

Options

An introduction to the
options process

Main curriculum: everyone

Examined subjects

- English (2 exams) 1 GCSE
- English lit (2 exams) 1 GCSE
- Maths (3 exams) 1 GCSE
- Science (6 exams) 2 GCSEs
- RE (2 exams) 1 GCSE

15 EXAMS = 6 GCSEs

Plus three more GCSEs

Non-examined subjects

- PE
- PSHCE
- Work experience

Options Pathways

HUMANITIES pathway:

Approx. 40 pupils



- No MFL
- Must choose either Geography or History (a Humanity)
- 2 other choices

LANGUAGES pathway:

Approx. 200 pupils



- With MFL
- 2 other choices
- Can choose either Geography or History to achieve **Ebacc**

Ebacc

An academic set of 5 subjects:

English

Maths

Science

MFL

History or Geography

Grade 4 or higher in ALL 5 to achieve Ebacc

Option subjects:

GCSE's:

Art

Computer Science

Drama

History

PE

Sociology

Business

Dance

Food

Media

Photography

Art - graphics

Citizenship

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Geography

Music

Psychology

BTEC's:

Child Care

Health & Social Care

In blue are subjects that are new to you

Date/timing	Actions
Week comm. 7th November	Introductory letter home to all families
Mon 28th Nov	Introductory assembly to Y8 in main Hall with Mrs Devereux
Wednesday 30th Nov	Issue all option course descriptions (Options Book) to pupils
Monday 5th December	Pupils can sign up for taster sessions in new option subjects
Tuesday 3rd – Friday 13th January	Two weeks: taster lessons in KS3 options subjects, careers lesson in PSHCE, drop down taster lessons for new subjects in the canteen
Monday 16th January	‘Dry run’ of option choices on a Google Form
Friday 27th January	Issue options forms to all Y8 – <u>includes subject option blocks</u>
Tuesday 7th February	Deadline for handing in options forms

Example from last year

Option Y 1 = first choice in Block Y 2 = back up choice in Block Y		Option Z 1 = first choice in Block Z 2 = back up choice in Block Z	
Art		Child Care	
Business		Business	
Citizenship		Citizenship	
Dance		Computer Science	
Design Technology		Drama	
Food		Geography	
History		Media	
BTEC Health & Social Care		Music	
Photography		PE	
Psychology		Psychology	
Sociology		Sociology	

What now?

- Keep checking the Year 8 Goggle Classroom - various information will be there as well as on our website for parents
- Useful information - [READ](#) course descriptions
- Y8 GC taster lesson sign up link on **MONDAY - JUST** for 'new' subjects
Business, Citizenship, Media, Psychology, Sociology, Child Care, Health & Social Care

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YEAR 8 OPTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 START

Please click [here](#) to read the introductory letter outlining the options process for pupils currently in year 8, who will make options choices this academic year to start GCSE courses in September 2023.

We offer two subject preferences to all pupils via two pathway routes:

Pathway one – Humanities: geography or history and no longer continue with a language.

Pathway two – Languages: pupils continue with the language they are currently learning. They can also opt for geography or history as one their two choices to achieve the Ebacc qualification.

Both pathways allow all pupils to select two other subjects preferences from the range of courses offered. Pupils and parents/carers will receive an electronic copy of the Options Book which contains more detailed information about all of the option subjects available and the options process. They will also have the following assembly presented by Mrs Devereux. Click on the link below to gain an overview:

[An overview of the options process](#)