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 23 rd January:	Year 9 Feedback Evening		
3 rd – 14 th February:	Student option meetings with SLT		
Weds 5 th February:	Options Evening		
Friday 21 st March:	Progress Reports sent home		
Weds 26 th March:	Deadline 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 Technology
 OCR 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	
BTEC	Cambridge National	GCSE	GCSE	
GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC	
Skills for Life		BTEC	Cambridge 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





1. Continue conversations at home and in school

2. Visit the Year 9 Options 2025 page on the school website

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

