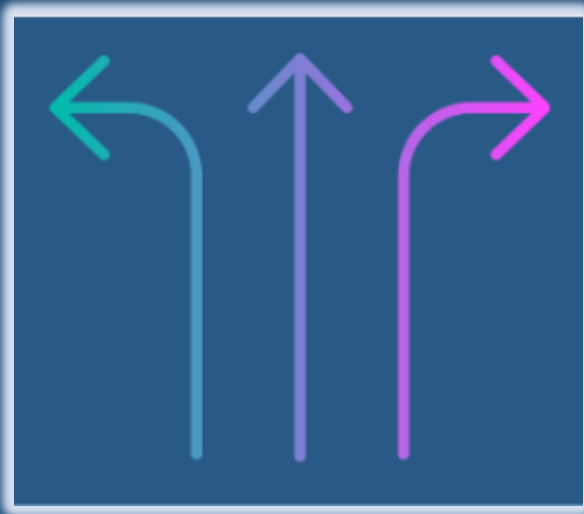


# Y9 Options Evening



# GCSE CURRICULUM



Maths	7
English	8
Science	10
PSHRE	1
PE	4
Option 1	5
Option 2	5
Option 3	5
Option 4	5

## CORE - 60%

Every student studies the 'core curriculum'. These subjects provide a foundation of skills, understanding and knowledge which are considered essential and are therefore compulsory for all students:

- English: students will take both English Language and English Literature at GCSE
- Mathematics
- Physical Education: this is a recreational course which does not lead to a GCSE
- Science: either Combined Science (equivalent of two GCSEs) or a triple science (certification of separate sciences - Biology, Chemistry and Physics) – you will need to use one of your option block choices to opt for triple Science.
- PSHE – this is for personal development and does not lead to a GCSE

## OPTIONS CURRICULUM - 40%

Most students should choose at least one of the following because the Department for education recommends that at least 75% of students follow an "Ebacc" curriculum. This means that they should be doing GCSEs in English Language and Literature, Maths, at least double Science, a Language and one of either History or Geography.

- GCSE French
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE German
- GCSE History
- GCSE Spanish

Year 10  
Option Q

Year 10  
Option X

Year 10  
Option Y

Year 10  
Option Z

## How do we form the blocks?

December survey informs where to put the subjects and how many classes we need to satisfy the greatest number of student choices.

We then see if this fits with the existing blocks in years 11 and 13. We can't run some subjects at the same time as existing classes in years 11 and 13.

# HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS



## DO



### CHOOSE SUBJECTS THAT EXCITE YOU

You are going to spend a lot of time working in school and at home on them

### FIND OUT FULLY WHAT THE COURSE INVOLVES

Look at GCSE books, textbooks, NEA work and portfolios - can you commit to this? Is the GCSE different to Year9?



### THINK ABOUT THE WORKLOAD

Have you got the balance right? Do they all have coursework deadlines in Spring of Y11?

# HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS



## DON'T



### CHOOSE SUBJECTS BECAUSE OF FRIENDS

This is YOUR GCSE and you might not be in the same class

### CHOOSE SUBJECTS BECAUSE OF TEACHERS

You don't know which teacher you will get



### WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT A LEVEL CHOICES

Some A levels are still open to you, even if you haven't done the subject at GCSE as long as you do well in the subjects you have done.

Please make your choices and return your form to your tutor by **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**