



# Year 9 Options 2023



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# **Welcome**

# **Key Stage 4**

# **Options 2023**





Exciting period in  
education when students  
have their first chance to  
choose the subjects they  
want to pursue through to  
exams in Year 11



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# KS4 Curriculum



- Core/compulsory subjects
- Option subjects - 2





# Core/compulsory subjects

English Lit/Lang

Maths

Sciences

History/Ancient History

**or** Geography

MFL for the majority

PSCS

(Citizenship, PSHEE  
and Ethics &  
Philosophy)

Sport



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# English Baccalaureate

Package of good GCSE courses

English

MFL

Maths

Geography or

Two Sciences

History/

Ancient History



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Department  
for Education

- The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.
- A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.
- The government's ambition is to see 90% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2025.



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# Raised Participation Age

Education or training  
until **18** years old





# Looking ahead



## GCSE results - August 2025

- Sixth Form
- FE College
- Apprenticeship or training



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# Options Booklet



**KS4 Options  
Information Booklet**

2023



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# 24 Options courses

Art & Design	DT Resistant Materials	Geography	Photography
Construction	DT Textiles	Health & Social Care	Spanish
Computer Science	Engineering	History	Ancient History
Dance	Ethics and Philosophy	IT - Creative IMedia	Travel & Tourism
Drama	Food & Nutrition	Music	Sport BTec
DT Graphics	French	PE GCSE	German



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# Option Blocks

A	B	C	D
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History	History
Ancient History *	Computer Science	Art & Design	Art & Design
French	German	French	French
Spanish	Spanish	Photography *	Spanish
DT Res Mats *	Ethics & Philosophy *	Drama *	German
Creative IMedia *	Dance *	Engineering *	Computer Science
Food & Nutrition *	DT Graphics *	Health & Social Care	Construction & B-E *
Health & Social Care	Travel & Tourism *	PE GCSE	Music *
PE GCSE		BTEC Sport	DT Textiles *
BTEC Sport			



## **Presentation/Video for each course**

There are presentations/videos for each individual course on our Options Webpage.

This will provide you with details of the course and help you make your final choices. The staff have been working hard to present their subjects in an interesting and informative way.



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# **Online Options Booklet.**

The online options booklet provides details about the overall curriculum for Key Stage 4, including compulsory exam courses, as well as details about the optional subjects.

There is a link to email the course leader.



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# Choosing Options

Using the Google Form choose your option subjects in order of preference.

We will ask for your first and second choice in each of the 4 Option Blocks

The choices should include Geography or History/Ancient History and your current MFL as your first choices.



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# Course combinations that are not available

GCSE Design Technology (DT) course

- DT Graphics
- DT Resistant Materials
- DT Textiles

These subjects cannot be studied together



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# Course combinations that are not available

Art & Design and Photography

BTec Tech Award in Sport and PE GCSE

These subjects cannot be studied together



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# Option course allocation

We aim to give you your top 2 option choices.

If courses are full we will look at levels of engagement and effort during KS3.

We will also look at the career ideas section of the Options form.



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**Options Form Deadline**

**Wednesday 22nd  
March**

**Completed online**



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# Thank you for listening

Don't forget, your teachers are available to discuss your suitability for courses and you have the opportunity to speak to all subject staff on the 2nd March at the Options Evening.



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