

Year 11s get a taste of A-levels at Hurstpierpoint College

In October 18 students visited Hurstpierpoint College for an A-level taster session. The afternoon allowed some of our higher ability students to experience quality A-level tuition in both familiar and unfamiliar subjects.

Upon arrival the students were each offered a choice of several subject combinations, such as physics, biology and maths, or, economics, history and English. Some subjects such as politics, economics and law are subjects which our students had not had the opportunity to experience before. Once they had chosen their three they then had a half hour lesson in each subject which was delivered by the relevant Head of Department from the college. Chris Runeckles, Associate Assistant Headteacher, said, 'it is really important to expose our students with a higher ability starting point to quality A-level teaching in order to ensure that their aspirations are in line with their abilities. This event at Hurstpierpoint is part of a programme designed to stretch and challenge these students with a view to them attending a top university.'

These students are also part of the super curricular group and meet once every 3 weeks to take part in seminar style sessions where they discuss extracts from various subject specific books, which are not part of the usual curriculum. The challenge and content of these sessions seeks to inspire them to aim high and ultimately fulfil their potential.

Lucy Albon, a student who attended the day said 'it was a really good experience. I chose to do the science subjects and it was really interesting to get an insight into the difference between A-level and GCSE. It excited me and confirmed that I want to do the science at A-level. I really enjoyed being exposed to the different learning methods.'