



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

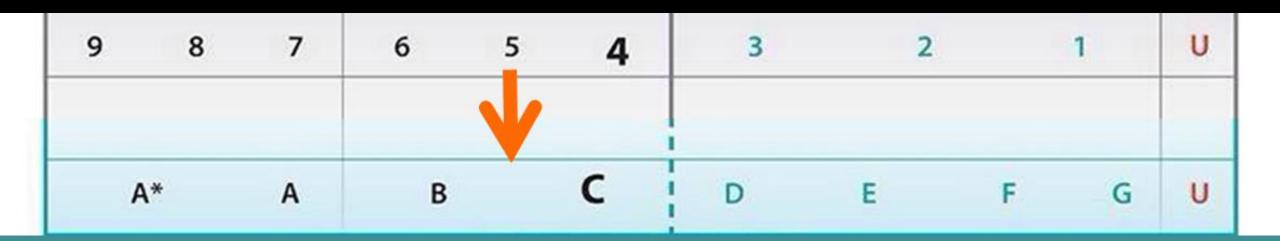
88.1% of current parents either agree, or strongly agree with this system

7.35% had no preference (95.4%)

Students 'should' continue to pursue/explore areas that they don't select as options through clubs, trips and extracurricular activities

Website updates - 'Quality of Education'

Long term plans for each subject. These will shortly be turning into our curriculum palettes.



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, 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

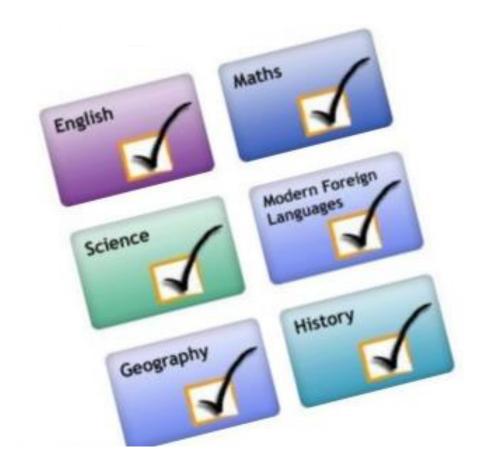
Science

A Modern Foreign Language

A Humanity

It is not a qualification

Can be recognised by some Post 16/18 providers



The curriculum - core

English (Literature and Language)

Maths

Science (Trilogy or Separates)

Statutory RE (Religious Studies)

PE (Non-examined)

2 GCSEs 1 GCSE 2/3 GCSEs 1 GCSE



Total = 6-7 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 2025

BLOCK A	<u>BI</u>	LOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D
*Geography	*G	eography	*Geography	*Geography
*History	*	History	*History	*History
Art		+Food eparation d Nutrition	Sport	ICT Imedia
Photography		Art	+Product Design Textiles	BTEC Performing Arts
*German	ВТ	EC Music	ICT Imedia	+Food Preparation and Nutrition
+Product Design Wood		urther 1a/Stats	*French	*French
Extra Eng/ma	*	French		Media Studies

Please choose 1 option and a reserve from each block.

Please do not choose a subject more than once unless it is a reserve.

*These Subjects are within the EBACC, please select 2 minimum including a language

+ Please do not pick more than one from DT Res Mats, DT Textiles and Food Preparation and Nutrition

Please do not pick both Art and Photography

Only pick Further Maths/Stats if you are in sets 1 or 2 in Maths, or speak to a member of staff.



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?

Taster lessons – have happened

Return deadline – 14th May (to tutor then to Mr Hollis)





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





TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

Task...

Talk to staff tonight

Course and subject leaders

Core subjects

SENCo

Careers Advisor

RE (Religious Studies)

Do not miss new subjects:

Media

Photography

Further maths/stats

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+Product Design Wood	Further Ma/Stats	*French	*French
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