



Welcome to HGSS Year 8 Options Evening

Thursday 2 May 2019



Moving to KS4 and GCSEs

- Change
- Challenge
- Support
- Opportunity





GCSEs have changed!

A few years ago, nationally, GCSEs were over-hauled to make them more challenging. These new GCSEs have **more content** and are **structured, assessed** and **graded** differently from previous GCSEs.



Understanding the GCSE grades

New grading structure

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	
A*	A		B	C		D	E	F	G	U

Current grading structure

A and above = same proportion of students as 7 and above

B-C = same proportion of students as 4-6

The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G



Helping you to choose

Why Choose a Subject?

I enjoy the subject matter.

I like the topics on the GCSE course.

I think this will help me with my future career.

Poor reasons:

My friend is doing it.

It's easy!

I like the teacher.





Personalised options forms - blue

Year 8 Options 2019-22

Name: <<**Student Name**>>

Form: <<**Reg**>>

Core Subjects:	Humanities Subjects:	Optional Subjects: <i>Please place your options in order of preference from 1 to 3, with 1 indicating your highest priority. 2 options will be provided (the 3rd choice is your reserve).</i>			
English Language	History	*Art & Design		Hospitality and Catering	
English Literature	Geography	*Art Textiles		# ICT	
Mathematics		Business		Music	
Science		# Computer Science		Photography	
Religious Studies		Design & Technology		Physical Education GCSE	
PE Core (non GCSE)		Drama		Spanish	
		French			

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Q: When do the forms have to be handed in?

A: Friday 17th May. Please place in the boxes in Reception.

Q: What if I have a question before submitting the form?

A: Please ask members of staff tonight or email later on.



Q: Will all courses run?

A: This will depend on numbers, hence the preference system but we aim to run as many courses as possible.

Q: Will my child get all of their GCSE choices?

A: If we cannot accommodate a student's choices they will be informed and interviewed to discuss alternative options.



Thank you and we hope you have an
informative evening!