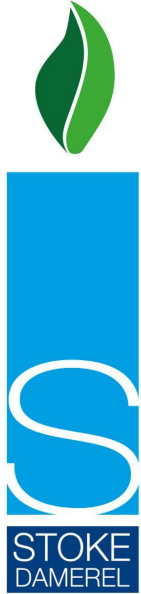




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Welcome to

Year 9 Options Evening

29th February 2024



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## Who and where can you get help and advice?

Mr Oakes – Head of School

Mr Smith - Head of Year

Ms James - Assistant Head of Year

Miss Lewis - SENDCO

Mrs Trezona - Careers Adviser

Tutors

Teachers

- Parents' evening
- Website videos and subject leaflets



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## New GCSE grading structure

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

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above



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# Compulsory subjects

Subject
English (Lit and Lang)
Maths
Science**
Core PE
RSHE (combining Religious Education and PSHE)

**Compulsory option** (1 from)- Geography, History, French (language must be currently studied) or Computer Studies (recommended for those in maths sets 1, 2 or 3).

+ **Two more** from our wide selection.



# Core subjects

**Maths** – a single GCSE. Higher and Foundation tiers.  
*Students at the end of year 11 will also sit an additional GCSE in Statistics.*

**English** – two GCSEs. A single tier.

Combined Science - two GCSEs. Higher and Foundation tiers.

**Or**

Triple Science – three GCSEs. Higher tier. (option choice)

**RSHE** - Combines Religious Education and PSHE (non-examined)

# The English Baccalaureate?

This is a set of individual qualifications and not a qualification in its own right.

English

Maths

Two Sciences

Geography or History

A Modern Foreign Language



# The English Baccalaureate?

There is strong evidence to support many students following this route. Research from 300 schools found that statistically students following the English Baccalaureate subjects were:

- More likely to achieve good GCSEs in English and maths
- More likely to be taking an A level or other level 3 qualification after the age of 16
- Less likely to have dropped out of education after the age of 16

[Sutton Trust research paper](#)



# Qualification types

## GCSE

- Suitable for progression to A level, BTEC, Apprenticeships
- Graded 9 – 1
- Examination based
- Exam is usually 100% (not in every case)
- Greater written content

## Vocational

- Suitable for progression to A level, BTEC, Apprenticeships
- Graded D, M, P
- Greater practical content.
- Exam is typically 40%
- Less written content but excellent organisation and consistency is essential.





# How do I choose?

## Good reasons

- Already study it/have an interest in it and I enjoy it
- I'm already doing well in it
- It helps with my future plans
- I've not studied it before but I've spoken with the teacher and it interests me.

## Poor reasons

- My friend is choosing it
- I don't like the other subjects
- I get on well with the teacher this year





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EBACC OPTION	OPEN OPTION	
Choose 1 (and 1 reserve)	Choose 2 (and 1 reserve)	
Geography	Geography	Health and Social Care
History	History	Childcare
French	French	Media
Computer Science***	Computer Science***	Photography
	Triple Science	*Art
	Business Studies	*Textiles
	Religious Studies	Music
	Sport	Catering
	ICT	**Dance (Performing Arts with Dance)
		**Drama (Performing Arts)

\* Cannot choose both \*\* Cannot choose both \*\*\*Recommended for maths set 1-3 only



## Specific subject guidance

- Computer Science is **suitable for strong Mathematicians** (Sets 1-3)
- Triple Science (Single sciences) is suitable for very **strong scientists**.
- You **cannot study both**;  
**Dance and Drama**  
**Music and Music Technology**  
**Art and Textiles**



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# Frequently asked questions

Who will be the teacher for each option subject? We cannot guarantee any students a specific teacher and this should not form your decision making process.

Are there boys and girls subjects? Definitely not – our curriculum offer is for all.

Am I guaranteed to get my option choices? Unfortunately not - for a few reasons. Eg if only one student picks a subject, the subject will not run. We will do our best but it is important that you select a reserve subject.

Will I be able to change my mind in September? This is usually possible but choices are limited at that point as the timetable has been set. It is better to take your time and get it right now.

Do I have to put reserve choices on my options form? Yes. For reasons explained above.

I need some help.

- a) Read through this presentation
- b) Read the options leaflets on the website
- c) Contact your Mr Smith via email to arrange an appointment



# Next steps:

Link to online Options Forms, will  
be sent to you tomorrow

This must be completed by:

Friday 7th March