

Year 9 Options Evening 2023

Key members of staff supporting the options process



Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum) – Ms McQuire

Assistant Headteacher (KS4) – Mr Holdsworth

Head of Year – Ms Strickland and team of form tutors

Head of Careers education – Ms Dukes

Curriculum Changes

- **Key Stage 2**
 - New content
 - Scaled scores
- **Reformed GCSEs**
 - New content
 - Reduction in controlled assessment
 - Increase in examinations
 - New grading

New GCSE Grading 9-1

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



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St. Aidan's Framework



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John 10 v10

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Life in all its fullness

It is good for us to study, explore and determine the fullness of life. We may discover new interests, talents and enthusiasms. We will contribute to the world in better ways, understanding how to live and learn well.

Wisdom

Learning all that we can about the world and how to live well in it

We aim for and look forward to the many achievements and blessings to come and to exploring our calling in life. We work hard and respond well to challenges, achieving the best for others and ourselves.

Aspiration

Exploring our calling and achieving the best for others and ourselves

We strive to create a community where everyone learns well together, sharing the journey with common values and goals. We try our best, at all times, to relate well to each other and to be kind and keen in the service of others.

Learning well together

Putting good relationships at the heart of our community

We respect and celebrate each person for who they are and, as God's children, we recognise the importance of kindness and diversity. We welcome each and everyone, upholding dignity and justice and looking after one another.

Kindness

As God's children, upholding dignity and respect, justice and charity

Everlasting God, you sent Saint Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land:
help us to live as he taught, to love you and to love our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our prayer

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Key Stage 3 – Years 7-9

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Modern Foreign Language
- Technology
- History
- Geography
- ICT
- Art
- Music
- PE
- Religious Studies

Students receive a progress grade based on a forecasted attainment range for each of these subjects.

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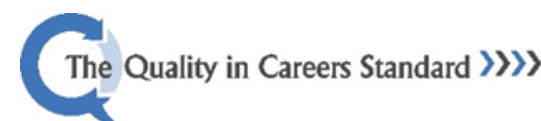


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Careers Department

The Careers Department

- Careers Information, Advice and Guidance
- Work Experience
- Help with choosing GCSE options
- Open Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm

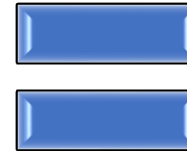


Year 9 Careers session

**CORE
SUBJECTS**



**OPTIONAL
SUBJECTS**



TIMETABLE



Reasons to choose a GCSE course



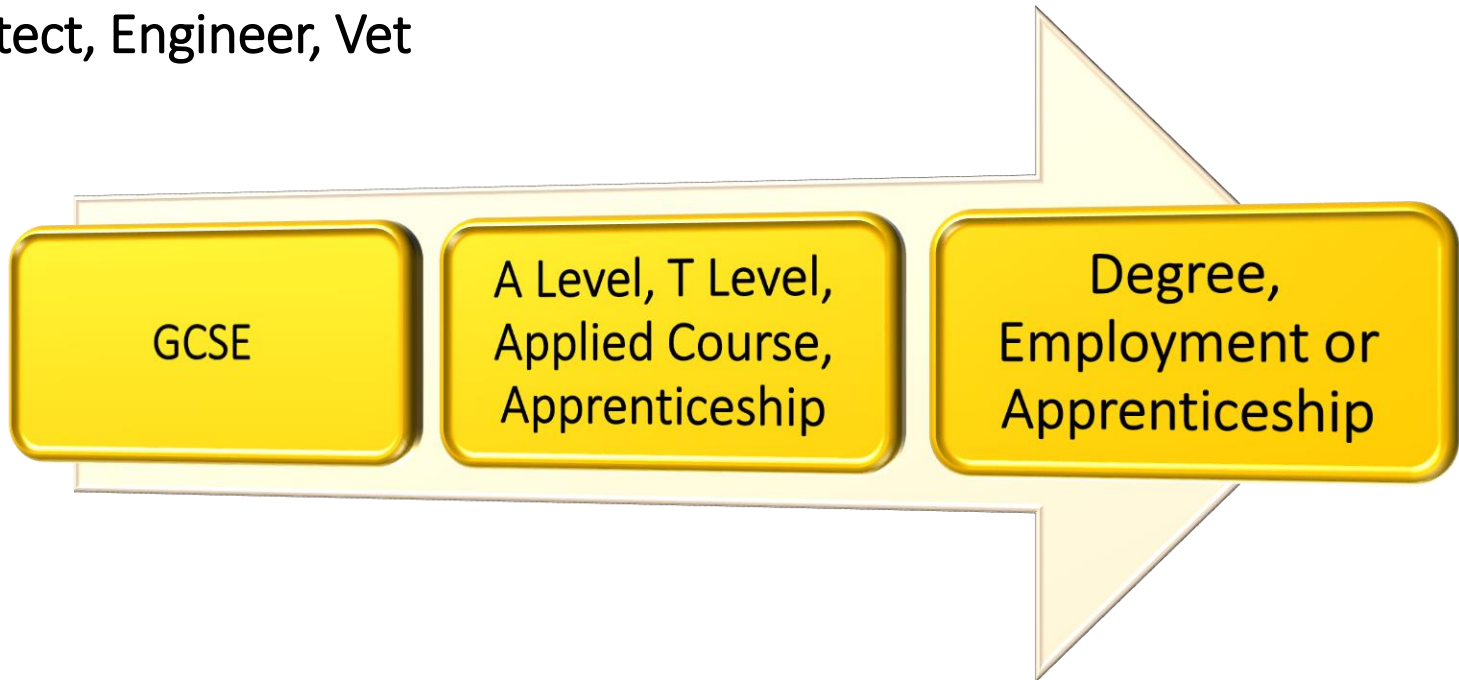
- You enjoy it
- You are good at it
- You like the method of teaching and assessment
- It combines well with other subjects
- It will be useful for a future career



- Your friends are doing it
- You like the teacher
- You think it will be an easy option
- You can't think of anything else to choose

Subjects and future careers

Some careers require specific subjects/courses so it can be useful to work backwards from an end goal when considering GCSE choices, e.g., Architect, Engineer, Vet



The core GCSE subjects will provide a good foundation for a multitude of different careers

Useful resources

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CAREERS – YEAR 9

Year 9 Careers Newsletter September 2022

During Year 9 students will receive advice and guidance from the Careers Department to help them make informed decisions when choosing Key Stage 4 options. Students will spend time exploring the courses available to them in Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Students will once again engage in activities to review their skills, qualities and the careers decision-making process. They will be introduced to Indigo, a computer programme which they can access to research career and study opportunities. From these activities we aim to give them the opportunity to consider their individual skills and qualities, to help them begin planning for their future options.

Students are welcome to visit the Careers department during break time and lunchtime, when the careers staff will be on hand to offer guidance and answer any queries about careers and Key Stage 4 option choices.

Key Stage 4 Courses Booklet 2023

Year 9 Options Lesson 2023

Useful Careers Websites: [click here](#)



ALSO IN CAREERS

RESOURCES FOR STAFF

WELCOME TO THE CAREERS DEPARTMENT

CAREERS – YEAR 7

CAREERS – YEAR 8

CAREERS – YEAR 9

CAREERS – YEAR 10

CAREERS – YEAR 11

CAREERS – SIXTH FORM

CAREERS – SIXTH FORM – HIGHER EDUCATION

CAREERS – SIXTH FORM – FURTHER EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT, APPRENTICESHIPS AND GAP YEARS

WORK EXPERIENCE



Useful resources

- [Welcome to Indigo - Careers education from the experts](#)
and
- [eclips-online](#)
Contact careersstaff@staidans.co.uk for the school passwords
- [success at school - career zones](#)
- [career pilot - job sectors](#)
- [Dream Bigger](#)



Options process

Key Stage 4 – Years 10-11

Core Subjects

- English (Language and Literature)
- Maths
- Science
 - 3 Separate Sciences (3 GCSEs)
 - Coordinated Science (2 GCSEs)
 - BTEC Science (1 GCSE)
- RS – Christianity, Islam and
 - 4 Philosophical/Ethical themes *or*
2 Philosophical/Ethical themes and 2 St. Mark's Gospel themes
- MFL – French / German / Spanish / Core Skills (Maths & English)
- PE (unassessed)

Key Stage 4 – Years 10-11

Optional Subjects – Choose 3

- ASDAN (can be 2 options)
- Art (Fine Art or Graphics)
- Business
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- History
- IT (iMedia)
- Media Studies
- Music
- PE
- Technology
(Food, Textiles, DT/Engineering)

Key Stage 4 – Years 10-11



GCSEs or
Technical
Awards?

**Most courses are offered as a GCSE
Some are Technical Awards**



English	Maths	Religious Studies	Physical Education	Science	Modern Languages	Optional Courses
English Language and Literature (2)	No further choices	Options within the subject – <i>see the subject description</i>	No further choices	Separate (3) <i>or</i> Combined (2) <i>or</i> BTEC (1)	French <i>or</i> German <i>or</i> Spanish <i>or</i> Core Skills	ASDAN (can be 2 options) Art (Fine Art or Graphics) Business Computer Science Dance Drama French Geography History IT (iMedia) Media Studies Music PE Technology: (Food, Textiles, DT, Engineering)



English	Maths	Religious Studies	Physical Education	Science	Modern Languages	Optional Courses
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- 1) No options with English
- 2) No options with Mathematics
- 3) Core Subjects:

CORE SUBJECTS	
Religious Studies	
A: Christianity, Islam, Philosophy & Ethics	B: Christianity, Islam, Philosophy Ethics & St. Mark's Gospel
Science	
Separate (3 GCSEs)	Combined (2 GCSEs)
BTEC (Equivalent to one GCSE)	
Modern Languages	
French	Spanish
German	Core Skills

Religious Studies: Choose one of the two options.

Science: Choose one of the three options.

Modern Languages: Choose one course only. If you would like to study more than one language, choose German or Spanish here and choose French as one of your options. If you wish to opt for the Core Skills course, choose Core Skills.

- 4) Optional Subjects:

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS	
ASDAN: Level 1/2 Award	History
Art: Fine Art	IT (iMedia: Level 1/2 Certificate)
Art: Graphic Communication	Media Studies
Business	Music
Computer Science	Physical Education (Full GCSE)
Dance	Technology: Design & Technology
Drama	Technology: Engineering Manufacture Cambridge National Certificate - Level 1/2
French	Technology: Food & Nutrition
Geography	Technology: Textiles Specialism

Choose three further subjects and one reserve subject from this list. If choosing ASDAN, it can be either one or two of your three options – please select which is relevant where indicated on the form.

Key dates:

Wednesday 22nd February
Options evening

Thursday 2nd March
Parent/carer consultation meeting

Friday 17th March
Deadline for options forms to be returned

