

Year 9 Options Evening

4th January 2018

Our core purpose

- At Isaac Newton Academy our aim is to equip every child with the knowledge, learning power and character necessary to succeed at university and beyond

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Compulsory Subjects

All students will study:

- English Language & Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Maths (1 GCSE)
- Combined Science (2 GCSEs)
- Cultural Studies (non-examined course)
- PSHE (non-examined course)
- Sport and Fitness (non-examined course)

English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

- Introduced by the Government to acknowledge students who achieve good GCSE grades in the following subjects:
 - English
 - Maths
 - Sciences (at least 2)
 - History or Geography
 - Languages
- It is a collection of core academic subjects highly valued by universities, sixth forms and the Government as providing a solid and rigorous foundation for future academic study.

Ebacc subjects

All students must study at least one of:

- French
- Spanish
- Geography
- History

Our KS4 curriculum

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S&F = Sport & Fitness

* = time to follow a course of PSHE and a course of Cultural Studies

Optional Subjects

- No entry requirements for Option courses.
- Students can study up to 4 Options.
- Students are encouraged to study both a language and Geography/ History.
- Students must study at least 1 of French, Geography, History, Spanish.
- Entry criteria for French and Spanish:
 - Studied the relevant language in Year 9
 - Strong speaker of the language, e.g. native speaker
 - Regularly attended enrichment (to be supported by HOD)

Optional Subjects Choices

At least one of the following Ebacc subjects:

GCSE French, GCSE Geography, GCSE History, GCSE Spanish

- GCSE Art & Design
(Art or Textiles)
- GCSE Computer Science
(Ebacc)
- GCSE DT (Graphics)
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Music
- GCSE Physical Education
(PE)
- GCSE Religious Education
(RE)
- GCSE Separate Sciences
(Ebacc) – ‘Triple Science’

Questions to ask teachers

If I choose your subject:

- What topics will I study next year?
- How will I be assessed?
- How many exams will I take?
- How is GCSE different to Year 9?
- Do I need to study this subject at GCSE to study it at A level?

Grades at GCSE

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



The next stage...

- Please ask as many questions as you want this evening.
- Take the information home and talk it through. Make your first choice of options.

Research your future

Useful websites

In Year 9 and considering your future? Investigate some of these websites.

1. Success at School:

<https://successatschool.org/>

Explore different careers, how to get there and what to study in the Careers Zone. Explore life on campus and get updates on open dates in the Universities section.

2. Which?

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/how-important-are-gcse-choices-when-it-comes-to-university>

Advice from 'Which? University' about GCSE choices. [Links to information about A-levels and university courses.](#)

3. UCAS:

<http://www.ucas.com/>

<http://www.ucas.com/progress>

UCAS is the 'University and Colleges Admissions Services'. Access the main UCAS website to explore the wealth of university courses available and find out more about what universities are looking for in applicants. Investigate UCAS Progress to explore post-16 and further education courses.

4. Informed Choices by the Russell Group:

<http://www.russellgroup.org/informedchoices-latest.pdf>



Please remember to....

- Consider which options will suit you:
 - Interest
 - Enjoyment
 - Attainment and progress
 - Future pathways

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1 st choice	GCSE History
2 nd choice	GCSE French
3 rd choice	GCSE Art & Design (Art)
4 th choice	GCSE Physical Education

I want to complete the Ebac and be prepared for a range of A-level or university courses. History is my favourite humanities subject and I've been studying French

I've always enjoyed Art, particularly sketching and painting. I'm thinking I might like to design things as a job.

I enjoy PE and I think it's important to have a balance. PE and Science support each other.

It is always possible to allocate a student to all of their choices. Please select 2 reserve choices below.
If you are not allocated to all of your primary choices, you will be allocated to one of your reserve choices.

1 st reserve	GCSE Geography	2 nd reserve	GCSE DT (Graphics)
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I've picked Graphics as my back up in case I don't get Art as I'm thinking I might like to design things as a job.

I didn't put Geography as one of my main choices because I prefer History and I thought it would be best to have a range of subjects.
GCSE Art & Design (Art) must be completed.

Signature of parent/ carer: _____
Completed form to be brought to your KS4 options interview.



Biology is my favourite science and I might want to do that A-level.

Drama is my favourite subject and the one I get the highest levels in. I'm not sure what I want to do in the future, but Drama will develop my communication and leadership skills preparing me for any future career or course.

GCSE Drama

2nd choice

GCSE Separate Sciences

choice

GCSE Geography

GCSE Spanish

I'll going to complete the full Ebac so I'm prepared for any sixth form or university even though I'm not sure about the future yet.

I've been doing Spanish this year so it makes sense to keep it for GCSE, especially as so many people around the world speak Spanish.

It is always possible to allocate a student to all of their choices. Please select 2 reserves. If you are not allocated to all of your primary choices, you will be allocated to one of your reserves.

1st reserve

GCSE Music

2nd reserve

GCSE Religious Education

I enjoy performing and I think I'm good at my BB instrument and would like to keep playing.

Form must be completed.

Signature of parent/ carer:

RE is really interesting and getting to things from different perspectives.

Completed form to be brought to your KS4 options interview.



I like designing and making things. I've taken part in enrichments and visits and made fabric items.

1 st choice	GCSE Art & Design (Textiles)
2 nd choice	GCSE Geography
3 rd choice	GCSE History
4 th choice	GCSE Music

I really enjoy all the Humanities subjects. I'm good at writing essays and taking part in class discussions and debates.

Reserve choices

It is not always possible to get your first choice. Please select 2 reserve choices. Please select 2 reserve choices. If you are not allocated to one of your reserve choices, you will be allocated to one of your reserve choices.

I'm going to use my voice as my instrument for GCSE Music.

1 st reserve	2 nd reserve
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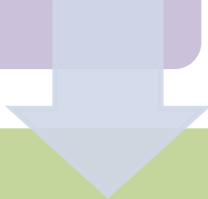
All sections of the form must be completed.

Signature of student: _____ Signature of parent/ carer: _____

Completed form to be brought to your KS4 options interview.

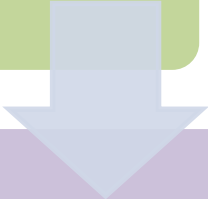
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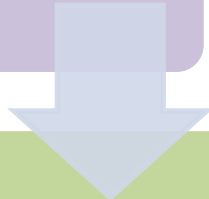
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