

Which options
shall I take?

Options 2024

Year 9 Guided Options –
A very warm welcome...



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The importance of Guided Options: making choices for KS4

- They are guided
- A milestone in life
- Choices that could affect your future
- Making good choices will mean that you are more likely to succeed in your subjects



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How do we help our students to prepare for options?

- Guided Options Assembly – this afternoon
- Options Information Evening (parents/carers) – tonight at 6pm
- Options information booklet on the website
- Options information presentations from subjects on the St Hilda's website
- Help from Form Tutor in PD
- Help from Subject Teachers
- Help from Heads of House
- Taster Week (w/c 18th march) and Taster Day including a UCAS session – Friday 22nd March
- Submit choices electronically - Monday 25th March
- Guidance Meetings with SLT Wednesday 17th April – Parents invited remotely



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What are the different qualifications?

- GCSE – Mostly exams at the end of 2 years, with some controlled assessment.
- BTEC TECH Award – Equivalent to 1 GCSE, mostly controlled assessment with 1 exam.
- Cambridge National Certificate – combination of exams and coursework.



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Core Subjects everyone will study:

- Maths
- English Language and English Literature
- Science (Combined or 3 separates if one option used)
- RE GCSE
- Core PE
- PD



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What are the choices?

EVERYONE WILL HAVE THREE CHOICES

- Three 'free' choices

OR

- The English Baccalaureate



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What is the English Baccalaureate? (EBacc)

- EBacc is a measure to promote breadth of academic study. It is designed to ensure readiness for University.
- English, maths, science (2 or 3 GCSEs)
- French or Spanish
- History or Geography
- One 'free' choice

WHY?

- Top universities appreciate students having core subjects and 'rigorous' subjects
- Over 70% of students here can access the top universities
- Our advice is to choose a language and a humanities subject



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The English Baccalaureate? (Ebacc)

Pick a language, a humanities and ONE other

Pick one language

- French
- Spanish

AND pick one humanities

- Geography
- History

- Ancient History
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Hospitality and Catering
- Music
- PE
- Psychology
- Separate Sciences
- Sociology
- Spanish

We will ask for 2 reserve subjects because we can not guarantee all of your choices.

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Three 'free' choices - what subjects are on offer?

- Ancient History
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Hospitality and Catering
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Choose 3 subjects to study

2 reserve subjects



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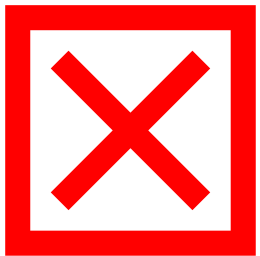
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The wrong reasons to pick a subject:

- Your friends are doing it
- Your parents/carers think it's a good idea – but you don't
- You know someone who's done it and they say it's great
- You think it will be easy and won't have to work hard
- It sounds good even though you haven't researched it
- A favourite teacher



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The right reasons to pick a subject

- You like it or find it interesting
- You're good at it
- You need it or it's useful for your future career
- You can develop new skills by doing it
- You think you will do well in it
- Your teachers, parents and you think it is a suitable choice for you



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Taster Week and Day

- Taster Week w/c 18th March
- Taster Day – Friday 22nd March
- A chance to visit four subjects you are interested in
- A chance to try out something new!
- Talk to the teachers
- Everyone will do a UCAS training session
- Form have been handed out in today's assembly
- Select your four choices and a UCAS session
- Needs to be returned on Monday 4th March in Form



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Start talking and finding things out!!! A reminder...

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- Submit your choices electronically - Monday 25th March
- Guidance Meetings with SLT Wednesday 17th April



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After the Taster Day....

- Link will be sent electronically to the form
- Submit options choices form by the end of Monday 25th March
- Attend guidance meeting to finalise choices – Wednesday 17th April



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Questions

- What happens if my son/daughter makes a mistake in their choice?
- What about languages? Isn't it too much pressure for them?
- Could what they study in Year 10 affect their options at college and university?
- Why are you not forcing them to do the EBACC?



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Format of the evening

6:00 - 6:30 – Talk 1 from Mrs Code and Mr Bellmon

6:35 - 6:55 – Presentation for Subject 1

7:00 - 7:20 – Presentation for Subject 2

7:25 - 7:45 – Presentation for Subject 3

7:50 - 8:10 – Presentation for Subject 4

8:15 - 8:30 – Talk 2 from Mrs Code and Mr Bellmon

A bell will be rung at the end of each session – please make your way as quickly as possible to the next session.

Please check on the sheet given to you on arrival for the room numbers for each subject.



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Thank you for listening



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