



Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance Presentation 2023

“Unlocking Belief in All”

CIAG 2023



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Presentation

Subjects Fair

KS4 Taster Day

KS4 Options
Preferences
Form
(online)

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Objectives



- Foster ambition! Begin to think about opportunities beyond Year 11, and how they will shape your future options and career.
- Inform you of the Curriculum we deliver at St Joseph's including the subjects available, both GCSE and Vocational options.
- Create an understanding of the various routes through GCSE and their suitability for your child's future.
- Subjects Fair

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The Future We Want



“The only way to predict the future is to have the power to shape it.” Eric Hoffer

Equip our Children for a changing world



- 2040 – what will the world look like? What will your Thirties look like?
- In 1978 Manufacturing employed 7 Million people, it now employs 3 Million people.
- LinkedIn stipulate three key skills that will be essential in 2040;
 - Oracy – ability to communicate effectively.
 - Global Competence
 - Lifelong Learning – keenness to learn and face varying problems.

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Key Stage 4 Curriculum

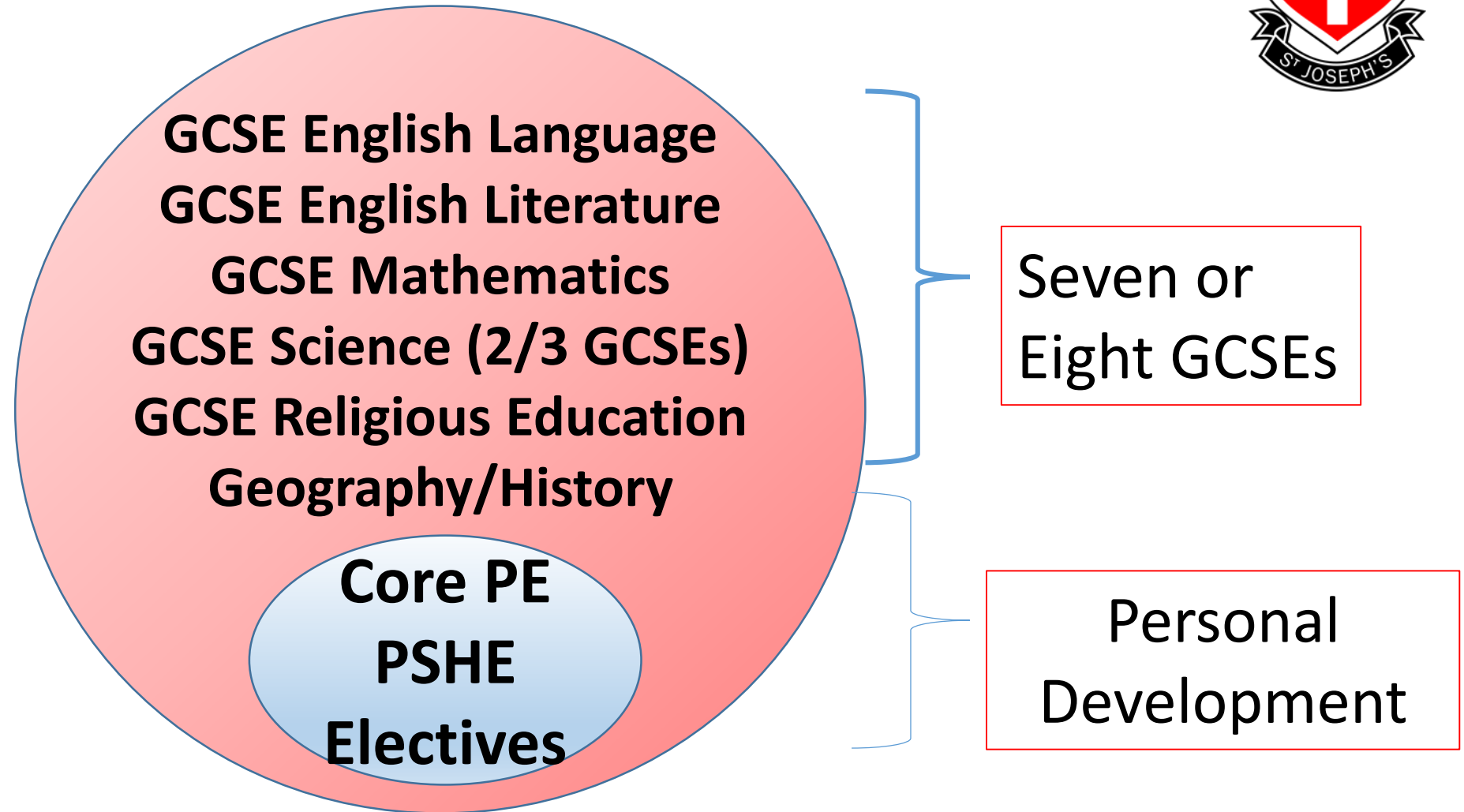


- Two year course at St Josephs – for greater rigour and support to enjoy your subjects.
- New GCSE specifications – putting greater emphasis on more advanced content.
- Grades 1 - 9 not A* - G = more challenging top grades and pass grades
- More extended writing
- Greater focus on problem solving
- A greater focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Emergence of new Vocational Certificates
- Suite of qualifications that provide breadth and a challenging curriculum which prepares them well for KS5 study.

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
A	7
B	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
C	3
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KS4 Curriculum – Core Curriculum



The EBaccalaureate



“Ebacc rightly builds on the foundations of the qualifications we have. To develop the highly skilled workforce businesses increasingly depend on, we must prepare students to compete in the global marketplace.” Miles Templeman, Director General of the Institute of Directors.

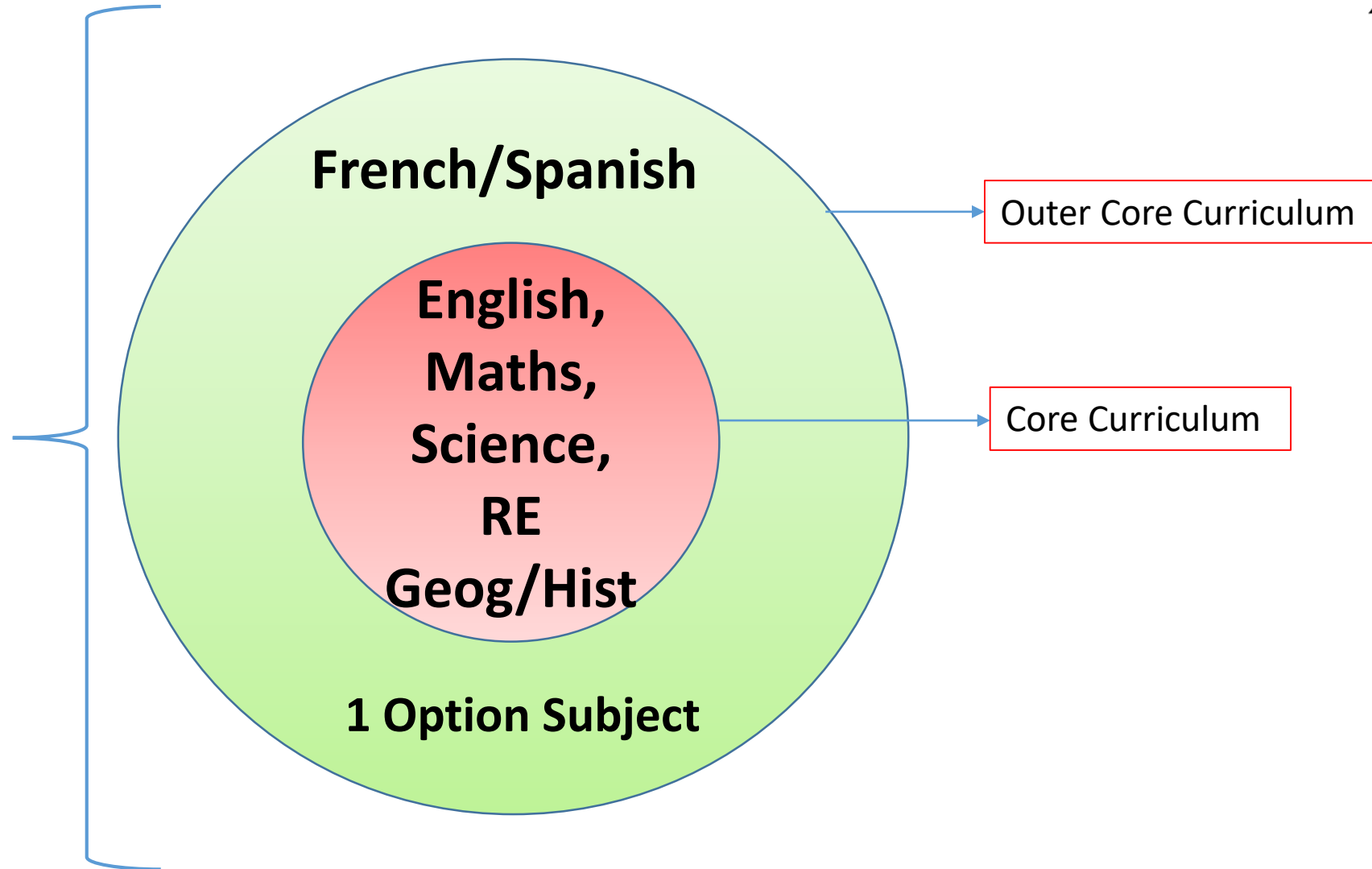
- **Highly competitive courses at Universities will favour Ebacc students for offers particularly Russell Group Universities.**
- **Universities highly value language skills, while some require it for entry onto any course.**
- **At St Joseph’s we have heavily invested in the EBaccalaureate identifying its value and capability in unlocking a wider array of opportunities for our students.**

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Key Stage 4 Routes



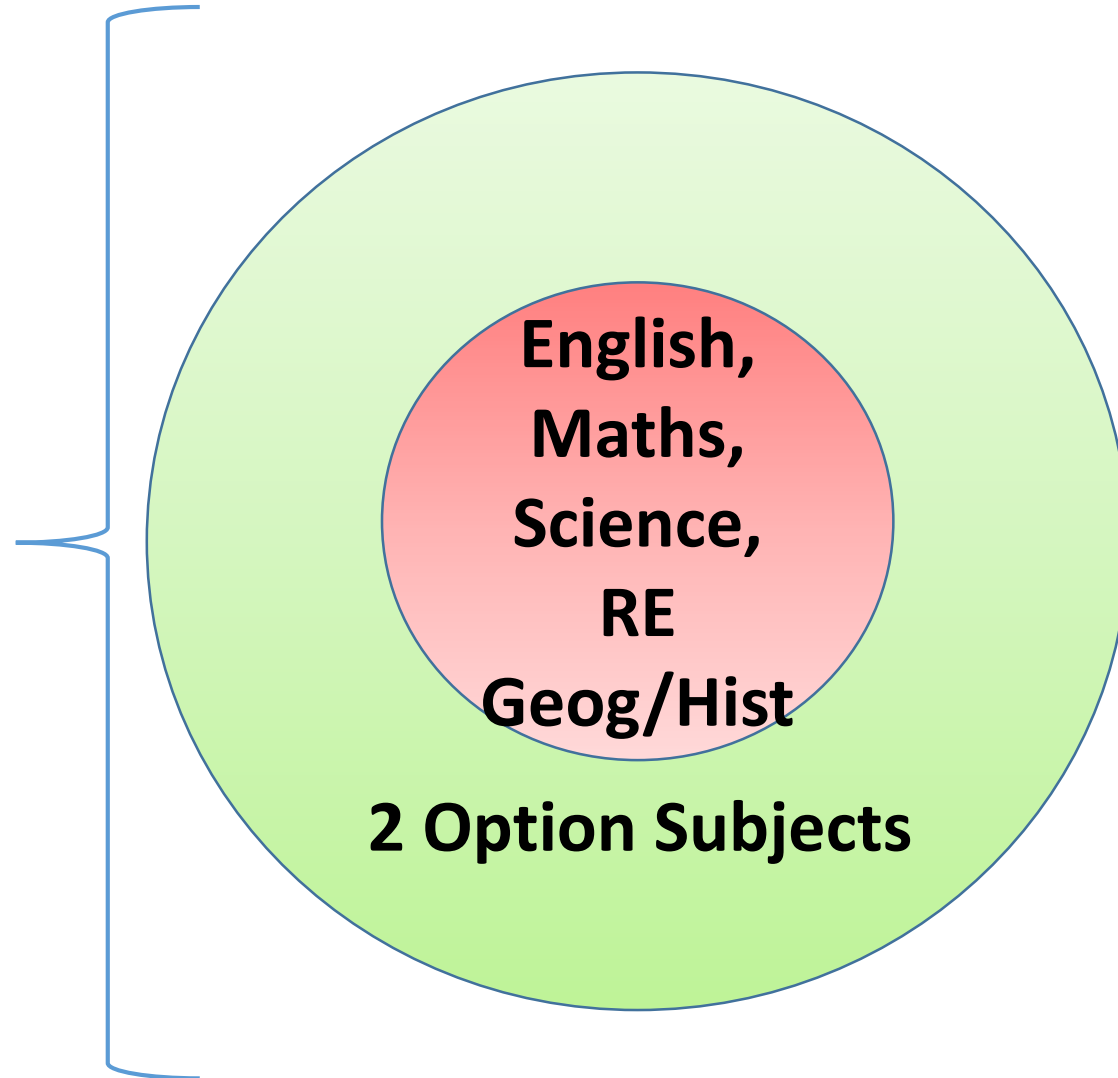
The following choices form the English Baccalaureate Route which is one to strongly consider if applying to University.



Key Stage 4 Routes



There are a number of option subjects available, think carefully about your child's learning style and passion when considering them.



Option Subjects



French/Spanish	Music	Design & Technology
Computer Science	BTEC Enterprise and Marketing (Voc)	Business Studies
Creative Imedia (Voc)	GCSE PE or BTEC Sports Science (Voc)	Art and Design
Food Technology	Child Development (Voc)	Drama

Option Subjects: GCSE vs. Vocational choices



- Vocational Courses involve a combination of Exam and Coursework Elements.
- BTEC Business – Enterprise and Marketing
- BTEC Sports Science
- Child Development
- ICT-Creative iMedia
- When selecting a subject within the same department think about what kind of learner you are – do you thrive under exam conditions or working at your own pace.
- Consider the content of the course – For example are you more passionate about programming/algorithms or the creative media elements of computing (website design etc)

Dos and Don'ts



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do speak to your tutor and teachers about their opinion about courses, particularly during the Subject Fair• Do speak to parents and family to get their views.• Do consider what you want to study at Key Stage 5 and your career• Do select a course that you are motivated in and can be successful at. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't choose what your friends are choosing for social reasons.• Don't choose a course because you do or don't like a teacher – they will change.• Don't choose a course or rule one out without reading the outline, e.g., assessment, content, links to future study/career options.• Don't listen to whispers about how easy or hard courses will be. All subjects will require dedication and resilience. |
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Labour Market Information

Jobs in highest demand in Berkshire



Key fact

IT and sales roles are in high demand by employers in Berkshire.

1 in 10 jobs in Berkshire are IT specialist roles. This is three times the national average

1. Software developer/engineer
2. Sales representative
3. Computer support specialist
4. Network engineer/architect
5. Registered General Nurse
6. Project manager
7. Retail supervisor
8. Customer service representative
9. Office/administrative assistant
10. Sales manager

*Measured by the number of vacancies being advertised



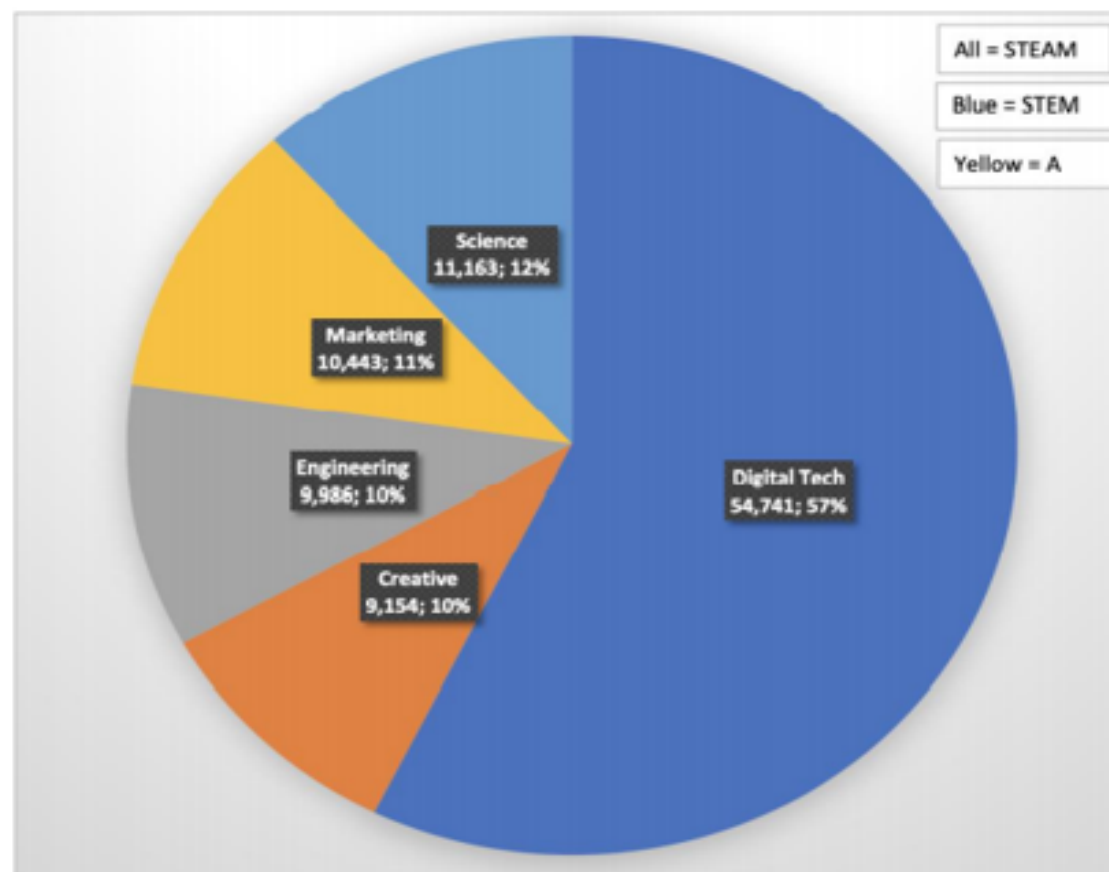
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths (STEAM) are important to employers in Berkshire



Key facts

18% of all jobs in Berkshire are classified as STEAM jobs, nearly twice the proportional national average.

The largest proportion by far are in Digital Tech which account for 57% of all STEAM related jobs.



Breakdown of Berkshire's STEAM employment, 2019

www.berkshireopportunities.co.uk has further info. On the local labour market

Beyond KS4 – St Joseph's Sixth Form



“Staff take the personal development of pupils seriously. They are committed to ensuring that pupils are fully prepared well for the future” (Ofsted, 2022)

- St Joseph's Sixth Form is a vibrant and successful community that prides itself on an inclusive and positive approach to high quality, holistic education and personal development.
- The well thought out curriculum we have designed from Years 7-13 has enabled excellent examination results at GCSE continuing through to A-Levels.
- Top Student Destinations include **Cambridge, King's College London, Warwick, Royal Holloway, Manchester, Birmingham, Hewlett Packard, Lenovo, Sky and O2.**
- GCSE choices can have an implication on sixth form choices and beyond. **Many universities will be expecting Science, MFL and Humanities.**
- Do read the St Joseph's Sixth Form brochure to check entry requirements of A-Level Subjects. E.g. Psychology requires a grade 6 in Science

Key Stage 4 Taster Day



- On Thursday 2nd February we will hold a KS4 Taster Day where Year 9 pupils will have the opportunity to get a taster lesson on 4 option subjects.
- A Taster Day Preferences Form will be emailed to all students on Friday so that we can design a timetable fit for the majority of pupils.
- This will be a fantastic opportunity to inform your choices even further, along with Year 9 Parents Evening on Thursday 9th February.

Online Options Preferences Form



- The online Options Preferences Form will be emailed out after Taster Day
- We are keen to get your input on the curriculum pathway you wish to embark upon as well as the option subjects you prefer.
- Deadline to complete the form is 16th February.

Summer Term – Advance Notice

- Following your information we will utilize this to design the option blocks for next year's timetable. You will be informed of the option blocks and the subjects selected for your child in the Summer Term.
- There will be a further opportunity in the Summer Term to re-evaluate your choices in line with the Option Blocks.

CIAG Process



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