

Welcome to Tretherras

Options
Just Ahead



YOUR OPTIONS

Year 10 & 11

2019-21

Key Dates

- Options Evening
February 11th
- Deadline for
Options Forms
February 14th

Year 9 Options Form 2019

Name:

Form:

English Block	English Language & English Literature (Two separate GCSEs)	✓
Maths Block	Mathematics	✓
Science Block	Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	✓

Please choose 5 options from the following list of subjects
Your first choice must be from the Ebacc Block (others may come from there too)
You should only place one tick in each of the five columns

Block	Subject	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
EBacc Block (At least one subject must be chosen from this block)	Humanities	Geography				
		History				
	Modern Foreign Language	French				
		Spanish				
	Computer Science					
Open Options	Art					
	Creative iMedia					
	Design & Technology					
	Drama					
	Engineering					
	Enterprise & Marketing					
	Ethics and Philosophy					
	Examination Physical Education					
	Health & Social Care					
	Hospitality & Catering					
	Media Studies					
	Music					
	Photography					
Sociology						

Humanities	Circle the Humanity subject you are studying in Y9	Geography	History
	Are you going to continue with this Humanity in Y10?	Yes	No
Modern Foreign Language	Circle the Language subject you are studying in Y9	French	Spanish
	Are you going to continue with this MFL in Y10?	Yes	No

Please return this form to Ms Ollerenshaw by **THURSDAY 14th February 2019**

Compulsory Subjects



Compulsory Exam Subjects:

English Block	English Language & English Literature (Two separate GCSEs)	✓
Maths Block	Mathematics	✓
Science Block	Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)	✓

Compulsory other Subjects:

PE and Games

**Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural
Education**

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS



WHAT ARE EBACC SUBJECTS?

- EBACC SUBJECTS ALSO REFERRED TO AS 'TRADITIONAL' OR 'FACILITATING' SUBJECTS ARE RIGOROUS ACADEMIC SUBJECTS, AND GOOD GRADES IN THESE DEMONSTRATES TO UNIVERSITIES AND EMPLOYERS HOW HARD A STUDENT CAN WORK, WHILST ALSO TEACHING SKILLS THAT ARE USEFUL IN A WIDE RANGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES AND CAREERS.
- TOP UNIVERSITIES AND EMPLOYERS **MAY** LOOK FOR CANDIDATES THAT HAVE STUDIED A MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (FRENCH OR SPANISH), AND A HUMANITY (HISTORY OR GEOGRAPHY).
- WHILST IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO CHOOSE THE FULL SUITE OF EBACC SUBJECTS, THEY ARE HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE TOP UNIVERSITIES.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

CHOOSE A **MINIMUM** OF ONE SUBJECT
FROM THE EBACC BLOCK:

EBacc Block	Humanity choice	Geography	GCSE			
		History	GCSE			
(At least one subject must be chosen from this block)	Modern Foreign Language choice	French	GCSE			
		Spanish	GCSE			
	Computer Science		GCSE			

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

CHOOSE UP TO 4
SUBJECTS FROM THE
OPEN BLOCK:

Open Options	Art				
	Creative iMedia				
	Design & Technology				
	Drama				
	Engineering				
	Enterprise & Marketing				
	Ethics and Philosophy				
	Examination Physical Education				
	Health & Social Care				
	Hospitality & Catering				
	Media Studies				
	Music				
	Photography				
Sociology					

Open Options

Art				
Creative iMedia				
Design & Technology				
Drama				
Engineering				
Enterprise & Marketing				
Ethics and Philosophy				
Examination Physical Education				
Health & Social Care				
Hospitality & Catering				
Media Studies				
Music				
Photography				
Sociology				

Within the Open Block there are a mix of GCSEs – marked in black and OCR Cambridge Nationals & WJEC Level 1&2 Awards marked in red. GCSEs subjects are typically assessed mainly through end of course written exams. OCR Cambridge Nationals & WJEC Level 1&2 have a higher degree of continuous assessment but still have external written exams.

You may select more than one subject from here, but not two Humanities or two Languages.

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	Examination Physical Education						
	Health & Social Care						
	Hospitality & Catering						
	Media Studies						
	Music						
	Photography						
	Sociology						

You may select up to 4 subjects from the Open box.

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	Design & Technology					
	Drama			✓		
	Engineering					
	Enterprise & Marketing					
	Ethics and Philosophy					
	Examination Physical Education					
	Health & Social Care				✓	
	Hospitality & Catering					
	Media Studies					✓
	Music					
	Photography					
Sociology						

This student has selected to continue just one EBacc subject (Geography).

This student has chosen their other 4 options from the open section : Art, Drama, Health & Social Care & Media.

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	Engineering				✓	
	Enterprise & Marketing					
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	Health & Social Care					
	Hospitality & Catering					
	Media Studies					
	Music			✓		
	Photography					
Sociology					✓	

This student has selected to do 2 subjects from the Ebacc Block: History & Spanish

Then they have 3 more options from the Open Block: Music, Engineering & Sociology

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	Examination Physical Education				✓	
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	Hospitality & Catering					
	Media Studies					
	Music					
	Photography					✓
Sociology						

This student has chosen 3 from the Ebacc block : History, French & Computer Science

They have then opted for PE and Photography as their last 2 options from the Open block.

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

The DfE have changed the way GCSEs are graded.

All subjects will be graded on this new 9 to 1 scale.

- **Should I base GCSE options on what I'm good at?**
- **Should I base GCSE options on what I enjoy?**
- **Should I choose a GCSE subject because I like the teacher?**
- **Should I choose a GCSE subject because my friends are doing it?**
- **How much should money and future salary be a factor when I'm choosing GCSEs?**
- **Whose advice should I listen to when choosing GCSE options?**
- **Are my A-level choices affected by the GCSE choices I make now?**
- **Do universities care about which GCSE options you choose?**
- **Should I think about how courses are marked when choosing my GCSE options?**
- **How important is it to get good grades in my GCSEs?**
- **Should I take subjects which aren't GCSEs?**
- **Does my final GCSE options list look balanced?**