



Welcome

**Year 8 Options
Information Evening
11th February 2025**

**Simon Stocks
Deputy Headteacher**

In this session

- Explain the rationale behind Wyvern's curriculum
- Explain 'E-Bacc'
- Describe your son/daughter's curriculum next year
- Explain how to complete the options form
- Describe what we do with the responses





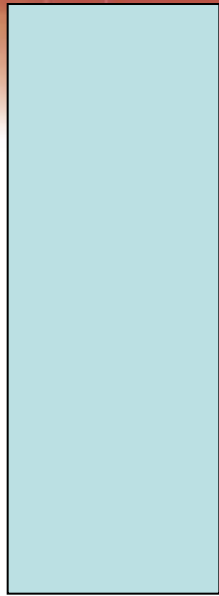
- 60 minute lessons
- 2 week timetable
- Changes to subject allocations
- Depth rather than breadth
- Single option 'window'
- No fast track / early entry examinations

What students study in Year 8

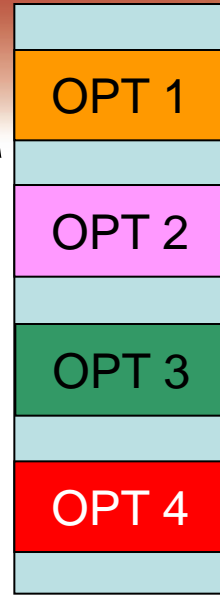


- English
- Maths
- Science
- Technology
- PE - core
- RPS – core
- French or German
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- ICT

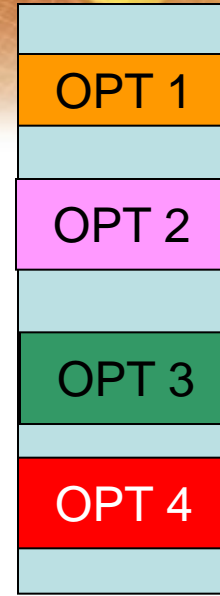
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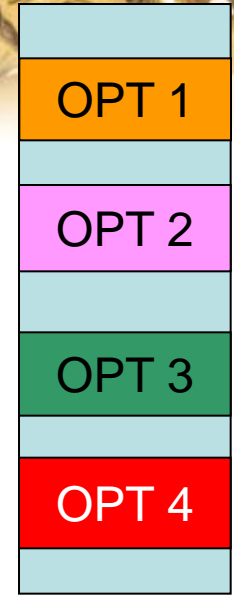
Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



GCSE's
Maths
English Language
English Literature
Science

PE
RPS

What students study in Year 9



- English X 4
- Maths X 4
- Science X 4
- PE – core X1
- RPS – core X1
- Guided Study X 1
=15hrs

Option A X 2.5

Option B X 2.5

Option C X 2.5

Option D X 2.5

=10hrs

New GCSE Grading Structure

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Some key principles



Think broad and balanced

E-Bacc

Language option/s

We will check each option combination to ensure they are appropriate

The English Baccalaureate



Which subjects are included?

1. English
2. Maths
3. Science x2
4. History or Geography
5. A Modern Foreign Language



Guidance

English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Updated 20 August 2019

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

The government's ambition is to see 75% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and 90% by 2025.

Wyvern's perspective

- **ALL** students should consider studying the E-Bacc subjects
- It ensures a broad, balanced and academic suite of GCSE qualifications
- It will ensure the widest possible range of opportunities Post 16
- It will be compulsory for Wyvern students whose **Minimum Expected Grade is 5** or above (derived from KS2 SATs / CATs)

Option subjects

Art or Photography

Citizenship

Computing

Core Premium (Extra Eng. / Maths)

Creative i-Media

Design & Technology – Textiles

Design & Technology - Timbers

Drama

Enterprise & Marketing

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French / German

Geography

Health & Social Care

History

Media Studies

Music

GCSE PE

Religious Studies

Spanish

Sports Studies



No more than two

Try not to select more than two GCSEs from any one subject area

Languages

- French
- German
- Spanish

Vocational

- Enterprise & Marketing
- Health & Social Care

ICT

- Computing
- Creative i-media

Humanities

- Citizenship
- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies

Media

- Creative I-media
- Media Studies

Arts

- Art or Photography
- Drama
- Music
- PE or Sports Studies

Technologies

- Food & Nutrition
- Design & Technology



Science

Most students will follow a standard Science pathway in
Y9/10/11

This leads to a **Combined Science(2 GCSE's)** qualification
in Y11.

It will cover Physics, Biology and Chemistry and will be
worth two GCSEs.



Triple Science



At the start of Y9 approx. 90 students will follow the **Triple Science pathway** which will consist of Biology, Chemistry and Physics – each a separate GCSE.

Entry onto Triple Science will be determined at the end of Y8 and will be based on the attainment level / PFG achieved during Y8 and PRIDe score.

Triple Science (Biol/Chem/Physics)



Who it's for?

Students who:

- PFG/MEG of 7-9 in Science
- Love science lessons
- Strong PRIDE
- Want to pursue a career in science

**YOU DO NOT NEED IT
TO ACCESS A-LEVEL COURSES**

Pros / Cons

- Greater depth
- Faster pace
- More exams (9 v 6)

NB: It is not compulsory to pursue a career in either medical or veterinary profession but would be advantageous.

Two solid GCSE in Science are better than three average ones.

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Who it's

It is NOT
part of the
options
process

- PFG/M
- LO
- M

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CORE PREMIUM

5 lessons per fortnight in Y9

In the place of an option (1 fewer GCSE's)

Study some additional English / Maths

Invite only (or by request)



OPTIONS 2024/25 YEAR 8 – YEAR 9
Overview Help Sheet

E-Bacc – YES

French

History or Geography



Select two from:

Art, Citizenship, Computing, Creative i-Media,
Design & Technology (Timbers or Textiles), Drama,
Enterprise & Marketing, Food & Nutrition,
Geography, Health & Social Studies, History, Media,
Music, GCSE PE, Photography, Religious Studies,
Spanish, Sports Studies

1

My choice:

My reserve choice(s):
1)
2)
Reasons:

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2)
Reasons:



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GCSE PE, Photography, Religious Studies,
Sports Studies

2

My choice:

My choice(s):

1)

2)

Reasons:

My reserve choice(s):

1)

2)

Reasons:



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Overview Help Sheet

3

My choice (Pick 1):



F-Bacc – YES
French, Geography or History

French

Select three from:

Art, Citizenship, Computing, Creative i-Media, Design & Technology (Timbers or Textiles), Drama, Enterprise & Marketing, Food & Nutrition, French, Geography, Health & Social Studies, History, Media, Music, GCSE PE, Photography, Religious Studies, Sports Studies

My choice(s):

1)

2) My choice(s):

3) 1)

Reasons:

Reasons:

My choice:

My reserve choice(s):

1)

2) My reserve choice(s):

Reasons:

Reasons:



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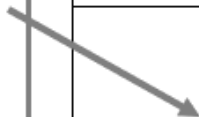
French, Geography or History

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4

My choice (Pick 1):



My choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)

Reasons:

My reserve choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)

Reasons:



FINAL OPTIONS FORM



Year 8 GCSE Options form for 2025

2

Student name	<i>NAME Pre-populated</i>	Tutor	Pre-populated
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Welcome to your options form for 2025.

Information about the options process and all subjects is available on the college website

[Options for Key Stage 4 - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

This form should be completed after:

- Year 8 Options Assembly: Tuesday 28th January 2025
- Options Evening: Tuesday 11th February 2025
- Subject Parents evening: Thursday 27th February 2025

Your choices need to be made on the reverse of this form, signed by both parent/carer and student, and the deadline is Friday 14th March 2025.

Choices received after this date will be processed after those handed in prior to the deadline.

Compulsory GCSE Subjects:

Maths	English Language	English Literature	Combined / Triple Science (2/3 GCSEs)	German
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Please choose 1 from:

GCSE Geography	GCSE History
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Please select 2 from:

Courses in bold italics are GCSE equivalent courses – see details on the [website](#)

GCSE Art <i>Creative I-Media</i>	GCSE Citizenship GCSE Drama	GCSE Computing
GCSE Design & Technology (Textiles) <i>Enterprise & Marketing</i>	GCSE Design & Technology (Timbers)	
<i>Health & Social Studies</i>	GCSE Food & Nutrition	GCSE Geography
GCSE Music	GCSE History	GCSE Media Studies
GCSE Religious Studies	GCSE PE <i>Sports Studies</i>	GCSE Photography

Choices in preference order:

1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th GERMAN
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Please choose 1 reserve choice: _____



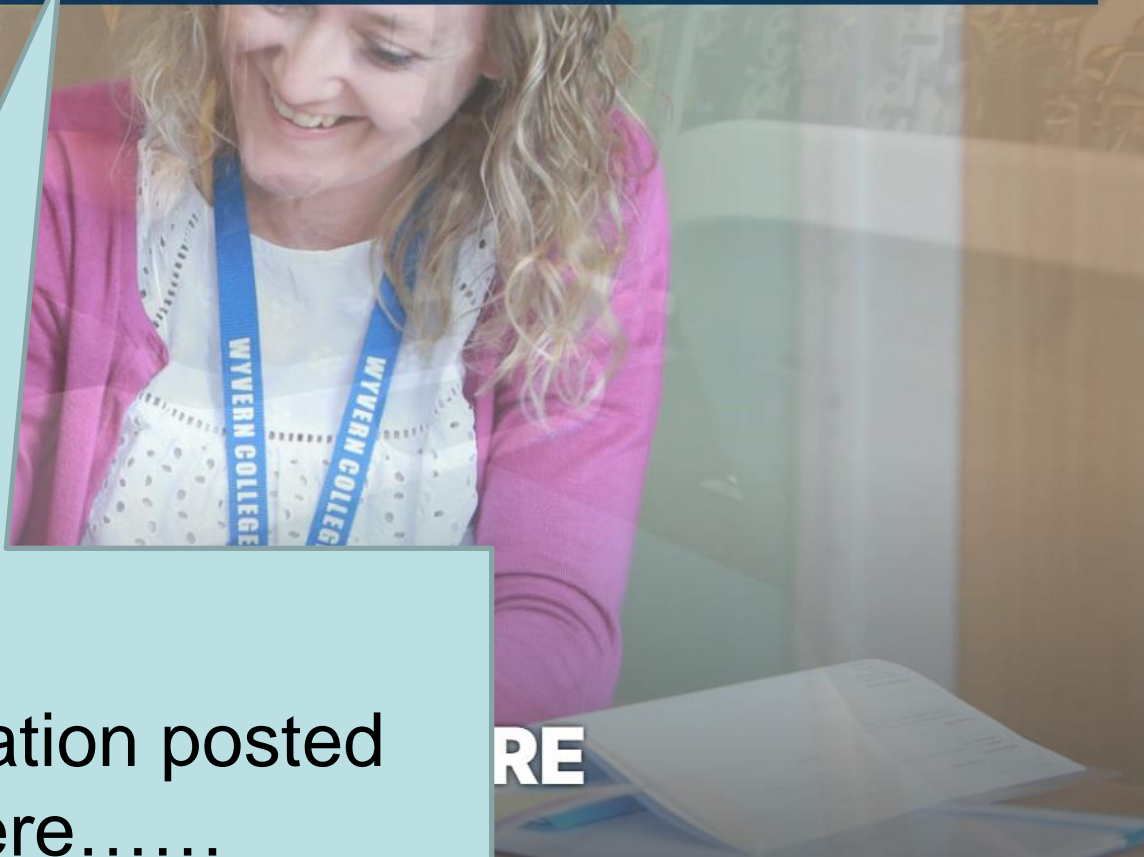
Please sign in the box below to ensure both parent / carer and student agree with option choices submitted:

Parent/Carer	Student

If there is an issue with the combination of choices selected you will be contacted shortly.

Curriculum

- [Curriculum Overview](#)
- [Extra Curricular](#)
- [Pupil and Catch Up Premium](#)
- [Exams and Revision](#)
- [Key Stage 4 Results](#)
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- [Special Education Needs and Disabilities](#)
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Information posted here.....

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Options for Key Stage 4

ALL STUDENTS SELECT THEIR KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECTS DURING THE SECOND TERM OF THEIR YEAR 8.

Below is information for students and parents about all the Key 4 subjects.

[HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS](#)



[YEAR 8 OPTIONS SUBJECTS](#)



Quality of Education Statements can be found by [clicking here](#).



Important Information

- As a large comprehensive school we have a wider choice than most schools and as a result most students will be allocated the courses they opt for.
- However, there may be cases whereby a course may not run owing to a low take up.

What if...

- **You want to change your choice before the end of this year?**
- *Let Mr Stocks know as soon as possible, and he will do his best to accommodate your request*

- **You want to change the option after you have started the course?**
- *Contact the college as soon as possible*
- *Reason needs to be supported by all parties involved*
- *Can only do this in September of 2025*

- **There are too few students wanting to study a subject?**
- *The subject will not run*

- **A course is over-subscribed?**
- *We will review the order of preference on each option form*



Options 2024

Art	Creative I-Media	Business & Enterprise	Business & Enterprise
Business & Enterprise	Computing	Creative I-Media	D&T Timbers
Core Premium	Drama	Computing	Drama
Core Premium	D&T Textiles	Citizenship	French
D&T Timbers	Food & Nutrition	D&T Timbers	Geography
Food & Nutrition	French	Food & Nutrition	German
French	German	French	German
German	History	Geography	History
History	History	History	History
History	Health & Social Care	History	Health & Social Care
GCSE PE	Media Studies	Music	GCSE PE
Photography	Applied RE	Spanish	
Sports Studies	Sports Studies		

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D&T Timbers	Food & Nutrition	D&T Timbers	Geography
Food & Nutrition	French	Food & Nutrition	German
French	German	French	German
German	History	Geography	History
History	History	History	History
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Food & Nutrition	French	Food & Nutrition	German
French	German	French	German
German	History	Geography	History
History	History	History	History
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Food & Nutrition	French	Food & Nutrition	German
French	German	French	German
German	History	Geography	History
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Planned Support

- Wyvern Options Website –
- Options Assembly (Wed 22nd January)
- Options Information via RPS lessons (Wb 27th Jan)
 - New subjects
 - Decision making activities
- Subject based parents' evening – Thursday 27th February
- Options form issued Friday 28th February



Want to know more?

- Tutor
- Subject teacher
- Curriculum Leader
- Pastoral Leader
- Mrs J Gough [Careers]





New subjects' advice: ask -

Computer Science – Dr Walker

Citizenship – Mrs Adam

Creative I-Media – Mrs Holbrook-Bull

Enterprise & Marketing – Ms Read

Health & Social Care – Mrs Kenway

Media Studies – Mrs Bartlett

Photography – Mrs Brock

Sports Studies – Mr Woodward



Want to know more?

Book a consultation with Mrs Gough on
Parents Evening - Thursday 27th February.

Key Dates



**OPTION FORM
DEADLINE
FRIDAY 14th March
2025**



OPTIONS 2024

Name: [REDACTED]

Tutor: 8A1

Your confirmed choices for Y9 are:

- Business & Enterprise (Cambridge Technicals Certificate Level 2)
- History (GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course)
- Spanish (GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course)
- French (GCSE 9 - 1 Full Course)

Mr Stocks

Question to ask?



Please contact the school if you have any questions

- Son/daughter make direct approach
- Email relevant staff member – information on Options Website
- s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk
- Phone the school 02380 692679
- These will be directed to Mr Stocks

Option subjects

Art or Photography **A1**
Citizenship **RE2**
Computing **IT2**
Creative i-Media **IT2**
Design & Technology **T6**
Drama **E3**
Enterprise & Marketing **IT1**
Media Studies **E9**
Food Preparation & Nutrition **T2**

French / German / Spanish **L1**
Geography **G2**
Health & Social Care **E1**
History **H3**
Music **MCR**
GCSE PE **E5**
Religious Studies **RE2**
Sports Studies **E6**

Careers / Questions **Reception area**

Department	Room
Art or Photography	A1
Careers advice	Reception area
Computing & Creative <u>iMedia</u>	IT2
Design & Technology (Timbers or Textiles)	T6
Drama	E3
Enterprise & Marketing	IT1
Media Studies	E9
Food Preparation & Nutrition	T2
French, German & Spanish	L3
GCSE PE	E5
General questions	Reception area
Geography	G2
Health & Social Care	E1
History	H3
Music	Music room
Religious studies & Citizenship	RE2
Sports Studies	E6

