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Year 9 Options Evening





Welcome

- The Year 9 Options process is an exciting time for our students as they are choosing the subjects they wish to study in greater depth for the next two years.
- This is a big commitment and getting it right is key to future success.
- Students here tonight will be our **Exceptional Graduates** of 2027!
- Their qualifications and results will be their ticket to their future choices.

Welcome

- The purpose of the evening is:
 - To inform you and your child of the Option Process.
 - To provide advice and guidance on the subjects on offer.
 - To support your child in selecting the best subjects to study at Key Stage 4.

Guidance and Options

- Year 9 Key Stage 4 Guidance and Options booklet
- Career Action Plan



What do we offer, and how will they be graded?

- Most of the qualifications we offer are GCSE's (a small minority are vocational qualifications).

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
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1	D
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	E
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What does the Curriculum look like at Key Stage 4?

Examined Core Subjects - *Studied by all students*

English Language/Literature

Maths

Science

Non-examined Core Subjects - *Studied by all students*

Wellbeing *Non-certified*

Core PE *Non-certified*

Philosophy and Ethics *Non-certified*

What does the Curriculum look like at Key Stage 4?

Students choose:

- ONE subject from the Humanities Core
- ONE from the Complementary Core
- TWO subjects from the Optional Subjects

Humanities Core	Complementary Core	Optional Subjects
Geography	Religious Studies	Business Studies
History	Statistics	Digital Information Technology
		Drama
		French
		Geography
		Hospitality & Catering
		Psychology
		Music
		Sport Studies/GCSE PE
		Spanish
		<i>Art & Design Subjects</i>
		Fine Art
		Graphic Communication
		Textiles
		<i>Technology Subjects</i>
		Design Technology
		Engineering

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Why do we offer this curriculum?

We firmly believe in making sure our students are prepared for and understand the world they live in.

- Geographical or Historical context

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Religious Studies supports:

- **English**
- **Historical** context
- Forming arguments and debating
- Ethical considerations

Statistics supports:

- **Maths**
- Geographical investigations
- Psychological studies
- Business analysis

The English Baccalaureate

- We strongly advise that students who are able to achieve grade 5's across their core options of English, Maths and Science and Humanities should also be studying a language.
- These qualifications together mean your child will achieve 'The English Baccalaureate'. This is the name given to studying this suite of subjects.
- Some universities and employers recognise this positively as an academically rigorous curriculum.

The MV (Medical- Veterinary) pathway

- For those aspiring to be doctors, dentists or vets, you will need to specific careers advice, opportunities for targeted work experience and additional support transitioning into Sixth Form.
- Please indicate if this is a career path you are interested in on your Options form.

What happens next?

- Make sure your Careers Action plans are complete and have been submitted to Mrs Harris in the Lighthouse.
- Discuss your Options and ambitions at home (use Unifrog to support this).
- Discuss your options choices and ambitions and with your teachers (on Thursday 27th February) and with other staff at school.

What happens next?

- Complete the Options form which will be released on the 28th February.
- Deadline for submission is on 3rd March - all forms received before the deadline will be treated equally.
- We aim to get everyone onto their first choices for Options, but this is not always possible if courses are considerably over or under subscribed.