

Welcome to the Year 9 Options Talk 2023

**If you have any specific questions, please wait until the end.
Mr Titterington and I will be available to respond to individual
concerns.**

What does a KS4 timetable look like?

Core subjects:

- ✓ English Language
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ Combined Science
- ✓ Core PE

**15 periods of core subjects per week
Studied by everyone.**

**Plus 3 periods of Core PE
per week**

EBACC choice

Minimum of 3 periods of EBACC subjects per week

EBACC Subject

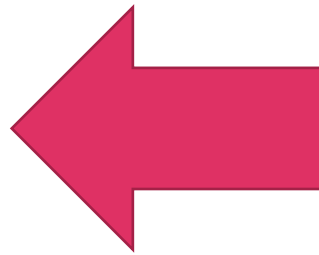
Spanish

History

Geography

Computer

Science



Students **MUST** choose one of these subjects and we recommend that those choosing an academic route to University consider choosing Spanish and one other from the EBACC block.

Science decisions

Science – all students complete the Combined Science route which allows them to study all three sciences: Physics, Chemistry and Biology whilst gaining two GCSEs.

Students who have both an aptitude and enjoyment of Science may want to choose Separate Science which is one of their GCSE option choices (plus EBACC leaves two further choices from the list)

They study all of the sciences but get three GCSEs at the end.

The rest of your choices...

GCSE

Art

Photography

Design Technology

Drama

Music

Religion & Philosophy

Separate Science

Statistics

Btec

Health and Social Care

Cambridge Nationals

Sports Science

Business, Enterprise and Marketing

Level 1/2 WJEC

Hospitality and Catering

**9 periods of
option subjects
per week**

**30 periods of
timetabled lessons per
week plus tutor time
and assemblies**

So, nine qualifications studied across the
two year KS4

- Five core subjects
- One or more EBACC subjects

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- Choice of up to four in total



Consider how courses are assessed...

GCSEs are assessed at the end of the two years. The only exceptions to this rule are:

Art and Photography – Coursework 60% and timed practical assessment 40%

Design and Technology – Coursework 50% and Exam 50%

Drama – Coursework 60% and Exam 40%

Music – Coursework 60% and Exam 40%

Coursework is completed across the two years

Assessment - Vocational Awards

Vocational Award in Hospitality and Catering

60% controlled assessment
40% exam

Btec Health and Social Care

60% controlled assessment
40% exam

**Controlled assessments are completed in Year 10
and Year 11**

Cambridge National

Sports Science

60% controlled assessment
40% exam

Cambridge National

Business, Enterprise and Marketing

60% controlled assessment
40% exam

DEADLINES AND DATES

- Link sent to parents week beginning 6 Feb - (Half term between 13-17 Feb)
- Options choices completed by 24 February via the link
- School shares options with students and parents/carers – beginning of June 2023

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

- Taster sessions in tutor time for subjects not taught at KS3
- Assemblies and tutor support
- Careers Advisor meetings with all students by the end of Year 9 – FSM and SEND students prior to option deadline
- Meetings with Mrs Massey, Mr Titterington or Miss Crewe to give advice re choices
- Year 9 Parent and Carer Evening – 8 February

What to consider and what not to consider when choosing

Don't:

- Choose a subject because your friend is choosing it
- Choose a subject because you like the teacher
- Choose a subject because you think it will be good for your career choice but you don't enjoy it

Do:

- ✓ Choose subjects you enjoy
- ✓ Choose subjects you have an aptitude for
- ✓ Choose subjects which you enjoy and are good at and/or will be useful for future college and career choices

What next?

- ✓ Talk to your child and listen to their views
- ✓ Talk to teachers and older students/family members
- ✓ Go to taster sessions and read the booklet
- ✓ Year 9 Parent and Carer Evening – 8 February
- ✓ Research online:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone> – for parents and carers

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> – for students

<https://www.findyourfuture.org.uk/choices-at-14>



Any questions?
