

# Y8 Options 2024/2025

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# Welcome

- **An important time**
- **Your first choices**
- **GCSE's**



# Key Dates

- **Today : Year 8 Options Evening**
- **Every day : Careers Drop-in session - Lunchtime**
- **18th January : Year 8 Parents Evening**
- **29th January : Options Link sent**
- **5th February : Options completed (via the link sent)**



# The Options Process

- **2 aspects to GCSE choices:**
  - **Compulsory – subjects every student studies**
  - **Optional – subjects you can choose**

# Number of lessons

- **The number of lessons you study each subject for differs**

# Compulsory Subjects

- **English Language / English Literature** (7 lessons/cycle)
- **Mathematics** (7 lessons/cycle)
- **Biology** (4 lessons/cycle)
- **Physics** (4 lessons/cycle)
- **Chemistry** (4 lessons/cycle)
- **PSHE** – incl RE/Citizenship/Personal development (1 lesson / cycle)
- **Games** - (3 lessons / cycle)

# Sets and numbers

- Mathematics – students are put into sets
  - Some sets also study Additional Maths
  - Some sets also study Further Maths
  - Most sets study only Maths
- For ALL other subjects the group you are put in is:
  - Mixed – group 1 is the same as group 4
  - Random

# Example Timetable : English

AMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	ATue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BTue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001
AMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	ATue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AFri:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BTue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BFri:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> JAL B010
AMon:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	ATue:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AWed:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	AThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BMon:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BTue:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BWed:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209
AMon:3 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	ATue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	AThu:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BMon:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BTue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BThu:3 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002
AMon:4 <b>English</b> SLH P002	ATue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AThu:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BMon:4 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BThu:4 <b>Computing</b> AGS B103	BFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001
AMon:5 <b>PSHE</b> RCB C012	ATue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	AWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	AFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BMon:5 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C106



# Example Timetable : Maths

AMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	ATue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BTue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001
AMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	ATue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AFri:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BTue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BFri:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> JAL B010
AMon:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	ATue:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AWed:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	AThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BMon:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BTue:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BWed:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209
AMon:3 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	ATue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	AThu:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BMon:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BTue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BThu:3 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002
AMon:4 <b>English</b> SLH P002	ATue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AThu:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BMon:4 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BThu:4 <b>Computing</b> AGS B103	BFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001
AMon:5 <b>PSHE</b> RCB C012	ATue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	AWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	AFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BMon:5 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C106

# Example Timetable : Sciences

AMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	ATue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	AFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BMon:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BTue:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BWed:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BThu:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001	BFri:Reg <b>Tutorial</b> GSN S001
AMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	ATue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AFri:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BMon:1 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BTue:1 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BWed:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BThu:1 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BFri:1 <b>Resist Mat</b> JAL B010
AMon:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	ATue:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AWed:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	AThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BMon:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BTue:2 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BWed:2 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BThu:2 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BFri:2 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209
AMon:3 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	ATue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	AThu:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BMon:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BTue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BThu:3 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002
AMon:4 <b>English</b> SLH P002	ATue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	AWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AThu:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	AFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BMon:4 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:4 <b>Resist Mat</b> CPP B006	BWed:4 <b>Spanish</b> JMG M003	BThu:4 <b>Computing</b> AGS B103	BFri:4 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001
AMon:5 <b>PSHE</b> RCB C012	ATue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	AWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	AThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	AFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BMon:5 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	BTue:5 <b>Biology</b> SJE C209	BWed:5 <b>Maths</b> EDH F005	BThu:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C104	BFri:5 <b>Chemistry</b> RLP C106

# Example Timetable : Games/RS/PSHE

AMon:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	ATue:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AWed:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AThu:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AFri:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BMon:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BTue:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BWed:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BThu:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BFri:Reg Tutorial GSN S001
AMon:1 Spanish JMG M003	ATue:1 Maths EDH F005	AWed:1 Resist Mat CPP B006	AThu:1 Geography MCE A105	AFri:1 Geography MCE A105	BMon:1 Spanish JMG M003	BTue:1 Maths EDH F005	BWed:1 Resist Mat CPP B006	BThu:1 Geography MCE A105	BFri:1 Resist Mat JAL B010
AMon:2 Physics TJD S103	ATue:2 English SLH P002	AWed:2 Physics TJD S103	AThu:2 Maths EDH F005	AFri:2 Biology SJE C209	BMon:2 Maths EDH F005	BTue:2 Physics TJD S103	BWed:2 English SLH P002	BThu:2 Maths EDH F005	BFri:2 Biology SJE C209
AMon:3 Games NJS MUG3	ATue:3 Geography MCE A105	AWed:3 Computing GSN S001	AThu:3 English SLH P002	AFri:3 English SLH P002	BMon:3 English SLH P002	BTue:3 Geography MCE A105	BWed:3 Computing GSN S001	BThu:3 Physics TJD S103	BFri:3 English SLH P002
AMon:4 English SLH P002	ATue:4 Resist Mat CPP B006	AWed:4 Spanish JMG M003	AThu:4 Spanish JMG M003	AFri:4 Computing GSN S001	BMon:4 Games NJS MUG3	BTue:4 Resist Mat CPP B006	BWed:4 Spanish JMG M003	BThu:4 Computing AGS B103	BFri:4 Computing GSN S001
AMon:5 PSHE RCB C012	ATue:5 Biology SJE C209	AWed:5 Maths EDH F005	AThu:5 Chemistry RLP C104	AFri:5 Chemistry RLP C104	BMon:5 Games NJS MUG3	BTue:5 Biology SJE C209	BWed:5 Maths EDH F005	BThu:5 Chemistry RLP C104	BFri:5 Chemistry RLP C106

# Example Timetable : 20 spare lessons...

AMon:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	ATue:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AWed:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AThu:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	AFri:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BMon:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BTue:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BWed:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BThu:Reg Tutorial GSN S001	BFri:Reg Tutorial GSN S001
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AMon:3 <b>Games</b> NJS MUG3	ATue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	AWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	AThu:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	AFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BMon:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002	BTue:3 <b>Geography</b> MCE A105	BWed:3 <b>Computing</b> GSN S001	BThu:3 <b>Physics</b> TJD S103	BFri:3 <b>English</b> SLH P002
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Option subjects are given 5 lessons per cycle....

# Optional Subjects

**You have 4 choices (5 lessons / cycle)**

- Art & Design
- Business
- Geography
- History
- Food Prep and Nutrition\*<sup>1</sup>
- DT Graphics\*<sup>1</sup>
- DT Resistant Materials\*<sup>1</sup>

- French\*<sup>2</sup>
- Spanish\*<sup>2</sup>
- Computer Science
- Music
- Drama
- PE
- RE

\*<sup>1</sup> recommend a max of one of these subjects

\*<sup>2</sup> must be currently studying the language

# Reserve Choice

We offer students a full choice:

- No blocks
- No pools
- No pathways

You have 4 choices - but we need you to choose 5 subjects

Your 5th choice will only be used if your first 4 do not fit into the timetable

The best way to (almost) guarantee your choices is to choose subjects that fit into the "Ebacc" award.

# The Ebacc

The Ebacc is not an award.

It is a recommended suite of subjects designed to give a breadth of study. Some schools force students into taking subjects that fit into the Ebacc award.

English

Maths

Science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics)

Humanities (History/Geography)

MFL (Spanish/French)

# Other Information

- All courses are GCSEs
- All are linear courses
- Graded 9 to 1

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U





# **Mrs Pyrah – Head of Year 8**

# Tips

## **Do:**

- **Subjects that you enjoy**
- **Subjects in which you are doing well**
- **Consider the breadth of subjects and skills**
- **Consider longer term career aspirations (if you have any)**
- **Talk to your teachers, careers dept, older students, family**

# Tips

**Do not:**

- **Choose what your friends are doing**
- **Choose what your favourite teacher might teach**



# Tips

**Art and Design**

**French**

**Geography**

**History**

**Music**

**DT Resistant Materials**

**Spanish**

It is likely that you will need to choose these subjects at GCSE if you wish to study them at A-level



# Tips

**You can do both History AND Geography**

**All students do some core RE in tutorial periods, however this is only a few hours across years 9-11 and there is no formal qualification, whereas student's study 2 hours per week for GCSE RS.**



# Have you considered.....

**In Drama, you can develop your confidence, creativity, communication skills, critical thinking and teamwork skills.**

**These skills can be invaluable for undertaking a successful interview, when a Lawyer is representing their client in court, or when a surgeon leading a complex procedure.**



# FAQs

- **Do I have to study MFL?**
- **Can I choose more than 4 subjects?**
- **Am I more likely to get the choices I want if fill in the Microsoft Form straightaway?**
- **Can I change my mind once I have submitted the form?**

# Next Steps

- **Read through all of the information in the options booklet**
- **Speak to a range of teachers at the stalls in the Sports Hall**
- **Drop into the careers department and chat to them about which subjects you could study for you future pathway**



# Next Steps

- **Put together a list of your preferred subject choices**
- **Speak to your teachers at Parents Evening about your report, exam grades and your choices. (18<sup>th</sup> January)**
- **Wait for the link to be sent to parents and complete this ONCE.**

# How you will complete the options

- Take your time – there is no rush
- Ensure you have all the information
- On Monday 29th January parents will receive a link to a Microsoft Form
- Enter the choices on the Form
- Deadline Monday 5 February - 3.15pm
- Only make one submission (most recent one will be used)

# Work Experience

- Year 10 Work Experience: 15/4 – 19/4
- Year 12 Work Experience: 22/4 – 26/6
  
- Any Parental Help??
  
- Please speak to Mrs Ellis or Miss Teggart

# Thank you

- If you have any questions....

**...speak to staff, senior team & careers team in the Sports Hall**

**Mr Tipler & Mrs Pyrah will be available later**



