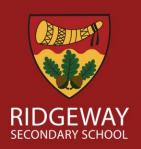
Ridgeway Secondary School Year 9 Options Evening

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Aims of today's presentation

1. To help you navigate the options process

2. To give you the information that you need to make informed choices

3. To explain the curriculum at Key Stage 4 including the EBACC

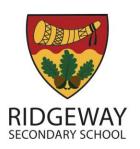


What are Options?

This is an exciting and important time in your education

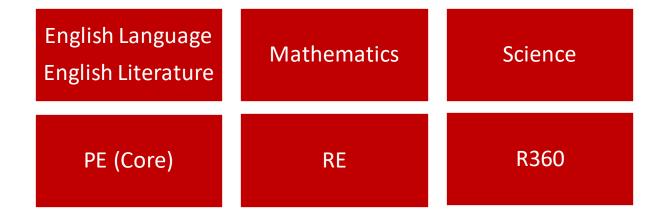
The time to start to really think about your future beyond school

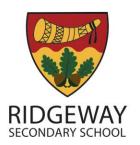
 The chance to choose some of the subjects you will study in Years 10 and 11



Core Subjects

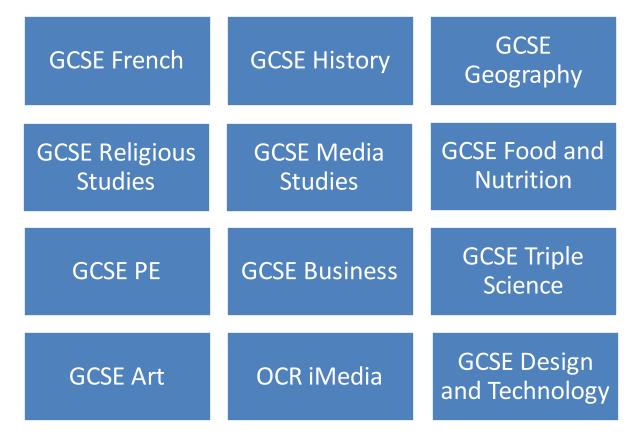
• These are subjects that you must study, they are **compulsory** for everyone





Option Subjects

 These are the 'option' subjects that you can choose 4 from to study in addition to the Core subjects





Our Curriculum Offer at Key Stage 4

- It is important that our curriculum offer in Years 10 and 11 is:
- Broad and varied
- Suited to the strengths, interests and individual needs of students
- Able to prepare our students for their next steps in education and life

But! There are some contextual elements for parents/carers to understand when exploring the option blocks.



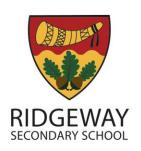
| Option Block A | Option Block B | Option Block C | Option Block D |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| GCSE Geography | GCSE French | GCSE Triple Science | GCSE PE |
| GCSE History | OCR iMedia (L2) | GCSE PE | GCSE DT |
| | GCSE Art | GCSE Food | GCSE Religious Studies |
| | GCSE Media | GCSE Art | GCSE Business |

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Understanding the EBacc

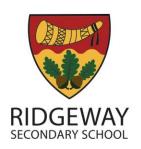
EBacc was introduced in 2010.

- A direction from the Government to encourage all pupils to take Maths, English, Science, Geography or History and a language.
- Currently 39.3% of pupils sit Ebacc nationally (2022/23).



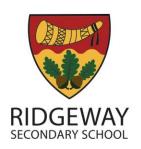
Different styles of assessment

- We offer a core, traditional curriculum.
- There are 13 examinations for just the 6 core GCSEs.
- There will be a further 7-12 exams for the remaining options.
- Some students may wish to consider the impact of taking subjects that offer a controlled assessment element (iMedia/ DT/ Food/ Art/Media)



What to do before I pick my options?

- 1. Read the Options information booklet on the website
- 2. Think about the presentations delivered by your teachers last week
- Talk to Heads of Department, teachers, Mrs Dixon (Careers), parents and students who might be studying courses already
- 4. Research A levels/Level 3 Qualifications, Degrees and jobs that you might be interested in
- 5. Look at the subjects that you might need to do these courses/jobs



How **should** I choose my options?

Some of you will have a relatively clear idea about the further and higher education courses you want to follow or jobs that you would like to do, Some of you will not and that's ok.

- Choose subjects that interest you and that you will enjoy
- Choose subjects that you are good at
- Choose subjects that will help you along your chosen path

or

Choose a wide variety of subjects to keep your future options open

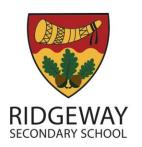


How **not** to choose my options?

- Do not choose subjects because your friends are doing them
- Do not choose subjects because you like the teacher
- Do not 'avoid' exam-based subjects coursework is not easy!



- The options form can be collected as you leave this evening
- The options choices are made up of 4 blocks, from Option Block A to Option Block D
- You have to choose a first (1), and second (2) choice subject in each option block
- This will give you the 4 option subjects that you would like to study



Look at the example below for Option Block A

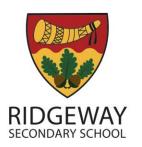
You have to put a 1 (first choice subject) and 2 (second choice subject) in each Option Block

| Option Block A | |
|----------------|---|
| GCSE Geography | 1 |
| GCSE History | 2 |



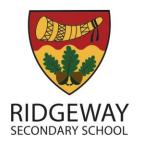
When complete your form will look something like this.

| Option Block A | | Option Block B | | Option Block C | | Option Block D | |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| GCSE Geography | 2 | GCSE French | 1 | GCSE Triple Science | 1 | GCSE PE | 1 |
| GCSE History | 1 | OCR iMedia (L2) | | GCSE PE | | GCSE Design & Technology | |
| | | GCSE Art | 2 | GCSE Food | 2 | GCSE Religious Studies | 2 |
| | | GCSE Media Studies | | GCSE Art | | GCSE Business | |



Once complete and signed by student and parent, the form should be given to Mr Vernon by **15th March**

| Options Timetable | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 26 th February 2024 | Options Information delivered to students in form time. | | |
| 7 th March 2024 | Options Information Evening 6pm | | |
| 15 th March 2024 | Signed Options forms to be returned by this date | | |



Will I get my subject choices?

- The ability, attitude and commitment of students will be taken into consideration when allocating subjects
- Most students will receive their first choice subjects
- Where numbers do not make a course viable to run then second choices will also be used



Thanks for listening!

Our Subject Leaders are now available, along with the SLT team, should you have any questions...

