



Year 9 Options information Evening

- Tuesday 15th June 2021

Dream job, Good person



Before we begin

The chat, mic and camera are disabled as this is a recorded presentation.

The presentation will be shared on the school website.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions via Microsoft forms towards the end of the presentation.



‘Don’t limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve.’ – Mary Kay Ash



Zoe Suggs -YouTuber



Michelle Obama –Attorney/Author



Anthony Joshua –Olympian/Boxer



Jeff Bezos – Founder of Amazon



KSI - content creator



Greta Thunberg - Activist



Elon Musk – Founder of Tesla



Zaha Hadid – Architect



What are GCSEs/Vocational?

- These subjects are studied for two years.
- At the end of the course you are awarded a grade ranging from 1-9
- GCSEs are assessed in a number of ways and normally through:
 - Controlled assessments (Coursework)
 - Examinations
 - Practical

Grading System

Old GCSE Grading Structure	New GCSE Grading Structure	V Cert Grading Structure	
A*	9	Level 2	D* 8.5
A	8		D 7
B	7		M 5.5
C	6		P 4
D	5	Level 1	D* 3
E	4		D 2
F	3		M 1.5
G	2		P 1
U	1	NYA (not yet achieved)	
U	U	NYA (not yet achieved)	



Compulsory subjects

English Language	5 Hours per week
English Literature	
Mathematics	4 Hours per week
Combined Science	4 Hours per week

These subjects combined gives you a total of 5 GCSE's as you are awarded 2 in Science. All these courses follow the AQA specification and will be examined in 2023. You will sit 2 Papers in English Language and 2 in English Literature. You will sit 3 papers in Mathematics (1 Non calculator and 2 Calculator) You will sit 6 papers in Combined Science (2 Chemistry, 2 Physics, 2 Biology)

*You will still be expected to study PSHE and PE one hour week, however these will not be assessed



What options do we offer at KS4?

EBACC Subjects

History (Edexcel)

Geography

Spanish

Triple Science

Computing (OCR)

Other GCSE's

Art and Design

Product Design

Textiles

Photography

Religious Studies

Media Studies (Eduqas)

Vocational

Music (Pearson)

Health and Social Care (Pearson)

Health and Fitness – Sports Studies - NCFE

Hospitality and Catering - Food(WJEC)

You will choose 4 option choices from most to least preferred.

You need to take at least one of the EBACC subjects – this is dictated by the DFE.

In Y11 we will speak to you about the opportunity to also sit your Home Language GCSE if there is one available. You need to be confident in both reading and writing elements.



An important choice...

Universities and Apprenticeships DO NOT want you to specialise too early! They would rather have someone with good grades in ALL their subjects, especially if you want to do A Levels. However if you really want to do a specific course in the future choosing that now will help.

It is important that you choose the courses YOU enjoy and you are good at. (Not your friends or family).

You need 8 good GCSE's to **help** you move onto your chosen career path these include grade 4's or above in core subjects.

What should I choose?

The right reasons to choose:

- ✓ You are really interested in the subject
- ✓ You think you will achieve well in this subject area
- ✓ You wish to study this subject after you leave the academy
- ✓ You have the skills and abilities to achieve your potential in this subject

The wrong reasons to choose:

- Because your friends are going to choose this subject
- Because you really like the teacher
- Because you think it will be easy – all subjects are challenging at GCSE

The option blocks

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Geography	Product	Geography	Sport
History	History	Food	Product
Spanish	Spanish	Art	Textiles
	Art	Sport	Music
	Sport	RE	H&SC
	Photography	Computing	Art
	H&SC	Media	Food
			Triple

You will choose a first and second choice in each option block. You cannot pick the same option twice



How the option process works

Over the next few weeks read the options booklet with your parents and make appropriate choices for you.

In PSHE on Monday 28th June we will complete the option form.

This will be conducted online. I will talk you through this through the form of an assembly
By then you will have all been given iPads to help with this process.

Your choices are provisional, I will look at them to see that they are appropriate for you

If you are not suitable for a subject, ie if you pick Sports but you never bring your kit, you will not be allowed to choose it.



Who can help?

Choosing your options is a really exciting thing to do and everyone at the academy is here to support you to make the best choices to be successful in the future!

If anyone has any worries or anxieties please come and talk to us.

Speak with the teachers of that subject to gain more insight

Speak with Mr Berry who can help with careers



Q & A

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fewsAZgyJOc5AhCJoyX9gqjxUMUtOVENBWE9OUFBSRDFPTkNDV1NIT1hZQS4u>



Q & A





Options Booklet

[Year 9 Options - \(oasisacademymediacityuk.org\)](http://oasisacademymediacityuk.org)

