

2021 Options Assembly



You Will All Do:-

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science
- BTEC Sport
- GCSE RE



How many do I choose?



- You will choose an additional 3 subjects
- Choose what you are good at and/or what you enjoy
- Do NOT choose what your mate chooses or what teacher you like

Everyone will have to choose at least **ONE** of:-



- Geography
 - Or
- History
 - Or
- A Language
 - Or
- Computer Science (if grade 5 at Maths)
 - OR
- Triple Science

(only if on the list produced by the Science Department in February)

Triple Science means:-



- You don't do combined Science you study 3 GCSEs:-
 - GCSE Biology
 - GCSE Physics
 - GCSE Chemistry
- 9 lessons per week and 9 exams at the end

Ebacc



Not a qualification

It is a collection of academic subjects

“Enablers” – They enable you to apply for almost anything and give you the widest choice post-16

- English- Maths – Science
- History or Geography
 - A Language

Ebacc continued

- When you log in to options online you may be given a form that forces you to choose a language and one of History or Geography.
- If you do not want to be in the Ebacc cohort (because you want to do a language but NOT History/Geography OR you don't want to do a language), please write a letter from your parents to Mr. Mackinney explaining why. This will then be considered.
- We don't want to force anyone to study a subject they do not want to do but we do want to guide students towards enabling subjects.

Other subjects you can choose:

Vocationals = 1 GCSE

- BTEC Digital IT
- BTEC Enterprise
- BTEC Music
- BTEC Performing Arts
- BTEC Children's Play and Development
- BTEC Health and Social Care
- WJEC Voc Award Hospitality/Catering

GCSEs

- Geography
- History
- Triple Science
- French
- German
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Art – Fine Art
- Art – Textiles
- Design Technology



A Note on GCSE Music and PE

- *In the past some talented musicians have been disappointed that we do not offer GCSE music. This has mostly been because it has not been possible to create a class large enough to justify running the GCSE. However to qualify for A Level music at King Edwards they will accept grade 5 practical (on voice or instrument) and grade 3 in music theory instead of a Music GCSE.*
- *With regard to PE, now that every student can do BTEC Sport this course does not run. It appears that the course has such a high bar in terms of ability in more than one sport that it is prohibitive. For example a county footballer might be disadvantaged if they are not district level in at least one other sport.*

Pathways



- You may notice that the options form you log in to has slight differences from other people.
- We have tried to tailor the form to reflect your performance in school so far.
- If you cannot study a subject, or combination of subjects, that you are desperate to follow then please write to Mr Mackinney explaining your reasons.

Process



- The options forms will be on www.sims-options.co.uk in the new year and a guide to logging in will be posted at this time. All students will log in at school too to ensure they have access.
- Once you have logged in then follow the on screen instructions.
- We will use school data, plus information from form teachers and Head of Year to decide the most appropriate pathway for your child. However, this is only a recommendation and you are entitled to contact your child's form teacher, or Mr Mackinney, to discuss a change of pathway.

Options Deadline



Option choices due in anytime after the form is made live, but final deadline is
Tuesday March 30th 2021