

YEAR 9 OPTIONS



GCSE CHANGES

- All exams taken at end of Year 11
- Controlled assessment reduced or removed
- More content and emphasis on extended writing
- All subjects now graded 9-1 (replacing A*-G)

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
	7
A	6
B	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
C	
D	3
E	2
F	
G	1
U	U

If you do not achieve a grade 4 in English or maths you will need to carry on studying these at college/post-16.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- **Reading (50% of GCSE)**

A range of fiction and non-fiction texts

- **Writing (50% of GCSE)**

A range of fiction (e.g. narrative writing) and non-fiction writing (e.g. writing to argue/persuade/give views)

- **Speaking and Listening (will not count towards GCSE)**

One speech/talk/presentation following by response to questions

- No controlled assessment or coursework – all exam
- No grades (A*-G) – replaced by 9-1

ENGLISH LITERATURE

- Shakespeare play
- Post-1914 novel or play
- 19th Century novel
- A range of poetry from 1789 (some studied prior to the exam from an anthology and some unseen)
- No controlled assessment or coursework – all exam
- No grades (A*-G) – replaced by 9-1

MATHS

- Foundation and Higher Tiers still remain.
- Foundation Tier will be more demanding. Students will have to remember formulae.
- No controlled assessment or coursework – all exam
- No grades (A*-G) – replaced by 9-1

Y10 & Y11 CURRICULUM

COMPULSORY CURRICULUM

English
Language

English
Literature

Maths

Science

PE



HUMANITIES OPTION

Geography

OR

History



+ 3 other option subjects

OPTIONS CURRICULUM

Here are some of the options we will offering for you to choose from:

- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology (Textiles, RM, Graphics)
- Drama
- Food, Preparation & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- iMedia (Creative media)
- Media Studies
- Music (BTEC & GCSE)
- Philosophical Thinking
- Photography
- PE (BTEC & GCSE)
- Sociology
- Spanish

We will endeavour to fulfil your choices but cannot guarantee that all combinations will be possible.

OPTION PREFERENCES

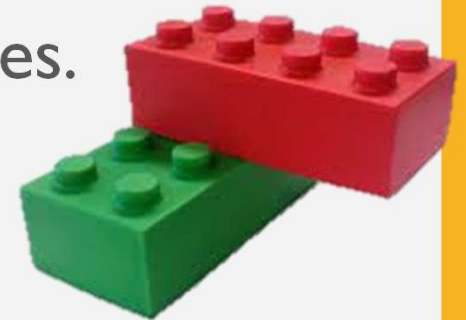
- You will need to rank your choices from 1 to 5 (1 being your most favoured option).
- Select five subjects from the list; the three subjects you prefer to study and two 'reserve' options if we are unable to fulfil any of your top three choices.

THREE remaining option slots:			
Choose a minimum of five subjects from the list below, ranking them 1-5 (1 being your most favoured option). <i>This will allow for at least two 'reserve' options if we are unable to fulfil your top three choices.</i>			
4	GCSE Art	3	GCSE Media Studies
2	GCSE Business		GCSE Music
1	GCSE Computer Science		GCSE Philosophical Thinking
	GCSE Design & Technology	5	GCSE Photography
	GCSE Drama		GCSE PE
	GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition		GCSE Sociology

Make sure you put all 5 subjects down in order of preference

OPTION BLOCKS

- The options are grouped together in blocks on the timetable based around your choices.



Therefore:

- Difficult to change once subjects are blocked.
- If you decide to change options later on you may not be able to do so or have limited choice.
- Important to get it right now!



THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY?



- To keep options open, your A level choices should include **at least two** of the facilitating subjects from:

• Biology	• History
• Chemistry	• Mathematics
• English	• Modern and classical languages
• Geography	• Physics

- To be able to study these at A level, you will need to have studied them at GCSE first.
- Almost all A level courses require GCSE passes in **English** and **Mathematics**.

THE ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE (EBACC)

Graded at a 5 or above in:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History
- Modern Foreign Language



The Ebacc is deemed important by the government and looked upon favourably by some colleges and universities.

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OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER...

- **Don't** choose a subject just because their mates are doing it.
- **Listen** to advice from teachers, parents and older students who are currently studying the subject to see what they have to say – but it is **your** choice.
- **Think** about subjects they enjoy, could do well or are interested in.



OPTIONS TIMELINE

Options Booklet available soon

Options/Parents' Evening for Y9
29th January 2019

Deadline for returning completed option forms
1st March 2019

NOTE: Any option forms handed in after the deadline will be processed **AFTER** the forms handed in on time.

Receive Option Allocations
June 2019

NEXT STEPS...

- Do your research – make sure you know what you are signing up for
- Research careers you are interested in and the routes to entry
- Talk to teachers who teach that subject
- Talk to older pupils who study that subject

**CHANGE BRINGS
OPPORTUNITY.**

**Great things
never came
from comfort
zones.**