

# KS4 Curriculum Evening 

Wednesday $10^{\text {th }}$ 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 | Subject Choice 1 | 3 periods |  |
| History | 2 | Subject Choice 2 | 3 periods |  |
| Geography | 2 |  |  |  |
| Computing | 1 |  |  |  |
| Arts Rotation | 4 | Subject Choice 3 | 3 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 |
| :---: |
| $B$ |
| 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)

Both course types allow progression into Sixth Form

## 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?

Guidance
English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

## The EBacc is:

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

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 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.

## 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 | BTEC Performing Arts |
|  |  | GCSE Design Technology |
|  |  | GCSE Drama |
|  | GCSE Musicaphy |  |
|  | 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

## Wimbledon College

Options submitted online via the
Options Google form

## Option 1

OPTION CHOICE 1 *

GCSE HistoryGCSE Geography
OTEC Sport

## Option 2

## OPTION CHOICE 2 *

GCSE FrenchGCSE SpanishGCSE GeographyBTEC MusicBTEC Performing ArtsIs your son a native speaker in another language *YesNo

If you answered YES please state which language

[^0]OPTION CHOICE 3 (1st preference) *GCSE ArtGCSE BusinessGCSE Computer ScienceGCSE Design TechnologyGCSE DramaGCSE GeographyGCSE MusicGCSE Physical Education

OPTION CHOICE 3 (2nd preference) *GCSE Art
GCSE BusinessGCSE Computer ScienceGCSE Design TechnologyGCSE DramaGCSE GeographyGCSE MusicGCSE 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.



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[^0]:    Your answer

