

Welcome to the Year 9 Options Information Evening

Tuesday 18th January 2022

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<https://fulford.york.sch.uk/key-stage-4-options-2022-24/>



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Year 9 Key Stage 4 Options 2022-2024

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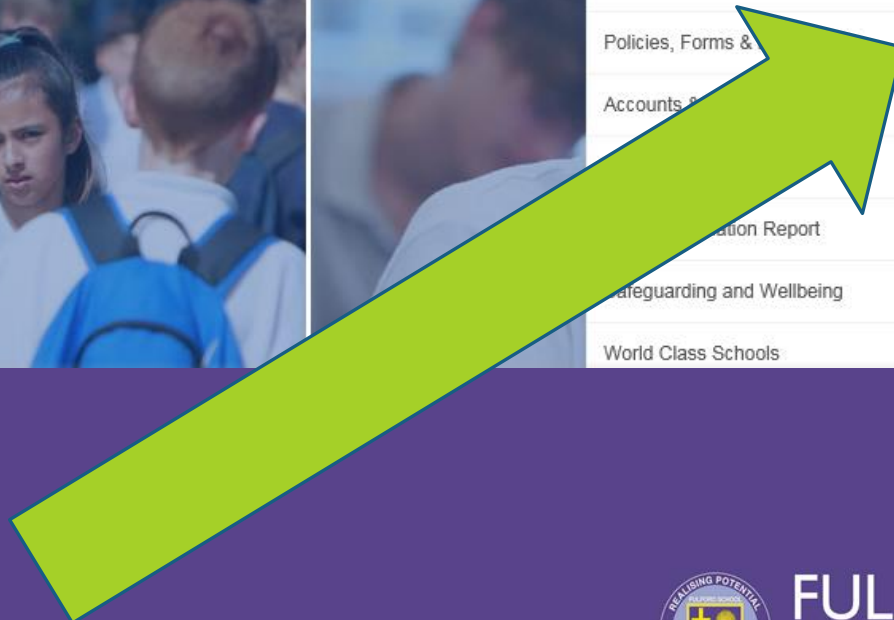
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The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Years 10 and 11



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The Curriculum

Core Subjects taken by all students

- * English Language
- * English Literature
- * Maths
- * Science (two/three GCSEs)
- * Religious Studies
- * Core PE[#]
- * Personal Development [#]

Non examined.



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Core Subjects

- * English

Students will study both English Language and English Literature

- * Mathematics

Students will sit either higher tier (grades 9-4 available) or foundation tier (grades 5-1 available). Approximately 2/3 of the year group will sit the Higher tier.



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Core Subjects - Science

Science

- * There are two different pathways in Science
- * Some students (approximately 1/3 of the cohort) will be studying Triple Science and will receive separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- * All other students will be studying Combined Science. This route gives students two GCSE grades and the course contains biology, chemistry and physics content
- * Students will sit either higher tier (grades 9-4 available) or foundation tier (grades 5-1 available)
- * These courses are assessed by linear examinations at the end of Year 11
- * The pathway for each student is usually confirmed at the end of year 9.



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Core Subjects

- * Religious Studies

All students will study the GCSE Short course qualification (worth half a GCSE) as part of the core curriculum. Students can choose to study the full course qualification within the options.



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Optional Subjects

- * Students choose four options to study in Year 10 and 11
- * The majority of the subjects we offer are GCSEs
- * Alternative Level 2 qualifications are offered in Enterprise Business, Sport, Health and Social Care, Engineering and IMedia
- * We offer a Level 1 qualification through our Foundation Learning Programme
- * French and Spanish are the only optional subjects to offer foundation/higher tier papers.



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Assessment

- * Some subjects are assessed only by linear examinations at the end of Year 11 (e.g. History, Geography).
- * Some subjects include a proportion of the course that is assessed by coursework or controlled assessment (called NEA – non examined assessment). The proportion of this varies across subjects – please see the options booklet for further information.
- * All GCSE subjects will be assessed on the 9-1 scale.



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The English Baccalaureate ("EBacc")

- * The set of subjects that keep young people's options open for further study and future careers. These subjects are:

- ☐ English Language/English Literature
- ☐ Maths
- ☐ Science
- ☐ A Modern Foreign Language
- ☐ A Humanity (History or Geography)



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Curriculum Breadth and Balance

We **very strongly** recommend that most students aim for this in their choices. To achieve this, students should select:

- * A foreign language (French or Spanish)
- * A humanity (History or Geography)



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EBacc Choices

- * Students CAN choose both Modern Foreign Languages or both Humanities if they would like to do so.



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Other GCSE Options

- * Art
- * Business Studies
- * DT Graphics
- * DT Resistant Materials
- * DT Textiles
- * Computer Science
- * Drama
- * Food Preparation and Nutrition
- * Music
- * PE
- * RE Full Course(and HPQ)



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Other Options Courses

Level 2 (worth 1 higher grade GCSE)

- * ICT Creative iMedia
- * BTEC Health and Social Care
- * BTEC Engineering
- * BTEC Enterprise
- * BTEC Sport

Level 1 (worth 1 grade 1-3 GCSE)

- * BTEC Workskills.



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Taster Lessons and Careers Guidance

- * Talks about option subjects and taster lessons should be taking place in lessons this week.
- * Within form time, students have been given some careers guidance to help support them to make their choices.
- * Our website contains lots of relevant links to career information <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/careers/> for students choosing both GCSE and post 16 pathways



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How to Choose?

- Read the details about the subjects in the options booklet!
- Which subjects does your son/daughter actually ENJOY studying?
- Which are the subjects in which s/he achieves well?
- Does s/he want to study something new?
- What are his/her future higher education or career aspirations?
(does s/he already know what path s/he is likely to want to take?)
- What STYLE of learning and assessment does s/he like? (exams, coursework, project-based, practical etc.)
- **DON'T let your son/daughter base his/her choices upon what his/her friends are going to choose!**



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What Happens Next?

- * Friday 21st January Year 9 mid-year report sent home.
- * Wednesday 2nd February Year 9 parents' evening (H half)
- * Monday 7th February Year 9 parents' evening (E half)
- * Wednesday 9th February Year 9 free choice options released– free choice
- * Friday 18th February Deadline for return of free choice forms
- * Wednesday 2nd March Year 9 final options forms available
- * Wednesday 9th March Deadline for return of Year 9 final options form



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The Free Choice Form

- Students must choose a total of four subjects
- We very strongly recommend that they choose at least one language and at least one humanity.
- They can only choose one DT subject (including Engineering)
- They can not pick both Sport (Level 2) and GCSE PE
- They can not pick both GCSE Business and Enterprise (Level 2).
- Further details on the completion of the free choice forms will be sent home on 9th February.
- These will shape our option blocks and our final option form

Course	Pick one of these
French	
Spanish	

Course	Pick one of these
Geography	
History	

Course	Pick from these for your remaining choices
Art and Design	
Business	
Design Technology Subjects (Choose no more than one):	
1. Graphics	
2. Resistant Materials	
3. Textiles	
Computer Science	
Creative iMedia (Level 2)	
Drama	
Engineering (Level 2)	
Enterprise (Level 2)	
French	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Geography	
Health & Social Care (Level 2)	
History	
Music	
Physical Education	
RE - Full Course	
Spanish	
Sport (Level 2)	
Foundation Learning Programme (Level 1)	



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