

GCSE Options 2019

It is time to make
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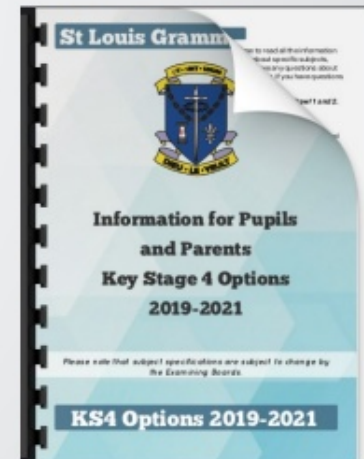


The GCSE Options Process

What does it involve?

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- All this week your teachers will talk to you about the GCSE Options that each department offers
- This will include all the different types of qualification on offer:
 - GCSEs
 - Level 2 BTECs (equivalent to GCSE)
 - Other Level 2 qualifications (equivalent to GCSE)
- You must:
 - Consider all the subjects that are on offer
 - Take time to read through the options booklet with your parents / guardian
 - The options booklet is available from the school website and the school App.



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**Information for Pupils
and Parents
Key Stage 4 Options
2019-2021**

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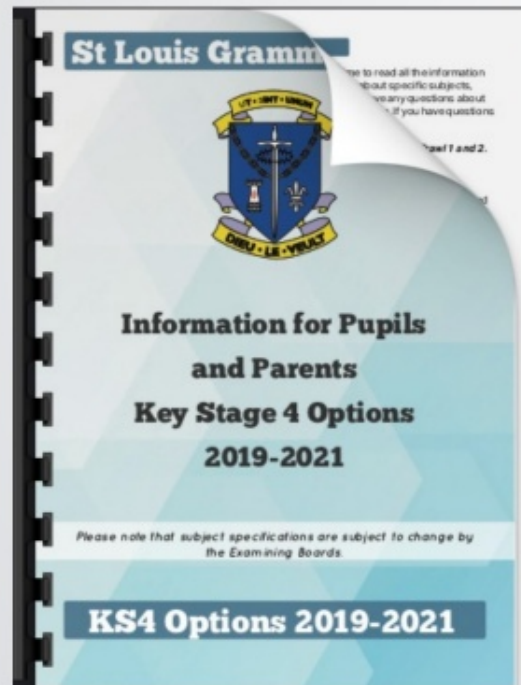
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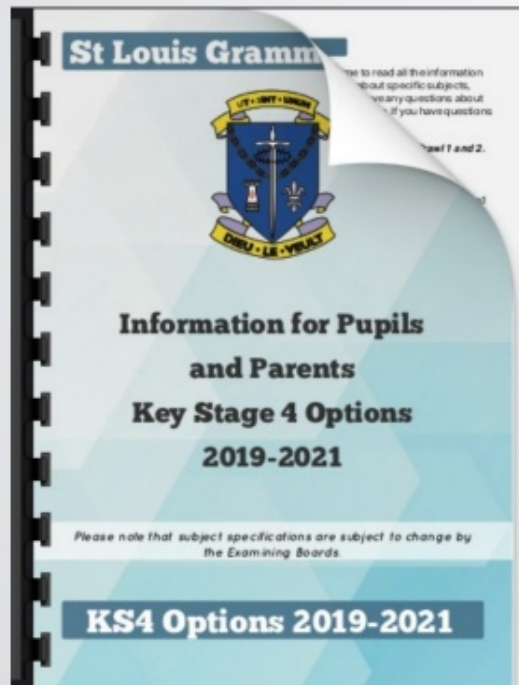
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A Career in Allied Health Professions

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Career Area	GCSE	A Level
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*Speech and Language Therapy	GCSE Double Award Science desirable and recommended but not essential	BBB to include one from the following: English, MFL, Geography, Chemistry, Biology or Physics
Dietetics	GCSE Double Award required	BBB to include 2 subjects from the list: Chemistry (preferred), Biology, Physics, Home Economics or Maths

Veterinary Science


A future career in Veterinary Science needs to be researched very carefully. This is one of the most highly competitive degree courses in UK universities. The GCSE and A level grade requirements are high and the work experience expectations demand that students have 5-6 placements in advance of application. Any student hoping to study Veterinary should commence their work experience in Year 12.

A student hoping to do a degree course in Veterinary Science must achieve high grades in GCSE Double Award Science.

Applicants will be asked for A grades in three A level subjects to include: Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics.

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Medicine and Dentistry

Students hoping for a career in Medicine / Dentistry must achieve high grades in GCSE Double Award Science. Students should aim to achieve mainly A* and A grades in 9 GCSE subjects to maximise their chances of gaining a place on a Medicine or Dentistry degree course. All students intending to study Medicine or Dentistry must study a minimum of 3 A level subjects from the list: *Chemistry (essential) and Biology (recommended with other Mathematics/Physics. All applicants to Medicine must also study a 4th subject at AS level and achieve a grade A in this subject.

Bioscience and Biomedical Science Degrees

In addition to A Level Biology, applicants to a Biology Human Biology Zoology Biomedical Science or Anatomy degrees must have attained GCSE Double Award Science.

Engineering Degrees

GCSE Double Award Science is required for entry to Engineering degrees such as: Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace Engineering/Civil Engineering or Product Design.

Mathematics is an essential subject for many Engineering degree courses with a grade A/B required at GCSE and again at A level. Design Technology is a very desirable subject for Mechanical, Structural and Design Engineering degrees. Engineering provides a useful foundation for a future career in a full range of engineering disciplines.

GCSE Technology (Computing) / GCSE Digital Technology (Multimedia)

GCSE Digital Technology (Computing) is highly desirable when considering a degree in Software Engineering, Games Development, Computer Science and Financial Engineering. GCSE Digital Technology (Multimedia) and GCSE Digital Technologies (Computing) are excellent practical courses and will equip you with the skills needed in modern day life and the world of work. GCSE Digital Technology (Multimedia) is aimed more at the general use of software in the modern office and business, as well as including aspects of multimedia such as web design and multimedia production.

Architecture

Art is required at GCSE level for many Architecture degree courses. A great emphasis is placed on creativity and artistic talent. If a student cannot offer GCSE Art then a portfolio of evidence consisting of 10 pieces of quality work similar to a GCSE Art portfolio needs to be presented to the University for consideration. GCSE Design Technology is a very useful contributory subject but is not essential for an Architecture degree.

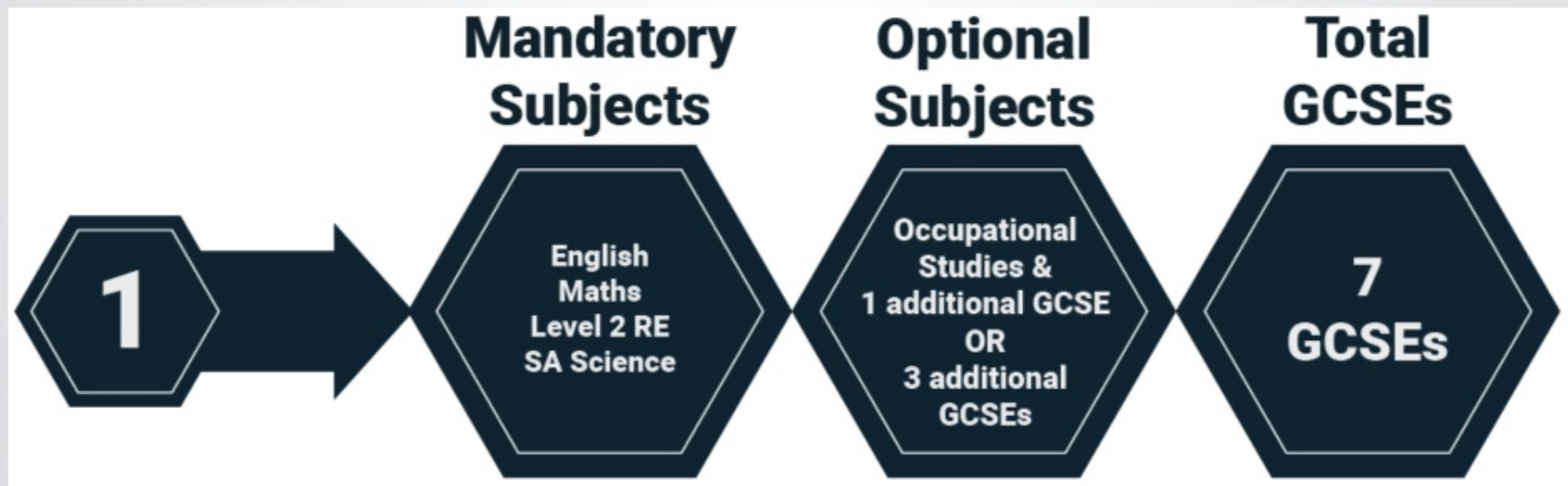
Nursing and Midwifery

In general, Nursing applicants must achieve a minimum grade C in a Science subject at GCSE. Queen's University and the University of Ulster do not require students to have a Science subject at A Level but for those who can offer an A Level Science the overall A level entry requirement is reduced.

Pathways - Pathway 1

Once you have read through the information pages, the next stage of choosing your options is to decide on the pathway you wish to choose.

There are three pathways to choose from - the pathway you choose dictates the number of GCSEs you will study.



Occupational Studies

- Occupational Studies is the equivalent of 2 GCSEs
- Occupational Studies allows you to study a range of practical subjects assessed by coursework and classwork
- Those who choose Occupational Studies will go to the SRC in Newry for one full day a week
- If you choose Occupational Studies you will follow pathway 1 and study a total of 7 GCSEs / GCSE equivalent courses
- NOTE: This year the SRC are also offering a Level 2 Certificate in Creative Arts and Digital Technologies as well as a Level 2 BTEC in Countryside and Environment

Occupational Studies - CCEA

What is Occupational Studies?

Occupational Studies allows pupils to study a range of practical subjects assessed by coursework, in order to gain GCSEs. Pupils who opt for Occupational Studies:

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The Occupational Studies specifications:

- focus on occupation and employability
- include a range of practical courses, training and placement
- help to raise levels of attainment and
- emphasize learning by doing, which helps learners to develop the transferable skills needed in a changing and dynamic working environment.

CCEA have devised these specifications in consultation with:

- Sector Skills Councils
- Teachers' Associations
- Sector Skills Councils in further and higher education colleges, and employers

Occupational Studies at the SRC has six subject areas. Each of these allows you to gain GCSEs in a range of practical subjects. You will complete two subjects from the same subject area to achieve a qualification. You will study two subjects from the same subject area to achieve a qualification. You will study two subjects from the same subject area to achieve a qualification.

The following units are available in the six subject areas:

Business and Services

- Creative Styling and Dressmaking Techniques
- Shampoo & Conditioning Treatments
- Manicure and Nail Art
- Facial Skin Care
- Contemporary Cuisine
- Pastries & Baking
- Child Care - Working Environment
- The Physical Care of Babies
- Modern Beauty

Construction

- Plumbing
- Brickwork work
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Wall, Tiling
- Painting
- Fencing and Decking
- Blockwork Joinery

Taught at the SRC

Design and Creativity

- Graphic Design
- Creative Styling using Dressmaking Techniques
- Creative Styling and Joinery
- Hairdressing
- Contemporary Cuisine
- Hair Beauty
- Special Make-up / Photography

Engineering and Engineering Services

- Electrical Installation
- Sales & Servicing and Servicing Operations
- Plumbing
- Maintenance of Land & Coast Machinery

Environment and Health

- Brickwork & Joinery for Floors
- Brickwork & Joinery for Walls & Structures
- Brickwork & Joinery
- Roofing & Guttering
- Roofing
- Working in Trenches
- Maintenance with Individuals in Care Environment (Health and Social Care Option)
- Working in Care Environment (Health and Social Care Option)

Technology and Innovation

- Digital Imaging
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Tiling & Plasterwork

Note: are the national/BTEC equivalent grades for occupational studies.

Occupational Studies Level	Level Equivalent	Grade	National/BTEC Equivalent
Level 2	Distinction	A*	A*
	Merit	A	A
Level 1	Pass	B	B
	Merit	C	C
Level 1	Merit	D	D
	Pass	E	E

Please note that if there are insufficient pupil numbers in any teacher units / classes then the unit may not run. We advise confirmation of this by the SRC prior to the end of the summer term.

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- teachers/lecturers in further and higher education colleges; and
- employers.

Occupational Studies at the SRC has six subject areas. Each of these relates to a general occupational area and includes a range of optional units. **Learners must complete two subjects from the same occupational area to achieve a qualification.** In year 11, pupils choose two subjects from one of the subject areas. In Year 12 pupils **must** choose two subjects from a **different** subject area.

The following units are available in the six subject areas.

Business and Services

- Creative Styling using Blow Drying Techniques
- Shampoo & Conditioning Treatments
- Manicure and Nail Art
- Facial Skin Care
- Contemporary Cuisine
- Patisserie & Baking
- Child Care - the Play Environment
- The Physical Care of Babies
- Modern Retailing

Construction

- Plumbing
- Brick/Block work
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Wall Tiling
- Plastering
- Painting and Decorating
- Bench Joinery

Taught at the SRC

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- Graphic Design
- Creative Styling using Blow Drying Techniques
- Creative Styling on Long Hair
- Patisserie & Baking
- Contemporary Cuisine
- Total Beauty
- Special Crafts - Photography



Engineering and Engineering Services

- Electrical wiring Installation
- Vehicle Servicing and Valeting Operations
- Plumbing
- Maintenance of Land-Based Machinery

Environment and Society

- Horticulture Caring for Plants
- Horticulture Growing Plants a Sustainable Way
- Sports Leadership
- Running a Leisure Event
- Tour Guiding
- Working in Tourism
- Reminiscence with Individuals in a Care Environment (Health and Social Care Option)
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- TV & Film Production

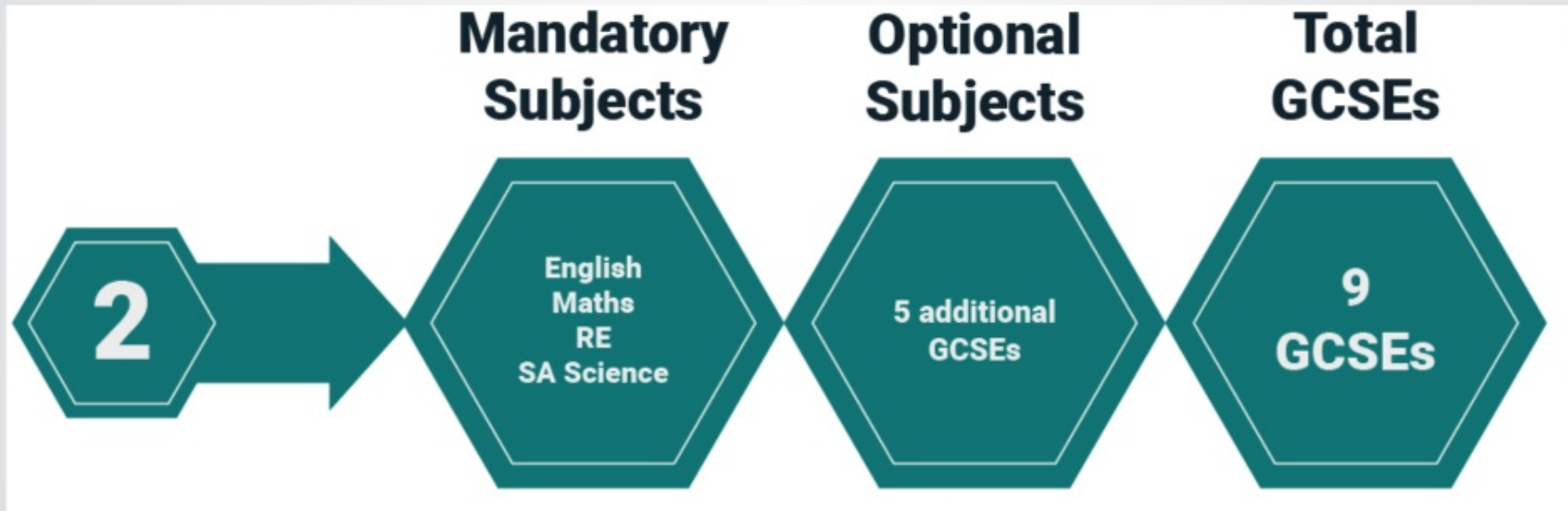
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	Merit	B
	Pass	C
Level 1	Distinction	D
	Merit	E
	Pass	F / G

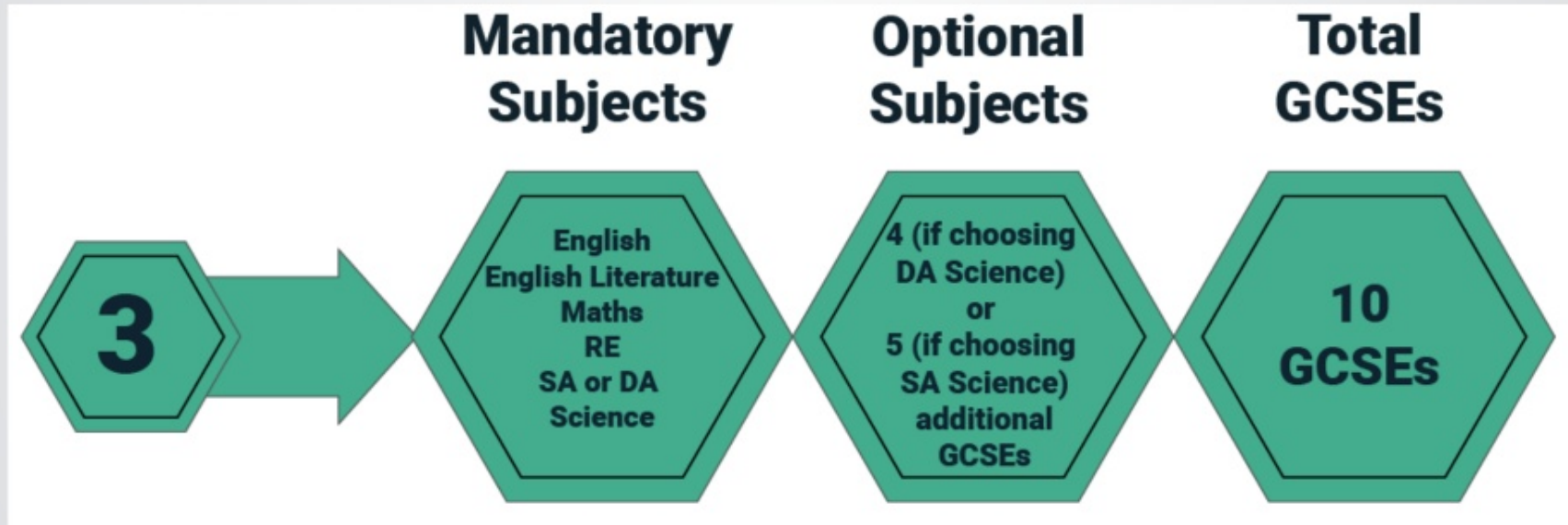
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Pathway 2



Pathway 3



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Subject Pages

...contain a wealth of information

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- *There is a wealth of information to help decide whether a subject is right for you!*
- *You should take the time to read this carefully*
- *There will be information about the different parts that make up the qualification such as the amount of coursework and exam*
- *Talk to your teachers if there is anything you do not understand*

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Core Subjects

- "Core Subjects" are the subjects that you **MUST** study at GCSE
- The number of Core Subjects you study depends on the pathway you have chosen
- All Core Subjects are GCSEs except OCN NI Level 2 RE which is studied only on Pathway 1.
 - **Pathway 1** - English / Maths / OCN NI Level 2 RE (equivalent to a GCSE) / Single Award Science
 - **Pathway 2** - English / Maths / RE / Single Award Science
 - **Pathway 3** - English / English Literature / Maths / RE / Single or Double Award Science

GCSE Child Development - CCEA

- Two year course
- Two Exams
- One piece of Controlled Assessment

Content	Assessment	Weighting
Component 1: Parenthood, Pregnancy and the Newborn Baby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External written examination • 1 hour 15 mins • 75 marks • The paper includes multiple-choice, short and structured questions, and questions requiring extended writing. 	30%
Component 2: The Development of the Child (0-5 Years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External written examination • 1 hour 15 mins • 75 marks • The paper includes multiple-choice, short and structured questions, and questions requiring extended writing. 	30%
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Throughout the two years pupils are examined on a range of practical coursework components which are assessed through controlled assessment.

At the end of Year 11 pupils will sit a 1 hour examination based on the theory of **digital technology** (Unit 1), and at the end of year 12 will sit a further 1½ hour exam based on **digital authoring techniques**.

The course weightings are as follows:

- Coursework - 30%
- Exam - 70%

Throughout the two years you will continue to develop your IT skills using standard office software, and learn how to develop applications and communicate information effectively using multimedia software such as Fireworks, Photoshop and Dreamweaver.

You will also learn how to develop a solution to a given problem using database technology and will develop a website for your coursework using Dreamweaver.

The coursework consists of two tasks which include:

- Software Development Life cycle including solution Design and Development
- Website design and development

By studying either the Computing strand or multimedia strand, this could allow you to pursue a career in the following:

- IT / Computing
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Note

- There are three "ICT" options and you can only take **one**
 - Digital Technologies - **Multimedia path** (like **ICT**)
 - Digital Technologies - **Programming path** (like **Computing**)
 - OCN NI LEVEL 2 APPLIED IT - 100% Coursework
- You can only choose GCSE Business Studies OR OCR Level 2 Enterprise and Marketing - not both
- Further Maths counts as **one** of your 6 choices
 - You must have **consistently high marks** in Maths to be allowed to opt for Further Maths
- You **must** choose between Single Award Science or Double Award Science (both include all three sciences) - this depends on the **pathway** you are following
- Double Award Science counts as **two** of your 6 choices
- Occupational Studies counts as **three** of your 6 choices
- It is **strongly recommended** that pupils study a language at GCSE

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Choosing options

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- This week is options week
- There will be presentations at break from subject leaders for new subjects not studied in Junior school
- Your class teachers will talk to you about their subject option
- Pupils and their parents are invited to the options event on **Monday 28th January** to discuss your options with subject leaders

Key Stage Four Options 2018 - 2019 January 2018

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

This is a preliminary consultation questionnaire for the students in KS4. Use it to see what you think. The information you provide on this form will be used to prepare the consultation sheet. However, this questionnaire is not a contract. You will be asked to confirm your choice at the end of the consultation week.

Students may wish to discuss their choices with their subject leaders as well as the following:

1. All subject leaders (English, Mathematics, Science, and Information Technology)
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3. All subject leaders (English, Mathematics, Science, and Information Technology)
4. All subject leaders (English, Mathematics, Science, and Information Technology)
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Please check the subject you wish to choose.


Subject	Options	Options
Art	Art	Art
Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
English Literature	English Literature	English Literature
French	French	French
Geography	Geography	Geography
History	History	History
Information Technology	Information Technology	Information Technology
Music	Music	Music
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Religion	Religion	Religion
Science	Science	Science
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
Visual Arts	Visual Arts	Visual Arts

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Head Teacher: _____

At the end of this week you will get the first trawl options sheet



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NAME _____

CLASS 10 _____

This is a preliminary consultation regarding your choice of subjects for GCSE. **This is not your final option sheet.** The information you provide on this sheet will be used to construct the final options sheet. When the final option sheet is produced, with subjects in blocks, a copy will also be sent home to allow you to discuss the subjects with your parents/guardians. You will finalise your choices after the parents' teacher meeting in March.

In choosing your subjects you must consider the information in the options booklet as well as the following:

1. All students must study Religious Education, English, and Mathematics. Physical Education is available as an option though all pupils have non-exam PE on their timetable
2. Students must take at least one Science. Double Award Science counts as two options.
3. It is strongly recommended that students study a language
4. Further Maths is offered as an option subject and will be included in your 6 choices

Please select the 6 subjects from the list below

Please number your choices from 1 – 6 in order of preference.

Subject	Preference	Subject	Preference
Art		Business Studies	
Child Development		Construction *	
Digital Technologies (Multimedia)		Digital Technologies (Computing)	
Double Award Science (This counts as two options. Worth 2 GCSEs)		Drama	
Food and Nutrition Science		Engineering*	
Further Mathematics †		French	
History		Geography	
Moving Image Arts		Irish	
PE Studies		Music	
Spanish		Single Award Science (Worth 1 GCSE)	
BTEC Level 2 Travel and Tourism (Single Award)		Technology	

- *Indicates an applied (vocational) GCSE.
- † Pupils must have consistent high average marks in Mathematics to be allowed to opt for Further Maths. If a Further Mathematics class is not viable, this class may run in conjunction with GCSE Maths as in previous years.
- You can only study 1 "ICT" option – Digital Technologies (Multimedia) OR Digital Technologies (Computing).
- If you have a particular career in mind, make sure that you check what subjects are needed with your careers teacher, in the options booklet or with Mrs Devlin.
- If insufficient pupils choose an option then there is no guarantee that this option will run.

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Please return to Mr Brown before Thursday 8th February 2018

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Further Mathematics ⚡		Geography	
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- *Indicates an applied (vocational) GCSE.
- ⚡ Pupils must have consistent high average marks in Mathematics to be allowed to opt for Further Maths. If a Further Mathematics class is not viable, this class may run in conjunction with GCSE Maths as in previous years.
- You can only study 1 "ICT" option – Digital Technologies (Multimedia) OR Digital Technologies (Computing).
- If you have a particular career in mind, make sure that you check what subjects are needed with your careers teacher, in the options booklet or with Mrs Devlin.
- If insufficient pupils choose an option then there is no guarantee that this option will run.

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Please return to Mr Brown before Thursday 8th February 2018

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Five stages

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- **Stage one - Options Talks - this week**
- **Stage two - Options Day 28th January**
- **Stage three (First trawl) - complete the first trawl sheet and hand it back to Mr Brown by 1st February**
 - You must get your sheet back on time or your choices won't be considered for the second trawl
- **Stage four (Second trawl) - the subjects are placed into 6 "blocks" automatically based on your choices and based on the "best fit" for all pupils**
 - You will discuss your final 3-5 choices at the PTM on **28th February 2019** with your parents and teachers
 - You may only choose 1 option from each block
 - Second trawl forms returned by **22nd March 2019**

Key Stage Four Options 2019/2020

Name: _____ Date: _____

Endorsing your subjects you must consider the following:

1. All students prepare for German, English, English and Mathematics as GCSE subjects.
2. Students must take at least one Science from Physics or Single Science.
3. You must choose Double Award English in Module B, E and F and this counts as two options.
4. You must choose Occupational Studies in Module B, E and F and this counts as two options.
5. If you wish to do *Elgar Children's Care* you should opt for Occupational Studies.
6. It is recommended that most students study at least one language.

All students must choose one subject from each block.

BLOCK A	TECH	BLOCK B	TECH	BLOCK C	TECH
Double Award Science		Double Award Science		Art	
Single Award Science		History		Critical Development	
		Applied IT		Foreign Languages	
		Occupational Studies		Geography	
				Music	
				Physical Education	

BLOCK D	TECH	BLOCK E	TECH	BLOCK F	TECH
Business Studies		Occupational Studies		Occupational Studies	
Design		Foreign Languages		Communication	
Engineering		History		French	
Computer Science		Digital Technologies (programming)		Spanish	
Music		Digital Technologies (programming)		Spanish	
Technology		PE		Learning for Life & Work	
		Physical Education			

All Subjects subject to approval. There are insufficient numbers for a viable class.

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Key Stage Four Options 2018-2020

Name: _____ Class: _____

In choosing your subjects you must consider the following:

1. All students must study Religious Education, English and Mathematics as GCSE subjects.
2. Students must take at least one Science from Double or Single Award.
3. You must choose Double Award Science in blocks **A and B** and this counts as two options.
4. You must choose Occupational Studies in blocks **B, E and F** and this counts as two options.
5. If you wish to do **B.Tec** Children's Care you should opt for Occupational Studies
6. It is recommended that most students study a language.

All students must choose **one subject from each block.**

BLOCK A	TICK	BLOCK B	TICK	BLOCK C	TICK
Double Award Science		Double Award Science		Art	
Single Award Science		History		Child Development	
		Applied IT		Further Maths	
		Occupational Studies		Geography	
				Moving Image	
				Travel and Tourism	

BLOCK D	TICK	BLOCK E	TICK	BLOCK F	TICK
Business Studies		Occupational Studies		Occupational Studies	
Drama		Food and Nutrition		Construction	
Engineering		History		French	
Geography		Digital Technologies (Multimedia)		Irish	
Music		Digital Technologies (Computing)		Spanish	
Technology		PE		Learning for Life & Work	
		Technology			

NB Subjects will not be offered if there are insufficient numbers for a viable class.

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Single Award Science		History		Child Development	
		Applied IT		Further Maths	
		Occupational Studies		Geography	
				Moving Image	
				Travel and Tourism	

BLOCK D	TICK	BLOCK E	TICK	BLOCK F	TICK
Business Studies		Occupational Studies		Occupational Studies	
Drama		Food and Nutrition		Construction	
Engineering		History		French	
Geography		Digital Technologies (Multimedia)		Irish	
Music		Digital Technologies (Computing)		Spanish	
Technology		PE		Learning for Life & Work	
		Technology			

Five stages

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- *Stage five (Final decisions)*
 - *Begins at the start of April*
 - *Your choices are assessed by the Head of Year, Head of Careers and the SLMT*
 - *A final decision as to the viability of your option choices will be made based on:*
 - *The pathway you have chosen*
 - *Progress in internal assessments 1-3 in key subjects*
 - *Average scores and rank in your chosen option subject (where applicable)*
 - *Standardised scores (MidYIS / PTE / PTM)*
 - *Average scores in English, Maths and Science*

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Be aware!

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- The school reserves the right to **not** offer courses if there are **insufficient pupil numbers**
- Therefore it is important to choose the subjects you want to do in the **first trawl** or they might not be available to you in the second trawl
- You must get your first trawl sheet in on time or your subject combination may not be available to you in the second trawl
- If you are unsure about the options process then talk to Mr Brown
- If you are unsure about your career direction then speak to Mrs Devlin and your teachers

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Good Luck!

We appreciate how difficult this is!

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- *This is the most difficult choice you have to make*
- *Your GCSEs are the gateway to Post-16, University, the world of work and beyond!*
- *Take the time to **think** about what subjects would be **best for you***
- *Your teachers are here to help and guide you*
- *You and your parents must make the final decision!*

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