Year 9
Parents Information Evening

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Outline

1. Year 9 Options Process
2. Supporting your son at SHSB
3. Kudos Training and careers
4. First Give Presentations
Year 9 Curriculum (2018/19)

- **Core GCSE Subjects**
  - English (6)
  - Mathematics (6)
  - Science (6)
  - Language Fr/De/Sp (3)
  - Religious Studies (3)

- **Non-GCSE Subjects**
  - PE Games (4)
  - PSHE (1)

- **7 of Options (3)**
  - Geography
  - History
  - Art
  - Drama
  - 2nd Language Fr/De/Sp
  - 3rd Language Fr/De/Sp
  - Graphics or Electronic Products
  - Business and Economics
What will happen at the end of Year 9?

Year 10 Curriculum (2019/20)
Students drop 4 or 5 subjects, dependant on their Science choice

Core GCSE Subjects
- English (7)
- Mathematics (7)
- Science – Double (10) or Triple (14)
- Language Fr/De/Sp (4)
- Religious Studies (5)

Core Non-GCSE Subjects
- PE Games (3)
- PSHE (2)

3 of Options (4)
- Students maintain 3 subjects to study through to GCSE
- However they need to drop a further subject to take triple science
**Why has my son gone from having 7 options to only choosing 3 options (2 if he chooses triple science)?**
Ten GCSEs are enough to study and succeed in in light of recent government changes to the GCSEs and harder specifications. The new specifications that your son is studying have more challenging content. Many now have numerous ‘closed’ examinations at the end of the course. Potentially your son could be sitting 30 exams of approximately 75 minutes in a 6 week time frame. (Please see the ‘Why only 10 GCSEs’ document)

**Why does my son have to study full GCSE RE?**
Please see the ‘Options RE compulsory 2019’ document.

**If my son chooses Double science can they still do a specific science at A Level?**
Yes of course they can still complete this at A Level. Naturally, if you have studied a specific science for two years you will have a stronger understanding, but we have had many students in the past take Double Science and still successfully study a science at A Level.

**If my son completes further maths, will he have extra lessons to complete this?**
Your son will be receiving 7 lessons of Maths in Year 10 and 11. If he completes further maths, there will be no extra lessons of maths timetabled. Further maths is incorporated within lessons. *It is for the top two sets only.* As a result, if your son is sitting the Further maths exam they will have one extra exam to complete when the GCSE’s are taken.
Reasons to take an option

**Good Reasons**
- I am good at this subject
- I enjoy this subject very much
- My teachers have told me that I am good at this subject
- I am good at doing the things involved in this subject
- I have researched this subject and know I would enjoy it
- This subject may help me when I am older

**Bad Reasons**
- My friend is choosing this subject
- My older brother also did this subject
- My parents want me to do this subject even though I do not enjoy it
- They want me to do this subject even though I am not so good at it
- I like the teacher who currently teaches me this subject
- This subject is new so it must be good
### Stage 1
In Year 10 pupils study English and English Literature, Mathematics, Science (Double or Triple), one Language, RE, Personal, Social and Health Education*; Physical Education Games*.

(*PSHE and PE Games are non GCSE courses)

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### Stage 2
**Choices in the Year 10 curriculum**

All students study at least one language to GCSE level. Please select your first language preference. Tick ONE only here, but you may continue a second as an option and for some students it may be possible to study all three languages.

- French
- German
- Spanish

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### Stage 3
Please put your choices in order of preference and add a reserve choice. A reserve must be chosen otherwise the form will be returned to you for completion.

In the event of over-subscription in subjects, this will be a factor in determining places.

There is no certainty that you will be allocated all preferred choices, but we will do our best!

Please confirm your choices here:

**Science**: Double / Triple (please circle one)

First Language: [ ] Spanish

Subjects continuing in order of preference:

1st Preference

[ ] PE

2nd Preference

[ ] Business

For students who have chosen Double Science above:

3rd Preference

[ ] Not taking

Reserve

[ ] Geography

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No Student is permitted to begin studying a new subject this year. Tick the GCSE subjects you are currently studying:

- Art
- Business Studies & Economics
- Citizenship
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Electronic Products
- French
- German
- Geography
- Graphics
- History
- Music
- PE GCSE
- Spanish

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- **Double Science** (2 GCSEs)
  
- **Triple Science** (Separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics - 3 GCSEs)

**Triple Science will count as one option choice**

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If you have studied Business and Economics in Year 9, please indicate the route you would like to follow:

- Business
- Economics
- Not taking

If you wish to continue with Business Studies or Economics, please include this subject as one of your preferences in Stage 3.
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Supporting your son

1 – Allow them to be teenagers!

2 – Be empathetic!

3 – Talk to them about universities, careers, interests

4 – Brush up on your own knowledge of revision techniques

5 – Involve them in every decision, it’s their life

6 – Do not let your anxieties rub off on them