

Year 9 Options 2018

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Year 9 – Key Dates 2018

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A curriculum which:

- **Meets the future needs of students in a changing world**
- **Provides flexibility with balance**
- **Identifies a core curriculum for all**
- **Introduces students to a variety of qualifications**
- **Supports a smooth transition to KS4**



The Core Curriculum

English Language & Literature	2 GCSEs	8 hours
Maths	1 GCSE	8 hours
Double Science	2 GCSEs	9 hours
RE short course	½ GCSE	1 hour
Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education	RoA	1 hour
Core PE		3 hours
TOTAL HOURS		30



The Optional Curriculum – 20 hours

Foreign Language (normally 1st Language)	1 GCSE	5 hours
3 Options	GCSE or equivalent	15 hours



The Optional Curriculum for students not studying a Language – 20 hours

4 Options	GCSE or equivalent	20 hours
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Applied Learning courses are recommended

You may be recommended to choose Support option



The Optional Curriculum with Construction – 20 hours

Construction

**City & Guilds Level 1
Certificate**

4 hours

**These students will do Core PE together – 4
hours instead of 3 hours**

3 Options

**GCSE
or equivalent**

15 hours

Applied Learning courses are recommended

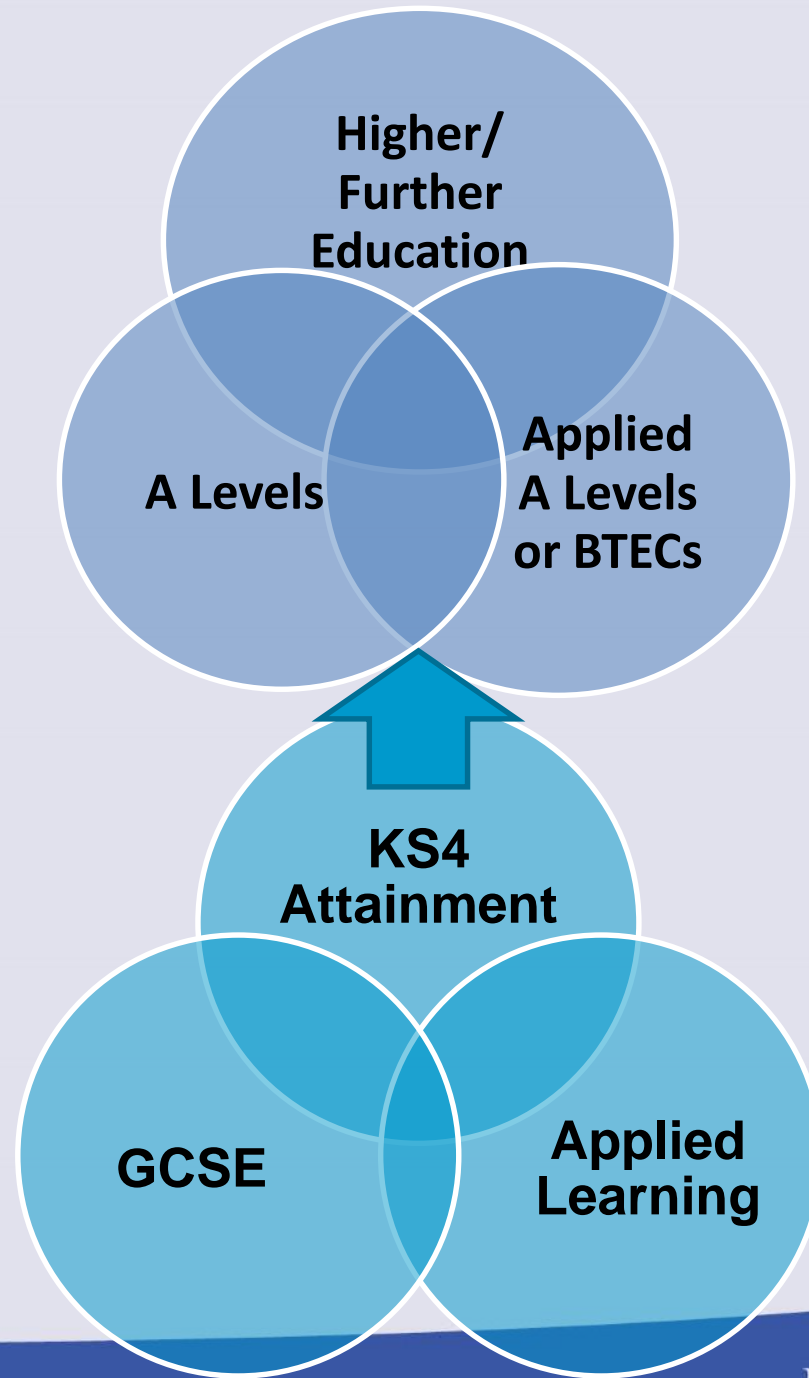
Support option may still be recommended



Qualifications Available

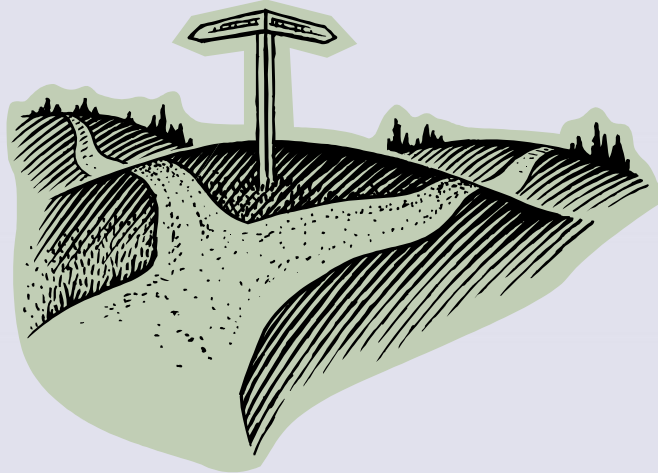
Qualification	Nature of subject	Hours per fortnight	Value
GCSE	Class based assessment and examination	5	1 GCSE
BTEC / OCR	Class based assessment and examination	5	1 GCSE
City & Guilds Level 1 (Construction)	Portfolio of evidence taken from class based assessment	4	1 GCSE Grade E





Recommendations

**For most students:
Broad & Balanced**



**For some students:
Early Specialisation**



Optional Subjects

Languages	Arts	Humanities	Technology
French German Italian Spanish	Art Drama Music	Geography History	Graphics Resistant Materials Textiles Electronics Food

Students can only choose one Technology course.

Students studying Italian in Year 9 can choose this as their GCSE Language, with the recommendation of their Italian teacher. Initially, this will be offered in the normal school day and as a twilight.



Optional Subjects

PE	Business / Computing	Applied Learning	Support
Dance GCSE PE	Business GCSE Computing Creative iMedia	Business BTEC Health & Social Care BTEC Sport BTEC	Support option
			Vocational
			Construction

Students can only choose one PE course (Dance, PE or Sport BTEC)

Support option is for recommended students only



Twilight courses require a two year commitment.

Twilight Courses

After school classes running from 3pm to 5pm.

Triple Science for students wanting to take separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Students will be taught in the same groups for science during the normal school day and in the twilight.

Italian allowing students to study an additional language.



Final Qualifications

- **All students can achieve up to 9½ GCSEs or equivalent**
- **Support Option & construction students: 1 GCSE less**
- **Twilight courses will add to the total**



The Options Form

GCSE Options 2018

I would like to upgrade to full GCSE RE using 1 hour of Core PE

I would like to be considered for a twilight course
(please understand that this is a 2 year commitment &
we recommend that you only choose one)

Triple Science

Italian

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1.

2.

3.

4.

I have chosen business BTEC or business GCSE. My Reserve business choice is:

I have chosen a Technology subject. My Reserve Technology choice is:

I would be equally happy to study my 1st Technology choice or my reserve:

YES

NO

Signature of Student:

Signature of Parent/Carer:

Languages	Arts	Humanities	P.E.	Business, Computing, <u>iMedia</u>	Technology	Applied Learning	Vocational
«FL1» «FL2»	Art Drama Music	Geography History	Dance GCSE PE	Business GCSE Computer Science Creative <u>iMedia</u>	Graphics Resistant Materials Textiles Electronics Food	Business BTEC Health & Social Care Sport	Construction
			Only one P.E. course		Only one Technology course		



Top Section

- 1) The form is individual – your name, what language(s) you study, whether you currently have support
- 2) Are you recommended to choose Support option



Top Section

3) Interested in the RE upgrade to a full GCSE?

I would like to upgrade to full GCSE RE using 1 hour of Core PE.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4) Interested in a twilight course?

I would like to be considered for a twilight course (please understand that this is a 2 year commitment & we recommend that you only choose one).	Triple Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Italian	<input type="checkbox"/>



Broad & Balanced with 1st Language

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. **French**

2. Music

3. Dance

4. Business GCSE

I have chosen business BTEC or business GCSE. My Reserve business choice is:

History

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Early Specialisation in humanities with 1st Language

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. German

2. **Geography**

3. **History**

4. Food

I have chosen a Technology subject. My Reserve Technology choice is:

Textiles

I would be equally happy to study my 1st Technology choice or my Reserve:

YES


NO

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Early Specialisation in Languages

I would like to be considered for a twilight course (please understand that this is a 2 year commitment & we recommend that you only choose one).	Triple Science	
	Italian	

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. Spanish	2. Drama	3. GCSE PE	4. Computing
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Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Opting for Italian (with teacher's recommendation)

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. ~~Spanish~~
Italian

2. Drama

3. GCSE PE

4. Computing

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Broad & Balanced - not studying a Language

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. **Graphics**

2. History

3. Creative iMedia

4. Sport BTEC

I have chosen a Technology subject. My Reserve Technology choice is:

Electronics

I would be equally happy to study my 1st Technology choice or my Reserve:

YES

NO

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Specialising in Applied Learning - not studying a Language

We recommend that you choose the Support option.

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. Art

2. **Creative iMedia**

3. **Health & Social Care**

4. **Support**

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



Construction - not studying a Language

Option Subjects

If you currently study a Language you will be expected to continue with this as your first GCSE choice – normally this will be your 1st Language.

1. **Construction**

2. Geography

3. Resistant

4. Business BTEC

I have chosen business BTEC or business GCSE. My Reserve business choice is:

Drama

I have chosen a Technology subject. My Reserve Technology choice is:

Food

I would be equally happy to study my 1st Technology choice or my Reserve:

YES

NO

Signature of student:

Signature of Parent / Carer :



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