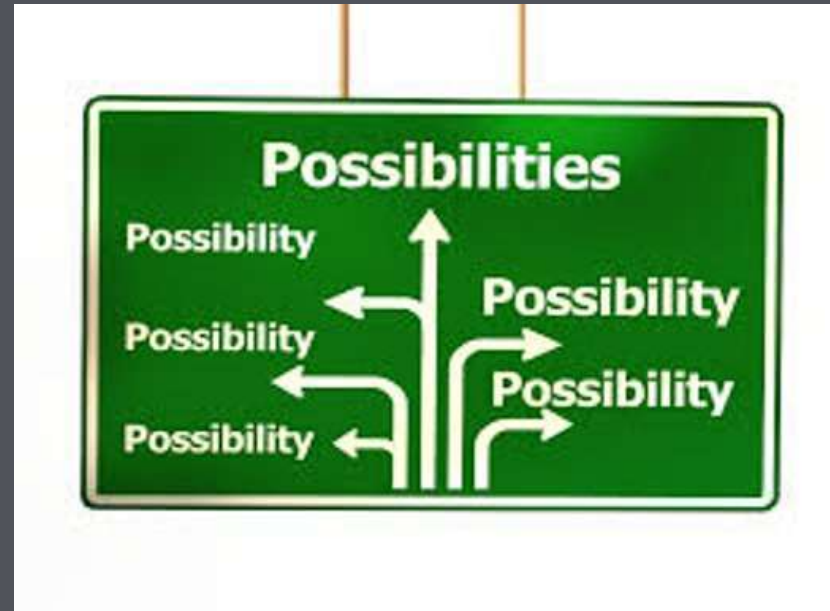




Year 9 Subject Preferences

Introduction

- Time to make an important decision.
- They need to make sure that they have all the information before making an informed choice.
- They have been encouraged to discuss their options with you and their teachers to make sure they choose subjects that are right for them and their future.



Compulsory curriculum



- The compulsory curriculum equates to 30 hours out of 50 over a two-week timetable.
- It is a requirement that all pupils study the following subjects:
 - English – 2 GCSEs (language & literature)
 - Maths – 1 GCSE
 - Science – 2 GCSEs (Combined Science)
- It is also a requirement to follow a programme of:
 - Physical Education
 - Wellbeing

Overall aim

- We want all students to be able to follow an ambitious curriculum that is both broad and balanced through a combination of academic, creative and practical subjects, that best meets their learning needs.

Option Choices

Pathway One

Pathway Two

Pathway Three

Core subjects: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Combined Science (2 GCSE equivalent)

French, Spanish, History or
Geography

Core Exam Skills

Core Exam Skills

3 options from:
Drama, Music, DT, PE, Sport
Studies, Business, Computer
Science, Health and Social Care,
Art, Construction, Photography,
Hospitality and Catering, Hair and
Beauty, French, Spanish, History,
Geography and Faith, Philosophy
and Ethics, Triple Science

3 options from:
Drama, Music, DT, PE, Sport
Studies, Business, Computer
Science, Health and Social Care,
Art, Construction, Photography,
Hospitality and Catering, Hair and
Beauty, French, Spanish, History,
Geography and Faith, Philosophy
and Ethics

Wider Key Skills/Work
Experience

2 options from:
History, Geography, Drama, Music,
DT, PE, Sport Studies, Business,
Computer Science, Health and
Social Care, Art, Construction,
Photography, Hospitality and
Catering, Hair and Beauty, Faith,
Philosophy and Ethics

Example pathways

Student 1

Core

English Literature
English language
Maths
Science

Pathway 1

- Geography, History, French or Spanish

Plus 3 others

- Triple Science
- Business
- History

Student 2

Core

English Literature
English language
Maths
Science

Pathway 2

- Core Exam Skills

Plus 3 others

- GCSE PE
- Art
- French

Student 3

Core

English Literature
English language
Maths
Science

Pathway 2

- Core Exam Skills

Plus 3 others

- Health & Social Care
- Geography
- Drama

Student 4

Core

English Literature
English language
Maths
Science

Pathway 3

- Wider Key Skills
- Core Exam Skills

Plus 2 others

- Construction
- Photography

Option Choices



Tutors, Mr Priddey, Mr Bothma and Ms Stevens will speak to students individually if they are on a pathway which is not Pathway One.

Please use this evening to look at all the options that are available to you - you may visit up to 6 different subjects this evening - make the most of your time.

Types of Qualification



GCSEs

Key Features

- Majority of grade awarded is based upon performance in final exams at end of Year 11.
- Practical subjects (Art, PE, Technology) have practical component which is worth up to 40 percent
- Grades are 9 (highest) - 1 (lowest)

Vocational (BTEC, WJEC, VTCT)

Key Features

- Majority of the grade is based upon independent coursework
- Coursework is marked internally by your teachers.
- One external exam to be completed during the course.
- Exam can be repeated.
- Grades are Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass

Subject Preference List

French	Art & Design*	Business Studies	Triple Science	Construction
Spanish	Photography*	Computer Science	Physical Education	Health & Social Care
Geography	Design Technology*	Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Health & Fitness	Hair & Beauty
History	Drama	Music	Wider Key Skills	Hospitality & Catering

*subjects can not be studied together

Subject Preference Booklet



Information about each subject can be found in the options booklet that has been posted on the school website .

Simply hover of the curriculum heading on the main page and select Year 9 options from the drop-down menu.



Important considerations

What subjects do students enjoy studying the most in Year 9?

In which subjects are students performing best?

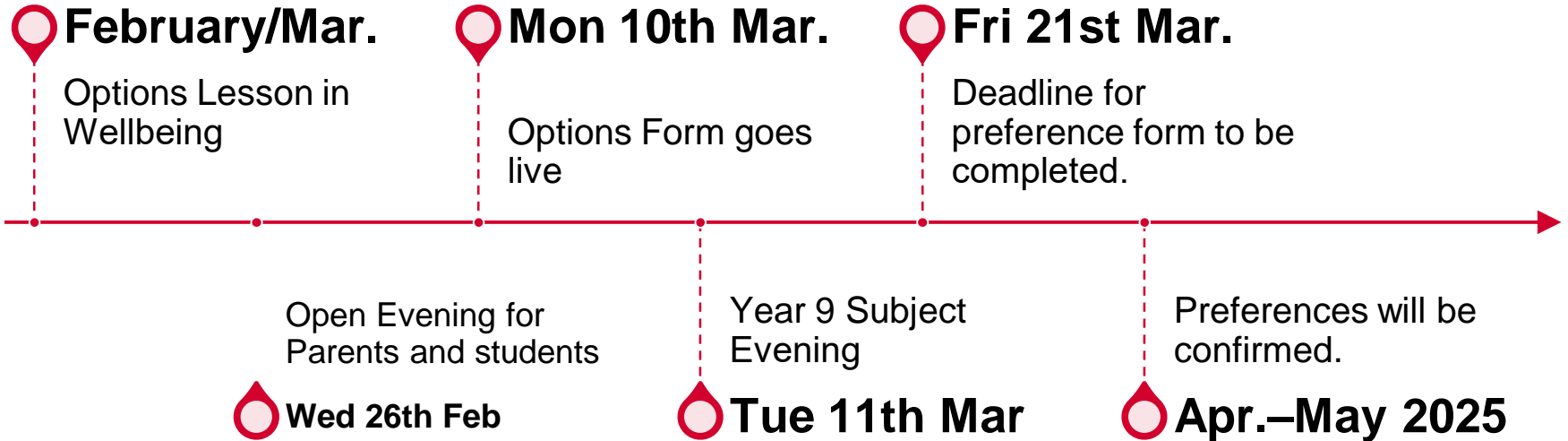
What subjects might students need for future career / educational path?

How do students learn best?

Are students fazed by exams?

Are students disciplined enough to meet regular deadlines for coursework?

Timeline





Support

- If students have any general questions, they can come and speak to me.
- Form tutors have access to the system and so they will be checking and confirming students' choices.
- Read the options booklet and speak to subject teachers.

Subject contacts

Qualification	School contact
French, Spanish	zmumford@kgaprospect.uk
Geography	kparkbarnard@kgaprospect.uk
History	jdixon@kgaprospect.uk
Art, Art Photography	dbrixton@kgaprospect.uk
PE, Health & Fitness	sedwards@kgaprospect.uk
Faith, Philosophy & Ethics	lmccabe@kgaprospect.uk
Business, Computing	masam@kgaprospect.uk

Qualification	School contact
Drama & Music	bslade@kgaprospect.uk
Health & Social Care	mscott@kgaprospect.uk
Wider Key Skills	cmatten@kgaprospect.uk
Hospitality & Catering	sstevens@kgaprospect.uk
Design Technology	kmcdonald@kgaprospect.uk
Construction	mwilliams@kgaprospect.uk
Hair & Beauty	cpierro@kgaprospect.uk

Questions about careers?

- Talk to subject leaders
- Talk to your parents
- Talk to anyone you know how has a job you think you might like
- Talk to Ms Gallivan sgallivan@kgaprospect.uk

Subject Talks

Floor	Qualification	Lead staff	Room
3rd Floor	Music	S Williams	A309
	Faith Philosophy Ethics	L McCabe & L Ellis	A308
	Business	M Asam	A307
	Drama	B Slade	A305
	Construction	M Williams	A303
	Design and Technology	K McDonald	A302
2nd Floor	Art and Photography	D Brixton	A208
	Geography	K Park-Barnard	A207
	History	J Dixon	A202
1st Floor	French & Spanish	Z Mumford	A107
	Computing	R Parry & S Paudyal	A105
	Hair & Beauty	C Pierro	A103
	GCSE PE + NCFE Health & Fitness	J Gilbert & L Blake	A102
Ground floor	Triple Science	S Watson	A35
	Wider Key Skills	C Matten	A33
	Health & Social Care	M Scott	A32

Session format:

7 minute presentation
5 minutes for questions
3 minutes travel time

Session times:

6:00pm
6:15pm
6:30pm
6:45pm
7:00pm
7:15pm