

Welcome to Davison Options

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Curriculum and Resources

There is a lot of information about options including videos and a detailed booklet on the website

<https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/hub/learning/key-stage-4-options/>



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Key Dates

- From the start of December presentations will be available on the Key stage 4 Options area of the website
- Week beginning 22nd January (NOW!) data collection starts- you can choose from now- look out for emails from Mr Davies
- Today!!! 25th January year 9 Options information Evening



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Key Dates(continued 1)

- Wednesday 21st February Options on line closes (4:00 pm) changes cannot be made after this point



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Key Dates(continued 2)

- By Easter – Mr Davies to have spoken with students who did not get first choices
- June– September students may have changed their minds on some subjects at this point. If there is space to move it is possible but they need to email me with their request. After the first 2 weeks of year 10 it will not be possible to move unless there are exceptional circumstances.



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RS/ Citizenship

- As a Church of England school RS is compulsory for GCSE with the exception that we have been allowed to offer 2 classes of Citizenship GCSE as an alternative
- Citizenship spaces are limited so your attitude to learning grades in PSHE may be considered.



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Who can help you choose?

- Parents/ Carers
- Your form tutor/PD teacher
- Your subject teachers
- Older students
- Your own research
- Mrs Parnell our school Careers coordinator
(office in HU block- next to HU2)



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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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Maths and English

- A standard pass in Maths and English (grade 4) is important for many courses above level 2- i.e. A levels and BTEC level 3 courses)
- Some college courses require grades higher than 4- do your research!



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Options Pathways

All students in year 9 have been categorised into 3 pathways:

Ebacc pathway: students have to do their language to GCSE and have 2 other options

Progress pathway: students have to choose one of the “progress options” and 2 other options

Key Skills pathway: it is recommended students choose Study plus and 2 other options



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PATHWAYS QUESTIONNAIRE

- Collection of your preferences will be via a MICROSOFT FORMS QUESTIONNAIRE
- This is now on FROG
- You can only fill this form out once so take your time and if you make an error email me
- You have until 21st February to submit the form



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Your year 10 and 11 timetables

You have to take...

- GCSE Maths (7 in yr 10, 8 in yr 11 -lessons per fortnight)
- GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature (8 lessons of English per fortnight)
- Science –combined (10 lessons per fortnight)
- RS /Citizenship (5 lessons)
- Personal Social Health Education (1 lesson)
- Computing studies (1 lesson – YEAR 10 ONLY)



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YEAR 10

- YOU WILL BE IN X OR Y HALVES FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT YOUR 4 OPTIONS WHERE BOTH HALVES ARE MIXED
- IT WILL NOT BE THE SAME X AND Y AS YEAR 9
- YOU FIND OUT WHETHER YOU ARE IN X OR Y WHEN YOU START YEAR 10
- All options are 5 lessons per fortnight each



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Week 1 (Year/Term/Week: 2022/2/05)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann AM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann AM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann AM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann AM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann AM
Child Development 10C/Cd1 HU5 Mrs J Dodd 1	RS 10B/Rs2 HU6 Mr S Dineen 1	Maths 10XD/Ma MA1 Mrs T Ledger 1	History 10A/Hy1 HU2 Miss K Meers 1	PE 10X2/Pe SP3 Mr J Ruocco 1
Child Development 10C/Cd1 HU5 Mrs J Dodd 2	RS 10B/Rs2 HU6 Mr S Dineen 2	PE 10X2/Pe SP3 Mr J Ruocco 2	History 10A/Hy1 HU2 Miss K Meers 2	English Language 10X1/En E7 Mrs A Guthrie 2
Media Studies 10D/Me1 HU6 Mr A McDonald- Bowyer 3	Science 10XF/Sc SC2 Mr A Bailey 3	History 10A/Hy1 HU2 Miss K Meers 3	Science 10XF/Sc SC6 Mrs J Dodd 3	Computer Science 10XD/Co ITR1 Mrs R Carter 3
Media Studies 10D/Me1 HU6 Mr A McDonald- Bowyer 4	Maths 10XD/Ma MA1 Mrs T Ledger 4	Science 10XF/Sc SC4 Mrs J Dodd 4	English Literature 10X1/EI E7 Mrs S Mason 4	Science 10XF/Sc SC9 Mr A Bailey 4
10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann PM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann PM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann PM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann PM	10SI ML5 Ms C Le Cann PM
English Literature 10X1/EI E7 Mrs S Mason 5	English Literature 10X1/EI E7 Mrs S Mason 5	Media Studies 10D/Me1 HU6 Mr A McDonald- Bowyer 5	Maths 10XD/Ma MA1 Mrs T Ledger 5	English Language 10X1/En E3 Mrs A Guthrie 5



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FAQ

How many lessons per fortnight for options?

- This is 5 lessons per fortnight usually 2 doubles and 1 single

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)

Do I have to do a language?

- yes if you are on the EBACC pathway (unless you are Exempt because of SEND reasons)



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FAQ

Can anyone take Triple Science?

- This is available to students in the Ebacc pathway who are in maths sets A or B
- Triple Science is heavy on exams and the exams contain high Maths content, so take this into account.

(if you are passionate about doing Triple Science and it is not on your pathway then you need to speak to Mr Hallworth and your Science teacher(s))



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FAQ continued

- What is the difference between GCSE and BTEC or OCR National? Non GCSEs are known as “Vocational qualifications.” All have similar level 3 qualifications at local colleges.
- I am not sure whether to chose PE GCSE or Sport BTEC- don't worry just choose PE and Mrs Cox and Miss Gearing will recommend which is best for you



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More FAQ

- Can I change Pathway? –mostly no but there may be special circumstances- the most common one is that someone in sets XE/YD may want to change to the key skills pathway even if they have not done Key skills
- Further Maths/ Statistics: this is after school and for top set students considering going onto A level- by invitation- ask Mr Vachhani



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Yet more FAQ

If I speak another language can I take it as a GCSE?

It depends- email Miss Le Gourrierc & Mrs Clegg for more info



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FAQ: So how many qualifications will I get?

- Many get 9= Maths, English x2, Science x2, RS or Citizenship, option A, option B and option C
- Some may get 10 if they do an extra curricular Further Maths GCSE or 11 if they do Statistics as well.
- Some get 8 GCSEs= if they chose Study Plus for extra Maths & English
- College quote: “8 good GCSEs are better than 9 or 10 with lower grades”



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FAQ: Vocational qualifications

- We offer 4 – they are equivalent to GCSEs but have a higher proportion of controlled assessment (non exam)
- Travel and Tourism, Sport ,Health and Social care all are BTEC Technical awards
- Child development is an OCR National



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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 March, Mr Davies may speak to you if there is a clash or if some subjects are over subscribed.
- It is almost impossible to give everyone their first choices



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FAQ: Will I get all of my choices?

- Courses can only run if enough people choose 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 if there are issues



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FAQ: Is it first come first serve?

- No – the aim is to get as many students their first choices as possible
- If you are late choosing (after Feb 22nd then your preferences may not be considered initially)



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First Choices

- Please note that **everything is done** to try and ensure you get your first choices but it is not always possible
- If too many people have applied for a subject then we may go to their Attitude to Learning grades in that subject for years 7,8,9



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Remember.....

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



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Thanks and Good luck!

- I know it's hard to narrow it down if you like a lot of different subjects but it is essential at this stage.
- GCSEs are much more demanding than they were a few years ago- you will be very busy – ask yr 10 and 11 !



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