



YOUR CURRICULUM CHOICES 2025

Planning your next steps in
your journey towards your
future

Aspire... Work hard... Be kind...



MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Your curriculum choices are an important point in your education. Soon you will choose some of the subjects that you will continue to study until the end of Year 11. We know it can sometimes be a difficult time and that you will have questions: Which subject is right for me? How do I choose? What if I don't know what I want to do in the future? We will help you to make the choices about your future learning that is right for you. Our qualifications are designed to allow you to on the door to both vocational and A-Level studies after Year 11.

Year 9 is an important year as it means you can start to shape your future and we are here to help guide you through this process. This booklet outlines key dates and subject overviews to assist you in making the right choices. In addition to this booklet, we will hold a **Curriculum Choices Evening** on **Thursday 6 March 2025**.

This booklet is designed to help give you lots of information to assist you in making decisions about your learning. Please read the information in this booklet carefully and if you have any questions, you can either speak to the subject staff listed or speak to Mr Brownlow.

We hope that the information allows you to make the right choices that will enable you to succeed over the next two years and beyond.

Mr J Brownlow

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KEY DATES

- **Wednesday 5 March 2025**
Curriculum Choices Assembly
- **Thursday 6 March 2025, 4:00-6:00pm**
Curriculum Choices Evening
- **Week Commencing 10 March 2025**
Curriculum Choices form completed
- **Thursday 20 March**
Deadline for Curriculum Choices form
to be submitted
- **Monday 30 April onwards**
Follow up conversations



WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I TAKE AT THE END OF YEAR 11?

**English Language
&
English Literature**

Mathematics

Science

**At least 1
EBacc Subject**
(History, Geography,
French, Spanish)

**1 additional
EBacc/Creative
subject**

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CORE CURRICULUM

CORE

All students will continue on their curriculum pathways in English, Maths and Science. They will also participate in Core PE and Ethics.

Mathematics

In Maths, you will learn how to apply a broad range of mathematical concepts to solve problems and apply mathematical reasoning. You will develop your skills across a wide range of topics in Number, Algebra, Geometry, Ratio & Proportion and Probability & Statistics.

English Language English Literature

In English you will study fiction and non-fiction texts. You will write in a variety of forms such as narrative descriptions and argumentative essays. You will also develop presentation skills in front of an audience.

Science

You will learn how to interpret the world around you in a scientific context. You will cover topics in Biology, Chemistry & Physics, completing practical work where you will collect, analyse and evaluate your own data.

Core PE

You will take part in PE once a week to support a healthy lifestyle and learn about fitness

Personal Development and Religious Studies

Includes all of the things that you need in order to be a safe, happy, healthy and successful adult.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR KEY CHOICES

Please use this booklet to help you learn as much as you can about the choices on offer to you.

A brief overview of the course with a description of some of the topics you might cover.

**BUSINESS (BTEC)** CREATIVE

What will I learn?

This course has two elements: internally assessed coursework and a final examination. Through the eyes of an entrepreneur, your coursework will include developing your own start up idea as well as investigating a range of businesses and how they work. Taking everything you have learned from the coursework, the exam element looks at business finance and marketing for small businesses and how to make a business successful.

What skills are needed?

- Good organisation and communication
- Focus and enthusiasm
- Numeracy to calculate financial problems
- Literacy to present your ideas and research

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1 Internally Assessed Coursework worth 30%	Component 2 Internally Assessed Coursework worth 30%	Component 3 Externally Assessed Project worth 40%
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Anything else that I need to be aware of?

Business combines theory and practical skills to give you the insight into starting, running and working in a business.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Project Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Human Resources
- Finance Manager

Skills you will develop as you continue with this subject until the end of Year 11.

Any other information that you might need to know.

Careers that are linked to this subject.

An overview of how the course is assessed (e.g. exam, non-examined assessment, performance etc.) Please remember that some courses are being updated by the exam board so the details here might change slightly.

Who you need to talk to if you have any questions about the course.

DO ✓

- Choose subjects that you like and are excited about.
- Choose subjects you are doing well in.
- Listen to advice from your teachers, Mr Smith or Mr Brownlow.

DON'T ✗

- Choose subjects just because your friends have chosen it
- Choose a subject because you like or don't like a certain teacher. They might not end up teaching you!



HOW TO ENTER YOUR CHOICES

Once you have done your research, discussed your subjects with parents and teachers and written your choices on the *My Choices* section in this booklet, you will need to complete the form. We will do this at school during tutor time over the next 2 weeks, ensure you bring your completed curriculum choices booklet to school.

Place French, Spanish (only if studied in Year 9) History and Geography in order of how much you would like to study them.

Next, make your subject choices in order of preference.

Finally, tell us about about other languages you might speak.

Please make your choices on this form.
Note: Once you submit your answers, you cannot edit them on this form. You can only submit this form once.

Hi, Chris, When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Please place French, History and Geography in order of how much you would like to study them.
(for example, if French is your top choice, drag French to the top)

French

Geography

History

2. Which subject is your 1st choice? *

Select your answer

3. Which subject is your 2nd choice? *

Select your answer

4. Which subject is your 3rd choice? *

Select your answer

5. Which subject is your 4th choice? *

Select your answer

6. Do you speak another language (other than English)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Which language(s)? (If none, please write 'none' in the box) *

Enter your answer

Submit

You will only be able to make your choices once on this form, once you press submit you cannot edit the form.

OPTIONS SUBJECTS



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ART & DESIGN

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Art is a powerful subject that boosts your imagination, helps you express ideas, and hones your practical skills. It can lead to exciting careers like web design, animation, photography, movie making, and more.

What Skills are needed?

- Developing critical understanding
- Presenting a personal meaningful response.

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Personal Portfolio

Non-Exam Assessment
worth 60%

Externally Set Exam

Project including 10 hour
exam worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

There are written components to this course.

You should be committed to complete work at home.

WHO TO CONTACT

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The course has different pathways based on your skills:

- Photography: Focuses on digital and technical skills.
- Fine Art: Great for those who love painting and drawing.
- Graphic Design: Perfect for detail-oriented visual work.

Career examples:

- Illustrator
- Art Director
- Photographer
- Multimedia Artist



BUSINESS (BTEC)

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What skills are needed?

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- Focus and enthusiasm
- Numeracy to calculate financial problems
- Literacy to present your ideas and research

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Internally Assessed
Coursework worth 30%

Component 2

Internally Assessed
Coursework worth 30%

Component 3

Externally Assessed
Project worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

Business combines theory and practical skills to give you the insight into starting, running and working in a business.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mrs M Davies

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Career examples:

- Project Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Human Resources
- Finance Manager



BUSINESS (GCSE)

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Students will apply their knowledge and understanding to different business contexts ranging from small enterprises to large multinationals and businesses operating in local, national and global contexts. Students develop an understanding of how these contexts impact on business behaviour.

Content covered includes the interdependent nature of business activity, influences on business, business operations, finance, marketing and human resources, and how these interdependencies underpin business decision making how different business contexts affect business decisions.

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Paper 1

Written Exam worth 50%

Paper 2

Written Exam worth 50%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

Business combines theory and practical skills to give you the insight into starting, running and working in a business.

What skills are needed?

- Good organisation and communication
- Focus and enthusiasm
- Numeracy to calculate financial problems
- Literacy to present your ideas and research

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Project Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Human Resources
- Finance Manager



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

This course gives learners the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and understanding of child development and growth up to the age of five, how children learn through play and how meeting the needs of individual children will support their development, play and learning

What skills are needed?

- Practical
- Production
- Responding to design briefs
- Creativity
- Communication skills

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Internally Assessed
Coursework worth 30%

Component 2

Internally Assessed
Coursework worth 30%

Component 3

Externally Assessed
Project worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

It is a practical introduction to the application of play opportunities for the learning and development of children in a variety of environments.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Nursing
- Social Care
- Nursery Worker
- Childminder



CONSTRUCTION

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

By studying for the Level 2 Award in Constructing the Built Environment you will develop three practical skills from nine possible skills. Those available are Wood, Brick, Plaster, Decorating, Tiling Electrical, Plumbing, Heritage and Textiles. Your teacher will tell you which ones are available. In addition to these practical skills you will gain other construction related skills including budgeting and project planning. You will also be able to gain essential employability skills that are valued by employers, further and higher education.

What skills are needed?

- Literacy and numeracy
- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Planning and organisation
- Creativity and innovation
- Personal effectiveness

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Unit 1

Written Exam
worth 25%

Unit 2

Practical Skills
Assessment
worth 50%

Unit 3

Non-Exam Assessment
worth 25%

WHO TO CONTACT

Mr J Brownlow

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Career examples:

- Engineer
- Bricklayer
- Plumber
- Quantity Surveyor



DESIGN

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

This course is aimed at people who are interested in pursuing a career in the creative industries.

You'll learn both the practical, artistic skills and the theory that informs them. There will also be help to develop your professional practice. You will develop products using textiles, paper and board.

The opportunities you will have are :

- Explore what it's like to learn in a design environment and gain the underpinning knowledge and skills required to work in it.
- Learn about tools, techniques, and equipment.
- Apply your creativity to real-life contexts and vocational scenarios.

How will I be examined? (Vocational)

Personal Portfolio

Non-Exam 20 hour
Assessment worth 60%

Externally Set Exam

Project including 20 hour
exam worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

There are written components to this course.

You should be committed to complete work at home.

WHO TO CONTACT

Ms Y Harvey

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Career examples:

- Textile Designer
- Interior Designer
- Creative director
- Buyer



DRAMA

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

You will improve your knowledge of performing skills and the theory of drama, including studying key drama practitioners and their work. You will develop your understanding of the entire theatre making process and develop your confidence and practical skills. You will gain the confidence to pursue your own ideas, as well as reflect and refine your efforts.

What skills are needed?

- Thinking skills
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication skills and problem solving
- Good time management
- Ability to meet deadlines

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Component 1

Externally Assessed
worth 40%

Component 2

Non-Exam Assessment
worth 40%

Component 3

Non-Exam Assessment
worth 20%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

The course does require you to perform in front of others.

You will also be offered time outside of lessons to complete rehearsals.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Teacher
- Police
- Actor
- Therapist

As Drama develops transferable skills, these can be applied to any career path and is a desirable subject for many employees.



FRENCH

EBACC

What will I learn?

You will study three themes of: people and lifestyle; popular culture; communication and the world around us. You will develop your ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language. The course will build your confidence and broaden your horizons to develop new ways of seeing the world and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language. You will learn how to understand and respond to spoken texts and will take part in dictation exercises where you will learn how to write down what people are saying in French. You will also take part in translation exercises from French into English and from English into French.

Career examples:

- Journalism,
- Health care,
- Sport (playing and behind the scenes, eg physiotherapy)
- Travel
- Chef
- Entertainment
- IT

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

You will have the opportunity to listen, speak, read and write in French for much of your time in this subject.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mrs J Turner

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What skills are needed?

- Perseverance
- Precision
- Drive and determination
- Effective communication
- Flexibility

How will I be examined?

(GCSE: Foundation/Higher)

Listening

(35/45 minutes)

Exam worth 25%

Speaking

(7-9 mins/10-12 mins,
plus 15 mins prep time)

Exam worth 25%

Reading

(45/60 minutes)

Exam worth 25%

Writing

(70/75 minutes)

Exam worth 25%



What will I learn?

You will learn about a range of physical & human processes that continuously shape our planet and lives. You will increase your awareness of local & global issues, through investigating current challenges and opportunities. Economic, environmental, and social sustainability is a key theme that underpins the whole Geography curriculum. Geography focuses on the present, but more importantly the future.

What skills are needed?

- An inquisitive mind
- The ability to see issues from different perspectives
- Being able to:
 - Describe patterns
 - Explain processes
 - Analyse information
 - Compare data
 - Justify your reasons

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Paper 1 - 35%

Living
with the Physical
Environment
(1 hour 30 mins)

Paper 2 - 35%

Challenges in the
Human Environment
(1 hour 30 mins)

Paper 3- 30%

Geographical
Applications
(1 hour 30 mins)

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

You will complete physical and human fieldwork outside of school.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Cartographer
- Landscape Architect
- Travel Writer
- Environmental Scientist



HAIR and BEAUTY

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Explore hair and beauty businesses and services and understand careers within the industry. You will: analyse the anatomy and physiology of the hair and skin; evaluate the development, sustainability and effects on the environment when creating a formulation of a product; learn entrepreneurial skills to design and market a new product; learn professional skills to perform services and treatments in a commercial salon environment.

What skills are needed?

- Personal development and critical reflection.
- Interpret, analyse and apply knowledge.
- Organisation, planning and research skills.
- Innovation and creativity
- Reasoning
- Problem solving

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Written Exam
Worth 40%

Component 2

Internally Assessed
Coursework
Worth 60%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

In Hair and Beauty, you need to be aware that working with others is part of the role/course.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Hairdresser / Barber
- Beauty Therapist
- Image Consultant
- Special Effects
Make-up Artist



HEALTH and SOCIAL

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Health & Social Care allows you to build an understanding of how humans grow and develop and how the different providers of health, social care and early years work to support this. During the course you will develop research and independent learning skills, crucial for any future study or career pathways in this and other sectors. You may want to study this course if you are interested in a 'caring' career in the future – such as working in Healthcare, Education, Social care or Childcare.

What skills are needed?

- Communication
- Empathy
- Enthusiasm
- Patience
- Literacy skills to respond to case studies

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Internally Assessed
Coursework
Worth 30%

Component 2

Internally Assessed
Coursework
Worth 30%

Component 3

Externally
Assessed Exam
Worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

In Health and Social Care, you need to be aware that working with others is part of the role/course.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mrs M Davies

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Career examples:

- Occupational Therapist
- Nurse / Midwife
- Counsellor
- Social Worker



What will I learn?

You will learn about a wide variety of past events and people from different societies. You will study four units: Crime and Punishment in England c1000-present day, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, Weimar and Nazi Germany and The Cold War. You will broaden your knowledge of the past by asking relevant questions, investigating sources and evaluating historical interpretations of events. You will learn to organise and communicate information logically.

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Paper 1

Crime and
Punishment
1h 20 mins
Worth 30%

Paper 2

Anglo Saxon and
Norman England
Cold War
1h 50 mins
Worth 40%

Paper 3

Weimar and
Nazi Germany
1h 30 mins
Worth 30%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

There may be opportunities to go on trips to relevant locations to develop your understanding of the units covered.

WHO TO CONTACT

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What skills are needed?

- Source and data analysis
- Research skills
- Independent thinking
- Problem solving
- Analytical evaluation
- Collaboration

Career examples:

- Archaeology
- Museology
- Documentary Film-making
- Tour Guide



HOSPITALITY

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

You will gain a strong understanding of the vocational catering and hospitality sector such as restaurants and hotels. You will develop your cookery skills and prepare, cook and present nutritional dishes. You will develop your knowledge of food hygiene and safety.

What skills are needed?

- Creativity
- Food Design skills
- Teamwork
- Evaluation
- Development
- Organisation
- Independent skills

How will I be examined? (Vocational)

Personal Portfolio

Non-Exam Written and
Practical Assessment
worth 60%

Externally Set Exam

1h 20 mins written exam
worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

There are written components to this course which are essential to complete this course.

You should be committed to complete work at home.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Chef
- Food Technologist
- Naturopath
- Nutritional Therapist



What will I learn?

You will learn about information technology and its application to the real world.

You will be able to identify effective ways of working in digital information technology such as cyber security, virtual teams, legal and ethical codes of conduct. You will develop key skills such as project planning, design and creating user interfaces, and creating dashboards to present and interpret data.

What skills are needed?

- Technological and information literacy skills
- Planning and design skills
- Communication
- Innovation
- Creativity
- Analysis
- Evaluation

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Internally Assessed
Coursework
30%

Component 2

Internally Assessed
Coursework
30%

Component 3

Written examination
1 paper
40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

You will develop a range of software skills from user interface design to using spreadsheet software to produce models.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mrs M Davies

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Career examples:

- Cyber security analyst
- Software engineer
- Network engineer
- Web designer



MUSIC

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

You will perform, compose and listen to a wide range of musical styles. You will develop these performance and composing skills over time, analysing your own work and that of others. You will look at industry practice and create a product of your own using the skills learnt through all of the areas of study.

What skills are needed?

- Thinking skills
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Creativity
- Evaluation

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Arts in Practice

Creating a product
Worth 40%

Performing

On an instrument
of your choice
worth 30%

Composition

Writing your own
music
worth 30%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

You will be given music lessons on an instrument of your choice.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Sound Designer/Engineer
- Musician
- Music Promoter/Therapist
- Special Effects/Technician

What will I learn?

Students will be provided with a **well-rounded and full introduction** to the world of PE, sport and sport science by developing an understanding of how the mind and body works in relation to performance in physical activity.

This course embeds a '**supporting through practice' approach**, designed to enable all students to further their understanding of the subject through application of knowledge in a variety of methods.

What skills are needed?

- Excellent level of sporting performance in a range of sports
- Good level of sporting knowledge in a range of sports
- Keen sporting interest outside of school
- Resilience
- Independent thinking skills
- Research Skills
- Communication Skills

How will I be examined? (GCSE Qualification)

Fitness & Body Systems

Written Exam
worth 36%

Health & Performance

Written Exam
worth 24%

Practical Performance

Non-Exam
Assessment
worth 30%

Personal Exercise Programme

Coursework
worth 10%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

The PE team are available to answer any questions or offer advice when considering your suitability for this course.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mr B Howarth

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Career examples:

- Physiotherapist
- Sports Coach
- Performance Analyst
- Nutritionist



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills.

What skills are needed?

- Thinking skills
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication skills and problem solving
- Good time management
- Ability to meet deadlines

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Christianity

External
Assessment
Worth 25%

Islam

External
Assessment
Worth 25%

Themes

External
Assessment
Worth 50%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

The subject will include just one written exam covering two religions and two philosophical/ ethical themes.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Chaplain
- Teacher
- Journalist
- Counsellor



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues.

Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills.

What skills are needed?

- Thinking skills
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication skills and problem solving
- Good time management
- Ability to meet deadlines

How will I be examined? (GCSE)

Component 1

External
Assessment
Worth 25%

Component 2

External
Assessment
Worth 25%

Component 3

External
Assessment
Worth 50%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

There are two routes through this specification. Students should enter the qualification either including or excluding Textual studies..

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Chaplain
- Teacher
- Journalist
- Counsellor



SPANISH

EBACC

What will I learn?

You will study three themes of People and lifestyle; Popular culture; Communication and the world around us. You will develop your ability and ambition to communicate independently in speech and writing with speakers of the language. The course will build your confidence and broaden your horizons to develop new ways of seeing the world and better understand relationships between the foreign language and the English language. You will learn how to understand and respond to spoken texts and will take part in dictation exercises where you will learn how to write down what people are saying in Spanish. You will also take part in translation exercises from Spanish into English and from English into Spanish.

Career examples:

- Journalism,
- Health care,
- Sport (playing and behind the scenes, eg physiotherapy)
- Travel
- Chef
- Entertainment
- IT

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

You will have the opportunity to listen, speak, read and write in Spanish for much of your time in this subject.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mrs J Turner

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What skills are needed?

- Perseverance
- Precision
- Drive and determination
- Effective communication
- Flexibility

How will I be examined?

(GCSE: Foundation/Higher)

Listening

(35/45 minutes)

Exam worth 25%

Speaking

(7-9 mins/10-12 mins,
plus 15 mins prep time)

Exam worth 25%

Reading

(45/60 minutes)

Exam worth 25%

Writing

(70/75 minutes)

Exam worth 25%

What will I learn?

You will deepen your passion for sport, performance & physical fitness, developing your knowledge and understanding through theory-based work and sporting participation. You will gain knowledge of sports leadership and performance, outdoor adventure activities and contemporary issues in sport. You will then apply knowledge gained by leading coaching sessions and analysing performance.

What skills are needed?

- A good level of sporting performance
- Keen sporting interest
- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Independent thinking skills
- Research Skills
- Communication Skills

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Unit 1

Externally
Assessed
Exam worth 40%

Unit 2

Non-Exam
Assessment
worth 40%

Unit 3

Internally
Assessed
worth 20%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

The PE team are available to answer any questions or offer advice when considering your suitability for this course.

WHO TO CONTACT

Mr B Howarth

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Career examples:

- Physiotherapist
- Sports Coach
- Performance Analyst
- Nutritionist



TRAVEL & TOURISM

CREATIVE

What will I learn?

The travel and tourism sector is recognised globally as being fast-paced and dynamic, providing a range of employment opportunities including jobs linked to airlines, tour operators or tourism accommodation. The course will investigate travel and tourism companies, customer needs and customer service in the tourism sector and understanding destinations in the UK and worldwide.

What skills are needed?

- Thinking skills
- Creativity
- Decision making
- Problem solving,
- Research skills,
- Ability to meet deadlines

How will I be examined? (Vocational Qualification)

Component 1

Non-Exam
Assessment
Worth 30%

Component 2

Non-Exam
Assessment
Worth 30%

Component 3

External
Assessment
Worth 40%

Anything else that I need to be aware of?

The qualification can link well with those studying languages and those who are interested in jobs involving travel including journalism.

WHO TO CONTACT

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Career examples:

- Travel Agent
- Hotel Manager
- Pilot
- Tour Guide



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I have to choose?

There isn't enough time in the curriculum to continue studying your Year 9 subjects. This means you have to choose 3 that you will carry on studying until Year 11.

Why do I have to choose reserve subjects?

We will try really hard to make sure that everyone can study their first choice subjects. However, sometimes we can't offer certain combinations of subjects, or have a limited number of places. This means that it is really important that you think carefully about the order you put your choices in, as you may be studying one of your reserve choices.

What is an 'Ebacc' subject and why do I have to choose one?

The 'Ebacc' subjects include History, Geography, French or Spanish. The Government also advises students to take at least one Ebacc subject to make sure that you have a broad and balanced set of qualifications at the end of Year 11.

Why do I only get 3 choices?

Everyone will take Maths, English, Science, Personal Development and Core PE. Some of you will be on the Ebacc pathway where you will choose History or Geography and French or Spanish, in addition to two creative subjects. Others will be on the Core pathway choosing one of History, Geography or French and three creative subjects. Others will be on an individual pathway.

What are 'vocational qualifications' (e.g. BTECs)?

These are alternative qualifications to GCSEs that offer an alternate approach to learning. The final qualification is equivalent to a GCSE and they are usually made up of a higher percentage of 'coursework-style' assignments.

What if I change my mind?

This is very unlikely to happen as you will give us reserve choices that you are happy to study if your first choices are unavailable. We don't usually allow students to swap classes.

What if I don't know what I want to do in the future?

Don't worry, lots of people don't. All these subject offer solid foundations for further study so focus on subjects that you enjoy and are doing well in.



WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR ADVICE OR SUPPORT?

For subject specific questions, please speak to the teacher/curriculum lead listed on the subject page in this booklet. For more general questions or specific guidance, please contact Mr Brownlow.



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NOTES

Please use this space (and the page overleaf) to write about any conversations you have had with your parents/carers.

Which subjects am I interested in and why?





ADDITIONAL NOTES

Aspire... Work hard... Be kind...



CHOICES

What are my final choices?

EBacc	PREFERENCE 1=MOST 4= LEAST	WHY? How does this link to my future
French		
Geography		
History		
Spanish <i>(You must have studied Spanish in Year 9 to continue. Otherwise, put 4)</i>		

CHOICES	SUBJECT	WHY? How does this link to my future
1		
2		
3		
4 (RESERVE)		
5 (RESERVE)		

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