




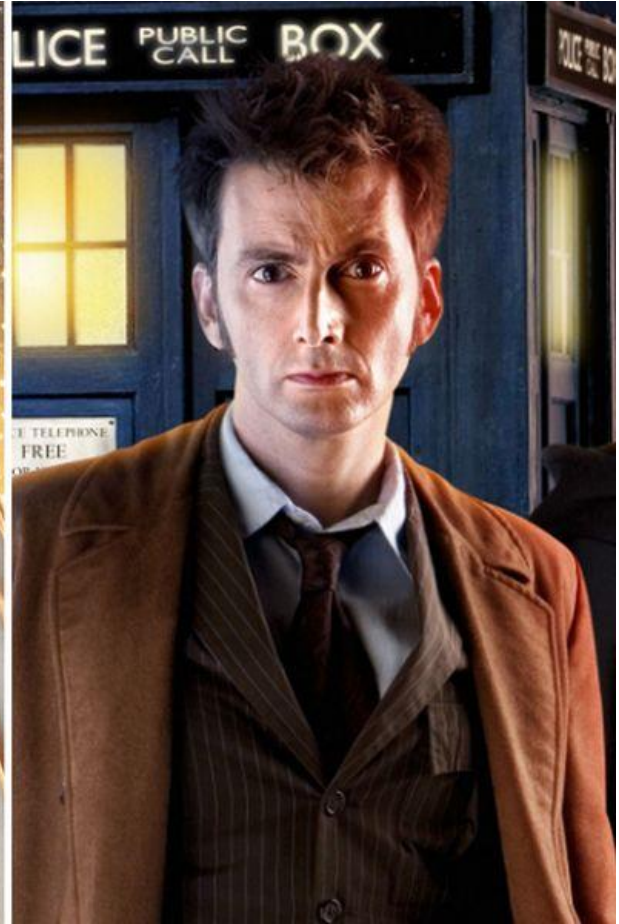
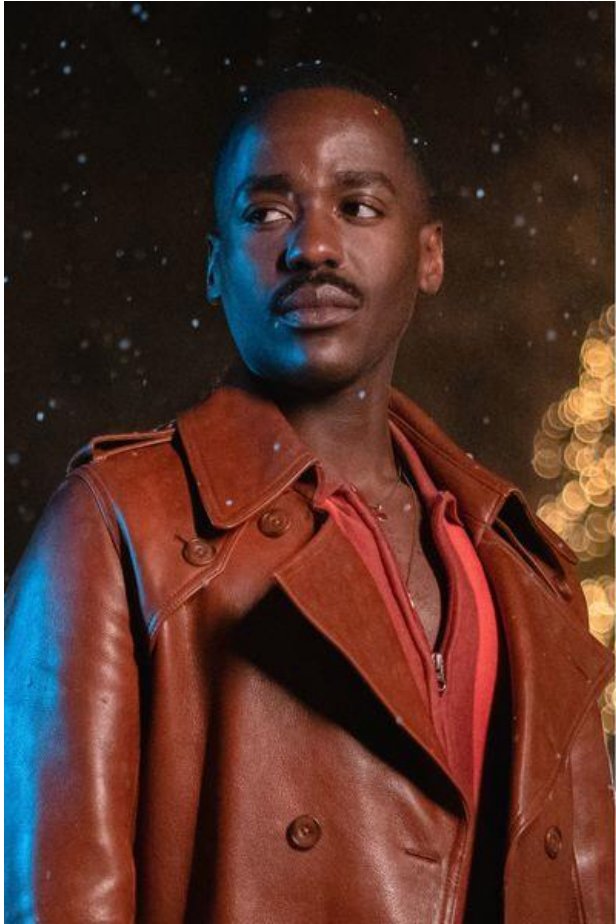
Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!

The Year 9 Options Process

Where am I now?

- ▶ Year 9
 - ▶ Moving on to Year 10
 - ▶ Wave 1 of New Qualifications.
 - ▶ Important Decisions
 - ▶ A *Learning Pathway* to the future
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What Do I
Want To Be?

















What Changes at Key Stage 4?

- Fewer subjects
- A chance to choose some aspects of your curriculum
- Thinking about the future
- Seeking (and accepting) advice
- **A PERSONALISED CURRICULUM**

What do I HAVE to do?

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (Double Award)
- MATHEMATICS & NUMERACY (Double Award)
- SCIENCE – Double Award (unless doing 3 Separate Science)
- Core WELSH or WELSH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE GCSE (Single Award)
- SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE
- 7GCSEs & the Skills Challenge Certificate
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- PERSONAL & SOCIAL EDUCATION
- RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS (RVE) including Equality and Diversity Level 2

English and Mathematics

- ▶ are **REALLY** important!!
- ▶ Increased level of challenge
- ▶ Increased curriculum time allocation
- ▶ Both courses are worth 2 GCSEs.
 - Both are new courses for 2025

What about Science ?

- ▶ Everyone has to follow a course in science
- ▶ Most follow a science course that leads to **TWO** GCSEs. This is perfectly adequate to go on and study A Level
- ▶ Some pupils will be able to follow a **TRIPLE** award science course, with separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- ▶ **This will count as one of your three option choices**

Grades Awarded

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (Double Award)	MATHEMATICS & NUMERACY (Double Award)	SCIENCE – Double Award
A*A*	A*A*	A*A*
AA	AA	A*A
BB	BB	AA
CC	CC	AB
DD	DD	BB
EE	EE	BC
FF	FF	CC
GG	GG	CD
U	U	DD
		DE
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Skills Challenge Certificate

- ▶ The SCC is primarily about the development, improvement and assessment of essential skills, such as Literacy and Numeracy, Digital Literacy, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Planning and Organisation, Creativity and Innovation and Personal Effectiveness.
- ▶ Year 10 – Learners will engage and complete the Enterprise and Employability Challenge and Global Citizenship Challenge.
- ▶ Year 11 – Learners will engage in the Individual Project (50% of the course) and Global Citizenship Challenge.

Why study the Skills Challenge Certificate?

BY STUDENTS



The Individual Project gave me the opportunity to be independent and to research and explore a topic that I find really interesting, and that I haven't learnt about in my other subjects.



I enjoyed the Enterprise Challenge as it enabled me to have a choice in the outcome and also the interaction with the team and customers who bought our product.

Working as part of a team allowed us to develop vital leadership skills that will help us as we move on to Sixth Form.



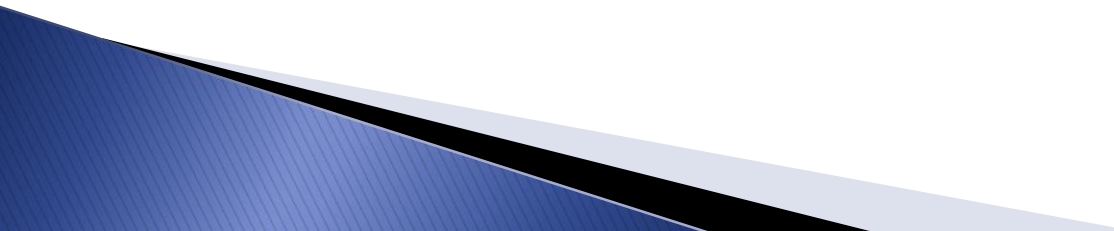
I have developed skills that have enabled me to meet deadlines which will be important in the Sixth Form, University and also in the workplace.



What are Options?

- ▶ You will choose **THREE** subjects from a list of possible options offered by the school
- ▶ Choose what you are **GOOD** at, what you **LIKE**, what you might **NEED** for future study in the sixth form or a possible career plan
- ▶ **DON'T** choose something simply because your friend has chosen it! It's **YOUR** life!
- ▶ The availability of some options will be determined by your **GLOBAL GRADE** and/or curriculum grades.

What options Do I Have?

- ▶ **GCSE**
 - ▶ **Vocational Courses, eg BTEC (School based)**
 - ▶ **NVQ (Partly school/college based)**
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GCSEs

- History
- Geography
- Music
- Physical Education
- French
- Spanish
- Art & Design
- DT: Product Design
- Drama
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Health & Social Care & Child Care
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry & Physics)

What are Vocational Courses?

- ▶ An alternative to GCSE
- ▶ Courses related to a job or type of employment
- ▶ Learn the basic knowledge and skills for the job
- ▶ NVQ and BTEC
- ▶ Assessment is ongoing with fewer exams
- ▶ Taught and awarded at Level 1 and level 2
- ▶ Some are worth more than 1 GCSE
- ▶ **Not easier, but different!!**

The Qualifications Framework

SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE FOUNDATION LEVEL	LEVEL 1	GCSE D-G
SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE NATIONAL LEVEL	LEVEL 2	GCSE A*-C

Comparison of GCSE & BTEC Grades

GCSE	BTEC
A*	Distinction*
A	Distinction
B	Merit
C	Pass
D	–
E	–
F	–
G	–

What Vocational Courses are on Offer?

- ▶ BTEC Hospitality and Catering (Level 2)
- ▶ Engineering (Level 2)
- ▶ Tourism (Level 1 / 2)
- ▶ BTEC Preparation for Public Services
- ▶ Hair & Beauty (VTCT Level 2)
- ▶ NVQ Vehicle Component Fitting (Level 2)
- ▶ IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise (Level 2 Certificate)
- ▶ BTEC Business
- ▶ BTEC IT (Information & Creative Technology)
- ▶ BTEC Personal Growth & Wellbeing (Level 2)



HISTORY





BTEC Public Services



BTEC Public Services

Aims to help you understand the wide range of Public Services which support our everyday lives. These include the police, armed forces, health service, fire service, local councils and the voluntary sector.



Geography





Tourism





Health & Social Care & Child Care





Music





Drama







GCSE Physical Education



BTEC Business





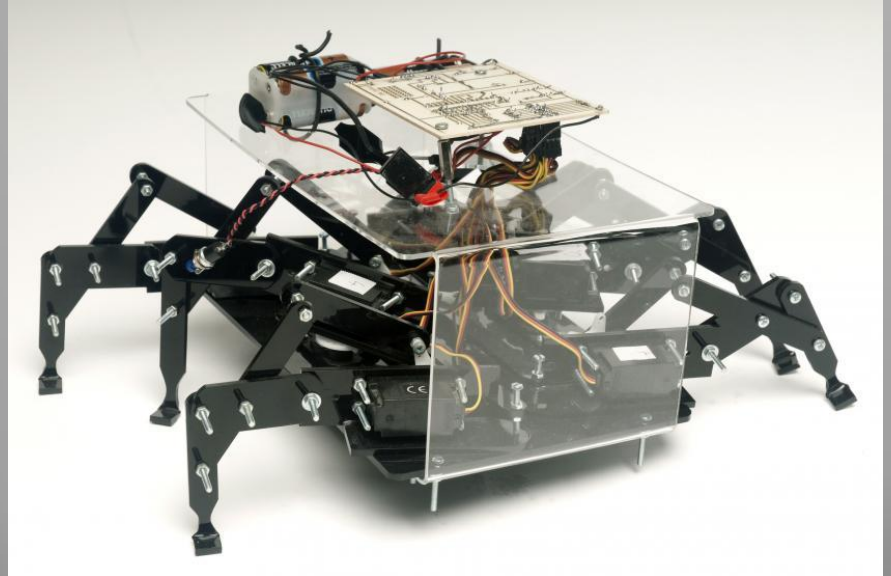
BTEC IT



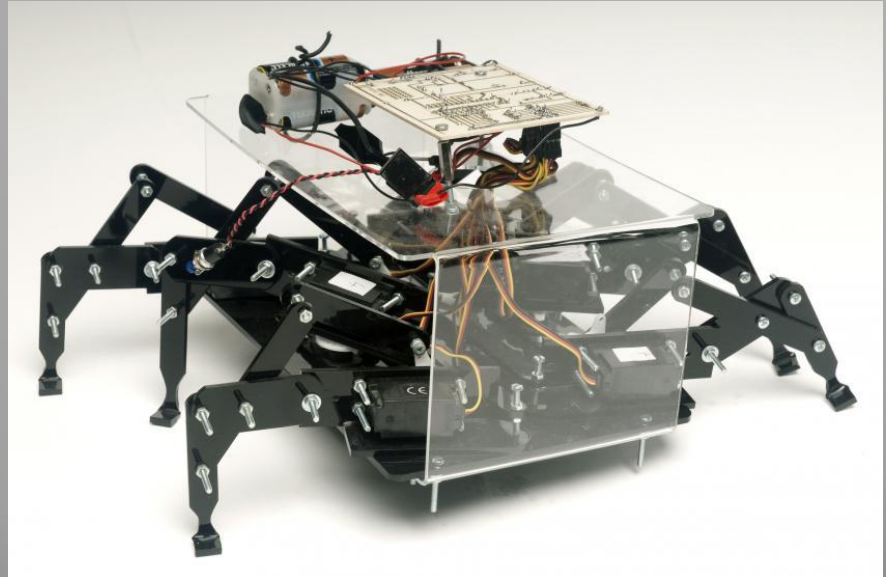


Hospitality and Catering





Product Design





Engineering





Art & Design





FRANCAIS



ESPAGNOL

Modern Foreign Languages



FRANCAIS



ESPAGNOL



CHRISTIANITY

ISLAM

JUDAISM

BUDDHISM

HINDUISM

Religious Studies



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IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise



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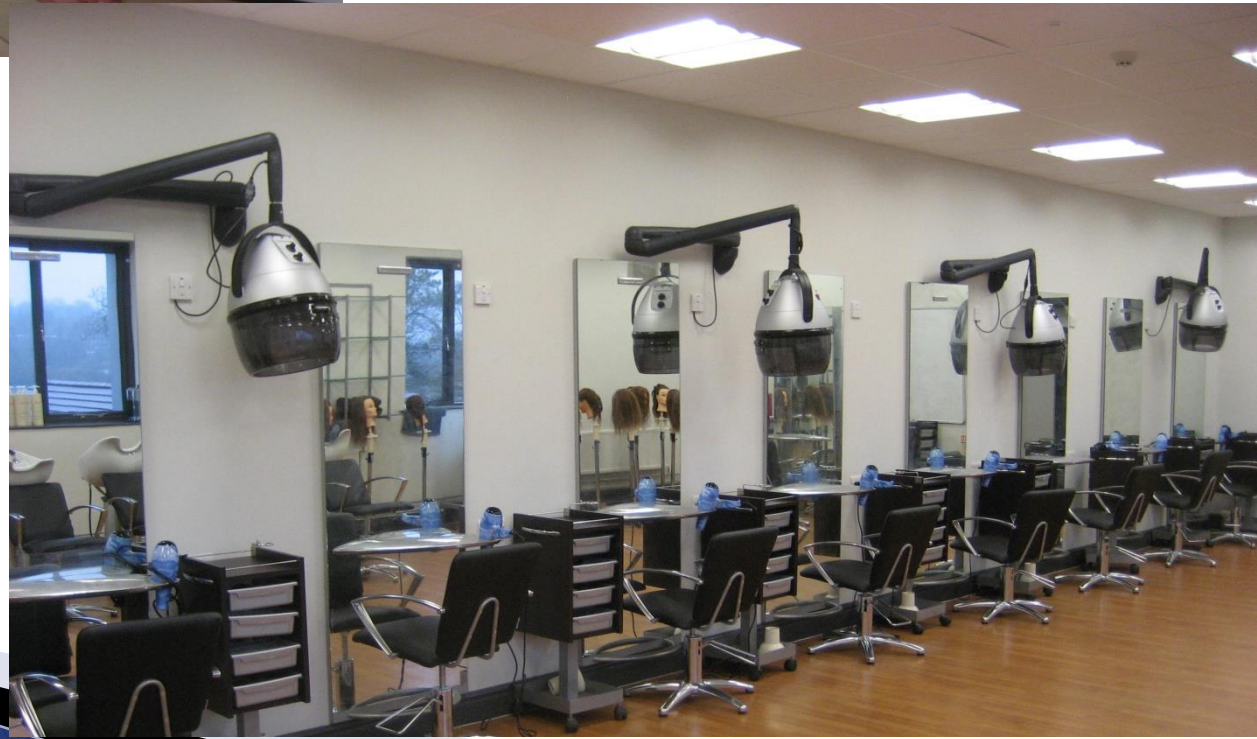
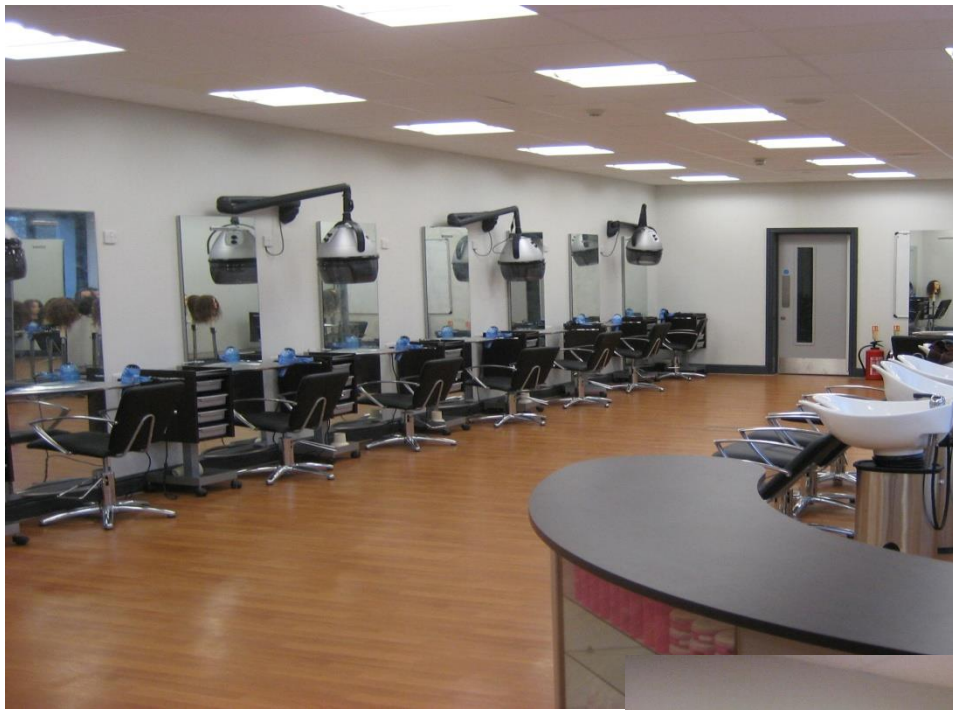
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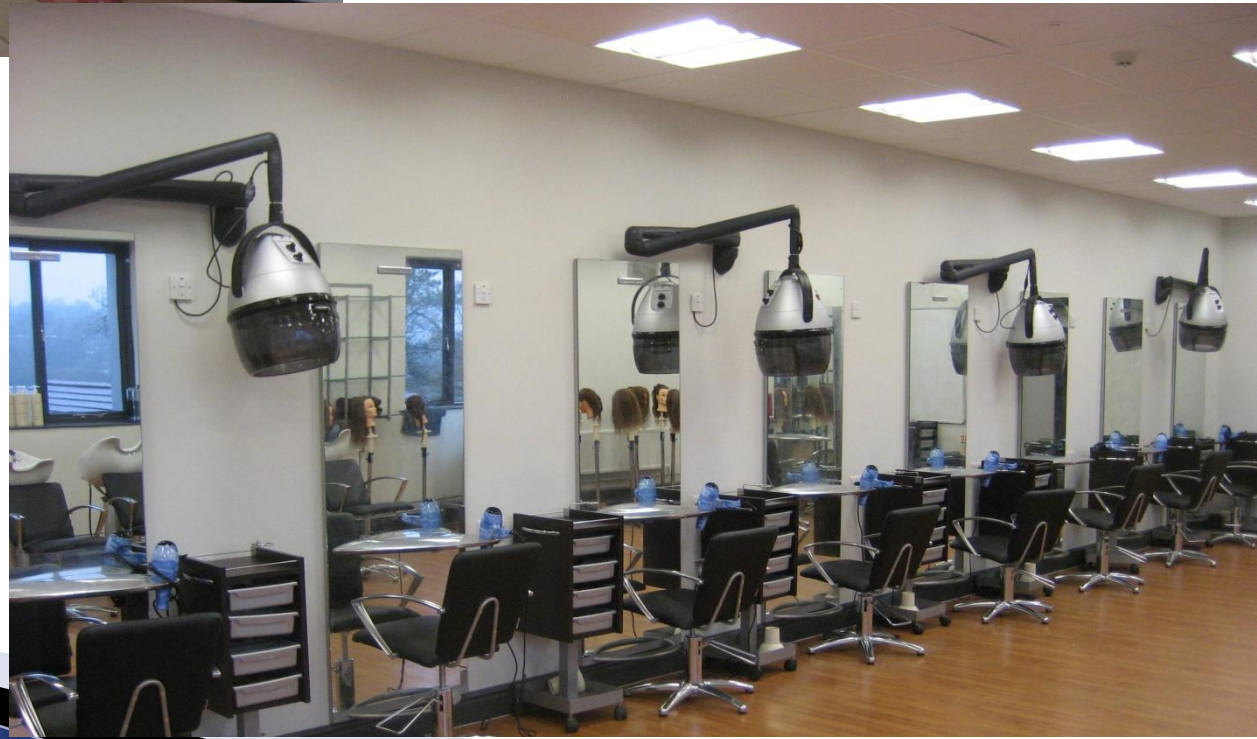


NVQ Level 2 courses

- These are VOCATIONAL, or work related courses
- You study out of school for two hours each week
- Available in:
 - Hairdressing
 - Vehicle Component Fitting



Hair & Beauty - Our Salon





Vehicle Component Fitting



Personalisation of options for maximum achievement

Subject	Pupil Global Grade Range				
	A*-B	A-C	B-C	C-D	C-E
Triple Science	Light Green			Dark Grey	
Computer Science	Light Green		Dark Grey		
Geography	Light Green			Dark Grey	
History	Light Green			Dark Grey	
Business	Light Green				
French	Light Green			Dark Grey	
Spanish	Light Green			Dark Grey	
Art	Light Green				
DT Product Design	Light Green				Dark Grey
BTEC IT	Light Green				
Health and Social Care & Child Care	Light Green				
Drama	Light Green				
Music	Light Green				
Physical Education	Light Green				
NVQ Engineering	Dark Grey	Light Green			
BTEC Hospitality & Catering	Light Green				
NVQ Vehicle Component Fitting	Dark Grey		Light Green		
NVQ Hair & Beauty	Dark Grey		Light Green		
Tourism	Dark Grey		Light Green		
BTEC Preparation for Public Services	Dark Grey		Light Green		
Religious Studies	Light Green			Dark Grey	
IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise	Dark Grey	Light Green			
BTEC Personal Growth & Wellbeing	Dark Grey			Light Green	

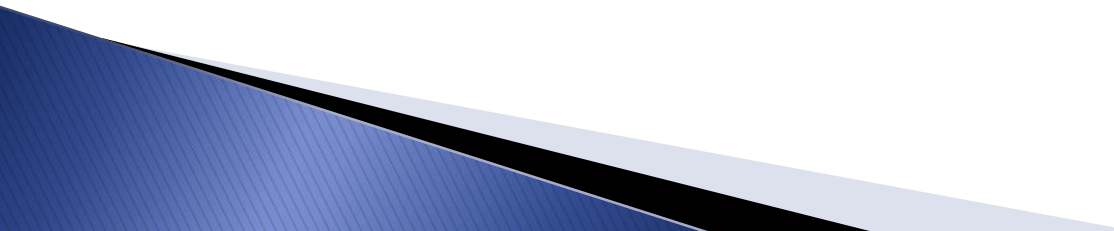
Important Points to note

- ▶ Not all subjects will run – dependent on numbers
- ▶ Some subjects limited by numbers (some practical subjects prioritised to good attendees)
- ▶ Some subjects will be prioritised to global grades
- ▶ Option block clashes will make some combinations impossible – you must **PRIORITISE!**
- ▶ Reserve choices are important

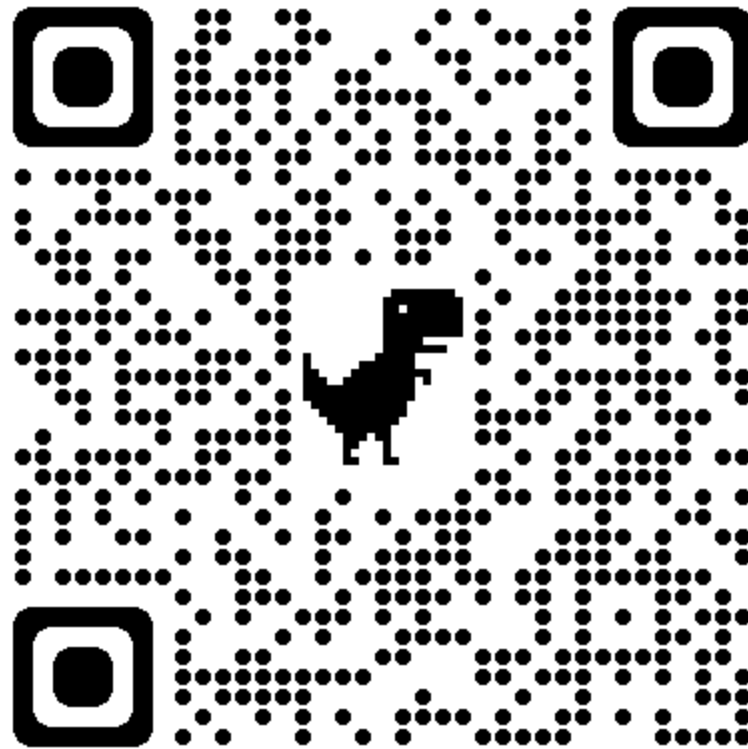
What will my timetable look like?

English Language 7	Maths 8	Science 9	Welsh 5	SCC (2) RVE (2) PE (2) 6
Option A 5	Option B 5	Option C 5		

Advice and Guidance

- ▶ **Staff – Year 9 interviews**
 - ▶ **Teachers – Form teachers, subject teachers,
Head of Year**
 - ▶ **Careers staff – Mrs Christie Squires**
 - ▶ **Parents**
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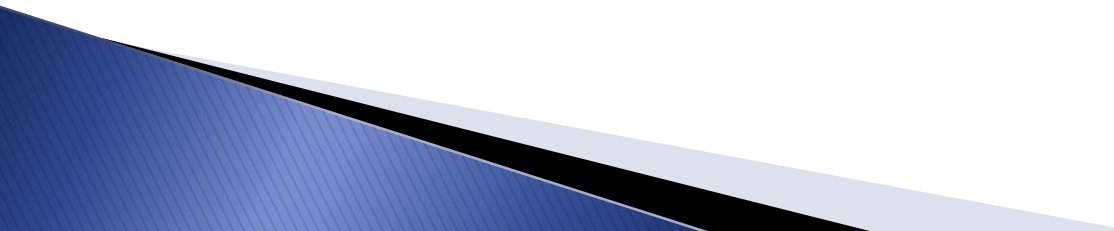
Where to find all the information



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- Revision Guidance
- Year 7
- Year 9
- Year 11
- Digital Competency
- Assessment Overview 2021
- Extra Curricular Activities
- ECO Club
- School Council
- Year 8
- Year 10
- More Able and Talented
- Literacy and Numeracy
- DoE
- Canteen Menu





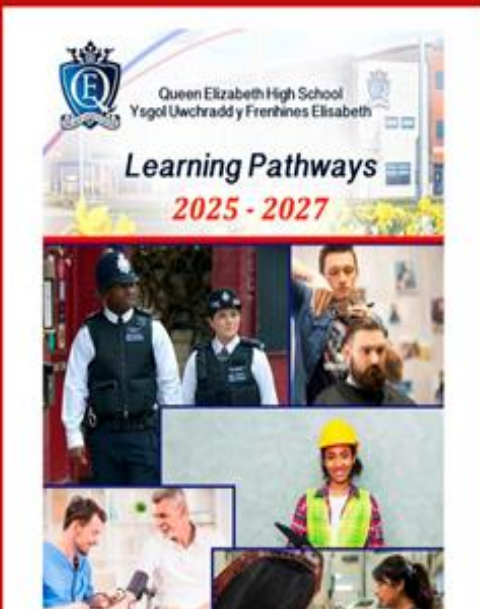
Welcome

Please see information for Year 9 students.

Year 9 Options Information

Click the button below to access the Year 9 Options information and resources.

[Click here](#)





Year 9 Options

Please watch all the video presentations and read the Options Booklet.

A form will be sent to Parents/Carers following the Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening on January 23rd.

Please complete the form with your chosen subjects in order of preference along with a Reserve option by January 31st.



Year 9 Options Talk 2025
Presentation Slides

[Click here](#)



Year 9 Options Booklet - January
2025

[Click here](#)



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales

Resources from Careers Wales

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Old Video Presentations

Please click to view the video presentations used during Covid-19. Some of this information may be out of date.



Year 9 Options Presentation

[Click for video](#)



Changes to the Welsh Baccalaureate - YouTube

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Subjects within Technology Area of Learning

[Click for video](#)



Tourism Presentation

[Click for video](#)



Personal Growth & Wellbeing presentation

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Computer Science GCSE

Computer Science Presentation

[Click for video](#)

What Next?

- ▶ **Select choices – A messenger form will be sent out following the Parents' Evening on January 23rd to be completed by Friday 31st January.**
- ▶ **W/C January 6th Subject Presentations**
- ▶ **January 14th Pupil Options Presentation Lesson 2 (Parents 6pm)**
- ▶ **Parents' Evening January 23rd**
- ▶ **Individual interviews and discussions**
- ▶ **Amendments and changes**
- ▶ **Confirmation of choices – Summer Term 2025**
- ▶ **Begin Courses –Sept 2025 (Taster courses for college in Summer Term)**

Dear Example Student,

Please find below the link to complete the Year 9 Options, we ask that you complete this form by the initial options deadline of 31st of January 2025.

For any parents/carers that missed the Options Presentation Evening on January 14th, all the information, including the presentation slides is available on our Students Year 9 section on the school website.

[Open Form](#)

Kind Regards,



Assistant Head
Curriculum, Assessment & Examinations



Form from: Queen Elizabeth High School

Queen Elizabeth High School Year 9 Options 2025

Dear Example and Example Student,

You will be asked to choose some of the subjects you will study in years 10 and 11. Please note that you have to take the following subjects:

**English Language & Literature, Science, Religion,
Values & Ethics, Skills Challenge
Certificate, Mathematics & Numeracy, Welsh
Physical Education**

In the box below, please indicate the three subjects that you would most like to follow, in order of preference. Then select a reserve choice in case any of your first three choices are not possible. Think carefully about your reserve because you may end up having to take it.

Please make sure you fill in the details below and have it signed by your parent / carer.

Remember:

- You may not be able to take the exact three subjects you have chosen
- Some subjects may not eventually run if numbers choosing them are too low
- Read the options booklet carefully and do some of your own research on the subjects offered
- Please note that some options can only be taken by pupils at particular global grades

First Choice?

* -- please select -- 

Second Choice?

* -- please select -- 

Third Choice?

* -- please select -- 

Reserve Option:

* -- please select -- 

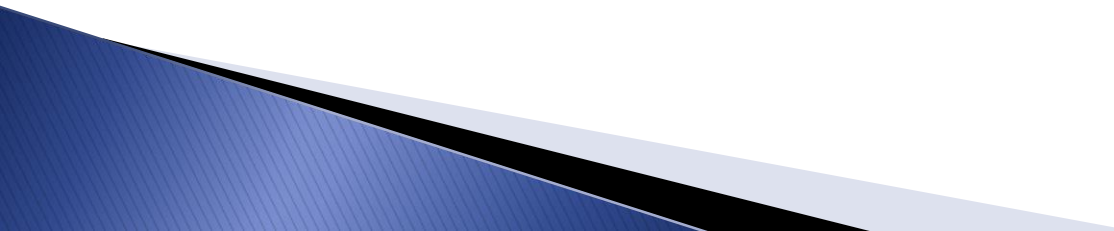
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Submit

A Few Notes

- ▶ Please make sure you choose your subjects **in order of importance** – including a reserve (4th) choice
 - ▶ It is likely that you will not be able to have the exact combination of subjects you want
 - ▶ Some subjects are limited by group size/global grade
 - ▶ Any changes to choices after the first stage will be allowed subject to group sizes
 - ▶ **No changes allowed from first week in September**
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Help and Advice

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