

KEY STAGE 4

Option choices

Core subjects

Core subjects (1)

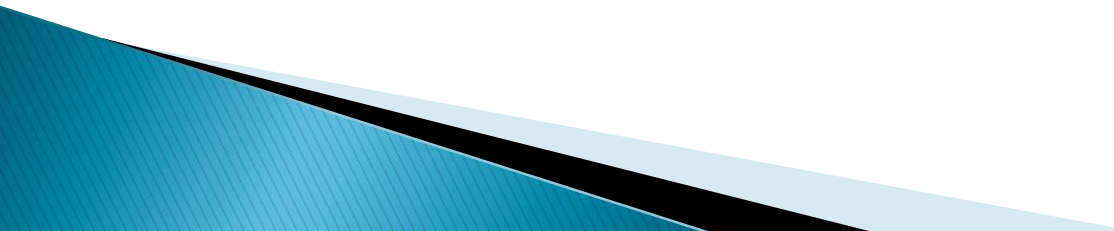
- English Language 1 GCSE
- English Literature 1 GCSE
- Maths 1 GCSE

Core subjects: Science

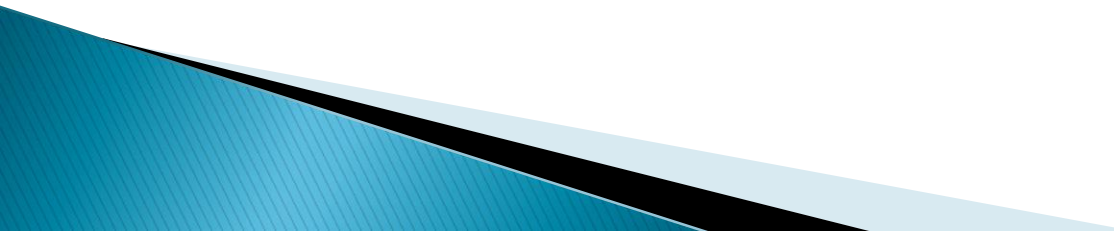
Separate Sciences

- ▶ Biology, Physics and Chemistry
 - ▶ 3 distinct GCSE grades
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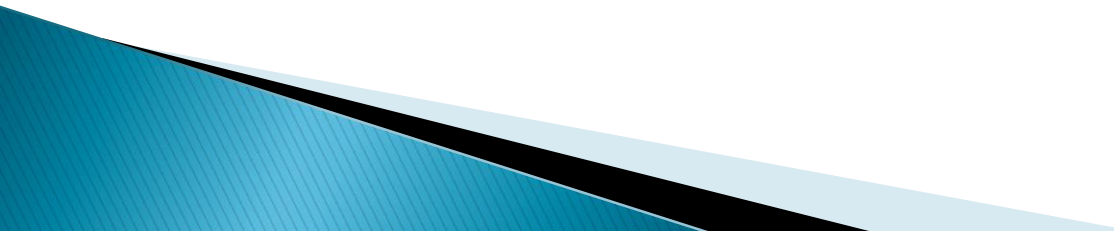
Modern Foreign Language

- ▶ Either French or German
 - ▶ Continue the language which you have studied in year 9
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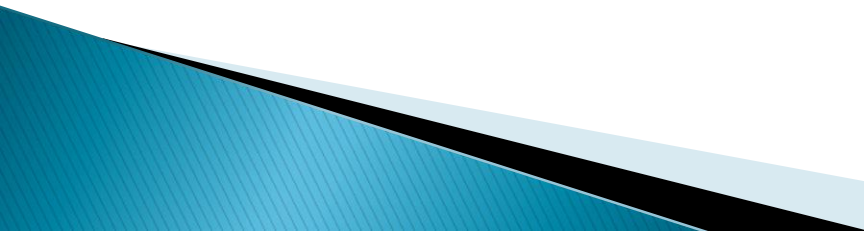
Religious Education

- All students follow the same course through to GCSE level
 - 2 periods per week
 - Already started in year 9
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Choose 3 from this list

- ▶ Art
 - ▶ Design Technology
 - ▶ Drama
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ ICT
 - ▶ Music
 - ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ Second modern foreign language
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Or also choose:

- ▶ **Core plus**
 - ▶ This allows you to do one option fewer and therefore one GCSE fewer.
 - ▶ You will be taught one double a week of Maths/Numeracy and one double a week of English/Literacy. This is in addition to your normal Maths and English lessons.
 - ▶ Interested? Please speak to Mr Buckland at parents' evening or to Mrs Bates beforehand
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PE and Games

- ▶ PE 1 period per week
- Games 2 periods per week

compulsory national curriculum lessons

A word of warning

Please be aware that if there are insufficient numbers for a course **then it cannot run.**

Please put your option choices in priority order. Your priorities influence the way in which the option blocks are constructed.



Choosing your subjects

How *not* to choose:

- What are my friends taking?
 - Who teaches it?
 - How much work?
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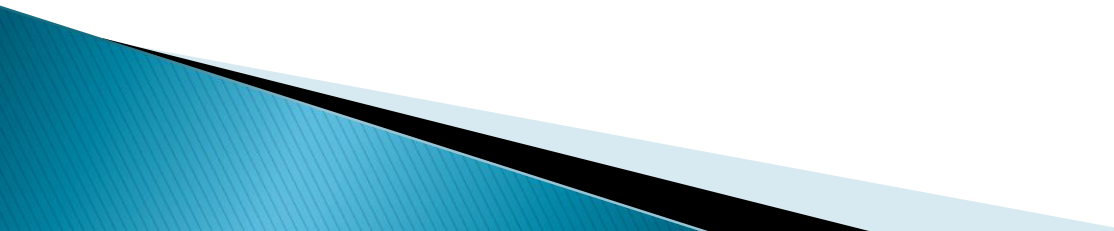
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Some good reasons:

- **What do you enjoy studying?**
 - **What would be useful?**
 - **What will work well together?**
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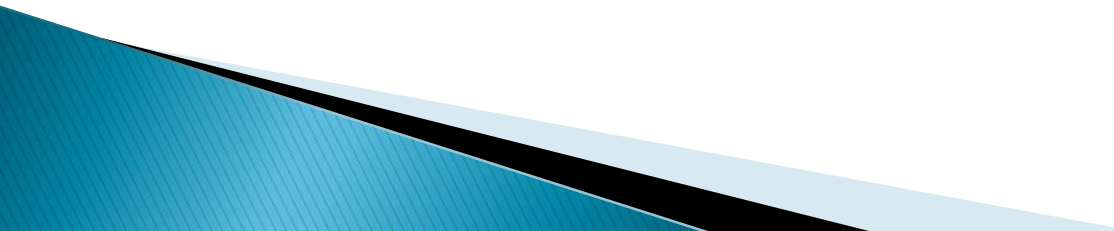
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Worth taking time to:

- **Speak to the teachers**
 - **Ask Y10–Y11 GCSE students**
 - **Do your research**
 - **Seek careers advice**
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Plan ahead:

- **What do you see yourself doing as a career/job?**
 - **Work backwards: what university or training course would lead to that career?**
 - **Work backwards: what A levels will you need?**
 - **Work backwards: what GCSEs do you need?**
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Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday, 2nd February:
Options Assembly (Introduction)
 - Wednesday, 9th March:
Year 9 Progress and Options Evening, options booklets handed out
 - Monday, 14th March:
 - Option Choice forms to be returned to tutors
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