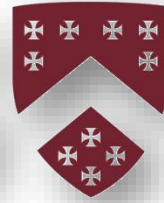


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KS4 Options Evening

February 2024

Welcome



Options

- Exciting opportunity to make decisions about your education
- Able to focus your choices towards a potential career or your interests
- Range of different courses with different content – sure to find something you will enjoy



The Process

Week beginning 5 February	Extended Assembly for Year 9 students Option Booklets issued Information Evening for Parents in Hall at 6pm MS Form sent for students to choose taster lessons for new subjects GCSE taster lessons begin within timetable
Week beginning 12 February	Half term <u>holiday</u>
Week beginning 19 February	Taster lessons for new subjects, taster lessons within the timetable continue. Each student meets with Miss Johnstone, Mr Hopkins, Mr Thomas or Ms Landeg to discuss choices and access additional support if needed.
Week beginning 26 February	Options form sent electronically to parents by email, completion deadline Monday 4 th March

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

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Compulsory

- English (Language and Literature)
- Maths
- Science (Separate and Combined)
- Games and PSHE

Four Option Subjects

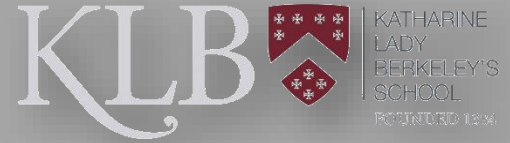


Selection

- Four option subjects in total
- First option must be a facilitating subject
- Options 2-4 are a free choice
- Reserve choice
- Completed on an MS Form link



The Students



Now you'll hear about their options and the process that they went through.

The Facilitating Subject

For your first choice a **facilitating subject**

Language – French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese

Humanity – Geography, History

Computer Science



The Facilitating Subject

Option 1 - Facilitating Subject - Choose One Subject

If you are choosing a language, do so here.

For 2 languages choose your second language here and French in one of the later options. *

- Chinese
- Computer Science GCSE
- French
- Geography
- History
- Japanese
- Spanish



Remaining 3 Choices

Fine Art
Graphic Art
Art Craft Design

DT Resistant Materials
DT CAD CAM Graphics
DT Textiles

Food Technology

RE
PE
Drama
Music

Sociology
Business

Health & Social Care OCR
Health & Fitness VCERT
ASDAN – Personal Effectiveness
IT OCR

Any of the facilitating subjects; French, Spanish, Geography, History and
Computer Sci

The Ebacc

We encourage you to consider the English Baccalaureate (Ebacc), a pathway identified by Russell Group universities.

These subjects are English, Maths, Science, a Language (French, Spanish, Chinese or Japanese) and a Humanities subject (either Geography or History).

Many universities and employers value these subjects.



Choice 2 -4

Option 2 - Choose One Subject *

- Art - Fine Art
- Art - Graphic Art
- Art - Art, Craft & Design
- Business - GCSE
- Business - Enterprise BTEC
- Computer Science GCSE
- Computing - Cambridge National
- DT - Graphics
- DT - Resistant Materials
- DT - Textiles
- Drama
- Food & Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- Health & Social Care BTEC
- History
- Music
- PE GCSE
- PE - Health & Fitness VCERT
- Personal & Social Effectiveness
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

The Option Blocks

- Using student choices we make the option blocks
- There are 4 option blocks (K, L, N, P)
- The option blocks are put together to meet as many student combinations as possible
- Last year 94% of student combinations were met in this way
- However, with 4 option blocks there are usually some clashes where a combination will not work
- For example, in this year's Year 10 Chinese and RE are in Option K, this means that these subjects cannot both be taken
- In this situation we use the reserve choice



The Option Blocks

Option K	Option L	Option N	Option P
Business Studies	Art (Fine Art)	Art (Fine Art)	Business Studies
Chinese	Business Studies	Computer Sci	Food Tech
Drama	Computer Sci	COPE	Geography
Geography	Drama	Food Tech	Graphic Art
DT Graphic Products	Food Tech	Geography	Health & Fitness VCERT
History	French	History	History
IT OCR National	Geography	DT Res Mat	Health & Social Care
Japanese	Graphic Art	Sociology	Music
RE	DT Res Mat	Spanish	PE
DT Res Mat	Sociology		Sociology
Sociology			Textiles

Current Year
10

Will be
constructed
using the
choices
made by Year
9



Subjects not in KS3

- ASDAN – Personal Effectiveness
- Business
- Health & Social Care
- Sociology



What is Sociology?

It is the study of people and groups in society

Mr Poole



Key Questions Sociologists ask:

Why do people commit crime?

Why do some people underachieve in schools?

Does the mass media influence its audience?

Do we live in a meritocratic society?



Business Studies

The study of how businesses operate and function.

Mr Edwards (R2)



ASDAN – Personal Effectiveness

Developing myself and my performance	Working with others	Problem Solving
Health and wellbeing	Citizenship and community	Science and technology
International links	Sport and Leisure	Independent living
Digital communications	The Environment	Expressive arts
Beliefs and values	Enterprise	Vocational preparation
	Beliefs and values	

A supported course, which is slightly different to GCSE, more independent in a small class.

Ms Rolleston



Topic areas students have chosen to investigate and develop for their projects

- An argument for and against euthanasia
- Persecution of groups of people in the world
- Tolerance; is there balance, diversity and inclusion in the Community
- Running a primary sports competition
- Design a programme of dance to deliver to others
- Running an event for Forest Green Rovers
- Take part in sport as a member of a team



Health & Social Care

OCR National Course - Miss Bell

Human Lifespan Development
Health and Social Care Services and Values
Health and Wellbeing

60% Coursework
40% Exam



Coursework /Exams

Some subjects have coursework to complete that goes towards the final grade.

DT (RM, Graphics, Textiles) and Food

Art

Vocational options (IT OCR, H&SC, PE VCERT)

Music

Drama



Pathways – for students with a career in mind

STEM pathway – DT and Computer Science options that can complement an interest in Maths and Science

- Student M – DT RM, Computer Science, Spanish and Geography

Design pathway

- Student P – DT Graphic Products, Fine Art, History and PE

Pathways – for students with a career in mind

Linguist pathway

- Student E – French, Chinese, History and Sociology

Performing Arts

- Student A – Music, Drama, Art and a facilitating subject

Other Information

- Science is a different process dependent on assessment result – begins after this options process
- There will be circumstances in which we need to withdraw an option. For example, if only a small number of students choose a subject.
- We will look carefully at combinations and balance across the subjects chosen.
- Only one Art, only one DT
- PE or PE VCERT
- Computer Science or IT OCR



Coursework /Exams

- The key benefit of coursework is by February of Year 11 it is complete and then you have a percentage of the final grade already sorted.
- However, do not consider it an easy option. There is a significant time commitment and volume of work needed.
- Studying 2+ coursework subjects can become a big workload.



Support

- Parents and Families
- Mr Thomas & Ms Johnstone
- Subject teachers and tutors
- Taster lessons
- Future pathways and careers (including sixth form and apprenticeship talk)
- GCSE and A Level students
- Options Booklet
- Research



Get the decision as right as possible

- Take time
- Take the process seriously
- Changes are possible later but only within the blocks set up



To conclude

You'll now receive your booklet, spend the final part of the lesson looking through it and considering the different options.

