

Welcome to the Year 9 Options Information Evening

Wednesday 15th January 2025



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Key Stage 4 Options 2025-2027

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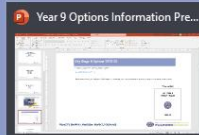
Key Stage 4 Options

Please find below a link to the Key Stage 4 Options 2025-27

- [KS4 Options Booklet 2025-27](#)
- [Year 9 Information Evening Presentation January 2025](#)

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KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS



2025-27



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 2026 (Year 10).

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, Hospitality and Catering, 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
- Hospitality and Catering
- 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.

Other Qualifications

- Each year a number of students sit additional language examinations.
- Each year a number of students sit additional qualifications such as Astronomy through partnerships such as the ISSP.
- Currently in year 11 an additional Mathematics qualification is offered as an after school provision.

These qualifications are sat in addition to, not in place of, the four option choices each student makes.

Taster Lessons and Careers Guidance



- Talks about option subjects and taster lessons should be taking place in lessons over the coming weeks.
- 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

- Students will be asked to choose their options through the completion of an online form. The online form does need to be completed by a parent/carer. The link to this will be sent out via email.
- Students will be asked to choose a reserve subject in addition to their four choices.
- Where a subject is oversubscribed, communication will take place with students in order to explain the process we will use to reduce numbers.

The Option Process

- We very strongly recommend that students study a language and a humanity subject.
- Students must study either a language or a humanity subject.
- There are some combinations of subjects that can not be chosen. For example, students can not choose more than one DT subject (Construction and Engineering both count as DT subjects).
- Students can not study:
 - Enterprise Business and Business Studies
 - Food Preparation and Nutrition and Hospitality and Catering

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Key Dates

- w/c Monday 13 January
 - Year 9 Options Assembly (Students)
 - Year 9 Information Evening
 - Taster lessons delivered within usual lessons
 - Careers and options advice programme starts in form time
- Tuesday 28 January
 - Parents' evening (E half)
- Thursday 6 February
 - Parents' evening (H half)
- Monday 10 February
 - Options forms home
- By Wednesday 26 February
 - Deadline for completion of online options form
- From Monday 3 March
 - Follow up conversations with students as appropriate

Any questions?

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