



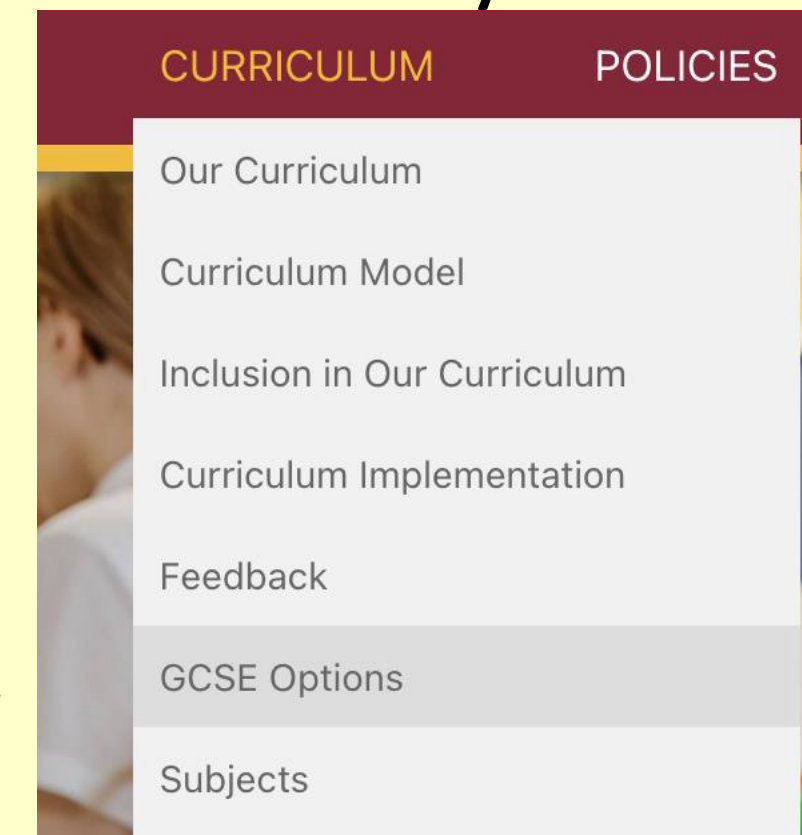
Welcome to

Year 9 Options Evening 2025

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Options Evening – class of 2027!

- Information about the Key Stage 4 Curriculum. What the choices are and how different types of qualification work and some frequently asked questions
- Go through the next steps.
- Chance to talk to Core and Option subjects in more detail about their Key Stage 4 courses.
- This presentation, and the Options booklet are available on our web site:



Grading new GCSEs from 2017

GCSE grading structure

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

Vocational Grading

- Distinction* Level 2 (8.5)
- Distinction Level 2 (7)
- Merit Level 2 (5.5)
- Pass Level 2 (4)
- Distinction Level 1 (3)
- Merit Level 1 (2)
- Pass Level 1 (1.25)

What options are there?

- All students study English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science at GCSE.
- Students also take non-examined subjects Core PE and Religious and Social Studies (RS). This includes the statutory requirements for Personal, Social, Relationships and sex education, health education, and Religious Education.
- Triple science is taught within the standard Science timetable, and is not one of the options.
- There are 4 other options.
- Choices are guided to ensure that students are able to achieve their best at the end of Year 11.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- The Key Stage 4 curriculum is designed to be broad, balanced, and allow students to be competitive on a college or job application.
- **Vocational:** These provide a more practical form of assessment (up to 75%) and are of an equivalent standard to GCSE. Courses have very clear pathways through to study into post-16 and beyond.
- **Linear Exams:** All examinations have to be taken at the end of the 2 years (no modules anymore). Some elements of Non Examined Assessment.
- Consider the balance between GCSEs and Vocational. Vocational are not “soft options”.

Exam quantity and lengths

- **English Language and Literature:**
 - 1hr 45 + 1hr 45 for Language, 1hr 45 + 2hrs 15 for Literature
- **Mathematics:**
 - 3 papers 1½ hours each
- **Science (Combined):**
 - 6 papers (2 Bi, 2 Ch, 2 Ph) 1hr 10 Combined, 1hr 45 Triple
- **1 EBacc subject:**
 - 2-3 papers, around 5 hours of exams
- Total of 24 hours of written examinations before adding option subjects! More for triple science.



Key Stage 4 Curriculum - The 'EBacc'

- What is The 'EBacc' (English Baccalaureate)?
 - The 'EBacc' isn't a separate qualification. It is a group of subjects (English, Mathematics, 2 × Science, French/Spanish, History/Geography)
 - The combination of courses covers all academic disciplines.
 - If you get Grade 5 or above in all those subjects, it is said that you have the 'EBacc'.
 - Some high end Universities may view the 'EBacc' qualifications as important to studying with them.
 - Our curriculum is designed to enable students to study the 'EBacc' and also study free options of their choice.

Modern Foreign Languages (French or Spanish)

- Essential for the 'Ebacc' suite of academic qualifications
- Helps you learn another language in later life
- Excellent results
- Lots of other academic skills can be learnt from learning a language:
 - Analytical
 - Essay writing
 - Research
 - Communication, written and verbal
 - Creativity
 - Questioning and Reasoning
 - Critical thinking
 - Problem solving

Globalisation
of job roles.

Increases brain
capacity and
memory.

Understanding of
one language and
makes it easier to
learn others.

Stand out from
the crowd.



Promotes
appreciation and
understanding of
other cultures.

'EBacc' subjects

French/Spanish
Geography
History
Computer Science

Other GCSEs

Business Studies
Drama
Food Preparation and Nutrition
Media
Music
Physical Education
Sociology
Technology (Graphics and RM)

Vocational

BTEC Fashion and Textiles
OCR Cambridge National in
Enterprise and Marketing
OCR Cambridge National in
Health & Social Care
OCR Cambridge National in
Sport Studies
WJEC Catering and Hospitality

Choose 2 from the EBacc pool

Then another 2 from any of these subjects



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To leave without making any choices: [Log out](#)

Choices for:

Extra information: Click [here](#) for an **example**/instructions. Click [here](#) for **course information**.

Step 1 of 4

[Start](#) > Choice 1 > Choice 2 > Free choice (with reserves) > Confirmation

Choose **ONE** of the following Subjects:

- Comp Science (Co)
- French (Fr)
- Geography (Gg)
- History (Hi)
- Spanish (Sp)

You can choose any of these subjects in the next section.

Next

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Step 2 of 4

[Start](#) > [Choice: French](#) > Choice 2 > Free choice (with reserves) > Confirmation

Choose ONE of the following Subjects:

- Comp Science (Co)
- French (Fr)
- Geography (Gg)
- History (Hi)
- Spanish (Sp)

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Next



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Please enter your 2 choices by entering 3, 4 in the box by your chosen subjects.

To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

To mark your Second reserve choice, put 'S' by that subject.

Subject	Choice
Art (Ar)	<input type="text"/>
Business Study (Bs)	<input type="text" value="R"/>
Comp Science (Co)	<input type="text"/>
Drama (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
Enterprise (Em)	<input type="text" value="4"/>
French (Fr)	Already selected
Geography (Gg)	<input type="text"/>
History (Hi)	Already selected
Hospitality (Ho)	<input type="text"/>
Health & Social (Hs)	<input type="text"/>
Media (Me)	<input type="text"/>
Music (Mu)	<input type="text" value="3"/>
PE (Px)	<input type="text"/>
Sport (Sh)	<input type="text"/>
Spanish (Sp)	<input type="text"/>
Food Prep (Tf)	<input type="text" value="S"/>
Graphics (Tg)	<input type="text"/>
Resistant M (Tr)	<input type="text"/>
Textiles (Tx)	<input type="text"/>

Submit

Reset this form

Clear this form

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Name:

Class:

Username:

Choice No.	Subject chosen
1	French
2	History
3	Music
4	Enterprise
R	Business Study
S	Food Prep

Confirm Choices

Go back and change choices

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Next steps

- Talk to subject staff and find out about courses this evening
- Talk with Careers Advisors (Mr Bowers is available this evening).
- Mrs Dyson (SENCO) is available in Meeting Room 1 in Reception if parents wish to meet her and ask about specific SEND matters.
- One-to-one meetings with selected student about options will take place – all students are offered one if they wish
- Discuss at home option choices and complete the online form to return to school by the deadline provided. Forms and login information will be emailed to parents before half term. It is not a first come, first serve system.

Next steps

- Reserves are required.

On some occasions, subjects may not run due to small numbers, and so reserves will be needed. Please consider these carefully.

- Deadlines are important as blocks are determined following this date. Late forms are less likely to get first choices.
- Changes to courses only take place in exceptional circumstances. You must make the most informed decision now.

