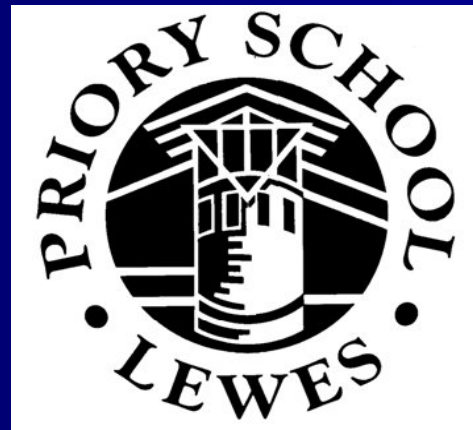


OPTIONS 2018

and the Key Stage 4 Curriculum



Mr Ashworth

THIS EVENING'S PRESENTATION

- Key Stage 4 Curriculum
- Options Subjects
- Pathways
- Qualifications
- Tips
- Timetable for making choices

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

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

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 rd 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

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

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- Short Course
- Available to be taken at the end of Year 11
- Let us know if you're interested and we'll negotiate...

LEVELS

Entry	Pre-GCSE
1	GCSE Grades 1-3
2	GCSE Grades 9-4
3	A Level
4	University Year 1
5	University Year 2
6	University Year 3
7	Masters
8	Doctorate

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)

	1	2
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
Total	9 - 10	9

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

FORBIDDEN COMBINATIONS

Examples...

- Art and Photography
- Classics and Latin????????????????

MAKING CHOICES

- Research – find out all you can about possible subject choices
- Options Booklet (see 'How to Make Your Choices' pages)
- Think about your possible future career
- Consider plans for further education
- Consider subjects which are enjoyed
- Consider the nature, amount and timing of assessment
- Talk (and listen) to people – students, parents, staff
- Try to make choices which give overall breadth, keeping doors open

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> <small>Tech Part GCSE</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 2nd 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>			

DUMMY RUN 2018

Languages	Humanities	A	B
French German Latin Spanish Spanish	Geography Geography Geography History	Art Classics Computer Science Design Technology Drama Food Preparation Media Studies	Art Classics Dance Design Technology Food Preparation Geography Media Studies
French & Spanish German & Spanish French German Latin Spanish Spanish	Geography Geography History History	PE Photography Religious Studies Science Sociology	Music PE Photography Science Sociology

Warning! This is for information only. Don't base choices on this table!

TIMETABLE FOR OPTIONS

- Options Booklet issued **w/c Mon 15 Jan**
- Options Choice Forms issued **w/c Mon 15 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**

THIS EVENING

- Get yourself a programme
- Make the most of the evening
 - Tour all areas
 - Ask people difficult questions
 - Use students
 - Tea and coffee in the Servery
- Go home and fill your Choices Form in!

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