



Year 10 Options 2019- 21

Welcome to the campus options evening for the
Key Stage 4 Class of 2019-2021



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Year 9 Option Choices





Choosing the right courses

- What are your future aspirations?
- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy?
- How do you learn best?

Read the booklet, talk to your teachers, discuss at home - take advice.

Using your options booklet to decide on option subjects



Exam Board: OCR J276

Course Overview

This carefully planned course gives students a real, in-depth understanding of how computer technology works. It offers an insight into what goes on 'behind the scenes', including computer programming, which many students find absorbing. This course is a great way to develop critical thinking, analysis and problem-solving skills, which can be transferred to further learning and to everyday life.

Assessment

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Computer systems	40%	1 hour 30 minute written paper
Computational thinking, algorithms and programming	40%	1 hour 30 minute written paper
Programming project	20%	Non-exam assessment

Qualities needed for success in this course:

Students wishing to take Computer Science should have an interest in technology and be determined to develop that interest further. Students should also have an interest in computer programming and be able to work independently.

Possible paths in Post 16:

There is a clear pathway from GCSE Computer Science to A Level.



GCSE, BTEC, OCR National, Tech awards??

What does it all mean?



We run 4 different types of qualifications:

GCSE - the majority of the qualifications on offer are GCSEs. Examinations will be taken at the end of the two year course and are graded 9-1. A good pass at GCSE will be a grade 5. Some employers and places of higher and further education will specify this grade for entry

BTEC, OCR Nationals, Technical Awards - These are vocational (work related) qualifications. They are equivalent to GCSEs and are graded from distinction * to pass.

Option Pathways



<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E-Baccalaureate Pathway (highly recommended for students wishing to go to University)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Pathway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Flexible Pathway (guided pathway)</p>
<p><u>All Core subjects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · English Language and English Literature · Maths · Combined Science · Life Skills · PE 	<p><u>All Core subjects</u></p> <p>English Language and English Literature</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>Combined Science</p> <p>Life Skills</p> <p>·PE</p>	<p><u>All Core subjects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · English Language and English Literature · Maths · Combined Science · Life Skills · PE
<p><u>English Baccalaureate options</u></p> <p>Students choose <u>two</u> subjects, one from each category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Category 1: French, German or Spanish · Category 2: Geography or History 	<p><u>English Baccalaureate option</u></p> <p>Students choose <u>one</u> subject from these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · French, German, Spanish, Geography, History, Separate Sciences, Computer Science 	<p><u>Flexible Learning programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Additional Literacy and numeracy, Princes Trust
<p><u>Options</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>Two further options</u> from the Options List 	<p><u>Options</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>Three further options</u> from the Options List 	<p><u>Options</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <u>Three options</u> from the Options List

What is the Ebacc Pathway and why is it important?



The EBacc Pathway is our most academic pathway as it **guarantees a broad range of academic courses which are recognised by universities.**

The Ebacc Pathway means that you **must** study a Modern Foreign Language and a Humanities subject (History or Geography).

You only have 2 additional options in this pathway. You can still take the other Ebacc subjects.

Good universities will look back at your GCSEs to see if you have a balanced academic background and can achieve well across a range of challenging subjects.

What do I do if the Ebacc isn't right for me? The General Pathway



You still have to take at least one Ebacc subject from either French, German, Spanish, History, Geography, Triple Science or Computer Science.

You then have 3 additional options from across the range.

These options can include the other Ebacc subjects as well as any of the other options available.

Who might do the Flexible Pathway?



This is a guided pathway designed for students who may not be quite ready for a full level 2 programme

Students on this pathway will only choose 3 options. In place of the fourth option students will be given additional support with their studies

The SENCO will contact you if this pathway may be suitable for your child

Option Subjects



Students choose 2 or 3 from this list depending on their pathway

- Art (GCSE)
- Business (GCSE)
- Business (Cambridge National)
- **Computer Science (GCSE)**
- Dance (BTEC)
- Drama (GCSE)
- Engineering: Design (Cambridge National)
- **French (GCSE)**
- **Geography (GCSE)**
- **German (GCSE)**
- Graphics (GCSE)
- Health & Social Care (BTEC)

- **History (GCSE)**
- Hospitality and Catering (Tech award)
- ICT (BTEC)
- Media (GCSE)
- Music (GCSE)
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- PE (GCSE)
- Religious Studies (GCSE)
- **Separate Sciences (GCSE)**
- **Spanish (GCSE)**
- Sport (BTEC)
- Textiles (GCSE)

Can I do any course I want to?



Some courses have restrictions on entry

For example there are grade requirement in Maths to do Computer Science and in Science to do Separate Science

Due to restrictions from the government you cannot study:

- GCSE Graphics **and** GCSE Art **and** GCSE Textiles (*you can only choose one from this list*)
- BTEC Dance **and** BTEC Performing Arts together

We run parallel courses in GCSE PE/BTEC Sport and GCSE Business / Cambridge National Business - you can only do one these courses and you will be guided onto the best one for you

How do we fill in the options form?

PATHWAY CHOICE – please choose pathway A or B		
A	O	B
ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE PATHWAY	R	GENERAL PATHWAY
Students choose 4 options in total, one must be a Humanities subject, one must be a Language		Students study 4 option subjects in total, one from the E-Bacc group: French, German, Spanish, Geography, History, Separate Sciences, Computer Science.
Humanities Subject - Geography or History		E-Bacc group subject
First Choice		E-Bacc Choice
Reserve		Reserve
Languages Subject - French, German or Spanish		
First Choice		
Reserve		
2 Additional Choices		3 Additional Choices
First Choice		First Choice
Second Choice		Second Choice
Reserve 1		Third Choice
Reserve 2		Reserve 1
		Reserve 2
<p>Please note: If a student wishes to change an option subject this request must be put in writing. There will be no changes after the end of the second week of the Autumn term, September 2018.</p>		



What support do we provide?



An assembly has taken place to run through the option choice process

All students have been issued with an option choice booklet which explains the process and contains information about every subject

Subject assemblies are taking place where students can learn more about the choices on offer

Students will have time within life skills lessons to reflect on their skills and future career ideas to help them make option choices

Tutors will support their tutees to fill out the option choices form

1:1 interviews will be organised for any student requiring / requesting one

When does the form have to be handed in?



The deadline for the form to be handed in to the campus reception office is Friday 1 March.

It is important that this deadline is met so that forms can be processed and options can be organised.

What happens next?



We will begin working on student option choices after 1 March.

We will talk to any students whose subject choices don't work

We will inform parents about option choices in the Summer term

If your child realises they have made a mistake once they have submitted their form please contact Mrs Lee as soon as possible after your form has been handed in.

Option choices need to be right. There is only a very small window of change once Year 10 starts otherwise important content is missed.

Timeline



- **w/c 7 January** : Options assembly. Course and subject guide is issued to all students via their tutor.
- **w/c 21 and 28 January and 4 February**: Subject assemblies for the students to give them more information to help them make better choices.
- **January / February** students will get support from their tutor and in life skills lessons to help them choose options and fill out the option choice form.
- **1 March**: All choices forms should be handed in to reception by this deadline.
- **June**: Students are notified which subjects they have been allocated to study.

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Thank
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