



# The South Wolds Academy Sixth Form Options Process

Open, fair and flexible

# Main Curriculum and Enrichment



- Free initial choice of maximum of 4 A levels
- Opportunity to achieve **Extended Project Qualification** and/or **Community Sports Leader** qualification

# Open

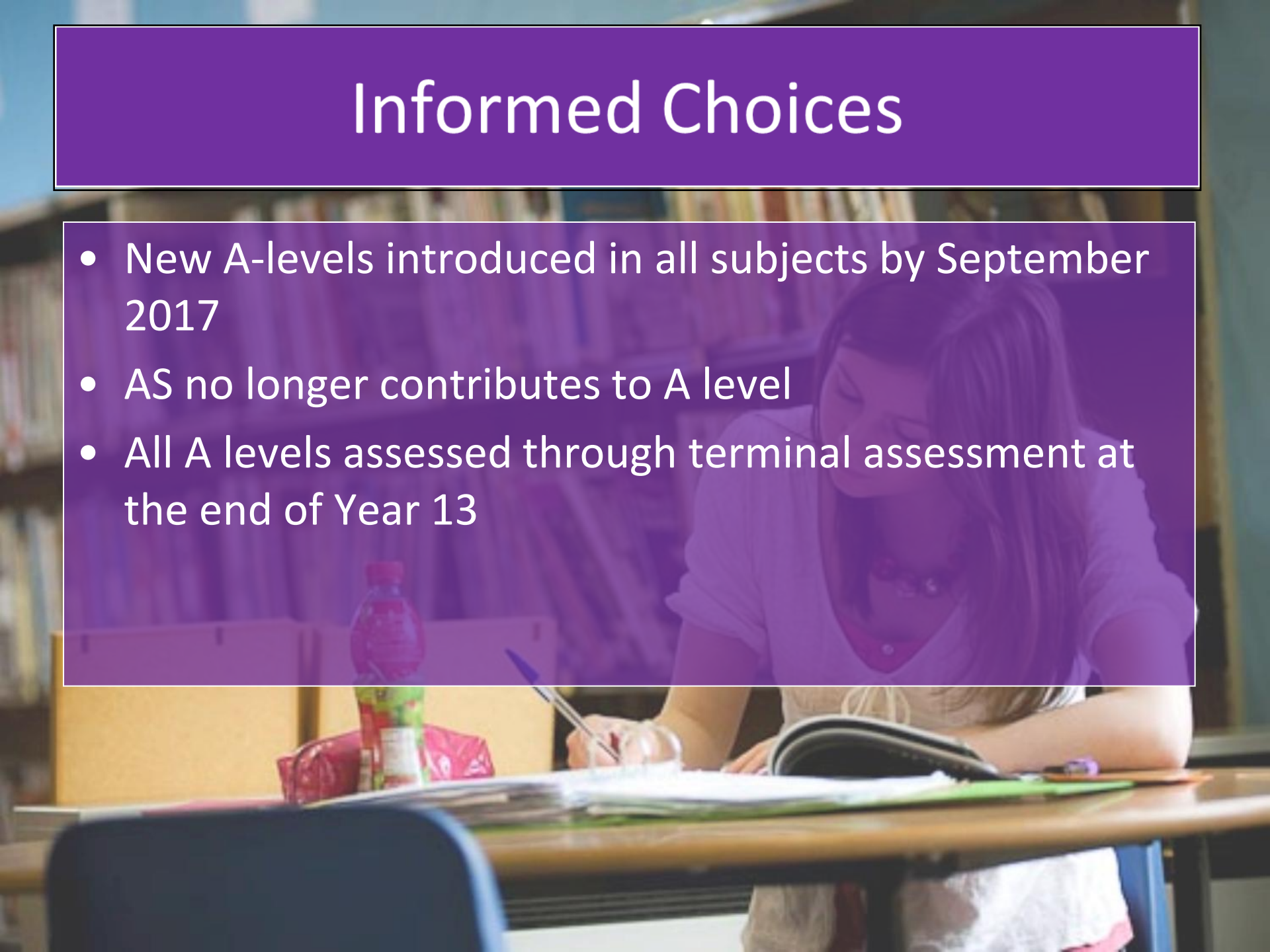
## Year 12 A Level Options 2016

Art    Biology    Business    Chemistry  
Computer Science    Economics    English Lang.  
English Lit.    French    Further Maths  
Geography    German    History    Maths  
Music    PE    Philosophy & Ethics    Photography  
Physics    Product Design    Psychology  
Sociology    Spanish    Textiles  
Theatre Studies

**You can choose any four of the options above**

# Informed Choices

- New A-levels introduced in all subjects by September 2017
- AS no longer contributes to A level
- All A levels assessed through terminal assessment at the end of Year 13



# South Wolds - A level plan 2016-2018

- PLAN
- All students to study four subjects initially
- Students sit rigorous internal exams at the end of Year 12
- Staff and students select the 3 subjects they wish to continue to A-level



# South Wolds - A level plan 2016-2018

- **BENEFITS**

- + Students/staff can make informed decisions about Y13 study programme by end of Y12
- + Students maintain breadth in Y 12
- + Provides flexibility in how the content could be apportioned over the two years
- + No break in teaching for AS exam timetable

- + No loss of momentum in second half of summer term
- + Very bright students could carry on with four subjects to A-level at teacher's discretion

As more information becomes available we will keep you informed

# Informed Choices

- Facilitating Subjects – “By choosing **Facilitating Subjects** at A-level you will have a much wider range of options open to you at university”
- “Generally speaking students taking one non-facilitating subject as part of a wider portfolio of subjects do not experience any problems applying to a Russell Group university”
- [www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf](http://www.russellgroup.org/InformedChoices-latest.pdf)

# Facilitating Subjects

- Maths and Further Maths
  - English (Literature)
  - Physics
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Geography
  - History
  - Modern Foreign Languages
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- A photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt, sitting at a desk in a library. She is leaning forward, writing in a notebook with a blue pen. On the desk, there is a red water bottle and a white cup. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter.



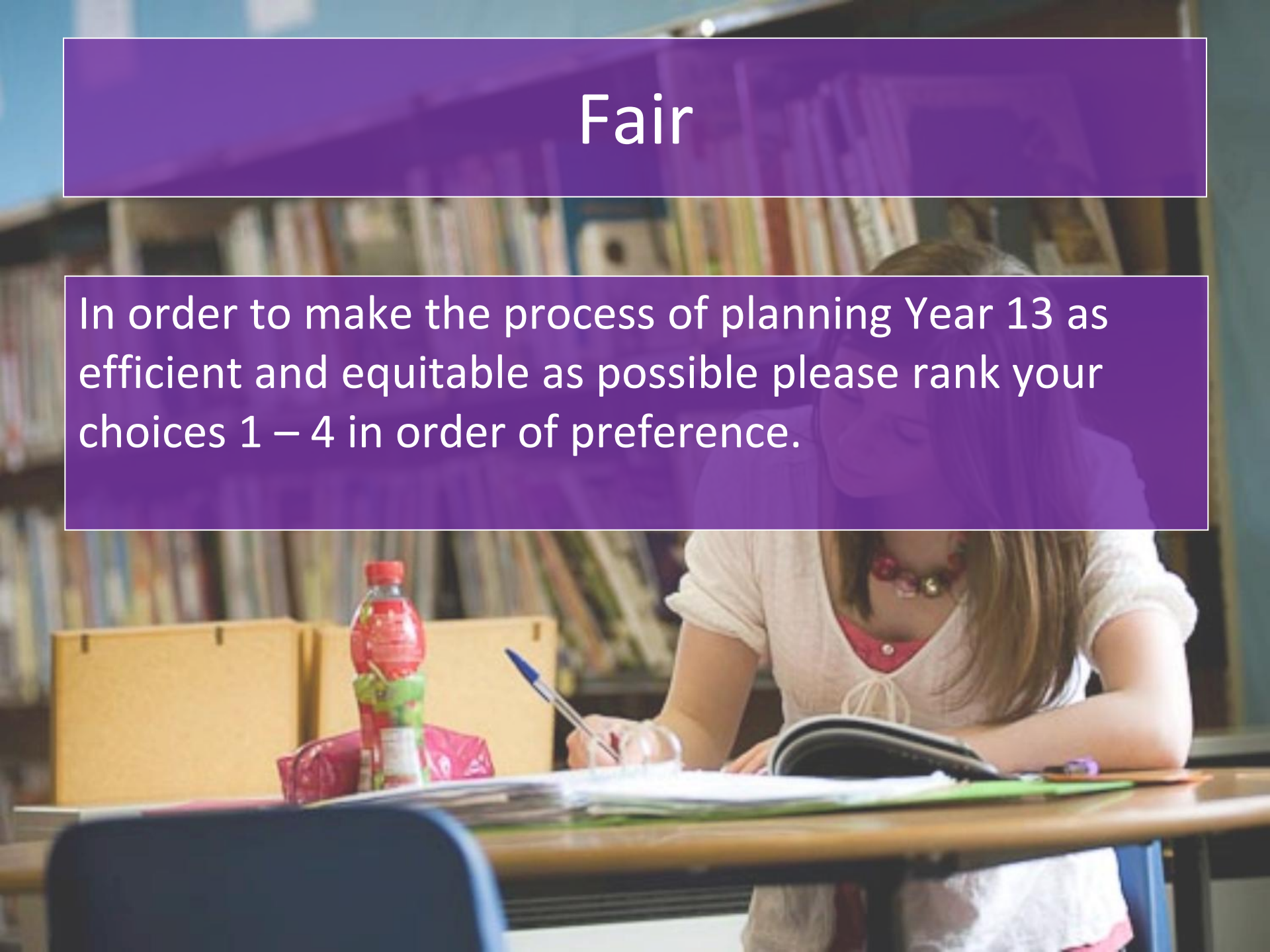
# Fair

In order to make the process of constructing Option Columns as efficient and equitable as possible please circle the numbered option below that best describes you:

1. I am definitely intending to stay at South Wolds
2. I am probably going to stay at South Wolds
3. I may stay at South Wolds

# Fair

In order to make the process of planning Year 13 as efficient and equitable as possible please rank your choices 1 – 4 in order of preference.



# Flexible

- If there is a course you are interested in studying that we don't currently offer please add it in the bottom row – if there are sufficient numbers of interested students we may be able to run it!

# The Process

- 6<sup>th</sup> October - VI Form Open Evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> November - Application Process closes – application forms to be handed in at Pupil Reception
- 7<sup>th</sup> November onwards – Compiling of Option Columns, provision of Advice and Guidance

# Our Promises

- We will work within the constraints of time, money and resources to compile option columns that meet the needs and aspirations of the largest group of students
- Where initial choices cannot be met we will work with you to put acceptable alternatives in place



# Parent Involvement Group

- Collaboration between parents and SWA
- Broaden student experience of a variety of work settings
- Parent volunteers from wide variety of work backgrounds and professions for career information days and mock interviews
- [pig@southwolds.notts.sch.uk](mailto:pig@southwolds.notts.sch.uk)



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