



RUSKIN

Community High School

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YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION

2024-26

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- Throughout Years 10 & 11 students will study for, and take, their Level 2 qualifications.
- These include GCSE and Vocational qualifications
- The options process is a critical time in a young person's education where they start to take steps towards the career of their choice.

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM CORE CURRICULUM



All students will study the following subjects:

- English (English Literature and English Language)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education (Short course GCSE)
- ICT
- Physical Education
- PSCHE & RSE

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OPTION CHOICES

E-BACC Subjects

- Computer Science
- Geography
- History
- French
- German
- Spanish

- ✓ Students will select **4** subjects to study
- ✓ All students will be asked to select at least 1 subject from the E-BACC list.
- ✓ Some students should consider selecting a suite of subjects which makes the **English Baccalaureate**.

- + English, Mathematics and Science
- + Humanities (Geography or History)
- + Modern Foreign Language

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OPTION CHOICES



Open Subjects - GCSE

- Art
- Business
- Citizenship
- Design and Technology
- Electronics
- Food and Nutrition
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Psychology
- Philosophy & Ethics
- Statistics

GCSE

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KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM OPTION CHOICES

Open Subjects – Vocational

- Art
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality
- Creative iMedia
- PE
- Performing Arts

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SEND SUPPORT WITH OPTIONS

MRS CROSS

- SEN support will be provided and guidance given throughout the options process.
- There will be a Humanities course and a life skills option tailored to the needs of specific students. These will run alongside options selected.
- When making your choices you should consider the make up of the subject – is there a lot of writing? Is there more than 1 exam?
- Students on the SEND register can make an appointment with me during Options Evening to discuss potential options moving forward and to address any concerns.

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS

MR HARTLEY

- Options evening – Wednesday 28th February 4.00-6.45pm
- Only make appointments for options which your child is interested in taking in Y10.
- Mrs Webster (careers advisor), Mr Hartley (YAM) and Miss Szymura (Deputy Headteacher) will be available to discuss choices with you.

OPTIONS ADVICE

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What subjects do you enjoy?
- What subjects are you doing well at already?
- What career path would you like to follow?
- What college course would you like to do?
- What university courses are you interested in?
- Do not pick a subject because...
- Your friends are doing it
- You think it will be easy
- You like the teacher



FOLLOWING OPTIONS EVENING STUDENTS WILL SELECT:

- 1st choice subject
- 2nd choice subject
- 3rd choice subject
- 4th choice subject
- 1st reserve
- 2nd reserve

At least 1 E-Bacc subject must be selected.