

**20/2/2024**

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Dear parents and carers,

It has arrived at the point in your child's education whereby they have begun their options process for moving into Year 10 and Key Stage 4. Within this process there are some subjects which continue to be compulsory to study (in line with the national curriculum expectations), and there are some subjects that students can choose between.

Compulsory examined subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (Double award – 2 GCSE grades are received)
- Spanish – This will be determined unnecessary for some individuals
- History or Geography

Compulsory non-examined subjects:

- EPC – This covers Personal Social Health Education, Religious Education, Community and Politics
- Physical education

Options that will initially be offered to all students

- Triple Science
- Creative iMedia
- Health and Social Care
- Art
- 3D Design
- Hospitality and Catering
- Photography
- Enterprise
- Sport Science
- Performing Arts

Two or three options will be chosen by each student. If there is not enough demand for a subject it may not be able to run:

The following timetable details the key dates within the options process:

<b>15/3/24</b> <b>10.45am-11.15am</b>	Options assembly for all Y9 <b>students</b>
<b>19/3/24</b> <b>10.45am-11.15am</b>	Options assembly for all Y9 <b>students</b>
<b>21/3/24</b> <b>3.45pm-6pm</b>	Options evening for all Y9 <b>students and parents</b> to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talks will occur at 4pm and 5pm from Mr Hodgson and Miss Smith detailing the options process</li> <li>- Option information booklets will be provided</li> <li>- Teachers from all subjects will be available to speak to in person</li> <li>- Option choices slip handed out – to be completed asap</li> </ul>
<b>26/3/24</b>	Deadline for options choice forms to be handed in to Mrs Fellows or Miss Smith
<b>After Easter holidays</b>	Mr Hodgson or Miss Smith will have individual meetings with all Y9 students to confirm final choices. A letter will be sent out to all parents with confirmed choices once all meetings are completed.

We acknowledge that this is the first time that your child has had the opportunity to make decisions regarding their future education. We wish to support them at every step to help them achieve the very best that they can.

Yours faithfully



Vice Principal