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Dear Parents,

The Destination of Leavers

Results have now been collated for this year's Upper Sixth leavers and the universities they will be attending. Recently some parents have discussed with me so-called 'softer' subjects at A level and university. They are naturally concerned that their sons should gain access to the top universities of choice, which largely these days (and as far as many employers are concerned) are the Russell Group Universities and also York and St Andrews. Not only is the destination of our leavers important, but the calibre and academic rigour of the courses they choose to study is also extremely important. You may be aware that the media sometimes highlights some graduates who on leaving university struggle to find employment. We advise our Sixth Formers that they should choose academically rigorous courses (although obviously ones they will enjoy and have an interest in), bearing in mind their possible employment prospects after graduation.

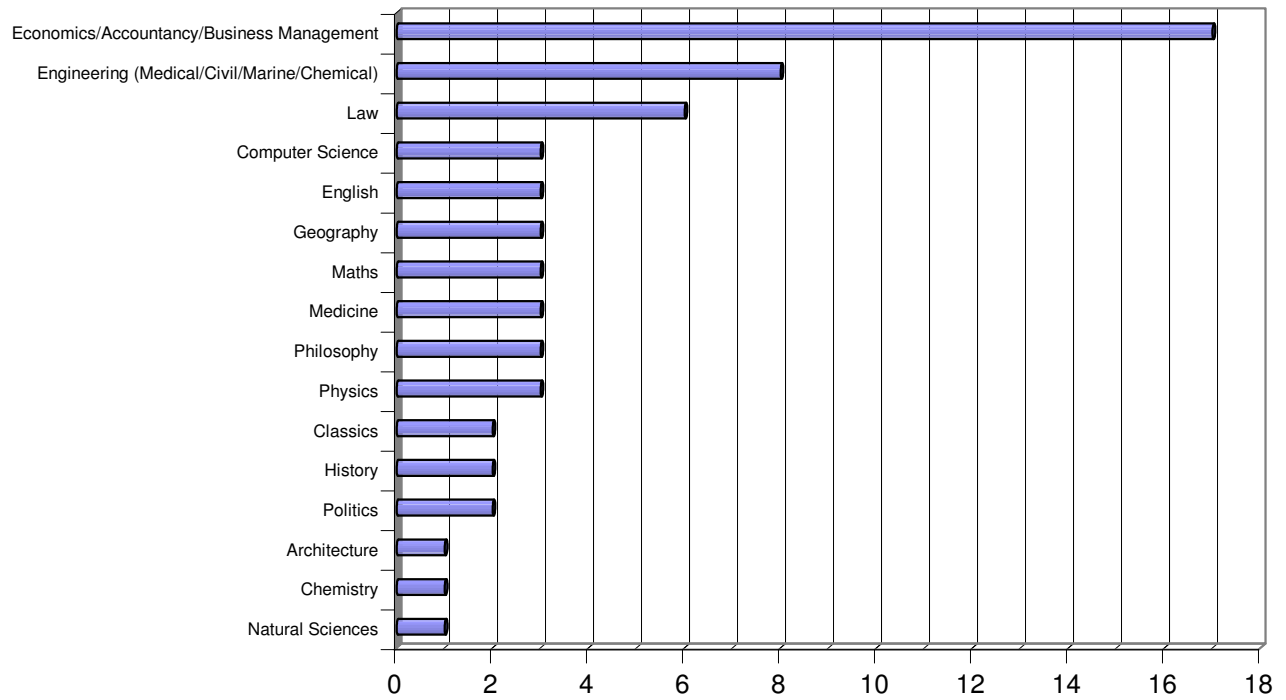
On the reverse of this letter, I attach a pie chart showing the subjects chosen by our 2008 leavers and, as you will see, subjects such as economics, accountancy and business management are popular, as are engineering, medicine, physics and computer science etc. I have also included a table showing the destination university for many of our leavers. I would like to congratulate our recent Upper Sixth Form leavers on an excellent set of A level results.

I am delighted to be able to provide such positive feedback to our parents. I also hope your sons have made a good start to the academic year. Could I also use this letter as a reminder that our Open Morning this year is to be held on Saturday, 11th October, and I should be grateful if parents could encourage any of their friends who might be interested to visit us then.

Yours sincerely,

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Leavers' Chosen Subjects at University 2008



Most Popular University Destinations 2008

