

Welcome to Davison Options Evening Class of 2023

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The Davison Website

- REGISTER Options online- email to students title noreply@sims.co.uk
- TO ACCESS AFTER REGISTRATION
- <https://www.sims-options.co.uk/> - or use the confirmation email- orange tile
- The website Location= Students Banner then Key stage 4 options (the red bits)

<http://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/>



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Learning pathways

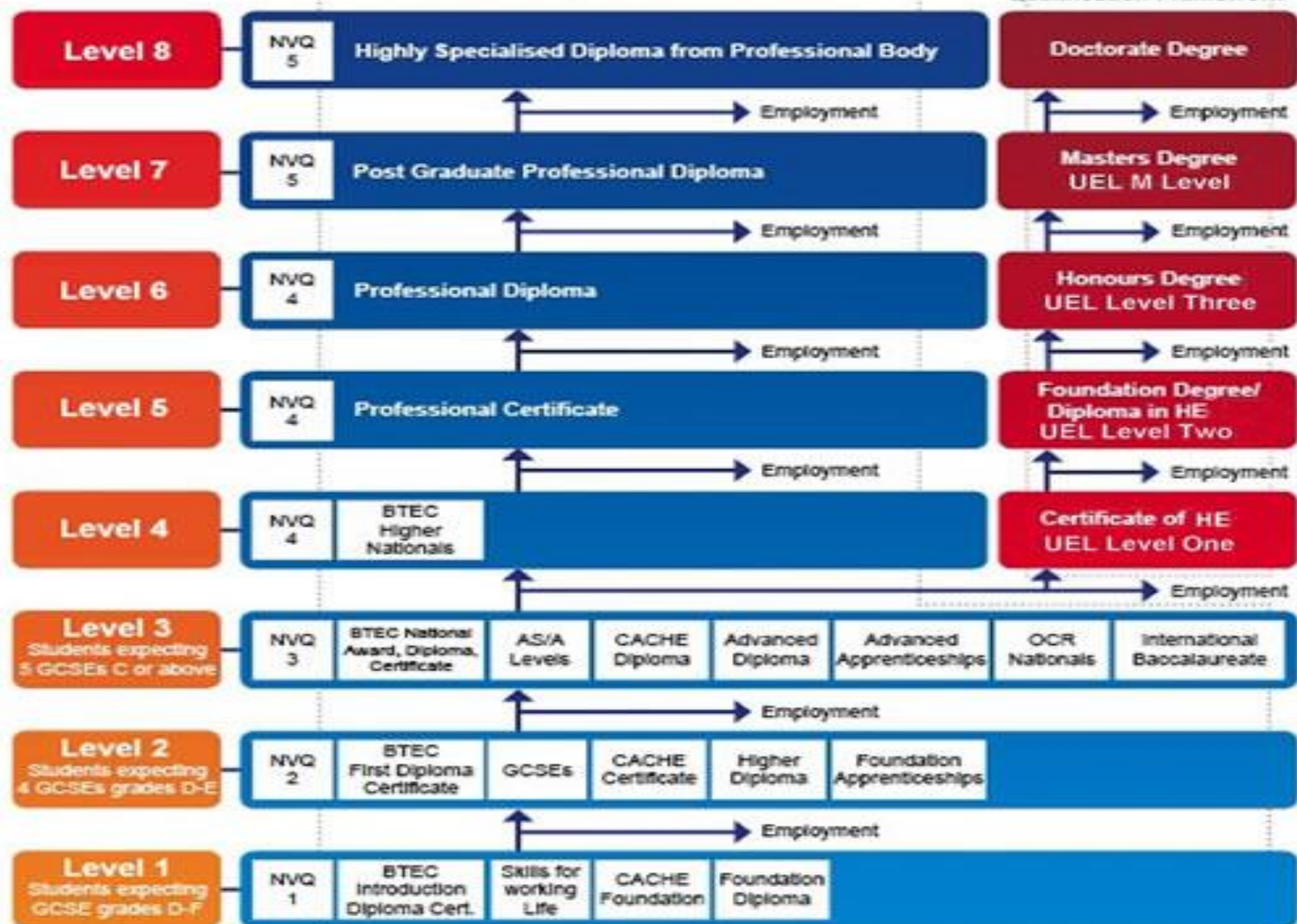


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The National Qualification Framework

The Higher Education Qualification Framework



Who can help you choose?

- Parents/Carers
- Your tutor/PD teacher
- Your subject teachers
- Older students
- Mrs Wood School Careers Leader (Office in LRC) j.wood@davisonhigh.school
- Your own research



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Beware of Peer pressure

- Do not choose a subject because your friend is
- Listen to your parents'/carers' views but they will not have to go to the lessons for the next 2 years
- Choose subjects you think you will enjoy but be realistic!!!



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Progress 8 the new school measure

[Progress 8 DFE video explanation](#)

[more explanation about Progress 8](#)

[new GCSE grading system explained](#)



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How does Davison do on these measures?

- Progress 8 = 0.6
- Attainment 8 = 57
- The attainment 8 score is higher than any maintained school in West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and Hove and puts Davison in the top 300 performing secondary schools (out of over 6000 including Grammar schools)



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The new GCSE grades

How the proportions achieving each grade in the current grading structure are expected to align with the proportions achieving each grade in the new GCSE grading structure

New grading structure

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

Current grading structure

A and above = same proportion of students as 7 and above

B-C = same proportion of students as 4-6

The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G

The “Ebacc” and GCSE reform

- GCSEs have become “more rigorous” and have greater content
- Since 2018 students have more time for their option subjects.....
- Over the last few years we have increased the amount of English and Maths on the timetable too



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Maths and English

- Any student who does not achieve at least grade 4 equivalent will be resitting or doing more Maths and English at college (no matter what course they do)
- Please note most colleges ask for higher grades than 4 to do some A levels



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Your year 10 and 11 timetables

You have to take...

- GCSE Maths(7 hours in yr 10, 8 in yr 11 per fortnight)
- GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature (3& 5 hours each)
- Science –combined (2 GCSEs 10 hours)
- RS /Citizenship (5 hours)
- Personal Development (1 hour)
- Computing studies (1 hour yr 10 only)
- 3 hours of core PE



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Options = 5 lessons each per fortnight

- **Students x halves and y halves are mixed going into yr 10 to facilitate: setting of Maths and Science and organisation of English classes**
- **Options A,B, C and D have students from both halves mixed together depending on their choices**



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THE PATHWAYS

- Ebacc- our more academic students have to take a language and 2 other options
- Progress students have to take one from History, Geography, A language, or Computer Science) and then 2 options
- LETS students are highly encouraged to take LETS to continue to support their Maths and English and 2 options.



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How was my Pathway chosen?

- Although there are exceptions after I have consulted with the SENCO and other staff the rule of thumb is:
- Maths sets A and B = Ebacc pathway
- Maths sets C and D = Progress Pathway
- Anyone doing LETS for Maths English support = LETS pathway



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FAQ

- Can my daughter do extra GCSEs?
- 9 GCSEs is very demanding so this is not something we would recommend or provide. Some able maths students may be invited to do Further Maths GCSE
- They are significantly more demanding than the old GCSEs. Hands up who did O levels?



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Do I have to do a language?

- Yes if you are on the Ebacc pathway
- We have made exceptions for students with additional needs e.g. dyslexia
- It has always been our philosophy that a well balanced qualification outcome should include a pass in a language GCSE for those who are able to.



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FAQ

- Can I opt to do PE and Dance?
- Yes but make sure that both PE and Dance teachers agree with your preference and that you are prepared for the physical exertion!



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FAQ

- Are there any subject combinations I cannot chose?
- you **cannot** do Art and Art Textiles (THEY ARE BOTH Art GCSEs)



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FAQ

- Can anyone take Triple Science?
- Triple Science is only advisable for students in A and B Maths/Science sets so is on the Ebacc pathway and please discuss it with your Science teachers for more info.
- If you're in 9XC/9YC and interested, you **HAVE** to speak to your Science teachers and if they give you the green light- you have to see Mr Davies to add Triple to your online options choices



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So how many qualifications will I get?

- Some get 9 = Maths, English x2, Science x2, RS or Citizenship, a language or option A, option B and option C
- Some get 10 if they do the Further Maths GCSE
- Some do 8 GCSEs = if they chose LETS+ for extra Maths & English
- Occasionally students have their qualifications modified – e.g. if they have had a long term illness during their yr 10 and 11



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When do I know if I have my options?

- By Easter (possibly earlier) your form tutors will be given information about your options.
- Before then- between February and April, Mr Davies may speak to you if there is a clash or if some subjects are over subscribed or if they are not running
- It is almost impossible to give everyone their first choices.



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Will I get all of my choices?

- Courses can only run if enough people chose them
- If fewer than 15 people want to do a certain course then it is unlikely it will run
- Also some courses are over subscribed so some of you will get your reserve choice
- It is rare that there are clashes where you cannot do any of your 1st and 2nd choices
- I will be asking to see many of you individually over the next 6 weeks or so if there are issues



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What if the subject I would like to do is not on my options form?

- This may be that this is a subject that past experience suggests you would find it difficult to succeed in.
- However we do try and personalise your forms as much as possible.
- If the above applies to you please email Mr Davies and he will speak with you.



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Non GCSEs

- These are qualifications we do in Sport, and Travel and Tourism (Btec Firsts), Health and Social Care(Btec Tec Award) Child Development, Graphic Design ICT (both OCR Nationals)
- These are all equivalent to GCSE, they have progression to local colleges. They are vocational so have a higher proportion of non examined assessment.



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GCSE points 1-9 equivalence of BTEC and OCR national qualifications

Pass Grades	Pass Points		
60047793	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Sport	Level 2 Distinction*	8.5
60065126	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Travel and Tourism	Level 2 Distinction	7
		Level 2 Merit	5.5
		Level 2 Pass	4
		Level 1 Pass	1.75

Qualification Number	Qualification Title	Pass Grades	Pass Points
60303955	Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care	L2 Distinction*	8.5
60070432	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Creative iMedia	L2 Distinction	7
60175370	OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate in Child Development	L2 Merit	5.5
		L2 Pass	4
		L1 Distinction	3
		L1 Merit	2
		L1 Pass	1.25

Digital graphics ICT



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21st January online subject consultation evening

- This is an opportunity to find out about progress and also ask specific questions about the suitability of the GCSE for your daughter.
- If you are unable to get an appointment for any reason then please use email/telephone to make contact



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28th January online Subject leader options evening

- The purpose of this evening is quite different as your daughter may well not be taught by the subject leader
- Bear in mind there are 270 students and 1 leader of each subject
- This evening is really for specific questions about the course content and demands
- Again please use email if you are unable to get an appointment



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Tuesday 2nd February January

- Option forms must be completed on this date as I need to work out how I can maximise students getting their First choices
- If you hand it in late you may be less likely to get your first choices- options are not “first come first serve” but designed to maximise students’ preferences.



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Remember.....

- Most of the Subjects that will help you progress are compulsory anyway!!
- So don't stress!! Consider a Creative/Technology option for balance!
- Anyone who gets good grades in Maths, English, Science and RS/Citizenship will be able to do just about anything!



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Thank You for listening!

.....please contact me if there are any queries
I will also be available for appointments for
general enquiries on the online 28th January
evening

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