



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

12th January 2021

Dear Year 11,

For tomorrow: Wednesday 13th January -

Welcome to the Taster Session day for new A Level subjects. All other lessons are cancelled today for Year 11

I very much hope that these **sessions (links below)** will give you a chance to hear directly from the teachers about what these new subjects involve, not just the content, but the skills you need, how they are assessed and taught and why you might consider taking them. It is also important to compare them with other options and take subjects which fit your interests, abilities, and your career options. In other words, don't just opt for something because it's new, or because you can't think of anything else. It is vital to choose something because you are well informed. Don't forget to watch the videos teachers have also done about each subject - click [here](#) and scroll down to find them.

While I will discuss your options with you in the next couple of weeks, which may lead to a few changes now, there are very few changes to options allowed in September.

We'd like you to make the right choice from the outset.

How each taster session will run

1. Join the sessions **PROMPTLY** please, they are usually around 20 minutes long, so not the whole lesson and we don't want to waste time waiting for people to join. Please be on mute - but do show your faces, it makes it so much nicer for teachers to see faces rather than a sea of black squares which are silent!
2. Teachers will give an explanation of the course
3. Teachers will give you a question and answer session, live, at the end of their explanation of the course
4. Click on the reaction button and "raise your hand" if you wish to ask a question so the teacher can go round each person in turn
5. Chat box - have the chat box open too so that you can also type in questions for the teacher to answer
6. Do email the teacher afterwards if other questions occur to you.
7. Clashes, if you wished to participate in a session but it clashed with another, please let me know and I will either get a recording of the session for you or you can contact the teacher directly.

Other subjects will run q and a sessions about AL in their lessons this week.

The deadline remains 29th January for both the [form](#) and the online course selection, details of which will be sent out week of 25th January.

Timetable for the day with links - No other year 11 lessons take place on this day.

Less on 1 905- 1005	Environmental Science AL (9.15 start) hstaddon@phsg.org lgraves@phsg.org	Topic: Environmental Science Taster Session Time: Jan 13, 2021 09:15 AM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99610627947?pwd=WmhhekZ2cXJnMExkbkV1aXAvMjk1UT09 Meeting ID: 996 1062 7947 Passcode: 1UD3tB
905 - 1005	Media Studies AL sblunden@phsg.org	Year 11 to 12 Media taster session When Wed Jan 13, 2021 9am – 10am United Kingdom Time Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/928J93774129?pwd=bzljTFdrOVptK3p0a0hSVXdBSG5wUT09 Meeting ID: 928 9377 4129 Passcode: UZFd47
Less on 2 1005 - 1105	Politics AL rmallard@phsg.org	Topic: Politics taster Time: Jan 13, 2021 10:10 AM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93627504614?pwd=Wi9RSjhHdVVZYUtzTSstTOGRwMENEdz09 Meeting ID: 936 2750 4614 Passcode: 2xgTmu
1005 - 1105	Accountancy AL pgoodchild@phsg.org	Topic: Accounting - Taster Session Time: Jan 13, 2021 10:05 AM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92652357731?pwd=K282dlorQVo2NmtxTEdVr2phWXF3Zz09 Meeting ID: 926 5235 7731 Passcode: QU9WWm

Less on 3 11.30 - 12.30	Law AL lfindlay@phsg.org	Topic: Law Taster session Time: Jan 13 2021 11.30am Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/92963549563?pwd=ajZvRG5hTHRNFVpdU4wUnhOZndHZz09 Meeting ID: 929 6354 9563 Passcode: 9T9mQQ
11.30- 12.30 (Lunch 12.30 - 1.30)	Level 3 Diploma in Food and Nutrition gwestaway@phsg.org	Topic: level 3 Diploma in Food and Nutrition Time: Jan 13, 2021 11:30 AM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/98792880302?pwd=MU1WTIR3N0tjY1pJcDlhOGY2SjRHdz09 Meeting ID: 987 9288 0302 Passcode: 5FJVcm
Less on 4 1.30-2.30	Psychology AL ebaines@phsg.org	Topic: Psychology A-level taster session Time: Jan 13, 2021 1:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93014951226?pwd=ZzR6WVR6WThudXQ0RkpON0pnWVU1dz09 Meeting ID: 930 1495 1226 Passcode: DG5FQY
Less on 5 2.30- 3.30	Business Studies AL pgoodchild@phsg.org	Topic: Business - Taster Session Time: Jan 13, 2021 2:30 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/98377761232?pwd=T3lMczhwWDd1a2lTaWxWaFNxSm1lZz09 Meeting ID: 983 7776 1232 Passcode: M5ZAf2

Completing your application and choices

The deadline for submitting applications to PHSG Sixth form with your A Level choices is **January 29th**, by which time you will have received your reports and mock results. You will need to submit your applications for the A levels subjects in **TWO** ways:

1. emailing/posting the completed application form to Mrs Mills, kmills@phsg.org (click [here](#) for the form) by 29th January 2021
2. completing the online options form. A link and instructions will be sent out to students in the week of January 25th, to be completed by Friday 29th January 2021

Don't forget, the booklet, application form and anything else you need is also on our website, see the Sixth Form section and the Virtual Sixth Form open evening pages

ENJOY!

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