

# **Year 9 Options Evening**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**



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# Year 9 Options-making a decision on my education

- An exciting time in your lives
- Will provide you options in the future
- Structured school support



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## **The support you will receive**

### **Before this evening**

STEM day (27<sup>th</sup> January 2017)

### **This evening**

Presentation

Booklet

Subject displays and discussion with subject teachers

### **After this evening**

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## The Big Picture

Working towards giving you options at 16 years old

### September 2019

- 6th Form
- College
- Apprenticeship

### and beyond at 18 years old-September 2021.....

- University
- Further Education
- Further work possibilities



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## **GCSEs**

- Traditional qualifications
- Some have a practical element
- A few have a Controlled Assessment (coursework at school)
- All have exams – some during the course, mostly at the end.

## **Vocational Courses (BTEC)**

- Mostly coursework
- Exam during or at the end of the course
- Pass (C), Merit (B) or Distinction (A).

**Please look at your Options booklet to give you more detail about how the subject is assessed.**

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## A. Core Curriculum

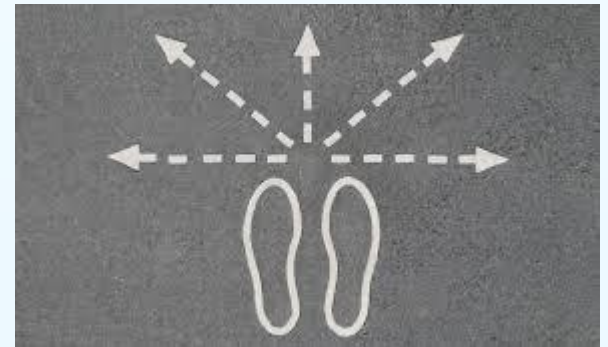
**All students MUST follow these core subjects:**

### Exam based subjects

- English Language/Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined science/ all sciences worth two GCSE's or your can take Triple science as an option

### Non exam based subjects

- Physical Education
- PSHE



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## B. Choosing a Humanity

Most students **MUST** take one of these subjects

\***OPTION 1 - Choose one (✓)**

Geography

History

\* Vocational students will not be required to take either but will receive additional help in Maths and English



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### C.What is The English Baccalaureate?

- Not an actual qualification
- It is a benchmark and not compulsory for our students
- It is gained by achieving a full GCSE at level 5 grade or above in the following areas:
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science
  - History or Geography
  - MFL





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## D. Your 3 options choices

OPTION 2, 3 AND 4 - Choose three (v)  
+ one reserve option (R)

- Triple Science
- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- CIDA
- Computing
- Design & Technology - Graphic Products
- Design & Technology – Product Design
- Drama
- Film Studies
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies
- Spanish

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## GCSE OPTION CHOICES 2017

Student's Name: ..... Form: .....

Please indicate your option choices by ticking the relevant boxes. The school will provide further guidance before finalised options are timetabled.

### CORE GCSEs:

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Please return this form to your form tutor by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Parent/Carer Signature:

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## Making the right decision

### Do

- Broad and balanced
- Appropriate for your interests and possible career thoughts if you any
- Choices match strengths and what you enjoy and what you feel you will do well in

### Don't

- Select on friendship
- Staffing
- You were told to do it



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# Questions to Ask!

- What are the course requirements?
- Are there any costs for this course?
- Will I find the subject enjoyable?
- What could this subject lead to?
- Does my choice of subjects seem balanced?



### **To who**

Your tutor

Your subjects teachers that you may choose to do their option

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**Finally**



- **This is an exciting time in your lives**
- **You will receive much structured support**
- **Ask questions**

**Options deadline to the front office by Monday February 20th 2017**

**Have a safe journey home.**