



Joining KS4: choosing your options

November 2025



Welcome to the Year 9 options process

We are excited to introduce the KS4 options booklet to guide you through the process of moving into Year 10 in September.

This booklet will explain what will happen and what your options are, supporting you as you decide on the next steps of your education.

What happens next?

First of all, read this booklet carefully. There is a lot of information to consider

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| 23/10/25 | The options booklet goes live on the website |
| 26/11/25 | Parent meeting about the options process |
| 14/01/26 | PD session focusing on the options process |
| 28/01/26 | Options fair |
| 04/02/26 | Options taster day |
| 04/02/26 | Options form opens, accessible through the school website |
| 25/02/26 | Options form closes |

What will my timetable look like?

There are some subjects that are **compulsory** for all students.

- English Literature - you will study English for **four** hours per week
- English Language
- Maths - you will study Maths for **four** hours per week
- Science - you will study Science for **four** hours per week

In addition, you will all do PE for **one** hour per week

- You will choose **one** from either Ancient History, History or Geography
- You will choose **one** from either French or Spanish

Why do I have to take certain subjects?

The compulsory subjects **must** be studied to GCSE level.

There is also a group of subjects, called the EBacc, used by the Department for Education to recognise achievement in five academic subjects. This group are most likely **required** or **preferred** by higher education institutions and are highly **valued** by employers for the skills they develop.

The group includes the compulsory subjects and:

- **French or Spanish (or another language)**
- **Ancient History, History or Geography**

This is why we stipulate that you select one of each sub-group.

You may also choose to do an additional language or humanity as one of the free options

What options can I choose from?

You can choose two subjects from the following:

*The following subjects cannot be chosen together:

- Art and Design with Graphic Communication
- PE with Sport

Ancient History	Art and Design*	Business Studies	Engineering
Computer Science	Design and Technology	Economics	Graphic Communication*
Food	French	Geography	Media Studies
Health and Social Care	History	ICT	Religious Studies
Music	PE*	Performing Arts	*Statistics with Further Maths
Spanish	Sport*	Textiles	

An overview of the compulsory subjects:

These subjects are labelled as 'CORE SUBJECT' in the booklet

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On each subject page, there is a QR code that links to the relevant website for the course and will allow you to access course specifications and further information



An overview of the compulsory subjects:

These subjects are labelled as 'BLUE OPTION' in the booklet

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An overview of the option subjects:

These subjects are labelled as 'GREEN OPTION' in the booklet. The shades of green reflect the different type of award achieved.

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Business Studies	GCSE	End of course examinations	21
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Economics	GCSE	End of course examinations	24
Engineering	Vocational	End of course examination and a project	25

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Graphic Communication	GCSE	Portfolio and Externally set assessment	27
Health and Social Care	Vocational	Varied	28
ICT	Vocational	Varied	29
Media Studies	GCSE	End of course examinations	30
Music	Vocational	Coursework and External Assessment	31
PE*	GCSE	End of course examinations	32
Performing Arts	Vocational	Assessed performances and workshops	33
Religious Studies	GCSE	End of course examinations	34
Sport*	Vocational	Varied	35
Statistics and Further Maths	GCSE	End of course examinations	36
Textiles	GCSE	End of course examinations	37

Subjects with specific entry requirements

If you would like to study the following subjects:

- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Economics

You need to be **working consistently at a grade 6 or higher in Maths**

To study **Statistics with Further Maths** you need to be **working consistently at a grade 8 or higher in Maths**

To study **Music**, you need to **play a musical instrument**.

To study **Performing Arts** you need to be **confident in performing in front of others**.

To study **GCSE PE** you must play competitive **sport both in school and outside of school**



What if I'm not sure what to choose?

When considering what choices to make in the optional part of the curriculum, think about the following questions:

- What am I good at?
- What do I enjoy?
- What are my aspirations and expectations?
- Am I making choices for the right reasons?
- Have I gathered all of the advice and guidance before making decisions?

Avoid taking a subject because your friend is - it might not be the right choice for you and what you want in the future

English Literature

Why is English Literature important for you?

Through the reading of novels, plays and poetry, we get to learn about the issues and ideas that have universally interested humankind. Stories, such as Macbeth, explore the nature of power and what happens when ambition gets in the way - problems that are still relevant today. But besides just exploring stories, you will acquire key skills, developing your ability to analyse, evaluate and observe - skills which are **crucial** for so many professions.

What will you learn?

Through the study of one of Shakespeare's most famous and gory plays, a collection of poems on the theme of power and conflict, the haunting and gripping story of A Christmas Carol, and a modern play focusing on divisions in society, you will learn to:

- become an analytical reader
- become an evaluative reader, able to comment and critically explore interpretations
- compare ideas and examine similarities



How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams at the end of the course:

- The first examines Shakespeare and the story of A Christmas Carol, worth 40%
- The second examines poetry and the modern play, worth 60%

Contact: Mrs Miller, Head of English



English Language

Why is English Language important for you?

English provides the foundation for every single subject you study and every single interaction you have, but studying it at GCSE gives you the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills, as you respond to the writing of others. It also enables you to develop the ability to read analytically, exploring a text for meaning and ideas, whilst also enhancing your own writing skills. A GCSE in English Language or Literature is often a basic requirement for Post 16 education, apprenticeships and for jobs of all descriptions.

What will you learn?

There are similarities with Literature, as you will develop your reading skills to become an evaluative and analytical reader.

But you will also learn to write confidently, adapting your writing for a particular audience and purpose.

In addition, you will develop your verbal communication, presenting your ideas and responding to questions.



How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams, both at the end of the course - both exams are worth 50%

- The first focuses on fiction texts
- The second focuses on non-fiction texts

There is also a compulsory Spoken Language non-exam assessment, worth 0%

Contact: Mrs Miller, Head of English



Mathematics



Why is Maths important for you?

Maths provides you with crucial skills, providing the knowledge and logic required for daily life, from managing your money to buying a home.

Achieving a pass at GCSE is usually a basic requirement for your next steps, whether that is at school, in an apprenticeship or in a work-based placement.

What will you learn?

You will learn about the five central strands of Maths - number, algebra, ratio and proportion, data handling and shape and space.

You will learn strategies to solve different types of questions.

You will learn to problem solve and apply mathematical principles to real-life situations.

Contact: Mr Thorne, Head of Maths



How will you be assessed?

There are **three** exams:

- two allow a calculator
- one is a non-calculator exam

There are **two** tiers - you will either do the **higher tier** (from grade 4-9) or **foundation tier** (grades 1-5)

Science



Why is Science important for you?

GCSE Science provides the foundation for understanding the world we live in. Having a firm scientific understanding of how our world is made is vital to our future.

In Year 10 you will take Combined Science. Students are selected for Triple Science in Year 11 based on attainment in Year 10. If you take Combined Science, you will achieve two GCSEs; if you take Triple Science, you will achieve three GCSEs. If you study Triple Science you will not have core PE in Year 11.

How will you be assessed?

There are **six** exams, whether you take Combined or Triple Science

There are compulsory practicals - you will be assessed on your understanding of these in the exams

There are **two** tiers - you will either do the **higher tier** (from grade 4-9) or **foundation tier** (grades 1-5)

What will you learn?

You will build upon your knowledge of topics studied during KS3, ranging across Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Such as chemical reactions, body processes and forces.

You will also learn about some exciting new topics:

- How human genes can be modified
- How radioactivity works and its power
- Understanding the world of astronomy
- Nanotechnology and equilibria

Contact: Mrs Palmer, Head of Science





Ancient History

Why is Ancient History important for you?

Ancient History is a highly respected qualification demonstrating advanced skills in the research, analysis and presentation of key ideas.

Ancient History GCSE helps you to develop analytical skills that are vital when making judgements for your future career. It also gives you an insight into the ancient world and by its very nature asks you to investigate important and controversial issues.

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams focusing on the different historical topics, one on Persia and Greece and the other on Rome.

Each one assesses your ability to engage with ancient sources, analyse their content and write essays that show a clear understanding of the key causes, consequences and significance of the key events and individuals of the course.

What will you learn?

The course is wide ranging:

You will learn about:

- The rise of the Persian Empire
- The career of Alexander the Great and his impact on the ancient world
- The rise of the Roman Empire
- Cleopatra and Rome



BLUE option

History



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How will you be assessed?

There are **three** exams focusing on the different historical topics

Each one assesses your ability to evaluate, including using sources, recall and apply your knowledge, and explain processes and events

What will you learn?

The course is wide ranging:

You will learn about:

- Germany and the rise of Hitler
- changes in crimes and punishments in England over the last thousand years
- crime and life in Whitechapel
- how the USA and Russia faced up to each other in the Cold War
- and how Elizabeth I became one of England's greatest rulers



Contact: Mr Firth, Head of History

BLUE option

Geography



Why is Geography important for you?

Geography holds the key to our future. It is an exciting subject which enables you to make sense of the world around you. You will develop a knowledge and understanding of current events from the local to the global scale. You will investigate the Earth and its people, study the features of the earth such as coastal processes and volcanoes and develop a range of useful skills such as map reading and data collection. You will also gain an understanding and appreciation of the cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world.

What will you learn?

The course covers both Physical and Human Geography. It covers topics such as the hazardous earth, development dynamics, the challenges of an urbanising world and the UK's evolving physical landscape. You will also go on two fieldwork trips (one urban and one rural) during the course, learning about many of the important issues facing the world today and evaluate how they have an impact on you and other people.

How will you be assessed?

There are **three** exams in Geography, assessing the different topics, through a broad range of questions.

- Global Geographical Issues
- UK Geographical Issues
- People and Environment Issues – Making Geographical Decisions



Contact: Ms Sweeney, Head of Geography

French and Spanish

Why are French and Spanish important for you?

In a global business market, the ability to speak languages and understand cultures is vital, and to be able to speak an additional language provides you with the necessary skills to compete in an ever changing and competitive world.

Modern Foreign Languages plays an important part in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) qualification, a set of core GCSE subjects that keep a young person's options open for further study and future careers.



Contact: Mr Clarke, Head of Languages

What will you learn?

You will build on what you already know, continuing to develop your skills in Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, through a variety of activities and topics, maximising your engagement and learning experience.

Not only will you learn the building blocks of the language (vocabulary and grammar) but you will also learn how to communicate effectively in a variety of common scenarios. Additionally, you will learn about the culture of the language studied, exploring current affairs and events, making the courses incredibly valuable in an increasingly globalised world.

How will you be assessed?

You will be assessed on the four skills of language learning, through four exams, each worth 25%

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing



French



Spanish

Art and Design

Please note:

This subject cannot be chosen if you are also choosing Graphic Design

Why is Art and Design important for you?

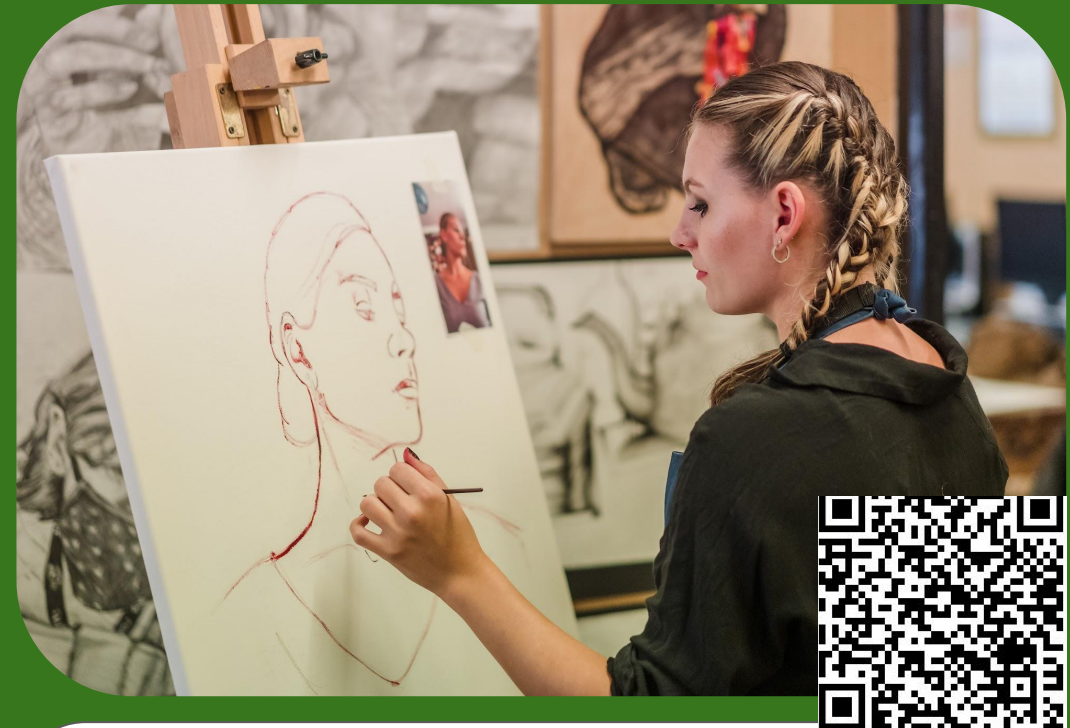
Art and Design offers the opportunity to learn about visual communication and expression. You will develop the skills to organise and express your ideas, observations and feelings through drawing, painting, printmaking, three-dimension studies, photography and new technologies.

You will explore a wide range of creative techniques and processes and develop a unique and personal visual outcome.

What will you learn?

You will develop key skills through practical workshops focused on drawing, painting, sculpturing and photography, creating a presentation of your best examples in each area. You will develop large-scale final pieces, examining the works of artists and designers as inspiration. Ultimately, you will produce a portfolio of your work - from the experimentation and influences, to the final creative piece.

Contact: Mr Firth, acting Head of Art



How will you be assessed?

You will be assessed on two units both consisting of a body of creative work and a final piece.

The portfolio is worth 60% and the set task is worth 40%. The work for the set task is based on a theme set by the exam board and you will produce an outcome in a 10 hour controlled assessment as part of this unit.

GREEN option

Business Studies



Why is Business Studies important for you?

Business Studies is highly relevant to everyday living and you will come across 'real life' business examples in your daily life. It is a fascinating subject, covering different aspects of business such as business start-ups, finance, marketing, production, human resources and growth.

It is a highly-respected GCSE that employers value as it helps to prepare learners for the workplace in a range of sectors and enterprises.

What will you learn?

You will learn about a range of key business features that are found across the economy.

You will learn about what it takes to work in small, medium and large enterprises and develop an appreciation of the challenges facing entrepreneurs.

You will study marketing strategies, external environment, finance, motivation and communication.

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams at the end of the course:

- Unit 1 - Introduction to small business
- Unit 2 - Building a business



Contact: Mr Grace, Head of Business and Economics

GREEN option

Computer Science



***To study Computer Science, you need to be working at a grade 6 in Maths**

Why is Computer Science important for you?

"There's a world out there just bursting with invention and opportunities and 90% of it is driven by a computer".

This is a course that has real relevance in our modern world. While you will already have some knowledge of computers and skills, the course will give you a more in-depth understanding of how computer technology works, taking you "behind the scenes".



What will you learn?

- Systems architecture
- Memory and storage
- Computer networks, connections and protocols
- Network security
- System software
- Ethical, legal, cultural and environmental impacts of digital technology
- Algorithms
- Programming fundamentals
- Producing robust programs
- Boolean logic
- Programming languages and integrated development environment

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams.

- Paper 1 - computer systems
- Paper 2 - computational think, algorithms and algorithms and programming

Contact: Mr Thorne, Head of Computing

Design and Technology



Why is Design and Technology important for you?

Design Technology is a course that enables students to develop the skills, understanding and experiences to become the engineers of the future. You will design and make products with creativity and originality, using a range of materials and techniques.

Students who enjoy practical lessons and are interested in working with a range of materials would be well suited to Design Technology.

What will you learn?

Much of the practical work in Year 10 focuses on wood, metal and plastics as the main materials.

You will use a wide range of machinery, materials, processes, hand tools and equipment throughout the course. These tasks will develop your design and practical skills. Your practical skills must also be supported by theoretical knowledge ranging from mechanical properties to sustainability.

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** assessments:

- An internally assessed non-exam examination (NEA) project, worth 50%
- An external exam, worth 50%

You must become independent, ensuring that you can apply your theoretical learning to practical projects.

Contact: Mr Jivan, Head of DT



GREEN option

Economics



***To study Economics, you need to be working at a grade 6 in Maths**

Why is Economics important for you?

Economics is highly relevant to everyday living and you will come across 'real life' economic examples in your daily life, and in the current climate, many of these issues are central to our lives. What causes house, food and fuel prices to rise and fall? What is the real social and economical cost of alcohol and tobacco consumption? Why do some people earn so much more than others, and are such differences justified?

What will you learn?

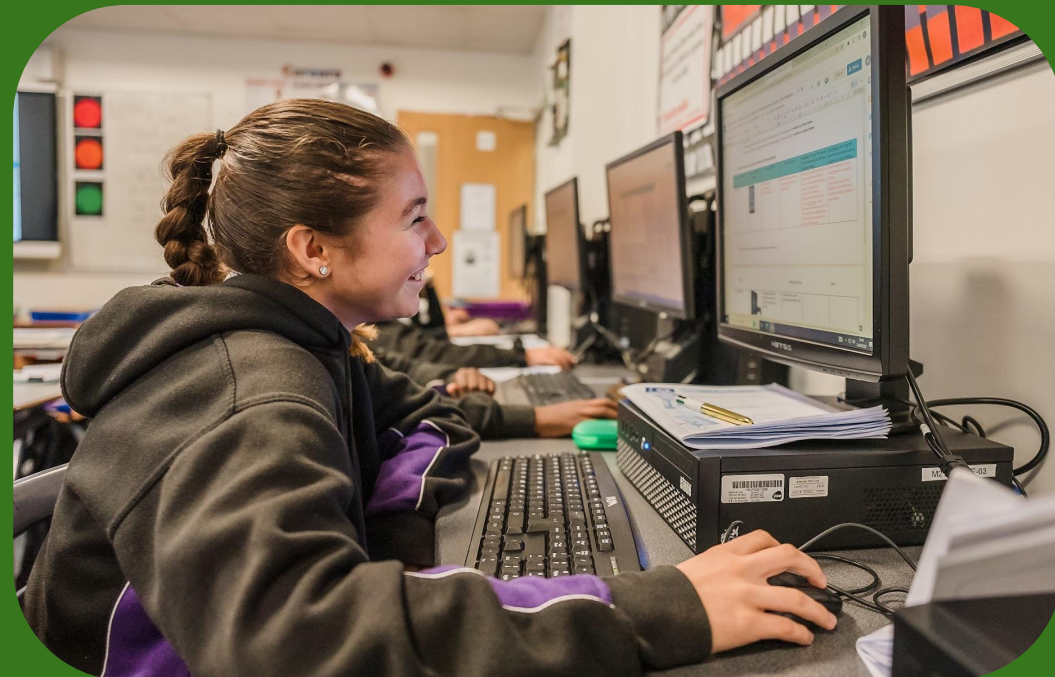
Key topics include:

- What is the economic problem?
- What are competitive markets and how do firms operate in them?
- What are the objectives of the government?
- How does the government raise and spend money?

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams at the end of the course

- Introduction to Economics, worth 50%
- National and International Economics, worth 50%



Contact: Mr Grace, Head of Business and Economics

GREEN option

Engineering



***To study Engineering, you need to be working at a grade 6 in Maths**

Why is Engineering important for you?

Engineering students are second only to medics in securing full-time jobs and earning good salaries. Besides this, one of the most rewarding aspects of becoming an engineer is "the ability to work on a variety of different projects helping to change the world. You can see what you have done and put your name to it." (Alice McGregor, Atkins Engineer). This is your chance to change the world!

What will you learn?

This course introduces you to a host of new technologies, helping you to gain practical skills and understanding, inspiring a lifelong interest in engineering.

You will study engineering disciplines, applying your scientific and mathematical skills. You will learn to read engineering drawings, identifying properties and characteristics, selecting engineering materials, engineering tools, equipment and machines. You will produce hand-drawn engineering drawings and computer-aided designs.

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** assessed units which make up this technical award:

- An internally assessed non-exam assessment (NEA), worth 60%
- An exam, worth 40%



Contact: Mr Jivan, Head of DT

Food Preparation and Nutrition



Why is Food Preparation and Nutrition important for you?

Whether you just enjoy cooking, or you want to work in the food industry or be a chef at a restaurant, a dietician or a food product developer, this course is right for you.

It will provide you with experience of using different food preparation techniques to enable you to cook with confidence as well as ensuring you are informed about healthy eating, food related illness, food production and sustainable diets

What will you learn?

You will learn the essential knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy cooking a wide range of dishes. This leads to a practical task, where you cook a three course menu.

You will learn to understand food, its function in the body and how it functions in recipes, supported by the science of nutrition and how ingredients interact.

You will understand balanced diets, how to modify recipes for health and what influences food choice.



How will you be assessed?

You will have **one** exam, applying the theoretical knowledge of food preparation and nutrition.

You will complete an investigation into the scientific principles that underpin the preparation and cooking of food.

You will complete a practical assessment, in which you will plan, prepare, cook and present a three course menu in three hours.

Contact: Mr Taylor, acting Head of Home Economics

Graphic Communication

Please note:

This subject cannot be chosen if you are also choosing Art and Design

Why is Graphic Communication important for you?

Graphic Communication is a form of visual communication. It is the process by which visual information is given form and structure to communicate a message.

Being a graphic designer is the profession of visual communication that combines images, words and ideas to convey information to an audience. It involves designing print or electronic forms of visual information for advertisement, publication or a website.



What will you learn?

- Components of Graphic Design
- Work of Graphic Designers
- Requirements of a Graphic Design brief
- Planning, development and experimentation
- Graphic Design production
- Design, present and promote your Graphic Design work

How will you be assessed?

This course is made up of 2 components.

Component 1: Sustained project in the format of a portfolio that will assess your ability to effectively draw together your knowledge, understanding and skills in graphic design.

Component 2 is an external set assignment where you work on a task and prepare this for a ten-hour practical exam.

Component 1 - Portfolio = 60%

Component 2 - Externally set assignment = 40%

Contact: Mr Jivan, Head of DT



Health and Social Care

Why is Health and Social Care important for you?

If you are interested in understanding how humans grow and develop, and how different providers of health, social care and early years work to help and support them, this is the course for you.

It will expand your knowledge, enabling you to develop research and independent learning skills, crucial for any future study and career. If you have an interest in knowing more about human development and studying the skills necessary to a caring profession, this is an essential course to take.



What will you learn?

You will learn about the range of activities and therapies that are available in health or social care, considering the physical, intellectual, emotional and social benefits. You will learn to plan and deliver an activity with an individual or group, evaluating your planning and delivery. You will also learn about the various public health challenges faced by this country, and the campaigns used to encourage health and wellbeing, while also considering diverse social needs.

How will you be assessed?

There is **one** exam, called 'Principles of care in health and social care'.

There are **two** coursework units. One is called 'Supporting individuals through life events' and then you get to choose the next from two set tasks, on either 'Creative and therapeutic activities' or 'Health promotion campaigns'.

ICT

Why is ICT important for you?

We are now living in a world of technology and it is fundamental that you know how to use it. But, besides learning about ICT, you will also explore how technology is created and how it works for you.

You will learn how ICT affects our daily lives, from commerce and communication to politics and the music industry. To navigate this world, these skills are essential.

What will you learn?

During this course you will learn to understand and then also apply your learning in practical, real-life situations, such as:

- using different applications and tools to design, create and evaluate IT solutions and products
- creating a data manipulation solution
- creating an Augmented Reality prototype

How will you be assessed?

There is **one** exam and **two** centre-assessed components

- The written exam is worth 40%
- Each centre-assessed component is worth 30%



Contact: Mr Thorne, Head of Computing



Media Studies



Why is Media Studies important for you?

Studying Media studies at GCSE provides you with an array of skills, allowing you to develop your creative and analytical skills whilst exploring complex media texts. It is an interactive subject that will help increase your research and communication skills. You will explore a range of media forms, looking at how media has evolved so rapidly, including TV, film music, newspapers, magazines, video games and more recently popular bloggers and vloggers. It is a course that will pave the way to a future career in the developing media industry.

What will you learn?

- You will learn to understand theories related to media and the different contexts of media
- You will also learn about how the media influences and media products and processes
- You will learn to synthesise information about the media, considering the media in context and making judgements to draw conclusions
- Perhaps the most exciting aspect is that you will apply your knowledge to create media products for an intended audience



How will you be assessed?

- There are **two** exams in which you will apply your knowledge of media projects and also tackle unseen media sources, worth 70% overall
- There is also an NEA (Non-exam Assessment), where you select a brief and complete the set task, worth 30%

Music



Why is Music important for you?

Taking BTEC Music is a great way to further your passion for music and develop your skills to the next level. It focuses on both practical skills of performance and theoretical knowledge.

If you enjoy playing instruments, singing, or composing, this course will enable you to fulfil your potential, allowing freedom in the choice of music and whether you perform or compose. You will be able to work with other like-minded students, accessing our superb facilities to perform at the highest level.

What will you learn?

- You will explore the wide range of techniques used in the creation of music and investigate the key features of different musical styles.
- You will have the opportunity to develop your skills in performance and composition through engaging practical lessons and assignments, while documenting your progress using professional music industry techniques.



How will you be assessed?

There are **three** assessments:

- Exploring Music Products and Styles (30%)
Assessed in school and moderated by the exam board
- Music Skills Development (30%) Assessed in school and moderated by the exam board
- Responding to a Music Brief (40%) Externally Assessed

Contact: Mr Taylor, Head of Drama and Music

PE

Please note:

This subject cannot be chosen if you are also choosing Sport



Why is PE important for you?

Studying GCSE Physical Education will open your eyes to the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform in three different sports, you will also develop wide ranging knowledge of the how and why of physical activity and sport. If you are interested in starting a career or educational journey in performance, health or exercise science, then PE is a subject for you.

What will you learn?

You will learn about what it takes to perform, mentally and physically, exploring the ethical considerations behind drug use, whilst also learning about the consequences of inactivity and poor diet.

You will also develop understanding of anatomy and physiology, reinforcing your study in Science. In addition to your theory work you will develop your practical skills, with the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of human performance.

How will you be assessed?

There **two** exams and **one** practical assessment

- Applied anatomy and physiology physical training, worth 30%
- Socio-cultural influences, sports psychology, health, fitness and well-being, worth 30%
- The practical assessment of three sports is worth 30% of your grade as well as 'Analysing and Evaluating Performance (AEP)' task, worth 10%.



Contact: Mr Fernandes, Head of PE

Performing Arts



Why is Performing Arts important for you?

If you want to develop your acting skills and apply them in a variety of performance situations, then BTEC Performing Arts is the course for you. You will participate practically in both improvised and scripted performances during lessons. The course focuses on practical work, reflecting performance practices of the 21st century and developing skills necessary for further study in Performing Arts, Drama and a wide range of other subjects.

How will you be assessed?

There are **three** assessed elements:

- **Component 1:** Exploring the Performing Arts (30%). Assessed in school and moderated by the exam board
- **Component 2:** Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts (30%). Assessed in school and moderated by the exam board
- **Component 3:** Responding to a Brief (40%). Externally assessed

What will you learn?

The BTEC Performing Arts course focuses on three strands:

- You will develop your skills as performers in at least three different styles of performance, presenting to a live audience
- You will also have the opportunity to see and analyse and evaluate live professional performances
- You will develop skills in working as part of a team to complete a project to develop ideas for a workshop performance and applying the skills you learn throughout the course



Contact: Mr Taylor, Head of Drama and Music

GREEN option

Religious Studies



Why is Religious Studies important for you?

Religious studies has never been more important or relevant, when issues concerning religion are in the news on a daily basis.

For you to be able to understand our constantly changing world, you need to be able to understand the significance that religion plays in our global culture and taking this subject will develop that understanding. You will learn how to understand the cultures around the world, understand your own identity, and through this, learn to respect the rights and responsibilities of others.



What will you learn?

You will study a wide and diverse range of ideas, which will intrigue and interest you: this will include an in-depth study of Christianity and Islam and the study of four contemporary ethical themes. You will be challenged with questions about beliefs, values, meanings, purposes and truths, forming your own opinions in light of evidence. You will learn to appreciate how religion, philosophy and ethics are at the heart of every culture. Crucially, you will learn transferable skills (helpful in other subjects) - critical thinking and evaluation, negotiation, organisation and planning and problem solving.

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** exams at the end of the course:

- component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices, worth 50%
- component 2: Thematic studies, worth 50%

Contact: Mrs Khan, Head of RS

Sport

Please note:

This subject cannot be chosen if you are also choosing PE



Why is Sport important for you?

BTEC Sport provides an insight into many different aspects of the world of sport, giving you a broad theoretical and applied understanding of the most important fields within the industry. In addition, you will develop and apply your knowledge in practicals, developing your communication and technical skills.

If you enjoy taking part in sport and are interested in learning about the many different aspects of the world of sport, then BTEC Sport is a great choice for you.

What will you learn?

You will have the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skill in the following areas:

- You will learn about fitness, including fitness testing, physiology and its effect on performance
- You will complete practical sport performances to enhance your learning
- You will investigate how technology, equipment and facilities are used to enable and enhance sport

How will you be assessed?

There are **two** coursework components:

- Preparing participants to take part in sport and physical activity
- Taking part and improving other participants' sporting performance

There is an exam at the end of the course, applying theoretical knowledge and also understanding from the practicals.



Contact: Mr Fernandes, Head of PE

Statistics with Further Maths

**These subjects are for those intending to do A-level Further Maths in sixth form*

Why are Statistics and Further Maths important for you?

These two subjects develop logical thinking, data literacy, and advanced problem-solving skills essential for modern careers. They prepare you for A level study in Maths, Science, Economics, and Computing, building confidence in analysing data, modelling real-world situations, and making informed decisions across academic and professional contexts.

What will you learn?

- Intro to calculus
- Advanced algebra
- Intro to matrices
- Collection of data
- Processing, representing and analysing data
- Probability

How will you be assessed?

- **Statistics:** Two 90 minute exams at the end of the course
- **Further Maths:** Two 105 minute exams at the end of the course



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Textiles



Why is Textiles important for you?

Textile design and creation is a fundamental part of everyday life, due to the fashion industry, theatre costume design and home furnishings. In addition, textile design is also a recognised art form, whether purely as a form of decorative art or more practical applications such as electronically heated jackets.

This subject provides students with a range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in textiles in ways that are relevant to everyday life, but will also develop key practical skills.

What will you learn?

- You will learn to explore a range of media, techniques and processes including printing, felting, dyeing and fabric manipulation.
- You will explore the works of textile designers and artists.
- You will record your ideas and observations through drawing and painting, demonstrating your individuality, your creativity and passion for designing.
- You will also learn construction methods alongside other embellishing techniques.

How will you be assessed?

Both your practical and theoretical skills will be assessed in this course

- There is a coursework unit, worth 60%
- There is a practical exam, worth 40%. It is a 10 hour exam, taken over two days

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