



# Key Stage 4 Courses Evening

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24 JANUARY 2019

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# Tonight we aim to

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Provide you with an understanding of the curriculum students will study in Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4).

Explain what is meant by the 'core' and 'options' curriculum.

Provide information to help students make their choices.



# The Options Process

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**Assemblies** – presentations about each option subject 14-18 January.

**Students Option Book** – distributed on 15-18 January.

**KS4 Courses Book** – distributed on Tuesday 22 January.

All students will have a **group work session** with Mrs Pearce

**Key Stage 4 Courses Evening** 24 January.

**Careers Event** – 25 local/national employers 29-31 January.



# Who can help?

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Mrs Basso

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Pearce

Student Pathways Manager

Mr Wren

Head of Year

Ms Adams

Assistant Head of Year

Mrs Scarsbrook

SENCO

Ms Weller

Deputy SENCO

Tutors



# Key Stage 4: The Curriculum

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All students will study 'core' subjects – 5 subjects.

In addition, students will select 3 options.

Fewer than previous years

Increase deep learning

More time in English and Mathematics





# The Core Curriculum

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English Language	1 GCSE
English Literature	1 GCSE
Mathematics	1 GCSE
Science	2 GCSEs
Philosophy & Ethics*	1 GCSE
PE & PSHE	are not examined

TOTAL            6 GCSEs

32 out of 50 lessons or 64% of a timetable





# The Core Curriculum – why?

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## Legislation

Needed by college and employers who demand good levels of literacy and numeracy.

English and Maths – resit post 16 if students do not achieve grade 5 or above.



# The Options

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You select 3 courses that you would like to study.

Blocks – you have to choose 1 subject from each block.

Each subject will have 6 teaching hours per fortnight.

Options occupy 18 out of 50 lessons or 36% of a timetable

6 core subjects + 3 option subject = 9 qualifications





# Some changes to examinations

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Graded 9-1 with 9 being the highest grade.

Greater emphasis on testing at the end of the course – reduction in Non Examined Assessment.

Greater emphasis on the quality of written communication, good literacy skills.

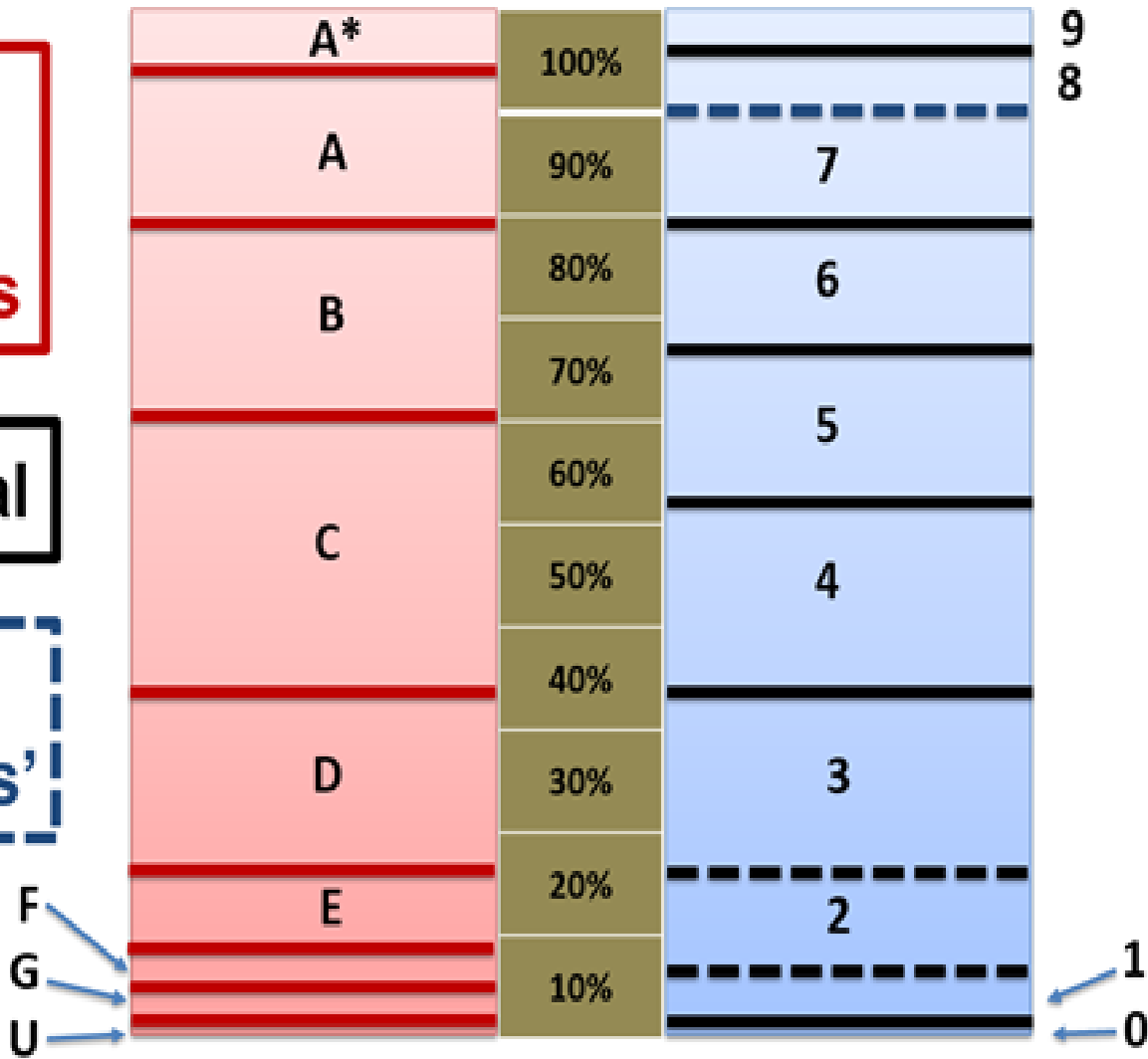
Changes to the school leaving age – need to be in education or training to age 18.



**2013  
All  
GCSEs**

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# Performance Measures

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From 2016:

- Progress 8 – progress students make against expected progress over 8 subjects – one average grade for entire cohort.
- Attainment 8 – Average grade of an entire cohort across 8 subjects.
- % achieving EBACC.
- % C/5 and above in English and Maths.

# Qualifications – GCSE Level 2

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General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mainly terminal examination.  
Some Non Examined Assessment.

Viewed as academic.

Grades 9-1.



# Reformed GCSEs

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- will have more demanding content
- have been designed for a two-year period of study
- will be linear, so students will take all of their exams at the end of the course
- degree of non-exam assessment will reflect balance and nature of new subject content
- will have a new grading scale from 9 (top grade) to 1  
students studying combined science will receive one of 17 possible grades, from 9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7... to 1-1

# GCSE Courses

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12 courses on offer

Art  
Business  
Computing  
French  
Geography  
History  
Media Studies  
Product Design  
Spanish  
Sport  
Textiles  
Triple Science



# Science GCSEs are changing in England

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- Students do at least 8 practical activities (16 for combined science) covering specific apparatus and techniques.
- Exam questions about practical work make up at least 15% of the total marks for the qualification.
- As with all reformed GCSEs, the content is more challenging than previous GCSEs graded A\* to G.
- Each single science will be worth one GCSE grade. Combined science will be an award worth 2 GCSEs.
- Students taking separate science GCSEs will get a grade from 9 to 1 for each subject, with 9 being the highest grade.
- Students studying combined science will receive an award worth two GCSEs, consisting of two equal or adjacent grades from 9 to 1 (9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7, 7-7...to 1-1).
- If the numbers are different, the highest number will always be reported on the left.
- The new grades have been brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.

# Vocational Level 2 Qualifications

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2 courses on offer

Hospitality and Catering

Information Communication Technology





# Qualifications - BTEC

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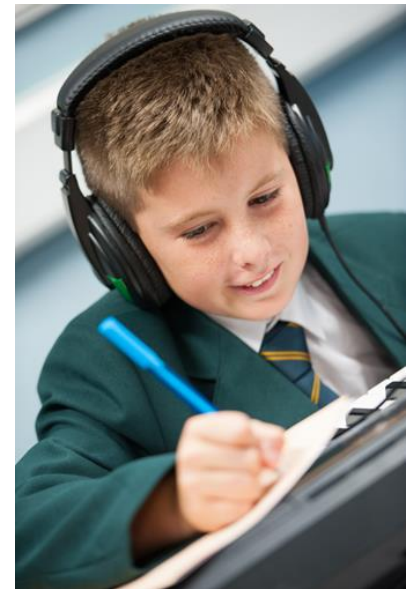
Business Technology and Education Council

Mixture of Portfolio work (25%) and External Assessment (75%, 25%).

1 GCSE equivalent.

Level 2 = 9-4

Level 1 = 3-1



# BTEC Courses

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4 courses on offer

Acting  
Dance  
Music  
Sport



# Vocational Pathways Courses

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Teach students specific skills required to carry out a particular job.

Taught at East Surrey College.



**Level 1 qualification only** = grades 1-3.

Students have been invited to apply – not suitable for all, limited availability.

Application and selection process to ESC via us.



# Vocational Pathways Courses

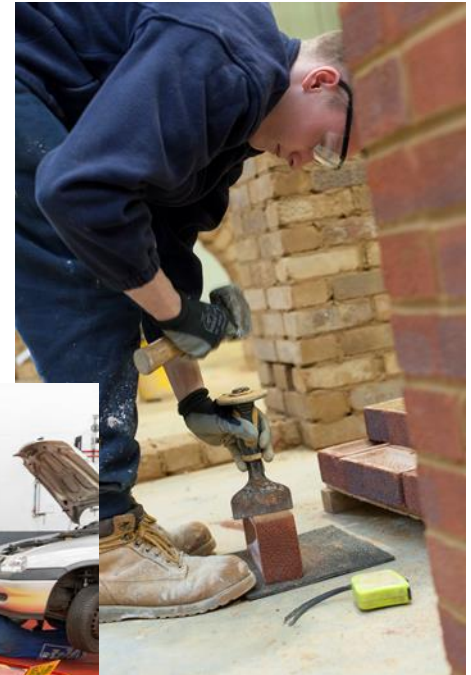
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3 courses on offer

Building and Construction

Hair and Beauty

Motor Vehicle Engineering



# Making choices

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Broad and balanced, not too similar.

Choose subjects that will allow you to keep your options for college open.

Student choices will be checked – may need to re-select.

Future pathways – some subjects can be picked up at a later date e.g. Hair, Motor, Building, Business.





# How should you choose?

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Make your choices for the right reasons. Choose a subject

If you enjoy it.

If you are good at it.

If it will be useful for your future career.

If it will provide a good foundation for your further studies.





# How should you choose?

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Make your choices for the right reasons. Do not choose a subject

If your friends are choosing it.

It sounds easy.

Because of the teacher.

**No opportunity to change subjects in Y10**



# Making your choices

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3 choices to make, plus 1 reserve for each .

Options on Line – students have had tutorial, emailed, on web site.

Deadline for completion of Options on Line is 1 March.





# Thank you

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Tour Departments (East Block) and ask questions to gather more information

Library

Mrs Basso, Mrs Pearce, Mr Wren,

Ms Adams and

East Surrey College and Reigate College

