

# GCSE Pathway Options Form 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

P&A Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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# What is your timetable of learning made up of?

## Compulsory Subjects:

Subjects all students will have on their timetable. No matter what pathway they are on

English

Maths

Science

PE

L4L

## Optional Subjects:

Subjects will be chosen from the different pathways

EBACC

EBACC Choice

GCSE

## A parent's guide to the GCSE reforms

Between September 2015 and September 2017, new GCSE courses have been introduced by the Government which will impact on all students currently in Year 11 and below. There will also be changes to the way in which the examinations are graded. This means that by 2020 all GCSEs will be graded on a numerical scale.

The main features of the new GCSEs are:

- A new grading scale of 9 to 1 will be used, with 9 being the top grade. This will allow greater differentiation between students and will help distinguish the new GCSEs from previous versions.
- Assessment will be mainly by exam, with other types of assessment used only where they are needed to test essential skills.
- There will be new, more demanding content, which has been developed by the Government and the exam boards.
- Courses will no longer be divided into different modules and students will take all their exams in one period at the end of their course.

These changes will affect your child as follows:-

- Your child will take the new GCSE courses in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science
- Depending on their GCSE options choices, they will also take new courses in Computer Science, Geography, History, French, Physical Education, Religious Studies, and Technology. Grades will be shown as 9-1.
- The vocational subjects we offer including Acting, Art, Child Care & Music will also have an externally examined element to them which brings them more in line with other subjects.

## What happens next?

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| • Students choose their options            | 1st March – 17th March 2017 |
| • Discussions and interviews take place    | March & April 2017          |
| • Option allocation and KS4 group creation |                             |
| • Option allocation letters sent out       | May 2017                    |

# Key Stage 4 Options Form 2017: GCSE Pathway

Name: ..... P&A Group: .....

## Compulsory Subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Information Technology
- Sport BTEC
- Travel & Tourism BTEC
- Physical Education
- Learning 4 Life

## PREFERENCE - You will study 1 of these courses (Preference your top 4)

Choose 4 courses in rank order of preference.

Write **1, 2, 3 and 4** in the boxes next to your chosen courses.

NB. The college will endeavour to place students on their highest preference courses, but this may not always be possible. Students should also be aware it may be necessary for them to change P&A groups to accommodate some options.

- Acting BTEC
- Art BTEC
- Child Care BTEC
- Computer Science GCSE
- Design Technology GCSE
- Food GCSE
- French GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- History GCSE
- Information Technology
- Music BTEC
- Physical Education GCSE
- Religious Education GCSE

If you choose Design Technology the specialism may depend on prior attainment. Please add your preference:

- Product Design**
- Textiles**

Student Signature: ..... Parent/Guardian: .....

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