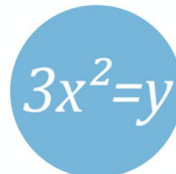
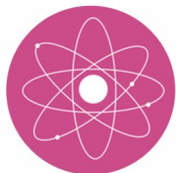
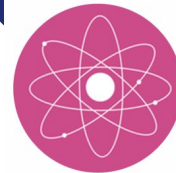


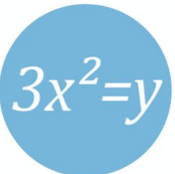


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KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS

Information for Year 9 students and parents



2023-25

Aims of this evening:

- ❑ To explain the options process from start to finish.
- ❑ To support you in making informed choices.

'Be the best you can be'

- ❑ An opportunity
- ❑ New chapter
- ❑ Deepen and further existing skills
- ❑ Learn new skills and knowledge
- ❑ Preparation for adulthood



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Curriculum Learning Time: Year 10 and 11

Core Subjects	Hours/lessons across two weeks
Maths	8
English (language and Literature)	8
Science (Combined)	10
Physical Education (non examined)	2
Personal Development (non examined)	2

Option Subjects Hours/ lessons across two weeks
5 hours per option

9 GCSEs in total



Pathways...

All students have been placed in a pathway (*based on GCSE target grades*) and within each pathway you will follow the core subjects and then make free choices.



'All students must follow a broad and balanced curriculum'. (DFE 21)

Core subjects

English Language
English Literature
Maths
Combined Science (Triple
Science is an option -see
block 3.)

Personal Development
including Religious Education
Core PE
(non examined)

Languages

- Gives you a competitive edge
- Employers value languages- some graduate schemes
- Competitive Universities- Russell Group
- Insight into different cultures

Humanities

- Globally aware
- History is a facilitating subject at A level and University
- Geography Degrees have been proven to have the best job prospects alongside Computer Science

Creative subjects

- Promote independence
- Self - evaluation
- Problem solving skills
- Culturally aware

Free choices...

How many will depend on your pathway....

GCSE Art

Cambridge National Child Development

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Drama

Level 1/2 Engineering (Technical Award)

GCSE Ethics

GCSE Fashion and Textiles*

GCSE Food and Nutrition

GCSE French

GCSE Geography

GCSE German

GCSE Graphics*

GCSE History

GCSE Music

GCSE Product Design*

GCSE Triple Science

GCSE Sports Studies

You can not choose more than one of the following Technology subjects:

- GCSE Graphics
- GCSE Fashion and Textiles
- GCSE Product Design

Post 16 options and how they link to your choices now...

A Levels (Level 3)

A minimum of 4 subjects at grade 5 or above at GCSE plus English Language at grade 4 or above.

Vocational/ Apprenticeship/ T Level (Level 3)

4 or 5 subjects at grade 4 or above including English and/or Maths.
Exact requirements will vary according to the course.

Vocational/ Apprenticeship (Level 2)

3 or 4 subjects at grade 3 ideally including English and Maths.

Vocational (Level 1)

3 or 4 subjects at grade 2 ideally including English and Maths.

Vocational (Entry Level)

There are no formal entry requirements.

Good reasons to pick a subject...

- You enjoy it
- You are good at it
- You think it will help future options post 16
- It may give you knowledge and skills that will be helpful to employment.
- You have researched the course and know all about the demands eg- practical aspect, written and expectations and you are still excited to pick it
- It gives you a broad and balanced choice of subjects

The wrong reasons to pick a subject...

- You like your current teacher
- Your friends are doing it
- Your parents or carers want you to do it
- Your sibling did it
- You think it will be easy



Subject	Location
Art, English and Maths	Library
Computer Science	Upstairs Library
Science	A1
History	A2
Geography	A3
Engineering/Product Design/ Graphics	A4
Food, Textiles and Child Development	A5
Drama / Music	A7
Ethics	A11
Sports Studies	A12
French / German	Languages Block



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Advice and guidance.....

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- Tutors
- Subjects teachers
- Anyone on the Senior Leadership Team
- Website

