

Welcome

Year 9
Key stage 4
Options evening

2019-2021

Leading

Navigating

Mr Bradstreet - Head of Year 9



Options evening

Our KS4 Curriculum

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Making your choices

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"The Thames shall carry her sons where ever they go".

Subjects leads & Your choices - Options form to take away and complete.

Miss C James - Assistant Head





Key stage 4 Curriculum

Core subjects:

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science (combined)

Some students:

Triple Science (single sciences)

History GCSE

Geography GCSE

Spanish GCSE

French GCSE

Art GCSE

Business Studies GCSE/BTEC

Computing GCSE

Cambridge Technical ICT

Economics GCSE

Performing Arts BTEC

Resistant Materials GCSE (DT)

Religious Studies GCSE

Travel and Tourism BTEC

Key stage 4 Curriculum

English Language and Literature - 5 lessons

Mathematics - 4 lessons

Science - 5 lessons

Option W - 3 lessons

Option X - 3 lessons

Option Y - 3 lessons

Games/Nautical - 2 lessons

Key stage 4 Assessment

For GCSE subjects, all examinations will take place in the summer term of year 11 between May and June 2021.

GCSE Grades are now awarded on a 9-1 Scale. **9 being the top and 1 being the lowest**. All students should be aim to achieve a 5 and above.

For BTEC subjects, the majority of the assessment is completed in school and verified by external assessors. Students studying the BTEC will then have to complete an exam unit which will be externally assessed. The assessments that are done in class and the examinations throughout year 10 and 11 make up the final grade of **Distinction***, **Distinction**, **Merit and Pass**.

Key stage 4 Assessment

Students will be assessed at the end of each term using GCSE style questions, based on what they have already learnt.

Throughout years 10 and 11 students will sit Pre Public Examinations (PPEs). These assessments will be set out like the real exams. These are put in place to:

- A. Assess the progress that your son is making in each subject
- B. For your son to be prepared for the GCSE public examinations that he will sit in his last term of year 11



Choosing the right option subjects

- 1. It is important for you to pick subjects that you are **genuinely** interested in,
- 2. Pick subjects that you are good at and that you have experienced success in during key stage 3,
- 3. Do not pick a subject just for the teacher, as you may not have that teacher for year 10 or 11,
- 4. Do not pick a subject just because your friend has, as there is a possibility that you won't be in the same class,
- **5.** Pick a variety between GCSE and BTEC. Remember: All GCSE assessments are taken at the end of year 11.



Timeline for selecting and confirming options:

13th March - Students are provided with their options form and options booklet.

3rd April - Students are to return their options forms to reception.

23rd April - Student options are collated and each child's option is discussed individually with the Head of Year and senior staff.

23rd April - 14th May 2018 - Finalised discussions with students about their option choices by the Head of Year and SLT.

3rd June 2018 - Students receive confirmation of their finalised options.

Choosing the right pathway

Your son needs to ensure that he is on the pathway that will provide him with the right level of challenge...

Pathway One (English Baccalaureate) = English, Maths, Science, a humanity (History/Geography) and a language (French/Spanish) + one other option

Pathway Two = English, Maths, Science and a mixture of GCSE/BTEC options

Pupils on Triple Science will be on pathway one

Pupils who require additional support will be provided with that support.

Choosing the right pathway

The pathway you choose now could have an impact on your future goals



Pathways

When choosing an option think about your final goal and think about what that journey will look like i.e.

Architecture

Architecture degree (7 years)

> A level Geo/Art/DT

GCSE DT/Art/Geo Doctor

Medical Degree

Biomedical Science degree

Graduate

Degree Medicine

A levels in Bio/Che + 1

GCSEs (8+ in Science)

University (<u>www.ucas.ac.uk</u>)

Minimum requirements:

<u>Additional</u>

requirements:

English GCSE = 5+

courses = Science GCSE

Maths GCSE = 5+

Humanities = History/Geography

Top university courses

Creative = Art/DT

Science GCSE = 5+

Science

Apprenticeship/Employment

Minimum requirements: Additional

requirements:

English GCSE = 5+ 5+ GCSE

grades at 5+

Maths GCSE = 5+ A level

points

Regardless of your goal, if you work hard and get good GCSE grades you will increase your opportunities.

The world will be your oyster

Pathways

If you want to study these subjects at A level you must choose them at GCSE

History PRE/Philosophy

Geography

Art

Resistant Materials

French

Spanish

PE

To study these subjects at A level you don't need to study them at GCSE, but it will help you

Business

Economics

Computer Science

Careers



Our role

- To ensure that students are fully advised on the various pathways/options available
- •To meet with each student throughout KS4/5 to assist with building a career development plan.
- •To organise trips and activities that can **help students to gain further skills** and access different industries.

Year 9 Options - Preparation

Tutors - Linking careers to subjects. This was delivered by the Year 9 Team with careers websites and activities. Profiles for each student produced.

Partner company Mears have delivered carpentry workshops.

BA Inspire delivered a talk on careers in Aviation.

Careers Week - Careers and pathways for each subject was further implemented into teaching and learning this week with a focus on options.

Key stage 4 Careers Programme

- Year 10 Work experience
- PWC CV workshops
- PWC Interview workshops
- Apprenticeship conferences/Skills London
- One to one career interviews
- •Industry trips/workshops/events to encourage and build on motivation, ambition and <u>eradicate stereotypes.</u>
- Speakers from specialist industries
- Lunchtime Drop In Careers Service



























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