

# KING'S COLLEGE COURSE CHOICE



## HOW DO YOU DECIDE?

*Look inside yourself*

### Internal Factors

- INTERESTS – They are strong predictors of your subject choice.
- ENJOYMENT / PASSION / DISLIKES
- ABILITY / MOTIVATION / HARD WORK

*Then look outside*

### External Factors

- Relevance to future career needs and tertiary course requirements
  - Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Technology
  - Humanities – English, History, Geography, Languages, Classical Studies, Art History, Music
  - Graphics & Information Technology
  - Maths
  - Practical Art, Art History & Music
  - Accounting, Economics, Business Studies
  - Physical Education
- Broad educational value, enrichment and skills development  
eg critical thinking and research skills.
- King's College curriculum requirements
  - Compulsory Year 11 core subjects – English and Maths
  - Subjects for Year 12 & 13 – what do you need to study, are there tertiary pre-requisite subjects?
  - Does your choice fit the timetable?
- Influence of –
  - Friends )
  - Parents )                      What do they think?
  - Teachers )                    Is it a sensible choice for **you**?

Think **carefully** before you make your choices as they can often influence or limit your future career choices e.g. dropping Maths, English, Chemistry, Physics or Biology. Should you keep up a Language?

Do some **research** – talk to teachers, tutors, senior students and look at the work **actually done** in a subject, eg what is Art History, what does Graphics really involve, will I enjoy PE, can I manage Physics or Maths?

1. Research and find out from the King's College Web-site – go to Student Services → Careers → What Career Can I Develop if I study??. Access the sites below to find out more about the careers linked to your interests and chosen subjects.

**N.Z. Career Services**

New Zealand Career Services: easy to navigate and very informative resource: career planning, job information and study and training. Special section for school students.

**Why Study.....?**

This Australian website has industry career profiles, which have been developed for many subjects, ranging from Accounting to Classics, Chemistry, Media Studies, Philosophy or Zoology.

**What Can I do with my Subject or Degree?**

Victoria University link covering Why Study.....?, Where can you work and related career paths.

**University of Canterbury**

Link to a wide range of degree options from Anthropology, Engineering to Mathematics and Theatre & Film Studies.

**Career Options from Subjects**

UK site with a very comprehensive list of degrees and job opportunities for new graduates.

**Blackboard Links**

As well as the extensive library of hard copy information shelved in the Careers Centre, you should access all the web-links on the Careers section of Blackboard.

Also go to the School Subject and Tertiary Courses

[http://www.kingscollege.school.nz/option.com\\_content/view,category/id,57/Itemid,397/](http://www.kingscollege.school.nz/option.com_content/view,category/id,57/Itemid,397/)

It is **very important** to see the subjects required for different tertiary programmes and the career paths they can lead to.

2. Discuss your ideas with your family, teachers, housemasters and tutors.  
Do some critical, honest thinking!

Family       Teachers       Housemasters       Tutors

## My King's College Course Choice for 2012

Year \_\_\_\_ Subjects

Reasons for choice

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