



Year 9 Options Evening



Thursday 22 March 2018

What are GCSEs?



- Taken by students in Year 11
- Two year courses
- Assessed through terminal examinations
- A “gateway” qualification for later life

Our key aim for every student



“To provide a curriculum which suits each individual student’s ability and aspiration and one which is broad, balanced and useful”

Making the right choices



- ✓ Prior attainment (KS2 Fine Scores) and underlying potential (MidYIS)
- ✓ Progress and attainment in Key Stage 3 (including target grades)
- ✓ English Baccalaureate (measure of success)
- ✓ Check it fits with their future plans
- ✓ Teachers and students involved with the subject
- ✓ Pick subjects that they are good at or enjoy

The English Baccalaureate



English

Maths

2 Sciences

Modern
Foreign
Language

History or
Geography

Grades 9-5 in these subjects to achieve the English Baccalaureate performance measure



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE		CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9		A*
8		
7		A
6	GOOD PASS (DfE) 5 and above = top of C and above	B
5		
4	AWARDING 4 and above = bottom of C and above	C
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3		D
		E
2		F
		G
1		
U		U





SAMPLE Key Stage 4 Curriculum Options Form 2018 – 2020



Student: **Joe Bloggs**

Tutor Group: **95**

Target: **7 /Dist**

KS2 Fine Score: English:	00.00
KS2 Fine Score: Maths:	00.00
KS2 Fine Score Average:	00.00

MidYIS Overall score:	00.00
MidYIS Band:	C
MidYIS Maths score:	00.00

MidYIS Vocabulary score:	00.00
MidYIS Non-Verbal score:	00.00
MidYIS Skills score:	00.00

Core Curriculum (mandatory)	
English Language & English Literature	✓
Mathematics	✓
Science (Trilogy)	✓
Core PE	✓

Please select THREE first choice subjects with a TICK "✓" and TWO reserve subject choices with a letter "R"			
Art and Design	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Performing Arts (v)	
Business Studies (v)	French	Sport (v)	
Computer Science	Geography	<i>NB: (v) Vocational</i>	
Design & Technology	History		

Signed – Student: _____ Signed – Parent / Carer: _____

[Office use only]
Signed – Leadership Team: _____

Please note: Whilst we will try our best to offer your preferred choice of Options, we are limited by the need to maintain classes of a reasonable size. If we are unable to offer your preferred choice of subjects we will speak to you about alternative Options. We will also talk to you and your parents/carers if we feel that your choice of Options does not meet your individual needs.

96-105 Average
113-124 Well above average

106-112 Above Average
≥125 Far above average





Year 9
Options Evening
(22/03/2018)

- Presentation in the Main Hall
- Subject stalls and teachers available to discuss the curriculum offer
- Options booklet and form distributed

Initial choices
returned to school
(10/04/2018)

- Complete the options form provided
- Select THREE first choice subjects and TWO reserve subject choices
- Return the options form to Reception by 10/04/18

Interview with
Leadership Team
(Term 5)

- Interview with a member of the Leadership Team to discuss your option choices
- Review of selected options and appropriateness for journey towards career and/or further education

Final option
choices submitted
and confirmed
(Terms 5 & 6)

- Option choices reviewed by the school and any individual issues resolved
- Final option allocations confirmed to students and parents in Term 6

Attainment and Progress 8



Progress 8 measure



1

English

Double-weighted*



2

Maths

Double-weighted



3

EBacc qualifications

(sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages)



4



5



6



7



8

'Open group'

Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)

*Higher score of English Language or English Literature double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications