



# Leventhorpe Options Evening

Year 9 into Year 10







# Purpose of this session

- Explain the next stages of the options process
- Recognise the significance of decisions made about options
- Answer any questions that you might have



# The Year 9 Options Process...

- Evening meeting tonight – booklet and guide
- Subject discussions in lessons – now until start of February
- Year 9 Interim Reports – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Year 9 Parental Consultation – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 9 Tutor Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Hand in your form to tutors – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Receive confirmation of options in the summer term



# What Subjects are Studied in Key Stage 4?

## The compulsory subjects/Core Curriculum

- English – 7 periods per fortnight in Year 10, 8 periods in Year 11
- Maths – 7 periods per fortnight
- Science – 10 periods per fortnight
- Physical Education (non-examined) - 4 periods per fortnight
- PSHE (non-examined) – 2 periods per fortnight in Year 10, 1 period per fortnight in Year 11



# What Subjects are Studied in Key Stage 4?

## Optional subjects

- GCSE subjects
- AS-Level Business
- Cambridge National Course – I-Media
- BTEC – Business (Enterprise)
- College Courses

You can only select subjects for Year 10 if you have studied the subject in Year 9 (except College Courses)

**Details are in the options booklet.**



# New GCSE's

- New GCSE's being phased in over 3 years
- Current Year 9 will take the new GCSE's in all areas
- New GCSE's will be graded 9-1
- Cambridge National and BTEC still graded Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction\*
- AS Business graded A-E





# Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE										
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CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE										





# 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
- We asked you to continue with a language and a humanity in Year 9
- Delay from Government in the details on E-Bacc for all



# E-Bacc and You?

- We aren't forcing you to take an E-Bacc combination...
- But we require you to pick one of the following as one of your options;  
**History, Geography, French, Spanish or Computer Science**
- You then have three additional choices...
- What do we recommend?
- If you doing well in your language, we expect you to carry on
- Languages are seen as very valuable by universities and employers
- We expect you to select a subject which will develop your written analytical and evaluative skills
- Most of you should choose subject with a more practical focus or different style of working



# Broad, balanced curriculum...

- Think about balance...
- Generally expect you to choose something from each column, plus one from anywhere...

MFL	Written	Practical or Project
French	History	Art
Spanish	Geography	Music
	RS- Philosophy and Ethics	Drama
	Business	PE
		Technology
		Computing/I-Media
		Business BTEC (Enterprise)



# Technology Subjects...

- If you studied Technology in Year 9 you can choose one from...
- Systems and Control
- Graphics
- Product Design
- Textiles
- Food is treated separately, you can take Food as your Technology option or in addition to one of the above...
- If numbers for any specific option are too low, we might not be able to run your preferred option



# AS Business

- If you have studied Business Studies in Year 9 you have possibility of taking the AS exams in Year 11 rather than GCSE
- AS is the first half of the A level course
- Completing it in Year 11 means you could finish the full A level in Year 12 by joining a Y13 class
- You would study three additional subjects to A level over the two years of sixth form
- You would finish sixth form with a fourth A level
- You could decide to not take Business in sixth form, and just have an extra AS qualification rather than a GCSE
- We can't guarantee your options in the sixth form, it might not be possible to do Business A level in Y12 with some combinations of other A level subjects



# College Courses/ASDAN

- We have a limited number of places to study Vocational courses at Construction Training Partnership in Harlow
- Courses are offered at Level 1 in Hair and Beauty, Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Construction (Brick, Carpentry and Paint)
- Students attend College for one day per week
- College courses will take up two of your options
- We also run an employability skills course internally as part of the ASDAN framework. This could replace one option.
- Express an interest on the form
- Still need to select 4 options and two reserves from current subjects
- We will have an additional meeting for interested students and parents after Easter, plus taster day before finalising decisions
- We will only offer College to students who we feel will best served by this provision





# Think about assessment...

- Practical subjects – PE, Drama, Music all require you to complete 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 ‘controlled assessment’ – in general this is being taken away from the new GCSE’s. Most will be final exams in Year 11
- What do you prefer? Think about your workload...



# Making the right choices...

- What career do you have in mind?
- Are you thinking about university/apprenticeships or employment at 18?
- What qualifications do you want/need at 18?
- Will you want to attend Sixth Form or College after Year 11?
- Will you have a balanced curriculum that will increase options for the future?
- Think about subjects you'll enjoy
- Think about what you are doing well in



# Top Tips...

- These choices are about you, not your friends. Don't just pick things your friends are doing...
- Your teachers are likely to change in Year 10, focus on the subject...
- Think about your future and longer term goals...
- Play to your strengths...
- Maintain breadth and balance...
  
- You must pick from the seven subjects you have been studying in Year 9



# Tutor Day -7<sup>th</sup> February

- Students will use Tutor Time before Tutor Day to prepare for their meeting
- Students will need to consider some questions around ideas for future education, training and potential employment
- These issues should be discussed at home as well
  
- Tutor Day – appointment with tutors to discuss issues and think about option choices
- Option Form is given out at this meeting
- Discuss and complete over half term
  
- Return the form by 20<sup>th</sup> February



**LEVENTHORPE SCHOOL KS4 OPTIONS FOR YEAR 10 (SEPTEMBER 2018)**

**Name :**

**Registration group :**

In addition to my optional courses, I am aware that I will be studying Mathematics, English, Science, PSHE and Physical Education.

This is the list of GCSE, BTec, Cambridge Nationals and AS subjects that we intend to offer next year. These cannot be guaranteed in the event of a class recruiting too few students. In the event of oversubscription to any course, we will select students in order of their subject rankings.

<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	<b>Drama</b>
<b>Business (BTec First Award) - Enterprise</b>	<b>French</b>
<b>Business Studies (AS level)</b>	<b>Food Preparation &amp; Nutrition</b>
<b>Business Studies (GCSE)</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>*Design &amp; Technology: specialising in</b>	<b>Music</b>
D&T: Systems & Control	<b>Physical Education</b>
D&T: Graphics	<b>RS: Philosophy &amp; Applied Ethics</b>
D&T: Product Design	<b>Spanish</b>
D&T: Textiles	<b>Vocational Creative iMedia (Cambridge National)</b>

\*If you choose Design and Technology please list the specialism eg D&T:Systems & Control. You can only select **one** specialism, but you can also select Food Preparation & Nutrition

**Students MUST have studied the subject in Year 9 to be eligible to continue that subject into Year 10** (Exceptions are ICT if you have studied Computer Science and secondly Business and Enterprise have some flexibility).

**My preferred options from the above list are:**

<b>First choice – must be one of Geography/History/French/Spanish/Computing</b>	1
<b>Second Choice</b>	2
<b>Third Choice</b>	3
<b>Fourth Choice</b>	4
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reserve</b>	R1
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve</b>	R2

I understand that the school will attempt to fulfil all of my choices, but they cannot be guaranteed for all students. If my choices cannot all be met, I will be informed of any changes made and will have the opportunity to review my initial choices.

**Off-site vocational option:** If you are interested in studying a vocational course please tick the box and Mr White will contact you, but you must still choose 4 subjects and two reserves from the list above.

Please hand in this form to your Form Tutor as soon as you have made your decision.

**DEADLINE : Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Signed : .....  
(Student)

.....  
(Parent/Guardian)

Date.....



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# Option Blocks - Example

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
History	Art	BTEC Business (Enterprise)	Art
French	French	Computing	Business Studies (GCSE)
Music	Business Studies (AS)	French	Drama
Spanish	Drama	History	Geography
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Geography	PE (GCSE)	History
DT:Specialising in Graphics	History	Sociology	I-Media
DT:Specialising in Product Design	Philosophy & Ethics	DT:Specialising in Textiles	PE (GCSE)
DT Textiles	Spanish	DT:Specialising in Systems and Control	





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# Options form...

- Rank your subjects in your order of preference you need to do 1-4 plus 2 reserves
- Be honest in this, we will use the ranks to decide the options blocks and which subjects you will be allocated
- 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...

- Forms due in Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- We will process information and discuss issues with specific students
- If we feel your options are not in your best interests we will challenge this.
- Allocations will be given to students when we have everything finalised in the summer term.



# More Advice?

- General issues – Tutor or Miss Murphy
- Subject issues – class teachers or Heads of Faculty
- Careers – Mrs Blair-Park (Futures Advisor)
- Options Process – Ms Copeland
  
- Lots of information on websites
- University admissions
- Sixth Form requirements



# Thank you!

- Staff will be available to answer questions at the front of the Hall.
  
- Thank you for your time tonight

