



# **Year 9**

# **Making Your GCSE Choices for**

# **September 2024**

# Middle School curriculum

- Maths (setted)
- English > English Language / English Literature
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry
- A Modern Language
- History or Geography
- 2 further options
- PE, PSHCE (incl Careers & RE), Games, TAA

# Options

- Must choose French or German or Spanish – can do two Modern Languages
- Must choose either History or Geography – can do both

# Options

- French
- German, Spanish, Latin
- History
- Geography
- Classical Civilisation (can start now)
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education
- Art - Fine Art *or* Art - Graphics
- Music

# Grading System for GCSE

- 9 (highest) – 1 (lowest)
- The highest / high tariff universities will be looking for their future students to have achieved mainly 7 - 9

# Resources

- Middle School Booklet
- Form Tutors / Subject Teachers
- Head of Year – Mrs Chandler
- Assistant Head - Miss Munday

# How to choose

- What do I enjoy?
- What am I good at?
  - (Sixth Form entry – 2024 = 49pts from best 8)
  - (GCSEs final public exams before university entrance/ higher or degree level apprenticeship application)
- What do I need for a future career?
- How good am I at managing project or coursework?

# How not to choose!

- My best friend's doing Forestry
- My favourite teacher said I should do Sanskrit
- My parents told me to do Forestry
- I heard they had a good trip in Sanskrit
- I don't like my teacher in Forestry



# Constraints

- Staffing
  - Set size < room size
  - Funding
  - Exam results
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- Oversubscription > relevant exam results and/or attainment and attitude to learning grades

# PCSHE (includes General RE)

- RE/Ethics
- Careers
- Relationships & Sex Education
- Health and Wellbeing
- Living in the Wider World

# Thursday Afternoon Activities (TAA)

## Chosen later in the term

Current year long choices:

- CCF Army
- CCF RAF
- Social Service
- Stage Lighting and Sound Team (SLST)
- Beginners Japanese

# Thursday Afternoon Activities

Current one term choices:

- Football
- Fives
- Squash
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Fitness
- Volleyball
- Croquet

# Thursday Afternoon Activities

- Cookery
- Drama
- Art
- Music
- Media Studies
- Boardgames
- Film Club
- Psychology
- Politics
- Music
- Book Club
- Creative Writing
- Library
- Outdoor Skills

# Procedure

- Boys enter choice requests via form
- Completion essential by **0900 Monday 29 January**. Form closed thereafter
- Numbers crunched – decisions made on viability of subjects
- Confirmed later in term