



# Options Evening

February 2018

Year 8

# The KS4 curriculum

- 3 years
- 10 subjects
- Core + 4 options
- GCSE, BTEC & Cambridge National
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum
- Promote achievement



# The core curriculum

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- Religious Studies
- Physical Education (non-examined)
- PSHE (non-examined)



# The option subjects

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- German
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Music
- Separate Sciences
- Sport



# How to choose your subjects

- ✓ What am I good at?
- ✓ What will I enjoy?
- ✓ What will be useful to me?
- × What are my friends doing?
- × Who will teach me?



# Ebacc

GCSE grade 5 (or better) in:

- English
- Maths
- 2 Sciences
- **History or Geography**
- **French or German (highly prized by universities, further education providers and employers)**
  
- Recognition that you have met a national standard
- May be useful in the future





How to fill in the form

## Axe Valley Academy — Year 8 Options Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to study a foreign language?



1. Select **one** from the following subjects with a tick:

Computer Science	
Geography	
History	
Separate Sciences	



2. Rank order from **1 to 5** the subjects you would like to study in Key Stage 4.  
(do not select a subject you have already selected from above).

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Business Studies		Health & Social Care	
Computer Science*		History	
Creative iMedia*		Music	
Design & Technology		Separate Sciences	
Drama		Sport	
Food Preparation & Nutrition			

1. Please place a **tick** in subject box for French or German:



French	
German	

2. Select **one** from the following subjects with a tick:



Geography	
History	

3. Rank order from **1 to 4** the subjects you would like to study in Key Stage 4.  
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Business Studies		German	
Computer Science*		Health & Social Care	
Creative iMedia*		History	
Design & Technology		Music	
Drama		Separate Sciences	
French		Sport	
Food Preparation & Nutrition			

**\*Remember you cannot select both Computer Science and Creative iMedia**

If you have chosen Computer Science and this choice is not available would you want to do Creative iMedia instead?

Yes/No

If you have chosen Creative iMedia and this choice is not available would you want to do Computer Science instead?

Yes/No

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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No
Yes

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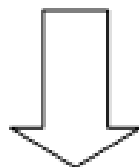
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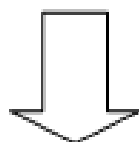


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German	<input type="checkbox"/>

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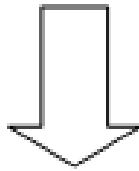
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3. Rank order from **1 to 4** the subjects you would like to study in Key Stage 4.  
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Art & Design		Geography	<b>1</b>
Business Studies		German	<b>2</b>
Computer Science*	<b>4</b>	Health & Social Care	
Creative iMedia*		History	
Design & Technology		Music	
Drama	<b>3</b>	Separate Sciences	
French		Sport	
Food Preparation & Nutrition			

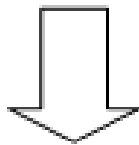


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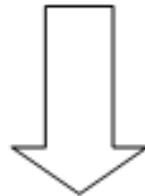
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Creative iMedia*		<b>History</b>	
Design & Technology		Music	
Drama	<b>3</b>	Separate Sciences	
<b>French</b>		Sport	
Food Preparation & Nutrition			



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Separate Sciences	



This form has two mistakes

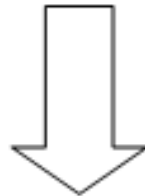
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Art & Design		Geography	<b>4</b>
Business Studies		Health & Social Care	
Computer Science	<b>1</b>	History	<b>3</b>
Creative iMedia	<b>2</b>	Music	
Design & Technology		Separate Sciences	<b>6</b>
Drama	<b>5</b>	Sport	
Food Preparation & Nutrition			



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# Key Dates

- 14<sup>th</sup> March - deadline for return of completed option form.
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - Letters confirming option choices issued.





How the option process works



# Option process

- Once all option forms are submitted, these choices are entered into an options programme with details of their ranking 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice etc.
- The option blocks are then generated to maximise the number of students getting their preferred option choices.



# Option process

- Students are then allocated to courses starting with their 1<sup>st</sup> choice and so on.
- Where we cannot allocate a subject choice due to it clashing with an earlier choice in the same option block it will then try to fit your 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> choice subject.



# This evening

- Appointments for subjects already taught at Key Stage 3.
- Talks every 15 minutes for subjects not currently taught at Key Stage 3 (see back of options booklet for details).

