



options

Your choice at Key Stage 4



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Aims of this presentation

options

- ▶ To understand:
 - Compulsory, and option subjects at KS4
 - Top tips to help in the process
 - The options form and the process
 - Useful contacts

Core curriculum & option Choices

English	5
Mathematics	4
Science	5
Core PE	2
Option 1	3
Option 2	3
Option 3	3
Total	25

The EBacc – English Baccalaureate

What is it?

The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is a performance measure for schools, not a qualification for students. It is not compulsory. It shows where students have secured a grade 5 or above across a range of academic subjects (English, maths, science, geography or history, and a language).

Aim = 75% by 2022, and 90% by 2025

Can students at Kingswood do the EBacc?

Yes, and we encourage and promote the EBacc for students who we believe will enjoy and be successful with this route, but we do not make it compulsory. The EBacc is a more academic pathway and demonstrates a broad academic education. All students will be doing English, maths and science already, so if you want to do the EBacc then choose geography or history and a language.

Mrs Paul (Curriculum Leader for Humanities and Vocational) will be speaking further with some identified students tomorrow morning. We've also shared with the students a new trip to France that we are running for EBacc students



Available Options Choices

(All of the following are high quality Level 2 qualifications, GCSEs or equivalent that have been approved by the government)

Art and Design (BTEC)	Health and Social Care (CNAT)
Business – Enterprise and Marketing (CNAT)	History (GCSE)
Child Development (CNAT) – New	IT Information Technology – (CNAT)
Dance (BTEC)	Physical Education (GCSE)
DT – Food (WJEC Level 1 / 2 Technical Award)	Religious Studies (GCSE)
DT – Engineering Design (CNAT)	Spanish (GCSE)
Drama (BTEC)	Sports Studies (CNAT)
French (GCSE)	Textiles (BTEC – Certificates under Art)
Geography (GCSE)	<i>Separate Science (GCSE)</i> <i>Not part of the Options process</i>



s for students

consider:

are they good at? (Also see reports)

- ▶ which subjects do they enjoy the most?
- ▶ Which subjects might be useful for any possible career aspirations?
- ▶ What is their preferred learning style? Practical? Academic?

Top Tip – Try to make sure that your child has a good ‘balance’ of subjects in the choices that you make.

Top Tip – Look at past reports to check on progress.

Top Tip – Ensure the focus is on the subjects they enjoy rather than the teacher or being with a particular friend

Top Tip – Be very careful to choose courses that your child will stick with for two / three years – it causes **students** an enormous amount of work to switch subjects.

Really important to think carefully and choose for the right reasons

What students have to say...

Year 9:

Ellis

Deanne

Nellija



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there is no booking required for the presentations, please ensure you do not book any appointments with teachers at your chosen time.

The online facility will be open to make appointments from 9:00am on Thursday 27 January until 12 noon on Thursday 10 February. **The login details are your name and email address and your child's name and date of birth.** Please choose the 'Year 8 options and parents' evening' and follow the on-screen instructions for making appointments. If you are unable to use this system please speak to the Year 8 Office directly to make appointments.

[Y8 Options booklet 2022](#) PDF[DOWNLOAD](#) ▾[Y8 Options form 2022](#) PDF[DOWNLOAD](#) ▾

The Options Form

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- ▶ To complete the form you need to identify 6 preferences and list in order. The priority really matters!
- ▶ First choice must be Geography / History / French / Spanish
- ▶ Some combinations are not allowed e.g. Dance and Drama, or Art and Textiles
- ▶ Not everyone gets what they want! It is not guaranteed that all options will run.
- ▶ Courses can and occasionally do change

Year 8 Options Application Form

Name

Your first choice **MUST** be either Geography, History, French or Spanish. Put a 1 next to your choice.

You then have five more preferences to indicate.

Number these 2/3/4/5/6, in order of importance to you.

All preferences will be evaluated for suitability. If we do need to make changes, then we will communicate with students and/or parents.

Subject combination restrictions:

There are some subject combinations that we do not allow students to do (because the government believes them to have too much subject overlap). Combinations that are not allowed include:

- Art / Textiles (you can only do one of these two)
- Dance / Drama (you can only do one of these two)

Form

Please tick here if you are interested in studying The Separate Sciences. ☐

This is not one of your options choices. It is an additional commitment which will involve significant additional independent study.

This is an expression of interest and not a guarantee of a place on the course.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Tutor Signature: _____

Tutor/Parent comments (if required)

Art & Design (BTEC) - (you cannot do this with Textiles)	
Business – Enterprise and Marketing (CNAT)	
Child Development (CNAT)	
Engineering Design (CNAT) (You can only choose this if you undertook the Engineering Taster Day)	
French (GCSE)	
Geography (GCSE)	
Health and Social Care (CNAT)	
History (GCSE)	
Hospitality & Catering (Tech Award)	
Information Technology (CNAT)	
Performing Arts - Dance (BTEC) – (you cannot do this with Drama)	
Performing Arts - Drama (BTEC) - (you cannot do this with Dance)	
Physical Education (GCSE/CNAT)	
Religious Studies (GCSE)	
Spanish (GCSE)	
Textiles (BTEC) - (you cannot do this with Art)	

All forms must be returned by Tuesday 22nd February 2022

You can return this form by post to:

Y8 Options, Kingswood Secondary Academy, Gainsborough Road, Corby,
Northants, NN18 9NS

The form can also be handed in at reception, it must be enveloped and marked 'Y8 Options'

Alternatively, you can send a scan/photo of the form by email to
ksaoptions@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

Returning your form:
You have several ways:

1. Email

ksaoptions@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org

2. Post your form back to Kingswood marked "Y8 Options"

3. Drop your form in at Reception

In all cases please make sure that you clearly state:

- Your child's name and form
- Option choices 1–6 and that these are in priority order
- If you wish to express an interest in studying the Separate Sciences and your child undertaking extra work for this

The process:

- ▶ This presentation now
 - ▶ Students continue speaking to teachers
 - ▶ Form Tutors, Year Team, Mrs Skorwider (SENDSCO)
 - ▶ Y8 Options Booklet on our website
 - ▶ Final options forms returned by Tuesday 22nd February.
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Really what this is about is preparing you for the next stage of your life.... For example you must have a minimum of five good passes to move into the Sixth Form; this process begins now.

Get thinking, get talking, start making big decisions

Useful contacts

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Staff	Role	Contact
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