



Key Stage 4 Options 2023-2025

The pathway to your future success...



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So What?

Why so much fuss?

- Increasingly competitive job market
- More career changes in their lifetime
- Requirement of skills for jobs not currently present in the job market
- Technologies that haven't come to market yet



How do I choose?

Do you have a career in mind?

yes

If you have an idea of the career path that you would like to follow then research it fully, but try not to specialise too much.



No

If you don't know then keep your choices as wide as possible and keep your options open.



Reasons to Choose



- *My Friends are taking it*
- *I like the teacher*
- *It's really easy*



- *I enjoy it or like the learning style*
- *I feel that I'm good at it*
- *I know I need it for a future career*



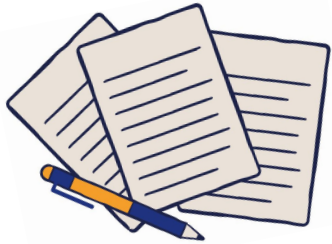
How is it Assessed?

Consider carefully how the subjects are examined:

All exams at the end of Year 11

OR

Coursework and exams



Learning routes & Qualification levels

How many GCSEs have you got or will you be getting?	Type of learning	How long will it take?
At least 4 GCSE grades C or above or equivalent	LEVEL 3 AS/A level courses; BTEC National and other vocational Level 3 courses Apprenticeships	2 years
At least 4 GCSE grades at D/E or equivalent	LEVEL 2 Level 2 courses Apprenticeships	1 – 2 years
Some GCSE grades D/E/F or equivalent	LEVEL 1 Level 1 courses Pathway programmes Traineeships	1 – 2 years
No GCSE passes	ENTRY LEVEL Foundation courses Pathway programmes Traineeships	1 – 3 years

Opportunities Post - 18

- Higher Education
- Apprenticeships
- Employment with training
- Gap Year



What is and isn't 'Optional'?

Core Curriculum

Compulsory for all students



Optional Curriculum

Up to four additional qualifications



Core Curriculum

All students study:

- English language
- English literature
- Maths
- Double Science (2 x GCSEs awarded)

And non examined:

- Core PE
- IT Skills
- Life Skills and Ethics



Optional Curriculum

Choose one from:	And three from:	
	GCSEs	BTECs and Vocational
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geography• History• French• German• Spanish• Triple Science• Step Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art & Design• Business Studies• Computer Science• Design & Technology• French• Geography• German• Spanish• History• Philosophy & Applied Ethics• Physical Education• Triple Science*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative IMedia• Digital information technology• Sports Studies• Health & Social Care• Music• Performing Arts• Catering and Hospitality



Options Pools

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
French	Art and Design	Art and Design	Art and Design
Geography	Spanish	Business	Computer Science
History	Creative Media	Creative Media	Creative Media
Spanish	Design and Technology	Design and Technology	Design and Technology
Step Up	Digital Information Technology	Geography	Health and Social Care
Triple Science	Geography	German	History
	Health and Social Care	Hospitality and Catering	Performing Arts
	Hospitality and Catering	Philosophy and Ethics	Philosophy and Ethics
	Performing Arts	Music Practice	Physical Education
		Triple Science	Sport Studies
		Enterprise and Marketing	



What is EBacc?



- A group of subjects, not a qualification
- Recognised by Russell Group Universities
- Are broad and balanced, to help you prepare for an unknown job market

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-baccalaureate-ebacc/english-baccalaureate-ebacc>



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*Required

Student Forename *

Your answer

Student Surname *

Your answer

Tutor Group *

Your answer

Option Choices

All Key Stage 4 students will study a Core Curriculum and have the opportunity to select 4 option subjects:

Core Curriculum:

- English Language; English Literature; Mathematics (one GCSE qualification awarded per subject)
- Combined Science (two GCSE qualifications awarded);
- ICT; Life Skills and Ethics; Physical Education (non-examined subjects).



What Now?

- Discuss your options with subject staff to inform your choices - please ask questions!
- Visit the Options Mini Site and browse the Options Booklet (online).
- Speak to your tutor, teachers, Mr Szmaglik or Mr Cheeseman.
- Submit your options form electronically - it will be emailed to you tomorrow.



Options Form Deadline - Friday 17th March

