

Year 8 Options: Information Evening for Students, Parents & Carers

Thursday 10th January 2019

Welcome to Options' Evening

This evening's presentation will address these issues:

1. The big picture: looking ahead to your future
2. What is the curriculum that you will follow in years 9, 10 & 11?
3. What choices need to be made?

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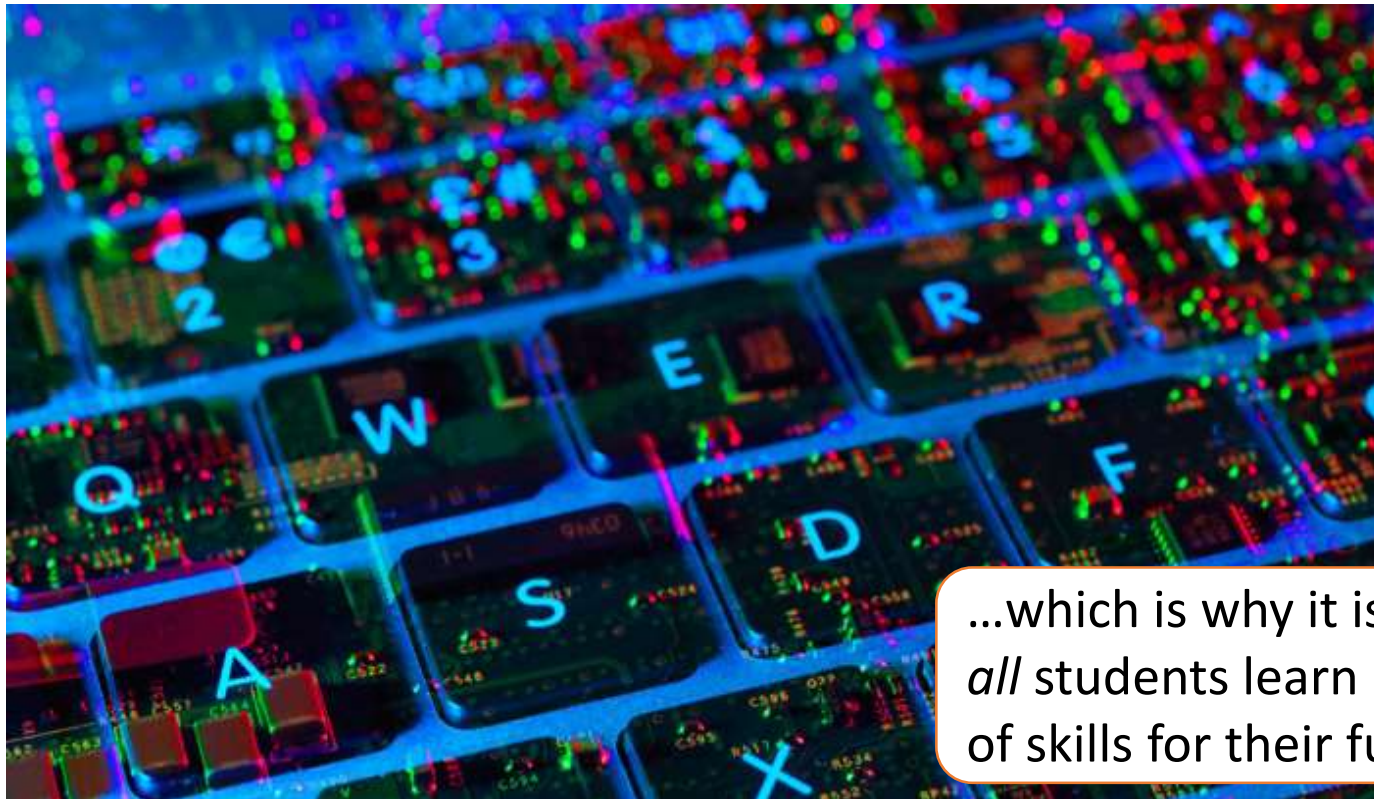
It is estimated that today's learner
will have 5-8 jobs by the age of 32

Many jobs in 2018
did not even exist in 2010

We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that have not been developed...

...in order to solve problems which we don't yet know are problems

This means an exciting future for *all* students...



...which is why it is important that *all* students learn a broad variety of skills for their future

Careers

- Please do see Mrs Speed tonight if you would like further information from our Careers Advisor



What do GCSEs do?



GCSEs prepare you for life in one of several pathways:

- Sixth Form
- Further Education at college
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Armed Forces

Most of you won't have considered which pathway is best for you yet, and even if you have, may even change your mind at a later stage.

GCSEs are a **stepping stone** to the next chapter in your lives, making choices now that keep a range of **options open** is a perfectly normal and sensible decision.

New GCSEs



GCSE subjects have been reformed:

- They have more demanding content
- Use 9 number grades 9-1 in place of 8 letter grades A*-G
- Some A-Level work is now in GCSEs
- Are linear with exams held at the end of year 11, not throughout the course
- No coursework. Assessment is mostly 100% exams...
- With some exceptions: controlled assessment for skills that cannot reliably be tested in exams.



Curriculum Change

- The expectation is now that students get good passes in 8 subjects, not 5
- There is a need for a broader & more balanced curriculum.
- The EBACC is a curriculum made up of English, Maths, Sciences, a Foreign Language and either Geography or History.
- The government says this should be the curriculum for 90% of students by 2025 but this is not yet compulsory.
- So should you do it?

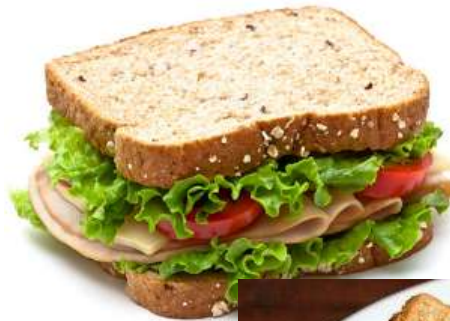


Possibly but possibly not!

It's all about choice!

- Select your ingredients carefully!
- Combine flavours to suit your taste.
- Know what works...
-and what doesn't!
- Don't choose something because you think you "should"

*Be happy with your sandwich,
It's yours for life!*



How NOT to make a good choice!

Do not pick an Option to be with your friends.....it's **YOUR** future not theirs!



Take your time to make the right choice for you

Reasons to choose a subject:

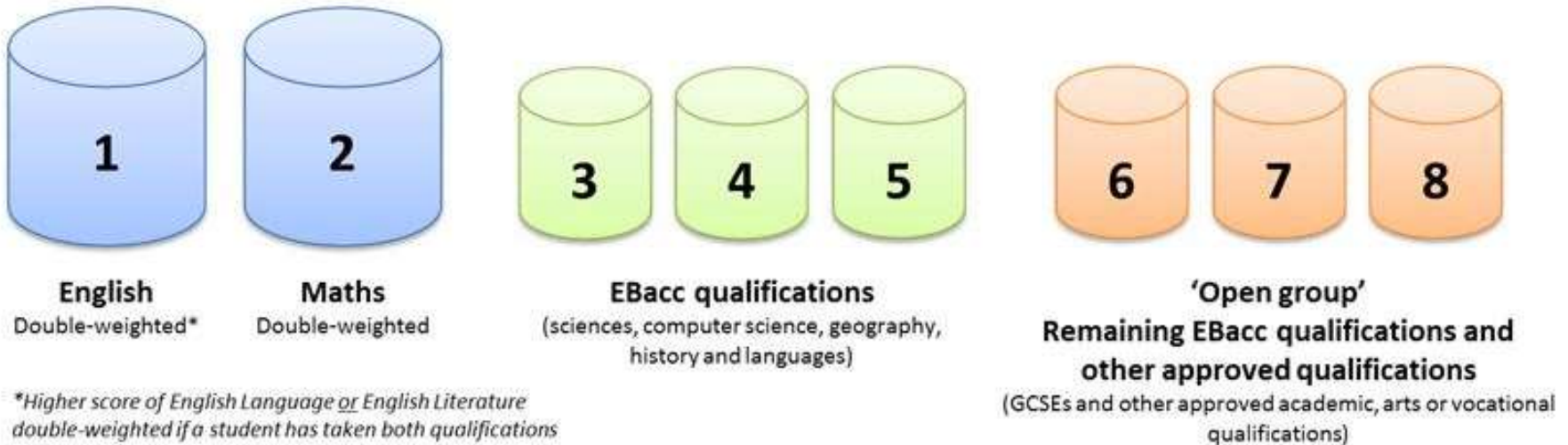
- You like the subject!
- You find it interesting
- You enjoy and want to be successful in it
- You have some skill in the subject
- Resource requirements/commitments and costs
- It's right level of qualification / learning style for you
- It is something you might want to study at 6th Form or college
- It relates to a career you are interested in
- English Baccalaureate choice (History, Geography, French & Spanish)
- It's a good reserve choice in case your preferred choice does not run

Information Advice & Guidance

- Students have been given initial advice in the form of:
 - ☐ Careers input
 - ☐ Options assemblies
 - ☐ An options Marketplace
 - ☐ Tutor time support
 - ☐ A questionnaire, used to create the options blocks



Progress 8 measure



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

The Oak KS4 Curriculum

5 English Language & Literature	4 Maths	6 Double Science	2 EBACC Option	2 Option 1	2 Option 2	2 Option 3	2 Core PE	1 Learning for Life	1.5 Enrichment
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**BUCKET
#1**

English Language

English Literature

Maths



**BUCKET
#2**

Computer Science

History

Geography

Double Science

French or Spanish



**BUCKET
#3**

ICT, Health & Social Care,
Sociology, Drama, Music,
Art, Childcare
Construction, Hospitality
(Food), Media, Sport

English Baccalaureate Subjects

French

Spanish

Geography

History

Computer Science

Students must choose one of these compulsory options as an English Baccalaureate subject

These
subjects are
“open”
which
means you
get to
choose 3

Open Subjects

Art GCSE

Drama GCSE

Health & Social Care GCSE

Media Studies GCSE

Music GCSE

Sociology GCSE

Childcare Vocational

Hospitality Vocational

Construction Vocational

ICT Vocational

Sport Vocational

The benefits of choosing practical or “Vocational” subjects

- ❖ These are non-GCSE courses with larger amounts of coursework than GCSE
- ❖ They are in practical subjects where skills cannot be reliably assessed by an exam.
 - BTEC vocational courses assessed by the exam board Edexcel.
 - OCR Nationals vocational courses assessed by OCR.
 - V-Certs vocational courses assessed by NCFE.
- ❖ The government has vetted all vocational courses. Over 3,000 have been scrapped.
- ❖ The ones we offer have been approved as important, relevant and rigorous, delivering high standards of education and successfully preparing students for further study.
- ❖ By choosing 1,2 or 3 vocational courses in the Open options, **you reduce the exam and revision load in Y11.**

Feedback from the survey

- Two Sport groups will be offered to meet demand
- Two Construction groups will be offered to meet demand
- Drama and Music will run as discrete courses
- Childcare is a new vocational option that we hope to run
- Hospitality (Food) is popular and may require a waiting list
- Two Geography groups may be needed
- Two History groups may be needed
- ICT vocational is more accessible than Computer Science
- Textiles cannot run due to low uptake
- Ethics & Philosophy cannot run due to low uptake

Duke of Edinburgh

- Through the Enrichment programme, we will offer an opportunity for students to take part in the ever popular Duke of Edinburgh programme

What is the DofE?

The DofE is the world's leading youth achievement award, giving millions of 14 to 24-year-olds the opportunity to be the very best they can be.



Bronze timescales:

- Volunteering section: 3 months
- Physical section: 3 months
- Skills section: 3 months
- Expedition section: 2 days/1 night



Final Guidance

- We can, will and do reserve the right to refuse students access to a course or withdraw them from it for the following reasons:
 - Poor student behaviour creating a health and safety issue e.g. Food, PE, Media or Construction
 - Performance anxiety issues or poor attendance impacting on the learning and grades of other students e.g. Drama (due to impact on group assessments)
 - Inappropriate use of social media and the internet e.g. ICT, Computing, Media
- Poor attendance will lead to underperformance especially on vocational courses with ongoing assessment
- If you have a record of poor behaviour in a subject you will only be allowed to choose it on the condition of improved behaviour
- **We will review your progress check data carefully as part of the options selection process**

The Options Blocks

Choose 1 subject in each column

Do not choose any subject more than once

Hand in by Friday 1st February 2019



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Year 8 Option Blocks for 2019-20

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English Baccalaureate	Option X	Option Y	Option Z
French	Drama	Media Studies ✓	Hospitality (Food)
Spanish	Sociology	Hospitality (Food)	Health & Social Care
Geography ✓	Construction ✓	Childcare	Music
History	Art	History	Construction
Computer Science	Hospitality (Food)	Sport	Sport ✓
	Geography		ICT



Choose ONE Subject from this column

and



Choose ONE Subject from EACH of these columns

The Options Form

Write your name & TG clearly!

Write your options here

Please sign it!



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Year 8 Options Form for 2019-20

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Name *Will Smith*

Tutor Group *8A*

Complete the table below showing which option you have chosen in each of the options blocks

REMEMBER

- At least one of your choices must be an English Baccalaureate subject from the first column.
- Use the Options Table on the reverse of this form to help you.
- The curriculum booklet provides advice and guidance on the subjects, how they are assessed and where they can lead to.
- Your tutor can help you to complete this form.

English Baccalaureate Option	Option X	Option Y	Option Z
<i>Geography</i>	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Media</i>	<i>Sport</i>

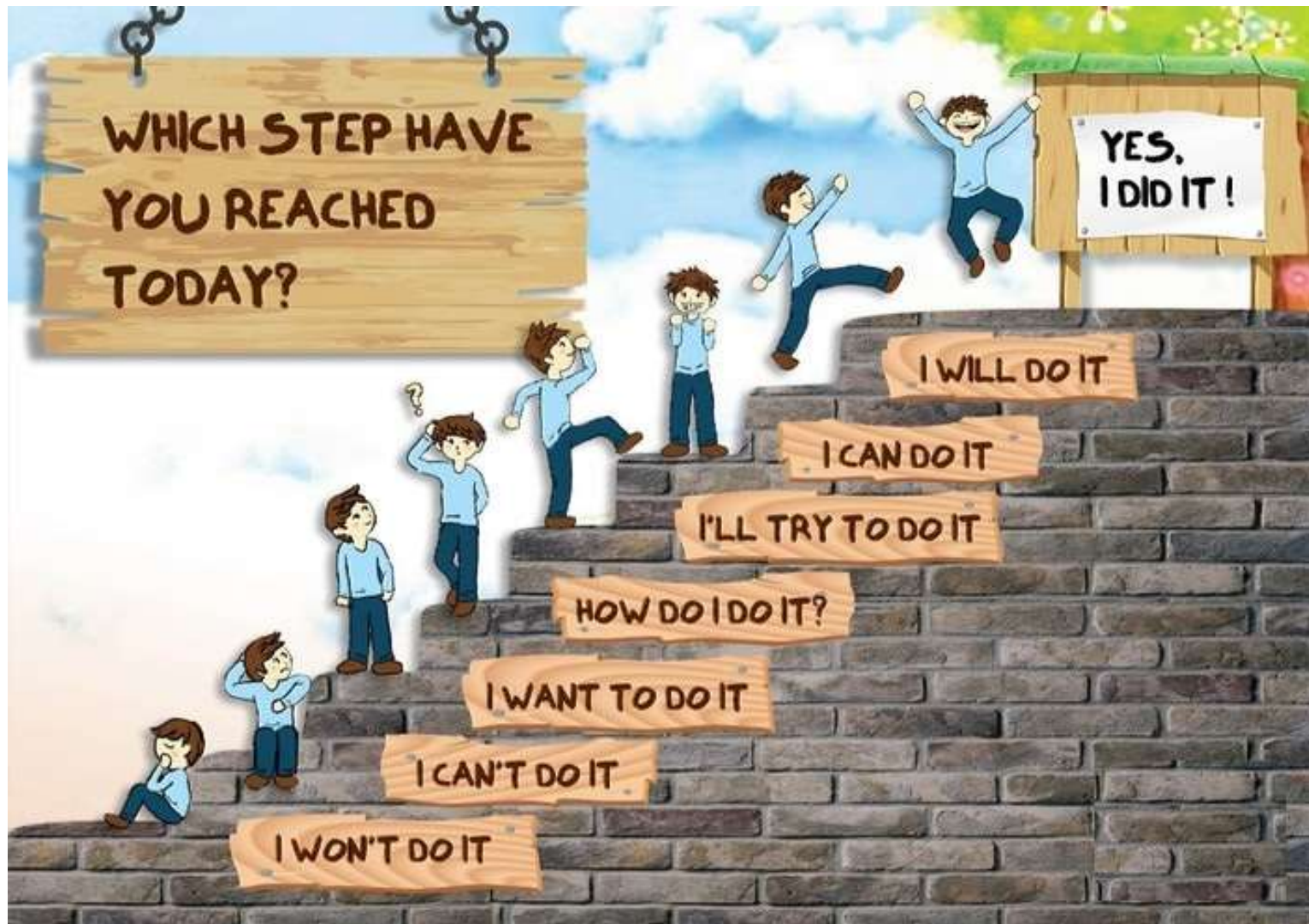
Completed forms should be given to your tutor.

The deadline for submission is Friday 1st Feb 2019

	Signature	Date
Student		
Parent		
Tutor		

Key Dates

Date	Activity
✓ 13 th November 2018	Assembly (during tutor time) This is to introduce students to the process and explain the difference between core & options subjects
✓ 15 th November 2018	Parents Consultation Evening There will be a short presentation during the normal PCE to begin the process with parents. Staff to advise students and parents
✓ 7 th December (Friday p.4)	Options Marketplace This is to give students the chance to talk to CALS and teachers about possible subject choices
✓ 10 th – 13 th December 2018	Options Survey Students tell us what they would provisionally like to study. We use this information to create options blocks.
8 th January 2019	Parents Information Evening To help parents stay informed about the process and have dedicated time for options discussions with CALS and teachers.
1 st February 2019	Options Forms Submitted This is the deadline for the final forms to be submitted to Mr Cornish.
Terms 3 & 4 2019	Individual Student Interviews & Confirmation of Choices Students are interviewed 1 to 1 and options choices are discussed with a senior leader. Final confirmation letters are sent to parents / carers



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Rooms for tonight

- English, Maths, Science and Careers are in the back of Hall B
- Ebacc subjects are in DT1
- Open Subjects are in DT1 & DT2
- Please do take advantage of the chance to talk with members of staff and curriculum leaders about the options ahead!

Finally

- Please enjoy the rest of your evening talking with colleagues about the subjects on offer
- Please talk to us about questions or queries so that we can work together throughout the process over the next few months
- **It is normal not to know right now and also to change your mind a few times before completing the form!**
- We look forward to receiving your forms soon

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