



Y10 Options 2020

Over the next few weeks and months your child will be making important decisions about which optional subjects to study in Years 11 and 12 for GCSE / Level 2.

Pupils may opt for a total of 9 courses which will be either:

- ✓ 9 GCSEs (one of which must be English Literature)
- ✓ 8 GCSEs + 1 Additional Qualification or Short Course

Why do we have option ‘blocks’ – why can we not just have an open choice?

Unfortunately, to have a workable timetable, it is impossible to avoid blocks of classes which all run at exactly the same time. If a student were allowed to pick two options that run at the same time, they obviously could not be present in both classes.

Pupils will be given a lot of information, advice and guidance to help them make this decision in the form of Careers classes, a Parent and Student Information Afternoon, the Parents’ Interviews and the Year 10 GCSE Options Booklet 2020/2021, which will be issued during the Information Afternoon. The options booklet will also give a Personalised Option Pathway to assist in making final choices. Parents can also be pro-active and get information, advice and guidance from the school website and ask your child to speak to their subject teachers.

Important Dates for your diary: (please note it is expected that all Y10 students and their parents/guardians will attend all sessions).

Options Information Session:	Wednesday 12th February 2020	12.45pm – 1.15pm
Options Afternoon (Departments):	Wednesday 12th February 2020	1.15pm – 2.30pm
Parent Interviews and Options:	Wednesday 26th February 2020	2.40pm – 5.00pm

(Parents/Guardians will receive their appointment times with a senior member of staff at the information day)

Below you will see a list of potential GCSE / Level 2 options. Please discuss the choices with your child. It’s important to choose subjects that they find enjoyable and can achieve success in, but also to keep a good balance of options.

All students must take:

4 Compulsory subjects at GCSE level:	
1 GCSE English Language	3 GCSE Single Science <i>or</i> Horticulture (choose one)
2 GCSE Mathematics	4 GCSE English Literature OR one Additional Qualification/Short Course

All students must also choose:

5 Optional subjects (entitlement areas):	
Arts	Art and Design, Music, Drama, iMedia, English Literature.
Sciences & Design and Technology	Double Science, Technology, Motor Vehicle Studies, Health & Social Care, Food & Nutrition, Child Development, Further Maths, Catering, Joinery & Metal work, CAD and Electronics, Digital Technology
Humanities	History, Geography, Learning for Life & Work, Religious Education, Travel & Tourism, Office Technology, Business Studies
Modern Foreign Languages	Spanish

It is not essential for your child to choose one subject from each area, but remember that studying a broad range of subjects at this stage is useful so that pupils have a wider base of options for later study and career choices. Further information about these subjects can be found in the Y10 options section of the school website.

In order that we try to create a timetable that matches student ambitions, please select 5 subjects on the attached sheet numbered 1 – 5 in order of preference with an additional R for a reserve. Please note that we will endeavour to match student requests as much as possible but it is a ‘best fit’ process so you may not get all of the options that you prefer.

The GCSE / Level 2 choices that are available for optional study for the academic years 2019 – 2021 are as follows:

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GCSE Art & Design	
GCSE Business Studies	
GCSE Child Development	
GCSE Digital Technology	Cannot be taken with OCN Certificate in IT Applications
GCSE Double Science (combined with single science, worth 2 GCSEs)	In order to be considered for the GCSE Double Science course, students should be attaining an average of 70% in their Y10 Science assessments. Y9 Science assessments will also be used in the event of the course being over-subscribed.
GCSE Drama	
GCSE English Literature*	In order to be considered for GCSE English Literature, students should be attaining an average of 70% in their Y10 English assessments. Y9 English assessments will also be used in the event of the course being over-subscribed. Students who choose to study English Literature will study this alongside their GCSE English Language.
GCSE Further Mathematics	In order to be considered for GCSE Further Mathematics, students should be attaining an average of 70% in their Y10 Mathematics assessments. Y9 Mathematics assessments will also be used in the event of the course being oversubscribed. This is particularly recommended for those interested in A Level Mathematics or an Engineering course.
GCSE Geography	
GCSE Health & Social Care	
GCSE History	
GCSE Home Economics Food Nutrition & Science	
GCSE Learning for Life and Work	
GCSE Motor Vehicle Studies	
GCSE Music	
GCSE Physical Education	You must regularly take part in a minimum of 2 different sports
GCSE Religious Studies	You cannot chose both GCSE Religious Studies <i>and</i> short course GCSE RE
GCSE Spanish	
GCSE Technology & Design	
BTEC Travel & Tourism	
Cambridge National Award in iMedia	
OCN Certificate in IT Applications	Cannot be taken with Digital Technology
Occupational Studies Contemporary Cuisine, Patisserie & Baking	Occupational Studies courses are usually only offered to those students who in the careful consideration of the College would benefit from this type of course. Due to the heavy practical content of these courses, student numbers are normally small.
Occupational Studies Horticulture	
Additional Qualifications and Short Courses*	
A. Occupational Studies Joinery & Hand Fitting B. Occupational Studies Computer Aided Design & Electronics C. Occupational Studies Office Procedures and Office Technology D. Short Course GCSE Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are not choosing English Literature, you <u>must</u> choose one of these four options. • You cannot select more than one. • You cannot select any of these options if you are studying English Literature

Please note that courses will run only if sufficient numbers of students apply for that course to be viable. In addition, if any course is over-subscribed, student assessment attainment, benchmarking data and student's skills and aptitudes in that subject will be taken into consideration when classes are finalised.