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Year 9 Options Evening



Welcome

- The Year 9 Options process is an exciting time for our students as they are choosing the subjects they wish to study in greater depth for the next two years.
- This is a big commitment and getting it right is key to future success.
- Students here tonight will be our **Exceptional Graduates** of 2028!
- Their qualifications and results will be their ticket to their future choices.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela



Welcome



Opening the doors to a lifetime of opportunity and choice.

Welcome

- The purpose of the evening is:
 - To inform you and your child of the Option Process.
 - To provide advice and guidance on the subjects on offer.
 - To support your child in selecting the best subjects (for them) to study at Key Stage 4.

What has happened so far

- Initial assembly in January
- Series of workshops in tutor time:
 - Researching further education, and employment options
 - An introduction to Unifrog
 - Understanding their skills and attributes
- Guidance and advice in completing their Career Action Plans

Guidance and Options

- Year 9 Key Stage 4 Guidance and Options booklet
- Career Action Plan



What do we offer, and how will they be graded?

- Most of the qualifications we offer are GCSEs (a small minority are vocational qualifications).

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	
1	D
	E
	F
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What does the Curriculum look like at Key Stage 4?

Examined Core Subjects - *Studied by all students*

English Language/Literature

Maths

Science

Non-examined Core Subjects - *Studied by all students*

Wellbeing *Non-certified*

Core PE *Non-certified*

Philosophy and Ethics *Non-certified*

What does the Curriculum look like at Key Stage 4?

Students choose:

- ONE subject from the Humanities Core
- ONE from the Complementary Core
- TWO subjects from the Optional Subjects

Humanities Core	Complementary Core	Optional Subjects
Geography	Religious Studies	Art, Craft and Design
History	Statistics	Enterprise and Marketing
		Digital Information Technology
		Drama
		French
		Geography
		Hospitality & Catering
		Music
		Religious Studies
		Sport Studies/GCSE PE
		Spanish
		<i>Technology Subjects</i> Design Technology Engineering

Students may choose at most one of these



Why do we offer this curriculum?

We firmly believe in making sure our students are prepared for and understand the world they live in.

- Geographical or Historical context

Why do we offer this curriculum?

Religious Studies supports:

- **English**
- **Historical** context
- Forming arguments and debating
- Ethical considerations

Statistics supports:

- **Maths**
- Geographical investigations
- Psychological studies
- Business analysis

The English Baccalaureate

- We strongly advise that students who are able to achieve grade 5s across their core options of English, Maths and Science and Humanities should also be studying a language.
- These qualifications together mean your child will achieve 'The English Baccalaureate'. This is the name given to studying this suite of subjects.
- Some universities and employers recognise this positively as an academically rigorous curriculum.

The MV (Medical- Veterinary) pathway

- For those aspiring to be doctors, dentists or vets, you will need to specific careers advice, opportunities for targeted work experience and additional support transitioning into Sixth Form.
- Please indicate if this is a career path you are interested in on your Options form.

What happens next?

- Make sure your Careers Action Plans are complete and have been submitted to Mrs Harris in the Lighthouse.
- Discuss your Options and ambitions at home (use Unifrog to support this).
- Year 9 Parents' Evening: Discuss your option choices and ambitions with your teachers (on Thursday 12th March) and with other teachers at school.

What happens next?

- Complete the Options form which will be released tomorrow: Friday 27th February
- Forms are released to the students email accounts and parent notified of this.
- Deadline for submission is on Wednesday 18th March 2026 - all forms received before the deadline will be treated equally.
- We aim to get everyone onto their first choices for Options, but this is not always possible if courses are considerably over or under subscribed.

What support is available?

College staff who can help you

Your Tutor, Teachers Curriculum & Team Leaders

Email: careers@eggbuckland.com



Ms Lilley
Principal



Mrs Smith
Vice Principal



Mr Calderwood
Careers



Mrs Harris
Careers Co-ordinator



Mr Castlehouse
Head of Year 9



Mrs Tanner
Pastoral Leader Year 9