



**JOHN FERNELEY**  
College

# Options Evening Presentation

Mr Claridge  
Headteacher  
Mr King  
Assistant Headteacher



**JOHN FERNELEY**  
College

## Welcome to the GCSE Options Evening

The aim of the evening is:

- For students to understand the curriculum or subjects they will be studying for the next two years
- To find out what each subject involves and how it may help in the future
- To know how to complete the Options Form and when to hand it in



## The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

The EBacc is a group of subjects which have been regarded as a useful foundation for future academic study and career options.

These include:

- English language & literature
- Maths
- Science (Combined science or Triple/Separate Science)
- French or Spanish or German
- Geography or History



## The curriculum

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Periods per fortnight (Y10)</b>	<b>Periods per fortnight (Y11)</b>
English language/literature	10	9
Maths	9	10
Science	10	10
PE	2	2
Personal development	1	1
Option subjects (3 of them)	6	6



## Separate process for triple science

- **Triple science** - opted through a separate process with the science team and studied in normal (increased) lesson time – students/parents will be advised of this process at a later date (all students will be able to ‘apply’)



**JOHN FERNELEY**  
College

## KS4 Curriculum Options Guide 2026

- Option choices - guidance
- Course outlines
- Planning for the future



## KS4 Curriculum Options

2025-26



# Completing the options form:

- Complete name and tutor group
- Select an EBacc subject in block 1
- Make 4 choices from block 2 – please put them in order of preference – the aim will be for all students to receive their first two choices.
- Then both student and parent sign that you are done and hand the form in to your tutor (deadline Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February)

Order of preference may need to be used if a student is not able to do their first-choice subject(s).

## Options 2026

You should make the final decision about your choices after you have:

- attended the Marketplace on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- talked to your parents, tutors and subject teachers

Please choose one option from Block 1, then four options from Block 2.

Please put the four options from Block 2 in your order of preference, the one you most want to do, to the one you least want to do.

This will help if your first 3 choices are not all available.

Block 1	Block 2	
History	Art	Geography
Geography	Business studies	German
Spanish	Child development	Health & social care
French	Computer science	History
German	Creative iMedia	Information technology
	Dance	Media studies
	DT – 3-D Design	Music
	Drama	Religious studies
	Enterprise & marketing	Spanish
	Food & nutrition	Sports studies
	French	

Additional option rules due to similarity of subjects:

- Students can only choose either art or DT – 3D design (not both)
- Students can only choose either business studies or enterprise and marketing (not both)

Student Details	
Student Name First name: _____ Surname: _____	Tutor Group _____

Block 1 choice	Block 2 choices (in order of preference)			
	1	2	3	4

- I have considered all the options available and made my choices above. I have put my Block 2 choices in order of preference.

Signed by Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form using block capitals and remember that the final date for handing your form in to college is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to your Form Tutor.



## What next?

- Read the guide
- Discuss with teachers
- Return the form by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February to form tutors
- Options for next year being finalised (Feb → April)

During this stage students/parents will be contacted if courses are oversubscribed or do not have enough students selecting them to be able to run.

Choices beyond the first three will be discussed at this stage, please prepare your child for this eventuality.

- Option confirmation (May)

Letter to parents