



YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 2024 - 2026

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Course Information Booklet

Provides information on the options process
and details of every course.

Subject Videos

Teachers and students give you a description
of what it is like to study every course.



Please scan the QR code on the leaflet to take you to lots of information regarding choosing your options.

Year 9

KS4 Curriculum Evening

29th February 2024

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Who decides what is taught at KS4?

The Government still prescribes a National Curriculum at Key Stage 4 and this, along with performance measures, determines a significant proportion of what is taught at Key Stage 4.



The Core Curriculum

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education



Key Stage 4 Qualifications

GCSE

Vocational

BTEC

Cambridge National

WJEC Vocational Award

All qualifications are Level 1/2 which means you can achieve a Grade 9-1 (or equivalent) in all.

All GCSEs are linear – this means that the examinations are taken at the end of the course.

All our Key Stage 4 qualifications are worth the equivalent of 1 GCSE and all can lead to further study within the Sixth Form or a college.



Key Stage 4 GCSE grading

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

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

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

What is the English Bacculaureate?

“The English Bacculaureate was introduced as a performance measure in the 2010 performance tables.

It is not a qualification in itself.

The measure recognises where pupils have secured a grade 5 or better across a group of academic subjects:

- English (both Language and Literature)
- Mathematics
- Two Sciences
- History or Geography
- A “Language.”

Continuity and Progression

Thornleigh Salesian College hosts the Catholic Post-16 provision for all of Bolton.
All our KS4 courses offer progression routes through to Post-16 education.

Raising Participation Age

All students who are currently in Year 9 must remain in full-time education or training until the age of 18. For the majority of students this will be at Thornleigh Salesian College although some will follow apprenticeships etc. elsewhere.

It's never too early to start thinking about matching courses to careers and further study.

Nationally, any student who does not achieve a **Grade 4** in English and/or Maths must continue to study these beyond the age of 16.



The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Core curriculum of:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- RE
- PE

Geography or History
AND **2** other options

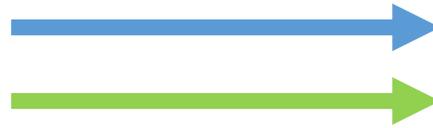


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Options

All students must choose **at least one** of...

It is recommended that many students who aspire to go to university study this...



GCSE Geography
GCSE History
GCSE Spanish
GCSE Art
GCSE Business
Voc. Child Development
GCSE Computer Science
Voc. Construction
Voc. Creative iMedia
Voc. Dance
GCSE Design Technology
Voc. Drama
Voc. Food and Hospitality
GCSE Geography
GCSE Graphics
Voc. Health and Social Care
GCSE History
GCSE Music
GCSE Physical Education
GCSE Photography
GCSE Separate Sciences
GCSE Spanish
Voc. Sport

The following combinations are not permitted:

- GCSE Computer Science **and** Voc. Creative iMedia
- GCSE PE **and** BTEC Sport
- GCSE Art and GCSE Graphics

No course is guaranteed to run – but if a viable number choose it we will run it.

What qualifications do I need to ...

www.informedchoices.ac.uk

Produced by the Russell Group of Universities

Inform students who know and who don't know what they want to study at university.

What happens next?

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Visit the subject stands in the hall and gym.
Talk to subject staff.
Read the KS4 courses information booklet. Watch the course videos using the QR code on your flyer.

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Discuss things at home.

Do your own research.

Think about what suits you.



11th March – 15th March

Individual Consultation Meetings either face to face or via school cloud.

Discuss KS4 option choices with your child's form teacher or a member of the year team.

Link to submit Options choices will be emailed out prior to this meeting.



Monday 25th March

Final day for option choices to be completed online

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