



Options 2026 -2028

Year 9

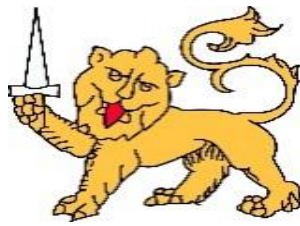
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Purpose of this evening:



- To understand how the KS4 curriculum will be structured and which subjects will be available to students.
- To have enough information to take away and make an informed choice.
- An opportunity to ask questions of subject teachers regarding content and assessment.





The process so far.

- Y9 exams in January - how well you know the KS3 subjects.
- Assembly followed by skills grids.
- Careers lessons during Humanities.
- Discussions in formtime, with subject teachers and at home.
- Pre-options indication – to create Option Blocks.



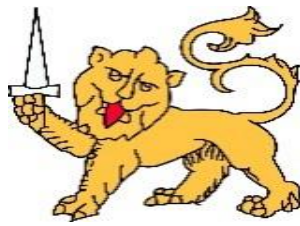


Core Offer

- All students study the core offer.
- Towards 5 GCSE qualifications in English, English literature, Maths and Science.
- Non-examination courses in Issues & Ethics and PE.
- Students choose 4 further subjects – **option choices.**

English Language	English Literature
Maths	Combined Science
PE	Issues & Ethics





GCSEs

- GCSE qualifications are graded from 9-1 (9 being the highest).
- Grade 5 is a 'strong pass' and grade 4 a 'standard pass'.
- Assessment based on final examinations in most subjects.
- Some subjects have NEAs - non-examination assessment (a replacement to coursework).
- Subject staff can give you specific details.

**If your child receives extra support for Maths and/or English a member of staff will be in contact with you about Option choices.





Things to consider.

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Policy paper
English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Updated 18 December 2017

Ebacc includes:

- English language and literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History
- French (or other language)

Research shows that achieving Ebacc qualifications enhances prospects at further education and employment.





Which subjects are right for **YOU**?

- ? Think about the subjects **YOU enjoy**, and will **achieve** in.
- ? Think about **YOUR target grades**
- ? Think about how **YOU like to learn**
- ? Think about what **YOU want to do** when you leave school – you must stay in education or training until you are 18 and also must continue to study maths & English if you do not achieve a grade 4 in both.
- ? Think about a **balance of subjects**





List 1		List 2	
GCSE Business Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Art	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Computer Science*	<input type="checkbox"/>	BTEC Award in Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE French*	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Geography*	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE History*	<input type="checkbox"/>
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List 3		List 4	
BTEC Award in Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Business Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Computer Science*	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Geography*	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE History*	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>
GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	GCSE Design & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>
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This form must be returned to your Form Tutor by **Friday 20th March**

Name Signature.....

Form Parental Signature

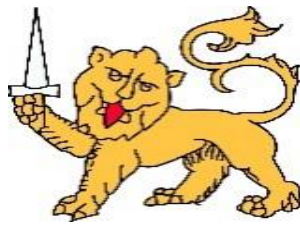
- * Please choose **one subject from each list**
- * Subjects with a star (*) next to them can form part of the Ebacc
- * You **must** choose **at least one subject with a star (*)**(we advise you choose at least two)
- * Please indicate a **reserve subject** for each block

Options Forms
will be given out
by Form Tutors
this week.

Students choose one subject from each list (they **MUST** choose at least one subject which has a * next to it....**we advise you choose at least two!**)



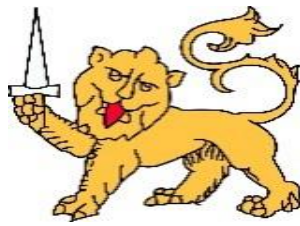
Who/what can help students decide?



- Parents/carers/family
- Subject teachers
- Heads of Faculty
- Older students
- Pastoral staff
- Options booklet
- Y9 exams and report
- Estimated grades
- Careers advisors
- Employers & post 16 providers



Finally:



- Don't forget that the decisions you make are ones that you will work with for two years – make them the ones that work for you.
- Options forms must be completed and handed in to form tutors by Friday 20th March. Signed by both the student and a parent or guardian.



Year 9 options – Pastoral support



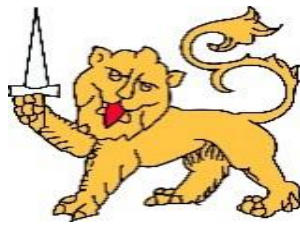
Supporting pupils to make confident choice



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Supporting Your Child



- Choosing subjects they enjoy
- Choosing subjects they will work hard in
- Thinking carefully about strengths
- Making independent decisions



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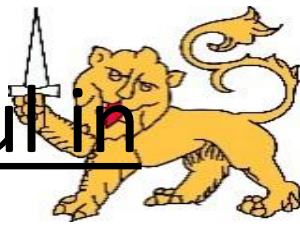


How You Can Help at Home

- Talk about their choices
- Encourage realistic decisions
- Ask why they chose subjects
- Contact school if unsure



We want every pupil to feel confident and successful in their choices.



- Choose carefully
- Ask questions this evening
- Take time to decide

