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# Options Information Evening

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019



# Option Choices



Your  
future



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**SUCCESS IS  
NOT THE KEY  
TO HAPPINESS.  
HAPPINESS IS  
THE KEY TO  
SUCCESS.**

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

# 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 – except RMS Y10
- ▶ 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%<br>of A*A<br>Grades |   |   |   | New<br>Threshold | Old<br>Threshold |   |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|------------------|---|---|---|--|
| A*                          | A |   | B | C                | D                | E | F | G |  |
| 9                           | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5                | 4                | 3 | 2 | 1 |  |
| D*                          | D |   | M | P                | L1               |   |   |   |  |

# EBacc

- ▶ The government have introduced a new performance measure known as the English Baccalaureate

It recognises where students have secured a grade 4/5 or above across a core of academic subjects which include:

- English / Maths / Science
- History or Geography (both may be taken)
- A language (French or Spanish offered) other languages can count

## What choices do they have?

- ▶ **Core subjects**...English Language, English Literature, Maths, RMS (exam sat in Year 10), Combined Science, Core Physical Education
- ▶ They then choose **three subjects** and **one reserve subject**
- ▶ Range of subjects
- ▶ Different types of qualifications

# Key stage 4 option choices 2019

|   |   |                             |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| French GCSE EBacc                         | Science Extended GCSE EBacc                               | Computer Science GCSE EBacc |
| Spanish GCSE EBacc                        | Geography GCSE EBacc                                      | History GCSE EBacc          |
| Health and Social Care BTEC               | Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE                       | Photography GCSE            |
| Art GCSE                                  | Level 2 Certificate in Enterprise & Marketing             | Media BTEC                  |
| Sport BTEC                                | Level 2 Technical Award in Digital Information Technology | PE GCSE                     |
| Business Studies GCSE                     | Drama GCSE  | Music GCSE                  |
| Level 2 Certificate in Engineering Design |   |                             |

# What should be considered?



RAISING THE AGE OF PARTICIPATION

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# 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
- ▶ Options evening
- ▶ Tutor discussions to support choices
- ▶ Speed dating assemblies with year 10 to discuss options



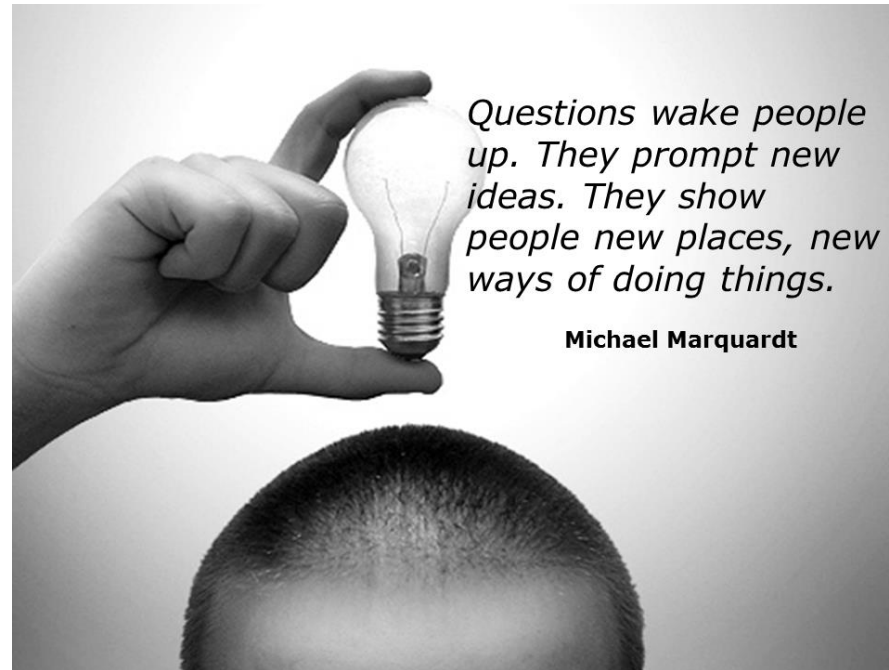
# Support your child in making an informed choice for KS4

- ▶ 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
- ▶ **Collect your letter tonight with unique password to enter online your choices**
- ▶ **Online process to submit your choices opens at 4pm on Wednesday 20 March**
- ▶ Ensure your son/daughter electronically submits their choices by **8am on Monday 1 April**

**Once entered cannot change – late submissions may affect oversubscribed subjects.**

# Questions ...

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



*Questions wake people up. They prompt new ideas. They show people new places, new ways of doing things.*

**Michael Marquardt**



*Enjoyment = Commitment = Success*