

# Key Stage Four Options



# Key Dates

- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** Options Launch
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** Options booklets handed out
- **Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Students meet with SLT
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Options Evening (parents & students)
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Deadline for handing in options forms
- **April onwards:** Confirmation of courses

*Ongoing: Do not be afraid to ask questions!*

# September 2020 Offer

English GCSE

Science GCSE

Mathematics GCSE

Physical Education CORE

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

# Option subjects

- 12 lessons each week
- GCSEs:
  - Linear, with terminal exams at the end
  - Little, if any, coursework or controlled assessment
  - Academic
  - 3 lessons per week
- Vocational:
  - Equivalent to GCSEs
  - Mostly coursework with a small exam element
  - Vocational – more related to the workplace
  - Practical, transferrable skills
  - 3 lessons per week
- ASDAN:
  - Variety of practical activities and life skills
  - 'Earth Trust' element is equivalent to GCSE
  - 6 lessons per week



# Combinations of Option Subjects

GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE
BTEC	Tech Award	GCSE	GCSE
GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC
Skills for Life		BTEC	Tech Award

# The English Baccalaureate

- To get the 'Ebacc', you need grade 4 (or better) in the following subjects:
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science (x2)
  - **Humanities** (History or Geography)
  - **Language** (French or German)



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## Things to Consider

- *What is the difference between GCSE, BTEC & Technical Award qualifications?*
- *What is the Ebacc?*
- *What are 9-1 grades?*
- *Which subjects do I HAVE to take? (Core)*
- *How many option subjects can I take?*
- *How many lessons do I get in each option subject?*
- *Do I have to do exams, coursework or both?*
- *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?**

**What will you do best in?**

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