

# Options Evening



# Changing face of education

- New grading (9 to 1)
- Grade 5 to be considered a “good pass”
- All exams will be linear – no modules, no early entry, little if any coursework
- New exams more rigorous – need as much time as possible to prepare

# Core Subjects

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Personal Development (PSHCE)
- Physical Education

# Options Subjects

- Four subjects – one from each options block
- Choose a first choice and back-up from each



# English Baccalaureate

Recognises breadth of study

- English and Maths
- At least two Sciences (including Computing)
- A Modern Foreign Language \*
- History or Geography \*

*\* Facilitating subjects*

Many universities want students to have the EBacc when they are applying for places.



# Options Blocks

## BLOCK A

Geography

History

Extra En/Ma

## BLOCK B

Business

Dance

Engineering

Food Tech

Psychology

Hair & Beauty

Health & Social

BTEC Sport

## BLOCK C

Art

Computing

Film Studies

French

ICT

Spanish

## BLOCK D

Drama

Geography

German

PE

Product Design

Music

# College courses

Hair & Beauty

Health & Social

Sport



Level 3 courses at Retford Post 16



# Things to consider

- Ignore what your friends are doing!
- Don't base it on your favourite teachers
- Make sure that you pick subjects that you enjoy as well as ones that you are doing well in
- English Baccalaureate
- Keep your options open – consider future planning

# Where to go for advice

- Tutor and Head of House
- Older students in tutor group
- Subject teachers
- Options website:  
[www.elizabethan.notts.sch.uk/options](http://www.elizabethan.notts.sch.uk/options)
- Request an Interview with our Careers Advisor  
via your Head of House



# Where to go for advice



**Big Ideas.  
Big Ambitions.**

**Wednesday 8th March**  
Retford Post 16 Centre,  
Old Hall Drive,  
Retford, DN22 7EA

**Come along to discover the opportunities available to you.**

**At the event you will have access to:**

- Local and national employers
- Local Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Careers advice
- Fun activities
- Competitions and prizes
- Inspirational speakers and workshops

**Schools welcome from 1.00pm–4.30pm**  
**Parents, students and visitors welcome from 5.00pm–7.00pm**

 **public & third sector**

# Questions from Parents' Eve

- What are the options? Will Hair and Beauty be included? What's included in each subject curriculum?
- Is any careers advice offered prior to selection of GCSEs?
- How to choose the “right” GCSEs for the college wanted and how to plan the pathway? Should you focus on targeted results or go for the subjects you are doing well in and have good projections in?

# What happens next

- You do not have to choose your options tonight!
- Find out as much you can tonight and over the next fortnight
- Sign up for a parent/student interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team