

Welcome to the Year 9 Options Information Evening

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Key Stage 4 Options 2024-2026

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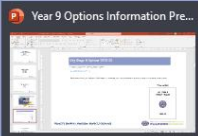
Key Stage 4 Options 2024-26

Please find below a link to the Key Stage 4 Options for 2024-26:

- [KS4 Options Booklet 2024-26](#)

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KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECT CHOICES



2024-26



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The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Years 10 and 11



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. The intention is that this will be examined in Summer 2025.

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 do they actually ENJOY studying?
- Which are the subjects in which they achieve well?
- Do they want to study something new?
- What are their future higher education or career aspirations? (do 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!**

The Option Process

- We very strongly recommend that they choose at least one language and at least one humanity.
- They must choose at least one language or one humanity
- They can only choose one DT subject (including Engineering and Construction)
- They can not pick both GCSE Business and Enterprise (Level 2).

Key Dates

- Friday 26 January
Mid-year report sent home
- Thursday 1 February
Parents' evening (E half)
- Monday 5 February
Parents' evening (H half)
- Wednesday 7 February
Options forms home
- By Wednesday 28 February
Option choices made
- From Monday 4th March
Follow up conversations with students as appropriate

Any questions?

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