

Year 8 Option Choices 2019

Name:

Form Group:

Core Curriculum:

These subjects are compulsory:

English GCSE

English Literature GCSE

Maths GCSE

Science (combined or separate award) GCSE

Physical Education (sports science) *Technical award*

Personal, Social, Health and Religious Education (PSHRE)

Core option subjects:

These subjects are compulsory:

Students must choose at least one humanity (history or geography)

Students must choose at least one language (French or German)

Option subjects:

Students can choose from the remaining options listed below.

Please indicate your preferences in the option grid below by ticking the appropriate box.

Students cannot pick two subjects within the same option block.

Block A		Block B		Block C		Block D	
History		History		History		History	
Geography		Geography		Geography		Geography	
French		German		German		French	
Drama		Art		Re		Art	
IT		Computing		Business		Textiles	
Computing		Pe		Music		Catering	
Dance		Product design		Health & Social Care		Business	

Please return the completed form to your form tutor before 9.00am Thursday 4th April.

Signed (student): Date:.....

Signed (parent/carer): Date:.....

Additional comments:

Frequently asked questions.

Question: What do you do if too many students opt for one subject?

If the first choices result in a subject being over-subscribed then we will do everything we can to find a solution. However, if this is not possible, then the following process will be used: If the first choices result in a subject being over-subscribed then students (and their parents/carers) opting for this subject are contacted by letter. This will give details of the level of over-subscription and ask if any student is willing to change to another subject. If insufficient students volunteer to change their option, then we have to draw lots. Parents/carers will be informed when this is happening.

Question: What do you do if too few students opt for one subject?

Unfortunately, if demand for a particular subject is small, it may not be possible to run that subject. This is dealt with on a one to one basis. Students and their parents/carers will be kept informed at all times.

Question: Will you be able to timetable all choice combinations?

Over the past few years we have been able to enable the majority of our Year 9 students to study the subject combinations they have chosen for Key Stage 4. In exceptional cases it may be impossible to timetable some choice combinations. Individual interviews will take place with students who have chosen subject combinations which cannot be timetabled. Students and their parents/carers will be kept informed at all times.

Question: Will my son/daughter be allowed to 'swap' courses if they do not like their options, once they get into Year 9?

We know that you and your son/daughter will consider option choices carefully. We would ask that you would use the opportunities at the 'Future Choices Evening' as well as the information in the option booklet to find out as much information as you can about what the study of particular subjects involves. For this reason, it will **not**, as a matter of course, be possible to swap subjects once students begin Year 9.