

YEAR NINE



OPTIONS

The Key dates



- **17 January 2019 – Year 9 Options Assembly**
- **21 January 2019 – Information packs out**
- **30 January 2019 – Parents' Evening**
- **6 Feb – Initial option forms returned to mentors**
- **25 Feb – 8 March – Options interviews**
- **15 March – Final return for option forms**

How do you choose a subject?



- **Because your friends want to study this subject?**
- **Because you like the teacher?**
- **Because you enjoy this subject?**
- **Because you do well in the subject?**

How we can help



- Teachers will be explaining the courses and their demands in lessons
- Parents' consultation evening
- Personal interviews with senior members of staff – parents are welcome to attend

What do you HAVE to take?



- English (**2**): Literature and Language
- Maths (**2**): Mathematics and Statistics
- Science (**2 or 3**): Combined Science or Triple
- Modern Language (**1**): (French or Spanish)
- Two additional subjects from a range of choices
- + Independent Cultural Enrichment (ICE)
- + PE

Subject Choices



- Choose two subjects from...

**Art; Business Studies; Computing;
Drama; Food Preparation and Nutrition;
Geography; History; Music; PE;
Philosophy; Second Language (French
or Spanish)**

Modern Language + 6 or 7 core qualifications plus 2 (= 9 or 10 GCSEs) plus 2 non-examined subjects



Choose 2 from...

Art	Business Studies	Computing	Drama
Food Preparation and Nutrition		Geography	History
Music	PE	Philosophy	Second Language

Science – Combined or Triple? Triple science – taught in similar amount of time as Combined Science. Science teachers will recommend students who they feel will be able to meet the demands of the Triple Science course.

Keeping options open!



- **6th Form – the IBDP**
- **6th Form – the IBCP**
- **Importance of a language**
- **Few students know their career plans**
- **There is no need to specialise yet!**

Options Booklet



- **Contents include...**
 - **Key dates**
 - **List of HoDs**
 - **List of GCSE subjects**
 - **Advice on how to make choices**
 - **Course information – 1 page per subject + 1 page for the non-examined courses**
 - **2 options forms**

Option Form



- **2 forms – 1 to be returned to school by 6 Feb 2019 and 1 to keep as your copy at home**
- **3 choices – choose 2 subjects + 1 reserve choice**

Summary



- Between now and Parents' Evening (30/01/19) – read through booklet and discuss with parents
- Speak to subject teachers and get as much information as you can
- Speak to your mentor & HoH – they will be able to answer general questions or point you in the direction of someone who can help
- Anyone in the Pastoral Office will also be able to answer any questions or direct you to the appropriate person
- ANY QUESTIONS?