

# Year 9 Options 2020

# 1. Trips and Events



**We are building up to Year 9 options in the following ways...**

## 3. Parents' Evening and options evening on 27<sup>th</sup> February

Refer to your child's achievement report. Based on your child's progress to date teachers have advised your child to achieve in each subject by the end of the Key Stage. The target is the minimum grade to get at the end of KS4. Teachers have also graded your child's attitude to learning. Please refer to this decision was reached.

Purple = above Target  
 Green = at Target  
 Amber = 1 grade below Target  
 Red = 2 plus grades below Target

Subject	Target	Teacher Expected Step
English	5	4
Maths	6	5
Science	6	5
Geography	5	5
Art	5	5
French	5	6
PE	5	5
RE	6	5
Music	5	5
IT	5	5

Attendance greatly affects achievement. Your child has attended 100.0% of sessions, has had 0 late arrivals and 0 times.

## 2. The Year 8 option experience

# Year 8 Options

## 4. Tutor activities this week and after half term

### Session 1

#### Learning Objectives

1. To further understand the Year 9 options system
2. To reflect on yourself - what do you do well, what are you interested in?



# What to consider when making option choices

1. What you would like to do in the future.
2. Subjects that you enjoy.
3. Subjects that you are successful in.
4. Talking to subject teachers about what the GCSE or Technical Award involves.

# Things not to consider

1. Doing just what your friends have picked
2. Wanting to be taught by certain teachers.

# Important dates

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** Year 9 Parents & Options evening
- **Monday 9th March** deadline for returning provisional options forms to tutors.
- **Weeks beginning 16/3, 23/3, and 30/3** 1-1 interviews with all students about their option choices.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** deadline for return of options confirmation forms.

# Core subjects (everyone does these)

- Maths
- English Language
- English literature
- Science (worth 2 GCSEs)
- PSHE Rotation including:
  - RE/Citizenship/ICT/Finance/Enterprise/Healthy Lifestyles
- PE\*

## Pathway A

For students planning on going to college/sixth form at the end of Year 11 or are undecided. Please indicate below 1 choice from group 1 (tick). Then 2 choices (ticks) and a **reserve (marked with an R)** from group 2:

**Pick 1 from this group.**

**Remember you can only pick these subjects if you are currently studying them**

Group 1 (one choice)	Group 2 (two choices and a reserve)
French*	French*      Food preparation & nutrition
Geography*	Geography*      Hair and Beauty
History*	History*      Health & social care
Spanish*	Spanish*      Information Technology (IT)
Computer Science**	Computer Science **      Music
	Art      PE **
	Business Studies      Philosophy and ethics
	Design Technology      Service & maintenance engineering
	Drama      Statistics
	Film Studies      Trilogy triple Award Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) **

**Pick any 2 from this box and a reserve**

**All group 1 subjects are in here as well**

**3 courses have entry requirements**

At the end you will have picked **3 options** and a **reserve**

## Pathway B

For a student planning on pursuing a vocational pathway after Year 11. Please indicate below, in order of preference, the 3 subjects (1= first choice) you would like to opt for and a **reserve (marked with an R)**.

Art		Health & social care	
Business Studies		History*	
Design Technology		Information Technology (IT)	
Drama		Music	
Film Studies		PE**	
Food preparation & nutrition		Philosophy and ethics	
French*		Service & maintenance engineering	
Geography*		Spanish*	
Hair and Beauty		Statistics	

\*= You can only study these subjects if you have been doing them in year 9

\*\*= This course has an entry requirement due to the challenging practical elements



# Recap

- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February Parents & Options Evening**
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** deadline for returning provisional options forms to tutors.
- Different pathways – if not sure then pathway A
- Options choices are provisional and only confirmed after 1-1 interviews
- Consider your option choices carefully yourself