



# BURSCOUGH PRIORY ACADEMY

## Year 9 Options Evening

Out of Many, One



# Reformed GCSE's

- More demanding
- Designed for a two year period of study
- Many more courses designed are 100% based, taken at the end of the course
- Grading scale from 1-9
- Comparable outcomes = Grade boundaries only set once all exams are complete
- The aim of comparable outcomes is to ensure the same number of grades are awarded at each grade point each year

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



# The English Baccalaureate

- Name given to a collection of ***facilitating*** subjects
- 100% exam-based subjects
- Leads to a wide platform of subjects to study at A-Level and can support pathways onto degree courses which require 'essential subjects' to be studied to access the course
- Informed Choices website

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/subjects>



# Options timeline

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Options and Parents' Evening
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb– deadline to submit option form
- WB 27<sup>th</sup> Feb– Some one to one meetings to discuss choices, suggest changes
- May – Confirmation of option choices



## One Subject from this group

- History
- Geography
- **Spanish**
- Computer Science

All subjects can only run with a minimum amount of students in

You can only pick the Creative subjects you studied in Year 9

## Two subjects from this group

- Art
- Computer Science
- Creative I Media
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Music
- PE
- RE
- **Spanish**



<b>Block A</b>	<b>Block B</b>	<b>Block C</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>Design Technology</b>
<b>Design Tech</b>	<b>Creative I Media</b>	<b>Drama</b>
<b>Food Prep and Nutrition</b>	<b>Geography</b>	<b>Food Prep and Nutrition</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>RE</b>
<b>Spanish</b>		



# The benefit of studying a language

- It is a key facilitating subject
- Helps you grow in confidence
- Helps you understand English language
- A key qualification employers, universities, colleges want to see



# What does the future look like?



## Timeline

2023- 24 = Year 10  
2024 - 25 = Year 11 Graduation

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2025 - 26 = College Year 1  
2026 - 27 = College Year 2

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2027 -28 = University Year 1  
2028-29 = University Year 2  
2029 - 30 = University Year 3

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2030 – 31 = Post grad??

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# A typical Year 10 and 11 timetable

- English Language and Literature = 9 hours
- Maths = 9 hours
- Science = 10 hours (or 12 if doing triple)
- PE = 4 hours (or 2 hours if doing triple)
- **Option 1 = 6 hours**
- **Option 2 = 6 hours**
- **Option 3 = 6 hours**



# What should inform your choice?

- Must ensure you enjoy the subject
- Develop knowledge and skills in the subjects which interest you
- Choose **learning environments** which suit you and **add variety** to your timetable
- What should not inform your choice?

- EG: Monday P1 = Maths
- Monday P2 = English
- Monday P3 = Science
- Monday 4 = ????
- Monday P5 = ???



# Different learning environments

Physical learning (out of your seat)




# Different learning environments

## Physical learning (out of your seat)

PE

Drama

Design Technology

Food and Nutrition

Music



# Different learning environments

## Learning through different media/tools

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# Different learning environments

## Learning through different media/tools

Art

Creative I Media

Computer Science



# Different learning environments

**Learning through debate, evidence and reasoning**




# Different learning environments

**Learning through debate, evidence and reasoning**

Geography

History

RE

Languages (Spanish and French)





# Coursework

courses which balance exam pressure



# Courses which have an element of coursework

Course	Coursework %
Art	60%
Drama	60%
Creative I Media	60%
Design Technology	50%
Food Preparation and Nutrition	50%
Music	60%
PE GCSE	40%
PE Cambridge Nationals	75%



# How to Choose

1. List all the subjects you enjoy
2. List which type of learning environment each subject on your list is
3. Check if any have coursework





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E Pluribus Unum





# Examples of Work





## **GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition**

**Year 11 exam 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Focus: Halloween party**





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## GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition



Year 11 exam 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Focus St Patrick's Day





## GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

Year 11 exam 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Christmas Day



# Next Steps

- Today – initial option choices
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 9 Options Evening – discuss with teachers
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Final Options form to be shared to confirm choices
- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Final Options form deadline to be submitted
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