Key Stage 4 Options



Year 9 Options - Key Dates

December: Launch Assembly & PSHE Introduction

Information sent to families

• January: Reminder Assembly

Online 'Options Booklet' published

• Thurs 23rd January: Year 9 Feedback Evening

3rd – 14th February: Student option meetings with SLT

• Weds 5th February: Options Evening

• Friday 21st March: Progress Reports sent home

Weds 26th March: <u>Deadline</u> for completing options form

• April onwards: Confirmation of courses





September 2025 Offer - Core

Everyone will study:

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





September 2025 Offer - Options

- 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

- Information TechnologyOCR Cambridge National
- Music GCSE
- Music Technology GCSE
- Photography GCSE
- Physical Education GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE
- Skills for Life ASDAN (double option)



Option Subjects

You select 4 options (or 2 if you take ASDAN Skills)

Together your options will take up 12 lessons a week

GCSEs:

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



Vocational:

- BTEC or Cambridge National
- Equivalent to GCSEs
- Ongoing assessment
- More coursework with some exam
- More practical, more related to the workplace

ASDAN:

- Variety of practical activities and life skills
- Certificates to achieve





Option Subjects Some Possible Combinations

GCSE GCSE GCSE GCSE Cambridge BTEC **GCSE** GCSE **National** GCSE **GCSE** GCSE BTEC Cambridge Skills for Life BTEC National





The English Baccalaureate

The 'Ebacc' is not a qualification. It is the name for a specific combination of subjects:

- English Language & Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined, Triple)
- Humanities (History or Geography)
- Languages (French or German)





KS4 Options Things to consider

2 Key Questions

What do you enjoy?

In which subjects will you do best?



Options Evening Notes

In the Main Hall you can find staff to discuss:

- SEND
- MT Scholars
- 'Skills for Life' course

Upstairs in W-block you can find Mrs Ward to discuss:

Careers

When planning your sessions, please note:

- French or German
- IT or Computer Science
- Art or Photography
- Resistance Materials or Product Design
- Music or Music Tech



Next Steps

1. Continue conversations at home and in school

2. Visit the <u>Year 9 Options 2025</u> page on the school website

 Complete the Options Form on this webpage by Wednesday 26th March

