

Key Stage 4 Options



Key Dates

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September 2024 Offer - Core

Everyone will study:

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Science GCSE
- Physical Education CORE

September 2024 Offer - Options

You can choose to study:

- Art & Design: Fine Art GCSE
- Computer Science GCSE
- Dance GCSE
- DT: Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE
- DT: Art & Design: Textiles GCSE
- DT: Product Design GCSE
- DT: Resistant Materials GCSE
- Drama GCSE
- Enterprise BTEC Technical Award
- French GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- German GCSE
- Health & Social Care BTEC Technical Award
- History GCSE
- Music GCSE
- Music Technology GCSE
- Photography GCSE
- Physical Education GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE
- Skills for Life ASDAN Award (double option)

Option Subjects

You select 4 options (or 3 if you take Skills)

Together your options will take up 12 lessons a week

GCSEs:

- Linear, terminal exams at the end
- Little, if any, coursework
- Academic

Vocational:

- Equivalent to GCSEs
- Mostly coursework with exam element
- Practical, more related to the workplace

ASDAN:

- Variety of practical activities and life skills



Option Subjects

Some Possible Combinations

GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE
BTEC	BTEC	GCSE	GCSE
GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC
Skills for Life		BTEC	BTEC

The English Baccalaureate

To achieve the 'EBacc', you need Grade 4 (or better) in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science (x2)
- **Humanities** (History or Geography)
- **Languages** (French or German)



KS4 Options

Things to consider

- What is the difference between GCSE, BTEC & Technical Award qualifications?
- What is the Ebacc?
- What are 9-1 grades?
- Which subjects are available?
- How many choices do I have to make?
- How many lessons do I have to choose from?
- Do I have to choose a subject I like?
- When do I have to decide by?
- Who do I talk to about my options?
- How do I find out about 'new' subjects?
- Should I take something because I like my current teacher?
- Should I take something because my friends are taking it?
- What should I take into account to make a decision about my options?

2 Key Questions

What do you enjoy?

In what subjects will you do best?

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