

A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, sitting on a green lawn in a garden. The girl, on the left, is wearing a blue and white striped dress with red floral patterns. The boy, on the right, is wearing a light blue button-down shirt over a white t-shirt. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, there are green bushes and a white metal chair. To the right of the children is a large bush of purple flowers.

**“We Can’t make plans, by the time we
grow up there will be professions no-one
has ever dreamed of”.**

**YEAR 10 OPTIONS
SEPT 2025**

“CORE” CURRICULUM?

- ▶ English Language
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Science
- ▶ RPED (Religion, Philosophy, Ethics and Debate)
- ▶ PE
- ▶ RSHE/Citizenship
- ▶ Computing

Core Curriculum – everyone studies these subjects.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Curriculum Pathways

| Pathway 1 | |
|--|----------|
| Maths | 9 hours |
| English Language | 9 hours |
| English Literature | 9 hours |
| RPED | 3 hours |
| Separate Science | 13 hours |
| History or Geography (Humanities Option) | 7 hours |
| Statistics | 1 hour |
| Option 1 | 4 hours |
| PE | 3 hours |
| RSHE/ Citizenship | 1 hour |



| Pathway 2 | |
|--|---------|
| Maths | 9 hours |
| English Language | 9 hours |
| English Literature | 9 hours |
| RPED | 3 hours |
| Trilogy Science | 9 hours |
| History or Geography (Humanities Option) | 7 hours |
| Statistics | 1 hour |
| Option 1 | 4 hours |
| Option 2 | 4 hours |
| PE | 3 hours |
| RSHE/ Citizenship | 1 hour |

If you choose History in Option 1, please note this course must not be selected in the Humanities option.

“OPTIONAL” CURRICULUM?

- ▶ Art – Fine
- ▶ Child development
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Enterprise and Marketing
- ▶ French
- ▶ History
- ▶ Health and Social care
- ▶ Hospitality and Catering
- ▶ ICT
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Sport

| Assessment Requirements | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Core Subjects | |
| | Coursework / Examined Element |
| English Language/Literature | Both coursework and examination |
| Geography | Examination only |
| History | Examination only |
| Mathematics | Examination only |
| Separate Science | Examination only |
| Trilogy Science | Examination only |
| Statistics | Examination only |

| Assessment Requirements | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Option Subjects | |
| | Coursework / Examined Element |
| Fine Art | Both coursework and examination |
| Childcare and Development | Both coursework and examination |
| Computer Science | Examination only |
| Drama | Both coursework and examination |
| Engineering | Both coursework and examination |
| Enterprise and Marketing | Both coursework and examination |
| French/Spanish | Examination only |
| Health and Social Care | Both coursework and examination |
| Hospitality and Catering | Both coursework and examination |
| ICT | Both coursework and examination |
| Music | Both coursework and examination |
| Religious Education Philosophy & Debate | Examination only |
| Sports | Both coursework and examination |

OPTIONS – HOW SHOULD STUDENTS SELECT THEIR OPTIONS?

- ▶ What is the subject about?
- ▶ What pathways and courses are there?
- ▶ What do they want to do in the future?
- ▶ Do they enjoy the subject?
- ▶ Will they cope?



- ▶ There are some option subjects that may not be suited to a particular student's skill set, in these circumstances, the final decision as to whether a student will be successful on a course will be made by the school.

Some subjects require a substantial amount of coursework so priority will be given to those students who consistently achieve a grade 1 or 2 for 'commitment to homework'.

- ▶ **Please** note if not enough students select a given course, then it is not viable to run.

HOW DOES YOUR ATTENDANCE IMPACT YOUR FUTURE?

Data released by the UK Department for Education shows that the lower your attendance the less likely you are to achieve in your GCSES.

100%

82%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

OVER 95%

77%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

92-93%

53%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

BELOW 90%

43%

Achieved 5 GCSES
grade 5+

(inc. Maths & English)

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOR EVERY 17 DAYS YOU MISS ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL CAREER, YOUR GCSE RESULTS GO DOWN BY 1 WHOLE GRADE!



ACHIEVING 5 OR
MORE GCSES AT
GRADE 5+ HAS
SHOWN TO INCREASE
YOUR LIFETIME
EARNINGS BY **41%**

There are
365 DAYS
in a year

175
are not spent
in school!

*That gives you plenty of time for holidays, TV, shopping and video games!

You don't have
to make all
decisions and
choices on your
own – you can
seek support
and advice.





Careers
guidance
Mrs Wright

Discussions
with tutors

Parents/carers

Teachers

Friends

People who
“do the job”

**RESEARCH YOUR CHOSEN
JOB/CAREER**

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Preferences

Student Name: _____

All students will study:

GCSE English Language/Literature
 GCSE Mathematics
 GCSE Statistics
 RPED
 PE
 RSHE & Citizenship
 Computing

Students should express their preference for the following blocks of subjects:
Please note: options are subject to change dependent on choices

| Science (Please tick one – if different from your recommended pathway please see Mrs Boon) | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Separate Science Pathway 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trilogy Science Pathway 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Humanities (Please tick one) | |
|--|--------------------------|
| GCSE Geography | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE History | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Option Block 1 (All students to choose from this option block) Please indicate a first and second preference | |
|---|--------------------------|
| GCSE Fine Art | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineering Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enterprise and Marketing Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE French | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health and Social Care Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hospitality and Catering Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE Music | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE History | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BTEC Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Option Block 2 (All students, with the exception of Separate Science students to choose from this option block) Please indicate a first and second preference | |
|--|--------------------------|
| GCSE Fine Art | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Childcare and Development Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GCSE Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engineering Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enterprise and Marketing Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hospitality and Catering Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Health and Social Care Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ICT Level 1/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BTEC Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> |

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

1. Review the Options booklet after speaking to subject staff.
2. Complete the options form return to Form Tutors by 3rd March 2025.