**Information to consider before finalising Year 13 subject choices 2021**

***Make wise subject choices based on your academic strengths, your talents & interests.***

***Success thereafter comes from hard work.***

* NI University specific entrance requirements can be researched online at [www.qub.ac.uk](http://www.qub.ac.uk), [www.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.ulster.ac.uk), [www.smucb.ac.uk](http://www.smucb.ac.uk), [www.cafre.ac.uk](http://www.cafre.ac.uk), [www.cafre.ac.uk](http://www.cafre.ac.uk)
* Students considering other UK universities must contact admissions departments to confirm requirements.
1. Many university courses **DO NOT** require you to study a specific subject at A level. Courses such as Law, Politics, Psychology, Business Studies, Accounts, Philosophy, Archaeology, Criminology, Drama, Social Work, film studies and broadcast production have only a GRADE requirement.
2. BTEC and AQA Applied courses equivalent to A level are NOT accepted by some highly academic UK universities. QUB, St Marys University College and Stranmillis University College **accept ONE BTEC/AQA applied course** in an applicants’ academic portfolio. **Ulster will accept 2 or more BTEC Applied courses.**
3. **Engineering Degree Courses** at NI and other UK universities require A level Maths. The one exception is a BEng Mechanical Engineering degree at Ulster University which will accept BTEC Engineering/BTEC Construction/A level Technology and Design PROVIDED that the applicant has an A in GCSE Maths.
4. **Allied Health Degrees** (Physiotherapy, \*Dietetics, Podiatry, \*Optometry and Radiography) require A level Science subjects. Dietetics will accept an A level Science (chemistry preferred) with A level Food and Nutrition. Optometry requires 2 A level science subjects or science and maths. Occupational Therapy has no specific subject requirement.
5. **Nursing** does not require ANY specific A level subjects and asks for BCC grades at A level. (If you choose to study A level Biology, the offer will be CCC).
6. **Midwifery** at QUB requires applicants to firstly achieve BB in Double Award Science and a further B grade in GCSE Mathematics. The A level requirement is BCC.
7. **Construction** linked courses such as Quantity Surveying, Building Surveying and Construction Engineering and Management will require at least ONE A level subject from the following list achieved at a minimum B grade Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering or Construction and Technology & Design.
8. **Architecture** does NOT HAVE a specific A level subject requirement at QUB/Ulster but will require a portfolio of evidence of creativity unless an applicant offers an A grade in GCSE Art.
9. **Teaching** – BEd (Primary) degree courses at **Stranmillis** require AAB grades with no specific subjects required.
10. **Teaching**  - BEd (Primary) and BEd (Post primary) at **St Mary’s University College** have requirements as below:

**Grade requirement 2021 for entry to Teaching at St Mary’s University College**

BEd Primary with English Literature AAA with A in English Literature

BEd Primary with History AAA with A in History

BEd Primary with Irish AAA with A in Irish

BEd Primary with Mathematics AAA with A in Mathematics

BEd Primary with Music AAA with A in Music

BEd Primary with PE AAA plus **high interview score**will also be required.

BEd Primary with RS A\*AA with A in Religious Studies

BEd Primary with Science AAB with A in Biology

BEd Secondary with Business Studies AAA with A in Business Studies/Economics/Accounting

BEd Secondary with Mathematics and Science AAB with A in Mathematics and C in AS Science

BEd Secondary with Religious Studies AAA with A in Religious Studies

BEd Secondary with Technology & Design BCC with C in Technology & Design