



Key Stage 4 Preferences - 21.1.26

Welcome

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1. What is the options process?

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3. How do I now choose my options?

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is the golden standard of education in England and Wales.

The majority of students will be entered on the EBacc pathway:

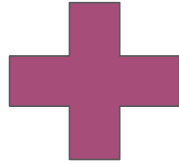
- Core (Maths, English, Science)
- Spanish or French
- Geography or History
- 2 option subjects (see next slide)



The EBacc prepares our students for the IB Diploma and Career Related Programmes at P16

All students will study these:

English Language
English Literature
Maths
Science
Geography **or** History
Spanish **or** French



Subjects that are optional (from which your child can pick any two):

History (you can pick Geography and History)
Geography (you can pick Geography and History)
Sociology
Religious Education
Business Studies
Music
Art
RE
Food
Drama
DT - Product Design
Computer Science
iMedia
Separate Science
PE
BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care
BTEC Level 2 Sport
BTEC Level 2 iMedia

You will find detailed information for each course on the options site.

Making your subject preferences

You will receive a letter on Monday morning with the key points from this presentation. There will be a link to the preferences form in this letter.

You will be asked to pick either Geography or History as your Individuals and Societies (Humanities) subject.

You must then then select 3 subjects, one from each of 3 separate lists. These are your subject preferences. All subjects are equally weighted in preference, what you pick in list 1 is not more important than your choice in list 3.

PE and computing - iMedia/Computer Science, are offered as either a GCSE or BTEC course. At this stage you will just select the subject and not the type of course. GCSE and BTEC courses are different, and suit different ways of learning and working. Subject teachers will place you on the most appropriate course for your way of working.

There are 3 sections to the Preferences form.

Section 1 - Student details

Section 2 - Individuals and Societies

Section 3 - Preferences

Section 1 - Student Name and Tutor Group

Student Name *

Short-answer text

Students Tutor Group *

☐ 9A

☐ 9B

☐ 9C

☐ 9D

☐ 9E

☐ 9F

Section 2 - Humanities subject

Section 2 of 3

Humanities



Please pick either Geography or History. You will be able to select the second subject as preference later in the form if you wish to study Geography and History.



Select 1 *

☐ Geography

☐ History

Section 3 - Preferences

In this section you must select each 1 subject from each bucket.

This is not in preference order. Your child will be allocated 2 of these preferences.

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Please note...

We always try to give everyone the subject choices that they select, however, this is not always possible and depends on how many students pick each subject every year.

Before you make your choices, remember the following important details below:

- Computer Science requires a grade 5 in maths to study the GCSE qualification.
- It is recommended that you play sport outside of school in order to study PE.
- It is recommended that you play an instrument outside of school if you wish to study Music.

Talk to your current teacher before you make your decision as they will help you

Take your time with the form. We do not operate a first come first served system, but you must meet the submission deadline date which is: **9:00 am Wednesday 11th February**

We recognise this can be a stressful process for some students and families, however your child's college team and teachers are available for support and guidance. Please remember it is not always possible for every student to get their perfect set of choices which is why we ask for more preferences than the number of subjects studied.

If you have any questions or concerns, complete the [Questions/Issues](#) google form. This will also be on the school website. Do not email as this may get lost in the system.

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Key Dates:

Key Stage 4 options form goes live: at 9.00 am on Monday 26th January;
Deadline to submit Key Stage 4 options form: 9:00 am Wednesday 11th February.

Actions:

Reads the Options section of our website carefully
Speak to subject leaders this evening
Complete the options form from Monday morning

Question to ask your child:

Why do you want to do this subject?
Are you choosing it because of your friends?
Are you choosing it because of a particular teacher?
What would you like to study after Key Stage 4?

Resources:

The [options](#) section of the school website.

[Unifrog](#)

[Issues or Concern](#)



Thanks For Listening

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