GCSE Subject Choice: Supporting Your Son

Information for Parents

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Year 10 GCSE Subject Choice Process

How pupils explore, discuss and make their choices

1. Setting the Scene Assembly

2. Careers Convention
   45+ employees

3. Subject Fair
   Find out about the GCSE subjects on offer

4. Sports Studies Taster session

5. New subject presentations

6. Round 1 Open Vote

7. Individual face-to-face interviews

8. **Final vote in blocks**

YOUR CHOICES YOUR FUTURE

ALONGSIDE THE PROCESS:

6 WEEKS OF CAREERS LESSONS WITH CAREERS SPECIALISTS.

Compulsory Subjects

Examined Subjects	Non-Examined Subjects
Maths (selected pupils study Statistics)	PE & Games
English Language (selected pupils study English Literature)	CEIAG (Careers Information Advice & Guidance)
Learning for Life and Work (L2 Public Services/L2 Personal Success and Well-Being	Pastoral Programme
	Religious Studies



Non-Compulsory Subjects

GCSEs	
Art	Hospitality
Digital Technologies - Programming	Media Studies
Digital Technologies - Multi-Media	Religious Studies
History	Sociology
Further Maths	Single Award Science
Geography	Double Award Science
Government & Politics	Technology & Design

BTECs (25% portfolio)	OCNs (100% portfolio)
Engineering	IT App
Travel & Tourism (SA or DA)	Applied Science
Sports Studies	Spanish
	Skills for Business
	Performance Skills

Non-Compulsory Subjects, continued

Occupational Studies (100% portfolio)
Carpentry & Joinery
Engineering
DIgital Imaging & Digital Video Editing (Multi-Media)
Sports& Leisure
Hospitality & Catering

Alternative Curriculum

Subjects studied
English Language
Maths
ICT Apps
Occupational Studies - Hospitality & Catering
Occupational Studies - Carpentry & Joinery
King’s Trust (equivalent to to 2 GCSEs)

Minimum Requirements

GCSE History, Geography, Technology, Art, RS	Grade C in relevant subject
GCSE Government & Politics	Grade C in English
GCSE Media Studies	Grade B in English
GCSE Further Maths	Grade A in Maths (non-negotiable)
GCSE Double Award Science	Grade B in Science
GCSE Single Award Science	Grade C in Science
GCSE Sociology	Grade B in English
GCSE Digital Technologies - Programming	Grade C in IT & Grade B in Maths
GCSE Digital Technologies - Multi-Media	Grade C in IT
BTEC Engineering	Grade B in Maths
BTEC Sports Studies & OS Sports Studies	Grade C in Games Play competitive sport for school/outside of school

Criteria for Selecting GCSE Subjects

- Choose subjects that match your interests and strengths
- Consider your future education, career goals and labour market trends
- Keep your options open
- Think about workload and the right level of challenge for you
- Take advice on-board













The Importance of January Exams



The outcomes of these exams are what the Careers team base their advice on

- Show suitability for GCSE subjects
- Shape **subject choices** and support plans
- Build **confidence** and exam readiness

The GCSE Subject Choice Process

01

Explore your options

Discover the range of GCSE subjects available.

02

Get informed and supported

Access guidance, resources and advice.

03

Decide together

Pupils and parents make informed decisions.

04

Make your choices

Submit your subject choices by the deadline.



Questions

We are here to support you every step.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



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