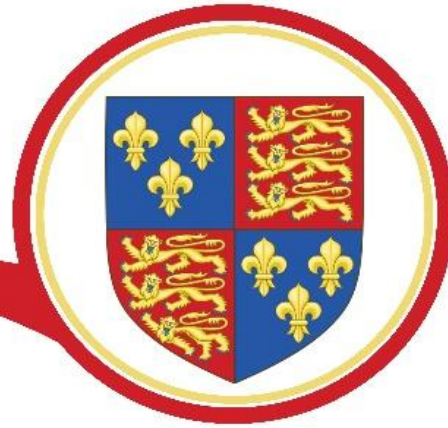


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Options Evening
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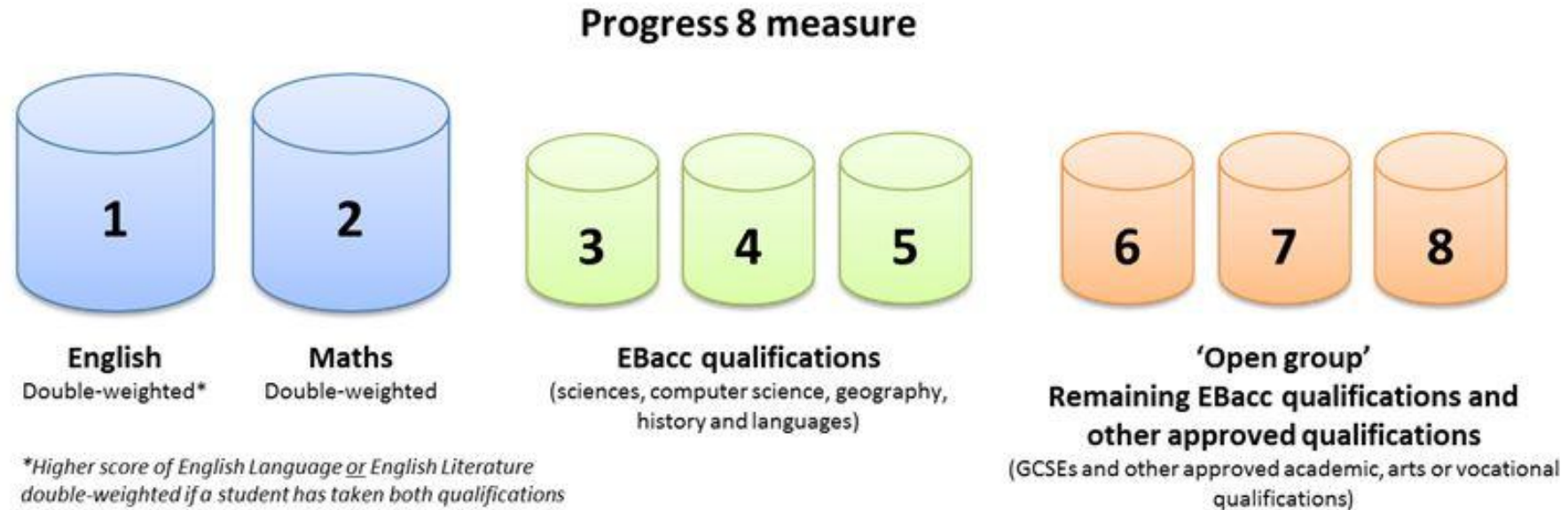


School Leadership Team Welcome

Lucas Jones

Ellie Simcock

GCSE Government measures



All schools are required to deliver a balanced curriculum to pupils that meets the demands of Progress 8

Progress 8 is a measure of the progress children make between the end of primary school and the end of secondary school.

It is based on pupils' performance in eight qualifications



English Language

English Literature

Maths



History

Geography

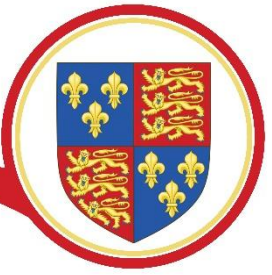
Science

Spanish

Computer Science



Art, Childcare, RE, Food & Nutrition, Sport, Photography, Business, Animal Care, Automotive, Drama



What will pupils study in Year 10?

1) Core Subjects: 30 Lessons Per Fortnight

English

4 Lessons

Maths

4 Lessons

Science

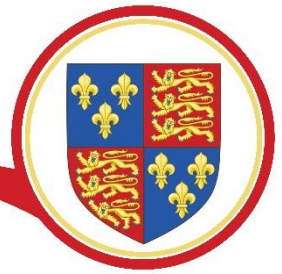
5 Lessons

PE

1 Lesson

PSHE

1 Lesson



What will students study in Year 10?

2) Options Subjects: 20 Lessons fortnight

**Option
A**

5 Lessons

**Option
B**

5 Lessons

**Option
C**

5 Lessons

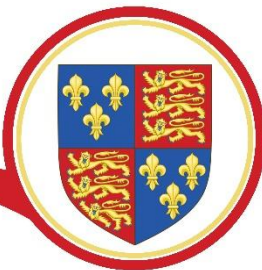
**Option
D**

5 Lessons

The Option Blocks are:

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
GCSE Geography	GCSE Geography	Art	Animal Care
GCSE History	GCSE History	Business Studies	Automotive Stu
GCSE RE	GCSE Spanish	Construction	Child Development
Computer Science	Statistics	Food Prep & Nutrition	Photography
		Drama	Sport Science
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Year 9 Options Timeline

Date	Activity
29.01.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Assembly (during form time)</p> <p>This is to introduce pupils to the process and explain the difference between core & options subjects</p>
12.02.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Options Survey</p> <p>Students tell us what they would provisionally like to study. We use this information to create options blocks.</p>
19.03.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Parents Information Evening & Options Marketplace</p> <p>To help parents stay informed about the process and have dedicated time for options discussions with Senior Leadership Team and teachers.</p>
23.02.26 – 27.03.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Drop ins with Mrs L Stevens Carers Advisor</p>
27.03.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Option Form Released to Parents/Guardians/Pupils</p>
08.05.2026	<p style="text-align: center;">Options Forms Submitted</p> <p>This is the deadline for the final forms to be submitted.</p>
18.05.26	<p style="text-align: center;">Individual Pupil Interviews & Confirmation of Choices</p> <p>Pupils are interviewed 1 to 1 and options choices are discussed with a senior leader. Final confirmation letters are sent to parents / carers</p>

Other items to note

- If selecting Geography please be aware that pupils attend two Year 11 Field Trips to facilitate the examination at a cost of approximately £50, but this is a voluntary contribution.
- In some cases, a member of SLT may speak with a pupil as to their choices, or indeed may call a parental meeting to work through choices or issues with choices
- Pupils can not study both GCSE Art and GCSE photography
- All pupils will follow 100% of the Core Offer, including the core PE and the PSHE offer as they are statutory
- Parents/Carers will always hold the final agreement to the options formally offered by signing the offer letter return slip, pupils asking for changes etc will not be granted without parental/carer discussion and permission

How do you make a decision?

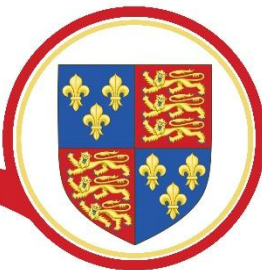
- The Options Evening and Marketplace
- Read the Options Booklet you will be given
- Talk to your tutor, Teachers, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Talk to your parents/guardians and older students
- Think about what careers you might be interested in
- Mrs Lydia Stevens, our Independent Careers Adviser
- Options and career research on the internet

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Common Questions and Answers

- Do I have to pick a subject in every option block even if there are none there I am interested in?
- Yes, you must be timetabled at every point of the school day
- Do I have to study Spanish?
- We will advise you if we think you should be studying Spanish and have not selected it, as a general rule you should consider taking Spanish if the majority of your subjects have Minimum Expected Grade Targets in Band 3, but you are also free to choose to study Spanish if you wish
- Are the vocational courses the same standard as GCSE?
- All of the vocational courses attract the same level as a GCSE but they are sometimes graded differently. For example a GCSE in a subject will return a grade of 1-9 (Grade 1 is the lowest Grade 9 is the highest), whereas on many of the vocational courses they are graded as Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction* at either Level 1 or Level 2.
- What is the difference between Level 1 and Level 2?
- A Level 1 course means the equivalent of a GCSE at grades 1-3, a Level 2 course means the equivalent of a GCSE at grades 4-9. All vocational courses are Level 1 and 2 depending on ability except Automotive Studies which is only at Level 1

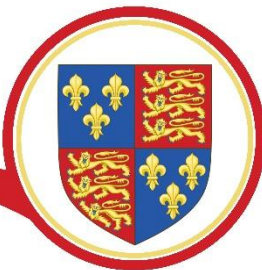
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Common Questions and Answers

- Can I change my options after I have accepted them?
- Yes, but we really do not like to do it as our staffing is set up based on the offers, even then we would only consider it for a very short time so please choose wisely and do your research before hand
- Are the dates outlined firm deadline dates?
- Yes we need to stick to these deadlines so that we can do all of the things we need to behind the scenes
- Are there any combinations of subjects I am not allowed to take?

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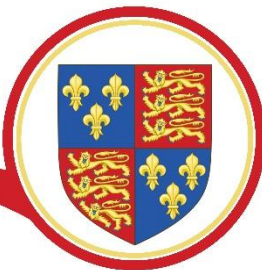


Thank you

I am available for your questions, alternatively
email me at

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How the new grades compare with the old ones

New GCSE Grade Structure	Previous GCSE Grade Structure	Vocational Grades	
9	A*	L2D*	
8	A	L2D	
7			
6	B	L2M	
5			
4	C	L2P	
3			
2	D	L1D	L1P
	E	L1M	
1	F		
	G	L1P	
U	U	U	

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