

Year 9 Choices Programme 2017 - 2019

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Yesterday your child received:

- ▶ **A letter** about the Choices Event Programme.
- ▶ **An appointment sheet for Parents' Evening.**
- ▶ **A Course Selection Handbook.** This will have all the information about the courses we offer.



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Choices Event Programme

EVENT	DATE
Programme Launched (assembly)	Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Distribution of Course Selection Handbook and parental letter	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
GCSE Options Information Evening	Thursday 5 th January 2017
'Choices Selection 2017-2019' forms	Friday 6 th January 2017
Choices Sessions within the department	Week commencing Monday 9 th January 2017
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 18 th January 2017
Choices Selection Forms 2017-2019 returns	Friday 20 th January 2017
Individual Pupil Interviews	Week commencing Monday 23 rd January 2017



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What Will Your Timetable Look Like in Year 10 and 11?

Your timetable will consist of:

- ▶ 16 core lessons (no choice)
- ▶ 9 foundation lessons (choice)

What are the Core Subjects?

These are the subjects you must do. They include:

- ▶ English
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Science
- ▶ ICT

- ▶ PE
- ▶ PSHCRE



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What are the Foundation Subjects?

These are the subjects that you choose to do. You must choose three subjects to study. The choices include:

- ▶ Art & Design
- ▶ **Business Studies**
- ▶ Computing
- ▶ **Dance**
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ **Engineering**
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ **Graphic Communication**
- ▶ Food Preparation and Nutrition
- ▶ History
- ▶ **Media Studies**
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Product Design
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ French
- ▶ **Italian**
- ▶ **Textile Design**
- ▶ Triple Science

All subjects
are listed in
the booklet.





Before Choosing Your Three Foundation Subjects

- ▶ Read all the information in the booklet.
- ▶ Listen to the course information sessions from the teachers.
- ▶ Listen to the Positive Steps Advisor.
- ▶ Talk to your Form Tutor and parents/carers.



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When Choosing Your Three Subjects to Study:

▶ DO

- ✓ Consider studying a broad range of subjects.
- ✓ Consider subjects that you have **enjoyed** in KS3.
- ✓ Consider which subjects you are **successful** at.
- ✓ If you already have clear ideas about your career/ future take this into account – **ask for advice**.

▶ DON'T

- x Pick subjects to be with your friends.
- x Pick or not pick subjects because of the teacher.
- x Pick subjects because you think they are easy options – **they aren't**.



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Restrictions

- ▶ You cannot study a combination of Art & Design, Graphic Communication and Textiles.
- ▶ You should achieve a level **6** in your end of year Science exam if you wish to choose Triple Science.
- ▶ We do try to meet all options requests – however, this is not always possible. Your child will be informed of this if it occurs.



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Using Your Child's Year 9 Report

Subject	Working at Grade	Attitude to Learning Grade
English	6a	7
Mathematics	8c	5
Physical Education	5b	6
Religious Education	6a	7
Science	7b	6
Drama	7a	7
Graphic Design	5c	6
Geography	6a	7
History	6b	7
Music	8c	7
STEM	6c	6
Computer Science	6/5	6
French	6b	6

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Using Your Child's Year 9 Report

Subject	Working at Grade	Attitude to Learning Grade
English	5b	4
Mathematics	5a	4
Physical Education	4a	4
Religious Education	5b	3
Science	5a	4
Art and Design	5c	4
Business Studies	5c	4
Food Technology	4a	3
Geography	5b	3
History	5c	3
Information Technology	4b	4
French	4b	4



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Other Things to Consider.... Broad and Balanced

Every pupil should follow a broad and balanced curriculum. We would anticipate that in the vast majority of cases this should include at least one of the following subjects

- ▶ Triple Science
- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ French
- ▶ Italian



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Other Things to Consider.... The Facilitating Subjects

- ▶ The Government and leading universities have identified a number of “facilitating” subjects.
- ▶ These are English Language, Mathematics, Science, Humanities subjects (Geography or History) and Modern Foreign Languages (French or Italian).
- ▶ English, Mathematics and Science are core subjects and must be studied.
- ▶ Humanities and MFL are optional.



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Other Things to Consider....

How GCSEs are Changing

- ▶ Linear courses with terminal exams – most pupils will do all their exams at the end of Year 11.
- ▶ No re-sits.
- ▶ In Summer 2019 grading will be 1-9 rather, than A* - G
- ▶ Grade 5 is the new C.



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Other Things to Consider.... Raising the Participation Age

- ▶ Raising of participation age – all pupils to remain in education or training until 18.
- ▶ What does it really mean?
- ▶ It does NOT mean they have to stay at school.
- ▶ They have other choices:
 - Full time education (school or college)
 - Work Based Learning (apprenticeship)
 - Part-time education/training if employed, self-employed or volunteering for 20+ hours
- ▶ We expect that in summer 2019 pupils must achieve a grade 5 in English and Mathematics or they will be required to study these after 16.



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Next Steps

- ▶ **Read the choices Event Programme letter.** Your child was given this yesterday.
- ▶ **Encourage your child to make appointments for the Year 9 Parents' Evening.** Pupils should be making appointments with the Core subject teachers and those Foundation subjects they are considering taking.
- ▶ **Read the Course Selection Handbook with your child.** This will have all the information about the courses we offer.

Tomorrow your child's Form Tutor will distribute and explain how to fill in the **Choices Selection 2017 – 2019 Form.**



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'Choices Selection
2017-2019' forms
20th January 2017



GCSE Choices Selection 2017-2019

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'Choices Selection
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20th January 2017

Name:		Tutor Group:	
Subject	Minimum Expected Level	Working at Grade	Attitude to Learning
Mathematics			
English			
Science			
First Choice	:		
Second Choice	:		
Third Choice	:		
Fourth Choice (reserve)	:		
If you have a clear idea about your future career, please indicate below:			
Current Attendance	:		
Signed by pupil	:		
Signed by parent/carer	:		
Date	:		
Please return to your child's Form Tutor no later than Friday 20 th January 2017.			

The following details will already be filled in:

- Name & Tutor Group.
- Core Data
- Attendance.

You will need to fill in:

- The foundation subjects you wish to do (1st, 2nd, 3rd choices).
- A reserve choice (4th choice).
- What you would like to do as a career in the future.
- You and your parents/carers must sign the form.