



Year 9 Curriculum and Options Evening 2024

Programme for the evening



Welcome and introduction of key colleagues



The curriculum as a whole: Mrs Jenkins, Deputy Head teacher and Mr Sidell, Lead Practitioner



Explaining less familiar subjects



Factors in Making the Decisions



Overview of the process – what happens next?



Signpost tonight

Our aims are simple:

“To develop the sharpest minds and the biggest hearts in our children through a traditional academic approach to education.

To meet these aims we:

- Enable our children to access the broadest curriculum possible enabling their learning needs and aspirations to be met.
- To engage our children and enable them to reach their full potential



Enrichment and Extra-curricular



School Clubs: Year 9



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LAMDA: Lunchtime Drama Club 1:30-2:00pm in the Theatre	Music Tech with Miss Wareham & Miss Juganzon (15 spaces) (WEEK 1) 1:30-2:00am Music Room	Open Music Rehearsal with Miss Juganzon Music Room (just turn up, for those wishing to practise their instrument) 1:30-2:00pm	Song Writing Club with Miss Wareham WEEK 2 Music Room (20 places) 1:20-2:00pm	Senior Musicians Practice & SMP Practice with Miss Juganzon 1:30:2:00 Music Room
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British Sign Language (BSL) with Mrs Poole (just turn up) 3:30-4:00pm Languages Room 4	The Britten Choir with Miss Juganzon. (60 places) 3:20-4:00pm Drama Studio	Animation & Programming Club with Mr Sweetman 3:30-4:15pm Maths Room 6	New Band with Mr Chapman and Miss Wareham 3:30-5:00pm Band Room Auditions to be held	Benjamin Britten Orchestra 3:15-4:15pm, Dance Studio
Britten Band with Mr Chapman (previous members only) 3:30-5:00pm Music Room	Elite Harmony Group with Miss Juganzon (invitation only). 4:15-5:00pm Drama Studio	Brass Ensemble (just turn up) 3:20-4:20pm Music Room 1	Basketball with Mr Everson 3:15-4:15pm Sports Hall (just turn up)	History Club with Mr Mullender. 3:30-4:30pm Library (30 places, just turn up)
Table Tennis with Mr Everson 3:15-4:15pm Small Hall (just turn up)	Spanish Pen Pal Club with Miss Poza. 3:15-4:15pm Languages Room 2 (just turn up)	Football with Mr B. George 3:15-4:15pm Football Pitch	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Netball with Mrs McDonald. 3:15-4:15pm Netball Courts (just turn up)
Debating Society with Mr Mullender (WEEK 2, just turn up). 3:30-4:30pm Library	Chess Club with Mr Fawcett Maths Room 4 3:15-4:15pm	KS3 Textiles Club See Miss Wisker to sign-up (15 spaces). 3:15-4:15pm Textiles Room	Fitness with Mr Everson 3:15-4:15pm Fitness Suite (just turn up)	Anime Club with Miss Baumgartner. 3:15-4:30pm English Room II (sign-up form required)
Art Club with Mrs Gamble. 3:15-4:15pm Art Studio 2 (just turn up)	Creative Writing Club with Miss Baumgartner & Mr Lockett (sign up form required) Science Computing Suite 3:15-4:30pm (Oct-Feb)	Young Furniture Makers Competition with Mr Day 3:15-5:00pm DT Workshop 6 places through internal competition From OCT half term	Running Club with Mr Sweetman 3:30-4:15pm, to meet in the Maths Centre	Dungeons & Dragons Club with Miss Saunders 3:15-4:45pm, Library Quiet Study Room (12 places)
Harry Potter Club with Mrs Laver (just turn up) 3:15-4:00pm English Room 7	Woodwind Ensemble (just turn up) 3:15-4:15pm Band Room	Rubik's Cube Club with Mr Henwood (own cube needed) 3:30-4:15pm Maths Room 8	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Song Workshop (12 spaces) 3:30-5:00pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)
Board Game Club with Mr Lowe & Mr Philpott, Maths 5 3:20-4:20pm	KS3 Photoshop (commitment for term) 3:15-4:15pm Art Computing Suite with Miss O'Leary (15 places)	STEM Club with Dr Wright 3:20-4:20pm Feynman Lab (October onwards)		
Homework Club with Mrs Oxborough & Miss Phillips 3:20-4:30pm Maths Breakout (Just turn up)	D.T & Engineering Club with Mr Day. 3:15-4:15pm DT Workshop (See Mr Day, 15 spaces) From OCT half term	Girls' Football with Mrs McDonald 3:15-4:15pm Foxborough Gym		
Drama Club with Miss Saunders 3:20-4:30pm Drama Studio (max. 30 places)	Couch to 5K Club with Mrs Hallaron (beginners running club) 3:15-4:30pm			
Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Science Prep (for science homework) Science Computing Suite 3:15-4:30pm			
Britten School of Dance (Link sent to parents) with Mrs Halse 3:30-4:45pm Dance Studio	Cookery Club with Mr Whiteley. 3:30-5:00pm Food Room (after Feb half term) Held on various dates. Sign-up required			
Geography catch-up with Mrs Kitching 3:15-4:15pm Geography Room 1	Crochet Club with Mrs Poole 3:15-4:30pm Languages Room 4			
Audition Technique (15 spaces) 3:30-4:30pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)				

School Clubs: Year 10



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS4 Art Club with Miss O'Leary (Year 10 & 11 Only) 1:15-2:00 Art Studio 1	Music Tech with Miss Wareham & Miss Juganzon (15 spaces) (WEEK 1) 1:30-2:00pm Music Room	Open Music Rehearsal with Miss Juganzon Music Room (just turn up, for those wishing to practise their instrument) 1:30-2:00pm	Spanish Catch-Up with Mrs Van Zeller (Year 10 & 11 Only) 1:15-1:45 Languages Room 1	Senior Musicians Practice & SMP Practice with Miss Juganzon 1:30-2:00 Music Room
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British Sign Language (BSL) with Mrs Poole (just turn up) 3:30-4:30pm Languages Room 4	Woodwind Ensemble (just turn up) 3:15-4:15pm Band Room	Lunchtime PE Clubs starting soon. Please see PE noticeboard.	KS4 Art Club with Miss O'Leary (Year 10 & 11 Only) 1:15-2:00 Art Studio 1	Lunchtime PE Clubs starting soon. Please see PE noticeboard.
Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary. 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)	Elite Harmony Group with Miss Juganzon (invitation only). 4:15-5:00pm Drama Studio	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)	Lunchtime PE Clubs starting soon. Please see PE noticeboard.	Benjamin Britten Orchestra 3:15-4:15pm, Dance Studio
Debating Society with Mr Mullender (WEEK 2) (just turn up) 3:30-4:30pm Library	Creative Writing Club with Miss Baumgartner & Mr Luckett (sign up form required) Science Computing Suite 3:15-4:30pm (Oct-Feb)	Brass Ensemble (just turn up) 3:20-4:20pm Music Room 1	New Band with Mr Chapman and Miss Wareham 3:30-5:00pm Band Room Auditions to be held	History Club with Mr Mullender. 3:30-4:30pm Library (just turn up, 30 places)
Britten Band with Mr Chapman (previous members only) 3:30-5:00pm Music Room	The Britten Choir with Miss Juganzon. (60 places) 3:20-4:00pm Drama Studio	Young Furniture Makers Competition with Mr Doy 3:15-5:00pm DT Workshop 6 places through internal competition From OCT half term	Geography revision and catch-up with Mrs Kitching 3:15-4:15pm Geography Room 1	Football with Mr Humphrey 3:15-4:15pm Sports Hall
Table Tennis with Mr Everson 3:15-4:15pm Small Hall (just turn up)	Chess Club with Mr Fawcett Maths Room 4 3:15-4:15pm	Badminton with Mrs Schofield 3:15-4:15pm Sports Hall	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary. 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)	Dungeons & Dragons Club with Miss Saunders 3:15-4:45pm, Library Quiet Study Room (12 places)
Harry Potter Club with Mrs Lever (just turn up) 3:15-4:00pm English Room 7	Fitness with Miss Schofield (just turn up) Fitness Suite 3:15-4:15pm	Further Maths with Mr Lowe (selected scholars) 3:20-4:30pm	Hospitality & Catering with Mr Whiteley 3:15-4:15pm Food Tech Room	Anime Club with Miss Baumgartner (sign-up required) 3:15-4:30pm English Room 11
Board Game Club with Mr Lowe & Mr Philpott, Maths 5 3:20-4:20pm	Basketball with Miss Gardener (just turn up) Sports Hall 3:15-4:15pm	Rubik's Cube Club with Mr Henwood (own cube needed) 3:30-4:15pm Maths Room 8	Design & Technology KSA with Mr Doy (from half term) Tech Room	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary. 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)
Homework Club with Mrs Oxborough 3:15-4:15pm Maths Room 2 & Left Breakout Area (Just turn up, 32 spaces)	D.T & Engineering Club with Mr Doy. 3:15-4:15pm DT Workshop (See Mr Doy, 15 spaces) From OCT half term	Girls' Football with Mrs McDonald 3:15-4:15pm Foxborough Gym	Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) Bronze with Miss Banns 3:15-4:30pm, Dining Hall (starts after half term)	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)
Drama Club with Miss Saunders 3:20-4:30pm Drama Studio (max. 30 places)	Business and Health & Social Care With Mrs Miles 3:15-4:15pm From OCT half term	Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) Bronze with Miss Banns 3:15-4:30pm, Dining Hall (starts after half term)	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Running Club with Mr Sweetman 3:30-4:15pm, to meet in the Maths Centre
Britten School of Dance (Link sent to parents) with Mrs Halse 3:30-4:45pm Dance Studio	Couch to 5K Club with Mrs Hallaron (beginners running club) 3:15-4:30pm		Devising Technique (KSA Only) 3:30-4:30pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)	Netball with Mrs McDonald. 3:15-4:15pm Netball Courts (just turn up)
Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Science Prep (for science homework) Science Computing Suite 3:15-4:30pm			Song Workshop (12 spaces) 3:30-5:00pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)
Audition Technique (15 spaces) 3:30-4:30pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)	Crochet Club with Mrs Poole 3:15-4:30pm Languages Room 4			

School Clubs: Year 11



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KS4 Art Club with Miss O'Leary (Year 10 & 11 Only) 1:15-2:00 Art Studio 1	Music Tech with Miss Wareham & Miss Juganzon (15 spaces) (WEEK 1) 1:30-2:00am Music Room	Open Music Rehearsal with Miss Juganzon Music Room (just turn up, for those wishing to practise their instrument) 1:30-2:00pm	Song Writing Club with Miss Wareham WEEK 2 Music Room (20 places) 1:20-2:00pm	Senior Musicians Practice & SMP Practice with Miss Juganzon 1:30-2:00 Music Room
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Table Tennis with Mr Everson 3:15-4:15pm Small Hall (just turn up)	Spanish Catch-Up with Mrs Van Zeller Languages Room 1, 3:15-4:15pm	Brass Ensemble (just turn up) 3:20-4:20pm Music Room 1	New Band with Mr Chapman and Miss Wareham 3:30-5:00pm Band Room Auditions to be held	History Club with Mr Mullender. 3:30-4:30pm Library (Just turn up, 30 places)
Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Advanced Music with Miss Wareham 3:20-4:30pm Music Room	Advanced Drama with Mrs Breen Drama Studio 3:20-5:00pm	Advanced Dance with Miss Halse 3:20-5:30pm Dance Studio	Running Club with Mr Sweetman 3:30-4:15pm, to meet in the Maths Centre
Debating Society with Mr Mullender (WEEK 2) (Just turn up) 3:30-4:30pm Library	The Britten Choir with Miss Juganzon. (60 places) 3:20-4:30pm Drama Studio	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)	Hospitality & Catering with Mr Whitelaw 3:15-4:15pm Food Tech Room	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)
Drama Club with Miss Saunders 3:20-4:30pm Drama Studio (max. 30 places)	Chess Club with Mr Fawcett Maths Room 4 3:15-4:15pm	Rubik's Cube Club with Mr Hanwood (own cube needed) 3:30-4:15pm Maths Room 8	Geography revision & catch-up with Mrs Kitching 3:15-4:15pm Geography Room 1	Anime Club with Miss Baumgartner (sign-up required) 3:15-4:30pm English Room II
Harry Potter Club with Mrs Lever (just turn up) 3:15-4:00pm English Room 7	French Catch-Up with Miss Davey Languages Room 3 3:15-4:15pm	Badminton with Mrs Schofield 3:15-4:15pm Sports Hall	Design & Technology KS4 with Mr Day (from half term) Tech Room	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)
Board Game Club with Mr Lowe & Mr Philpott, Maths 5 3:20-4:20pm	Woodwind Ensemble (just turn up) 3:15-4:15pm Band Room	History Revision with Mr Ward 3:15-4:15pm History Room 2	Horticulture Club with Mrs Hallaron 3:15-4:15pm (Speak with Miss Gardner to put your name down)	Football with Mr. B. George (just turn up) Football Pitch 3:15-4:15pm
Homework Club with Mrs Daborough & Miss Phillips 3:20-4:30pm Maths Breakout (Just turn up)	Fitness with Miss Schofield (just turn up) Fitness Suite 3:15-4:15pm	Girls' Football with Mrs McDonald 3:15-4:15pm Foxborough Gym	Art & Photography with Miss O'Leary 3:15-5:00pm Art Studio 1 (just turn up)	Benjamin Britten Orchestra 3:15-4:15pm, Dance Studio
British Sign Language (BSL) with Mrs Poole (just turn up) 3:30-4:00pm Languages Room 4	Basketball with Miss Gardener (just turn up) 3:15-4:15pm Sports Hall	Elite Harmony Group with Miss Juganzon (invitation only). 4:15-5:00pm Drama Studio	Devising Technique (KS4 Only) 3:30-4:30pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)	Netball with Mrs McDonald. 3:15-4:15pm Netball Courts (just turn up)
Britten School Band with Mr Chapman (previous members only) 3:30-5:00pm Music Room	DT & Engineering Club with Mr Day. 3:15-4:15pm DT Workshop (See Mr Day, 15 spaces) From OCT half term	Business and Health & Social Care With Mrs Miles 3:15-4:15pm	Dungeons & Dragons Club with Miss Saunders 3:15-4:45pm, Library Quiet Study Room (12 places)	Song Workshop (12 spaces) 3:30-5:00pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)
Yr11 Sports Studies Revision Mrs Schofield (WEEK 1) Mrs McDonald (WEEK 2)	Couch to 5K Club with Mrs Hallaron (beginners running club) 3:15-4:30pm	Science Prep (for science homework) Science Computing Suite 3:15-4:30pm		
Audition Technique (15 spaces) 3:30-4:30pm (sign up with Performing Arts team)	Crochet Club with Mrs Poole 3:15-4:30pm Languages Room 4			

We have not, and will not ever,
“Game the system”.

The KS4 curriculum is set out as follows:

Compulsory Subjects

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics and Financial Capability
- Science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- Citizenship
- One Ebacc Option from the following:
History, Geography, French or Spanish

Non-examined Subjects

- Core Physical Education
- Personal Development, Careers, Employability, Relationship and Sex Education.



The EBacc Subjects

- All students have to choose one of the following

- History

- Geography

- French

- Spanish

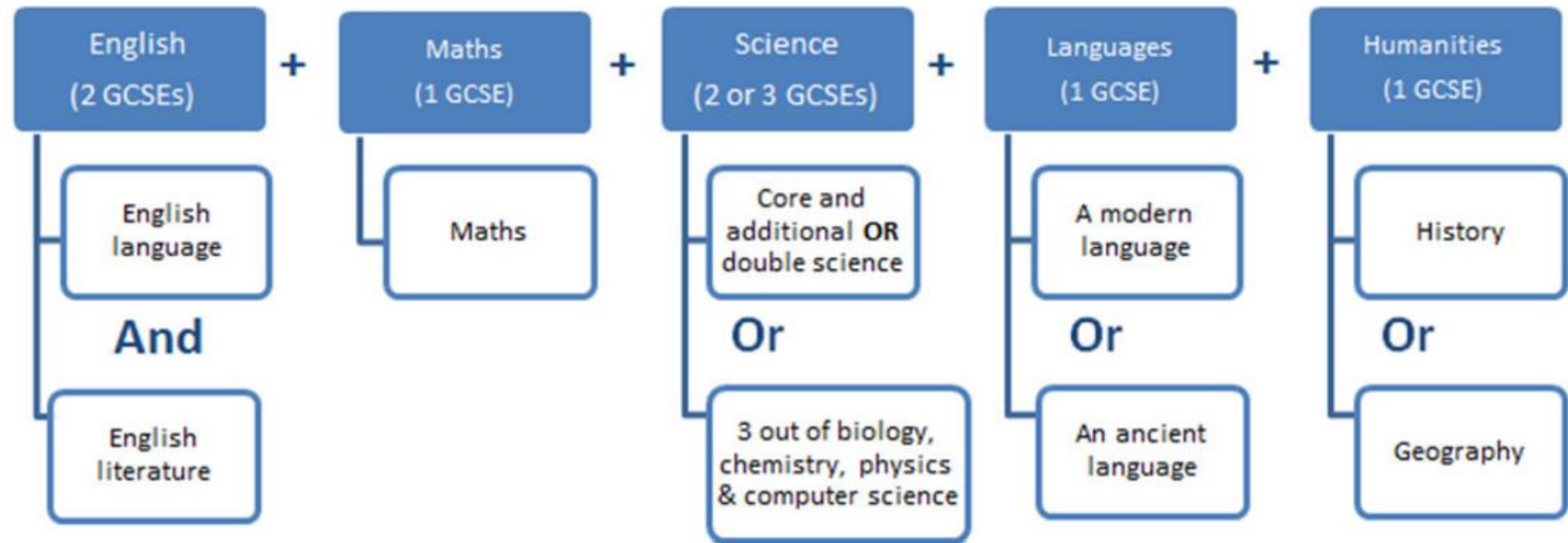


The English Baccalaureate

- It is an important measure determined by the Department of Education.
- It is not a qualification in its own right and students do not receive any additional qualifications or a certificate
- It reflects the achievement of students over a range of key subjects.
- You will be considered to have achieved the Ebacc if you have achieved grade 5 or above in English, Maths, Sciences, a language, History or Geography.



The Ebacc Qualification



- The Government target for 2025 is 90% of students taking Ebacc
- Further information on the Ebacc can be found in your Options Booklet

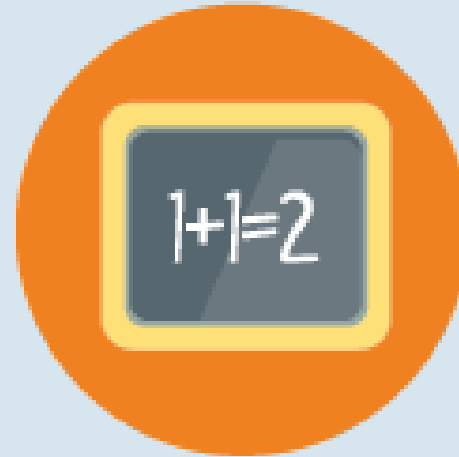
WHY SHOULD KIDS LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?



BETTER COMMUNICATION



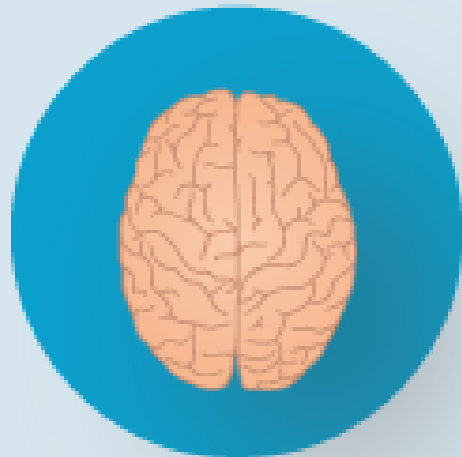
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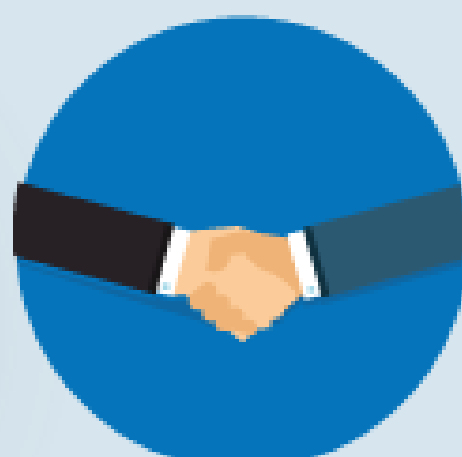
BETTER MATHS SKILLS



EASIER TRAVEL



BETTER MEMORY



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS



HEIGHTENED LOGIC



BETTER CAREER PROSPECTS

The EBacc Pathway

- Our advice remains that if this combination of subjects is right for you, fits your strengths and interests, then you should study them.
- Otherwise choose the best combination of subjects for you.



The EBacc Pathway

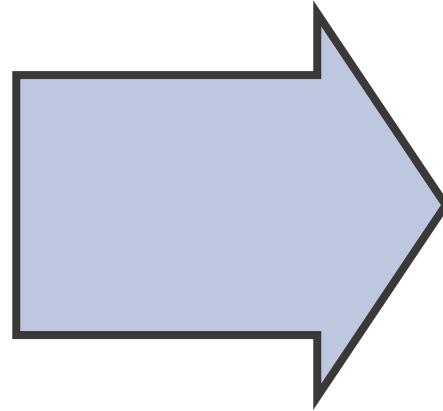
Choose one of these subjects:

Geography

History

French (currently studying)

Spanish (currently studying)



Choose three and rank them:

Art

Business Studies

Child Development

Computer Science (Maths projected 5+)

Creative iMedia

Dance

Drama

Design and Technology

Hospitality and Catering

French

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

Music

Physical Education

Photography

Spanish

You will study two of these

**Subject
presentations
are on the
school website**

Art

Business Studies

Child Development

Computer Science

Creative iMedia

Dance

Drama

Design and Technology

Hospitality and Catering

Health and Social Care

Music

Photography

Sports Studies

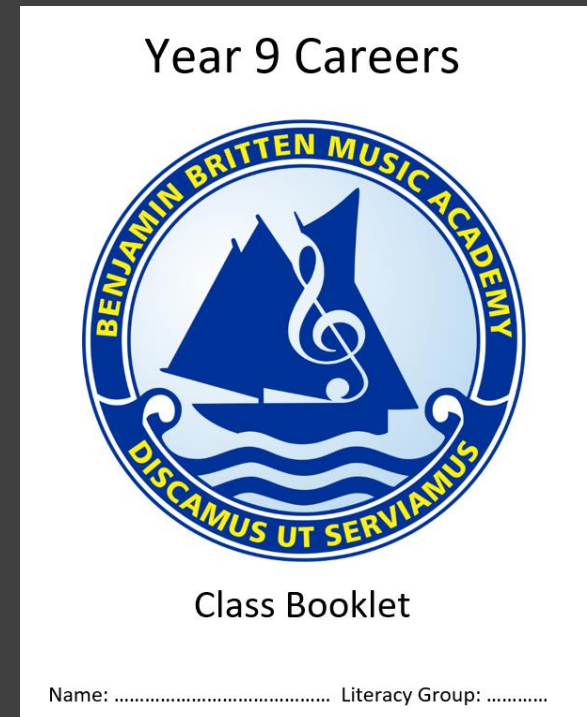


How do you choose?

- Favourite subjects
- Good subjects
- Options booklet
- Research
- Talk to people
- Take advice
- Future career aspirations

Advice from our Careers Department

- During your careers lessons last term with Mr Mullender, you received lots of information and advice about choosing your GCSE options.
- You have also been provided with the **Year 9 Careers Booklet** and access to your **Year 9 Careers Google Classroom**. Both of these sources have lots and lots of useful information
- On our school website there are subject presentations and brief curriculum overviews under the Year 9 Options section.



Within your **Careers Google Classroom**, there is a specific section called 'Options Advice'.

You can find these short videos from BBC Bitesize there:



GCSE Options: Everything you need to know about choosing your GCSE subjects



What I wish I'd known before choosing my options



Myths about choosing your options: Busted!



How to choose your exam subjects wisely for the future you want



GCSEs
OCR Nationals
AQA Technical
Awards

- Some subjects have a vocational bias
- Higher proportion of project work
- Fewer exams



We have also asked some of our local further education providers for information and guidance which may help you to link GCSE option subjects with future college courses and other post-16 options



What shouldn't they do?

- Base your decisions on who is teaching them now
- Choose the same options as best friends
- Copy older siblings
- Pick 'easy' subjects



Please chat with some of our student representatives about their options and how they are finding the courses



Post 16

All students are required to be in full time education until the age of 18.

As a general guide:

- 5 GCSE or equivalent passes at a Grade 5 or above to progress to A level courses
- At least one grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths for some post 16 courses
- To study a subject at A level, students usually require at least a Grade 5 in that subject at GCSE.
- A level Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and French require a Grade 6 at GCSE and typically an average point score.
- **Most apprenticeships require a minimum grade 4 in English and Maths**

Options Timeline

Wednesday 27th March	Deadline for completed 'Options' form to be submitted via Google Forms. Processing will not commence until the deadline has passed.
15 – 17 April	Year 9 Assessments in English, Maths and Science These assessments are sat under exam conditions in the sports halls/study centre. These assessments are independent of the options process but help with the initial setting of Year 10 as the three bands of lower school moves to 2 bands in Key Stage 4, moving from 9 teaching groups to 10.
April - July	After receiving your form, we will be running a series of 'dry-runs' to see what the best combination of subjects will be.
Early July	Options confirmed

Dry Runs

- Following return of the initial choices, we try to write a model to best fit our children's options.
- This is often the point where disappointment sinks in as:
 - There may be combinations that won't be possible
 - Where courses may be over-subscribed or options need to be re-thought



We may ask our children to choose from option blocks if we can't make their choices fit.

Dry Runs

- In the past three years we have been able to find an excellent fit based on open choices.
- The **vast majority** of students will be given their first choice of subjects, but because we have constraints on what we can offer there will be students for whom we are unable to offer the combination of subjects they requested.
- If this is the case, we will talk to you and your child to discuss the best possible solution.





Year 9 Core Assessments

15 - 17 April

Morning Exams (09:05)**15 - 17****Afternoon Exams (14:00)**

Exam	Board	Duration		Exam	Board	Duration
Maths Paper 1 Non-calculator	AQA	1h	Monday 15 Apr	English Reading	AQA	1h
English Writing	AQA	1h	Tuesday 16 Apr	Science Paper 1	AQA	1h
Maths Paper 2 Calculator	AQA	1h	Wednesday 17 Apr	Science Paper 2	AQA	1h

Mathematics

Year 9 Core Assessment

You will complete **TWO 1 hour** mathematics papers.

Everyone completes the same papers.

The questions on each paper will consist of:

The **first 25%** will be **basic numeracy skills** that you have learnt and practiced throughout KS3.

The **remaining 75%** will be a mixture of different skills that you have learnt in Year 9, building in difficulty from easiest to hardest.

adding, subtracting, multiplying,
dividing, negative numbers,
decimals, percentages,
fractions, ratio & proportion,
probability, basic algebra skills
etc.

Paper 1

non-calculator

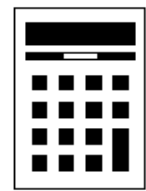
1 hour



Paper 2

calculator

1 hour



Geometry – angles, constructions
Algebra – coordinates, graphs, formulae
Statistics – charts, averages



YEAR 9 ASSESSMENT – ENGLISH

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO?

Paper One – Reading (one hour)

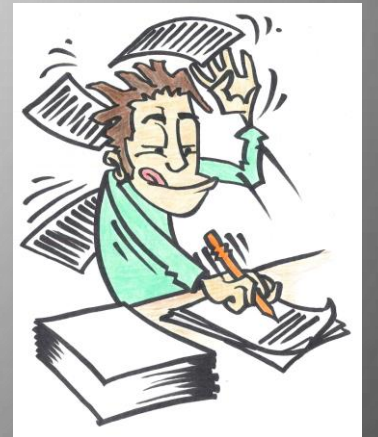
Read an extract from a story and:

- Q1** list four things about.....
- Q2** explain how the writer has used language to describe.....
- Q3** write about the structure of the story
- Q4** respond to a statement about the story

Paper Two – Writing (one hour)

You will choose one of two creative writing tasks to complete.

No right or wrong answer – just show off your creative writing skills!



**These are all skills that you have been practising since Year 7!
This is your opportunity to show us how fabulous you are!**

Science Assessment



How many papers will there be?

There are 2 papers, each 1 hour in length.

What will the papers include?

Paper 1 and 2 will include questions based on what students have studied throughout KS3 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics lessons.

What type of questions will there be?

There will be a range of multiple choice, structured and closed short answer questions.

What is the best way to prepare for the science assessment?

Revision is important. Each student will be provided with a list of topics to revise, supported with online videos to assist, all of which will be found on the their google classroom.

Attendance

Behaviour

Coursework, classwork and of course
homework



Attendance and Attainment

As a school we want to ensure you can make the most of your time here. We know that high attendance and the success of your future is linked.

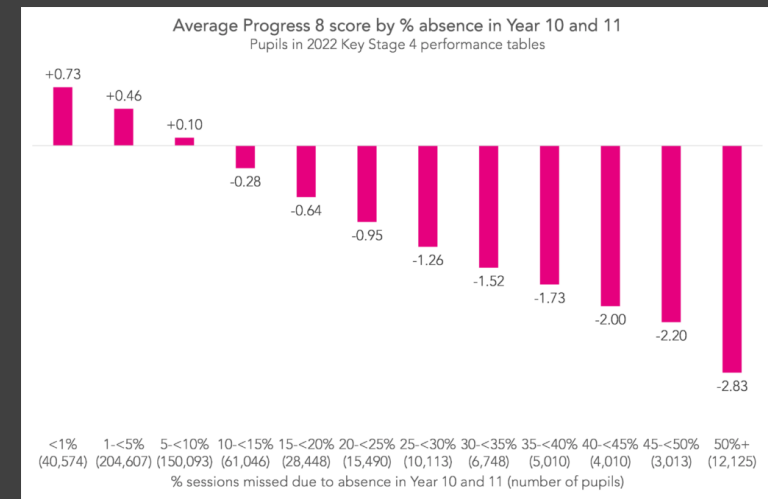
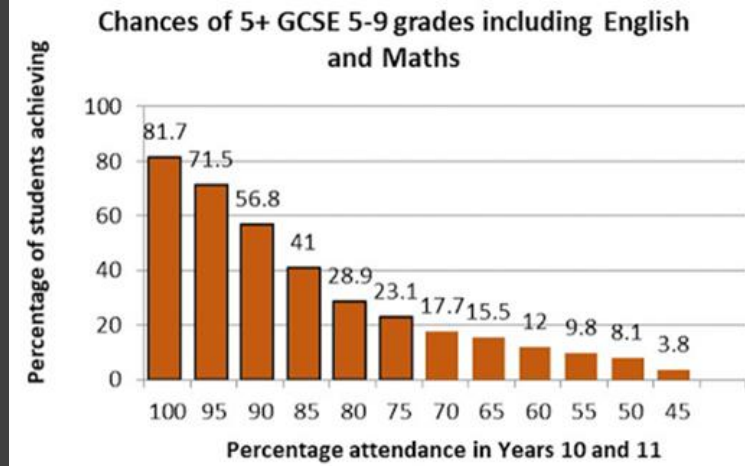
You are more likely to achieve success at GCSE level if you attend. The more you attend, the better your chances.

How much education is your child missing*?

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
Cause for concern	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
Unsatisfactory	92%	175 days	15	85
	91%	173 days	17	
	90%	171 days	19	95
Serious cause for concern	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Critical	86%	163 days	27	135
	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

*Figures based on 190 (whole year) expected attendance

Evidence from a Department for Education study shows a strong correlation between school attendance and GCSE success. The chart below illustrates this:



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