

# Key Stage 4 Options Evening

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# The Core Curriculum

<b>Subject</b>	<b>GCSE/Course</b>
<b>English Language and Literature</b>	<b>2 GCSE</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>1 GCSE</b>
<b>Double award Science</b>	<b>2 GCSE</b>
<b>Religious Studies</b>	<b>1 GCSE</b>
<b>Citizenship Studies</b>	<b>1 GCSE</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Non GCSE</b>
<b><u>AND AT LEAST ONE FROM</u></b>	
<b>History, Geography or a MFL</b>	

# Option Subjects

**Students will be able to state a preference to study up to 3 subjects from the following list:**

- Art
- Business Studies
- Construction
- D&T
  - Food
  - Product Design
  - Textiles
- Drama
- Geography
- Health & Social Care
- History
- ICT
- Languages
  - French
  - German
  - Spanish
- Media Studies
- Music
- PE
- Support- SEN & EAL

# Option Blocks

The option subjects are arranged into blocks as shown in the options booklet on page 6 and on the preference form.

Only one subject can be selected from each block. A reserve subject should also be made from each block.

Subjects will only run if they attract a sufficient number of students.

	A	B	C
<b>Section 1</b> <b>Students must choose at least one from this section</b>	Geography History	Geography History German	Geography History French Spanish
<b>Section 2</b> <b>Students may choose up to 2 subjects from this section</b>	Business St Media Studies (24/1 group only) Product Design Textiles PE	Art Business St Food Music	Construction Health& Social Care (BTEC) ICT(CAMNAT) Drama
	HSD/SEN support EAL support	HSD/SEN support EAL support	HSD/SEN support EAL support
<b>Choose 1 subject from each block</b>			
<b>Reserve</b>			

- **Students selecting Media Studies must complete the task on page 49 by 9 February** and hand in to Mrs Fisher if they wish to be considered for this option. *Please do not select media as a reserve option.*
- **The support options** are offered to students who, following guidance from the learning support department, would benefit from increased support and a reduced number of GCSEs

# **Completing the preference form**

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	HSD/SEN support  EAL support	HSD/SEN support  EAL support	HSD/SEN support EAL support
<b>Choose 1 subject from each block</b>	PE	Geography	French
<b>Reserve</b>			



# Options Process

- January – CPSHE options advice
- 17<sup>th</sup> January – Students options assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> January – Parents options talk
- 8-12<sup>th</sup> January – D&T & PE, talks
- 22<sup>rd</sup> February – Yr 9 Parents evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Options Returns deadline
- 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March – Options Interviews

# Key advice

- Choose courses that:
  - Students know that they can do well in.
  - Are subjects that they enjoy and work hard in
  - Reflect their interests and personal qualities.
  - Help students to learn in the best way for them
  - Will help them in their career aims or to move onto A level

## Students are advised:

- To keep their options open for the future by choosing a broad and balanced range of subjects
- All students must continue with either a Modern Foreign Language , Geography or history.

## **Key Stage 4 curriculum changes**

There have been significant changes to all qualifications.

- These changes include a return to exams taken at the end of the course, and measures to improve the assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Students will still be able to retake a full GCSE in Maths, English and English language in November 2020 (their year 12)
- Other retakes will be available from the summer of 2021.

**Controlled assessments** have been phased out in all reformed GCSEs and are being replaced with what is now known as the Non-Examined element which are internal assessments

## **Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

Marks will be awarded for accurate spelling, punctuation and use of grammar in GCSE exams that have a sufficient written English element e.g. English literature, Geography, History and Religious studies.

# New Specifications and new grading system

## New GCSE grading structure

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	D
1	
U	E
	F
	G
	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

# Key dates

- 18<sup>th</sup> January
  - Parents options talk
- February
  - Reports issued
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