

Year 9 options' evening 2018

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Reformed GCSEs

- Are more demanding - increased content
- Designed for a 2 year period of study
- Will be linear, so students take all exams at the end of the course
- Non-exam assessment will be removed or reduced in the majority of GCSEs



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Reformed GCSEs

- Have got a new grading scale from 9 to 1 with 9 being the best grade
- Spanish, French, mathematics and science subjects have two tiers of entry, foundation (1 - 5) and higher (4 - 9)



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New GCSE grading structure

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	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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- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above
- Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above
- The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G
- Grade 5 will be awarded to around the top third of students gaining the equivalent of a grade C and bottom third of a grade B. this has been defined as a good pass by the Department for Education



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Curriculum for KS4

50 one hour lessons per fortnight - 5 hours a day

Maths	7 hours
English	8 hours
Science	9 hours
PE	4 hours
Social and Moral Education (SME)	2 hours
4 x options	4 x 5 hours



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GCSE English Language

- No controlled assessments
- Two written exams - 1 hours 45 minutes
- 40% of GCSE 2 hours - 60% of GCSE
- Non-examination assessment - spoken language - 0% of GCSE
- To be awarded a GCSE all three assessments must be completed



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GCSE English Literature

- No controlled assessments
- Two written exams
 - 2 hours - 40% of GCSE
 - 2 hours 30 minutes - 60% of GCSE



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GCSE mathematics

- Increased amount of content
- Foundation tier (grades 1 - 5) and Higher tier (grades 4 - 9) 9 being the highest grade
- Students must sit all three papers at the same tier, in the same series
- Three written exams
 - 1 hour 30 minutes
 - One non-calculator
 - Two calculator
 - Each 33 1/3% of the GCSE



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Mathematics and English post-16

- Students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 or above in English and / or mathematics have to continue to study these subjects post-16 in September 2018
- The funding is removed for that student if they do not study mathematics and / or English
- Not clear at present if current Year 9 will need to get a 4 or 5 or above as a college requirement



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GCSE science

- All students study combined science
- Some students will opt to study triple science
- Triple science is a guided choice



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GCSE combined science

- Worth 2 GCSEs
- Foundation tier (grades 1 - 5) and Higher tier (grades 4 - 9) where 9 is the best grade
- Students must sit all 6 exams at the same tier in the same series
- 6 exams: 2 biology, 2 chemistry and 2 physics
- Each exam 1 hour 15 minutes and worth 16.7% of the GCSEs



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GCSE triple science

- Triple science offered to those students who have been in a set 1 or set 2 in year 9
- Limited number of places
- Leads to 3 separate GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics
- Students would study triple science for 14 hours a fortnight
- Assessed by 6 exams, 2 for biology, 2 for chemistry and 2 for physics
- Exam 1 hour and 45 minutes and worth 50% of the relevant GCSE



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Computer science

- Revised arrangements for GCSE Computer science for students in years 10 and 11
- Non-exam assessment will not count to the final 9 to 1 grade in 2018 or 2019
- Assessment arrangements not decided for students in year 9 who will take exams in 2020



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GCSE assessment

- Look in the decisions booklet for the way the GCSE is assessed
- Some courses do still have non-exam assessment
- Check the exam board websites to find out more about the course (use the specification code)



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New qualifications

- Financial Education
- Level 2 course - can only get A*-C grade
- Introduces the students to the impact of finance on the economy
- Suitable for students who are in set 2 for maths in year 9



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Design and Technology

- Focus is on the designing and modelling of ideas using a wide range of materials . The coursework brief is no longer set by the exam board, students have to find their own problem and develop ideas to solve it . Theory element contains maths and physics.



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English Baccalaureate

- English
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Modern foreign language
- Humanities - history or geography
- To pass the EBacc you have to have grades 5 or above in the above subjects
- This is a performance measure not a qualification



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Key points

- Current year 9 should study a strong academic core up to 16 - maths, English, history or geography, MFL and sciences
- Foundation of a good education
- Nationally 35% of students study EBACC - want that to increase to 90%
- Schools decide the small minority it is not appropriate for
- EBACC entry and attainment is part of a school's headline performance measures



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Universities

- Currently universities are not using the EBacc as an entry requirement
- Universities want students to have a broad range of GCSEs at high grades - the EBacc subjects would make a good foundation for University courses
- Specific courses will want specific subjects at GCSE and A Level - do your research
- EBacc subjects are the facilitating subjects for a wide range of courses



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Universities

- Entry requirements in the future may change with the government push for students to study the EBacc subjects
- To ensure our students are in the best possible position for the future, some of them will have to study either history or geography and a language
- Others will choose to study one of history, geography, computer science or a language



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Apprenticeships

- Students can apply post-16 to become an apprentice
- Work part of the week and attend college the rest of the week
- Paid for hours they work
- Local colleges Worthing, Northbrook Metropolitan and Chichester all have information on apprenticeships on their websites



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Decisions about courses in years 10 and 11



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Information that will help students choose the right subjects for them

- Talks in assemblies
- Work covered in SME
- Decisions booklet
- Careers talks - Kudos
- Talking to older students
- Research into possible areas of study post-16

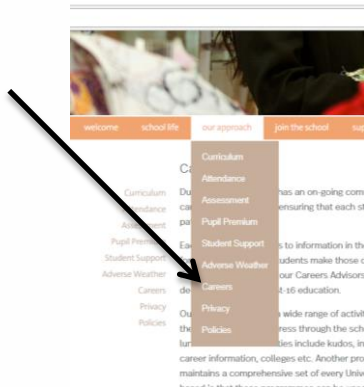


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Kudos

- Durrington High School website



Useful Links

- Applying to colleges guidance sheet
- College open days for entry in September 2018
<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
- <https://www.pilotr.co.uk>
- <https://wwwucas.com>
- <http://icould.com/>
- <http://www.apprenticeships-in-sussex.com/>
- <https://apprenticeshipvacancymatchingservice.lsc.gov.uk>
- <https://www.kudos.co.uk>
- <http://www.careersbox.co.uk/>
- <http://pathway.coastalwestsussexjobs.com/>
- <http://www.fasttomato.com/>

- Online careers guidance and information
- Helps young people explore future careers
- Year 9 students should have their own log in details



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Post-16 institutions

- College websites e.g. Worthing College, Northbrook Metropolitan College, Chichester College, BHASVIC
- Look at specific courses and any entry requirements



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Beware of peer pressure

- No lessons taught in form groups in Years 10 and 11
- Students split into 2 bands
- Do not choose a subject because a friend is
- Students should choose subjects that they think they will enjoy but be realistic!!



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What has to be studied in years 10 and 11?

Everyone has to study GCSEs in the core subjects

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined science

Students must also take

- Physical education
- Social and moral education

Students must include

- Four other subjects chosen from the four columns of the decisions form



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Additional English

- A letter will be sent to parents of students who we feel would benefit from this course
- A student can only choose additional English if Mrs Marsh (SENCO) has written to their parents



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Construction

- Construction can only be chosen if Mr Lamb has spoken to students and parents



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Decisions 2018 - 2020

This decision form must be handed in on or before Monday 5 March 2018

Name

Form

Please sign here Student: Parent / Carer: Date:.....

Talk to your teachers before making two choices of very similar subjects in case it would not be right for you. We imagine that most students will do a balance of different types of subject.

Students must choose either history or geography and a language

1	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
Art & Design	
Business Studies	
Drama	
Financial Education	
French	
Geography	
History	
Media	
Music	
Spanish	

2	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
3-D Art	
Art - Textiles	
CIDA	
*Construction	
Computer science	
Design and Technology	
Drama	
Geography	
History	
Music	

3	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
Additional English	
Art & Design	
Art - Textiles	
Citizenship	
Computer science	
Design and Technology	
Drama	
French	
History	
Spanish	
Triple Science	

4	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
Art & Design	
Art - Graphics	
Business studies	
CIDA	
Dance	
French	
Geography	
PE	
Spanish	
Triple Science	

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Students must choose at least one subject from the following list, as their first choice:

French, Spanish, history, geography, computer science

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Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
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Business Studies	
Drama	
Financial Education	
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Geography	
History	
Media	
Music	
Spanish	

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Will students get all of their 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 if any courses are over subscribed some students may get their second choice in that column
- It is rare that there are clashes where students cannot do any of their 1st and 2nd choices



Timeline for options

- Tuesday 27 February - Parent / Carer Evening
- Monday 5 March - decision form to be handed in by 9.00am
- March / April - students will be seen if choices are not possible
- May - students will be informed of subjects to be studied in Years 10 and 11



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