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Year 8 Options Information Evening

Monday 23 January 2023



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Welcome



Year 8 into 9 Options Booklet

5 minute video from each department

Positives and negatives

What do I enjoy?

What am I good at?



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Where is this taking me?





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Making The Right Choices





The Qualifications Framework

- **Level 1** (e.g. GCSE Grades 3-1, BTEC Introductory, Leadership Awards)
- **Level 2** (e.g. GCSE Grades 9-4, BTEC Certificate, OCR Nationals)
- **Level 3** (e.g. A-Levels, BTEC National Level 3)



GCSEs

- Linear GCSEs with assessment at the end of the course
- Challenging content
- Tiers of entry only in Maths, Science and MFL
- Graded 9-1



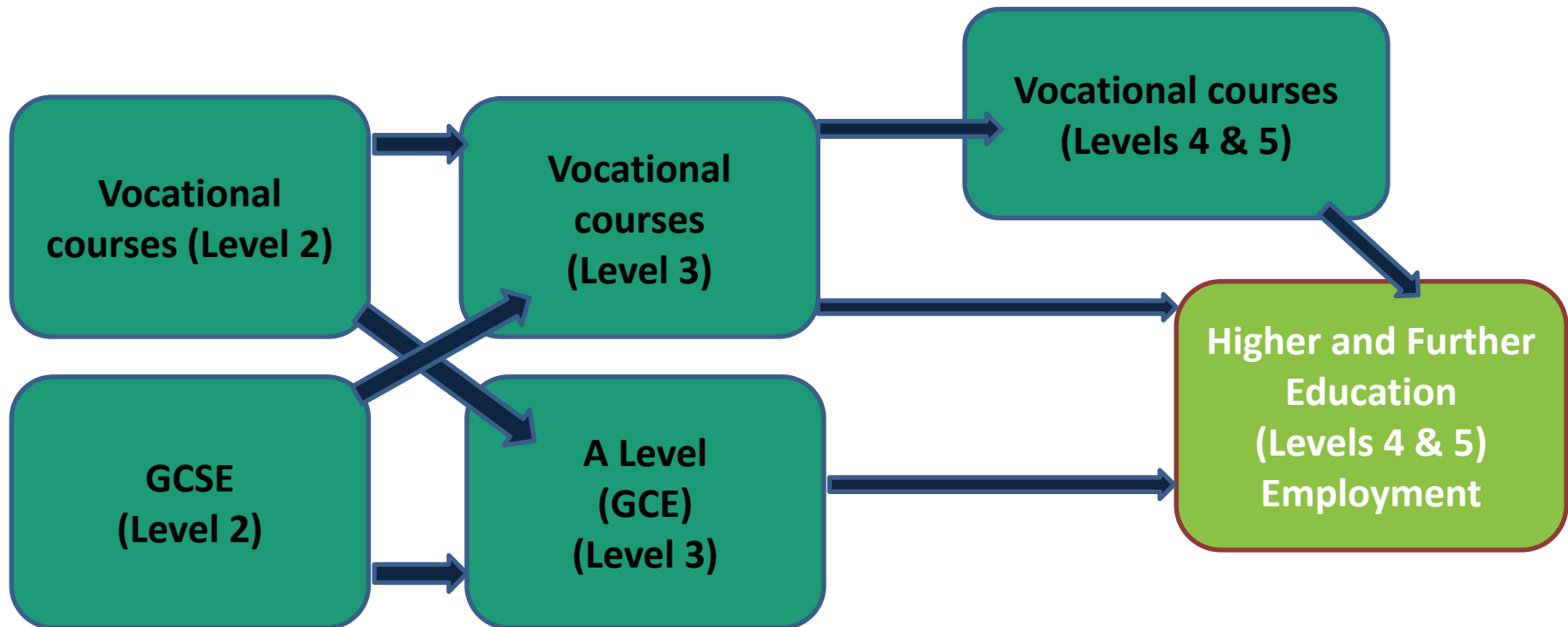
Vocational qualifications

- OCR Sport Studies
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC ICT

Level 2 Qualifications
Equivalent to GCSE



Vocational Awards





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English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

English Language

Mathematics

At least 2 Science GCSEs

One humanities subject (History or Geography)

One Modern Foreign Language

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English Baccalaureate



Year 9 - Transition Year

- A broad and balanced curriculum
- 8 terms to study towards their Year 11 Exams
- Spend more time on the subjects students enjoy and are successful at
- Opportunities for Spiral learning, returning to topics with more detail and depth.



The Year 9 Curriculum:

- Allow students to progress to the next stage
- Provide a common core of study
- Provide an element of choice
- Encourage overall breadth and balance for each student
- Allow students to choose courses more relevant to their personal needs and aspirations



The Year 9 Core Curriculum

- Mathematics
- English Language & English Literature
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish)
- Religious Education
- PE



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Option Subjects 'Arts'

Art

Drama

Performing Arts

Photography

Music



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Option Subjects

Art

Computer Science

Design Technology

Drama

Food Preparation &
Nutrition

ICT

Music

Performing Arts

Photography

Physical Education


Sport Studies

YEAR 8 into 9 OPTIONS - Practice Form

Choose one subject from the table below

Art	Performing Arts	Music
Drama	Photography	
Subject 1		
Reserve Subject		

Choose any two subjects from the table below

Art	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Photography
Computer Science	ICT	Physical Education 
Design & Technology	Music	Sport Studies
Drama	Performing Arts	
Subject 2		
Subject 3		
Reserve Subject		

The order of your subjects is important. We will try to give Subject 1 and Subject 2 wherever possible.
We can not guarantee all three choices, but will try to allocate them.



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Reserve
=
Back-up



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What options are right for me?



Am I making expected progress?



Do I have any career aspirations?

Do I enjoy the subject?





Making The WRONG Choices

- My friend is taking it
- I like the teacher
- I don't enjoy it now but I will at GCSE level



Next steps in the process

- Options Form open (24 January 2023)
- Year 8 Parents Evening (9 March 2023)
- Options brochure (online from 24 January)
- Options Form - to be completed by 24 March 2023 (available online)



Also in this section:

Options

Exams - Dates and Documents

Music Room Bookings

PE Revision

Student Voice

Home > Home > Student Zone > Options

Options

Year 8 into 9

Please [click here](#) to view the Year 8 into 9 Option brochure for

To select your options please use this application form:

[Year 8 to 9 options Application Form](#)

Please note that you must sign in with your school Google a

The final option choice form is to be filled in online. The form must be completed no later than **24 March 2023**

[This Link](#) will take you to the Options section of the school website



What happens after the Options form is completed?

- Students' choices reviewed and matched against classes and staffing
- Individual discussions with students if necessary
- Students receive an offer letter (after May Half term)



Next Year?

- In Year 9 pupils continue with the core curriculum and three option choices
- During Year 9 there is another option process where students refine the subjects that they want to take in through to the end of Year 11.

More details on this will be provided as part of the Year 10 options process.



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Making The Right Choices

- Will you enjoy it?
- Will you be successful?
- Will it support future progression?



A Balanced Choice

Students may have a particular career-related aspiration they wish to pursue.

Example: a student looking to a career in the creative industries might choose:

- Media Studies (GCSE) (This subject is available from Year 10)
- Photography (GCSE)
- Sport Studies (OCR National)