

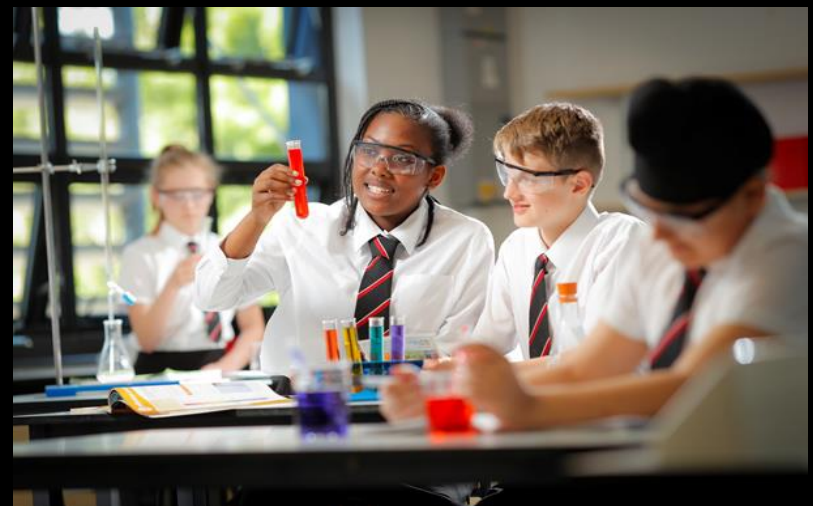


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HIGH SCHOOL**

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Year 8 Options Evening 2024





Aims of the evening:

- To **provide information about the Key Stage 4 curriculum** for all students
- To explain the **Options Process** and what **choices** are available
- Provide an opportunity to **visit subjects** and ask questions
- Tonight is **all about YOU**



Pathways

- **English Baccalaureate (EBacc)** – English, maths, history or geography, sciences and a modern foreign language
- **Differences within the EBacc pathway**
- **Supported Pathway**





English Baccalaureate: EBacc

Is a measure that recognises where students have secured a grade 4 or above across a core of academic subjects – **English, mathematics, history or geography, two sciences and a modern foreign language.**

This is highly promoted nationally as a ‘gold standard’ of achievement and will influence university entrance for many universities.



GCSE Grading Structure

How the new grades compare with the old ones

Old grades	New grades
A*	9
	8
	7
A	
B	6
	5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS
C	
D	3
E	2
F	
G	1
U	U



The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

All students study all the subjects in the 'core' row. They then select one from each of the next five rows.

Core (all)	English and Literature 1	Mathematics 1	Science 1	Religious Studies 2	Citizenship 2	Physical Education	
Languages (one of)	French (if studied at KS3)	Spanish (if studied at KS3)	*Curriculum Support	*English as an Additional Language	*Learning Support		
Humanities (one of)	Geography	History					
The Arts (one of)	Art 3	Drama	Music	Music Technology			
Open Choice (one of)	Art 3	Computing	Drama	Food Technology	Geography	Health and Social Care	History
	Creative iMedia	Media Studies	Music	Physical Education	Product Design	*Additional support	Music Technology
Religious Studies or Citizenship				Religious Studies 2	Citizenship 2		



Year 8 Options Form 2024

Supported Curriculum Route

Name:

Tutor Group:

Students will be given the appropriate options form for their pathway.

CORE All students study English, literature, mathematics, science, curriculum support, citizenship, core PE and religious studies.

Additional Support Option

You will not study a Modern Foreign Language. You will have additional classes to support you in succeeding across the Key Stage 4 curriculum. Talk to your tutor, SAFE worker or Year Leader if you would like to discuss this.

1. Humanities:

Choose **ONE** of these. Tick it:

Geography	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. The Arts:

Choose **ONE** of these **plus a reserve**. Tick your first choice and also write R in your reserve choice (your second choice).

Art*	Drama	Music	Music Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Within Art you will work with staff from the art department to select your specialism from the following list: Photography/Graphic Design, Textiles, Sculpture and Fine Art.

3. Open Choice:

Choose **ONE** of these **PLUS ONE** reserve. Tick your first choice and also write R in your reserve choice (your second choice).

You cannot select any subject below if you have already selected it anywhere above.

Art*	Computing	Drama	Media Studies	Food Technology	Creative iMedia	Health and Social Care
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History	Music Technology	Music	Physical Education	Product Design	Geography	Additional Support (non-qualification)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Religious Studies or Citizenship: All students will study both Religious Studies and Citizenship, however they will specialise, and sit a GCSE in one of these only. Where there is competition for spaces in a subject, those with the highest attitude to learning score in the subject will be prioritised. Please select your first choice below.

Choose **ONE** of these. Tick it:

Religious Studies	Citizenship
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: _____ (student) _____ (parent/carer)

Where possible, students will be given their first choices, but they should think carefully about reserves as these may be needed. Remember that all courses offered are subject to availability of staff and group sizes.

Fill in and return to your form tutor by Wednesday, 27 March 2024

For more information, please see your options booklet. For support and guidance, speak to your tutor, Safe Worker or Year 8 Leader.

Supported Curriculum:

- Withdrawal from MFL
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Year Lead
- Agreed with parent, AHT and Year Leader
- Can also select additional support in the open option



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EBacc Route

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Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

CORE All students study English, literature, mathematics, science, citizenship, core PE and religious studies.

1. Modern Foreign Language:

You must select the language you have studied in Years 7 and 8. Tick the right one below:

French	Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Humanities:

Choose **ONE** of these. Tick it:

Geography	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. The Arts:

Choose **ONE** of these **plus a reserve**. Tick your first choice and also write R in your reserve choice (your second choice).

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History	Media Studies	Music	Music Technology	Physical Education	Product Design	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- Core
- MFL
- Humanities
- Arts
- Open
- RS or Cz



Why do I need a reserve choice?

- Once we know every student's first and second choices, we then aim to build the curriculum to meet these. It is possible that some students will need to use their reserve (second) choice.
- If this is the case, we will speak with the student first.
- We aim to ensure that everyone gets their first or second choice each time.



Options Process

- February/March Assemblies and form time - overview of the process
- February/March Options Booklets made available to students. Tutor time and discussions with staff
- 7 March Options Evening
- 27 March Target Review Day - opportunity to discuss choices and return hard copy of Option Form to tutor
- **27 March Final deadline for electronic Option Form**



Where will my choices take me?





Simphiwe is now a FSRH Faculty Registered Trainer who trains other nurses.

She has given a presentation to our GCSE Health and Social Care group.





Marta graduated from Brentside



and is now reading English literature at
Cambridge University.



Kalu studied maths at Brentside



He graduated from Cambridge University and is now a trader for JP Morgan. He delivered a talk to our students about his journey.



Farah studied sciences.
She is now a GP working in
General Practice, Urgent care and
Accident & Emergency in London.



She was our guest of honour at an Awards Evening.



Frankie studied art



She is now a freelance fashion assistant delivering workshops to our BTEC and A level art students.



Suley studied drama at Brentside



He is now a multi-Award
Winning Engagement Lead,
Specialising in
Communications, Projects
and Leadership.



Subject Rooms:

GROUND FLOOR

Subject	Room
English	G30
Design Technology: Product Design	G41
Food Preparation and Nutrition	G81 (New Building)

FIRST FLOOR

Subject	Room
Science	F1
Learning Support	F9
Music and Music Technology	F17
Drama	F23
Textiles, Fine Art and Sculpture	F38
Media Studies, Graphics and Photography	F40
Mathematics	F72 (New Building)

SECOND FLOOR

Subject	Room
Computer Science and Creative iMedia	S2
History	S7
Geography	S9
Religious Studies	S6
Citizenship	S26
Physical Education (GCSE)	S29
Modern Foreign Languages	S28
Health and Social Care	S74 (New Building)

Students with surnames A-K are asked to start from the bottom floor and work their way up.

Students with surnames L-Z are asked to start on the top floor and work their way down.



Questions?

- FAQ Booklet and Options Booklet
- Mr Walsh (Year Leader)
- Ms Lane (AHT)
- Ms Nagra (AHT)
- Subject teachers
- y8options2024@brentsidehigh.ealing.sch.uk

Have an enjoyable evening!