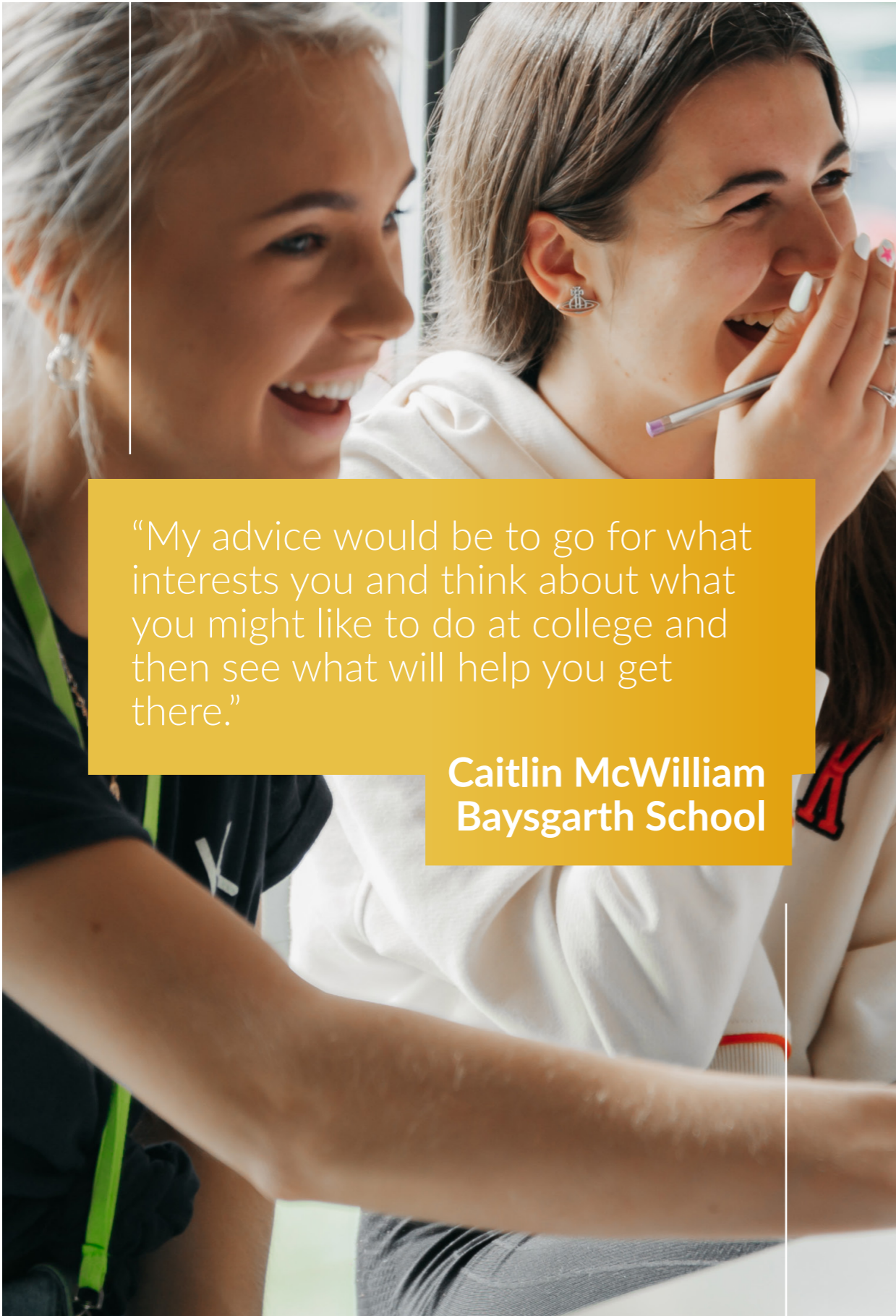


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**Caitlin McWilliam  
Baysgarth School**

# CHOOSING YOUR GCSE SUBJECTS



**Making the right choice is down to a combination of things, including your talents, interests and your future career aspirations.**

Many of the Level 3 courses at JLC (A Levels and equivalent courses) require you to have achieved between grades 9 and 4 in a minimum of five GCSE subjects.

Maths, English and Science are the core subjects everyone must take at GCSE in England, and many of our courses at JLC require you to do well in these subjects, however some of our courses have more specific entry requirements that might influence your GCSE choices. This booklet will guide you through the various subjects you could choose and give you an idea of where this might lead after your GCSEs.

We have also collected case studies from our current students at JLC to show you the pathways they have chosen at school and college and what they hope to do in the future.



# YOUR GCSE OPTIONS & PROGRESSION TO JLC

At GCSE you can usually choose from the following types of subjects, a modern foreign language, a humanity subject, an art subject and a technical subject, you may also have the option to take PE as a GCSE.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

At JLC we offer French and Spanish at A Level, it is essential you choose it for your GCSE's and have an interest in learning about other cultures. Speaking a foreign language is a valuable skill in many professions and our students go on to careers within business and management, travel and tourism, media, banking, teaching and interpreting, to name a few.

## HUMANITIES

Most schools will offer History, Geography or Religious Studies as a humanities option. It is not essential that you study these subjects at GCSE to be able to study them at A Level at JLC, but it would be advantageous. As a humanities student you will build skills in writing and critical reading and learn to ask questions about our world. This can be also useful for studying subjects at JLC such as Humanities & Economics, Politics & Law, Social Sciences and Philosophy & Ethics. Strong English GCSE results are required for these subjects.



## PERFORMING ARTS

You might have the option to study Music, Drama or Dance during your final school years. To study performing arts at JLC, experience in Dance, Drama and/or Music is desirable and a strong interest in performing or designing theatre is essential. We also look for good English skills at GCSE. For A Level Music you will need to play an instrument or sing, and for the Dance course you will need to have done Dance at GCSE or have taken lessons in ballet, jazz, modern or contemporary dance.

## CREATIVE ARTS

Choosing a creative subject for GCSE such as Art, Photography, Design Technology, Textiles or Graphics, will really support your application to do a Creative Arts subject at JLC. However, we understand that some pathway choices won't enable this, so every application to study a Creative Arts course at JLC is seen on an individual basis, therefore any student wishing to apply should do so. Creative Arts courses fit alongside any academic course choice and will support your development, our level 3 Creative courses are amongst the highest performing in the country.

## TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL

These courses include a variety of subjects such as Design & Technology, Engineering or Computing. We offer a wide range of technical and computing courses at JLC, such as Esports, Games Design, Creative Computing, Computer Science, Engineering and Electronics. Strong maths and science results are required for many of these subjects. Doing a BTEC or other vocational or technical qualification provides a more practical, career-sector related qualification.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students have to do PE in years 10 and 11, but some students choose to take it as a GCSE option. Choosing GCSE PE or a BTEC/CTEC course would be ideal alongside good grades in Biology as a separate science or combined option. Involvement in school clubs/teams and those outside of school would also provide great experience for any coaching units or our sports teams. Students who love playing sport, or who are interested in a career in sport, the police or in health care, choose this subject at college. They might also choose to study Uniformed Protective Services, Law, Criminology or Applied Science depending on their career aspirations.

# SUBJECTS AT JLC

Other subjects we offer at JLC include:

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE & ENGLISH LITERATURE

To study English Language, Literature or a combination of both at JLC, you will need to achieve grade 5 in your English Language and Literature GCSEs. Courses that complement English can include Drama, especially if you are interested in a career in teaching, and History which helps to develop your critical thinking and writing skills.

## SCIENCE & MATHS

To study Maths and / or a single Science (Physics, Chemistry or Biology) at JLC you must take the higher GCSE paper and achieve a grade 6 or above. Science and Maths courses are essential if you want to go into a career in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Pharmacy or Environmental Management.



## BUSINESS

Strong English and Maths skills are desired for Business, as well as an interest in leadership and decision making. Joining your schools debate team, student council, or similar, can help to prepare you for this course. Career options for this subject can include management, marketing, finance, accounting, banking, retailing, manufacturing and local government.

## LAW

Choosing subjects at GCSE such as History, Geography or a Modern Foreign Language would be valuable for students interested in studying law or wanting to become a Lawyer. Law courses at University are competitive so you should aim for the highest grades possible.

## MEDIA, FILM & GAMES

At JLC, we offer A-Level and Vocational courses in these subjects that help you develop your creative and academic skills. You don't need to have studied these at GCSE but English, Humanities and Creative Arts subjects would prepare you very well for them. A-Level Media and Film involve lots of analysis and historical study of the subjects whereas in our Media, Film and Games vocational courses technical, production, creative and graphic design skills will be more important.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE/CHILD CARE

Some schools do offer these courses at Level 2 so taking those would be advantageous, but we understand that this is not an option in all schools so taking part in additional opportunities such as work experience would help prepare you for this course. Many of our H&SC students go on to further study for careers in nursing, midwifery, social work, teaching, care work or hospitality.

## UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

For students interested in joining the Army, RAF, Navy, Police or Fire Service, Uniformed Protective Services is the perfect course. We look for students who have good core subject scores and a keen interest in health and fitness (potentially a sport GCSE/BTEC) plus any involvement in work experience or programmes, such as National Citizenship Service or Duke of Edinburgh, is highly valued.

# CASE STUDIES

## KATIE DINSDALE

Previous School:  
Frederick Gough school

GCSE Options:  
Drama  
History

Now studying:  
Economics, Law and Geography at JLC

What is next for you?  
I am hoping to do an Economics degree.

*"My advice is to choose something you enjoy and like and don't think and stress too much about the future as it will all fall into place."*

## MARIAM BIBI

Previous School:  
St Bedes Catholic Voluntary Academy

GCSE Options:  
Triple science  
German  
Geography

Now studying:  
Biology, Religious Studies and Business at JLC

What is next for you?  
I hope when I leave JLC I'll go on to do a degree in Philosophy at University

*"My advice would be to choose options that are quite broad and allow you to go in any route because you may change what you want to do many times. Unless you want a specific career then I would be open minded about the different range of subjects that you pick, it then allows you to go into any field or course that you want."*

## FAITH SINGH

Previous School:  
St Bede's School

GCSE Options:  
History  
German  
Triple Science  
Music

Now studying:  
History, Geography, English Literature at A Level, EPQ at AS at JLC

What is next for you?  
My career ambitions are to read English at university and then proceed toward becoming a human rights barrister through a conversion course.

*"Choosing GCSEs can be tough but try not to overthink. They are an important steppingstone to your future but don't stress- think calmly and clearly about what you enjoy and what you're good at; enjoyment and confidence in your abilities within the different subjects is key to staying focused and motivated. Equally important to consider is how useful these subjects and their content will be to you further down the line, so make a point of researching subject specifications, reading around entry requirements for college and university and taking the initiative to ask people for any advice you might need in your decisions."*

## ELISHA WHITE

Previous School:  
The Axholme Academy

GCSE Options:  
Textiles  
History  
Triple Science  
French

Now studying:  
Textiles, Sociology and Business at JLC

What is next for you?  
In the future I would like to do something creative, maybe in the fashion industry or to do with marketing.

*"My advice is try not to be influenced by what your friends are doing or other people in your class and choose what interests you as it will be easier to get the best grades if you enjoy the subject and have an interest in it."*

## CHLOE ROBINSON

Previous School:  
Outwood Academy Brumby

GCSE Options:  
Triple science  
iMedia (IT)  
Geography  
French

Now studying:  
Physics, Maths, Politics and Chemistry at JLC

What is next for you?  
I would like a career as an Astrophysicist or planetary scientist working in the sustainable colonisation of planets and moral space evolution. I would like to study a degree in physics/ astrophysics.

*"My advice would be to pick options that you enjoy as well as sensible ones that will help you get to where you want to be."*

## ROBERT SUMA

Previous School:  
Frederick Gough School

GCSE Options:  
Geography  
Information Technology

Now studying:  
CTEC Information Technology and BTEC Business at JLC

What is next for you?  
I hope to be an IT Teacher in the future and plan to go to university to get my teaching degree

*"My advice would be to speak to teachers about what you do be doing in certain subjects. Also, don't do what your friends are going to do as they have to do different subjects to get their dream jobs."*

## EMILY BIRKETT

Previous School:  
The St Lawrence Academy

GCSE Options:  
Photography  
Art  
English

Now studying:  
Film, Drama, Maths GCSE & Photography at JLC

What is next for you?  
I Wanna Be A Rockstar! I am applying to go to ACM Guildford After John Leggott Which Is A Music College.

*"The advice I would give is just take each good and bad day as it comes, because the result will be rewarding. range of subjects that you pick, it then allows you to go into any field or course that you want."*

## BETHANY HUDSON

Previous School:  
Huntcliff School

GCSE Options:  
Music  
Childcare  
Double Science  
History

Now studying:  
GCSE Maths, GCSE English, Level 2 Art and Level 2 Photography on the Step Up Programme at JLC

What is next for you?  
I hope I will become a journalist and travel the world interviewing celebrities.

*"My advice would be to never give up, PAY ATTENTION and stay calm. If you panic, you will get nowhere."*

# CASE STUDIES



# CONTACT US

If you have any further questions, or would like to learn more about the courses we offer at JLC please get in touch:

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**Elisha White**  
**The Axholme Academy**

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