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CATHOLIC
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SIXTH FORM

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YEAR 8 OPTIONS PROCESS

2017 - 2020

Why change the curriculum

- Move to linear examinations
- Maximise time with free choice subjects
- Improve decision making into Year 10

Compulsory subjects in Year 9

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Religious Education
- French/German
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Rank order three
subjects 1, 2 and 3
in order of preference

Also indicate a reserve
subject with an R

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Future choices

Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Three categories of subjects

- Compulsory Subjects
- Choice within Compulsory Subject Area
- Free Choice Subjects

English Baccalaureate

Students must gain a good pass in the following subjects

- English
- Maths
- the Sciences
- History or Geography
- a language (French or German)

New look GCSE's

- Qualifications will be linear
- More demanding in their content
- Non-examination assessments removed or reduced
- New grading structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

U

4 = C
and above = and above

- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.
- The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.

A*

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

U

CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE

All students will study:

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Education
- Combined Science

= 6 GCSE's

Two pathways - EBac or Non EBac

EBac Pathway

- French or German
- History or Geography
- One other choice

Non EBac Pathway

- Geography, History, French, German or Computer Science
- Two other choices

= 3 GCSE's

Free choice subjects

- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Engineering
- Textiles
- Film Studies
- Food
- Product Design
- Sport
- Computer Science
- Triple Science
- Business



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