

Year 9 Options Information Evening 2024



ST. AIDAN'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Living and learning according to our Church foundation and the example of Saint Aidan, we strive to become a centre of educational excellence where each and everyone knows the gift of life in all its fullness.

Key Stage 4 Options

Moving
from Year 9
to Year 10



Decision Time

The Difference between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4



- Year 7 and 8 (KS3) – Compulsory subjects with no choices
- Year 9 (KS3) – Compulsory subjects with some choices in languages and Technology
- Year 10 and 11 (KS4) – Core subjects remain compulsory. Students now have some choices

Important things to consider when you make your choices



You will study these subjects for 2 years

Choose subjects you are making good progress in

Don't choose them just because you like the teacher

Give yourself a broad and balanced timetable

Don't choose them because your friends are doing them

Think about what you might want to do after your GCSE's



The Careers Department



- Careers Information, Advice and Guidance
- Work Experience
- Help with choosing GCSE options

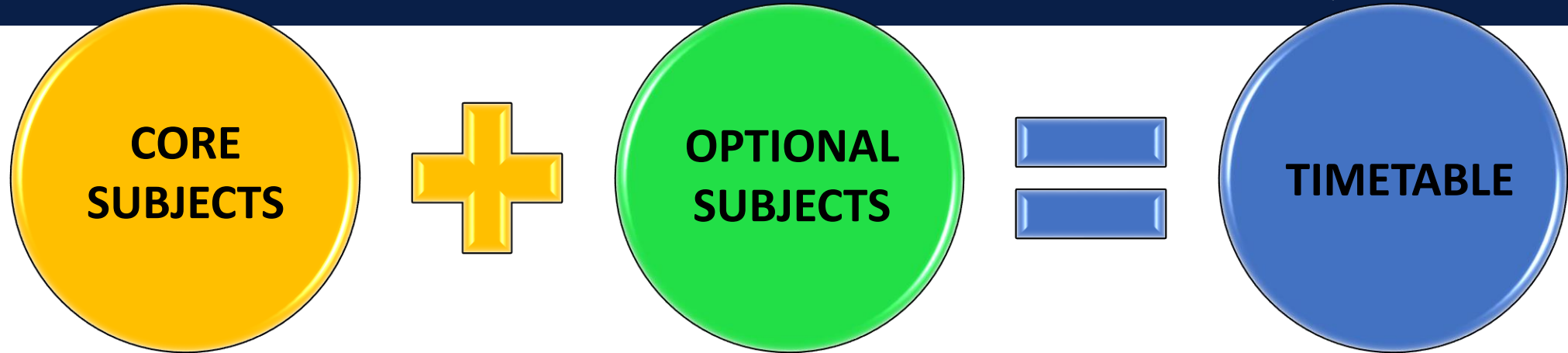
Open Monday – Friday
9.00am - 4.30pm

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Year 9 Careers session



In our career's session, we spoke to students about how their options create a timetable which is a bit like a pizza; everyone has the same base subjects, and then different toppings depending on the subject options they choose.



How You Will be Assessed



Course	Coursework	Grade
GCSE	0% to 40%	1 to 9
BTEC/ Cambridge National	Up to 60%	(Level 1 or 2) P, M, D, D*

What do you *have* to Study?



All students will study the following **compulsory** subjects:

- English Language GCSE
- English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Science CGSE (Separate = 3 GCSE's, Combined = 2 GCSE's, Applied = 1 BTEC)
- Religious Studies

All students will also do the following **non-examined** subjects:

- Core PE
- PSHE

What can you *choose* to study?



Students can choose **three more subjects** as well as the five compulsory subjects.

Choose one from each option block.

Option Block **A**

Option Block **B**

Option Block **C**

Choose one reserve subject from any of the option blocks

The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)



- Not a qualification in itself
- English, maths, science, a humanity, a language
- Recognised by top universities
- Provides an academic based pathway
- Is a national performance measure for schools

Some students will be offered a personalised pathway to support their specific learning needs

The Option Subjects



Option A	Option B	Option C
ASDAN*	Art: Graphic Communication	Art: Fine Art
Core Skills	Business	Business
French	Computer Science	Core Skills*
Geography	Core Skills*	Dance
German	Drama	French
History	History	Geography
Spanish	Physical Education	Media Studies
	Spanish	Music
	Technology: Design & Technology	Physical Education
	Technology: Engineering Manufacture	Technology: Design & Technology
	Technology: Food & Nutrition	Technology: Food & Nutrition
	Technology: Textiles Specialism	Technology: Textiles Specialism

* Students for whom these options are appropriate will be informed of this by a member of the learning support team

Next Steps



Students will be emailed an options form which must be completed and returned by Friday the 15th of March 2024.

Parents Evening will take place on Monday the 8th of March.

Parents of students who will be offered a personalised pathway will be invited to a meeting with the SENDCO and member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Choices will be confirmed in the Summer Term.