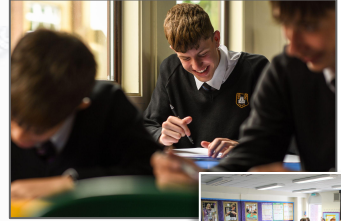


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**WHATEVER CHOICE
YOU MAKE MAKES
YOU. CHOOSE WISELY.**



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How is the curriculum structured in years 10 and 11?

The core curriculum

The compulsory offer

The option curriculum

Your choice of vocational and technical and GCSE courses



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The Core Curriculum

The core curriculum. Compulsory

English Language

English Literature

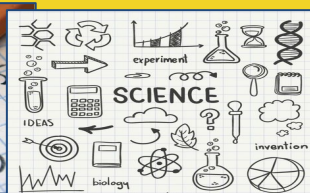
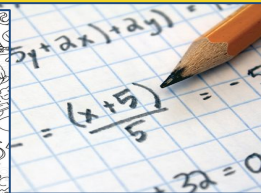
Maths

Combined Science

Core PE (non-examined)

Combined Science Vs Triple Science - Misunderstandings

- Triple and combined science cover **all three** sciences AND allow you to progress to **any** science A level.
- Combined science is **NOT** a lower level qualification. It's a GCSE course
- Combined science gives **two GCSEs** and triple gives **three GCSEs**. Remember though, more doesn't mean better.
- The **quality of teaching** and range of learning experiences in combined science is just as high as in triple science
- It's **not true** that combined science is targeted towards less able children. Many high ability students take combined science.
- If you opt to do triple science instead of combined science, this takes one of your four option choices.



The option curriculum

What should you base your decisions on?



1. Your choices should be **broad and balanced**
2. Choose a **range** of subjects, learning opportunities and assessment styles
3. Think about your possible **pathway after year 11**
4. Consider doing what you **enjoy** and what you feel will **benefit your future**
5. Your options are your decisions, your qualifications, your results...
 - **Own your options. Once they're made, they're made.**
6. Choose **wisely** and choose **once...** it's your future



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Vocational and Technical qualifications (VTQs)



- Same degree of rigour and challenge as GCSEs
- Are key part of our curriculum across years 10 and 11 then through to 12 and 13
- Huge growth in uptake from 30 students to now over 300
- Ongoing 'modular' assessment structure rather than final examinations
- Range of assessment methods including practicals, coursework and projects
- Recognised by universities, apprenticeship providers, employers
- Well established grade equivalents to GCSEs
- Current offer for year 10 includes Enterprise & Business; Health and Social Care; Information Technology; Creative Media Production



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The EBacc. It's your choice

The 'EBacc' is NOT a qualification in its own right. It reflects a child's choices in a specific group of subjects



EBacc is a group of GCSE subjects.

- English language
- English literature
- Maths
- The Sciences
Combined Science **OR** 3 separate sciences from Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer Science
- Geography **OR** History
- A foreign language

'The EBacc' is not a qualification

Universities, employers, apprenticeship providers and FE colleges **DO NOT** recognise the EBacc as a qualification neither do any of these bodies ask for The EBacc as part of their entry requirements

Students may opt to study the full EBacc suite of subjects *if they wish to* but it is NOT compulsory.

This supports the principle of our option process being 'pro choice with conditions'.



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CORE CURRICULUM

English Language	English Literature	Maths	Science (2 GCSEs covering Biology, Chemistry & Physics)	PE (non-examined)	My Enriched Curriculum
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Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
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Spanish	Spanish	German	French
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Design & Technology	Creative Media BTEC	Design & Technology	Business
Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge National	Drama	Music	Digital ICT BTEC
Physical Education	Health and Social Care BTEC	Physical Education	Food Studies
Psychology	Religious Education	Religious Education	Psychology

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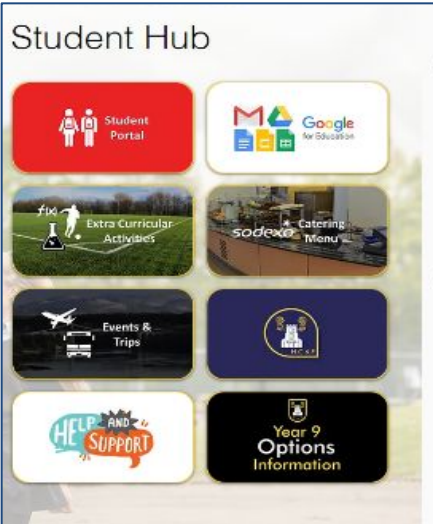
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Collecting Student Choices On-line

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Year 9 Options Information

Subject Sheets

Art & Design | Drama | BTEC L2 Creative Digital Media | Computer Science | Design & Technology | English | Film Studies | Food Preparation & Nutrition | Health & Social Care | Geography | History | RE | BTEC ICT | Maths | Modern Languages | Music | BTEC Performing Arts | PE | Science - Combined | Science - Triple | Enterprise & Marketing | Business | Psychology

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To leave without making any choices: [Log out](#)

Choices for: Student Test Default

Extra information: Click [here](#) for an **example**/instructions. Click [here](#) for **course information**.

Step 1 of 6

[Start](#) > [Choice 1](#) > [Choice 2](#) > [Choice 3](#) > [Choice 4](#) > [Free choice \(with reserve\)](#) > [Confirmation](#)

Choose ONE of the following Subjects from Option A

- CreativeMediaBT (CMe)
- Dance BTec (Da)
- Food & Nut GCSE (Food)
- History (Hi)
- PE GCSE (PE)
- RE Studies GCSE (RE)
- Spanish (Sp)
- Triple Science (TS)

Next

To mark your Reserve choice, put 'R' by that subject.

Subject	Choice
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CreativeMediaBT (CMe)	<input type="text"/>
Computing (CS)	Already selected
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German (De)	<input type="text"/>
Drama (Dr)	<input type="text"/>
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Ent & Mark Camb (En)	<input type="text"/>
Food & Nut GCSE (Food)	Already selected
French (Fr)	<input type="text"/>
Geography (Gg)	Already selected
History (Hi)	<input type="text"/>
Health&SocBTec (HS)	<input type="text"/>
IT BTec (IT)	<input type="text"/>
Music (Mu)	<input type="text"/>
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Spanish (Sp)	<input type="text"/>
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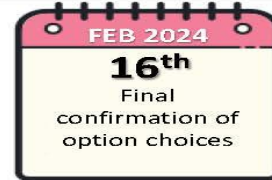
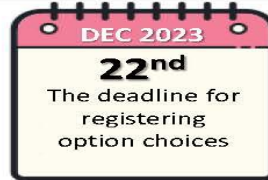
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OPTIONS GUIDELINES

1. Choose **1 subject from each of the columns** labelled A, B, C, D.
2. At least **1 of your 4 choices must be from the subjects in the shaded area** (History; Geography; Computer Science; French; German; Spanish; Triple Science)
3. We recommend that you take a Modern Foreign Language
4. Your option choices should give you a broad and balanced curriculum. With this in mind **we recommend that you do not opt** for more than two from each of the following subject combinations:
 - a. Geography; History and Religious Studies
 - b. French; German and Spanish
 - c. Art, Drama and Music

KEY DATES



Thursday 9th November from 16.30 – 18.25

Talk 1 – 16.45

Talk 2 – 17.30

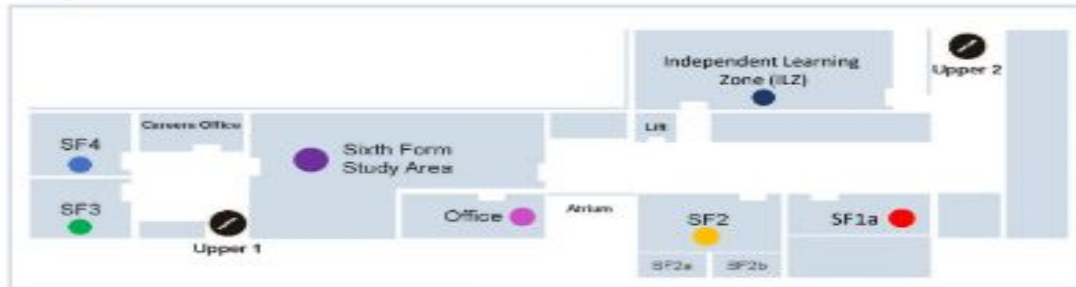
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Upper Floor



Ground Floor

- SF1a
FE
Dance BTEC
- SF2
Business
Psychology
- SF3
Maths
- SF4
English Language
English Literature
- SF5
Food Technology
Design & Technology
- Study Area
Triple Science – Combined Science, History,
Geography, Religious Studies, Spanish, German,
French, Computer Science.
- Independent Learning Zone (ILZ)
Digital ICT BTEC, Enterprise & Marketing
Cambridge National, Health & Social Care BTEC,
Creative Media BTEC.
- Theatre 2 (T2)
Drama
- Music 2
Music
- Art 1 & 2
Art
- Sixth Form Office
Careers Officer



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