

Year 9 Options 2019



Information for Parents



“Learning together, shaping the future”

The Curriculum



From September 2019, all subjects are the reformed GCSE courses. The new courses are graded numerically, from 9 to 1. The highest grade will be 9, equivalent to the top of the old A* grade.

Core subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical Education
- Religious Education

Option Subjects

- Subjects which pupils select as preferences for the rest of their timetable.
- Different pathways provide appropriate levels of challenge to pupils.

Guided routes



- H & L study MFL and have two further subject choices
- G,R,E & N choose three subjects
- There is also a Foundation learning course with and one further subject choice

The English Baccalaureate refers to a group of desirable qualifications, not a qualification in itself.

The Ebacc recognises achievement in English, Mathematics, the Sciences – (including Computer Science), a Modern Foreign Language and at least one of History or Geography. A study by the Sutton Trust reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

Pupils are not required to follow the full Ebacc. However, the majority of pupils are required to take either History, Geography or a Modern Foreign Language. They should then choose subjects that they enjoy and/or will support their future plans.

Deadline Dates



Friday 8 March 2019	Booklets and interview letters issued to pupils. Senior teachers explain the process
Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March 2019	Kudos - careers guidance and education All pupils will be given logins to Kudos online software – ICT staff will show pupils how to use the software to research future career possibilities
Tuesday 12 March 2019	Year 9 options evening. Representatives from all options subjects are available during the evening to provide further information
Wednesday 13 March 2017 –Wednesday 20 March 2019	Year 9 interviews for IAG (information, advice and guidance). Year 9 pupils are interviewed by Senior Staff and Heads of House to discuss the most appropriate choices to meet individual needs and to support future ambitions.
Wednesday 13 March 2019	Option Forms Named option forms are issued to pupils.
Friday 22 March 2019	The year 9 option process ends. All forms to be returned to Mrs Dhillon or Mr Hosfield.

What happens next?



Each pupil will be interviewed to discuss their choices. They will receive impartial advice based on the pupil's academic achievements, their interests and ambitions.

If, as a parent, you would also like some advice on helping your child with their choices, please contact the school.

Pupils should seek advice on subject content from subject specialists to ensure they are making appropriate choices.

From 25 March, the process of allocating preferences begins.

In recent years 99% of pupils received their first preferences.

Name:

Form:

All pupils study English, maths, science, RE and PE as their core curriculum. PE will be studied at either Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies or 'Passport to Fitness'. Please note that pupils who choose Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Science as one of their options may also have the opportunity to study Cambridge National Certificate in Sport Studies.

The **EBacc** is highly sought after by colleges and universities. To gain the EBacc, pupils must choose either Geography or History (or both) as one of their two option choices, alongside their Modern Foreign Language. You will automatically be allocated your Modern Foreign Language («MFL»).

Please select two subjects from the table below by ticking the boxes next to your choices. In addition, please write two reserve subjects in the spaces provided, to be used if one of your preferred choices is unavailable.



	Subject Choices	Tick <u>two</u> boxes only
EBacc	Geography	
	History	
Other	Art, Craft and Design*	
	Art Textiles*	
	Business Studies	
	Computer Science**	
	Design and Technology	
	Food Preparation and Nutrition	
	Health & Social Care - BTEC Tech Award	
	ICT in Interactive Media** - Cambridge National Cert.	
	Music	
	Sport Science - Cambridge National Certificate	
	Reserve Subjects (write two choices)	

Name:

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Please select one subject from column A and two different subjects from column B. In addition, please write two reserve subjects in the space provided, to be used if one of your preferred choices is unavailable.

	Subject Choices A	Tick <u>one</u> box only	Subject Choices B	Tick <u>two</u> boxes only
EBacc	Geography		Geography	
	History		History	
	«MFL»		«MFL»	
Other			Art, Craft and Design*	
			Art Textiles*	
			Business Studies	
			Computer Science**	
			Design and Technology	
			Food Preparation and Nutrition	
			Health & Social Care - BTEC Tech Award	
			ICT in Interactive Media** - Cambridge National Cert.	
			Music	
Sport Science - Cambridge National Certificate				

Reserve Subjects (write two choices)

Year 9 Options Form 2019 (Foundation Learning)

Name:

Form:

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You will study Foundation Learning subjects in Years 10 & 11. As well as this you should also choose one subject from the table below by putting a tick next to your choice. Please add a reserve subject chosen from the table in case your preferred choice is unavailable.



Subject Choices	Tick <u>one</u> box only
Art, Craft and Design	
Art Textiles	
Business Studies	
Design and Technology	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
French	
Geography	
German	
Health & Social Care - BTEC Tech Award	
History	
ICT in Interactive Media - Cambridge National Cert.	
Music	
Spanish	
Sport Science - Cambridge National Cert.	

Reserve Subject (write one choice)

Points to Remember



- Which subjects does your child enjoy?
- At which subjects are they most successful?
- Think about ambitions after Hall Green School.
- Think about the balance of subjects.

Consider these points tonight. Read the booklet.

Any questions...



- Subject staff are available to discuss the detail of their subject as part of your parent's evening discussion.
- Subjects that are only taught in KS4 like Business Studies have staff available to talk to you about their subject.
- Senior staff are available to answer questions on the curriculum.

Enjoy the evening...