

Student Pathways at Key Stage 4 – September 2021

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) students are offered a broad curriculum in which they are also able to select a chosen pathway. During the options process students are individually guided to select appropriate study based upon their Post 16 preferences, personal areas of interest and a balanced academic and vocational (personalised) pathway.

Students all study the following subjects:

Subject	Hours	Exam Board
English (Language and Literature)	5	AQA
Mathematics	5	AQA
Science (Combined/Separate)	5/6	Pearson Edexcel
Physical Education		NA
PSHE (including Religious Education)		NA

We review our subject offer at Key Stage 4 annually to ensure that students are offered a broad and balanced curriculum on relevant and current courses. We work closely with the Cabot Learning Federation (and wider research) to ensure that we are offering the best courses for our students. Students are encouraged to select options that they will enjoy, be successful at and, although not in all cases, will lead onto the next stage of education.

Students choose options at the end of Year 9, commencing them at the start of year 10. All students choose 4 options, and have 3 50-minute lessons per week on each. Those students that select Triple Science have extra Period 7 lessons, which they buy into at the start of the course. The options currently available are:

Subject	Qualification Type	Exam Board
Art	GCSE	WJEC Eduqas
Business Studies	Cambridge National / Vocational	OCR
Catering	GCSE	WJEC Eduqas
Computer Science	GCSE	OCR
Drama	GCSE	AQA
Engineering	BTEC / Vocational	Pearson Edexcel
French	GCSE	AQA
Geography	GCSE	AQA
Health and Social Care	BTEC / Vocational	Pearson Edexcel
History	GCSE	Pearson Edexcel
I.C.T.	Cambridge National / Vocational	OCR
Music	BTEC / Vocational Pearson	Edexcel
Photography	GCSE	WJEC/Eduqas
Product Design	GCSE	WJEC/Eduqas
Religious Studies	GCSE	AQA
Spanish	GCSE	AQA
Sport Science	Cambridge National / Vocational	OCR
Statistics	GCSE	Pearson Edexcel

(please note – this list is reviewed annually and subjects/exam boards are subject to change)

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