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Key Stage 4 Options Evening

Thursday 5th March 2020



Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

- **Core Subjects**
- Mathematics, English, Science

- **Other Subjects**
- French, German, ICT, Technology, RE, History, Geography, Music, Drama, Art, PE, Priory Bacculaureate



Key Stage 4 – Year 9/10/11

- Tutor Groups will generally remain the same.
- Teaching groups will **change considerably** in Year 9:
3 bands into 2 bands – P and Q.
- Continue with Core Subjects:
English, Mathematics, Science, RE and Core PE.
- **Choose 4 further options.**



Why choose options now?

- Accelerated KS3.
- Give more time for students to master the curriculum – Year 9 is a foundation year.
- GCSE content has increased.
- We want our students to get the top grades.



The New GCSE Structure

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

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

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



English Baccalaureate

- English
- Mathematics
- Science either combined (2 GCSEs) or separate (3 GCSEs)
- Modern Foreign Languages
- History or Geography

HELP YOUR CHILD MAKE THE BEST GCSE CHOICES

You and your child may currently be considering, with advice from their school, what GCSE subjects they should take next year.

The Department for Education recommends these core subjects, which make up the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), and help keep options for young people open:

- English language and English literature
- Maths
- Science
Combined science or 3 single sciences from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer science
- History or Geography
- A language
Ancient or modern



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Key Stage Four Curriculum

- Mathematics
- English Language & English Literature
- Science
- RE
- PE (Core)
- **Option 1 -History or Geography**
- **Option 2 – Modern Foreign Language**
- **Option 3 - Choice**
- **Option 4 - Choice**



Options

Art Craft & Design

Business Studies

Computer Science

Dance

Design & Technology

Drama

Economics

Engineering

Fashion & Textile Design

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

ICT (Creative iMedia)

Media Studies

Music

Physical Education

Separate Sciences



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Where to find your option subject:

Art & Design	Q19	French	Q1
Business Studies	H2	Geography	G1
Computer Science	G2	German	Q1
Dance	Q9	History	H1
Design & Technology	R1	Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia	G2
Drama	Q9	Media Studies	Q7
Economics	H2	Music	MU1
Engineering	R2	Physical Education	Q2
Fashion & Textile Design	R3	Separate Sciences	Q4
Food Preparation & Nutrition	R4		
Careers	Library		
Oxbridge Information	Q5	Combined Cadet Force	Q3

Advice from past students

- “Pick a subject that you enjoy..”
- “Work to your strengths...”
- “Do not pick a subject because your friend has chosen it – you may not even be in the same class..”



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*Talk to the
sixth formers
here tonight!*

Options Blocks?

Option blocks A, B and C
2019 20 Current Year 9

Some options may have only one group or possibly not run

Option A	Option B	Option C
Art	Art	Art
Business Studies	Business Studies	Computing
Economics	Business Studies	Dance
Engineering	Computing	Design and Technology
Geography	Drama	Food Technology
Geography	Engineering	Geography
History	Geography	Geography
History	Geography	History
Information Technology	History	History
Media Studies	History	History
Music	Music	Media Studies
Sports Studies	Separate Sciences	Separate Sciences
Textiles	Sports Studies	



Timeline

- **Options Evening – Thursday 5th March**
- An opportunity for you to talk to dedicated subject teachers about the GCSE options subjects on offer.
- **Lunchtime Sessions – Monday 9th March and Monday 16th March** A further opportunity for you to find out more about GCSE options.
- **Form Tutor Consultations – up to Friday 27th March**
- You will be able to talk with your Form Tutor about any option issues arising during this time.
- **Final Submission of Option Forms – no later than Monday 30th March**



Application Form

- Option 1 – History or Geography
- Option 2 – French or German
- Option 3 and 4 – list 4 in order of preference
- Additional information



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<https://www.priorylsst.co.uk/page/?title=pectuses+and+Handbooks&pid=90>

Key Stage 4 Options 2020 Application Form (student copy)

Name of Student			
Tutor Group			
Option 1	History <input type="checkbox"/>	Geography <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please ONLY tick one box in this section			
Option 2	Please ONLY tick one box in this section		
French <input type="checkbox"/>	German <input type="checkbox"/>	I have received a letter <input type="checkbox"/> inviting me to study dual languages and intend to do so. I understand this will replace my PE lessons from Year 9.	
Options 3 & 4			
Choose four options listed in order of preference.			
Option Choices:			
1.....			
2.....			
3.....			
4.....			
Additional Information:			
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Whilst every effort will be made to ensure that you are timetabled for the first two options, we do not and cannot guarantee that you will be given your first choices.			
Signed: Form Tutor			
Signed: Student			
Signed: Parent/Carer			

What if I change my mind?

- Next few weeks – no problem
- Later in the year – may be some issues
- After September – may be major issues

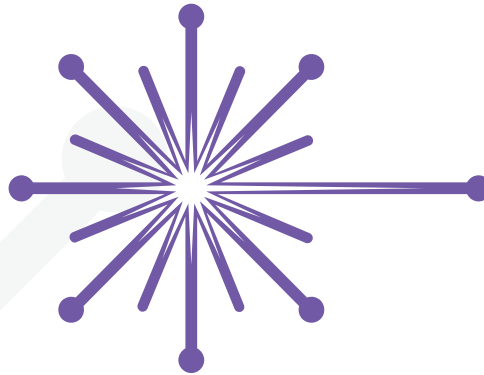


Final Thoughts

- Take your time – think carefully
- Use the support around you
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Thank You

