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Year 10 Options 2023-25

Welcome to the campus options evening for the
Key Stage 4 Class of 2023-2025



Year 9 Option Choices



Choosing the right courses



- What are your future aspirations?
- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy?
- How do you learn best?

Read the booklet, talk to your teachers, discuss at home
- take advice.

Using your options booklet to decide on option subjects



Exam Board: OCR J276

Course Overview

This carefully planned course gives students a real, in-depth understanding of how computer technology works. It offers an insight into what goes on 'behind the scenes', including computer programming, which many students find absorbing. This course is a great way to develop critical thinking, analysis and problem-solving skills, which can be transferred to further learning and to everyday life.

Assessment

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Computer systems	40%	1 hour 30 minute written paper
Computational thinking, algorithms and programming	40%	1 hour 30 minute written paper
Programming project	20%	Non-exam assessment

Qualities needed for success in this course:

Students wishing to take Computer Science should have an interest in technology and be determined to develop that interest further. Students should also have an interest in computer programming and be able to work independently.

Possible paths in Post 16:

There is a clear pathway from GCSE Computer Science to A Level.



GCSE, BTEC, OCR National, Tech awards?

What does it all mean?



We run 2 different types of qualifications:

GCSE - the majority of the qualifications on offer are GCSEs.

Examinations will be taken at the end of the two year course and are graded 9-1. A good pass at GCSE will be a grade 5. Some employers and places of higher and further education will specify this grade for entry

BTEC, Cambridge Nationals- These are vocational (work related) qualifications. They are equivalent to GCSEs and are graded from distinction * to pass.

Option Pathways



E-Baccalaureate Pathway

(Highly recommended for students hoping to go to university)

General Pathway

All Core subjects

- English Language and English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science
- Life Skills
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English Baccalaureate options

Students choose **two** subjects, one from each category:

- Category 1: French, German or Spanish
- Category 2: Geography or History

English Baccalaureate option

Students choose **one** subject from these:

- French, German, Spanish, Geography, History, Separate Sciences, Computer Science

Options

Two further options from the Options List

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Three further options from the Options List

What is the Ebacc Pathway and why is it important?



The EBacc Pathway is our most academic pathway as it **guarantees a broad range of academic courses which are recognised by universities.**

The Ebacc Pathway means that you **must** study a Modern Foreign Language and a Humanities subject (History or Geography).

You only have 2 additional options in this pathway. You can still take the other Ebacc subjects.

Good universities may look back at your GCSEs to see if you have a balanced academic background and can achieve well across a range of challenging subjects.

What do I do if the Ebacc isn't right for me?

The General Pathway



You still have to take at least one Ebacc subject from either French, German, Spanish, History, Geography, Triple Science or Computer Science.

You then have 3 additional options from across the range.

These options can include the other Ebacc subjects as well as any of the other options available.

Students choose additional subjects from the option list below



- Art (GCSE)
- Business (GCSE)
- **Computer Science (GCSE)**
- Drama (GCSE)
- Engineering: Design (Cambridge National)
- **French (GCSE)**
- Food and Nutrition (GCSE)
- **Geography (GCSE)**
- **German (GCSE)**
- Graphics (GCSE)
- Health & Social Care (BTEC)
- **History (GCSE)**
- ICT (BTEC)
- Media (GCSE)
- Music (GCSE)
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- PE (GCSE)
- Religious Studies (GCSE)
- **Separate Sciences (GCSE)**
- Spanish (GCSE)
- Sport (Cambridge National)
- Textiles (GCSE)

Can I do any course I want to?



Some courses have restrictions on entry

For example there are grade requirement in Maths to do Computer Science and in Science to do Separate Science

Due to restrictions from the government you cannot study:

- Graphics **and** Art **and** Textiles (*you can only choose one from this list*)
- Drama **and** Performing Arts together

We run parallel courses in GCSE PE/BTEC Sport - you can only do one of these courses and you will be guided onto the best one for you

Option form



- This year the option form will be an electronic one (google form).
- This will be completed in class after all the assemblies have taken place.
- There will be a hard copy of the form that you can complete with your child at home beforehand
- All forms should be completed by Friday 10th March
- It is important that this deadline is met so that forms can be processed and options can be organised.

What support do we provide?



An assembly will take place next week to run through the option process

All students will be given an option choice booklet which explains the process and contains information about every subject (an electronic version will be on our website)

Subject assemblies will be taking place where students can learn more about the choices on offer

Students will have time within life skills lessons to reflect on their skills and future career ideas to help them make option choices

Teachers will support their tutees to fill out the option choices form

1:1 interviews will be organised for any student requiring / requesting one

What happens next?



We will begin working on student option choices after 10 March.

You will receive an email confirmation of the choices requested (with a google form to complete if you need to alert us to any issues)

We will talk to any students whose subject choices don't work

We will inform parents about final option choices in the Summer term

Option choices need to be right. There is only a very small window of change once Year 10 starts otherwise important content is missed.

Timeline



- **w/c 16 January** : Options assembly. Course and subject guide is given to all students (and available on our website)
- **w/c 23 and 30 January and 6 February**: Subject assemblies (virtual) will give students more information to help make better choices.
- **January / February** Students will get support from their tutors and teachers and in life skills lessons to help you think about the best options choices for you
- **February / March** Students will get support in Life Skills lessons to complete the google option form
- **10 March**: All choices forms should be completed by this deadline.
- **June**: Students will be notified about their allocated option subjects

Contact

Contact should be made via the google form sent with the choices request email.

If you have any issues with communicating this way then you can contact us using the following email address:

timetable@Brookvalegroby.com



Thank
you

