

STO/JSS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Options Process 2020

We are writing to you to inform you of some changes we are making to our options process for 2020. From September 2020, students will study a three-year Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9) and will begin their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) studies in Year 10. This change is being made to ensure students have the opportunity to study a broad curriculum for as long as possible. It will enable students to continue studying a range of subjects in Year 9, giving them a better foundation on which to make their GCSE option choices at the end of that year.

As part of these changes students will continue to study a strong academic core of subjects including English, Maths, Science, Languages and Humanities subjects. In addition to this, students will be able to choose three additional subjects from our Physical and Creative Arts Faculty and Technology Faculty.

Compulsory subjects in Year 9	Option subjects in Year 9 (students choose three)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● English● Maths● Science● Geography● History● Spanish● Religious Studies● Core ICT● Core PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Art● Music● Drama● Additional PE● Food● Textiles● Resistant Materials● Additional ICT

In the summer term of Year 9 (2021) a further options process will take place in order to allow students to make their final GCSE choices. In addition to English, Maths and Science students will choose four option subjects. At this stage we plan to offer new subjects which students can study in Year 10 and 11, such as Business Studies and Triple Science.

In the week commencing 30th March assemblies will be held for all year 8 students to explain the process to them. In a change to previous correspondence, there will now be one Options Information Evening on **Thursday 23rd April at 6pm on the Shakespeare Campus.**

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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