



# Key Stage 4

## Options 2024-2026

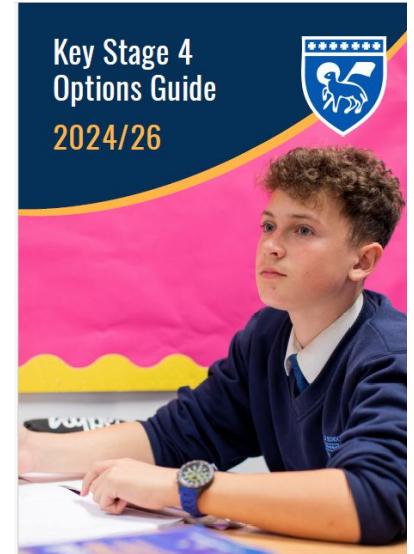
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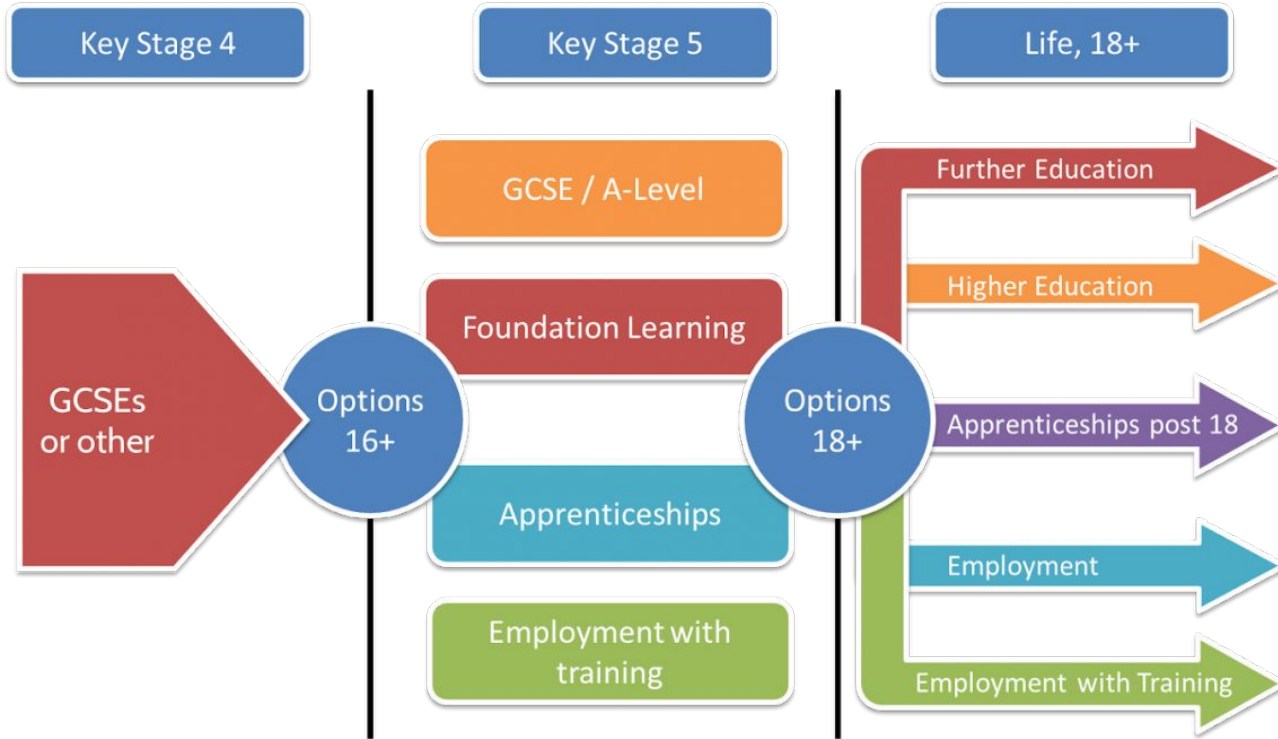
# Welcome

The aims of this evening are:

- to understand the Key Stage 4 Options process
- to gain a better understanding of subjects available
- to have clarity around next steps and key dates



# Consider future pathways



# 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 **one GCSE**
- English Literature **one GCSE**
- Maths **one GCSE**
- Combined Science **two GCSE**
- Computing Non-examined course
- Core PE Non-examined course
- Lifeskills Non-examined course



## Choose one from:

- Computer Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Triple Science\*
- Step Up (Invite only)

## And three from:

### GCSE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Art &amp; Design</li><li>● Business Studies</li><li>● Computer Science</li><li>● Design &amp; Technology</li><li>● Drama</li><li>● French</li><li>● Geography</li><li>● German</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● History</li><li>● Media</li><li>● Music</li><li>● Philosophy &amp; Ethics</li><li>● Photography</li><li>● Physical Education</li><li>● Spanish</li><li>● Triple Science*</li></ul> |
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### BTEC & Vocational

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hospitality &amp; Catering</li><li>● Digital Information Technology</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Enterprise &amp; Marketing</li><li>● Health &amp; Social Care</li><li>● Sports Studies</li></ul> |
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# New Subjects to consider

## Health & Social Care



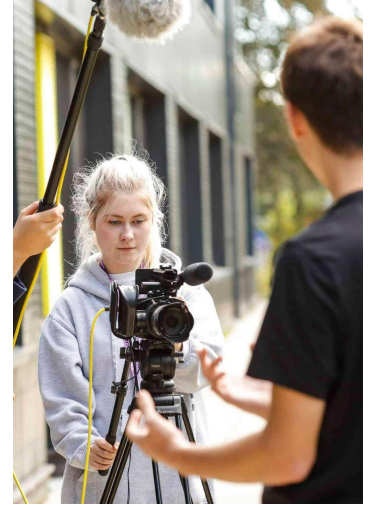
## Photography



## Hospitality & Catering



## Media Studies



# New Subjects to consider

**GCSE Business Studies VS Enterprise & Marketing**

**Sport Studies VS GCSE PE**

**GCSE Computer Science VS Digital Information  
Technology**





# How is it Assessed?

Consider carefully how the subjects are examined:

All exams at the end of Year 11

**OR**

Coursework and exams



# What is the difference between GCSE, BTEC & Vocational qualifications?

## **GCSE courses:**

- Normally 100% exam.
- Some include practical exams done under strict supervision
- Written exams are taken at the end of Year 11
- No re-sit opportunities.

## **BTEC/Vocational courses:**

- More assignment based course (usually worth 60%)
- Examination (40%) that can take place in either Year 10 or Year 11
- There maybe an opportunity to re-sit the exam.



# What is Ebacc?

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

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



- English language
- English literature
- maths
- the sciences
- geography or history
- a language



# Questions?



## Do you have to take a language?

*No - but we would strongly recommend you consider taking a language because of the benefits later.*

*Languages are viewed favourably by the Russell Group Universities.*



# Questions?



## Will I be guaranteed my subject choices?

*You will be asked to rank order your subjects when you submit your option choices online. We aim to give you all 4 subjects but if it is not possible, we will prioritise your first choices.*



# What Now?

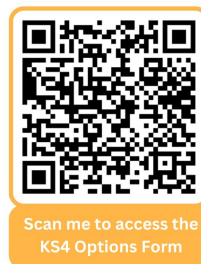
- Do some research:
  - What type of job would you like when you are older?
  - What subjects might you need?
  - What skills and experience would be useful?
- This evening speak to the subject experts, Mr Justice (Careers Lead), Community Leaders and Mrs Wade (Year 9 RSL)



# What Now?

Date	Event
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Key Stage 4 Options Form to go live
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Online Parents' Consultation Meeting (Left Population)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Online Parents' Consultation Meeting (Right Population)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for the return of Option Choices

Choose  
1 subject from column 1  
3 subjects from column 2  
**Plus 2 reserves**  
Rank order the subjects



Subjects will be allocated based  
on student's priority listing and  
not on the date the form was  
submitted



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