

KS4 Options Process

- What are options?
- What do you need to consider?
 - What will happen when?
- What is in my options booklet? How should I use it?



Year 10 is the start of Key Stage 4

- In year 10 you will start studying for formal qualifications
- These qualifications are very important for your future – they will dictate your next steps
- There are two different types of qualification:
 - GCSEs
 - Vocational awards
- Key stage 4 is made up of CORE subjects and OPTIONS subjects



The English Baccalaureate

- The EBacc is a set of GCSE subjects that are recognised as the best for enabling you to access university courses in the future.
- They are viewed as being the best academic pathway. You should consider this if you are considering taking A-Levels or going to university after school.
- In order to achieve the EBacc, you will need to study:
 - English Language and English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science (your best 2 grades including computer science if you choose it)
 - Geography or History
 - French or Spanish



CORE SUBJECTS

Subject	Hours per week
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
PSHE	1
Physical Education	3



CORE SUBJECTS

Subject	Hours per week
English	2 GCSEs: English Literature, English Language
Mathematics	1 GCSE
Science	2 GCSEs: Combined Science 3 GCSEs: Triple Science If chosen as an option
PSHE	Not examined
Physical Education	BTEC in Sport Sports Leadership Health and Physical Activity



OPTIONS SUBJECTS

Triple Science	Art
French	Dance
Spanish	Drama
Geography	GCSE PE
History	Hospitality and Catering
Computer Science	Travel and Tourism



How will you be assessed?

- When choosing your options, you can pick GCSEs or Vocational Qualifications
- GCSEs are graded from 9-1
- Most GCSE subjects are assessed by 100% examination at the end of the course.
- Vocational qualifications (BTEC or WJEC Vocational awards) are graded from Distinction* to Level 2 Pass, there are also some Level 1 grades.
- They are approximately 60% in lesson coursework and 40% examination
- They will have a work/industry focus



How to choose

- Research
 - Read about the course in your booklet
 - Explore careers – what subjects will help you achieve your career aims?
- Consider
 - Which subjects interest you?
 - Where do your strengths lie?
 - Which subjects do your teachers recommend?
 - Which subjects will you be most successful in?



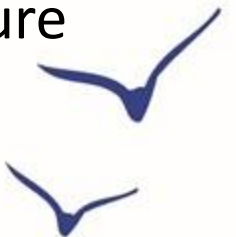
How to choose

- Deciding – after the RESEARCH!
 - Do you understand what will be expected of you?
 - Do you understand how you will be assessed?
 - Are you choosing for YOU?
- Preferences
 - Choose 3 subjects from EACH option block



How to choose your Sport pathway

- Read all 3 pathways carefully
 - If you want to study PE/sport further, then you should take BTEC Sport or choose GCSE PE as an option
- Preferences
 - Rank the 3 options in order of preference
 - If you choose GCSE PE as an option, you will have to choose Sports Leadership or Health and Physical Activity as your Core pathway to ensure this complements the course.



What to do

- Read the options booklet in detail at home
 - Speak to subject teachers and subject leaders for advice on subject – make sure you understand the assessment model
 - Speak to your form tutor for advice
 - Use links available in options booklet
- Complete options form – choose 3 top choices for each block
- Rank your core sport pathway with your preferred choice first.
 - Choose subjects that are interesting and that you enjoy.
 - Think about future study and career paths.
 - Stick to deadlines!
 - Pick subjects you like, not what your friend picks
 - Do not pick subjects based on your favourite teachers



The Next steps...

Read your options booklet



Your Options booklet

- It has important information in it:
 - Who to ask for help
 - The options process
 - Overview of the lessons you will have in years 10 & 11
 - The EBacc
 - How to choose your subjects
 - The options blocks
 - Information on each subject



Options Form

- The email will contain a link to a Microsoft form for you to fill in your option choices
- This is the **only** way you can fill in the form
- It can **only** be completed using your school account
- It can **only** be completed once (if you change your mind, you must talk to me)
- Options are not allocated on a first come first served basis so do this in your own time – you do not need complete it immediately
- Deadline 4th June.



The options

You will choose your top 3 subjects in each op

All students studying Dance, Drama will initially have a conversation with a subject teacher and will need to commit to performing publicly and taking part in extra-curricular activities

Block A	Block B	
French	Art	Drama
Geography	Computer Science	Geography
History	Dance	Hospitality and Catering
Spanish	French	GCSE PE
Triple Science	History	Religious Studies
	Travel and Tourism	Spanish
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