

The 2026 Options Process (2026)

A recent government review of the Key stage 4 Curriculum has proposed significant changes to increase the breadth of subjects that students will study. The planned start for these proposals will impact on the curriculum of the current year 8 students.

All our students will still study GCSE Maths, GCSE English Language, GCSE English Literature, a weekly PE lesson and a choice of Science Course. They will then study a range of subjects that are deemed to give them 'breadth' across their chosen curriculum. Students will then select courses to study involving the following three choices:

Choice 1 (Science) Either Combined Science (2 GCSE's) or Triple Science (3 GCSE's)

Triple Science is the study of separate GCSE qualifications in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Combined Science studies all three subjects with a double GCSE qualification awarded at the end, students opting for combined science will study an extra free choice course from choice 3.

Choice 2 (Breadth)

Students must select any two subjects from different columns, the subjects cannot be selected from the same column.

Select any 2 subjects from Different columns		
Geography History Religious Studies	French	Art Graphics Music Drama Design Technology

Choice 3 (Free choice) These four subjects must be different to what you have previously selected and placed in order of preference. Students who have previously selected triple science will study one subject from their choices and Combined Science students will study 2 subjects from their choices. The extra choices will be reserve choices. E.g. Triple Science – 1 choices and 2 reserve choices or Combined Science students – 2 choices and 2 reserve choice

Select any Four subjects in order of preference		
GCSE Art and Design	GCSE French	GCSE History
Business – Enterprise and Marketing (Vocational)	Food and Cookery	ICT (vocational)
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Geography	Music (vocational)
GCSE Design and Technology	GCSE Graphics	Sport (vocational)
Health and Social Care (Vocational)	GCSE Drama	Travel and Tourism (vocational)

An online options choice form will be emailed to students/parents on Thursday 5th March and will close on Thursday 12th March. The options form will follow the above process and selection criteria.