

Welcome to the Year 9 Options Information Evening

Tuesday 17th January 2023

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Key Stage 4 Options 2023-2025

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Key Stage 4 Options 2023-25

Please find below the Key Stage 4 Options for 2023-25.

- [KS4 Options Booklet 2023-25](#)

The Information Evening on KS4 Options will take place on 17th January. A copy of the presentation used in this event will be made available after the event.

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**KEY STAGE 4
SUBJECT CHOICES**



2023-25

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The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Years 10 and 11

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The Curriculum

The curriculum comprises a combination of Core Subjects (taken by all students) and optional subjects (chosen by students).

Core Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (two/three GCSEs)
- Religious Studies
- Core PE#
- Personal Development #

Non examined.

Core Subjects

- English

Students will study both English Language and English Literature

- Mathematics

Students will sit either higher tier (grades 9-4 available) or foundation tier (grades 5-1 available). Approximately 2/3 of the year group will sit the Higher tier.

Core Subjects - Science

- * There are two different pathways in Science
- * Some students (approximately 1/3 of the cohort) will be studying Triple Science and will receive separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- * All other students will be studying Combined Science. This route gives students two GCSE grades and the course contains biology, chemistry and physics content
- * Students will sit either higher tier (grades 9-4 available) or foundation tier (grades 5-1 available)
- * These courses are assessed by linear examinations at the end of Year 11
- * The pathway for each student is usually confirmed at the end of year 9.

Core Subjects

- Religious Studies

All students will study the GCSE Short course qualification (worth half a GCSE) as part of the core curriculum. Students can choose to study the full course qualification within the options.

Optional Subjects

- * Students choose four options to study in Year 10 and 11
- * The majority of the subjects we offer are GCSEs
- * Alternative Level 2 qualifications are offered in Construction, Enterprise Business, Health and Social Care, Engineering, Travel and Tourism and IMedia
- * We offer a Level 1 qualification through our Foundation Learning Programme
- * French and Spanish are the only optional subjects to offer foundation/higher tier papers.

The English Baccalaureate (“EBacc”)

- The set of subjects that keep young people’s options open for further study and future careers. These subjects are:

- English Language/English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- A Modern Foreign Language
- A Humanity (History or Geography)

Curriculum Breadth and Balance

We **very strongly** recommend that most students aim for this in their choices. To achieve this, students should select:

- A foreign language (French or Spanish)
- A humanity (History or Geography)
- Students CAN choose both Modern Foreign Languages or both Humanities if they would like to do so.

Other GCSE Options

- Art
- Business Studies
- DT Product Design
- DT Textiles
- PE
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Music
- RE Full Course

Other Options Courses

Level 2 (worth 1 higher grade GCSE)

- Creative iMedia
- Construction
- Health and Social Care
- Engineering
- Enterprise
- Travel and Tourism

Level 1 (worth 1 grade 1-3 GCSE)

- BTEC Workskills.

| New GCSE Grades | Vocational Qualifications | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 9 | Distinction * 8.5 | Level 2 |
| 8 | | |
| 7 | Distinction 7 | |
| 6 | Merit 5.5 | |
| 5 | | |
| 4 | Pass 4 | |
| 3 | Distinction * 3 | Level 1 |
| 2 | Distinction 2 | |
| 1 | Merit 1.5 | |
| | Pass 1 | |

Assessment

- * Some subjects are assessed only by linear examinations at the end of Year 11 (e.g. History, Geography).
- * Some subjects include a proportion of the course that is assessed by coursework or controlled assessment (called NEA – non examined assessment). The proportion of this varies across subjects – please see the options booklet for further information.
- * All GCSE subjects will be assessed on the 9-1 scale.
- * All GCSE subjects have an examination at the end of the course in Year 11
- * Level 2 Vocational courses have one external assessment. The remainder of the assessment is through completion of set tasks.

Taster Lessons and Careers Guidance

- Talks about option subjects and taster lessons should be taking place in lessons this week.
- Within form time, students have been given some careers guidance to help support them to make their choices.
- Our website contains lots of relevant links to career information <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/careers/> for students choosing both GCSE and post 16 pathways

How to Choose?

- Read the details about the subjects in the options booklet!
- Which subjects does they actually ENJOY studying?
- Which are the subjects in which they achieve well?
- Does they want to study something new?
- What are their future higher education or career aspirations?
(does they already know what path they are likely to want to take?)
- What STYLE of learning and assessment do they prefer? (exams, coursework, project-based, practical etc.)
- **DON'T let them base their choices upon what their friends are going to choose!**

What Happens Next?

- Friday 20th January
- Wednesday 1st February
- Monday 6th February
- Wednesday 8th February

- By Wednesday 22nd February
- Monday 27th February
- Wednesday 8th March
- From Monday 13th March

Mid-year report sent home
Parents' evening (E half)
Parents' evening (H half)
Free choice options forms home

Free choice options forms returned
Final options forms home
Final options form returned
Follow up conversations
with students as appropriate

The Free Choice Form

- Students must choose a total of four subjects
- We very strongly recommend that they choose at least one language and at least one humanity.
- They can only choose one DT subject (including Engineering)
- They can not pick both GCSE Business and Enterprise (Level 2).
- Further details on the completion of the free choice forms will be sent home on 8th February.
- These will shape our option blocks and our final option form

| EBacc Option Modern Foreign Language | Pick one of these | EBacc Option Humanities | Pick one of these |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| French | | Geography | |
| Spanish | | History | |

| Course | Pick four from the following: |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Art and Design | |
| Business | |
| Design Technology Subjects (Choose no more than one): | |
| 1. D&T: Product Design | |
| 2. D&T: Textiles | |
| Computer Science | |
| Construction (Level 1/2) | |
| Creative iMedia (Level 1/2) | |
| Drama | |
| Engineering (Level 1/2) | |
| Enterprise (Level 1/2) | |
| French | |
| Food Preparation and Nutrition | |
| Geography | |
| Health & Social Care (Level 1/2) | |
| History | |
| Music | |
| Physical Education | |
| RE - Full Course* | |
| Spanish | |
| Travel and Tourism (Level 1/2) | |
| Foundation Learning Programme (Level 1) | |

Any questions?

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