



Leventhorpe Options Evening

Year 8 into Year 9





Introductions...

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Slides will be posted on the school website...



Purpose of this session

- Explain how we do options at Leventhorpe
- Explain the importance of options
- Explain what is happening to GCSE's

- Answer any questions that you might have



Where are we heading?





End of Year 11

- Choices made now will impact the subjects you take for GCSE
- These GCSE's will influence what you do after Year 11
- They might shape your future career or your life journey...
- Nothing too important then...



Choices, choices, choices...





The Year 8 Options Process...

- Evening meeting tonight – booklet and guide
- Subject assemblies – 27th March until 30th April
- Year 8 Interim Reports – Monday 23rd April
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Making the right choices...

- What qualifications do you want/need?
- Will you have a balanced curriculum that will increase options for the future?
- Have you thought about Post-16 education/training (to age 18)
- Are you thinking about university?
- Think about subjects you'll enjoy
- Think about what you are doing well in
- Think about the new subjects, do you think you will be interested?



Leventhorpe Key Stage 4

- We have a three year Key Stage 4
- All students follow a core curriculum
- In Year 9 you will choose six optional subjects to study
- As you go into Year 10 you will narrow this down to four optional subjects
- Some other schools do it differently, choose four in Year 8, or a two year Key Stage 4



What Subjects are Studied in Key Stage 4?

The compulsory subjects/Core Curriculum

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Physical Education (non-examined)
- PSHE (non-examined)
- There will be timetabled core Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) in Year 9 and 10. RPE will be delivered in Year 11 through PSHE



What Subjects are Studied in Key Stage 4?

Optional subjects

- GCSE subjects
- AS-Level Business
- Cambridge National I-Media
- BTEC Business

Details are in the options booklet.



Summary so far...

	Year 9	Year 10 and 11	GCSE's
Core	English, Maths, Science, PE, RS, PSHE	English, Maths, Science, PE, PSHE	English Language English Literature Maths Double or Triple Science
Options	Six Options	Four Options	GCSE's or other qualifications in each option



New GCSE's

- New GCSE's have been phased in over 3 years starting September 2015
- Current Year 8 will take the new GCSE's in all areas. They will be the third year group to take all new GCSE's

New GCSE's Phase 1	New GCSE's Phase 2	New GCSE's Phase 3
English Maths	History Geography Philosophy and Ethics French Spanish Art Music Drama PE Computing	All Technology Subjects Business GCSE



New GCSE's

- Grading of new GCSE's will be 1-9
- Grade 4 = C
- Grade 7 = A
- Grades 1-3 cover what was D-G
- Grades 5-9 cover what was B-A*



Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above; ■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above. ■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G. 									
CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
A*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U



What about the English Baccalaureate?

- In 2010 a performance measure for comparing schools was introduced called the English Baccalaureate (EBacc)
- Mainly to address curriculum issues in schools where it was felt that there was a lack of breadth and balance.
- The EBacc is **not** a qualification, but a collection of subjects that is used as a measure for school performance



E-Bacc Subjects

- English language or literature
- Maths
- Two Sciences
- History or Geography
- A foreign language (ancient or modern)

- Government want 90% of students to take E-Bacc
- Many schools have moved to E-Bacc for all
- Governors are reviewing our position



Broad, balanced curriculum...

- Think about balance...
- We want you choose one from each of the four ‘families of subjects’, plus two others from anywhere.

Humanities	MFL	Creative and Expressive	Social Sciences and ICT
History	French	Art	Business
Geography	Spanish	Music	Philosophy and Ethics
		Drama	I-Media
		PE	Computing
		Technology	



What happens after Year 9?

- You study 6 optional subjects in Year 9 for two lessons per week
- During Year 9 you will choose **4 of these subjects** to continue with into Year 10 and 11
- You need to choose your Year 10 subjects from the ones you have studied in Year 9.



Year 9 into Year 10 and 11

- Business Year 9 can lead to GCSE Business or AS Business or BTEC Business
- Technology Year 9 can lead to one of the following; GCSE Textiles, Graphics, Resistant Materials, Systems and Control as a Technology GCSE. In addition students could take GCSE Food and Nutrition
- Vocational course at College – hair and beauty, construction, motor vehicle. This will be a very different experience and will take up two of your final four options



Think about assessment...

- Practical subjects – PE, Drama, Music all require you to practical assessment that counts towards final grade
- Art and Technology subjects require you to do large projects that count towards your final grade
- Some other subjects used to have elements of ‘controlled assessment’ – this is being taken away from most of the new GCSE’s. Most will be final exams in Year 11
- What do you prefer? Think about your workload...



Talk, talk, talk...

- Talk it through at home
- Talk to subject teachers at the consultation
- Listen to subject assemblies, talk to teachers of the new subjects
- Start with a list of subjects which are definite, start to eliminate some which clearly aren't for you
- Make sure it is balanced and broad in Year 9
- Make sure it's about you, don't just follow what your friends do (we put you into different groups)
- Make sure you can rank your top seven subjects (six plus a reserve)



YEAR 9 OPTION CHOICE FORM 2018



NAME:

TUTOR GROUP:

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE OPTIONS COURSE OUTLINES LEAFLET.

In Year 9 all students at Leventhorpe School will study English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education, RPE and PSHE in their core curriculum. Students will also study six optional subjects.

Keeping Choices Broad and Balanced

As a guide we expect most students in Year 9 to keep to the following guidance. We have grouped the options into four subject groups or 'families'. The definition of 'broad and balanced' will mean they should choose one option from each of the four families of subjects. They then have two free choices which they can choose from anywhere.

Humanities	MFL	Creative and Expressive	Business/Social Science and ICT
History	French	Art	Business & Enterprise
Geography	Spanish	Music	ICT/I-Media
		Drama	Computing
		PE	Philosophy and Ethics
		Technology	

We will allocate the subjects giving preference to the higher priority choices wherever possible.

Choice	Subject
1 Humanity	
2 MFL	
3 Creative/Expressive	
4 Business/Social Science/ICT	
5	
6	
Reserve	

Sign and date the form:

Signed: Date
(Student) (Parent/Guardian)

Hand the form to your Form Tutor as soon as you have made your decision!

Remember that the deadline is Wednesday 9th May



Options form...

- List 1-4 from the subject families, then rank subjects in order of preference 5-6, plus a reserve
- Be honest in this, we will use the ranks to decide the options blocks and which subjects you will get, if you can't get your top 6
- Some subjects have limits on numbers
- We cannot guarantee choices, we will use the rankings you give to make the allocations
- If you change your mind, talk to Ms Copeland. Some changes will be fine, some we might not be able to do. Keep us informed.
- We will talk to students if there are issues with allocating your choices, or if we feel your choices are too narrow.



Next steps...

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Good Choices help...

