



Year 9
GCSE Option Choices
2019-2021

Aims of today's assembly

1. Introduce you to the core curriculum and curriculum choices for September 2019
2. Provide an overview of the Year 9 options process
3. Outline the information, advice and guidance available to you and your parents during this process.

Core curriculum in Year 10 and Year 11

GCSE Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Non examined subjects

- PSHCE
- Religious Education
- Physical Education

Choose 3 further GCSE subjects from these to create a broad and balanced curriculum

- ART
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
- DRAMA
- FRENCH
- GEOGRAPHY
- GERMAN
- HISTORY
- MUSIC
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- SPANISH

All students must choose at least one humanity and at least one language

Advice

Do choose a subject because:

- you enjoy it and you find it interesting.
- you have made good progress in it and are successful at it
- it is useful for a career that you are considering.
- it gives you a broad and balanced curriculum

Do not choose a subject because:

- your best friend is taking the subject
- you like the teacher

Will you get all of your choices?

- There are currently 120 students in year 9. We aim to provide a curriculum that best fits the needs of the whole cohort.
- There is also a maximum group size, especially in practical subjects – if necessary assessment results will be used to allocate places.

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YEAR 9 GCSE Option Choices.

Name: _____

Form: _____

Please complete this form and return it to your Form Tutor by 11th February 2019.
Compulsory GCSE subjects are:

English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

In order to satisfy the requirements of a broad and balanced curriculum you will need to choose a humanities subject, a modern foreign language and 1 other subject.

Every effort will be made to accommodate individual option choices but this is not always possible since the subject blocks are drawn up to suit the majority of pupils. There is also a limit placed on group size, especially in practical subjects and, if necessary, assessment results will be used to allocate places on an individual basis.

To indicate your choices of options:

1. Tick 1 of:

Geography	
History	
Religious Studies	

2. Tick 1 of:

French	
German	
Spanish	

3. Tick 1 option from:

Art	
Computer Science	
D & T Product Design	
Drama	
French	
German	
Geography	
History	
Music	
Religious Studies	
Spanish	

Choose a subject from the above list which you might consider as an alternative to a subject you have ticked.

_____ instead of _____

I understand that it may not be possible for my child to study all their first choice options in which case he/she will be allocated one or both of his/her second choices.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)



Sixth Form Entry requirements:

- a minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade 9 to 6
- must include English and Mathematics
- minimum of a grade 6 in the subjects chosen for A level except for Maths, Sciences and MFL where a grade 7 is preferred
- to study a new subject you also require a grade 6 average over 7 subjects

Information, advice and guidance

W/B 21st January	Year group assembly Outline the options procedure and initial advice and guidance on decision making
W/B 21st January	Option information, advice and guidance booklet issued to pupils
W/B 21st and 28th January	GCSE taster lessons and information about courses in subject lesson time
W/B 21st January – W/B 4th February	Form tutor advice and guidance discussions with pupils about making suitable choices
Thursday 7th February	Year 9 Parents' evening Subject staff appointments available to discuss progress in, and suitability for courses Careers' advisor available for advice and guidance
Monday 11th February	Final Deadline for return of completed option choices form.