

Year 8 Options- Parents



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Fast forward to August 2020!



How students' choices & attitude can affect their learning AND their future

- Attendance
- Attitude to learning
- Behaviour



Attendance

- **FP2 attendance = 97%**
- Only 5% under 90% attendance = 1 grade
- **Behaviour**- over 50% students *perfect!*



**Our World is Changing...
...and so is Education**

Did you know?



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National picture for 2020 entry to GCSE:

- All subjects at GCSE will be graded 1 to 9 with 9 *being the highest grade*
- Ebacc is compulsory for the majority of students, so there is an expectation to take a language until 16



New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Exams:

- English - 7 ½ hours of exams
- Maths - 7 hours of exams
- Science - *at least* 7 ½ hours of exams
- Plus.....



How can parents help?

- Reading
- Spending quality time on homework
- Limit 'screen time'
- Seek information or advice



Key Dates

1. Mentor group activities start 27th February
2. Presentation to parents 1st March
3. Taster lessons and further information from teachers
4. Options interviews 27th Feb- 24th March
5. Completed & **signed** options form deadline 24th March



What students have to study in year 9

- Core subjects in year 9 are:
 - *English, Maths, IT, Science*
 - *French or Spanish*
 - *PE, RE, PSHE*

Plus:

4 option subjects



The 4 choices

- Up to 2 subjects from the Art/Technology box
- At least 1 from History or Geography
- The remainder of their choices need to be *broad and balanced*
- There has to be **4 in total**

- Favourite teachers? Friends?



At the end of year 9

There will be a second round of options.

Students will decide which 3 subjects to continue into year 10 & 11.

French/ Spanish & GCSE PE also become options.



Important information

- Students cannot start a new subject in year 10 so make sure they choose subjects they like.
- Some subjects may be over-subscribed so students will be chosen at random- *however attitude to learning will also be taken into account*. If they do not get their choice they will need to use their reserve.
- Other subjects may not have enough students to run.



Your 4 choices-examples

Subjects	Student 1	Student 2
Art/ Technology	Art-Fine	Engineering
	Food & Nutrition	
Humanities	Geography	History
		Geography
Other Subjects	Mandarin	Music



Your 4 choices-examples

Subjects	Student 3	Student 4
Art/ Technology	Product Design	Art- photography
Humanities	History	Geography
Other Subjects	Religious Education GCSE	Drama
	Business studies	Mandarin



Taster Lessons

- Subjects will put on taster lessons to allow students to experience what a GCSE lesson in that subject is like
- Teachers will also talk to students about their subjects at GCSE without 'selling' it to them!



Put yourself first

It is important to choose options that interest and motivate you.

What interests you?

What makes you work hard?

Do our quiz to find out.



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ACTION POINT

TICK ANYTHING YOU ENJOY DOING OR THINK THAT YOU WOULD ENJOY DOING

A

- Building things
- Being active and working outdoors
- Making and fixing things
- Using tools and machines
- Solving problems

D

- Finding out how things work
- Doing experiments
- Researching and testing ideas
- Designing a new computer game
- Doing calculations

B

- Designing and displaying things
- Being on television
- Writing a book
- Playing in a band
- Doing a makeover

E

- Organising parties and social events
- Buying and selling things
- Running a business
- Entering competitions
- Campaigning for change

C

- Helping people
- Sorting out arguments
- Showing people what to do
- Looking after people
- Doing voluntary work

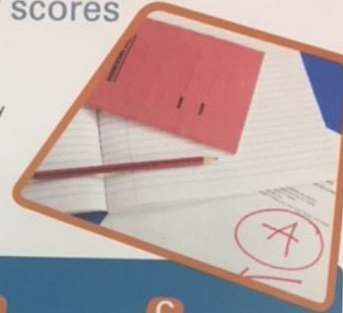
F

- Making plans and lists
- Talking to people
- Organising digital files
- Working to deadlines
- Managing money

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Check out your scores

How many ticks did you get in each section? Write your scores in the boxes below. Most people have more than one interest so pay attention to any score of three or over.



A

Mostly As

You seem to like practical work. Look for options where you can use your practical skills, do something active and work on different types of project.

Subject ideas:
Design and technology, engineering, food technology, hair and beauty, manufacturing, physical education, sport.

B

Mostly Bs

You sound creative. Look for options where you can express yourself and work on new ideas.

Subject ideas:
Art, dance, drama, hospitality, media studies, music, performing arts, photography, textiles.

C

Mostly Cs

You seem to be a sociable person. Look for options where you can find out more about people and how society works.

Subject ideas:
Citizenship studies, geography, health and social care, history, languages, religious studies, retail, travel and tourism.

D

Mostly Ds

It seems that you like investigating things. Look for options where you can use your number and thinking skills to find out more about why things are the way they are.

Subject ideas:
Biology, chemistry, environmental science, geography, history, mathematics, physics, statistics.

E

Mostly Es

You sound like an enterprising person. Look for options where you can use your energy, communication, number and thinking skills to test your ideas about how to improve the world.

Subject ideas:
Business studies, citizenship studies, computing, economics, modern foreign languages, psychology, retail.

F

Mostly Fs

Being well organised seems important to you. Look for options where you can use your planning, communication and technology skills to find out more about the systems and structures that keep the world working properly.

Subject ideas:
Business, computing, economics, history, hospitality, law, travel and tourism.

Which Way Now?



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How can parents help with choosing options?

- **Work backwards-** research future careers and studies
- **Understand courses-** go through options booklet
- **How does your child learn?**
- **Enjoyment of subject** is more important than the teacher or if friends are taking it!



The Iceberg Illusion

Success is an iceberg

SUCCESS!

WHAT PEOPLE SEE

Persistence



Failure



Sacrifice



Disappointment



WHAT PEOPLE DON'T SEE

Dedication



Hard work



Good habits



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Thank you for listening



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