Year 8 into 9 Options 2024 - 2025



The Process



Changes to your curriculum

• The options process and subject choices

Advice and guidance on how to make these choices

Submitting your choices

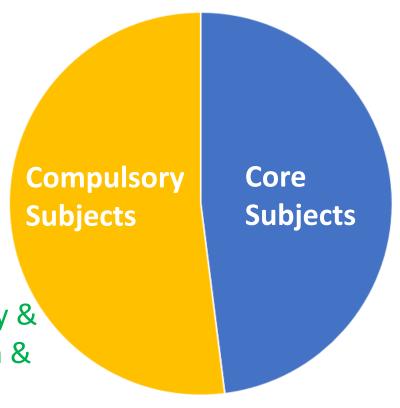


Current Year 8 Curriculum



Compulsory Subjects

- > 5 periods of French or Spanish
- > 3 periods of History
- 3 periods of Geography
- 2 periods of Computing
- > 1 period of Literacy
- 3 periods of Design Technology & Engineering / Food Preparation & Nutrition
- 2 Periods of Drama
- 2 Periods of Music
- 2 Periods of Art
- > 1 Period of Dance



There is no choice.

Core Subjects

- ▶7 periods of English
- ▶6 periods of Maths
- ▶6 periods of Science
- ▶2 periods of RS
- ▶4 periods of PE
- ▶1 period of PSHE

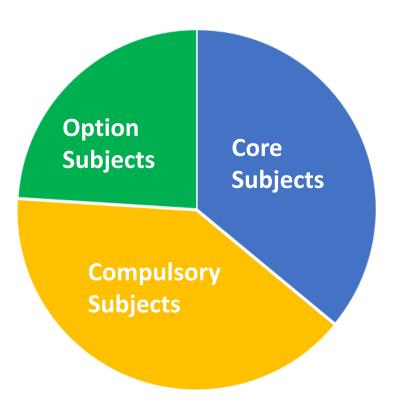


Year 9 Curriculum



Option Subjects

3 periods for each for your 4 options subjects.



Core Subjects

- ►7 periods of English
- ▶7 periods of Maths
- ▶6 periods of Science
- ≥2 periods of RS
- ▶4 periods of PE
- ▶1 period of PSHE

Compulsory Subjects

- > 5 periods of French or Spanish
- > 3 periods of History
- > 3 periods of Geography



Year 10 & 11 Curriculum

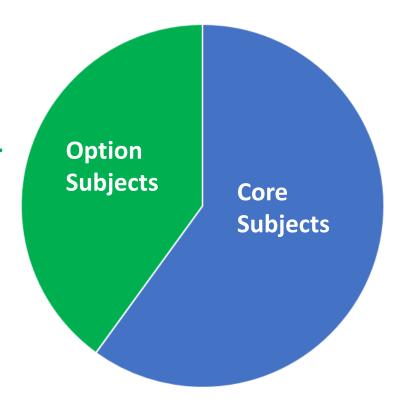


Options Subjects (20 Periods)

5 periods for each for your 4 options subjects.

The **English Baccalaureate** is a group of subjects which include:

French, Spanish, History, Geography and Computing



Core Subjects

(30 Periods)

- ➤ English (7)
- ➤ Maths (7)
- **→** Science (12 or 10)
- **>** PE (2 or 4)
- ➤ PSHE/RS (2)

At GCSE, students study a minimum of 1 or 2 EBacc subjects.



The Timeline



Key Dates

- Monday 3rd February Launch with Year 8 students.
- Monday 10th February Options book published to students
- Thursday 6th March Options Evening and Parent-Tutor Evening.
- Monday 10th March Online form published to students.
- Monday 24th March Online form deadline



The Choices



Technology Subjects

Computer Science
Design & Technology
Food Preparation & Nutrition

Arts Subjects

Art & Design

Dance

Drama

Music

The Rules for Selection

- You can only choose 4
- You must select from both groups
- You can only take a subject in Years 10 & 11 if you choose it now.



The Final Options Choices



You will choose your final KS4 subjects this time next year.

Current options available are:

History/Geography

French/Spanish

Religious Studies

GCSE PE

Computing

Statistics

Sport Science

Health & Social Care

Graphic Communications*

Photography*

Engineering*



+ the 4 options you chose to study in Year 9

Science Pathways



Are passionate about science?

career in science or technology?

Do you want a

Combined or Triple

Science?

Do you want to study a degree in a Science or technology?

Are you very good at science?

Combined science leads to 2 GCSEs covering biology, chemistry and physics.

Triple science leads to 3 separate GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics.

This is not a final decision!



The Options Process



- An opportunity to personalise your curriculum;
- Choose the right courses for you;
- Consider what engages and motivates you;
- Choose the subject, not the teacher.
- Think carefully about future aspirations.





Myths & Rumours



- These choices don't matter
 They do. If you don't study it in Year 9, you can't study it at KS4.
- The first half term is a taster period
 You can't change course once you start.
- If I have the same options as my friend, I will be in the same groups

 This is not guaranteed and the order matters to you.

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them."

-Michael Jordan

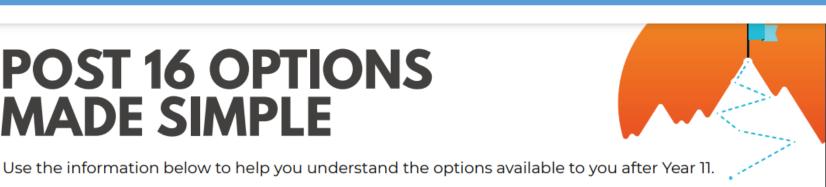




Need More Information?

- Speak with your teachers You are currently studying each of the subjects on offer.
- **Explore Post-16** providers /Apprenticeships/ Careers links on the LVC website
- Keep an eye out for the careers newsletters which go out half termly for latest information and opportunities.

POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE

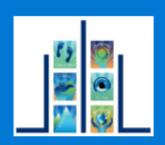


IF I ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GCSEs ... I CAN MOVE ONTO LEVEL ... AND CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS ... AND APPLY FOR ... inc English Language **A LEVELS** 3 or 4 and Maths at a Grade 4 **SUBJECTS** Exact requirements vary inc English and Maths **T LEVELS** at a Grade 4 and above SUBJECT inc English and Maths at a Grade 3 **VOCATIONAL COURSES** SUBJECT Exact requirements vary according to the course Exact requirements **APPRENTICESHIPS** APPLY FOR VACANCIES vary according to the employer FUNCTIONAL **VOCATIONAL** PRE-ENTRY **ENTRY 3** What if I get grades below 2 ? SKILLS COURSES SUBJECT COURSES (ENTRY 1 & 2)

Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

Submitting Choices





Year 8 into 9 Options Form 2024 - 2025

Use this form to place your option subjects in order of preference, from bottom. There is no guarantee that you will get your top four choices, speak with you about the alternatives.

Look out for the link on Satchel:One.

- 1. Place the option subjects in your order of preference.
 - The **top** subject is your first choice.
 - The **top four** choices are those you wish to study.
 - The **fifth** choice will be considered your reserve choice.
 - The **bottom** subjects are those you least wish to study. * 🗔

Computer Science (technology) Design & Technology (technology) Food Preparation & Nutrition (technology) Drama (arts) Music (arts) Art & Design (arts)	Dance (arts)
Food Preparation & Nutrition (technology) Drama (arts) Music (arts)	Computer Science (technology)
Drama (arts) Music (arts)	Design & Technology (technology)
Music (arts)	Food Preparation & Nutrition (technology)
	Drama (arts)
Art & Design (arts)	Music (arts)
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Do not miss the deadline: Monday 24th March

