

Welcome to the Year 9 (virtual) options evening

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The purpose of the option evening

- Coming towards the end of the Key Stage 3 curriculum (Years 7-9) where a broad, balanced and extensive number of subjects are taught across all aspects of the Academy
- Year 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4) provide students with fewer subjects studied in greater depth resulting in GCSE grades being attained in the summer of 2024
- These presentations are designed to inform and outline the options process. Final decisions do not need to be taken now and exploring lots of subject areas as well as talking to teachers at the parents' evening is highly recommended
- Having lots of questions at this stage is encouraged. Please email staff members to get all of your questions answered.



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Option Subjects

GCSE French or Spanish
GCSE Ethics, Religion and Philosophy

Level 2 Performing Arts
Level 2 Enterprise and Marketing
Level 2 Hospitality and Catering
BTEC First Award in Sport
BTEC Travel and Tourism



Ebacc pathway – what is it?



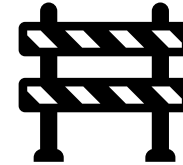
- Academic combination of subjects
- Categorises students as having chosen a ‘more robust / challenging’ route through their GCSEs
- This can help them access places at top colleges and universities, and will definitely help if the course is over-subscribed and competitive



Why study a language?

Common barriers to wanting to choose a language

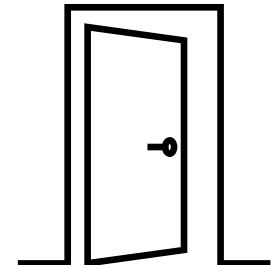
1) “It’s too hard”



2) “I’m no good at languages”

3) “It’s not relevant to what I want to do in the future”

4) “Everyone speaks English anyway”



What do you need to succeed?

- ✓ A positive attitude
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Good habits
- ✓ Ask for help!



Option Subjects

GCSE History
GCSE Geography
GCSE Music
GCSE Drama
GCSE Dance
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Fine Art
GCSE Photography
GCSE Graphic Communication
GCSE Statistics
GCSE Textiles
GCSE Computer Science
GCSE Business Studies



In your options booklet you will find...

- A letter from myself introducing the options process
- An overview of the process and the key dates
- An outline of the different subjects on offer
- 3 different pathways are being offered at the academy and we have used academic results, attitude to learning, attendance and staff's professional opinions when placing each student onto a particular pathway
- We would strongly encourage you to watch all presentations to explore all the KS4 courses on offer

The Dos and Don'ts of Options

DO:

- Consider subjects you enjoy
- Consider subjects that you are good at
- Consider subjects that you find particularly interesting
- Consider subjects that are relevant to your chosen career path

DON'T:

- Choose a subject because your friends have chosen it
- Choose a subject because you like the teacher

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