

# Year 9 Options 2022

Friday 25 March 2022

## Key Dates

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening (5pm - 8pm).
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Options Assembly Launch/Personalised options form and booklet.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Last date for completed options forms to be returned to form teachers.
- Summer Term – Option choices will be confirmed.

## Key Stage 4 (2022 – 2024)

- Core Curriculum – all pupils study:
  - English – 2 GCSEs
  - Mathematics – 1 GCSE
  - Science – 2 or 3 GCSEs
  - Physical Education – Core PE (non examined)
  - Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education – Delivered by Drop Down Days throughout Year 10 & 11

# Making Choices

- All pupils will study English, Maths, Science and Core PE.
- Pupils must choose 4 options – one subject from each of the option blocks.
- All pupils must pick either Geography, History, French or Spanish. We strongly encourage all pupils to study English Baccalaureate. This involves studying the core subjects plus a language and either History or Geography.
- You should aim for a combination of GCSE and BTEC subjects as this will help you to manage your time and revision effectively.
- You cannot take a GCSE and BTEC option in the SAME subject (e.g. BTEC PE and GCSE PE).
- All of the following subjects are classed as GCSE Design and Technology so you cannot select more than one – GCSE Art, GCSE Textiles, GCSE Graphics and GCSE Product Design.

# Option Blocks – choose 1 from each column

Must choose 4 subjects

Choose 1 subject from each column

Must do either Geography, History, French or Spanish

Option 1	✓	Option 2	✓	Option 3	✓	Option 4	✓
Achieve		BTEC Business and Enterprise		BTEC Media Studies		BTEC Business and Enterprise	
BTEC Business and Enterprise		BTEC Engineering		BTEC Music		BTEC Engineering	
GCSE Computer Science		BTEC Health and Social Care		BTEC Sport		BTEC Health and Social Care	
GCSE <b>French</b>		GCSE Art		GCSE Art		BTEC IT	
GCSE <b>Geography</b>		GCSE Drama		GCSE <b>Geography</b>		BTEC Media Studies	
GCSE <b>History</b>		GCSE <b>French</b>		GCSE <b>History</b>		BTEC Sport	
GCSE <b>Spanish</b>		GCSE Graphics		GCSE PE		GCSE Drama	
		GCSE <b>Geography</b>		GCSE Product Design		GCSE Food	
		GCSE <b>History</b>		GCSE <b>Spanish</b>		GCSE RE	
		GCSE Textiles				GCSE Separate Sciences	

You cannot take a GCSE and BTEC in the same subject

You cannot take more than one GCSE Design & Technology subject

We will always try to give you your first choice. Occasionally, this is not always possible and will require further discussion.

# English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

A suite of subjects make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc).

- English Language & Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography or History
- French or Spanish

We strongly recommend that all pupils take the EBacc.

# Before making your choices

- Think about your future pathway: Sixth Form, Apprenticeship, College, Employment
- If you already have some ideas about your career take this into account; ask for advice/guidance
- Talk to parents/carers, teachers, older brothers or sisters or older pupils already studying/studied these subjects
- Consider studying a broad range of subjects – the EBacc provides a broad range of subjects, we strongly recommend all pupils choose this suite of subjects
- Think about which subjects you are successful in
- Think about which subjects you enjoy

## Please Do Not:

- Pick subjects to be with your friends
- Pick or not pick a subject because of a teacher
- Pick a subject because you think it's an easy option
- Rush to fill the options form in without considering all of the information and guidance on offer: Booklet & school website
- Rush to fill the options form in thinking it will improve your chances of getting your preferred combination. The form has to be in completed and in school by Monday 4 April.