

# Options 2025



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ACADEMY

# QUALIFICATIONS - “GCSE”

- All are now Graded 1 to 9
- Mostly single tiered papers
- **No** controlled assessments (except in practical subjects)
- Terminal examination taken at the end of two years.
- Most subjects will have two examinations
- Grade 5 = Good Pass
- Grade 4 = Standard Pass

# QUALIFICATIONS “VOCATIONAL”

- Level 2 Technical Awards
- GCSE equivalents
- Graded L1/L2 Pass, L1/L2 Merit, L1/L2 Distinction and L1/L2 D\*
- Generally two coursework units and one externally examined unit.

**BTEC Sports, BTEC Music, NCFE CACHE,  
NCFE Business, BTEC Travel & Tourism.**

# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

“Whichever career path young people choose, they will need the skills that make them employable in a world where recruitment is increasingly global. We owe it to them to ensure that they do not lose out in the jobs market to better educated and linguistically qualified candidates from other countries”

## **Nuffield Trust**

With this in mind, students who are currently in **9n1** and **9s1** will continue to study GCSE French.

For all other students, studying a modern foreign language is optional but we strongly recommend that this is given serious consideration.

# KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

## Core

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined Double Award)
- History or Geography or Travel & Tourism
- Modern Foreign Language (9n1 and 9s1) - French
- PE Core
- Religious Studies (Now taught in PSHE)
- CZ/Careers/PSHE
  
- **Compulsory Subjects taken by all pupils**

# TRIPLE SCIENCE

Students study Biology, Chemistry and Physics as three separate GCSEs

- Students who make the most progress across the key stage in science will be expected to study Triple Science in Year 11
- This involves studying three additional units compared to Double Science and three additional terminal examinations.
- The science department will make a final decision on entries during year 11.

# OPTION AIMS

To provide a broad and balanced selection of courses with recognised qualifications that offer a variety of progression routes both in further education and employment

# OPTION SUBJECTS

GCSE History

GCSE Religious Studies

GCSE French

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Geography

GCSE Drama

GCSE D&T (Timbers)

NCFE Business & Enterprise

ASDAN

GCSE Graphic Communication

WJEC Hospitality & Catering

Support

GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Food & Nutrition

NCFE Child Development & Care

GCSE Art & Design

BTEC Music Practice

BTEC Sport



# ASDAN

## ASDAN CoPE award

- Nationally Recognised - well established
- For Pupils at SWRA who would find studying 9 or more GCSEs too much of a challenge
- Involves personal development, employability skills and problem solving in real life contexts
- Complements skills required for GCSE English and Maths

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

Pupils will spend a third of their time studying Options subjects.

- What subjects are you good at
- What subjects do you enjoy
- What type of work is involved
- Do you know enough about the subjects
- What do your parents think
- Who else can you talk to
- What is a good balance of subjects

# OPTIONS FORM

Year 9 Options Form >

Students need to log on to the form using their SWRA email address and password

Choose either History, Geography or Travel & Tourism

Choose three other subjects from the option blocks (9n1 & 9s1 must choose French)

**Important: Choose a RESERVE subject for each block!**

# IMPORTANT DATE

Complete online form by

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**