

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	А
	D BASS/DED
5 and above =	top of C and above
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3	D
2	E
	F
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SAMPLE Key Stage 4 Curriculum Options Form 2018 – 2020



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Student: Joe Bloggs

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Tutor Group: 9S

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

Target:

MidYIS Overall score:
MidYIS Band:
MidYIS Maths score:

Core Curriculum (mandatory)		
English Language &	1	
English Literature	·	
Mathematics	✓	
Science (Trilogy)	✓	
Core PE	✓	

KS2 Fine Score: English:

KS2 Fine Score: Maths:

KS2 Fine Score Average:

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	NB: (v) Vocational		
Design & Technology	History			

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Signed – Student:	Signed – Parent / Carer:

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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)

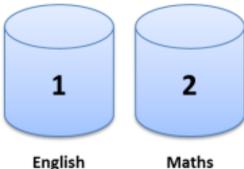
- Option choices reviewed by the school and any individual issues resolved
- Final option allocations confirmed to students and parents in Term 6



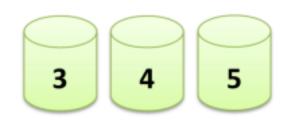
Attainment and Progress 8



Progress 8 measure

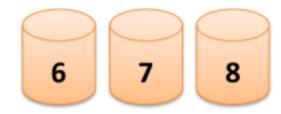






EBacc qualifications (sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages)

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



'Open group' Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications

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



Double-weighted*