

Options Information Evening 2023



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Central Lancaster High School

What are the main differences between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4?

- Pupils take fewer subjects and become more 'specialist' in the options they choose
- There is more lesson time dedicated to each option subject
- Homework increases and there is more need for pupils to take responsibility for their own learning
- There are mock and final examinations in most subjects
- The exam results from KS4 help pupils to move onto their next phase of education.

How are GCSEs graded?

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

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

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

What is the EBacc?

The Ebacc is **not** a qualification in its own right, it is a suite of qualifications.

A child is considered to have achieved the EBacc if they have got 'good passes' (currently grade 4 or above) in **English, maths, science, history or geography and a language.**

At CLHS we offer the opportunity for pupils to take these subjects together and encourage them to experience a broad and balanced curriculum.

Should my child be taking the EBacc?

We encourage our pupils to take the EBacc it as offers a good basis to build on for later study, for example, the languages element helps to improve vocabulary, and sentence construction; reinforcing the literacy needed in English, history and geography. It also deepens an understanding of other cultures. Some of the top universities consider EBacc combinations when making offers, and employers understand these subjects and qualifications.

What are the compulsory subjects which pupils must study?

All pupils must study:

- English literature and language (GCSE)
- Mathematics (GCSE)
- Science (GCSE) – either combined or triple
- History and/or geography (GCSE), and/or French – more than one can be taken
- Core PE – not examined
- Personal & Social Development and careers education – not examined

What are the optional subjects?

Art and Design	GCSE
Business and Enterprise	Vocational
Creative iMedia (ICT)	Vocational
Design Technology	GCSE
French (do not choose this if you have selected it in section 1)	GCSE
Geography (do not choose this if you have selected it in section 1)	GCSE
History (do not choose this if you have selected it in section 1)	GCSE
Hospitality and Catering	Vocational
Music	Vocational
Performing Arts	Vocational
Religious Studies	GCSE
Sports Studies	Vocational
Triple Science	GCSE

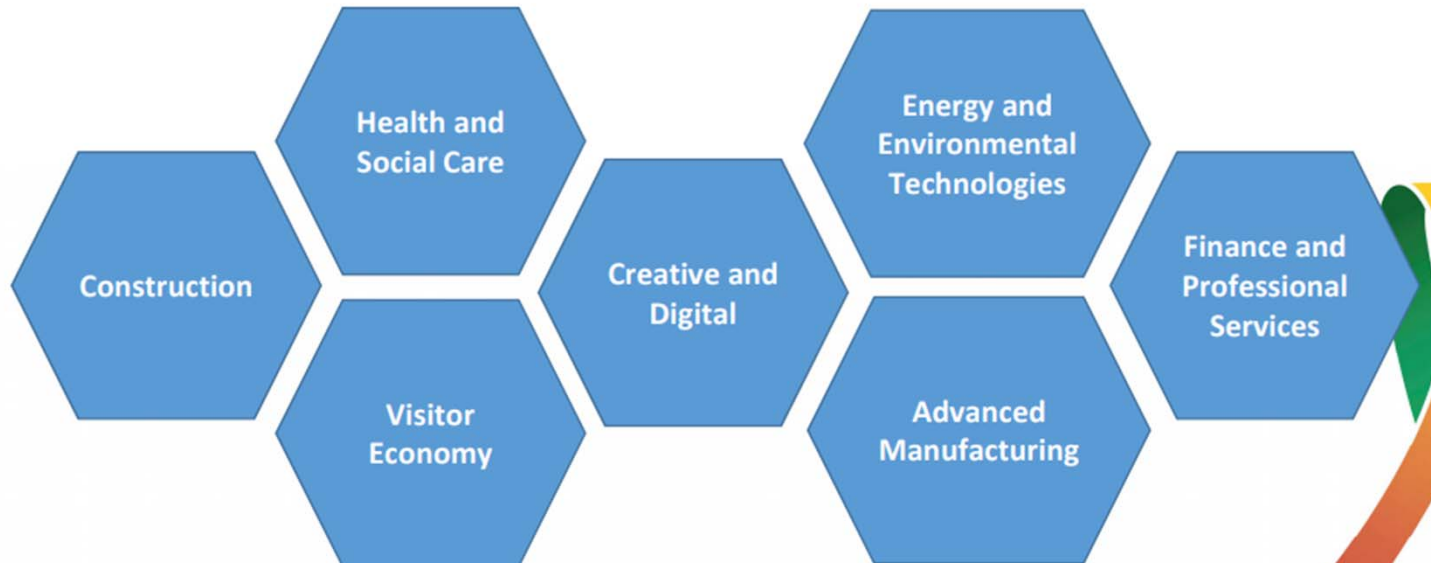
Final courses are subject to group sizes. So, while we endeavour to give 1st choices to ALL pupils, we ask you to indicate 2 reserve choices too.

How do I best support my child in making these decisions?

1. Talk to them about their future and what they would like to do as a career. Help them to research the qualifications needed to get into these jobs
2. If they don't have a career aim, they should be aiming to get the best grades possible so discuss the subjects they **enjoy** studying. These are likely to be the ones they will achieve well in
3. Consider subjects which naturally work well together, such as English, history and French, or business and ICT, or music and drama
4. Please discourage your child from taking a subject because their friends are taking it, or because they like the teacher
5. Explore a range of options, not all subjects may run as this is based on demand from pupils.

7 Priority Sectors

Sectors with growth potential and high replacement demand



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Curriculum Information for Careers

Staff	Role
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[Post-16 Options Booklet - What are your choices?](#)

Careers Programme

Year Group	Careers Events and Opportunities
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Subject presentations – 6.20, 6.45, 7.10 and 7.35

Subject	Room
Art and Design	A1
Business and Enterprise / Creative iMedia	D9
Design Technology / Hospitality and Catering	A3
French	D2
Geography	D1
History	D4
Music / Performing Arts	A4
Religious Studies	D6
Sports Studies	A8
Triple Science (6.20pm and 6.45pm only)	A7

Other support available tonight

Ms Mawdsley – Assistant SENDCO

Mrs Ainsworth – SEND review coordinator

Mrs Prestwood – Head of Year 9

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9 March: Year 9 Parents' Evening on School Cloud 4:00pm to 7:00pm

This evening provides you with a final opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress to date and ask any follow up questions regarding KS4 study.

Friday 17 March: Deadline for options forms to be submitted by pupils.