

The Options Process 2022/2023



Wednesday 7th December 2022

Y9 Assembly held by Mrs. Kitchen/Mr. Byrne to explain the options process. Students will choose 4 taster sessions that they would like to try on taster day.



Monday 16th January 2023

Year 9 Taster day

Students will take part in 4 taster sessions, which will help them to find out more about the exciting KS4 options on offer. Students will also receive their Options form and booklet, which must be brought to the Pathways Evening.



Wednesday 25th January 2023

Y9 Pathways Evening

It is vital that all parents/carers and students attend this event. This is Y9 Parents evening but is also an opportunity to discuss the courses that students are considering studying at KS4.



Monday 30th January 2023

Deadline for completed options forms

Hand in your completed option form, which has been signed by your parent or carer, to your form tutor.

Support during the process:

1. Form tutors will be available to discuss options in tutor time and at Parents evening.
2. Mrs. Callan (Aspirations Leader) will be available in H7.
3. Mr. Byrne will be available for bookable appointments at Y9 Pathways evening.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Options process.

Question: My son/daughter really enjoys DT with teacher X. Can you guarantee that teacher X will be teaching them in KS4?

Answer: We are unable to make any promises about which teachers will be teaching which groups.

Question: Can students do any combination of subjects?

Answer: We aim to ensure that students can opt for the subjects that most interest them at KS4, however there may be some combinations of subjects which cannot be taken together due to the restrictions of the whole school timetable and maximum class sizes. Should this be the case we will use the reserve option.

Question: Is Triple Science suitable for all students?

Answer: Triple Science is a very demanding course which is suitable for a small number of gifted scientists. Only those students on the Aspire pathway access the Triple course. All other students complete the double award science course which allows them to progress onto A level Science should they want to do so.

Question: Can you guarantee that my son/daughter will be with his/her friends in KS4 classes?

Answer: Fitting together option choices and a whole school timetable is a complex process. Therefore we cannot make guarantees about the groups that a student will be placed in as this will depend on their other choices/number of groups etc.

Question: Can my son/daughter change their options?

Answer: By making the options process a big part of our work in Y9 we aim to equip students with all of the necessary information prior to them making their final choices, so that this is not necessary. However, we also want our students to be studying the subjects they enjoy and so we would consider amendments that came with compelling reasons. We would not consider any further changes after the 24th September 2023.

Question: Can students select 3 subjects from within the DT subjects?

Answer: We would recommend that students only ever select a maximum of 2 subjects from DT, Art and Food as these 3 subjects involve a lot of portfolio work which can place heavy demands on students particularly in Y11.

The full range of KS4 Optional Subjects

Art
Child Development
Computer Science
Design Technology
Drama
Food
Geography
Health & Social Care
History
I- Media
Music
Sport Cambridge National
Religious Studies
Triple Science