

# OPTIONS 2018

# TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- Key Stage 4 Curriculum
- Options Subjects
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# THE KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

- CORE SUBJECTS
- OPTIONS SUBJECTS (4 choices)

# **AIMS OF THE KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM**

- **BROAD**
- **INDIVIDUAL**
- **APPROPRIATE**
- **MOTIVATING**
- **ENJOYABLE**

# THE CORE CURRICULUM

## SUBJECTS WHICH MUST BE STUDIED

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| ■ <b>MATHS</b>                             | <b>4 hrs pw</b> |
| ■ <b>ENGLISH (Language and Literature)</b> | <b>4 hrs pw</b> |
| ■ <b>SCIENCE (Combined)</b>                | <b>5 hrs pw</b> |
| ■ <b>CRITICAL THINKING</b>                 | <b>1 hr pw</b>  |
| ■ <b>PE</b>                                | <b>1 hr pw</b>  |

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**Total: 15 hrs pw**

# OPTIONS SUBJECTS

GCSEs	
Art	History
Classics	Latin
Computer Science	Media Studies
Dance	Music
Design Technology	P.E.
Drama	Photography
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Religious Studies
French	Science (3 <sup>rd</sup> GCSE)
Geography	Sociology
German	Spanish

# OPTIONS SUBJECTS

## **VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (VRQs)**

Agriculture

Hairdressing

Horse Care

Motor Vehicle Maintenance

Small Animal Care

## **GCSE EQUIVALENT COURSES**

ASDAN Certificate of Personal and Social Development

Music Performance

Music Technology

PE VCERT

# FORBIDDEN COMBINATIONS

Examples...

- Art and Photography



# ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE

- Performance Measure
  - English
  - Maths
  - Science (2 GCSEs)
  - Language (any)
  - Humanities (but only History or Geography)
- Accountability measure for schools... not just how many of you achieve it, but also how many are "entered" for it

# LANGUAGES

- GCSE French
- GCSE German
- GCSE Spanish
- Double Languages: GCSE German & GCSE Spanish  
OR GCSE French & GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Latin

A language qualification is important if you are  
considering Higher Education

# HUMANITIES

- GCSE Classics
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE History
- GCSE Religious Studies
- GCSE Sociology
- Core Subject - Critical Thinking

Only GCSE History and GCSE Geography count towards the E-Bacc (English Baccalaureate) measure

# POINTS EQUIVALENCE

GCSE Levels	GCSE Equivalent Qualifications
9	
8.5	Level 2 Distinction *
8	
7.5	
7	Level 2 Distinction
6.5	
6	
5.5	Level 2 Merit
5	
4.5	
4	Level 2 Pass
3.5	
3	Level 1 Distinction
2.5	
2	Level 1 Merit
1.5	Level 1 Pass
1	
-----Priory School Subjects:-----	
All, except.....	ASDAN; all vocational subjects; Music Technology / Music Performance; PE VCERT

# PATHWAYS

## **Route 1 – General**

in school five days a week

## **Route 2 – Vocational**

in school four days a week

Mondays out of school all day

# ROUTE 2

- All vocational qualifications are Level 1 courses
- All are worth 2 GCSE equivalents at Level 1
- None are suitable for Level 2 learners
- All will allow progression on to Level 2 courses at college
- All will take place all day on Mondays
- If you choose a vocational qualification you will also study ASDAN Certificate of Personal and Social Development
- You will be able to make one further options choice
- You can't study a language
- You don't *have* to study Geography or History

# NUMBER OF GCSEs (OR EQUIVALENTS)

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
English	2	2
Mathematics	1	1
Science	2	2
Language	1/2	0
Humanities	1	0
Other Options (2 choices)	2	1
VRQ	0	2
ASDAN Personal & Social Development	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 - 10</b>	<b>9</b>

# OPTION BLOCKS

LANGUAGES	HUMANITIES	BLOCKS A and B
5 x 1 hour lessons a fortnight	5 x 1 hour lessons a fortnight	each: 1 x 2 hour lesson a week and 1 x 1 hour a fortnight
French French & Spanish German German & Spanish Latin Spanish	Geography History	Art      Classics Computer Science Dance      Drama Design Technology Food Preparation and Nutrition Geography      History Latin      Media Studies Music      PE Photography      Religious Studies Science (Triple)      Sociology



# MAKING CHOICES

- Use your Options Booklet
- Fill in 'How to Make Your Choices' pages
- Think about your possible future career
- Research
- Talk to people – students, parents, staff
- Listen to your teachers
- Talk to our Careers Adviser (check the Daily Bulletin for updates)

# OPTIONS CHOICES FORM



## KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS CHOICES FORM 2018

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

You have four option choices to make, from all the courses listed below. You should select:

- **ONE** course from the **Languages** block;
- **ONE** course from the **Humanities** block;
- **TWO** courses from the **Blocks A/B** list (in priority order).

Each list is presented for you in alphabetical order. All qualifications are GCSEs unless otherwise indicated. Please also suggest a reserve choice from the Blocks A/B list in case one of your preferred selections cannot be met.

LANGUAGES	HUMANITIES	BLOCKS A/B	
French	Geography	Art	Latin
French and Spanish	History	Classics	Media Studies
German		Computer Science	Music <small>(tick please)</small>
German and Spanish		Dance	PE (GCSE/VCERT)
Latin		Design Technology	Photography
Spanish		Drama	Religious Studies
		Food Preparation	Science (Triple)
		Geography	Sociology
		History	
My Languages Choice:	My Humanities Choice:	My Blocks A/B Choice 1:	
		My Blocks A/B Choice 2:	
		My Blocks A/B Reserve:	

Vocational courses will be taught all day on Tuesdays. If you choose one of these courses you are also committing to taking the ASDAN Certificate of Personal and Social Development qualification, and you should choose just **ONE** course from the Blocks A/B list, and no Language or Humanities subject. If you would like to be considered for one of these courses, please tick one (or more) of the boxes below.

Agriculture     Hairdressing     Horse Care     Motor Vehicle     Small Animals

This form should be completed and handed in at Reception f/a/o Mr Ashworth no later than **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Signature of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHOICES

4 Options Subjects:

1 Language

1 Humanities (History / Geography)

2 from Blocks A and B (in priority order)

plus one reserve choice from Blocks A and B

Vocational: express an interest; we'll get back to you

WARNING!

We cannot guarantee that you will get all your choices

# OPTION BLOCKS 2017

Languages	Humanities	Open Block A	Open Block B
P Half			
French German Latin Latin Spanish Spanish	Geography Geography Geography History	Art Business Classics Dance Drama Design Technology Food Prep & Nutrition Music PE Photography Science Sociology	Art Classics Computer Science Drama Design Technology Food Prep & Nutrition Media Studies PE Photography Science Sociology
L Half			
French & Spanish French & German French German Latin Spanish	Geography Geography History History		
Vocational			
<i>Agriculture/Horse Care/Motor Vehicle Maintenance/Small Animal Care + ASDAN</i>			

# DISCUSSION STAGE

- Consider career plans
- Consider plans for further education
- Consider subjects which are enjoyed
- Try to make choices which give overall breadth, giving more opportunities
- Consider the nature, amount and timing of coursework
- Find out as much as possible about possible subject choices

# TIMETABLE FOR OPTIONS

- Options Booklet issued **w/c Mon 8 Jan**
- Options Choice Forms issued **w/c Mon 8 Jan**
- Taster Day **Fri 26 Jan**
- Year 9 Report #2 **w/c Mon 29 Jan**
- Dummy Run **Mon 29 Jan**
- Options Information Evening **Tue 6 Feb**
- Parents/Teachers Consultation Evening **Thu 22 Feb**
- Options Choice Forms deadline **Fri 2 Mar**
- Information processing & discussion.....
- Interviews for vocational courses **w/c 12 Mar**
- Options Allocations published **Wed 28 Mar**

