


KS4 Information Evening

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KEY STAGE 4 curriculum



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CORE CURRICULUM

- ◆ English
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Science
- ◆ ICT
- ◆ Religious Education
- ◆ Physical Education
- ◆ Citizenship

English

- ◆ All students study English Language
PLUS
English Literature
OR
Media Studies

Mathematics

- ◆ All students study Mathematics
- ◆ Most students will take their GCSE examination in November of Year 11
- ◆ These students can either aim for a higher grade in the summer or take an additional Mathematic qualification.

Science

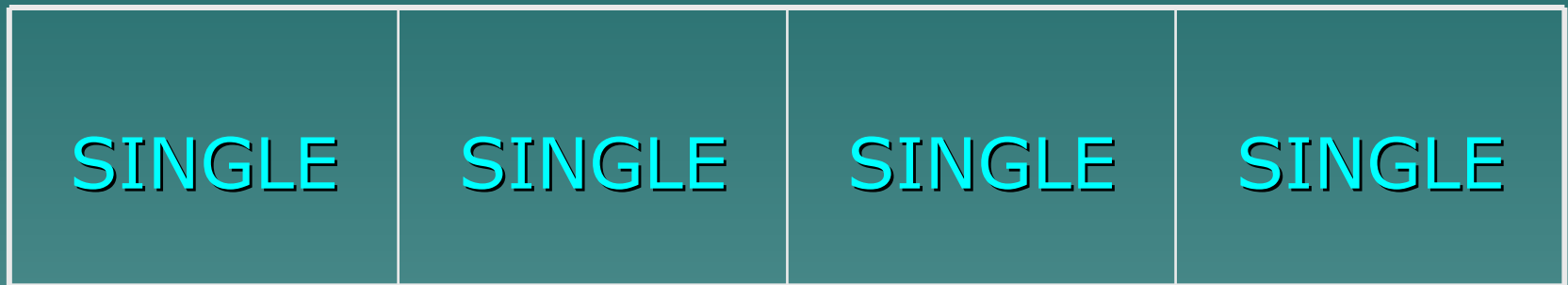
- ◆ Students can either study Triple award Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics as separate subjects
- ◆ or Btec Science

ICT

- ◆ Students have already begun their KS4 ICT OCR National course.
- ◆ Depending on their progress, they will gain an award equivalent to 1, 2, 3 or 4 GCSEs.

CHOICES

- ◆ Choose either



- ◆ Or



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OPTION SUBJECTS

- ◆ **24 subjects are available to pupils**
- ◆ **Double option courses**
- ◆ **Single option courses**
- ◆ **Specialist Diplomas**
- ◆ **Work Related Learning**

Qualifications

- ◆ GCSE – assessment through examinations and coursework
- ◆ BTEC and OCR National -
 - No final examination
 - Coursework portfolios
 - Continuous assessment

Grading

- ◆ GCSE can be awarded A* to G grades
- ◆ BTEC can be awarded as either level 1 or level 2

Level 1 = D to G

Level 2 – A* to C

DOUBLE OPTION SUBJECTS

in school

- ◆ BTEC Sport Studies
- ◆ BTEC Art textiles
- ◆ BTEC Art and Design
- ◆ BTEC Work Skills

DOUBLE Subjects at BCA

- ◆ BTEC Public Services
- ◆ BTEC Motor Vehicle Studies
- ◆ City and Guilds Construction

Courses for Years 10 & 11

Exemplar
Form:

Subject	
Sociology	2
Business Studies	
German	3
Geography	R2
Art and Textiles (D)	R1
Sport Studies (D)	1
Resistant Materials	
History	

Subject	
Child Development	2
Business Studies	4
French	3
Geography	R1
Workskills (D)	
Public Services (D)	
Resistant Materials	1
History	R2

TIMETABLE

- ◆ 26th / 27th February – Booklet issued
- ◆ Monday 9th March – Choices sheet returned
- ◆ April/May – Pupil interviews
- ◆ July – Letter of confirmation

How to make the choice?

- ◆ Think to the future
- ◆ Play to your strengths
- ◆ Keep a balance of subjects
- ◆ Choose the subjects you enjoy
- ◆ Do the research – make sure you know what the subject entails
- ◆ Be prepared to be flexible – you may not be able to do all your chosen subjects.

Not good reasons for choosing a subject

- ◆ My friend is doing it
- ◆ I like the teacher
- ◆ I think it will be easy and I won't need to do much work

ANY

QUESTIONS?