



Options Evening

March 2019

Year 8

The KS4 curriculum

- 3 years
- 10 subjects
- Core + 4 options
- GCSE & Cambridge Nationals
- 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
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- German
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Music
- Photography
- Separate Sciences
- Sport Science



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

Section 1



1. Select **one** from the following subjects

Computer Science	
French	✓
Geography	
German	
History	
Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)	

This is your first subject choice, you will be able to select others from this list in Section 2 of the form if you wish to study them.

Section 2



Art & Design	5	German	
Computer Science		Health & Social Care	
Creative iMedia (ICT)	3	History	4
Design & Technology		Music	
Drama		Photography	
French		Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)	1
Food Preparation & Nutrition		Sport	
Geography	2		

In this section you have open choice, be careful when selecting your rank order as this influences the whole process. The options process prioritises the earlier subjects but you need to be prepared to study any of these subjects.

Sign and return by deadline



Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Forms should be returned to either Tutor or Examinations office by Tuesday 19th March.

Key Dates

- 19th March - deadline for return of completed option form.
- 24th 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 1st choice, 2nd 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 1st 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 5th or 6th choice subject.

