

# KS4 Options Form

2018/19



***“CHOOSING THE WAY FORWARD”***

## Completing the Options Form

Please complete the form on the opposite side of this booklet.

The following notes are guidance on completing the options form:

Option Block	Advice
<b>Option A</b> Humanity	Choose either Geography or History by ticking the box next to your subject choice.
<b>Option B</b> Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Or Option	<p>We believe that a broad and balanced curriculum should include both a Humanity and a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) subject for the majority of our students. Therefore for most of our students this choice will be the MFL that they have studied since joining us in Year 7. When choosing a MFL please put a tick by your chosen Language.</p> <p>For a minority of students one of the subjects which have been shaded grey in this column may be chosen. These are Technical Awards and selected specifically to support those students with a learning style best suited to a qualification with both internal (NEA) and examination assessments. Please see the individual subject pages for details of the proportion of Exam and NEA for each subject.</p> <p>If choosing a subject which is in the grey section, please indicate your first choice subject with a tick and a reserve subject choice by writing "R" in the box beside the subjects.</p>
<b>Option C</b> Free Choices	<p>Two free choices are to be made in Option C.</p> <p>Numbers will be required in this column. As timetabling of this wide range of subjects will be difficult please indicate the priority of your choices as "1<sup>st</sup>" and "2<sup>nd</sup>" with your two reserve subjects "3<sup>rd</sup>" and "4<sup>th</sup>".</p> <p>If you would like to do two languages for GCSE, these are the available routes:  <u>Dual languages French and German</u> – to do this option you must already be a dual linguist in year 9 OR you speak the language you haven't learnt at school at home. Pick each language as a separate option in the blocks.  <u>Dual Languages French with Spanish OR German with Spanish</u> - for this option, you pick your year 9 Language as an option and then choose Spanish as your dual language option. You do not have to have learnt Spanish at school to choose this as your second MFL, but you do need to be achieving well in your French/German lessons and will need your teacher to recommend you for this course. The GCSE will involve learning Spanish from scratch, so you will be expected to work hard to make rapid progress towards your target grade. As with all GCSE options, there will be summer work between year 9 and year 10 which will prepare you with the Spanish basics. The subject outline for Spanish is the same as French and German.</p> <p>Therefore in the last box, please also write the second language you wish to study.</p>

**Please keep this booklet and hand in the yellow form.**

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From **Option A** please choose **a Humanity Subject**.

From **Option B** please choose **a MFL or Option**. Please see the Possible Pathways on page 5 of the booklet for guidance about the subjects in the shaded section. Please tick your MFL choice, but if you are choosing a subject from the shaded area choose **one subject** and tick your choice, then choose **one** reserve and put **R** by your reserve subject.

For **Options C**, please choose **two subjects** and number your choices **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, then choose **two** reserves and put **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** by your reserve subjects.

As always, we will try to give you the subjects you want but we cannot guarantee this.

Option A		Option B		Options C	
Humanity		MFL or Option		Choose two subjects and two reserves	
Geography (GCSE)		French (GCSE)		Art, Craft & Design (GCSE)	iMedia (ICT) (Technical Award)
History (GCSE)		German (GCSE)		Business Studies (GCSE)	Media Studies (GCSE)
		Construction & the Built Environment (Technical Award)		Computer Science (GCSE)	Music (GCSE)
		Enterprise & Marketing (Technical Award)		Constructing & the Built Environment (Technical Award)	Photography (GCSE)
		Hospitality & Catering (Technical Award)		Dance (GCSE)	Religious Studies (GCSE)
		iMedia (ICT) (Technical Award)		Design & Technology (GCSE)	Science: Three Separate Sciences – this will be the 3rd GCSE in Science
		Sports Science (Technical Award)		Drama (GCSE)	Sports Science (Technical Award)
		Travel & Tourism (Technical Award)		Enterprise & Marketing (Technical Award)	Sports Studies – Physical Ed. (GCSE)
				Food Preparation & Nutrition (GCSE)	Travel & Tourism (Technical Award)
				Health & Social Care (Technical Award)	Second Humanity: History or Geography (GCSE)
				Hospitality & Catering (Technical Award)	Second MFL (GCSE) _____

## Key Dates

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Options Assembly and options booklets issued

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Year 9 Options Evening 6.30pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Year 9 Parents' Evening 3.45pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Option forms signed and returned to your child's tutor

If you have any queries, please raise them with

- your child's tutor
- the relevant subject teacher
- Mrs Robb (Head of Year 9)
- or
- Ms Perry (Deputy Headteacher).