

## The Clarendon Academy

### Oxbridge and Russell Group University Applications

In 2006 Cambridge University published a list of subjects which they regarded as unsuitable preparation for their courses. The London School of Economics later listed their own. The combined list is:

Accounting\*, **Art and Design\***, **Business Studies\***, Communication Studies\*, Dance, **Design and Technology\***, **Drama/Theatre Studies\***, Film Studies, **Health and Social Care**, Home Economics \*, Information and Communication Technology, Law +, Leisure Studies, Media Studies\*, Music Technology\*, Performance Studies, **Performing Arts**, Photography, **Physical Education**, Sport Studies\*, Travel and Tourism\*

*An asterisk means both Cambridge and the LSE listed the subject as unsuitable, a cross (+) means the LSE alone listed it as unsuitable. Those **highlighted in bold** are currently offered by Clarendon College*

Whilst some of the Russell Group Universities follow similar recommendations, there is a great deal of variety depending on the courses students are applying for. The target academic A levels or “**facilitating subjects**” they prefer, include :

English Literature, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Languages (French, German, Italian etc) History, Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, Subjects such as Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Government and Politics are also accepted, although this does vary with institutions.

Interestingly, many top universities do not require students who are interested in degrees such as Law or Psychology to take these subjects at A level. If you have a specific degree course in mind it is always best to look at specific universities, check the website or email for advice. Currently, top universities are still accepting AS qualifications in addition to the new linear A levels.

#### **Health Warning !**

It is critical that students take A level subjects that they are both genuinely interested in and that they have an aptitude for. The list of facilitating subjects above is only a guide and only relates to highly competitive courses in the top universities, eg medicine, history, mathematics etc. Students applying for these courses will need at least an AAB and, in many instances, an AAA predicted grade profile to receive offers.

*A former Clarendon student who recently achieved a 2:1 degree in English Literature at Cambridge University took English, Philosophy and Sociology at A level and Theatre Studies at AS.*

**The majority of UK Universities accept all courses offered at The Clarendon Academy Sixth Form, including level 3 Btec and CACHE qualifications.**