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Year 9 Options Information Evening

We will begin the meeting at 6:00pm

Understanding GCSE Grades

The grade your daughter receives for her subject will depend on the type of course she is taking

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	1
U	U

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

BTEC Numbers are rounded up

DSTC Pathways

Triple Science

Students would study English, Maths and separate Sciences

They would continue their language

They would pick Geog/History

EBACC

Students would study English, Maths and Science

They would continue their language

They would pick Geog/History

They would have one other choice of subject

Open

Students would study English, Maths and Science

They could then pick three subjects from all of the option subjects we offer

ASDAN

Students would study English, Maths and Science

They would study ASDAN

They would study at least one other subject

They would receive additional support

Combined Science vs Triple Science

Combined Science = Trilogy

- 2 GCSE grades that are **linked on a scale of 0-0 to 9-9**
- 6 Exams - 2 in each Science **1hr 15 minutes each**
- Content is divided equally amongst the 3 disciplines

Triple Science

- 3 separate GCSEs in Science that are **separately graded 1-9**
- 6 Exams - 2 in each Science - **1hr 45 minutes each**
- Content is divided equally amongst the 3 disciplines

Both courses are tiered

Combined Science is two thirds of the content of triple science

BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS	COMBINED SCIENCE
9	9-9
	9-8
8	8-8
	8-7
7	7-7
	7-6
6	6-6
	6-5
5	5-5
	5-4
4	4-4
	4-3
3	3-3
	3-2
2	2-2
	2-1
1	1-1
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Key Terms You May Hear

Attainment 8 / Progress 8

These are school measures and they are used to compare performance of the school against the data of students for KS2

The Government does not use these to measure an individual students performance



Attainment - the actual grades your daughter is performing at

Progress - how well your daughter is performing against her target grades

Grade Point Average - the average grade across all your daughter's subjects

What is the EBacc?

A group of subjects that when studied together make up the Government definition of the English Baccalaureate

Subjects are:

- English and Maths
- A language (French / Spanish)
- Geography / History
- 2 Sciences (or Triple Science)

There is no separate certification or guarantee of success by fulfilling the EBacc

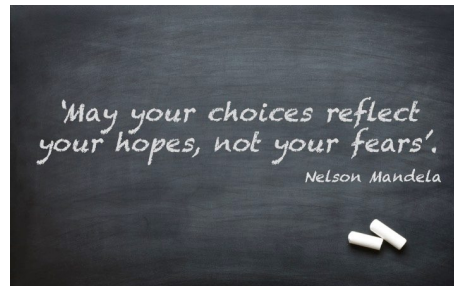
Research suggests that studying these subjects increases the opportunities available in further education



How Should I Make My Choice?

Most Successful Reasons:

- Enjoy the subject
- Interested in the subject
- Feel you can succeed
- Links to ideas about future career pathways



Less Successful Reasons:

- Don't know what else to do
- Based on the current teacher
- My friends have picked it
- Personal opinion about how 'easy' or 'difficult' the subject is
- Feeling of superiority

The Process



Date	Activity	Notes
24 Jan	Virtual Pathways and EBacc Information Evening	To inform parents/carers about options and the process as well as careers information.
22 Feb	Options Evening	This will launch the process with students
22/23 Feb	Options Booklet distributed	With details of each of the subjects studied in Year 10 & 11
2nd March	Virtual Parents Evening (4:30pm - 7pm)	Appointments with subject teachers to discuss student progress and suitability for next steps
6 March	Options Consultation (via Google Classroom)	Students will do an initial expression of interest in subjects to help inform the option blocks
13 March	Options Letters distributed	Letter will have the suggested pathway and the final options blocks to choose from
20 March	Options Taster Week	Students will have the chance to experience taster lessons in all the subjects available
Thursday 30th March	Deadline for all Options Forms	To be given to Mr Archer by 3pm

Can I Change My Choices?

- Your option choices are not fixed in until you have completed the form and handed it in.
- Once you have given your form in your choices are fixed. Your choices may be changed by us if there are too many students that want to study a particular subject and we don't have space.
- Changes after your timetable has been finalised will only be possible when there are very extenuating circumstances.



Locations for this evening:

Main Hall

French

Geography

History

Science

Spanish

Dining Hall

Business

Computer Science

Design Engineering

Film Studies

Health and Social Care

Hospitality and Catering

Media Studies

Music

Performing Arts

Sport Science

Textiles Art

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