



Ringwood School

Options Evening 25th February 2025

Please ensure that you have picked up a paper Options Booklet to refer to after the presentation.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Year 9 Consultation evening: Thursday 13th March

Option form Deadline: Monday 17th March

(link to the online form will be sent to each student's email account following Options Evening)



Aims of this short presentation:

- 1.To make the option choices available to students clear
- 2.To offer some advice on how to make these decisions
- 3.To make sure you know who can help
- 4.To make the key dates clear

GCSE

Linear + more demanding content



Reformed GCSEs

- will have more demanding content
- have been designed for a two-year period of study
- will be linear, so students will take all of their exams at the end of the course
- degree of non-exam assessment will reflect balance and nature of new subject content
- will have a new grading scale from 9 (top grade) to 1
- students studying combined science will receive one of 17 possible grades, from 9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7... to 1-1



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New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Creating your curriculum



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1. Compulsory subjects

English: 2 GCSEs: English Language and English Literature.

Maths: 1 GCSE in Mathematics.

Science: 2 GCSEs called Combined Science

PSHE: No examination



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You will have a **CORE PE** lesson per week unless you choose to swap it for Performing Arts.

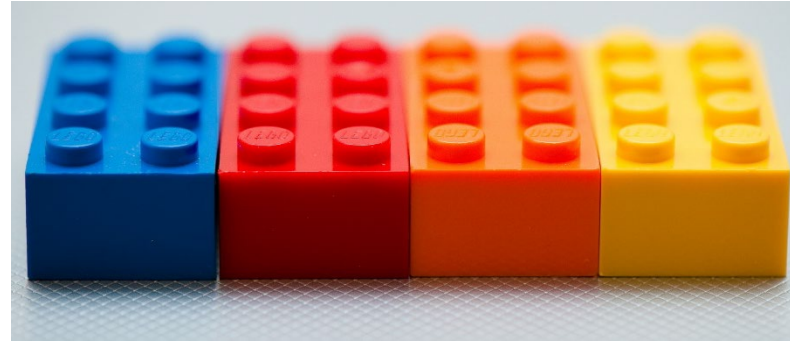


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There are no qualifications for these subjects – the focus is to keep students physically active and maintain physical, mental and social well-being!



2. Optional section of the curriculum



Each subject within an option block is taught at the same time.

The options have been grouped into blocks based on a **number of variables** including our staff and facility availability.

You need to choose 1 subject per block



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Optional section of the curriculum

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Business	Computer Science	Business	French
Drama	DT- Graphics	Drama	Geography
DT - Resistant Materials	Food & Nutrition	Geography	History
DT- Engineering	GCSE PE	History	Music
Food & Nutrition	Geography	Photography	Music Technology *
Geography	Health & Social Care*	Religious Studies	Photography
History	History	Spanish	Religious Studies
Media	Hospitality & Catering *	Sport Studies*	Sport Studies*
Sport Studies*	Sport Studies*	Triple Science	Triple Science
IT*	Textiles		

Optional section of the curriculum



BLOCK B	BLOCK C
Art	Art
Computer Science	Business
Design & Graphics	Drama
Food & Nutrition	Geography
GCSE PE	History
Geography	Photography
Health & Social Care*	Religious Studies
History	Spanish
Home Economics & Catering *	Sport Studies
Sport Studies*	Triple Science
Textiles	

- If you take 1 language, this must be the one that you studied in Years 7,8&9.
- You can take 2 languages if you studied the second in Year 9.
- If you do not take a Language, you must choose History or Geography.

Optional section of the curriculum

You can't take...

- **Art and textiles**
- **More than one DT**
- **GCSE PE and Sport Studies**
- **Music and Music Technology**

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Optional section of the curriculum

- **Why is it worth considering including a Vocational course?**
- (*) Stands for vocational.
- The course will have a number of units that are assessed **throughout** Y10 & 11.
- They have exams, but these are worth a smaller % of the course.

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Computer Science	Business	
DT- Graphics	Drama	
Food & Nutrition	Geography	
GCSE PE	History	
Geography	Photography	
Health & Social Care*	Religious Studies	
History	Spanish	
Hospitality & Catering *	Sport Studies*	
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Q: Where do I start?

- Which subjects do you enjoy?
- Which subjects do you excel in?
- Which subjects would you wake up in the morning and look forward to studying?

Q: What about my future careers?

- There aren't many careers that require you to have studied particular GCSEs (e.g. you don't have to have studied triple science to do medicine or be a vet!)
- Breadth is often key... for example, surgeons are required to have good hand skills, creativity and problem solving skills so Art or Technology would be beneficial!
- But, some GCSEs do give you a good understanding in a subject before you go on to study it in more depth at A level (that's not to say it is necessary to study them)





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Careerpilot All info Jobs Courses Providers Qualifications Stories Select Language

Home / Job sectors / Jobs by subject

Start with a subject

Choose a subject you love and see where it might lead

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Design
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Visual Arts

CAREER TOOLS

- Post 16 Skills Map
- Pre 16 Skills Map
- My Qualifications
- My Job Sectors
- My Providers
- My Courses
- My Bookmarks
- My Next Steps
- My Action Points

View your full report

A super website to help students consider careers linked to certain subjects...

...and it also includes information about vocational qualifications, post 16 courses, finding work experience etc.

or look in detail at...

- GCSEs
- Vocational Qualifications
- A Levels
- Apprenticeships
- Further education @ 16+
- Higher education @ 18+
- Finding a job/experience
- Working and learning



Ringwood Sixth Form

Local, friendly and supportive



- Outstanding academic success
- Personalised career guidance
- Varied programmes of study
- Extensive enrichment programme
- University style study facilities
- Flexible working week
- Supportive pastoral care
- High contact hours with teachers

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KS4 Options

Our vision – Inspired to learn, supported to succeed



We have created a KS4 options page on the school website (go to Academic → KS4 Options)

Here you can watch short videos created by each department to understand what each subject will be like in Years 10 & 11.

There is also a download under the video which details the course including information about the exam board and why you might want to take it.



Art [Download](#)



Business Studies [Download](#)



Computer Science [Download](#)



Design & Technology [Download](#)

[Ringwood School - KS4 Options](#)

Who can I ask for help?

Year 9 Parents Evening



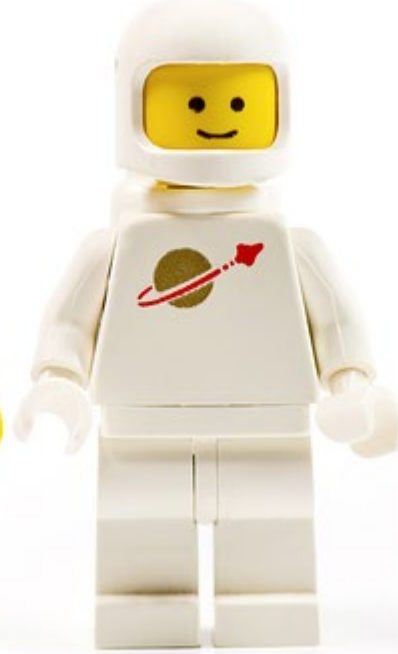
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Parents/Carers



Tutors



Head of Year or
Mrs Barker-Garrod



The subject leader & subject teachers
that are now waiting for you to visit them!

Option Video Website

The Caveat...

You might not get everything you want...

I **cannot** move the subject from the current option block – it's there for a reason.

If an option **does not attract** enough students it may not be viable to run. In the current educational climate we cannot afford to run small classes. If a course isn't viable, we will contact the **student** to advise them to repick.

Equally, an option may attract **more** students than the class can accommodate (30 for most subjects but 22 for Technology subjects like Food/ DT and 21 for Photography).

If we cannot create an extra group for an oversubscribed option, then the limited places that are available will be allocated according to students' behaviour records and their achievements both within and outside of school in that subject.

I also reserve the right to prevent a student from studying a practical course such as Food or Engineering if they are deemed to be a Health & Safety risk to themselves or others.



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What to do now:

1. Visit the subject teachers that are waiting for you in classrooms now (map in your handout).
2. Visit the options page on the school website and watch the videos of the subjects you are interested in.
3. Talk to your parents/carers as well as your teachers at parents evening.
4. Complete the online options form which will be sent to the students email account (I'll send this tomorrow morning). **The deadline is Monday 17th March.**



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Those invited to attend the meeting with Mrs Lewis & Mrs Bastow-Hart, please come down to the front few rows – the meeting will begin in 10 mins

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