



GCSE Options Evening

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Year 10 & Year 11 - what to expect

- Increased independence
- New classes, new teachers
- Interesting & challenging courses
- High expectations
- Greater awareness of progress relative to GCSE grades
- Focus on examination technique
- Increasing levels of responsibility
- Expanding horizons!

The Common Core

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- PE
- Human Universe course

Human Universe

Course underpinned by 3 core principles

- Academic enrichment
- Multidisciplinary study
- International mindedness

Structure:

- 3 lessons across the fortnight
- Lecture Series
- Research projects leading to the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ)



GCSE Options

You will select four subjects to include:

- At least one Humanity
- At least one Modern Foreign Language
- Two further choices from a wide variety, including all of the above as well as Latin, DT, Food & Nutrition, Art, Drama, Music, PE

There are some co-curricular options also:

- Business Studies
- Ancient Greek
- Astronomy

How do I choose what to study?

Make sure you consider the following:

- What do you enjoy learning?
- How do you enjoy learning?
- Do your subjects work well together? Is there a good balance?
- Do your subjects fit in with what you would like to study in the 6th form and beyond?

Next Steps

- **Tonight** - visit departments (all based in 6th Form Centre & Jackson building)
- **Next 2 weeks** - speak to your subject teachers & form tutors
- **Monday 10th February** - deadline for submission of GCSE option forms