

Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Year 8 Options Form (2025-2026)

Please complete this form carefully, following the steps listed below with your parent/carer and then sign the bottom of this form. You must fill in every box.

STEP 1		
Option 1 and Option 2		
Please circle TWO subjects from TWO different categories. This is to ensure everyone has a broad and balanced curriculum.		
Category A	Category B	Category C
Humanities	Creative subjects	Languages
History	Art (not with Ceramics or Textiles)	French
Geography	Ceramics (not with Art or Textiles)	German
	Textiles (not with Art or Ceramics)	Spanish
	Dance	
	Design and Technology	
	Drama	
	Music	

STEP 2	
Option 3 and Option 4	
Pick TWO further different subjects in priority order from the list below:	
Art, Business, Ceramics, Computer Science, Creative iMedia, Dance, Design Technology, Drama, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, German, Health & Social Care, History, Media Studies, Music, Music Technology, PE, Spanish, Textiles and Travel and Tourism.	
Option 3	Option 4
<i>*Please write one subject below. It must be a different subject to the ones you have chosen so far.</i>	<i>*Please write one subject below. It must be a different subject to the ones you have chosen so far.</i>

STEP 3		
Reserve 1, Reserve 2 and Reserve 3		
Pick THREE further different reserve subjects in priority order from the list below:		
Art, Business, Ceramics, Computer Science, Creative iMedia, Dance, Design Technology, Drama, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, German, Health & Social Care, History, Media Studies, Music, Music Technology, PE, Spanish, Textiles and Travel and Tourism.		
Reserve 1	Reserve 2	Reserve 3
<i>*Please write one subject below. It must be a different subject to the ones you have chosen so far.</i>	<i>*Please write one subject below. It must be a different subject to the ones you have chosen so far.</i>	<i>*Please write one subject below. It must be a different subject to the ones you have chosen so far.</i>

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. You will be given four option subjects to study from Year 9 to Year 11 based on this form. Please complete this form carefully and with your parent/carer and then sign the bottom of this form.
2. All subjects offered are full GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.
3. We recommend no more than two coursework subjects. Please refer to the Options booklet to check if the subject is a coursework subject.
4. Please note that certain subjects cannot be taken together. Only take ONE of Art, Ceramics or Textiles
5. All students study English (Language and Literature), Maths, Science, Personal Development and Games throughout Key Stage 4. All students study RS in Years 9 and 10 and will sit a full GCSE in RE/Philosophy & Ethics at the end of Year 10.
6. Some students may be chosen to go to college in Years 10 and 11. They will drop two optional subjects for this. Students will receive more information about this in Year 9, but the subjects they drop will be determined by the timetable and their options.
7. Some students who have received literacy or numeracy support in Key Stage 3 will have the opportunity to continue with this at Key Stage 4. They will take only three options. Mrs Reid (SENCO) will discuss this with these students and will inform parents.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- Why do I have to choose two subjects from two different categories (Category A: Humanities, Category B: Creative subjects and Category C: Languages)?
The Government has stated that all students must have a broad and balanced curriculum until the end of Key Stage 4.
- Why can't I do Art AND Ceramics or Textiles?
These three subjects are the same GCSE. Colleges and employers will only count one of them. If you really think you would like to do this, please speak to Mr Catt.
- How does my child decide how many coursework subjects to take?
We recommend only two coursework subjects due to the workload.
- For any further questions please see Mr S Catt (Deputy Head Teacher).

CHECKLIST:

1. Option 1 and Option 2 are two subjects from two different categories (A-C)	
2. I have given Option 3 and Option 4 in priority order	
3. I have given three Reserve subjects in priority order (you MUST have all three)	
4. Student's Signature	
5. Parent/carer Signature	
6. Tutor's Signature	