

Year 8 Options Form 2020-21

Name:

Tutor Group:

- Students must provide 4 first choices and 3 reserve choices. Reserve choices must be different from first choices.
- All students **MUST** study **ONE OF** History, Geography, French, German, Spanish or Computer Science.
- All students considering A-levels post 16 are strongly encouraged to opt for EBacc subjects.
These are: **EITHER** French, German **OR** Spanish **PLUS EITHER** History **OR** Geography.
They must also indicate at the bottom of the form that they wish to opt for EBacc subjects. Please see overleaf for more details about EBacc.
- If students want to take Technology, they can only choose ONE.

1 st subject choice: (circle ONE)	French / German / Spanish / History / Geography / Computer Science
2 nd subject choice:	Free choice
3 rd subject choice:	Free choice
4 th subject choice:	Free choice
1 st reserve choice:	Free choice
2 nd reserve choice:	Free choice
3 rd reserve choice:	Free choice

EBacc subjects:
French
German
Spanish
History
Geography

Other subjects:
Art (not with Ceramics or Textiles)
Business Studies
Ceramics (not with Art or Textiles)
Computer Science (not with Creative iMedia)
Drama
Food & Nutrition
Health & Social Care
Creative iMedia (not with Computer Science)
Media Studies
Music (not with Music Technology)
Music Technology (not with Music)
PE
Technology – Product Design
Technology – Systems & Control
Textiles (not with Art or Ceramics)

I wish to do EBacc subjects		I have chosen at least ONE of Hi, Gg, Fr, De, Sp or Co*	
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*If a student is not suited to doing one of these subjects, (s)he should contact Mr Backshall prior to handing the form in.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Tutor's Signature.....

IMPORTANT:

- All students study English (Language and Literature), Maths, Science, Personal Development and Games throughout Key Stage 4. Students must indicate a preference for following the Triple Science pathway but this is not an optional subject. See Options booklet for further details.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 3 options. Mr Aschettino will discuss this with these students and will inform parents.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- What does 'Key Stage 2 Test Scores Average' mean?
At the end of Year 6, most students sat exams and were given a National Curriculum scaled score. Any student with a scaled score of greater than 90 must take one of History, Geography, French, German, Spanish or Computer Science. Students with a score lower than 90 may choose not to take one of these subjects and may have 4 free choices for their GCSE options.
- Why do I have to do one of History, Geography, French, German, Spanish or Computer Science?
The Government has stated that all students must have a broad and balanced curriculum until the end of Key Stage 4, and they include all of these subjects in their expectations. We do not expect students to do all of these subjects, but they must do one of them.
- What's the EBacc and do I have to do it?
The English Baccalaureate is an unofficial qualification which shows whether a student has English, Maths, Science, a language and either History or Geography. Some Russell Group universities (amongst the best in the country) say they like students to have it, and if you have aspirations for further study at an academic level, you should seriously consider it.
- Why can I only do ONE Technology subject?
These subjects are now under one single GCSE qualification. You *can*, however, do Food & Nutrition with a Technology subject.
- Why can I only do one of Art, Ceramics and Textiles?
These 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 Backshall.
- Why can't I do Music AND Music Technology?
For the same reasons as Art, Ceramics and Textiles.

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS:

• I have given my 4 subjects in priority order	
• I have chosen at least one of History, Geography, French, German, Spanish or Computer Science	
• I have given 3 reserve subjects	
• I have indicated whether I want to do EBacc subjects	
• I have signed the form	
• My parent/guardian has signed the form	
• My form tutor has signed the form	

NOW HAND IT IN TO YOUR FORM TUTOR!
(By Wednesday 24th March 2021 at the latest)