

Year 8

Curriculum Choices

2022



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In Year 8 students will have the opportunity to CHOOSE some subjects from different curriculum areas (or strands) to study in Year 9.

They can choose things they already enjoy but also develop new skills in new subjects.

They will continue with Core and EBacc subjects.

What they choose to study in Year 9 will NOT affect their option choices for GCSE.



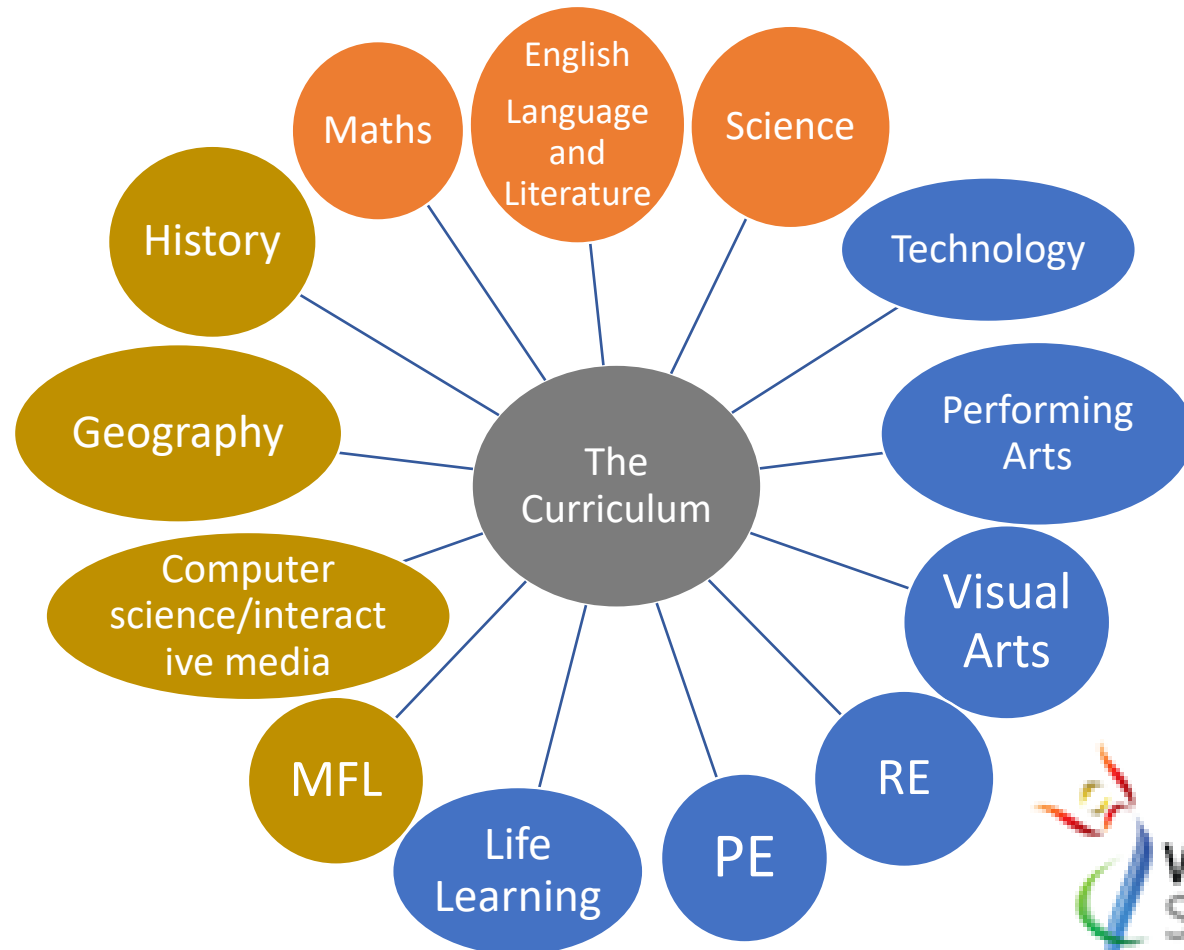
The English Baccalaureate

- The English Baccalaureate is not a qualification but a group of carefully chosen subjects that are the most sought-after qualifications for university, college and for employers.
- EBacc subjects are History, Geography, MFL (French, Spanish , German), Triple Science and Computer Science.



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All students will continue to study:



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What do students get to choose?

- They can choose one visual arts subject from:

3D, Photography, Graphics, Fine Art, Combined Art and Design

- They can will be guided to study either:

Computer science or Interactive Media

- The other strand is a free choice.....encourage students to choose what they enjoy or try something new! This is the **enrichment strand**.



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The Enrichment Strand:

For the enrichment strand students can choose from a range of subjects.

- New subjects to choose are:

Enterprise and Business, Film Studies, Media Studies

- They can choose an additional language:

Spanish or German

- Students may wish to take **Sports Science** to study alongside core PE, **Ethics** to study alongside core RE, **Dance Performance, Drama Performance or Music Performance** to study alongside your performing Arts carousel.



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Subjects ALL students will continue:	CHOICES		
English Maths Science History Geography MFL Life Learning PE RE	Visual Arts Strand You will choose ONE from:	ICT Guided Choice You will choose ONE from:	Enrichment Strand You will choose ONE from:
You will study these subjects on a termly rotation: Dance/Drama/Music Technology	Fine Art Graphics 3-D Sculpture Photography Combined Arts and Design	Computer Science OR Interactive Media	Enterprise Film Studies Media Studies Sports Science Ethics Spanish German Dance Performance Drama Performance Music Performance

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At the end of year 9:

All students will choose their GCSE options.

They do NOT have to carry on with their enrichment subjects chosen in year 9 if they don't want to. But, equally, they can!

If your child didn't choose a subject in year 9 they CAN still choose it for GCSE (with the exception of Spanish and German)

Curriculum Choices in year 9 DO NOT limit your GCSE options.



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CURRICULUM CHOICES should:

- Give lots of variety before you narrow down your subjects for GCSE.
- Give subjects that are enjoyable and might be chosen to continue at GCSE.
- Allow students to succeed.
- Prepare them for your future



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Will I always get all of my choices?

- **No** – but we will do our best and we are able to give students their first choices MOST of the time.
- Possible reasons that you may not get your choices:
 - Too many students may select a subject
 - Too few students may select a subject



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DO NOT

- Choose a subject because your friend has chosen it!
- Choose a subject the because you like the teacher....you will not necessarily get that teacher next year!



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What happens next?

Booklets and letters have gone home.

Discuss the different subject choices with your child.

Deadline for handing in your choices form is Monday 14th March.

