

Enfield Grammar School



An Academy Trust

Year 9 Parents Information Evening

Options Process - Welcome

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PLANNING AHEAD



60% of the jobs that will exist in 2028 have yet to be invented!

Your son could still be working in 2075.

Comparison:

People working today could have chosen their 'options' in 1964 - the world has changed A LOT since 1964.....and change seems to be happening at an ever faster rate!

FROM BOY TO MAN



A BOY WHO IS
RESPONSIBLE
IS A MAN WHO BECOMES A
ROLE MODEL


At Enfield Grammar School we believe that boys who are given responsibility become men who are role models. Our student leadership programmes give students a wide range of opportunities to take on additional responsibilities within our School. Student voice is integral to our school community and our students are actively involved in decision making from school policy to staff recruitment. Our School Council, Student Ambassadors, Head Boy Team and both Senior and Junior Prefects are respected by the school community and make a real difference to the lives of all students; they impact change across the entire school.

TANT QUE JE PUIS - 'AS MUCH AS I CAN' 



A BOY WHO
READS
IS A MAN WHO IS
CURIOUS


At Enfield Grammar we passionately believe that "You learn to read so you can read to learn". Led by our dedicated Literacy Co-ordinator, there is a whole school focus on reading as we strive to engender our students' love of books and reading. The ability to read, write, and communicate effectively is an ongoing life skill that we teach, both implicitly and explicitly, in lessons. Outside of the classroom, staff continue to embed a reading culture through our form time reading programme, library competitions, reading challenges and guest speakers.

TANT QUE JE PUIS - 'AS MUCH AS I CAN' 



A BOY WHO IS
SUPPORTED
IS A MAN WHO
HELPS OTHERS

At Enfield Grammar School we believe that boys who are supported become men who help others. Our Sixth Form Peer Mentors meet regularly with younger students to support their emotional health and well-being, providing guidance to help them navigate their way through secondary school. They offer a smile and a friendly face and give their mentees the opportunity to discuss a range of topics with students who have "walked in their shoes".

TANT QUE JE PUIS: (AS MUCH AS I CAN) 

PLANNING AHEAD



At KS3 your son will have studied over 15 different subjects as part of the school's *'broad and balanced curriculum'*. We believe this is key to helping your son develop as a well rounded, successful individual.

We still believe this is important for Key Stage 4, but your son must narrow that range down to 9 GCSEs.

This presentation will guide you through the process and give you advice to make the right choices because choosing the right GCSEs will help to keep the right doors open for your son.

TIMELINE



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GOVERNMENT EXAM REFORMS



League tables – accountability measures

Too many students achieving top grades

Too many re-takes

Too many ‘soft, poor quality’ qualifications

Insufficient challenge and rigour

Reduced understanding of the subject as a whole

KEY CHANGES



New grading system 9 to 1 has replaced A* to G

Exams are more difficult and rigorous

Changes to grade boundaries

Terminal, end of course exams ONLY

Controlled Assessment reduced

First entry only

Marks for SPAG –Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

GCSE



New exams/new grading

Grades 9 to 1 with 9 being the highest

Grade 7,8,9 - equivalent to A*/A

Grade 5 - higher grade pass (high C)

Grade 6 - required for A level study (high B)

Greater depth / more challenging content

(e.g. Maths 50% more content)

YEAR 9 OPTIONS PROCESS



What will your son study at
Key Stage 4?

COMPULSORY CORE PROGRAMME



GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE Combined Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Physical Education

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE (Ebacc)



Government measure aimed at “...*increasing the number of students taking rigorous academic qualifications.*”

Ebacc = Grade 5 or better in English, Maths, 2 Sciences, History or Geography and a Language

The government believes that these are “...*the subjects most valued by universities and employers.*”

THE OPTIONS PROCESS – STEP 1



Step 1

If your son is to follow the Ebacc route they will have to study **GCSE French** or **GCSE Spanish**

AND

Either **GCSE History** or **GCSE Geography**

(this does not mean they cannot study GCSE Geography & GCSE History)

THE OPTIONS PROCESS – STEP 1



Step 1 cont.

If your son is not going to follow Ebacc route, he will have to choose to study

GCSE Geography OR

GCSE History OR

GCSE French OR

GCSE Spanish

THE OPTIONS PROCESS – STEP 2



Step 2 (Free Choice)

Ebacc Route: Your son now has to choose two other subjects (free choice) and a reserve subject

Non-Ebacc Route: Your son now has to choose three other subjects (free choice) and a reserve subject

FREE CHOICE SUBJECTS



Art, Craft & Design

Business Studies

Citizenship

Computer Science

Design & Technology

Information Technologies

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French

Geography

History

iMedia

Media Studies

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Spanish

Option Process – English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

Core Curriculum (Compulsory)	Language (compulsory)	Humanities Option (Choose one)	GCSE Option - Free Choice (Choose two)	
<p> English Literature English Language Maths Science </p> <p> (non-examined) PSHE Physical Education </p>	<p> French or Spanish </p>	<p> Geography or History </p>	<p> Art, Craft & Design Business Studies Citizenship Computer Science Design & Technology Information Technologies Food Prep & Nutrition French </p>	<p> Geography History iMedia Media Studies Music Physical Education Religious Studies Spanish </p>

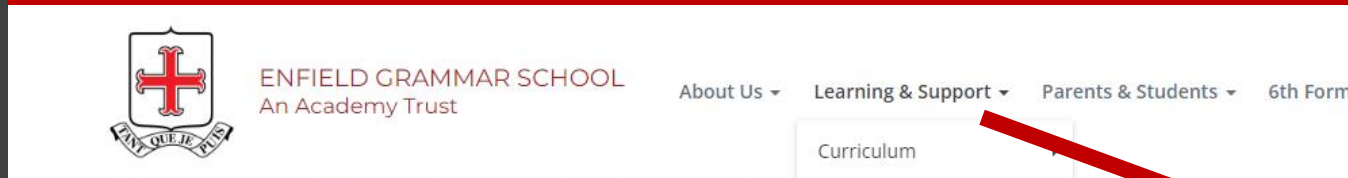


Option Process – Non-English Baccalaureate

Core Curriculum (Compulsory)	Compulsory Option (not studying GCSE French)	GCSE Option (Choose three)	
English Literature English Language Maths Science (non-examined) PSHE Physical Education	Geography or History or French or Spanish	Art, Craft & Design Business Studies Citizenship Computer Science Design & Technology Information Technologies Food Prep. & Nutrition French	Geography History iMedia Media Studies Music Physical Education Religious Studies Spanish

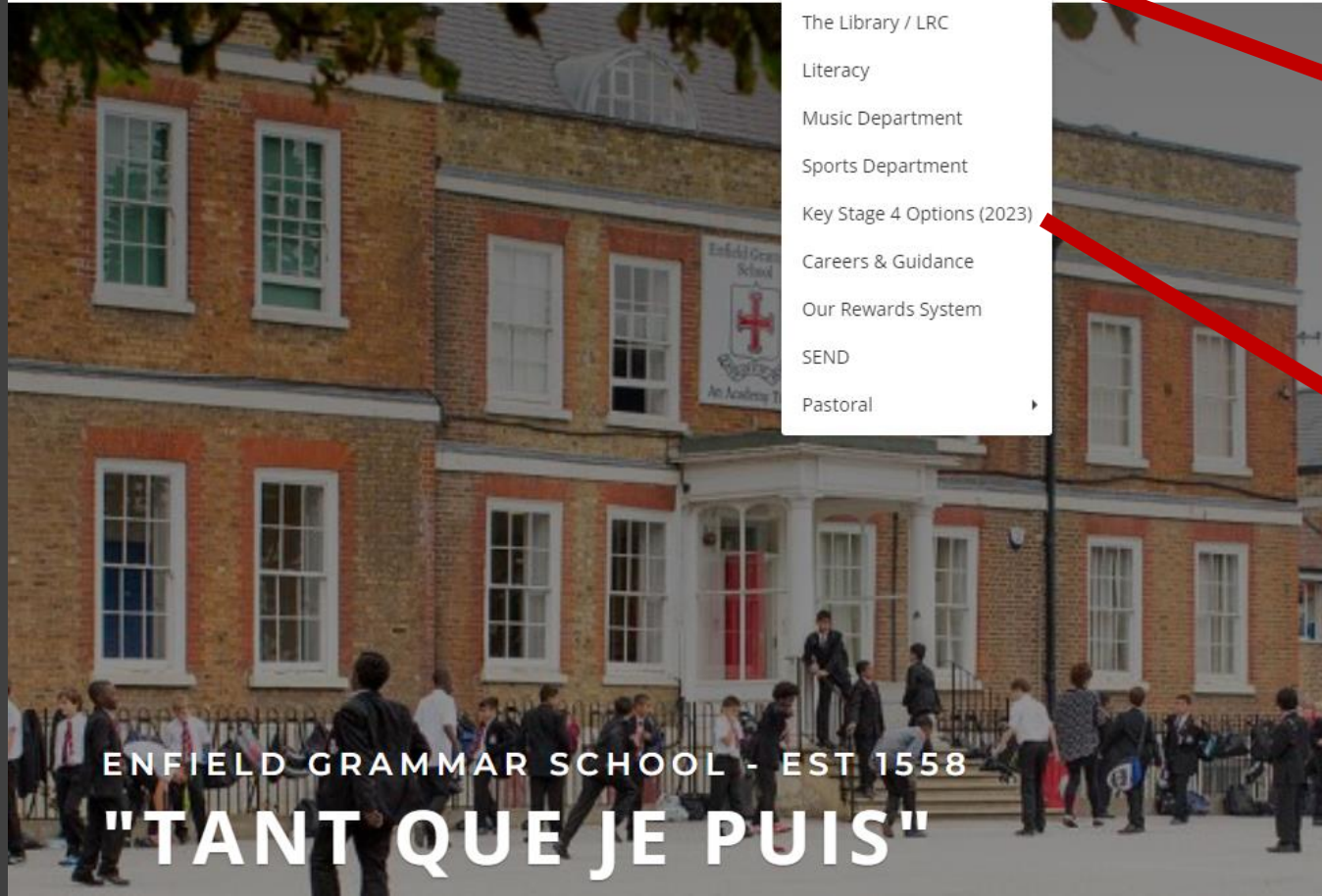


ONLINE OPTIONS FORM



Go to School Home Page. Click on **'Learning & Support'**

Click on **'Key Stage 4 Options (2023)'** tab



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"TANT QUE JE PUIS"

ONLINE OPTIONS FORM



'Your Choices' in Year 9 (Options KS4)

Your son will soon be asked to choose his GCSE and Vocational option choices for moving up to Key Stage 4. We update a booklet named 'Your Choice' each year to assist the process and an important information evening is organised to highlight important issues, to talk through the process and to answer any questions you may have.

Key dates for the 2023 GCSE Options Process

Tuesday 18 January 2023 – Year 9 Options Information Evening for Parents and Students

Friday 20 January 2023 – Options Fair for students in the Main Hall

Thursday 26 January 2023 – Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening

Friday 27 January 2023 – Year 9 GCSE 'Your Choice' options booklet available on school website and emailed to parents / students

Monday 30 January 2023 – Link to Online Options Form goes live

Friday 24 February 2022 – Deadline for Year 9 Options forms to be submitted

July 2023 – Option choices confirmed – written confirmation given

Year 9 Parents Information – 2023 Presentation: 'The Options Process' (link will appear soon)

KS4 GCSE Information Booklet 2023: 'Your Choice' (link will appear here 27/1/23)

Year 9 GCSE Options Application Form 2022 (not available)

For further information on course options please do not hesitate to contact the school office



Click here for the
Options **Booklet**



Click here for the
Options **Form**

OPTIONS BOOKLET



Enfield Grammar School



Key Stage 4

GCSE INFORMATION BOOKLET

2023

'Your Choice'

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A copy of this booklet will be emailed to all parents and be made available on the school website on 27 January 2023

ONLINE OPTIONS FORM



Student Choices Sign Out Dolores Bark

Save Cancel Show Instructions Hide Instructions

This page lets you make your GCSE choices. Some subjects are compulsory at GCSE level. These are:
English
Maths
Sciences
Lots of information can be found on the school website, click here

Humanities

Pick one Humanities subject, click the subject to add it to your choices

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

Geography GCSE Full Course Choice <small>This course is also available in Open choice</small>	History GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open choice</small>
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Languages

Pick one Language subject, click the subject to add it to your choices

You have chosen 1 of 1 courses from this list

French GCSE Full Course <small>This course is also available in Open choice</small>	German GCSE Full Course Choice <small>This course is also available in Open choice</small>
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Open choice

Pick three other subjects and one reserve, click the subjects to add them to your choices

You have chosen 3 of 3 courses and 1 of 1 reserves from this list

Accounting GCSE Full Course Choice Reserve	Art GCSE Full Course Reserve
human GCSE Full Course Reserve	human GCSE Full Course Reserve
Business Studies GCSE Full Course Reserve	CDT:Des & Com GCSE Full Course Reserve
CDT:Des & Real GCSE Full Course Reserve	Drama GCSE Full Course Reserve
Economics GCSE Full Course Choice Reserve	Electronics GCSE Full Course Choice Reserve

My Choices in Order of Preference (Total Choices: 5)

Drag and drop choices to change your order of preference

- Economics**
GCSE Full Course
Open choice
- Geography**
GCSE Full Course
Humanities
- German**
GCSE Full Course
Languages
- Accounting**
GCSE Full Course
Open choice
- Electronics**
GCSE Full Course
Open choice

My Reserves in Order of Preference (Total Reserves: 1)

Drag and drop reserves to change your order of preference

- Music**
GCSE Full Course
Open choice

The online options form will look something like this with clear instructions on how to complete it

ONLINE OPTIONS FORM



Please be aware you will only be able to fill the form in ONCE.

Information to help filling out the form:

- If your son is to choose to follow the Ebacc, he will study GCSE French or Spanish and either GCSE Geography or GCSE History. He will then make TWO further free choices. (Your son can still choose to study Geography AND History)
- If your son is not following the Ebacc (not studying GCSE French or GCSE Spanish), he will need to choose History or Geography or French or Spanish and make THREE further free choices.
- In both cases, your son has to choose ONE reserve subject.

The online form must be completed by **Friday 24 February 2023**

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE



Choices **should be** based on:

- Future aspirations
- Aim high
- Enjoyment and balance
- Skills
- Achievement & attainment
- Teacher advice

MAKING THE WRONG CHOICE



Choices **should NOT** be based on:

- Friends
- Current teacher
- 'Easy' option
- Short term view (today and not tomorrow)

OPTIONS & BEYOND



KS3 (Y9) Options

KS4
(Y10 & Y11)

KS5
(Y12 & Y13)

University / FE /
Work /
Apprenticeship

The choices made in Y9 can affect choices later on.

For example if University is an aspiration, do look at the guide [Informed Choices](#) which provides information, advice and guidance about post-16 subject choices.

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THE SMALL PRINT



The school reserves the right to guide students towards certain subjects and routes which we feel better suit them.

Please be aware that we cannot give a guarantee of every student getting the option choices they have chosen.

Each option needs viable numbers but also has a maximum capacity. What we can guarantee is that we will do our best to meet ALL requests.

Once choices are made and a course has been embarked upon there is very little flexibility in changing course.

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Student

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Parent

GCSEPOD – WHAT IS IT?



[YouTube link](#)

THANK YOU FOR WATCHING



ANY
QUESTIONS
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