

# **WELCOME**

## **YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2021-2023**

*'Making the right choice for me.'*

Ms Clarke-Deputy Head  
Ms Jones-Assistant Head  
Ms Saleem-DSD Year 9





“The choices you make now, the people you surround yourself with, they all have the potential to affect your life, even who you are, forever.”



# The Options Process

Options Evening 14th January



Remote Options interviews  
WB 25th January

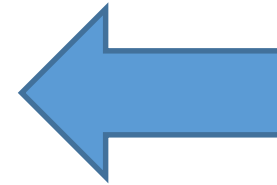


Provisional Offer Letter – April



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Students must know what they want to do by this date



No changes allowed except for educational reasons which are exceptional

# Compulsory Subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Core PE
- PSHE



# Compulsory Subject - Science



You take:

Separate Sciences— Physics,  
Chemistry and Biology

OR

Combined Science

# Option Subjects

- You must choose four subjects.
- Subjects are arranged in four blocks – you choose your top preferences from each and 2 reserve choices



# Reasons for Selecting Optional Subjects

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**BAD**

## Reasons for Selecting Optional Subjects

- ✓ Friends
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Pressure
- ✓ Easy
- ✓ Nothing else

**DON'T EVEN  
THINK  
ABOUT IT**

# Option Subjects

Art  
 Business  
 Computer Science  
 Drama  
 Food  
 French  
 Geography  
 Graphics  
 History  
 IT (Cambridge National)  
 Media  
 Music  
 PE  
 Performing Arts (BTEC)  
 Religious Studies  
 Sociology  
 Spanish

By invitation only:  
 English as a Second Language  
 Study Support (Functional Skills)  
 Personal Development and Employability

All courses are subject to sufficient student numbers.

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Geography	Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History	History
French	French	French	French
Spanish	Business	Business	Spanish
Business	Computer Science	Information Technology	Business
Computer Science	Food Preparation & Nutrition	Art & Design	Information Technology
Graphics	Graphics	Religious Studies	Art & Design
Religious Studies	Music	Sociology	PE GCSE
Sociology	Media	Performing Arts	Sociology
Drama	Study Support (Functional Skills) *	Study Support (Functional Skills) *	Media
Study Support (Functional Skills) *	Personal Development & Employability *	Personal Development & Employability *	Study Support (Functional Skills) *
	PE GCSE		English as a Second Language OR ELC Step up to English*

# English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) Subjects

## **What is it not?**

Not a qualification

## **So what is it?**

Collection of subjects

Maths and English;

Science(s)/Computer Science;

French/Spanish;

Geography/History;

## **Why might it be useful for me?**

Valued by government and employers

Greater choice at University

Open more degree doors than other subjects

# Vocational Courses



- Performing Arts BTEC
- Information Technology Cambridge National

Value

# GCSE in a home language

- Highly successful in previous years
- Home language courses we can support you with
- You will be asked this in your options interview



**Any questions please see Ms Augustyniak**

# Broad and Balanced Curriculum



Some combinations are not allowed:

- Art & Graphics
- Drama and Performing Arts
- ICT and Computing

Success across subjects not just in a few

# Guidance

- Options Assembly
- PSHE lessons
- Guidance from home
- Guidance from form tutors
- Guidance from subject staff
- Options Interviews





# >Preston Manor website

## >Students

## >Year 9 Options January 2021



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## Year 9 Options January 2021

Year 9 students will be selecting their GCSE Options at the end of January 2021. Please click [here](#) to see another copy of the Options booklet.

Please click the hyperlinks below for further information about the GCSE options:

[Art GCSE](#)

[Business Studies GCSE](#)

[Computer Science GCSE](#)

[Drama GCSE](#)

[Geography GCSE](#)

[Graphics GCSE](#)

[History GCSE](#)

[Information Technology Cambridge National](#)

[Media Studies GCSE](#)

[Music GCSE](#)

[Modern Languages \(French and Spanish\) GCSE](#)

[Performing Arts](#)

[Physical Education GCSE](#)

[Religious Studies GCSE](#)

[Sociology GCSE](#)



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# Key points to take away

- Ensure you and your child have read through the Options booklet
- Look on the website for further information about each GCSE option, including videos from different subjects
- Ensure your child completes their choices form at the back of the Options booklet-they must be prepared for their Options interview
- Ensure your child attends their Remote Options interview WB 25th January on Zoom-feel free to attend with them

# Questions...

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email:

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Thank you for your support with this important process.