

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Year 9 Options  
Assembly**

# Your GCSEs Matter

Grades in these subjects will effect your choices and the range of options open to you at the end of Year 11:-

- Higher level course at school or college
  - Course entry requirements often specify grades in these subjects
- Jobs or apprenticeships
  - Many employers will look for students with 9-5 grades in these subjects
- University
  - The majority of universities require English and maths at grade 5 or above

# Subjects and Related Careers

- **English:** Journalism, Law, Politics, Media, Social Work, Teaching, etc.....
- **Maths:** Accountancy, Business, Construction, Computer Programming, Engineering, Finance, Health, Science careers, Teaching, etc...
- **Science:** Construction, Engineering, Environmental work, Health, Technology, Other science careers (eg. Psychology, Veterinary work, Astronomy)
- **Religious Studies:** Can help in careers such as Social Work, Social Care, Nursing, Counselling, Youth Work, Community Work, Law or Politics and teaching.

# Subjects and Related Careers

- **Geography**: Travel & Tourism, Environmental Work, Transport & Logistics, Landscape Architecture Planning (town & country), Surveying, Geology, Estate Management
- **History**: Law, Politics, Journalism, Archeology, Museums, Heritage, Costume Design, Conservation
- **Languages**: Translation & Interpretation, Travel & Tourism, Teaching, Sales & Exports, Legal & Financial areas, Journalism
- **ICT**: Useful for many jobs, Engineering, Computer Science, Games Design, Media, Marketing, Administration etc...
- **Art & Design**: Design work in Publishing, Computer Games, Clothes/Textiles, Websites, Teaching, Film, Theatre or Arts, Exhibition/Retail Displays

# Subjects and Related Careers

- **Design Technology:** Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering, Motor Mechanics, ICT careers
- **Sport:** Teaching, Leisure Centres/Gyms, Coaching, Outdoor work, Armed Forces, Sports Science

# Reasons to Choose Subjects

## **Smart** Choices

- Because you like the subject
- Because you think you will be good at the subject
- Because it interest you
- Because it may link to future career ideas

## **Less** Smart Choices

- Because your friends are taking the subject
- Because you like the teacher
- Because you think it will be easy
- Because your brother/sister took the subject
- It is a new subject and you don't really know what it involves

# Changes to Qualifications

- A new grading system has been introduced. Students will be awarded a grade from 1 to 9, with 9 being the highest.
- Tiering will only be used in some subjects eg Maths and Science
- Most of the new GCSEs will be fully linear with assessment at the end of the course
- Exams for most subjects will be the default method of assessment

# Core Curriculum

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Combined or Triple)
- Religious Studies
- PSHE, Citizenship, Careers
- PE (core)
  
- All pupils will continue to study a GCSE in either Arabic or Urdu



# Combined Science Pathway

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D (after school – OPTIONAL)
Art & Design	History	Graphics	Spanish
Computing	Geography		
PE			

# Triple Science Pathway

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D (after school - OPTIONAL)
Art & Design	History	n/a	Spanish
Computing	Geography		
PE			

# Out of Hours Lessons

- Spanish – 1 hour a week
- Intervention lessons
- Enrichment activities – DoE, Sports

# Timeline

1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Options Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	Completed Options forms handed in

# Completed Forms

Most students can study the subjects that they have chosen unless:

- Choices do not match the ability level
- There are too many students who want to study that subject
- There are not enough students who want to study that subject so it is withdrawn