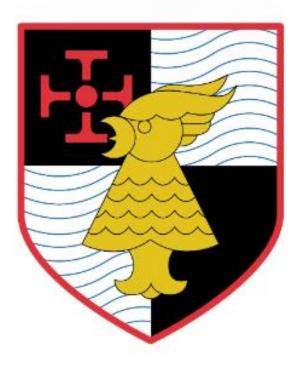
HEBBURN Comprehensive School



Year 9 options evening

Tuesday 4th March 2025

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Core subjects

- English language
- English literature
- Maths
- Statistics
- Science
- Core RE (non examined)
- Core PE (non examined)
- PSHE (non examined)



Options subjects

GCSEs

• Academic qualifications

Vocational qualifications

- Mix of practical and theoretical work
- Directly related to a specific area of employment
- BTEC, NCFE, VTCT



Three pathways

- EBacc
- Traditional
- Vocational

Recommended based on internal and external assessments.



EBacc

- English Baccalaureate
- English, Maths, Science, History/Geography, French/Spanish

We recommend our higher attaining pupils follow the EBacc pathway, however it is available to all of our pupils.



	Core Subjects	Option 1	Option 2	Options 3
EBACC * Strongly recommended for pupils in academic sets 1 – 2.	English Language English Literature Maths Statistics Science PSHE Core RE Core PE	History Geography	French/Spanish **	Options Choice
Traditional * Recommended for pupils in academic sets 3 – 5.		Geography	History/Geography French/Spanish (strongly advised) ** Or Options Choice	
Vocational * Strongly recommended for pupils in academic sets 6 – 8.		History Geography	Engineering Hairdressing Health & Social Care Physical Education	

• A senior member of staff will meet with your child to discuss which pathway is most appropriate for them, using internal and external data.



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- Spanish GCSE is only recommended for students who have studied it in Year 9.
- If a student wants to study Spanish who has not previously studied it, this will be considered on an individual basis.



• Students who studied Spanish in Year 9 can still choose French GCSE.

Aspire

- A very small number of students on the vocational pathway will take Aspire in option 1 (rather than History or Geography).
- If we think this is suitable for your child a member of staff will be in touch to discuss this with you.
- It is a bespoke course which includes Functional English and The Princes Trust Personal Development and Employability Award.



Options choices

Art and Design **Business Studies Digital Information Technology** Drama Engineering French Geography Hairdressing Health and Social Care

History Hospitality and Catering Media Studies Music Photography PE **Religious Education** Spanish **Textile Design Three-Dimensional Design**



Options subjects

GCSEs and the vocational awards prepare students for different paths taken post-16.

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- University

They are a stepping stone to the next step of life. Taking a range of subjects is a sensible decision.



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Where to find information

- Subject leads are here to speak to you tonight
- Options booklet
- School website (curriculum options)
- Class teachers, Head of Department
- Head of Learning, Form Tutor
- Assemblies wb 10th March
- Individual meeting with senior member of staff



How to make decisions

DO

- Find out about new subjects
- Talk to staff in school
- Talk to your parents/carers
- Choose subjects you are interested in
- Choose subjects you are good at

DON'T

- Chose subjects because you like/don't like a teacher
- Choose subjects because your friends are
- Make decisions without talking to parents/carers first



Timeline

- Wb 10th March options assemblies
- Wb 7th April student meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss options and make initial decisions (these will be shared with parents/carers)
- 2nd May deadline to make any changes
- Wb 19th May final choices communicated to students and parents/carers



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