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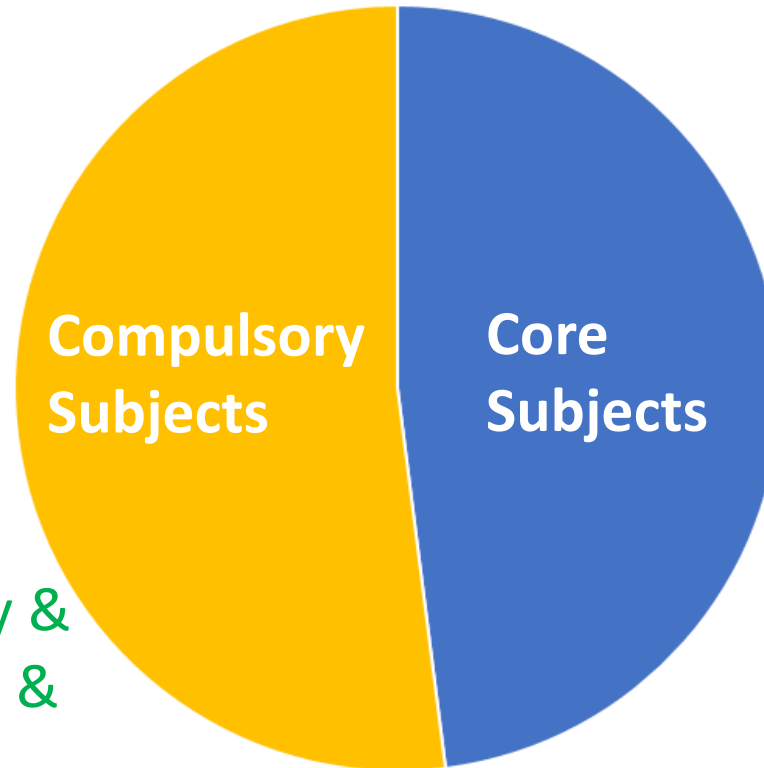
- Changes to your curriculum

- 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
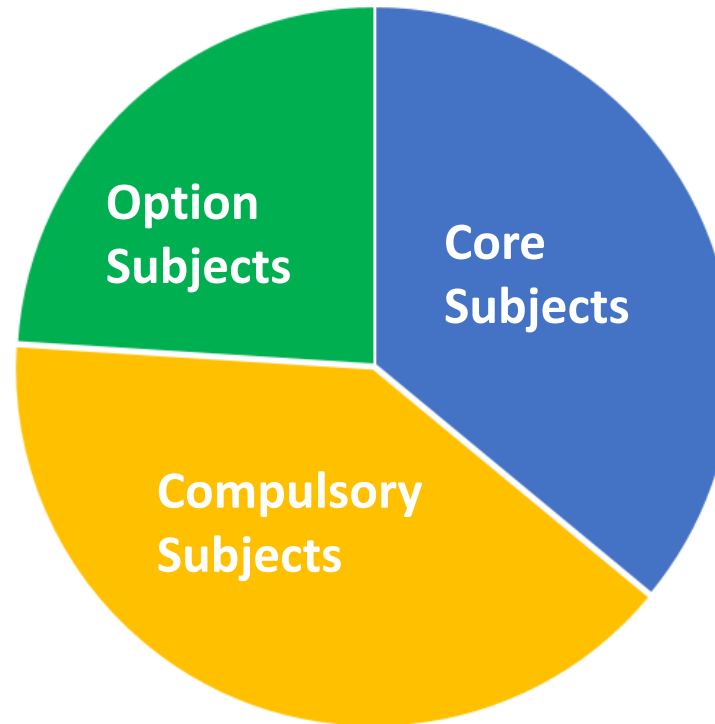- 2 Periods of Music
- 2 Periods of Art
- 1 Period of Dance

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

There is no choice.

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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

Option Subjects

➢ 3 periods for each for your 4 options subjects.

Compulsory Subjects

➢ 5 periods of French or Spanish

➢ 3 periods of History
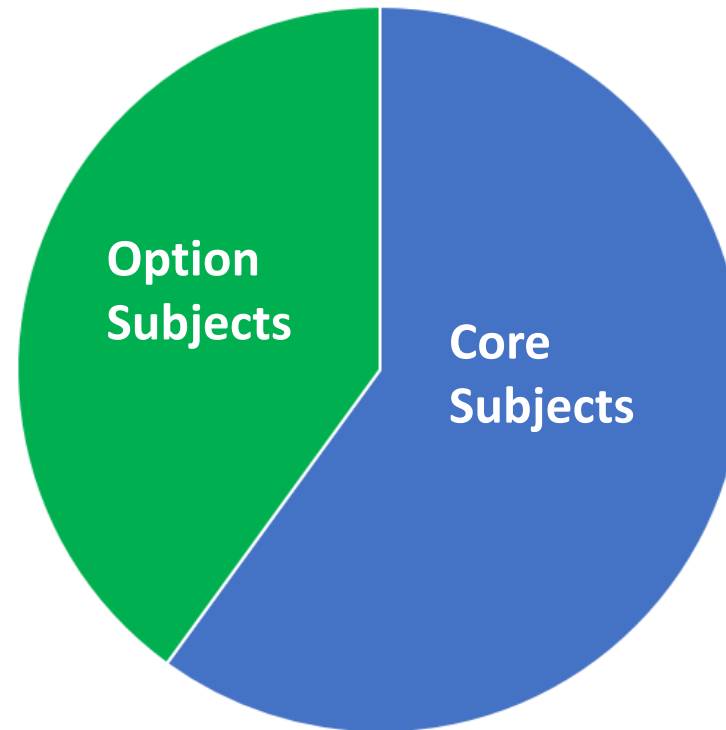
➢ 3 periods of Geography

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

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

Option Subjects

Core Subjects

Core Subjects

(30 Periods)

➤English (7)

➤Maths (7)

➤Science (12 or 10)

➤PE (2 or 4)

➤PSHE/RS (2)

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Key Dates

- Tuesday 20th January - Launch with Year 8 students.

- w/c Monday 2nd February - Options book published to students via Satchel:One and Website

- Thursday 5th March – Options Evening and Parent-Tutor Evening.

- Monday 9th March - Online form published to students.

- Friday 20th March – Online form deadline

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.

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
Photography	Engineering

+ the 4 options you chose to study in Year 9

Are passionate about science?

Do you want a career in science or technology?

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!

- 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.

- 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

Look out for the link on Satchel:One.

Do not miss the deadline:
Friday 20th March