

Year 8 Options Evening 2022 Welcome



Have a glance at the front of your Options booklet. It may give some guidance about Pathways to consider

Key Stage 4 starts in Year 9

Benefits:

- 3 years to specialise in the examined subjects
- 3 years to get to know individual needs
- 3 years to work on the very best outcomes possible

Website updates - 'Quality of Education'



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A*	A		B		C	D	E	F	G	U

GCSE courses

Almost all are examined i.e. no coursework

Grades are given as numbers

Grade 4 is a 'standard pass', grade 5 is a 'strong pass'

Grade 9 is reserved for the top 3% of entries nationally



What is a Btec/Cambridge National/Vocational Award?

It is an alternative to GCSE

Generally assessed over coursework portfolio(s) and an exam

The exam **must** be passed

Awarded as Pass (4), Merit (5.5), Distinction (7), Distinction* (8.5)

IMedia, PE, Hospitality and Catering, Performing Arts, Music

Ofqual have accredited these courses as having 'equal weighting' to GCSEs

What is the Ebacc?

A recognition that a student has
PASSED a GCSE in:

English

Maths

Science (+ Computer Science)

A Modern Foreign Language

A Humanity

It is not a qualification

Can be recognised by some Post 16
providers



The curriculum - core

English (Literature and Language)

Maths

Science (Trilogy or Separates)

PE (Non-examined)

2 GCSEs

1 GCSE

2/3 GCSEs

Statutory RE (could become a further
qualification-end of Y10)

1 GCSE if desired

Total = 5-7 GCSEs



The options

You can pick 4 subjects

We offer guidance:

Gold: Pick at least two Ebacc subjects, preferably 1 humanity and 1 language

Green: Pick two Ebacc subjects, preferably 2 humanities



Total 9-11 GCSEs or equivalent

Option Blocks 2022

<u>BLOCK A</u>		<u>BLOCK B</u>		<u>BLOCK C</u>		<u>BLOCK D</u>
*Geography		*Geography		*Geography		*Geography
*History		*History		*History		*History
Art		+Hospitality & Catering		BTEC + GCSE PE		ICT
Photography		Art		+DT Textiles		BTEC Performing Arts
+DT Res Mats		BTEC Music		ICT		Computer Science
*German		Further Ma/Stats		*French		*French
Extra Eng/ma		*German				Media Studies

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- Both Art and Photography
 - Both Computer Science and ICT (Imedia)
 - More than 1 DT subject (+ denotes DT)
 - Only pick Computer Science or Statistics/FM if it appears on the front cover of your booklet.
 - * Indicates the Ebacc subjects

Student Feedback...

What to choose?



Frequently Asked Questions...

Will I definitely get my first choice?

Will I definitely get my second choice if I don't get my first choice?

What if I change my mind?

What if the blocks don't allow me to study what I want?

Do I have to get my choices in quickly?

Thursday 19th May to Mr Hollis or your form tutor

How should I make my choices?

Pick what you're good at

Pick what you enjoy

Don't pick based on friends choices

Don't pick because of who you think your teacher will be



Alcester
Academy

TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

NO RUSH

Task...

Talk to staff tonight

Course and subject leaders

Core subjects

SENCo

Careers Advisor

Deadline is 19th May 2022

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