

Key Stage 4 Options



September 2023 Offer - Core

Everyone will study:

- English GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Science GCSE
- Physical Education CORE

September 2023 Offer - Options

You can choose to study:

- Art & Design: Fine Art GCSE
- Computer Science GCSE
- Dance GCSE
- DT: Food Prep & Nutrition GCSE
- DT: Art & Design: Textiles GCSE
- DT: Product Design GCSE
- DT: Resistant Materials GCSE
- Drama GCSE
- Enterprise BTEC Technical Award
- French GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- German GCSE
- Health & Social Care Certificate
- History GCSE
- Music GCSE
- Photography GCSE
- Physical Education GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE
- Skills for Life ASDAN (double option)

Option Subjects

You select 4 options (or 3 if you take Skills)

Together your options will take up 12 lessons a week

GCSEs:

- Linear, terminal exams at the end
- Little, if any, coursework
- Academic

BTECs:

- Equivalent to GCSEs
- Assessment windows rather than exams
- More related to the workplace

ASDAN:

- Variety of practical activities and life skills
- 'Earth Trust' element is equivalent to GCSE



Option Subjects

Some Possible Combinations

GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	GCSE
BTEC	BTEC	GCSE	GCSE
GCSE	GCSE	GCSE	BTEC
Skills for Life		BTEC	GCSE

The English Baccalaureate

To achieve the 'EBacc', you need Grade 4 (or better) in the following subjects:

- English
- Maths
- Science (x2)
- **Humanities** (History or Geography)
- **Languages** (French or German)



KS4 Options

Things to consider

- What is the difference between GCSE, BTEC & Technical Award qualifications?
- What is the EBacc?
- What are 9-1 grades?
- Which subjects do I HAVE to take? (Core)
- How many option subjects can I take?
- How many lessons do I get in each option subject?
- Do I have to do exams, coursework or both?
- When do I have to decide by?
- Who do I talk to about my options?
- How do I find out about 'new' subjects?
- Should I take something because I like my current teacher?
- Should I take something because my friends are taking it?
- What should I take into account to make a decision about my options?

2 Key Questions

What do you enjoy?

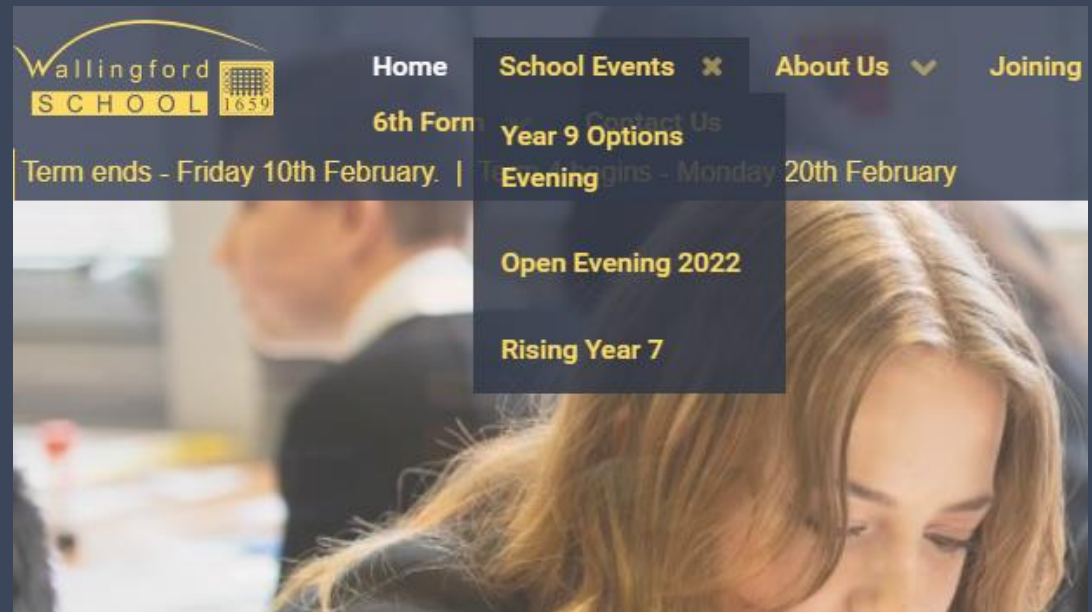
What will you do best in?

Finalising the Decision

- Today is for gathering more information
- Decision doesn't need to be made until Friday 17th March
- Take the time you need
 - staff will be happy to answer follow up queries
 - refer back to your options booklet
 - subject presentations will be available via school website
- Choose 4 options + 2 back ups
- We prioritise your preference ranking
- If we have to use back ups, it will most likely be for preference 3 or preference 4

Submitting the Options Form

- Friday 17th March is the deadline for submitting forms
- Online via school website
 - School Events
 - Year 9 Options Evening



- Live this week but no advantage in submitting early

Key Dates

- **w/b 20th February:** Pupil meetings with SLT
- **Friday 17th March:** Deadline for submitting options forms
- **Term 6:** Confirmation of courses