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Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Welcome



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Options Booklet

- Detailed information and advice
- Key dates
- Information about your choices
- Who to go to for help and more information
- Subject information sheets
- Options Form - in the back of your booklet



New GCSE Grading

- To move onto A-Levels or other Level 3 qualifications, most colleges will require grade 5s as a minimum starting point for that subject.
- Minimum of a grade 4 in English Language and Maths to ensure you don't need to re-sit at college.

NEW GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



Core Subjects

For all Option Pathways, all students will study the core subjects of:

- GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature - 8 hours per fortnight
- GCSE Mathematics - 7 hours per fortnight
- GCSE Science (Combined or Separate) - 8 hours per fortnight for combined plus an extra 5 hours for separate.

Please note - the X and Y bands will change as you move into Year 10.



Core Subjects Continued...

In addition, students will continue to have compulsory (non-examined) lessons in:

- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHEE) - two hours per fortnight
- Physical Education (PE) - four hours per fortnight
- Philosophy, Theology and Ethics (PTE) - one hour per fortnight.

Students will then select four further subjects from the option blocks - 9 GCSEs or Equivalents.



EBacc and Open Pathways



English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Sciences (including Computer Science)
- Geography or History
- French or Spanish

All students will need to choose one of the above as part of their options.

Those following the **EBacc Pathway** will opt for Geography **or** History **and** French **or** Spanish.



EBacc Pathway

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Separate Science Computer Science BTEC Sport Design and Technology BTEC Engineering Food and Nutrition Child Development Hospitality and Catering Art Photography	History Geography	French Spanish	History Geography French Spanish Computer Science Statistics iMedia Sociology Religious Education Dance GCSE PE Design and Technology BTEC Engineering Food and Nutrition GCSE Drama Art Photography GCSE Music



Open Pathway

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Separate Science Computer Science BTEC Sport Design and Technology BTEC Engineering Food and Nutrition Child Development Hospitality and Catering Art Photography	History Geography Computer Science iMedia Sociology	French Spanish iMedia RSL Music RSL Drama Religious Education Sociology Film Studies	History Geography French Spanish Computer Science Statistics iMedia Sociology Religious Education Dance GCSE PE Design and Technology BTEC Engineering Food and Nutrition GCSE Drama Art Photography GCSE Music



Tips for good choices:

You must:

- Think carefully about what you might want to do in the future
- Think clearly about yourself
- Think about how you prefer to be assessed
- Find out the facts
- Question your decisions

Do not make decisions based on:

- Do I like that teacher?
- Is my friend doing that subject?

We will carry out options interviews to double check choices.



BEWARE!!!

Make sure you are really aware of what the subject entails:

1. All subjects are hard work - there are no easy options.
2. Non Examined Assessments (Coursework) - some subjects have a lot of NEA - **you need to make sure you will keep up.**
3. New subjects - make sure you understand what they are... just because it is new, doesn't make it easy!



The Options Form

Reserves are Important - we can't guarantee first choices.

Please, make sure you:

Fill in the careers section.

Select one subject per block.

Hand it in on time.

Ebacc Pathway KS4 Options Form – 2020/2022

Name:..... Tutor:

Your Choices: Please note, there is no guarantee that students will be given their first choice due to staffing and rooming constraints that only become apparent when all option requests are received. With this in mind, please take care when selecting reserve choices and do not choose the same subject more than once.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Separate Science Computer Science BTEC Sport* Design and Technology* (Timber or Textiles - please select) BTEC Engineering* Food and Nutrition* Child Development Hospitality and Catering* Art* Photography*	History Geography	French Spanish	History Geography French Spanish Computer Science Statistics iMedia Sociology Religious Education Dance GCSE PE Design and Technology* - (Timber or Textiles - please select) BTEC Engineering* Food and Nutrition* GCSE Drama Art* Photography* GCSE Music
Preferred Choice Block A:	Preferred Choice Block B:	Preferred Choice Block C:	Preferred Choice Block D:
Reserve Choice Block A:	Reserve Choice Block B:	Reserve Choice Block C:	Reserve Choice Block D:

*Please note the following combinations are not allowed: BTEC Sport and GCSE PE; Design and Technology and BTEC Engineering; Food and Nutrition and Hospitality and Catering; Art and Photography.

What further qualifications and/or careers are you interested in following when you leave Park?

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Please sign below to confirm you have discussed these Option choices together and support the choices made.

Signature: (Parent/Carer) Student:



Key Dates

- **Monday 10th February** - Completed Options Forms to Tutors
- From **Monday 2nd March** - Options Interviews
- **March, April and May** - Timetabling and further conversations with students.
- **June** - Final subjects communicated with parents/students via letter.



Where next?

School Hall - All Subjects

MFL 5 - Study and Support Centre

Any questions about the process? Please speak to:

Mr Roscoe, Mrs Mills, Mr Lewin, Mr Tamlyn