

GCSE Options Assembly 2020



Which are the right subjects for you?

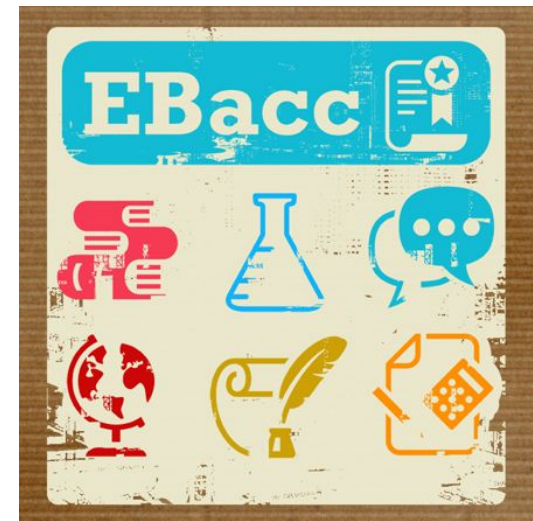
Connaught Core Curriculum

- ▶ All students study some 'core' subjects:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Mathematics
 - Science (Double Award or Triple Science)
 - RE
 - PE (no examination)
 - CCPHSE (no examination)



English Baccalaureate

- ▶ Students study:
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - 2 Sciences
 - a Language
 - History or Geography
- ▶ Research shows EBacc improves English & Maths results and gives access to a larger number of degree courses at the best universities
- ▶ Most girls (≈ 85 TO 90%) at CSfG are studying these subjects as their core curriculum
- ▶ For some students (15 to 20) this pathway may not be appropriate



Choice 1 – A Language

All students study at least one language (some study two languages if they study ‘Fast Track’). Choose from the following:

- ▶ French
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Fast Track (French & Spanish)



Choice 2 – A Humanity

Most students will study Geography or History. Everyone chooses a humanity and a reserve from the following:

- ▶ Geography
 - ▶ History
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If you do not wish to study a humanity and you have been advised by the Learning Support Department and/or Head of Year you should choose:

- ▶ ASDAN OR Supported Studies

Choices 3 & 4 and two reserves

Everyone studies two additional subjects from their prioritised choices (including two reserve choices) from the following options:

- ▶ Art & Design: Art **OR** Photography
- ▶ ASDAN
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ D&T Product Design **OR** Textiles
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Food & Nutrition
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ Music BTEC
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Sport BTEC
- ▶ Supported Studies



Support

For some students, (15 to 20), studying ten or more examined subjects may not be appropriate.

Ms Ricon Ms Diamond & Ms Stewart may identify you to choose:

- ▶ ASDAN **OR**
- ▶ Supported Studies

Studying ASDAN or Supported Studies would reduce the number of examined subjects to nine.



Some Advice – Do's

The following points are intended to assist you in making the right choices:

- ▶ Choose subjects you enjoy
- ▶ Choose subjects you do well at
- ▶ Choose subjects that will help you with your future
- ▶ Investigate exactly what a subject is and what it requires from you



Some Advice – Don'ts

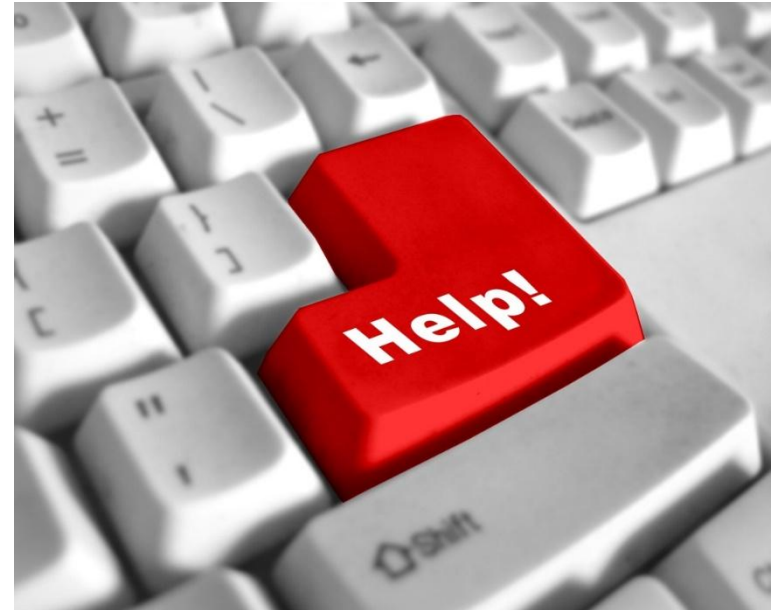
The following points are intended to assist you in making the right choices:

- ▶ Choose subjects because your friends choosing them
- ▶ Choose subjects because you want a particular teacher (you might not get them!)
- ▶ Choose a subject because you think it is easy

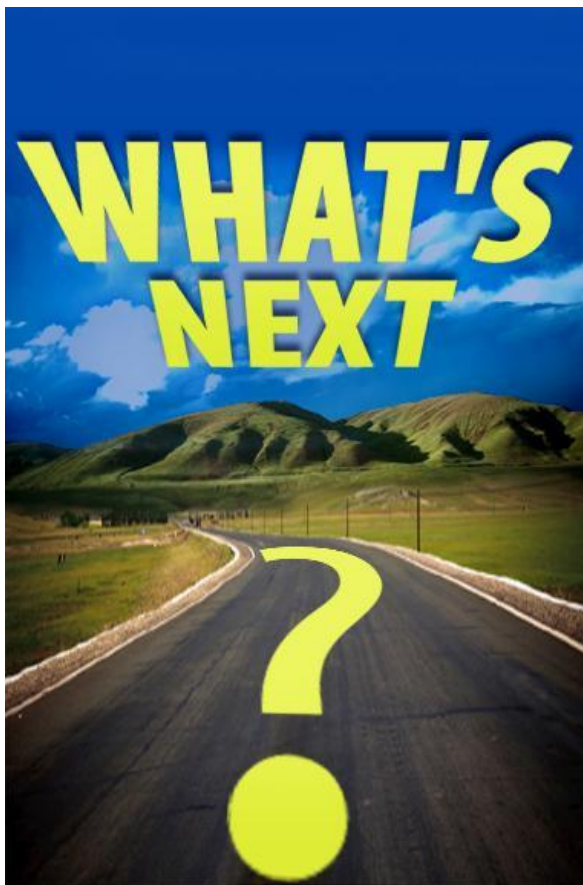


Help to Decide?

- ▶ Your teachers
- ▶ Your Form Tutor
- ▶ Your Parents
- ▶ Your Head of Year
- ▶ CCPHSE lesson
- ▶ Mr Cross



What happens next?



Wed 12 th Feb	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' evening 4:30pm – 7:10pm
Wed 12 th Feb	KS4 Curriculum Handbook available on the school website and in the school library
24 th Feb – 8 th Mar	Discussion of KS4 courses in lessons and in CCPHSE
Thu 27 th Feb	Time 4 Us parents' information evening 6:30pm – 7:30pm (students are welcome)
Thu 27 th Feb	Year 9 option choice form issued.
Mon 9 th March	Deadline for the return of the option form to year 9 form tutors – 8:40am
June 2019	Year 9 pupils informed of KS4 courses
Sept 2019	NO CHANGES ALLOWED

The Option Choices Form

- ▶ Given out on Thursday 27th February
- ▶ Return by 8:40am Monday 9th March

KS4 CURRICULUM CHOICES – OPTIONS FORM 2020	
NAME	TUTOR GROUP
CHOICE ONE	
Choose ONE option from:	<i>Studying two languages through the school FAST TRACK programme? If you have been chosen to study two languages (and you agree) choose Fast Track here.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ French➤ Spanish➤ Fast Track (French & Spanish)	
CHOICE 1:	<input type="text"/>
CHOICE TWO	
Choose ONE humanity subject from:	<i>Choosing both Geography AND History? If you wish to study both main humanity subjects, make this choice your highest preference and the other as Choice 3 or 4.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Geography➤ History➤ Supported Studies OR ASDAN <small>(ONLY if you do not wish to study a humanity and you have been advised by the Learning Support Department or your Head of Year)</small>	
CHOICE 2:	<input type="text"/>
CHOICES THREE AND FOUR	
Choose TWO courses in order of preference and TWO more as reserves, from:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Art & Design: Art OR Photography➤ ASDAN➤ Computer Science➤ D&T: Product Design OR Textiles➤ Drama➤ Food Preparation & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Geography➤ History➤ Music BTEC➤ Sociology➤ Sport BTEC➤ Supported Studies
<small>All students MUST choose two reserve subjects. The school will aim to give students their preferred options but can only aim to guarantee one of choices 3 and 4 (providing each course is able to run).</small>	
CHOICE 3:	<input type="text"/> (highest preference)
CHOICE 4:	<input type="text"/> (next preference)
CHOICE 5:	<input type="text"/> (first reserve)
CHOICE 6:	<input type="text"/> (second reserve)
SIGNED:	SIGNED: (Parent)
Return this form to your Form Tutor by 8:40am on Monday 9 th March 2020	
<small>If parents would like to comment or arrange an interview with a member of staff to discuss course choices, please fill in details on the reverse of this form.</small>	



Any

Questions

Please check out the KS4 Options Google Classroom

The image shows a screenshot of a Google Classroom page for a class named "KS4 Options Year 9". The class code "1es4imx" is highlighted in a white pop-up box. The background shows the classroom interface with a banner, an "Upcoming" section, and a question posted by Gareth Cross.

Stream Classwork People Marks

KS4 Options
Year 9
Class code 1es4imx

What subjects should I choose?
How do I make a decision?
What are my options?

Select theme
Upload photo

Upcoming
No work due in soon
View all

1es4imx

KS4 Options Year 9

Add class comment...

Gareth Cross posted a new question: What do you want to know about Year 9 options?
7 Feb 2018 (Edited 25 Feb 2019)

1 class comment