

Options Process 2026



Respect



Integrity



Determination



Equality



Self-management

'The Year of Choice'

Exciting to be choosing your next steps.



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Deputy Head: Curriculum



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The Curriculum in Years 10 and 11

All students will study a curriculum based of core subjects and option subjects following national guidelines. A student's curriculum will include:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Successful Lives
- Core PE
- 3 X Options Subjects

‘I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul’. We have the responsibility to become the best we can be.

Assessment

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

KS4 lesson allocation

Subject	Periods per Fortnight
English & Maths	10
Science	12
Option Subjects	8
PE (Core)	2
Successful Lives (PSHE/Careers)	1
Philosophy & Ethics	1

Dr Cusick Headteacher



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We are moving from 4 options to 3

- Greater curriculum depth and focus
- Supports stronger GCSE outcomes
- Avoids overloading students, whilst supporting next steps
- Quality over quantity

The Curriculum in Years 10 and 11

Core GCSE Subjects: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science

Core Non-Examined Subjects: Core PE; Successful Lives, Philosophy & Ethics;

Option 1: Geography or History or RE or Spanish

Options 2 & 3:

Sport	Geography
Religious Education	History
Drama	Media Studies
Separate Sciences	Engineering
Computing	Food Technology
Art	Health and Social Care
Business Studies	Spanish
Graphics	

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What options actually mean?



They help shape interests and strengths



Develop skills and confidence



Support students next steps



Do not lock students into specific careers



Do not define future success

Advice and Guidance

- Interest in the subject
- Career goals or plans
- Personal strengths
- What is best for students
- Structure of course and assessment

Option Booklet: [to view, click here](#)

'I have an infinite number of places to go. The problem is where to stay.'

Mike Lee



There are many factors to be considered.

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- Parents will be emailed a link to a Microsoft Form
- One selection must be made from this section
- Two selections and a reserve choice should be selected from the courses in this section
- Students can choose another subject from Option 1 in this section

Timeline

Dates	Actions
26.01.2026	Year 9 Subject Assemblies
02.02.2026	Year 9 Options Evening
06.02.2026	Option booklet on website with subject videos
11.02.2026	Year 9 reports home to parents/carers
13.02.2026	Options Form available online
19.03.2026	Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultations
23.03.2026	Deadline for options forms to be completed online
14.04.2026	Option choice provisional confirmation returned to students
15.05.2026	Deadline for amended option choice forms

Questions

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