

# Options Information Evening

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February



# Purpose of this Evening

- ▶ To provide you with further information on how best to help your child make their subject selection for Years 10 and 11
- ▶ To outline the changes in education that will affect your child
- ▶ To understand the process required to accurately select your preferred subjects at KS4.



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# National Update

- ▶ English Baccalaureate
- ▶ New Grading System
- ▶ Linear examinations
- ▶ All exams taken in Year 11
- ▶ Reduction of coursework
- ▶ Compulsory retake of Maths & English until 18
- ▶ Raise in participation age



# Examination Reform

- ▶ All GCSE and A Level courses have been rewritten with new schemes of assessment
- ▶ The new GCSE specifications are more challenging
- ▶ The grading system for GCSE has changed. The A\* - G grading system has been replaced with Grades 1-9



# New GCSE & Vocational Grade System

Top 20% of A*A Grades				New Threshold	Old Threshold				
A*	A		B	C	D	E	F	G	
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
D*	D		M	P	L1				



▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9FOyoS3Fag>

# Support your child in making an informed choice for KS4

- ▶ Students have attended two assemblies on making choices and the options process
  - ▶ Students have completed a workbook in tutor times
  - ▶ Students have received a Key Stage 4 Option Choice Booklet
  - ▶ Students have attended a careers event
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- ▶ Options evening
  - ▶ Tutor discussions to support choices
  - ▶ Meeting with SLT



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# Support your child in making an informed choice for KS4

- ▶ Discuss your child's areas of interest and possible vocations.
- ▶ Look at different jobs, qualifications, university requirements
- ▶ Visit identified subject stalls tonight and discuss the courses with subject specific staff
- ▶ Discuss choices with your son/daughter
- ▶ Ensure your son/daughter electronically submits their choices by 20<sup>th</sup> March



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# Westgate School Option Choices

All students will be required to take the following subjects:

- ▶ English Language, English Literature, Maths
- ▶ RMS ( exam sat in Year 10)
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Core Physical Education
  
- ▶ They then get to choose **three subjects and one reserve subject**
- ▶ To get into sixth form they must choose one Ebacc subject
- ▶ History, Geography, French, Spanish, Extended Science, Computer Science



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# Questions .....

- ▶ We will be in the hall once you leave to answer any questions you have ...