

Year 9 Options Evening

Mrs Hudson – Head Teacher

Mr Lacey – Assistant Head Teacher

Miss Thomas – Assistant Head Teacher

Mr Stockdale – Assistant Head Teacher



Progress 8 measure



English

Double-weighted*



Maths

Double-weighted



EBacc qualifications

(sciences, computer science, geography,
history and languages)



'Open group'

**Remaining EBacc qualifications and
other approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational
qualifications)

**Higher score of English Language or English Literature
double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications*

Why study the Ebacc?

Research shows that students are more likely to progress on to, and remain studying A levels and other Level 3 subjects at Sixth Form or College.

However, for a proportion of students the EBacc subjects might not be the most appropriate choices. Staff will guide you on which subject choices.



EBacc:

- English language and literature
- maths
- the sciences
- geography or history
- a language



How does the grading work at GCSE?

The “old” pass grade of a C equates to a 4 or 5 in the new grading structure.

A “5” is judged to be a “good” pass, and is often the grade required in English and Maths to progress on to many college courses.

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current 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



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A BTEC is a vocational course that you can study at different levels.

A BTEC Level 2 certificate is equivalent to one GCSE.

The BTEC grading system uses a Pass, Merit and Distinction grading system.

A guide to how the BTEC grading system equates to the “old” GCSE grading system is:

Distinction * (D*) = A* at GCSE

Distinction (D) = A at GCSE

Merit (M) = B at GCSE

Pass (P) = C at GCSE

(This grading system is the same for OCR National qualifications)

Instead of the majority of assessment culminating in final exams at the end of Year 11. BTEC courses consist of 60% centre assessed work that is externally moderated and 40% external exam at the end of the course.



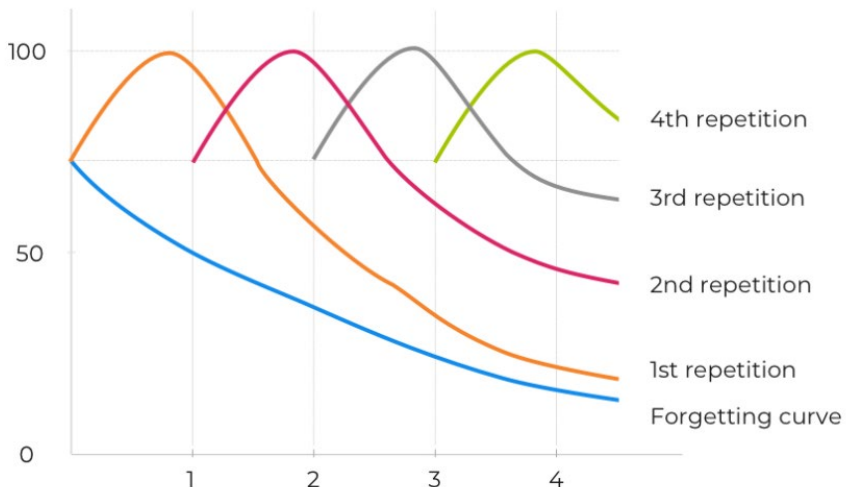
KS4 Subjects are a challenge...

At times you will find subjects difficult.

At times you might not enjoy certain topics.

Resilience, determination and a long term view.

Study at home is essential.

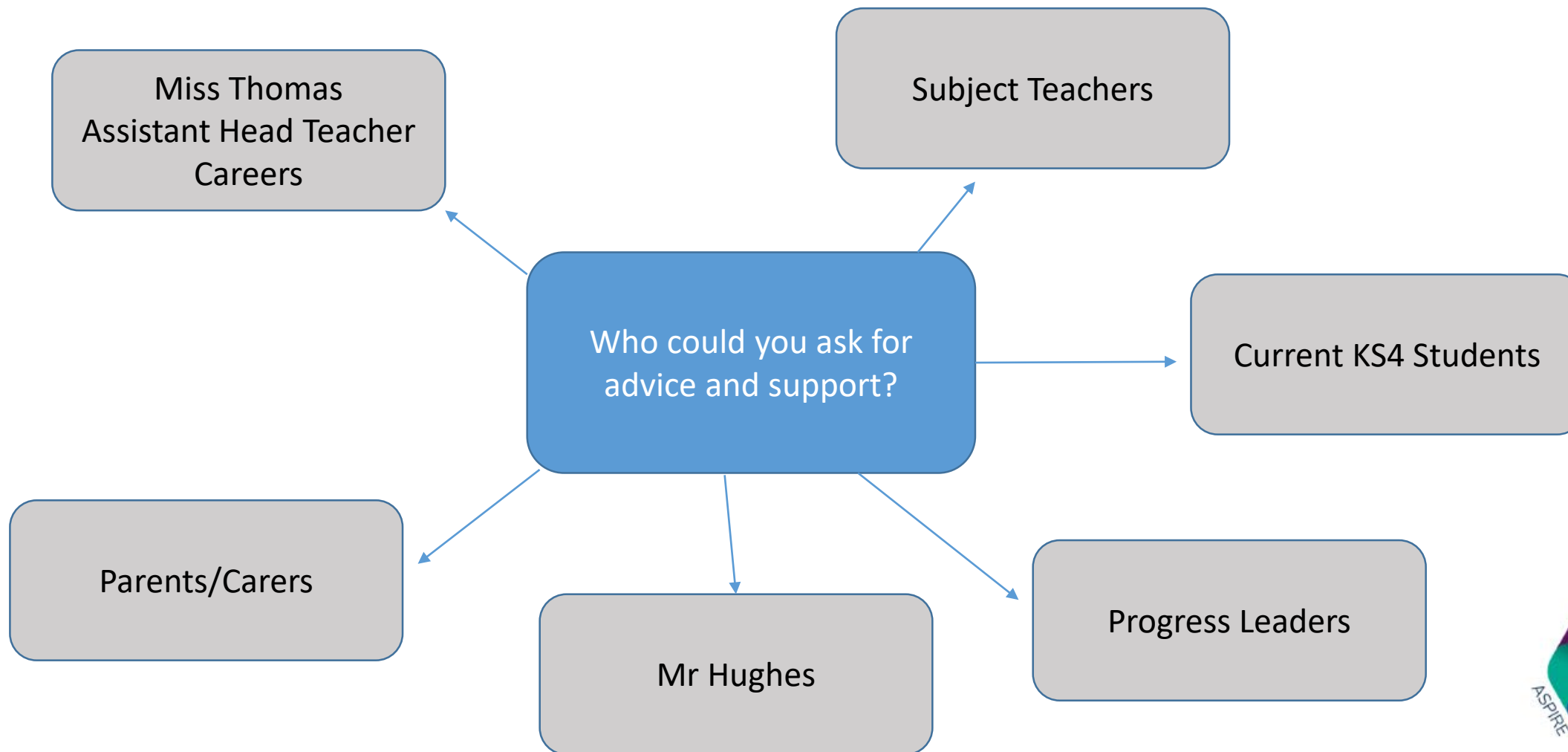


Option Blocks

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
History Geography Spanish BTEC Small Animal Care 3 D Product Design OCR Health and Social Care GCSE Media Studies PE	History Geography Computer Science BTEC Music OCR Child Development GCSE Art GCSE Graphics OCR Business GCSE Statistics	History Geography Triple Science BTEC Small Animal Care 3 D Product Design OCR iMedia OCR Business PE GCSE Art	History Geography Religious Studies 3D Product GCSE Graphics BTEC Performing GCSE Art Food and Cookery PE

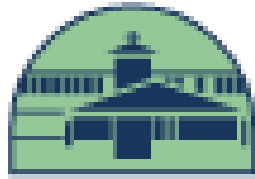


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When you move on from Blacon High School.....



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Cheshire College
South & West



COLEG
CAMBRIA



Employment

University

Apprenticeship



Bursary Programme



Making your choice

Email any questions that you might have to options@blaconhigh.Cheshire.sch.uk.

Tonight and during the progress evening next Thursday discuss your possible options with your class teachers and they will advise you on the suitability of the course at Key Stage 4.

Carefully consider why you are choosing each subject and where your options might lead after Blacon High School.

Join the Options Google Classroom and complete the online option form.

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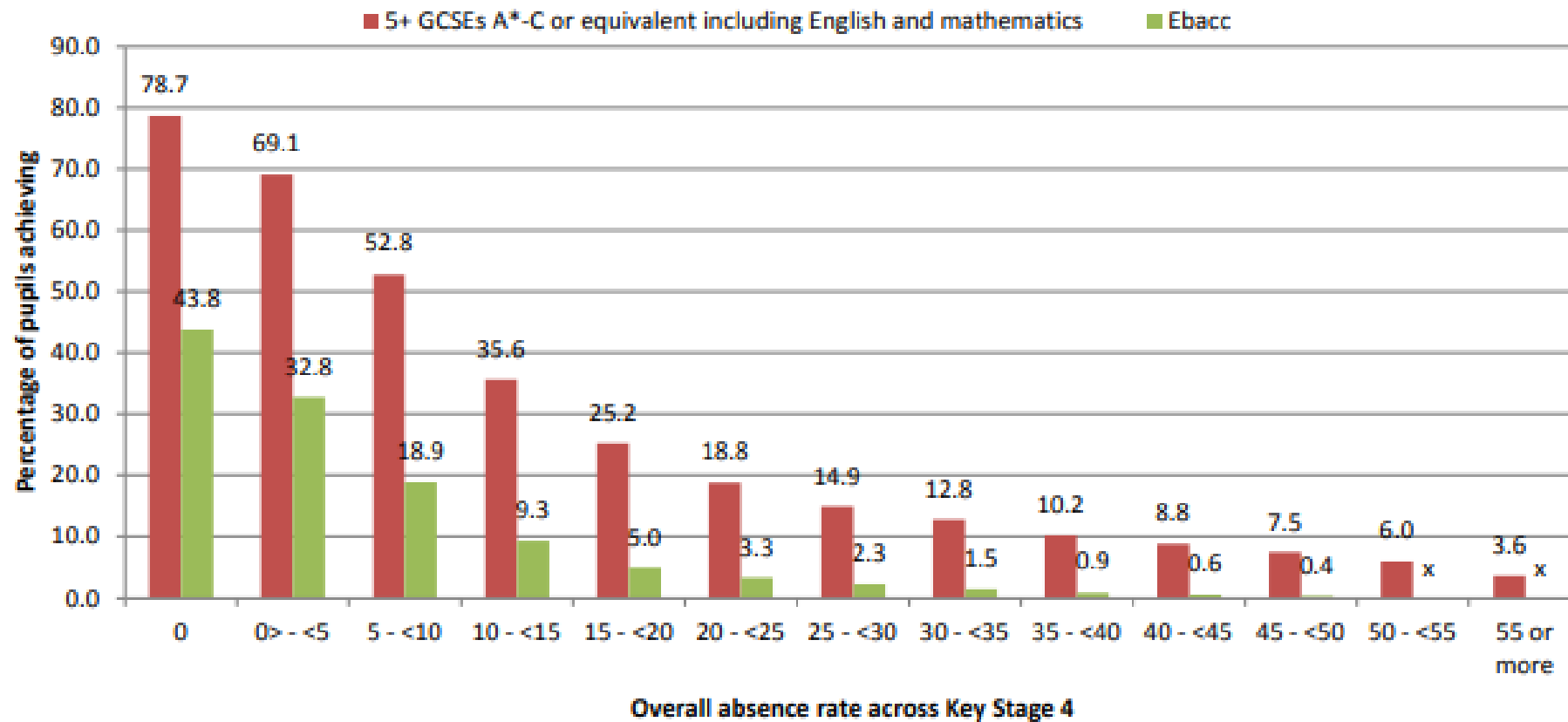


Excellent attendance is essential if you are to achieving your potential and attaining high grades

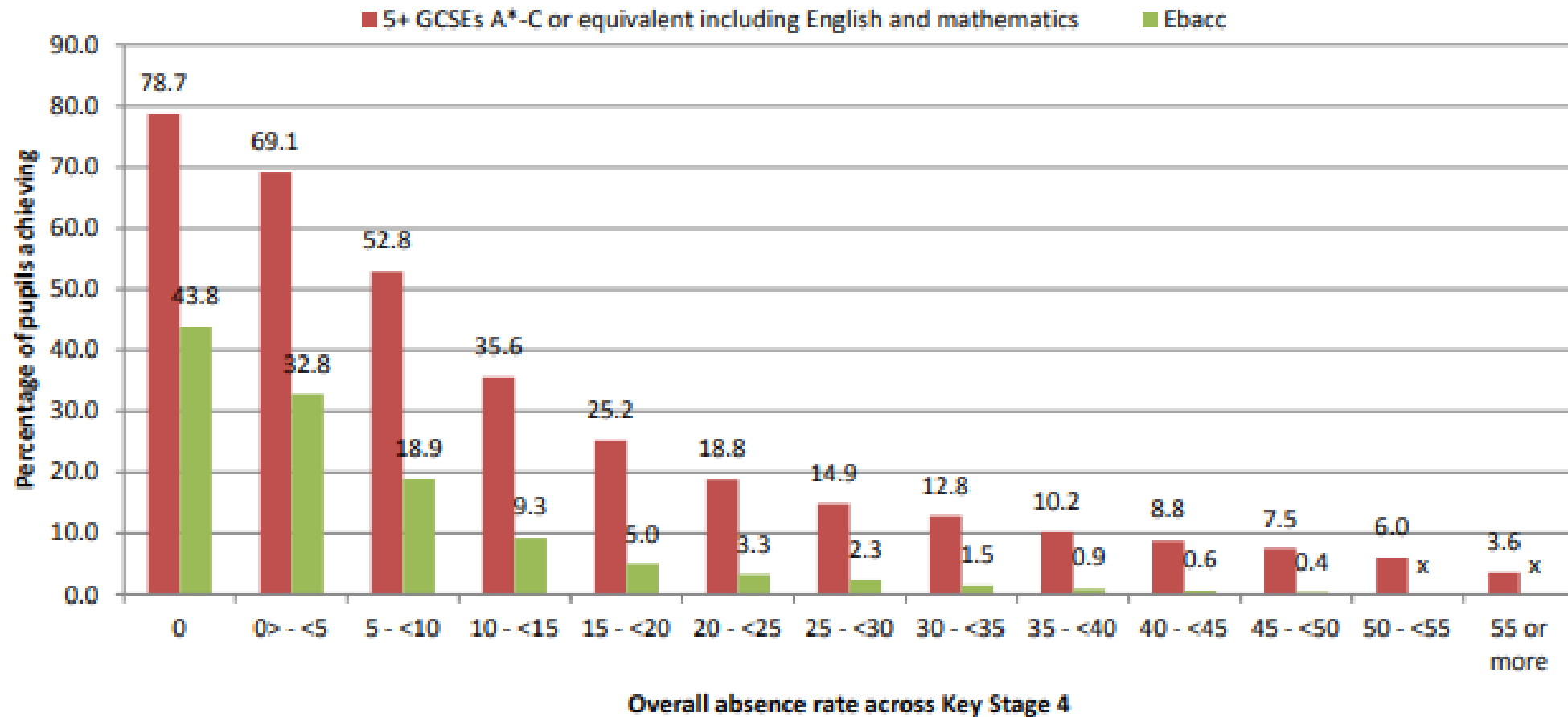
Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



This graph shows the link between attendance and the percentage of students who achieved 5 or more GCSE level subjects at A* -C.



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Year 9 Options 2023



Meet



Generate link

Class code



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Upcoming

No work due soon

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Announce something to your class



J Lacey posted a new assignment: Year 9 Online Options Form 2023

12:07 PM



J Lacey

Feb 28



Welcome to the Year 9 online options process. Please read through the information in the booklet and then make your choices using the online options form.

If you have any questions, please speak with your Form Tutor or email: options@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk




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Year 9 Online Options Form 2023



[Instructions \(optional\)](#)
Please read through the Options Booklet and speak with your teachers before making your choices on the form below. If you submit your choices and then change your mind **before the deadline of Monday, 13th**, you can resubmit your new choices.

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Online Options Form 2023
Google Forms

Locked mode on Chromebooks

Classroom can import grades for assignments. Grade importing automatically limits each form to 1 response per user, collects email addresses, and restricts responses to users in your domain.

Grade importing





Online Options Form 2023

Please choose your options by selecting **one subject** from **each option block**.

You can only choose a subject in one option block.

You **must choose either Geography, History or Spanish** (you can choose both Geography and History by selecting them in different option blocks).

If you want to opt for GCSE PE or BTEC PE, you can choose the PE option in any of the option blocks.

Deadline for options is Monday, March, 13th.

If you have any questions please email: options@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

jlacey@blaconhighschool.net [Switch account](#)



Your email will be recorded when you submit this form

* Required



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Questions

Responses

Settings

Total points:

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What is your Surname (last name)? *

Short answer text

What is your first name? *

Short answer text

What is your tutor group? *

Turquoise





Option A



Multiple choice



History



Geography



Spanish



BTEC Small Animal Care



3 D Product Design



OCR Health and Social Care



GCSE Media Studies



PE



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Key Dates

March, 2nd – Options Evening

March, 8th – Year 9 Assembly

March, 9th – Progress Evening

March, 10th – Opportunity to meet with current KS4 students

March, 13th – Deadline for Options choices

Up until Easter – one to one meetings to discuss options.



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So, to conclude

It is essential that you choose your option subjects for the right reasons:

- Not because a friend is choosing particular subjects
- Not because you like a particular teacher; the Key Stage 4 experience may be very different to Key Stage 3
- Not because a friend, brother, sister chose a subject and liked it. You are unique.
- Choose subjects which you and enjoy, or think that you will enjoy.
- Which will be most suited to the longer term plan and the next pathway when you will be making choices again at the end of Year 11?
- Please look through the information booklet and the links to the qualification pages for each subject.
- Email the options@blaconhigh.Cheshire.sch.uk if you have any questions about your choices.



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