application students will need to pick three subjects from separate options blocks.

I have submitted my application form but want to change my options.

Please email the details of your subject change request to options@hemelschool.com. Any subject change requests will be dependent upon the option blocks working and class numbers in the new subject.

Can I take two subjects?

All of our students are full-time students and must be on a minimum of three level three options.

Can I pick four options?

All applications must have three options selected when submitted. Each year we have a number of students who take four level three options. Students who would like to take a fourth option can add this to their programme of study after GCSE results day. This is the fairest way to allocate places in subjects when initial applications are received. Allocations of fourth subjects will be dependent upon class numbers.

If a student is looking to take four subjects and would like to enquire about subject availability they can do so by emailing options@hemelschool.com. Students can also indicate their intention to take a fourth subject on their application form.

Can I take a subject at another school?

We are not part of a consortium of schools. Students must take all three of their options at The Hemel Hempstead School.

I missed the Sixth Form Preview Evening. Where can I find information about the Sixth Form?

The Sixth Form area of our school website contains all of the information needed to make informed decisions about level three study. Please view the talks by the Head teacher, Head of Sixth Form and our Head Students. Each subject has produced a subject information page and a video explaining the requirements of their subject. If a student has questions about a particular subject they should make contact with the teacher named on the subject information page.

It is past the application deadline. Can I still apply?

Please complete and submit the application form. We will still consider applications beyond the published application deadline.

I have my GCSE results but did not get the grades to do one of my chosen options.

We encourage students to have back up or reserve options that they might take if this situation arises. Our entry requirements are set as low as possible in an attempt to make our sixth form accessible. Unfortunately, if a student does not gain the GCSE grades needed to take a level three option they will need to choose another option from our list of courses.