

# Key Stage 4 Options



# Key Dates

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# September 2024 Offer - Core

Everyone will study:

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Science GCSE
- Physical Education CORE

# September 2024 Offer - Options

You can choose to study:

- Art & Design: Fine Art GCSE
- Computer Science GCSE
- Dance GCSE
- DT: Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE
- DT: Art & Design: Textiles GCSE
- DT: Product Design GCSE
- DT: Resistant Materials GCSE
- Drama GCSE
- Enterprise BTEC Technical Award
- French GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- German GCSE
- Health & Social Care BTEC Technical Award
- History GCSE
- Music GCSE
- Music Technology GCSE
- Photography GCSE
- Physical Education GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE
- Skills for Life ASDAN Award (double option)

# Option Subjects

You select 4 options (or 3 if you take Skills)

Together your options will take up 12 lessons a week

## GCSEs:

- Linear, terminal exams at the end
- Little, if any, coursework
- Academic

## Vocational:

- Equivalent to GCSEs
- Mostly coursework with exam element
- Practical, more related to the workplace

## ASDAN:

- Variety of practical activities and life skills



# Option Subjects

## Some Possible Combinations

GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE
BTEC	BTEC	GCSE	GCSE
GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC
Skills for Life		BTEC	BTEC

# The English Baccalaureate

To achieve the 'EBacc', you need Grade 4 (or better) in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science (x2)
- **Humanities** (History or Geography)
- **Languages** (French or German)



# KS4 Options

## Things to consider

- What is the difference between GCSE, BTEC & Technical Award qualifications?
- What is the Ebacc?
- What are 9-1 grades?
- Which subjects are compulsory?
- How many choices do I have?
- How many lessons do I have to choose from?
- Do I have to take a subject I don't like?
- When do I have to decide by?
- Who do I talk to about my options?
- How do I find out about 'new' subjects?
- Should I take something because I like my current teacher?
- Should I take something because my friends are taking it?
- What should I take into account to make a decision about my options?

### 2 Key Questions

**What do you enjoy?**

**In what subjects will you do best?**

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