# 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

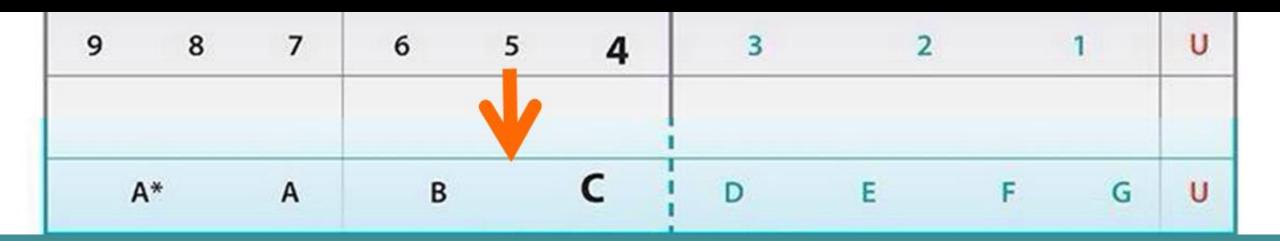
#### Key Stage 4 starts in Year 9

#### 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'





#### 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

BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D
*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

Do **not** pick : 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







#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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





#### Task...

Talk to staff tonight

Course and subject leaders

Core subjects

SENCo

Careers Advisor

Deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022



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