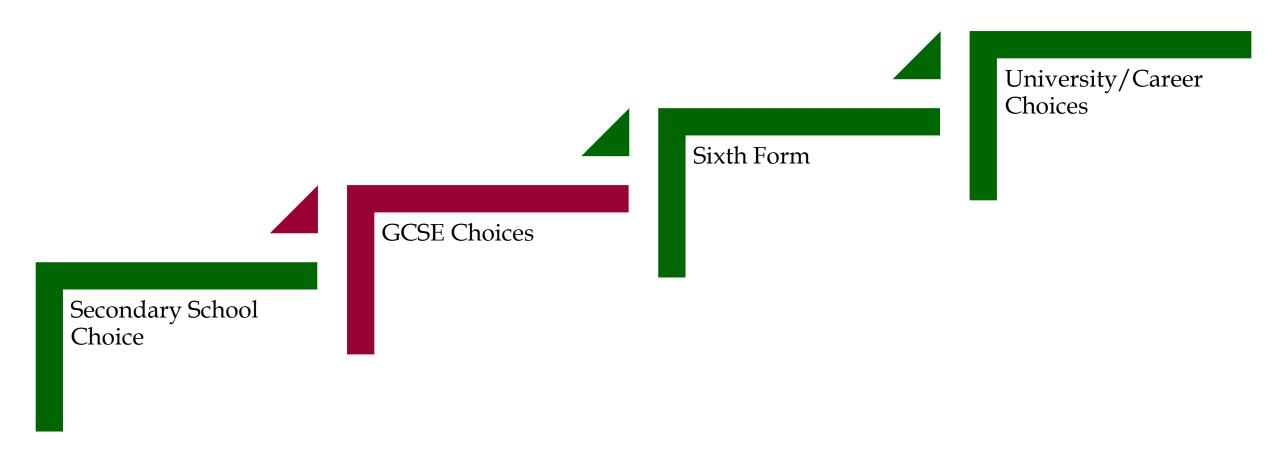


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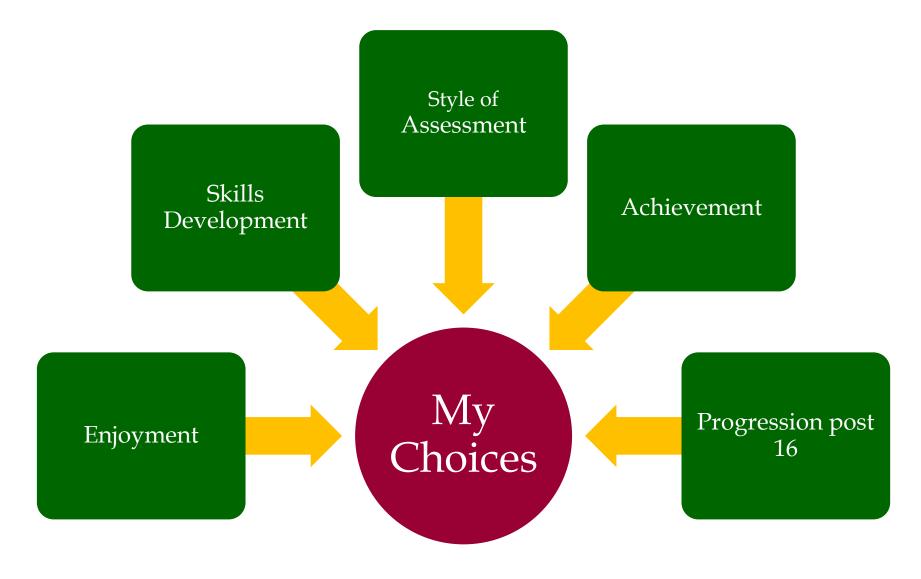
Wednesday 10th May 2023

Making the next step





Making the right choice







The KS4 Core Curriculum

Core GCSE courses

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science
 - Triple Science (GCSE Biology, Chemistry & Physics)
 - GCSE Combined Science (Double Award)
- GCSE Religious Studies



Comparing KS3 & KS4

Subject	KS3 Periods	KS4 Periods	
English	4	5	
Maths	4	5	
Science	4	6	
Rel.Studies	3	3	
Games	2	2	
MFL	3		
History	2	Subject Choice 1	3 periods
Geography	2	Subject Choice 2	3 periods
Computing	1	Subject Choice 3	3 periods
Arts Rotation	4		
PE	1		
Total	30 periods*	30 periods*	* + Tuesday PSHE period



KS4 Setting

Set structure for English & RS

Pop 1	Pop 2
A	
1	1
2	2
3	3

Set structure for Maths & Science

A	
В	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Top 2 Science sets will study TRIPLE Science



Careers Education

- Dedicated week of Work Experience (July of Grammar)
- A host of external speakers delivering talks about their career journey's
- A careers fair in which external further and higher education providers will be able to speak to
- Every student will have a one to one careers interview in their Syntax year, about their post 16 option choices with Ms Parrish (Careers Advisor)
- Access all year round to our on site Careers Advisor, appointments can be made through Ms Parrish/HoL



Option Choices

Course Types

GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education)

- Graded 1 to 9
- Focus on studying the theory of subjects with written and some practical work.
- Linear, examined at end of Year 11

BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council)

- Specialist work-related qualifications.
- They combine subject and theory content with practical learning
- More practical, specialist courses that are focused on a specific industry or job area.
- Tend to revolve around coursework and are assessed via a mix of project-based assessments, as well as written tests, online assessments and exams
- Grades used: Distinction (7+), Merit (6) and Pass (4)



Prince's Trust

- Personal Development and Employability Skills (PDE) qualification.
- A flexible programme offered to those students who may struggle to access the full complement of GCSEs.
- Portfolio rather than exam based
- The programme is based around six modules: Skills for Schools, Personal and Social Development, Life Skills, Active Citizenship, Enterprise Projects and Preparation for Work.
- The approach is flexible and units are chosen to suit the boys' interests.
- Literacy and numeracy opportunities are embedded throughout.
- Please contact Lesley Denton (SENDCO) if you wish to get more information



Option Courses

GCSE

- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Music
- Physical Education

BTEC

- Performing Arts
- Music
- Sport

PDE Qualification

• Prince's Trust



Ebacc Courses

GCSE

- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish
- Art
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Music
- Physical Education

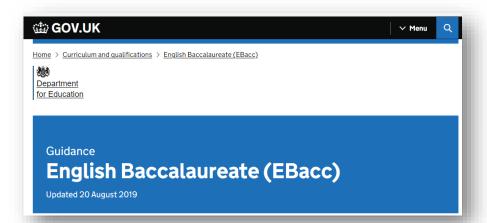
BTEC

- Performing Arts
- Music
- Sport

PDE Qualification

• Prince's Trust





What is the Ebacc?

The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

EBacc impact

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

The government's ambition is to see 75% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and 90% by 2025.

The EBacc is:

- English language and literature
- maths
- the sciences
- geography or history
- a language



Ebacc College Requirements

- All pupils **must** choose History or Geography
- All pupils in Set A or Set 1 for MFL must choose a language
- If you are in Set 2 or Set 3 you can choose a language
- Is your son a native speaker? If so let us know



Option Subject Blocks

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE History	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE Geography	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Business
BTEC Sport	GCSE Geography	GCSE Computer Science
	BTEC Music	GCSE Design Technology
	BTEC Performing Arts	GCSE Drama
		GCSE Geography
		GCSE Music
		GCSE Physical Education

Every pupil must choose a Humanity

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE History	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE Geography	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Business
BTEC Sport	GCSE Geography	GCSE Computer Science
	BTEC Music	GCSE Design Technology
	BTEC Performing Arts	GCSE Drama
		GCSE Geography
		GCSE Music
		GCSE Physical Education

Every pupil in MFL Set A/1 must choose a Language

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE History	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE Geography	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Business
BTEC Sport	GCSE Geography	GCSE Computer Science
	BTEC Music	GCSE Design Technology
	BTEC Performing Arts	GCSE Drama
		GCSE Geography
		GCSE Music
		GCSE Physical Education

- All pupils in Set A or Set 1 for MFL must choose a language
- If you are in Set 2 or Set 3 you can choose a language
- Native speakers will be able to submit their language intention

Pupils wishing to choose BTECs

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE History	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE Geography	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Business
BTEC Sport	GCSE Geography	GCSE Computer Science
	BTEC Music	GCSE Design Technology
	BTEC Performing Arts	GCSE Drama
		GCSE Geography
		GCSE Music
		GCSE Physical Education

- If you choose BTEC Sport you **must** choose GCSE Geography in Option 2 or 3
- If you choose BTEC Sport you cannot choose GCSE Physical Education
- If you choose BTEC Music you cannot choose GCSE Music
- If you choose BTEC Performing Arts you cannot choose GCSE Drama

Matching Pupil Need

those for whom the full GCSE load is too much . . .

- English GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Combined Science GCSE
- RE GCSE
- 2 BTECs + 1 GCSE or Prince's Trust option

additional challenge for the more able pupil . . .

- Higher level GCSEs
- Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry + Physics)





Completing the Options Form

Submitting your choices



KS4 Options Form 2023

Please submit this form by Wednesday 24th May

Options submitted online via the Options Google form

Option 1

OPTION CHOICE 1 *

- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography
- BTEC Sport

Option 2

OPTION CHOICE 2 *
GCSE French
GCSE Spanish
GCSE Geography
O BTEC Music
BTEC Performing Arts

Is your son a native speaker in another language *
○ Yes
○ No
If you answered YES please state which language
Your answer

Option 3

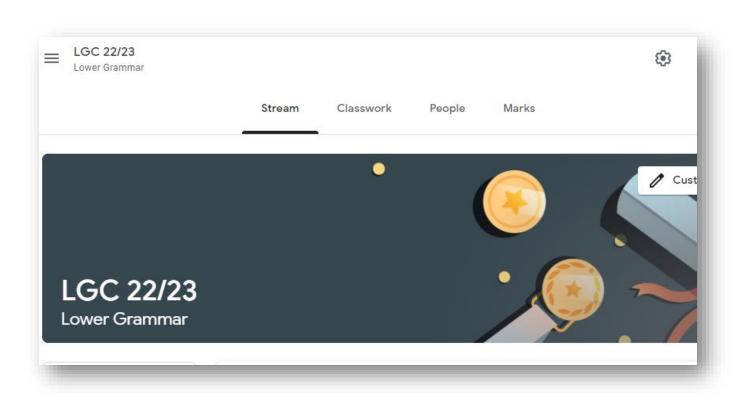
OPTION CHOICE 3 (1st preference) *
GCSE Art
GCSE Business
GCSE Computer Science
GCSE Design Technology
GCSE Drama
GCSE Geography
GCSE Music
GCSE Physical Education

OPTION CHOICE 3 (2nd preference) * GCSE Art GCSE Business GCSE Computer Science GCSE Design Technology GCSE Drama GCSE Geography GCSE Music GCSE Physical Education

Additional Comments

Additional Comments (optional) Your answer Parent/Pupil Declaration * I can confirm that I have discussed these choices with my son

Accessing the form and information



- The online options form link will be posted in all Tutor Group Google Classrooms
- The KS4 Curriculum
 Guide & Presentation will
 be emailed to parents and
 posted in Google
 Classroom and the College
 Website.



KS4 Curriculum Evening