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Options Evening Presentation

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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 are 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 government's ambition is that 90% of students follow the full EBacc curriculum by 2025.



The curriculum

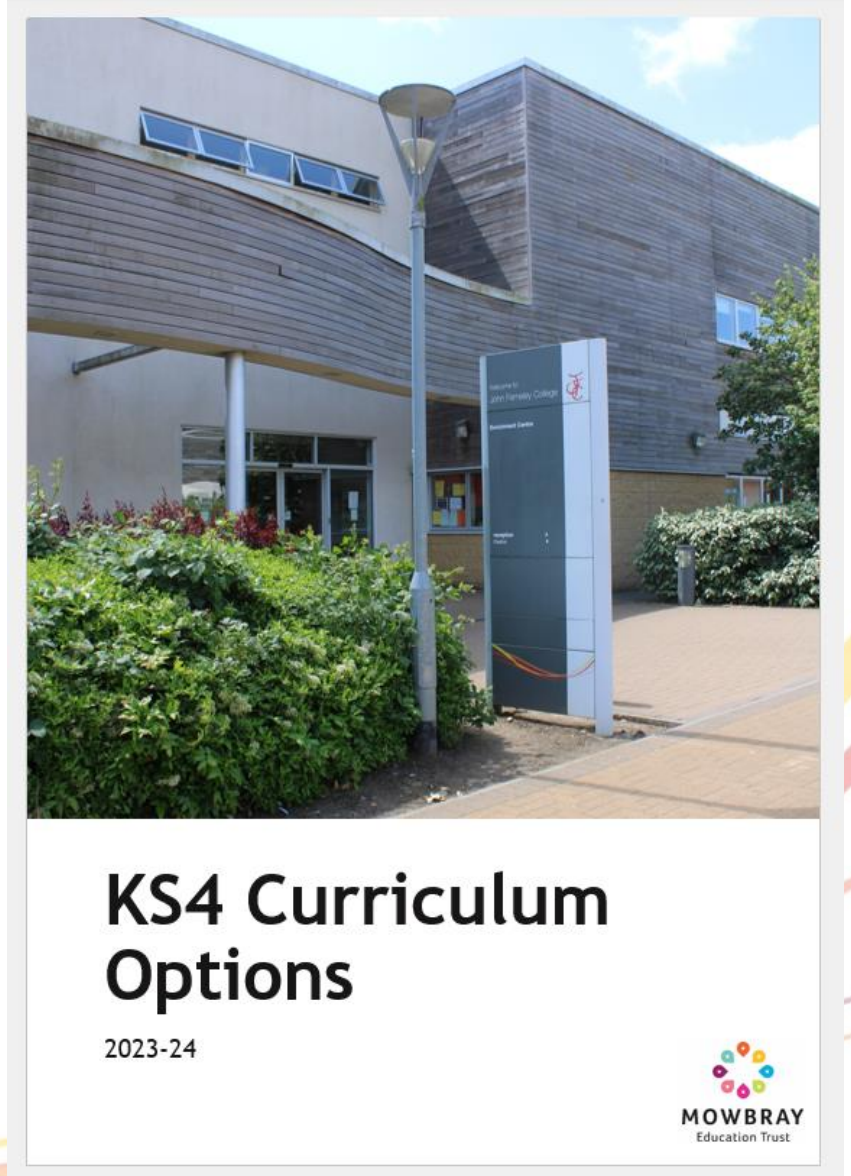
Subjects	Periods per fortnight
English language/literature	9
Maths	9
Science	9
PE	2
PSHCE	1
Option subjects (4 of them)	5



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KS4 Curriculum Options Guide 2024

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



KS4 Curriculum Options

2023-24





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Completing your Options form

Please ensure you complete your form and hand the form to your form tutor by Friday 16th February.





The two pathways explained:

J Route – full EBacc curriculum

As outlined earlier plus two further option choices

F Route – partial EBacc curriculum

English literature & language

Maths

Science

Geography or history or triple/separate science or a language

3 further option choices



Pathway J – full EBacc curriculum

(As outlined earlier plus two further option choices)

Completing the form:

- The form is two sided
- Complete name and tutor group
- Select from history or geography in block 1
- Select your language in block 2 (it must be the one you have studied)
- Make 2 choices from block 3 – please put them in order of preference
- Make 2 reserve choices from block 3 – please put them in order of preference

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Options 2024

Student Details	
Student Name _____	Tutor Group _____

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

- attended the Marketplace on Wednesday 17th January 2024
- talked to your parents, tutors and subject [teachers](#)

Please choose one option from Block 1, one from Block 2 and two from Block 3, along with two reserves from Block 3.

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
History Geography	French Spanish German	Art Business (OCR National Enterprise and Marketing or GCSE Business) ICT (Creative Media) or GCSE Computer Science Child Development Dance Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Geography Health and Social Care History Media Studies Music Physical Education (OCR Sports Studies or GCSE P.E.) Triple Science

Choices			
Block 1 Choice:	Block 2 Choice:	Block 3 Choice 1:	Block 3 Choice 2:
		Block 3 Reserve 1:	Block 3 Reserve 2:
Comments, if any			

I have considered the option route suggested above but would follow the alternate route. Please tick here, sign then turn over and select options of the back of this page.

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 16th February 2024 to your Form Tutor.

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Please choose one option from Block 1 and any three from Block 2, along with two reserves from Block 2.

Block 1	Block 2
History Geography German French Spanish Triple Science	Art Business (OCR National Enterprise and Marketing or GCSE Business) ICT (Creative Media) or GCSE Computer Science Child Development Dance Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Geography Health and Social Care History Media Studies Music Physical Education (OCR Sports Studies or GCSE P.E.) Triple Science

Choices			
Block 1 Choice:	Block 2 Choice 1:	Block 2 Choice 2:	Block 2 Choice 3:
		Block 2 Reserve 1:	Block 2 Reserve 2:
Comments, if any			

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 16th February 2024 to your Form Tutor.

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



Pathway J – full EBacc curriculum

(As outlined earlier plus two further option choices)

Completing the form:

- And if, after careful consideration, you have decided the full EBacc curriculum is not going to be for you – please tick and both sign at the bottom of the front page – then turn over and complete the form as per Pathway F

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Options 2024

Student Details	
Student Name _____	Tutor Group _____

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

- attended the Marketplace on Wednesday 17th January 2024
- talked to your parents, tutors and subject [teachers](#)

Please choose one option from Block 1, one from Block 2 and two from Block 3, along with two reserves from Block 3.

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
History Geography	French Spanish German	Art Business (OCR National Enterprise and Marketing or GCSE Business) ICT (Creative Media) or GCSE Computer Science Child Development Dance Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Geography Health and Social Care History Media Studies Music Physical Education (OCR Sports Studies or GCSE P.E.) Triple Science

Choices			
Block 1 Choice:	Block 2 Choice 1:	Block 3 Choice 1:	Block 3 Choice 2:
		Block 3 Reserve 1:	Block 3 Reserve 2:
Comments, if any			

I have considered the option route suggested above but would follow the alternate route. Please tick here, sign then turn over and select options of the back of this page.

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 16th February 2024 to your Form Tutor.

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Please choose one option from Block 1 and any three from Block 2, along with two reserves from Block 2.

Block 1	Block 2
History Geography German French Spanish Triple Science	Art Business (OCR National Enterprise and Marketing or GCSE Business) ICT (Creative Media) or GCSE Computer Science Child Development Dance Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Geography Health and Social Care History Media Studies Music Physical Education (OCR Sports Studies or GCSE P.E.) Triple Science

Choices			
Block 1 Choice:	Block 2 Choice 1:	Block 2 Choice 2:	Block 2 Choice 3:
		Block 2 Reserve 1:	Block 2 Reserve 2:
Comments, if any			

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 16th February 2024 to your Form Tutor.

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



Pathway F – partial EBacc curriculum

(As outlined earlier plus two further option choices)

Completing the form:

- Complete name and tutor group
- Select a subject from block 1
- Make 3 choices from block 2 – please put them in order of preference
- Make 2 reserve choices from block 2 – please put them in order of preference
- Then sign that you are done and hand the form in to your tutor (deadline Friday 16th February)

Options 2024

Student Details	
Student Name _____	Tutor Group _____

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

- attended the Marketplace on Wednesday 17th January 2024
- talked to your parents, tutors and subject [teachers](#)

Please choose one option from Block 1 and any three from Block 2, along with two reserves from Block 2.

Block 1	Block 2
History Geography German French Spanish Triple Science	Art Business (OCR National Enterprise and Marketing or GCSE Business) ICT (Creative Media or GCSE Computer Science) Child Development Dance Design Technology Drama Food and Nutrition Geography Health and Social Care History Media Studies Music Physical Education (OCR Sports Studies or GCSE P.E) Triple Science

Choices			
Block 1 Choice:	Block 2 Choice 1:	Block 2 Choice 2:	Block 2 Choice 3:
		Block 2 Reserve 1:	Block 2 Reserve 2:
Comments, if any			

Signed by Student: _____

Signed by Parent: _____

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



What next?

- Read the guide
- Discuss with teachers
- Listen in assembly
- Parents evening (online) – Wednesday 31st January
- Return the form by Friday 16th 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. Reserve subjects will be discussed at this stage, please prepare your child for this eventuality.

- **Option confirmation (May)**

Letter to parents