

YEAR NINE



OPTIONS

The Key dates



- **13 February 2020 – Year 9 Options Assembly**
- **12 March 2020 – Parents' Evening**
- **16 - 27 March - Options Interviews**



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.

The Core Curriculum



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

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 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**
- **There is no need to specialise yet. The Core curriculum ensures that almost all future options remain open to you.**

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



- Two forms – one to be returned to school, and one kept at home.
- You must make two choices and a reserve.
- You must bring your options form with a parent's signature to your option interview.
- Parents are very welcome to attend options interviews if they have further questions.

Summary



- **Between now and Parents' Evening (12/03/20) – read through booklet and discuss with parents.**
- **Speak to subject teachers and get as much information as you can.**
- **Ensure you make a careful note of your interview date when you receive your letter.**
- **Speak to your mentor & HoH – they will be able to answer general questions or point you in the direction of someone who can help.**