

Year 9 Options Evening 2024



Welcome

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Being informed



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This evening



- Types of qualification
- Compulsory subjects
- Options courses available
- How to make the best choices
- Key timeline and processes

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Types of Qualification



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GCSE



- The final grades are awarded 1-9, with 9 as the highest grade achievable. A Grade 4 is considered as a Passing Grade; however, a Grade 5 is considered as a Strong Pass.

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GCSEs:	Old grades	New grades
How do the new 9-1 grades work?	A*	9
	A	8
	B	7
	C	6
		5 STRONG PASS
	4 STANDARD PASS	
https://cpd.oxfordce.co.uk/product-category/gcse-igcse-bundle/	D	3
	E	2
	F	1
	G	1
	U	U

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- A Level 2 BTEC Course is the equivalent to a GCSE. A BTEC L2 Pass Grade is the same as a GCSE Grade 5, a Merit is equivalent to a Grade 7, and a Distinction is the same as a Grade 9.

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BTEC Grade	GCSE Grade
Level 1	1
	2
	3
	4
Level 2 Pass	5
	6
Level 2 Merit	7
Level 2 Distinction	8
Level 2 Distinction*	9

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Cambridge Nationals

The logo for 'The CCSA Way' is located in the top right corner. It consists of a dark blue square with a thin white border. Inside the square, the words 'THE', 'CCSA', and 'WAY' are stacked vertically. 'THE' and 'WAY' are in white, while 'CCSA' is in yellow.

Cambridge Nationals are vocational qualifications. They are equivalent in size to GCSEs and are designed for students aged 14 to 16. They provide a foundation for progression to Cambridge Technicals and other Level 3 vocational qualifications, as well as A Levels and apprenticeships². Cambridge Nationals have a strong vocational element, reflected in assessment tasks and practical work

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Pass Grades	GCSE Grade	GCSE Size Equivalence
Level 2 Distinction*	8+	1
Level 2 Distinction	7	1
Level 2 Merit	5+	1
Level 2 Pass	4	1
Level 1 Distinction	3	1
Level 1 Merit	2	1
Level 1 Pass	1	1

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AQA
Literature
GCSE

IGCSE
edexcel
advancing learning, changing lives

Cambridge
IGCSE

 UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

OCR
RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

Literature
WJEC
CBAC

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Courage



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Compulsory Subjects



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Your future, your success



- All pupils must study the following subjects:
- English and English Literature GCSE
- Mathematics GCSE
- Combined Science (Double) GCSE
- Religious Education
- Physical Education and PSHE (non-GCSE)

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English



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Mathematics



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Science



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Religious Studies



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The English Baccalaureate



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How will the EBACC benefit me?

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

The government's ambition is to see 90% of students take the EBACC by 2025.

Courage

Compassion

Support

Achievement

French



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Option Blocks



- Take your time – these are life decisions, and you need to consider your choices carefully
- Think about your Reserve Options in each Option block – we endeavour to have as many students as possible study both of their First choices, however due to class sizes, some students may need to study Reserve options.
- Read all the information and watch all the course videos before making your choices.

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A personalised approach



- Each student will be given their named form from week beginning 5 February 2024.

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Important to note



- All students must select either Geography or History and can select both if desired.
- All students must select 2 subjects each block (First & Reserve choices)
- To achieve the EBACC students must select French as a first choice

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Possible Changes



- Exam board
- Course offering

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Option Blocks

Option Block 1	Option Block 2	Option Block 3
Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History
French,	French	French
Art	Music	Engineering
Catering	Health and Social Care	PE (GCSE or Cambridge National)
Drama	Support (study skills, ASDAN)	Art
PE (GCSE or Cambridge National)	Business Studies	iMedia

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Reasons for choosing your options



- Build on success
- Go for motivation
- Choose subjects which match your learning needs
- Think about your future career

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You have time to consider



- Read the following descriptions of each subject
- Speak to all subjects at the Options Information Evening on Wednesday 31st January 2024
- Speak to your teachers and tutors about your decisions, including on Parents Evening on Wednesday 26th February 2024
- Talk to your parents and carers
- Consider how well you did in your exams and in lessons

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Post-16 Pathways and Careers



- Careers advisor Matt Franks - Schools and Business Services
- Lucy Richardson - Schools Liaison and Events Officer - Cadbury College

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Wednesday 31 st January 2024	Year 9 Options Information Evening
Week beginning Monday 5 th February 2024	Year 9 examination results release Options forms given out
Monday 29 January to Friday 9 February	KS4 Options Taster lessons
Wednesday 28 th February 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Friday 8 th March 2024	Deadline for Option Forms These must be handed to Mrs Patrick only

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Library

ICT/Business
Technology
Art
Music
Drama

Theatre

English
Maths
Science
French

Common Room

History
Geography
RE

Atrium
Careers
Cadbury
College

**Dining
Room**
PE
ASDAN

HE
CSA
/AY

Please note – the next session begins at 5.15pm

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Let
love

&
kindness

be the
motivation

behind all that you do

1 Corinthians 16:14

