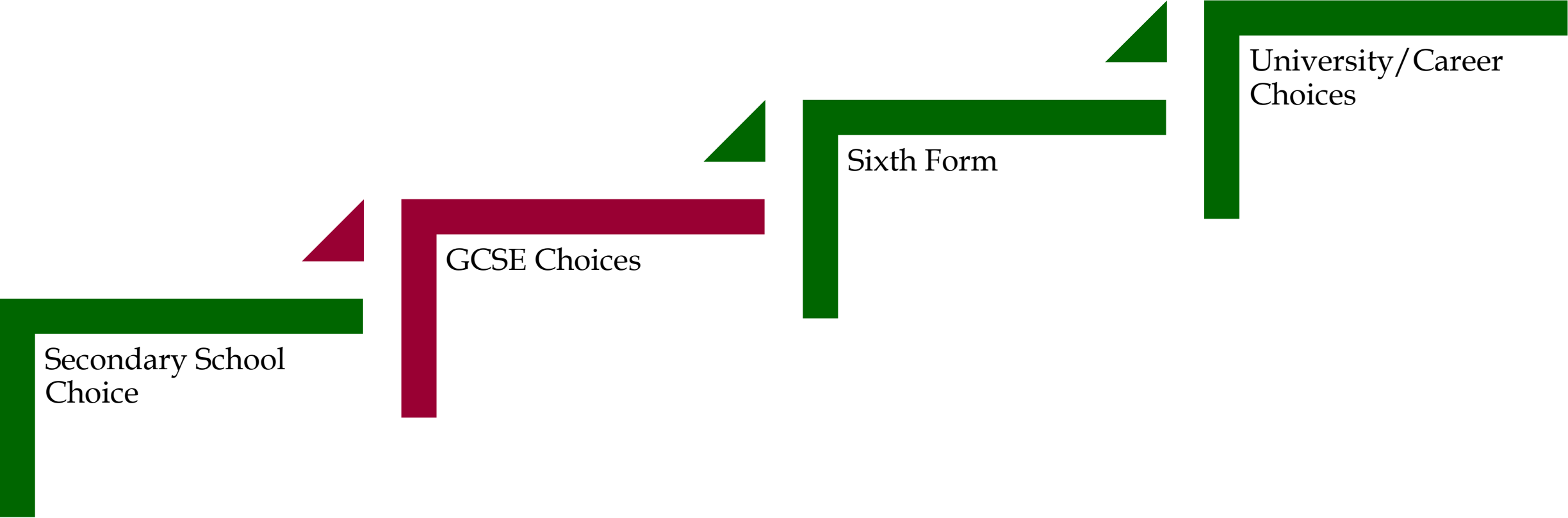




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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# Making the next step



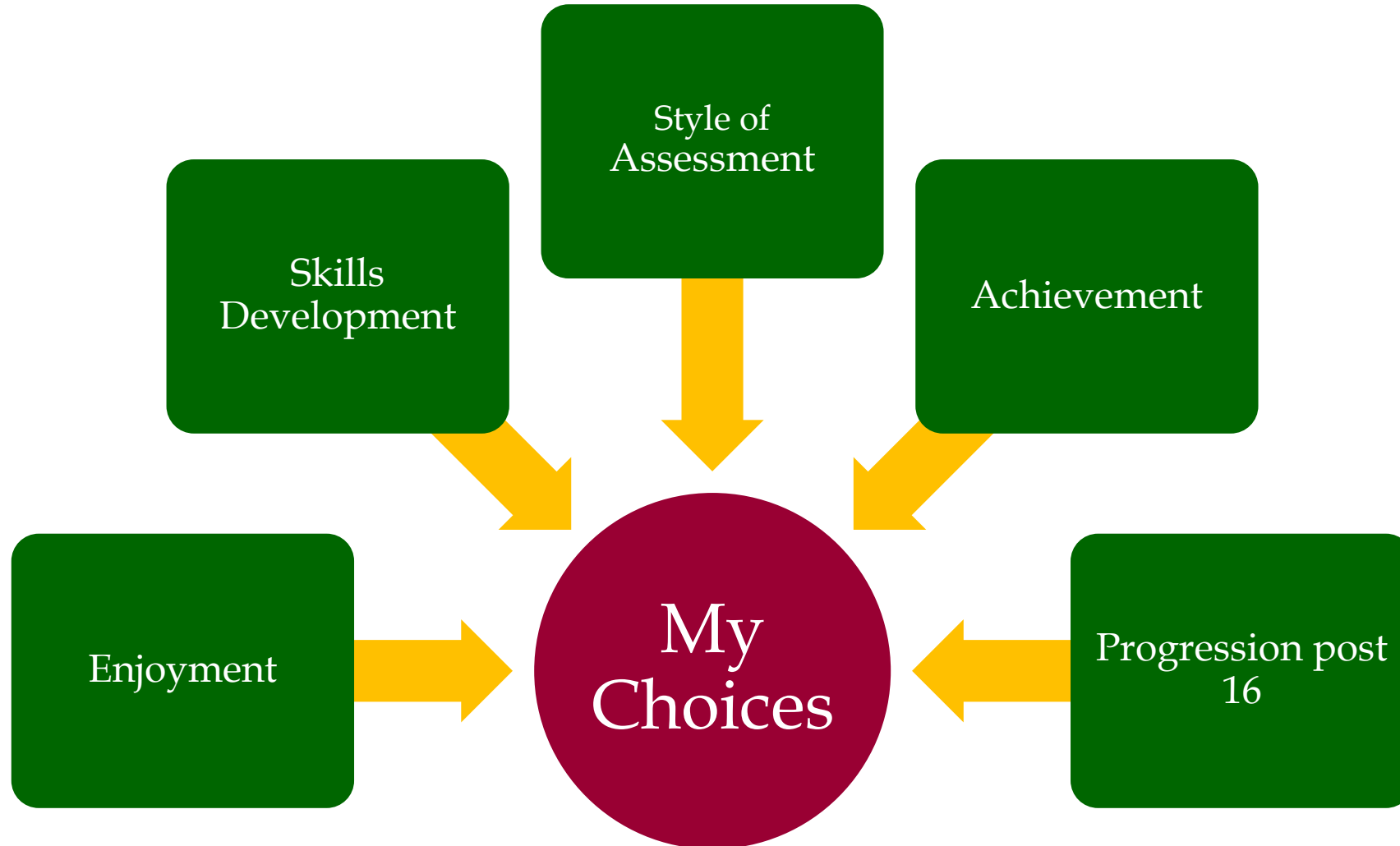
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Choices

# Making the right choice





# KS4 Curriculum Evening

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# Course Types

## GCSE

- Linear exams (examined at end of Year 11)
- Large subject content
- Longer exams
- Wide range of subjects
- Graded 1 to 9
- Preparation for A Level


## BTEC

- Specialist work-related qualifications.
- Include more practical skills
- Assessment spread over Y10 and 11
- Coursework
- modular assessments (taken during Y10 and Y11) and
- End of Y11 exams
- Grades used: Distinction (7+), Merit (6) and Pass (4)

*Both course types allow progression into Sixth Form*

# Comparing KS3 & KS4

<b>Subject</b>	<b>KS3 Periods</b>	<b>KS4 Periods</b>
English	4	5
Maths	4	5
Science	4	6
Rel.Studies	3	3
Games	2	2
MFL	3	
History	2	
Geography	2	
Computing	1	
Arts Rotation	4	
PE	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 periods*</b>	<b>30 periods*</b>



**Subject Choice 1**      **3 periods**  
**Subject Choice 2**      **3 periods**  
**Subject Choice 3**      **3 periods**

*\* + Tuesday PSHE period*

# KS4 Setting

## Set structure for English & Religious Studies

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*

### *Options*

*Groups tend to be mixed ability*

*Where there are multiple subject sets in the same option block, these tend to be set*



# Careers Education

- Dedicated week of Work Experience (July of Y10)
- 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 Y11, focussing on 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

# Progression into Sixth Form

Average Grade achieved	Accessible courses
Grade 6 or higher	<p>A Levels: <i>Art, Biology, Business, Computing, Chemistry, Drama, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Film Studies, Geography, History, Maths, Music, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish.</i></p> <p>Some A Levels will require a Grade 7 (e.g. Maths)</p>
Grades 4-5	<p>BTECs: <u><i>Applied Science, Business, Sport and Performing Arts</i></u> <i>All subjects underlined offer a single award, those underlined offer a double award as well</i></p>
Grades 4 or below	<p>Y12 one year course <i>GCSE English, Maths, Citizenship and BTEC2 Business</i></p>



# Option Choices

# 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

# 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 (SENDSCO) if you wish to get more information*

# Option Subject Blocks

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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

# Ebacc Courses

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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

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**English Baccalaureate (EBacc)**
  
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The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top left is the GOV.UK logo. To its right are a 'Menu' dropdown and a search icon. Below the logo is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Curriculum and qualifications > English Baccalaureate (EBacc)'. The Department for Education logo is visible on the left. The main content area has a blue header with the text 'Guidance English Baccalaureate (EBacc)' and 'Updated 20 August 2019'.

# 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 Courses

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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

## Ebacc requirements

- **All** pupils **must** choose Geography **or** History (*they can choose both*)
- **All** pupils in **Set A** or **Set 1** for MFL **must** choose a language

# Making your choices

*What do I have to do and what can I choose?*

- Which Humanity do I want do?
- Do I have to do Languages?
- Can I choose Languages?
- Am I a native speaker?
- Do I want to study BTECs?
- Free subject choices
  - Which subject best suits me?
  - Which subject will give me the best grade outcome?
- Is the exam load too much?

# Every pupil must choose a Humanity

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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

# Language choice

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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 take their native language GCSE in Y10 or 11
  - Option 2 subject choice: French/Spanish or one of the 3 other subjects in line 2

# Pupils wishing to choose BTECs

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	GCSE Spanish	GCSE Business
<b>BTEC Sport</b>	<b>GCSE Geography</b>	GCSE Computer Science
	<b>BTEC Music</b>	GCSE Design Technology
	<b>BTEC Performing Arts</b>	GCSE Drama
		<b>GCSE Geography</b>
		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

# The 'free choice'

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
GCSE Geography	GCSE French	GCSE Art
GCSE History	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

# Questions...

*What is the process for subjects with limited spaces?*  
*What is the process for studying as a native speaker?*  
*Do I have to study MFL if I am in set 1 or A?*  
*Can I choose History or Geography*  
*When do we start studying GCSE content?*  
*Can I choose a backup?*  
*What if my 2 preferred choices are in the same option block?*  
*Is BTEC easier?*  
*Do we pick the choices tonight or online?*  
*Can you move from GCSE foundation to GCSE higher tier?*  
*When should I start revising for GCSEs?*  
*Do I need a tutor?*  
*I have an interest in being [e.g. a doctor] – what do I need?*  
*Do my choices affect my options in certain job industries?*  
*How do I choose Sixth Form subjects, when do I do it and how many?*

Mr Cargill

Mr Murphy (DHT Higher Line)

Mr Skinner (AHT i/c Careers)

Ms Parrish (Careers advisor)

Heads of Department

Subject teachers



# Completing the Options Form



# Submitting your choices



**Wimbledon  
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KS4 Options Form 2024

Please submit this form by Wednesday 22nd May

Options submitted  
online via the  
Options Google form

Deadline is  
Wednesday 22nd  
May

# Option 1

## OPTION CHOICE 1 \*

- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography
- BTEC Sport

# Option 2

## OPTION CHOICE 2 \*

- GCSE French
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Geography
- 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

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# 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

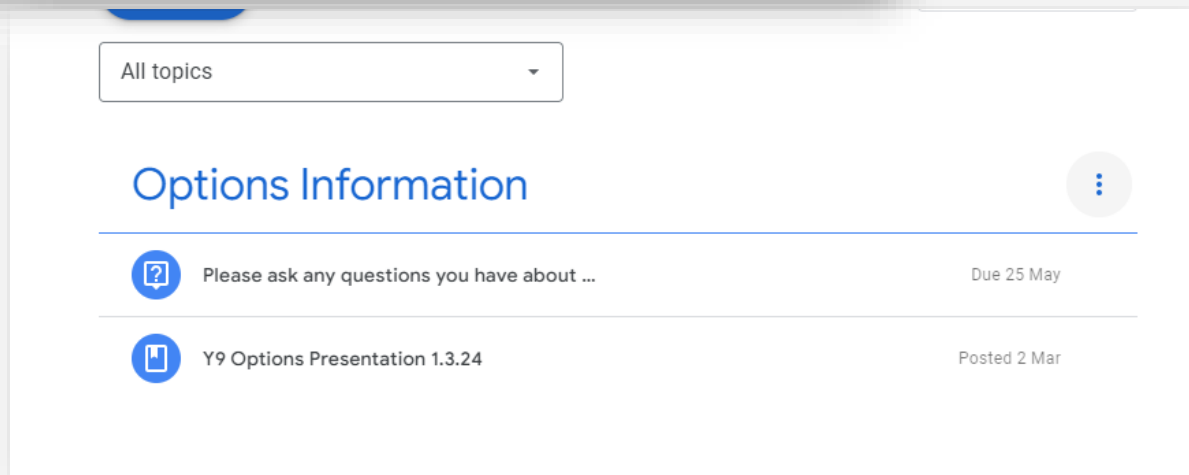
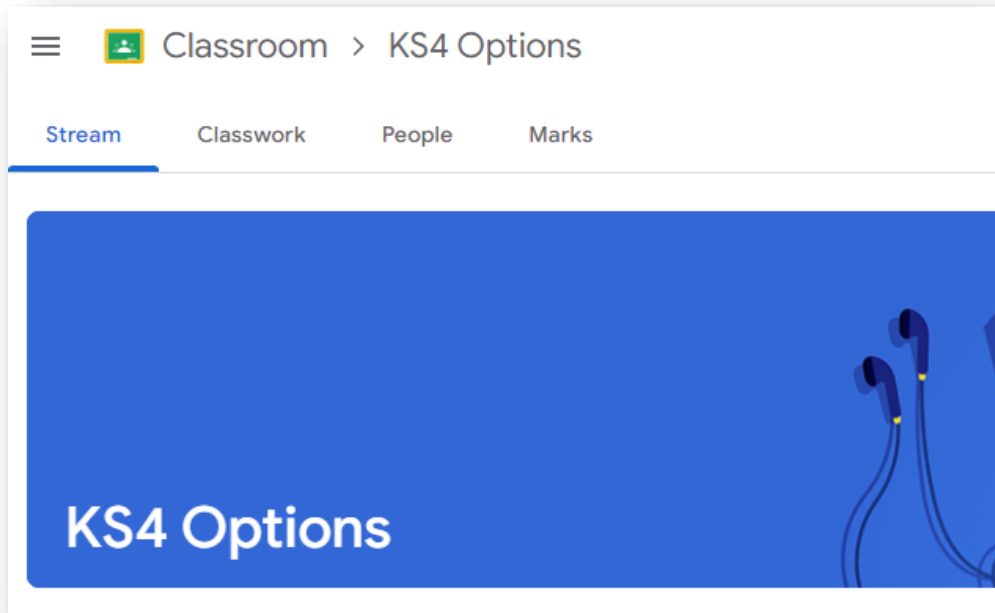
# Additional Comments

Please add any comments or queries you may have (e.g. your preferred subject combination)

Your answer

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# Accessing the form and information



- The online options form link will be posted in the **KS4 Options Google Classroom**
- The KS4 Curriculum Guide & Presentation will be emailed to parents and posted on the College Website.



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