



Key Stage 4

Options 2026-2028

The pathway to your future success...





So What?

Why so much fuss?

- First major step where you choose your subjects, directly influencing your future
- Opportunity to focus on interests, strengths, and necessary qualifications for post-16 study
- Commitment to a 2 year course in Years 10 & 11

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*

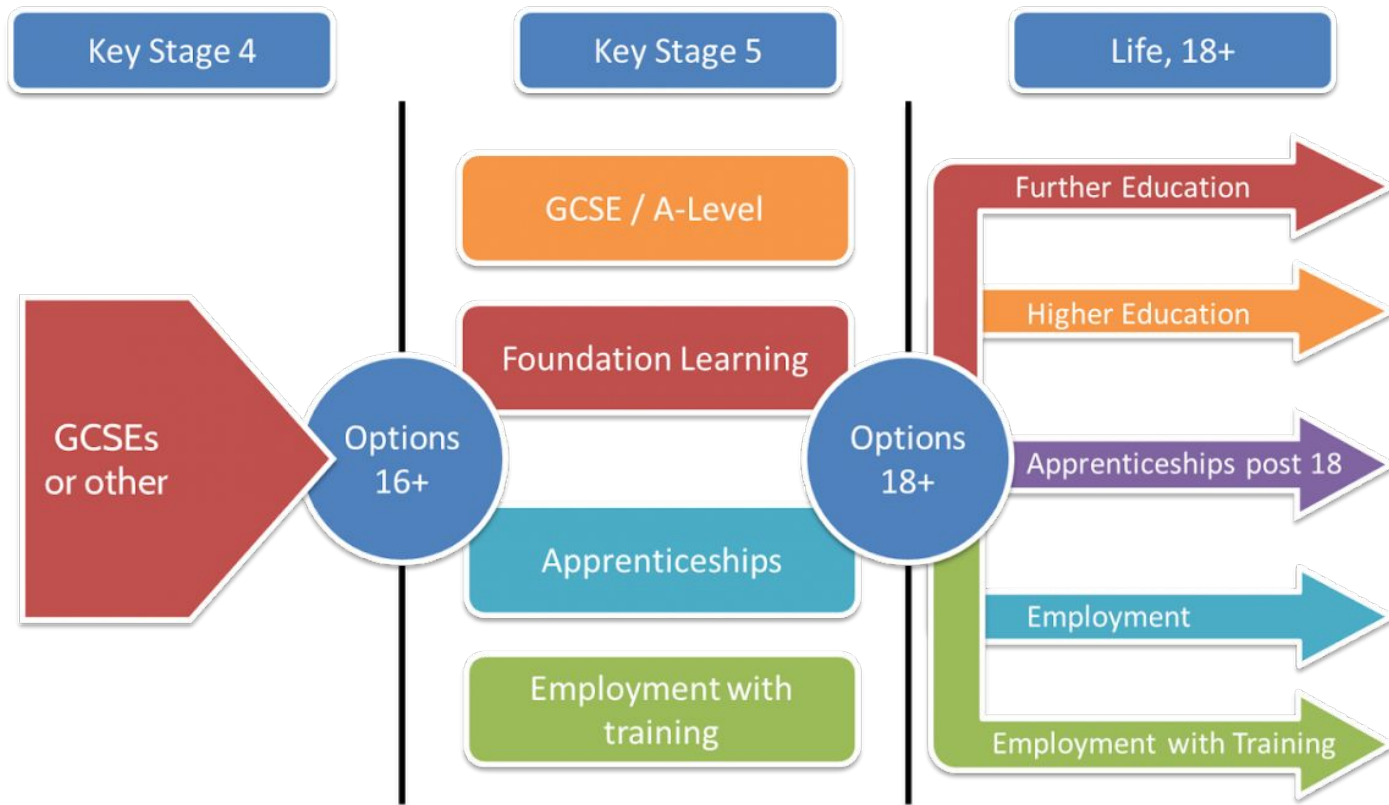


- *I enjoy it or like the learning style*
- *I feel that I'm good at it*
- *I know I need it for a future career*





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

And non examined:

- Core PE
- Life Skills and Ethics



Optional Curriculum

Choose one form:

And three from:

GCSE

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

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German

- History
- Media
- Music
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Triple Science*

BTEC & Vocational

- Hospitality & Catering
- Creative iMedia

- Enterprise & Marketing
- Health & Social Care
- Sports Studies



New Subjects to consider

GCSE Photography



Creative iMedia



Health & Social Care



GCSE Media



Hospitality & Catering



A new subject to consider - Business

GCSE Business Studies

1. Business in the real world
2. Influences on business
3. Business operations
4. Human resources
5. Marketing
6. Finance



Enterprise & Marketing

- Enterprise and Marketing concepts
- Design a business proposal
- Market and pitch a business proposal

A new subject to consider - PE

GCSE PE

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Movement analysis
- Physical training
- Use of data
- Sports psychology
- Socio-cultural influences
- Health, fitness and wellbeing



**Performance in 3
different sports**

Sports Studies

- Contemporary issues in sport
- Performance and **leadership** in sports activities
- Sport and the **media**

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:

- Usually 100% examinations taken at the end of Year 11
- Some include practical exams done under supervision e.g. Art

BTEC & Vocational courses:

- Usually 40% examinations taken at the end of Year 11
- Exam board assessments (60%) are sat over the 2 years
- Assessments are completed under supervision in school



Questions?



Do you have to take a language?

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



Questions?



Where will I get advice on what subjects to take for specific careers?

- *Subject teachers*
- *Tutors*
- *Lifeskills lessons*
- *Careers Team - Mr Justice*



Questions?



Will I be with the same students next year?

Possibly..... In some subjects but there is no guarantee



Questions?



Will I be guaranteed my subject choices?

You will be asked to select one option subject from a list of subjects in each of the 4 blocks

Option Subject 1	Option Subject 2	Option Subject 3	Option Subject 4

We aim to give you all 4 subjects but if it is not possible, we will prioritise your first choices



- **KS4 options booklet:**
 - paper copies given out in Tutor time next week
- **Curriculum maps**
- **Speak to your** subject teachers, tutor or Dr Cunningham
- **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?

What Now?

Date	Event
Wednesday 10th December	Year 9 assembly on Key Stage 4 Options
Wednesday 17th December	Key Stage 4 Options booklet issued
January	Carousel of 'new' subjects
Thursday 5 th February	Key Stage 4 Options Information Evening
9th/10th/11th Feb	1:1 meetings with CLs or SLT
Friday 13 th February	Key Stage 4 Options Form to go live
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 9 Online Parents' Consultation Meeting
Friday 13 th March	Deadline for submission of the Options Form

- Attend the KS4 Options Information Evening on 5th Feb 2025



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