

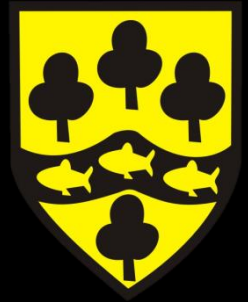
Thursday 24th January 2019

Year 8 GCSE Options Evening

Why are GCSEs so important?

- Passport to further education
- Will always be referred to in job applications
- Broadens horizons
- Training for success

Advice from Year 9s



- Choose for yourself
- Pick subjects you do well in & enjoy
- Challenge yourself
- Listen to parents, teachers & friends
- Don't rush, consider every option
- Look ahead
- Make the most of taster sessions
- Speak to your subject teachers

Do a course because:

- You are good at it and you enjoy it
- It fits your interests and abilities
- It links to a career idea
- You think you might want to continue studying it after Year 11
- It will help you meet the entry requirements for the post-16 options which interest you

Don't do a course because:

- Your friends have chosen it
- You think it would be easy
- You like the teacher you have now



Excited?

Nervous?

Daunted?

No big
deal?

The “Core” curriculum

Everyone will study:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science (2 GCSEs)
- Plus Core PE



The 'Options'?

- Students will study four further subjects during Years 9, 10 & 11
- If they are successful on these courses students will be awarded a GCSE or equivalent.
- Students will identify 6 subjects that they wish to study in preferential order.
- They will study four of these



The 'option' subjects

Art

Business
Studies
(Enterprise)

Child
Development

Computer
Science

Dance

Drama

Ethics and
Philosophy

French

Food and
Nutrition

Geography

History

Music

Photography

Spanish

Sport Studies

Triple Science

Choose six and study 4?

This will give students the best choice of courses.

Students may not study their first 4 subjects if:

- numbers for a particular course are low
- there is an unusual combination of courses

Restrictions

Students will need to study one of the following in their top 4:

- Computer Science
- French
- Geography
- History
- Spanish
- Triple Science

Qualifications

- Most will be GCSEs
- Other courses will have GCSE equivalence
- GCSE equivalent courses tend to have more coursework than exams
- There may be changes to the courses listed in the booklet. We will inform you if that is the case



The Ebacc

The English Baccalaureate is made up of GCSEs in:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History or Geography
- A foreign language

Is the Ebacc important?

- Currently colleges do not require it
- Currently Oxford and Cambridge Universities do not require it
- Currently nearly all universities do not require it (UCL requires a GCSE in a language for any degree course)



Is the Ebacc important?

However:

- The government is aiming for 75% of students to be taking the Ebacc by 2022.



How can I help?

- Have a conversation with your child
- Encourage them to think about their future
- Use the web sites and resources available
- Encourage them to make an appointment with the Careers advisor, or speak to her this evening
- Come to the Parents' Evening on the 28th February to discuss possible choices with your child's teachers



Resources

The LRC has all the prospectuses of the local college and universities

- Brockenhurst College
- Eastleigh College
- Peter Symonds College
- Barton Peveril College
- Totton College
- Southampton City College
- Richard Taunton's College
- Itchen College

What happens next?

- Parents' Evening on the 28th February 16:30 – 19:30
- Deadline for forms to be handed to tutors is Friday 8th March

