

# Year 9 options evening 2019

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# Reformed GCSEs

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



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# Reformed GCSEs

- Have got a 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
- The funding is removed for that student if they do not study mathematics and / or English
- Current Year 9 will need to get a 4 or above as a college requirement but some colleges may have an entry requirement of 5



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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 with assessment all conducted by examination



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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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# 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 can study a strong academic core up to age 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 we recommend they study a language and history or geography
- All students will have to choose to study one of history, geography, computer science, triple 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

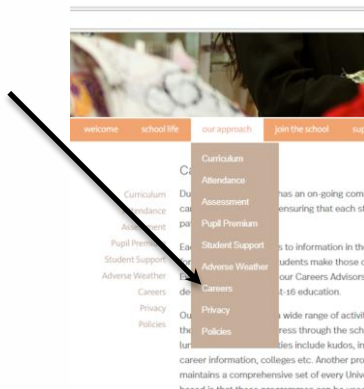


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# Kudos

- Durrington High School website



- 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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# Decisions 2019 - 2021

This decision form must be handed in on or before Monday 4 March 2019



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 at least one subject from the following list as their first choice:  
 French, Spanish, history, geography, computer science or triple science

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

2	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
Art - Graphics	
Art - Textiles	
BTEC in Digital Information Technology	
Computer science	
Design Technology	
BTEC Performing Arts	
Geography	
History	
Music	

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

4	
Show your first choice with a 1 and your second choice with a 2	
Art & Design	
Business	
BTEC in Digital Information Technology	
Dance	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
French	
Geography	
PE	
Spanish	
Triple Science	



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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices



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# Timeline for options

- Thursday 28 February - Parent / Carer Evening
- Monday 4 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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