

# LEAP



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# Year 8 Options Information Evening

5.00pm, Thursday 12 April 2018

Tutor groups: 8EL, 8EB, 8MD, 8LM

*If your child is in any other tutor group, please look around the Subject Stalls and return here for a presentation at 6.00pm.*

# A New, Broader Curriculum

- From September 2018, students entering Key Stage 4 (Years 9-11) will follow a new, broader curriculum.
- As well as studying for a core set of subjects, students in Year 9 will be able to choose **FOUR** options subjects.
- This extra choice will give every student the opportunity to build a **broad and balanced curriculum**.
- We are encouraging students to choose a range of subjects: from the humanities, modern languages, performing and expressive arts and technology.

# The Core Curriculum

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science (Combined or Separate)
  
- *Physical Education (non-examination).*
- *Ethics – including Personal, Social and Health Education, Religious Education, Careers Education and Citizenship (non-examination).*

# The Core Curriculum

- The Core Curriculum is one followed by all students across the country.
- It is designed to ensure that all students follow a curriculum which will prepare them for adult life.
- The range of subjects (totalling between 5 and 6 GCSEs) will allow students to progress to almost all post-16 pathway.



# The English Baccalaureate

- As part of the Government's emphasis on an academic curriculum, we do ask all students to choose at least one subject from history, geography, French or German.
- These subjects form part of the English Baccalaureate or EBacc. The English Baccalaureate was introduced in 2010. It is not a qualification in itself, but it recognises pupils who have secured a 'good' GCSE grade across a core of academic subjects – English, mathematics, the sciences, history or geography and a modern language.
- The subjects included in the EBacc are designed to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to study a broad core of subjects, ensuring that doors are not closed to them for future progression.

# The Options

- Art & design: fine art
- Art & design: photography
- Business
- Design & technology
- Drama **OR**
  - Performing arts: acting
- Food preparation and nutrition
- Geography
- Health & social care
- History
- ICT iMedia
- Media studies
- Modern languages: French
- Modern languages: German
- Music
- Physical education **OR**
  - Health & fitness
- Religious studies

# Option Blocks

## Block A

Art & Design: Fine Art  
Business  
Design & Technology  
Drama  
Geography  
ICT iMedia  
Media Studies  
Religious Studies

## Block B

Art & Design: Photography  
Geography  
Health & Fitness  
Health & Social Care  
Media Studies  
Modern Foreign Languages: French  
Modern Foreign Languages: German  
Music

## Block C

Art & Design: Fine Art  
Business  
Food & Nutrition  
Health & Social Care  
History  
Modern Foreign Languages: French  
Modern Foreign Languages: German Physical  
Education

## Block D

Art & Design: Photography  
Design & Technology  
Food & Nutrition  
History  
ICT iMedia  
Media Studies  
Performing Arts: Acting  
Religious Studies

# Guidance to Students

- Don't make any choices until you have discussed it with your parents/carers, your teachers and, if necessary, a careers adviser.
- DO NOT choose a course based on the choices your friends have made or on your favourite teacher.
- You MUST be clear about your choices as changes WILL NOT be allowed once the course has started.
- You MUST include a reserve choice for each block – your form will not be accepted without this!
- Remember, we will try our best to ensure you study your first choices, but we cannot guarantee this.
- If the number of students opting for a course is too small, the course will not run.

# What happens next?

- **Tonight**
  - Visit the subject stalls and speak to teachers about the course content, assessment methods and typical lessons.
  - If necessary, speak to David Holloway, an independent careers adviser, for further guidance. Follow-up meetings can be booked with David or simply drop-in on a Tuesday.
- **Tuesday 24 April 2018**
  - Deadline for return of option forms to Mr Horsfield via form tutors.
- **Friday 25 May 2018 (target date)**
  - Students and parents to be informed of final option allocations.