

# Welcome to our Year 9 Options Evening

Supporting our students to make an informed  
choice.

# Making a choice



- Be informed by getting informed.
- Think about your future not just your today.
- Most people live a life very different to what we thought it would be at 13.
- Careers researchers suggest it's likely you will hold 10-12 jobs in your life time.
- Researchers suggest 65% of jobs you will do don't currently exist.
  
- Education is about transferable skills not vocational training. Decisions made at 13 won't define your life but they will shape the next steps after GCSE's.

# Research your future



- The government encourages all students to gain the “English Baccalaureate” as a good mark of academic education. This means pass grades in English, Maths, Science, a Humanity and a Language. We at Kings will ensure all students have this opportunity but recognise it’s not suitable for everyone.
- Increasing numbers of universities require applicants to have a GCSE in a modern or classical language at grade 4 or above to be considered for many courses.
- We have 2 pass grades. Grade 4 is a standard pass and Grade 5 is a good pass. Different career routes are likely to require different “pass” grades.
- Students have been introduced to Kudos – online careers guidance. There is also additional guidance through the careers section of our website.



# What are the options?

The core curriculum studied by all students will be:

English and English Literature

Science

Core PE – Non-examined

Mathematics

PSHE

Religion & Philosophy

The majority of students will then choose 3 subjects from the list below.

Art and Design

Design & Technology

Spanish

History

Business Studies

Drama

Media Studies

Music

Computer Science

French

Geography

P.E

# The timeline for Options

- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Careers Day for Year 9 students. On this day a survey was used to gather an early indication of subject preferences.
- 9<sup>th</sup> January – Options Information Evening for Parents of Year 9 students.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Parents evening which will focus on the 13+ curriculum. We will issue option choice forms at this event.
- The deadline for the completion of options choice will be 12<sup>th</sup> February.
- Any student who does not meet this deadline may have a restricted choice.
- All students will then meet with a member of the Leadership Team during February and March to discuss their choices and to agree any desired changes.
- Students who have option combinations which cannot be accommodated will be informed during this meeting so that alternatives can be discussed.
- All students will have their options confirmed to them in the week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- No changes at the start of Year 10.

# Option choices



Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Subject A	Subject A	Subject A	Subject A
Subject B	Subject B	Subject B	Subject B
Subject C	Subject C	Subject C	Subject C
Subject D	Subject D	Subject D	Subject D
Subject E	Subject E	Subject E	Subject E
Religion & Philosophy	Religion & Philosophy	Religion & Philosophy	Religion & Philosophy

All students will need to choose Religion & Philosophy as an “option” in a block. They will then have free choice in the other blocks.

The final subjects offered in each block will be informed by the desired combinations of the greatest possible number of students.



# Options Pathways



At Kings we tailor the options process to ensure we provide a pathway to success for all students.

- Pathway 1: Choose from the 4 options blocks. This will be recommended for the majority of students.
- Pathway 2: Core skills (additional English and Maths) in option 1 . For students who are vulnerable to not achieving good pass grades in English and Maths. They then choose from 3 further options.
- Pathway 3: Core skills in option 1. They will be offered Vocational courses through Plumpton or MET college for 1 day a week. They will then choose 2 further options.

We will be in touch with parents of pupils who we suggest for Pathway 2 and 3 before the parents evening. We are open to a dialogue with Parents about this.



# Start your research tonight

- Subjects leaders or teachers of the optional subjects are here tonight.

Back of the Hall– Music, Art, Drama, Languages and our Careers advisor  
from Elev8

Maths 1 – Geography, Computing, Business, Media

Maths 2 – History, DT, Food, PE

Please tour and visit them to discuss the course content and suitability as well as career opportunities each course offers.

Thank you for coming.