## Year 8 Options 2024

## A Chauhan

Joint Head of Lower College

## Year 8 Options Presentation

FORMAL PRESENTATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINS

PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE OPTIONS PROCESS AND KEY STAFF WHO CAN PROVIDE ADVICE AND SUPPORT

| Joint Head of Lower College | Mr Chauhan |
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| Year Manager | Mr Andrews |
| Progress Leader | Mrs Edwards |
| Art, Craft \& Design, BTEC Art | Mrs Judd / Mr Connell |
| Textiles | Miss Dillon |
| Business | Mrs Clelland |
| Careers Co-Ordinator | Mrs Ospina |
| Citizenship | Mrs Ospina |
| History | Mr Powell |
| Computer Science | Mrs Valu / Miss Ingram |
| LAMDA | Mr Abay |
| D\&T - Electronics | MrThomas |
| Engineering | MrThomas |
| D\&T - Product Design | MrThomas |
| Food Preparation and Nutrition | Mrs Jackson |
| Geography | Ms Bauduin, Miss Castro |
| French \& Spanish | Mrs Truglio |
| Music Arts Award | Mrs Edwards |
| Project | Mr Beer |
| Cambridge National Award Sport Studies |  |



Five options altogether

- Three in year 8
- Two in year 9




## The English Baccalaureate

EBacc subjects are the core academic subjects and are regularly asked for by college and university courses as they are seen to be academic and ambitious - worth bearing in mind when you are deciding which GCSEs to take.

You don't need to have studied all of these to go to university, but having a GCSE mix steered towards EBacc subjects will help keep your options open for further study and future careers. EBacc subjects consist of the following choices:

- GCSE English Language and Literature
- GCSE Maths
- GCSE Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- GCSE Combined Science Trilogy
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Languages - French, Spanish
- GCSE History
- GCSE Geography

To achieve the EBacc, students need to study a Language and a Humanities subject alongside English, Maths and Science.

## Three Choices to make in year

## 8

- A Free Choice option(3 years)
- A One Year option
- An EBacc option (3 years)
- Art, Craft and


## Three Year Free Choice Option

 Design- Textile Design
- Citizenship Studies
- Computer Science
- D\&T-Product Design
- D\&T-Electronics
- Engineering in Manufacture
- Food Preparation \& Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- French
- Spanish


Year Option


PROJECT-LEVEL 2 HIGHER


DRAMA (LAMDA)


GCSE SPANISH OR FRENCH


BTEC LEVEL 2 TECH AWARD IN ART AND DESIGN ARTS AWARD


MUSIC ARTS AWARD

## Geography

Three Year
History
EBacc Option

## Spanish

French

## Likely Option Subjects for Year 10

GCSE Art, craft \& Design
GCSE Business
Btec Tech Award in Child Development
GCSE Computer Science
GCSE Drama
GCSE Film Studies
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
Cambridge Nationals in Creative iMedia
Cambridge Nationals in IT
GCSE Media Studies
Level 2 Vocational Award In Performing Arts
GCSE Photography
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Sociology
Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Sports Science

## Process

- Assembly programme designed to give information and advice to students
- Students and parents read through booklet and other information provided to help them make their choices
- Speak to teaching staff at Year 8 Parents' Evening on $7^{\text {th }}$ March
- All students will receive an interview to discuss
 their choices
- Students will have access to Year 11 Student Leaders who have gone through the process and can offer advice
- Complete online options form to be completed by March 15 ${ }^{\text {th }}$

1. Choose one choice for the 3 year Free choice option

O GCSE Art, Craft and Design
GCSE Textiles

GCSE Citizenship
GCSE Computer Science
D\&T Product Design
O D\&T Electronics
Cambridge National - Engineering
GCSE Food Preparation \& Nutrition
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE French
GCSE Spanish

GCSE Textiles
GCSE Citizenship
GCSE Computer Science
D\&T Product Design
O\&T Electronics
Cambridge National - Engineering
GCSE Food Preparation \& Nutrition
GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE French
GCSE Spanish

# Options Form - Deadline Friday 15 March 

Will be emailed to all students week beginning February $5^{\text {th }}$

## Possible pathways

| 3 Year Free choice | 1 Year | 3 Year EBacc |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Technology (D\&T - Electronics, <br> Engineering, D\&T - Product <br> Design, Food, Textiles) | LAMDA | French |


| 2 Year | 2 Year |
| :--- | :--- |
| Film Studies | Photography |

# Possible pathways 

| 3 Year Free choice | 1 Year | 3 Year EBacc |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Citizenship | Spanish | Geography |


| 2 Year | 2 Year |
| :--- | :--- |
| Psychology | GCSE PE |

## Possible pathways

| 3 Year Free choice | 1 Year | 3 Year EBacc |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Art | Computer Science | Spanish |


| 2 Year | 2 Year |
| :--- | :--- |
| Business | History |

## Possible pathways

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| Citizenship | Project | History |


| 2 Year | 2 Year |
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| iMedia | Sociology |

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| Technology (D\&T - Electronics, Engineering, D\&T | LAMDA | French |
| - Product Design, Food, Textiles) | Business | Spanish |
| Art | Citizenship | Geography |
| Citizenship | Computer Science | History |
| Computer Science | Project |  |
| Geography | Spanish |  |
| History | French |  |
| Spanish | Brec Art |  |
| French | Sport Studies |  |
|  | Music Arts Award |  |


| 2Year | 2 Year |
| :--- | :--- |
| Art | Art |
| Business | Business |
| Childcare | Childcare |
| Computer Science | Computer Science |
| Drama | Drama |
| Film Studies | Film Studies |
| Geography | Geography |
| History | History |
| iMedia | iMedia |
| Media | Media |
| Music | Music |
| Photography | Photography |
| GCSE PE | GCSE PE |
| Psychology | Psychology |
| Sociology | Sociology |
| Sports Science | Sports Science |
| Performing Arts | Performing Arts |
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# MrThomas 

Head of Technology

## Technology Options

- We offer 5 courses which all exist in the 3 year free choice option.
- This means you can only select one Technology subject from these options.

Design \& Technology (Product Design)

- Design \& Technology (Electronics)
- Engineering Manufacture
- Food \& Nutrition
- Art Textiles


## Technology Options

- This year we have changed our Electronics option.
- The course will now follow the AQA Design \& Technology specification (the same course as our Product Design route).
- The exam content will be the same, but the projects will have an electronics focus.
- Why take a Technology option?
- Our courses have a large coursework element (50-60\%).
- Each course offers hands on experience in our specialist rooms with industry standard equipment.
- Our results are consistently good!
- However....
- All Technology subjects will include a lot of time working on computers writing up work.
- There is a lot of specialist knowledge needed for the exam (like every other subject).
- They are not "easy option".


## Technology Options

## OCR ENGINEERING MANUFACTURE

- Taught by MrThomas \& Mrs Alley-Mohindra
- $60 \%$ Coursework split across 2 units.
- $40 \%$ Exam (1h 3omins)
- Design \& make products using machinery such as lathes, milling machines, welders.
- Use CAD/CAM to make products using computers.


## AQA D\&T (ELECTRONICS)

- Taught by Mr Abay
- $50 \%$ Coursework (1 unit)
- 50\% Exam (2hrs)
- Design and Make a product for a client/target market.
- Design and build circuit boards.
- Use these circuits to build smart products.


## AQA D\&T (PRODUCT DESIGN)

- Taught by Mr Calder \& Mrs Alley-Mohindra
- $50 \%$ Coursework (1 unit)
- $50 \%$ Exam (2hrs)
- Design and Make a product for a client/target market.
- Use a range of materials/processes....woods /metals /plastics/ fabrics/ card/ electronics
- Be creative and imaginative.
- Work independently


## EDUQAS FOOD PREPARATION \& NUTRITION

- Taught by Mrs Adya
- $50 \%$ Coursework (2 unit)
- 50\% Exam (2hrs)
- The course is very deep and is only suitable for students who have good written skills and interest in Cooking.
- It covers the principles of nutrition, food security, Food Commodities, the service of food, cooking and food preparation.


## ART TEXTILES

- Taught by Miss Conniford.
- $100 \%$ coursework (including a 10 hour exam piece).
- Students learn to analyse the work of designers and artists as well as key textiles techniques.
- These are applied in $\mathrm{Y}_{10}$ and 11 to create sketchbooks and practical outcomes.
- The final piece is made at the end of year 11 where the quality of the final piece and sketchbook is considered.


