

Welcome to KS4 Evening

How do we make good decisions about the future?



Welcome Y9 Families

GCSE Choices and Experience at KS4

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A Catholic School that champions students so
they flourish individually and collectively

Knowledge - Care - Ambition

Individual

Community

Individual
+
Community



Champion

**We want
students to be
better than they
every thought
they could be.**



Being fully informed

- Option Subjects
- Core Subjects
- Extra-Curricular



The KS4 Pastoral Team

- Mr Harry Strachan - KS4 Leader
- Mrs Sheila Mold - KS4 Pastoral Manager



Aims of Key Stage 4

- To ensure students study a broad curriculum that allows for appropriate progression routes to post 16 provision
- Students select subjects to study in more depth
- The school will ensure that all students are still educated in life skills, moral, spiritual & cultural aspects of life



What should students consider?

Career	Does it lead to a job?
Interests	Do they enjoy it?
Ability	Are they good at it?
Pathways	Where can they go next?



How does the grade system work?

Department for Education

GCSE Grading	
New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
Standard Pass → 4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

The government's benchmark for achievement for students in English and maths has moved upwards. While the 'good pass' on the A*-C scale was seen to be a C grade or above, the new 'standard pass' is a Grade 4 (C grade on old scale) and a 'strong pass' is a Grade 5 (high C/ low B) or above.

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- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- RE
- Core PE (not examined)
- PSHE (not examined)



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Option Subjects

There is also a range of option subjects that you can choose from. These include:

- GCSEs
- Vocational Courses
- Support for extra English and maths



How many choices do I have?

There are three slots for option subjects on your timetable.

- Each of these slots covers five one hour lessons across each fortnight.
- You will need to make **four option choices**.
- These will cover the three subjects which you want to take plus one reserve subject.

Option Subjects

(each 1 option choice)

Art

Business

Childcare

Design Technology

Geography

History

Music

Hospitality and Catering

Information Technology

MFL – French

GCSE PE

Sociology



Advice on how to make the right choices

Gather good information

- Subject teachers
- Careers information
- Family advice
- Options section of the school website (curriculum)
- select courses that you enjoy studying
- choose subjects that are important for a future career
- opt for the course not the teacher or because of friends!



How to make Options

After discussion with parents and teachers

Process using options online - electronic system

Time in school after Parents' Evening to do this



Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
From now	Options Conversations & Choices	Staff & Students
27th April	Year 9 Parents' Evening - option choices completed at this event	Parents & Students
28th April	Options choices close	Parents & Students
July	Students made aware of final choices	Staff

Thank you

Ask us any questions - the key will be talking to teachers about the subject.