

## Making your Option Choices

Year 8

There are four different pathways based upon your prior attainment at Key Stages 2 and 3:

| <b>Pathway 1</b><br>The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc.)  | <b>Pathway 2</b><br>The Academic Route   | <b>Pathway 3</b><br>The Applied Route  | <b>Pathway 4</b><br>The Supportive Route  |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Current 8A and O</b>   | <b>Current 8O</b>  | <b>Current 8O</b>  | <b>Current 8B</b>   |
| The 'Ebacc.' route, which is encouraged for the majority of students, requires studying at least one humanities subject (Geography or History) along with at least one Modern Foreign Language (French, Spanish or German). | This route ensures students have the correct combination of subjects to compete for Sixth Form places but does not qualify for recognition of studying the full Ebacc. Students study one of the following: Geography, History or French, along with three academic subject choices. | The Applied route is for those who would prefer the option to study subjects that are more practical; often in the form of vocational courses such as BTEC, OCR Technical or BCS, which require more focus on controlled assessment and less on examinations. In addition to this, students must study one of the following: Geography, History or French. | The supportive route is intended for those who require additional support in English and mathematics. It aims to prepare students for their progression into post-16 study or apprenticeship by offering applied subjects such as 'Work Skills' and 'Functional Skills', along with an optional choice in a GCSE subject. |

### ☐ Pathway 1:

| <b>Humanities</b>    | <b>Languages</b>            | <b>Open Choice 1</b>  | <b>Open Choice 2</b>  |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| History<br>Geography | French<br>Spanish<br>German | Art and Design<br>Business Studies<br>Design Technology<br>Drama<br>Food and Nutrition<br>Further Mathematics<br>History<br>French<br>Photography<br>Psychology<br>Religious Studies<br>Sociology | Business Studies<br>Design Technology<br>Geography<br>Media Studies<br>Music<br>Photography<br>Physical Education<br>Psychology<br>Sociology<br>Spanish<br>Textiles |
|                      |                             | Level 2 ICT and Computer Science  |   |

☐ Pathway 2:

| Ebacc. Subject Choice          | Option Choice 1  | Open Choice 2  | Open Choice 3   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| History<br>Geography<br>French | Art and Design<br>Design Technology<br>Geography<br>Health and Social Care<br>History<br>French<br>Religious Studies | Art and Design<br>Business Studies<br>Design Technology<br>Drama<br>Food and Nutrition<br>History<br>French<br>Photography<br>Psychology<br>Religious Studies<br>Sociology | Business Studies<br>Design Technology<br>Media Studies<br>Geography<br>Music<br>Photography<br>Physical Education<br>Psychology<br>Sociology<br>Spanish<br>Textiles |

☐ Pathway 3:

| Ebacc. Subject Choice          | Option Choice 1  | Open Choice 2               | Open Choice 3  |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| History<br>Geography<br>French | ICT<br>Sports Studies<br>Health and Social Care        | Business<br>Performing Arts | Design Technology<br>Media Studies<br>Music<br>Photography<br>Textiles |
|                                | City and Guilds Certificate in Hairdressing and Beauty |                             |  |

☐ Pathway 4:

| First Subject | Second Subject                                  | Third Subject      | Open Choice                                  |
|---------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Work Skills   | Functional Skills<br>English and<br>Mathematics | Food and Nutrition | Design Technology<br>Photography<br>Textiles |



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Option Choice Form 2017-18:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which Pathway you are following by circling the appropriate box below:

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|

Please identify your four option choices, relevant to your pathway, along with a reserve choice for each:

|                | Subject 1 | Subject 2 | Subject 3 | Subject 4 |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| First Choice   |           |           |           |           |
| Reserve Choice |           |           |           |           |

This will be alongside the core subjects, which all students follow, of:

- English Literature and Language
- Mathematics
- Science (either double or triple award)
- Core Religious Studies/Aspire
- Physical Education

Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to your son/daughter's company office by \_\_\_\_.