

## The Updated 2026 Options Process

A recent government review of the Key stage 4 curriculum has proposed significant changes to increase the breadth of subjects that students will study. The planned start for these proposals will impact on the curriculum of the current year 8 students.

All our students will still study GCSE Maths, GCSE English Language, GCSE English Literature, a weekly PE lesson and a choice of Science Course. They will then study a range of subjects that are deemed to give them 'breadth' across their chosen curriculum. Students will then select courses to study involving the following three choices:

### Choice 1: Science

Students will choose either **Combined Science (2 GCSEs) OR Triple Science (3 GCSEs)**

Triple Science is the study of separate GCSE qualifications in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Combined Science studies all three subjects with a double GCSE qualification awarded at the end. Students opting to study for Combined Science will study an extra free choice course from choice 3 (see below).

### Choice 2 (Breadth)

Students must select any two subjects from different columns; the subjects CANNOT be selected from the same column.

<b>Select 2 subjects below; the subjects CANNOT be selected from the same column</b>		
<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>	<b>Column C</b>
<b>Geography</b> <b>History</b> <b>RE and Philosophy</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Art and Design</b> <b>3D Design</b> <b>Graphics</b> <b>Photography</b>

### **Choice 3 (Free choice)**

These four subjects must be **different to what students have previously selected in choice two.**

If students choose to study Triple Science, students will only study two 'free choice' subjects. Students will need to choose two free choices and two reserve choices on the form.

If students choose Combined Science students will study three 'free choice' subjects from their choices. Students will need to choose three choices and one reserve choice on the form.

<b>Select four subjects in order of preference:</b>		
GCSE History	GCSE RE and Philosophy	GCSE French
GCSE Drama	BTEC Travel and Tourism	BTEC Music
BTEC Enterprise (Business)	BTEC Sport	BTEC ICT
GCSE Geography	Food and Cookery (Vocational)	BTEC Dance
BTEC Health and Social Care	GCSE Graphics	GCSE 3D Design
GCSE Art and Design	GCSE Photography	

An online options choice form will be emailed to students/parents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and will close on **Monday 16th March**. The options form will follow the above process and selection criteria.