

# Welcome to Year 9 Options Evening

KENILWORTH SCHOOL



# Aims of the evening

- ▶ Explain Kenilworth School's Options Process
- ▶ How well our students perform at the end of Key Stage 4
- ▶ Explain the different types of courses and qualifications
  - ▶ GCSE
  - ▶ BTEC/ Technical Award
- ▶ An opportunity to talk to staff about the option subjects and for you or your sons/daughters to ask questions



# The Process

- ▶ November/December – Subject assemblies
- ▶ January 8th – Options booklet
- ▶ January 10<sup>th</sup> – Options Evening
- ▶ January 31<sup>st</sup> – Year 9 Parents Evening
- ▶ February 8<sup>th</sup> – Hand in Option forms



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# KS4 Exam Performance - 2018

## Headlines

- ▶ 4+ in Maths and English 85%
- ▶ EBACC 4+ 41%
- ▶ Average grade 5.75 (B grade)
- ▶ **Progress 8 Score** 0.63 (Top 10%)



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# 21<sup>st</sup> century Curriculum

Qualifications should:

- ▶ Reflect our changing world
- ▶ Prepare our students to be successful in society
- ▶ Engage students in learning
- ▶ Prepare students for future study at sixth form, college or university or work.

# Curriculum Choice

- ▶ Provide exciting opportunities at KS4 for personalisation of curriculum
- ▶ Maximise opportunities for success and providing as much 'competitive edge' as possible

# Challenges of new GCSE

## New GCSE Grading Structure

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- ▶ GCSE Grades (9 – 1)
- ▶ Grade 4 – Pass mark
- ▶ **Grade 5** will be the new ‘good’ pass mark
- ▶ 100% terminal exam in most subjects
- ▶ Ebacc

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
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



# English Baccalaureate (Ebacc)

## What is the Ebacc?

- ▶ The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) is a performance measure which shows how many pupils get a grade 4 and 5 or above in the core academic subjects –

**Maths, English, the sciences, a language and history or geography** - at GCSE.

Ebacc was brought in to encourage pupils to study a rigorous and Balanced Curriculum

These subjects are also **Facilitating subjects** which are highly regarded by Russell Group Universities if studied at A-Level and open up more doors to more degrees

# Types of Qualifications (GCSE – BTEC- Tech Award)

## GCSE

- ▶ Graded (9 – 1)
- ▶ 9 highest, 1 is lowest
- ▶ A **grade 5** will be the new standard that a student is expected to achieve in order for them to have passed the qualification
- ▶ Mainly 100% terminal exam
- ▶ Theory, sometimes with some practical application.
- ▶ Preparation for A - Level at Kenilworth

## BTEC

- ▶ Graded (Distinction\* - Pass)
- ▶ Applied learning related to a vocational sector
- ▶ Mixture of controlled assessments and external assessments
- ▶ Assessments Include written reports, online assessments, practical tasks completed throughout the course.

# What must you study?

## Core Subjects

- ▶ **Maths**
- ▶ **English Language**
- ▶ **English Literature**
- ▶ **Science (Combined or Separate)**
- ▶ **Citizenship (Year 10 Exam)**
  
- ▶ Core PE
- ▶ Religious Education
- ▶ Relationships and Sex Education

} GCSE Examined subjects

# Curriculum Pathways

## ▶ EBACC

### ***Language Option***

French, German, Spanish, Latin

### ***Humanity Option***

Geography or History

***2 x Further Options***

## ▶ NON EBACC

### ***Option 1 (one of)***

History

Geography

Computer Science

German, French, Spanish

***3 x Further Options***

# 2 or 3 further choices from 21 different courses

Art

Graphics

Music

BTEC Sport

GCSE PE

BTEC Dance

BTEC Health and Social Care

Religious Studies

Geography

History

Drama

Business Studies

Business Enterprise (BTEC)

Computer Science

Psychology

Latin

Design and Technology

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French

Spanish

German

# Options Form – Return by 8th February

- ▶ Ensure **one** subject is chosen from Options A and **three** further subjects chosen from Options B in order of preference.
- ▶ You must also choose **one** reserve subject choice
- ▶ Please also indicate if you read, write and speak an additional language to the courses on offer.

Choose **one** subject from Options A and **three** subjects from Options B recording your choices in the table below. Ensure that you also choose **one** reserve choice. \*Please note that you cannot choose more than one subject from the same curriculum area; Eg. Art and Graphics or Design & Technology and Food Prep. or Btec Sport and PE

My Choices

OPTION 1(A)	OPTION 2(B)	OPTION 3(B)	OPTION 4(B)
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Reserve Choice

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*Please note: For students who wish to follow the **English Baccalaureate** two of your choices must contain either **Geography or History AND either French, German, Spanish or Latin.***

If you can read, write <u>and</u> speak a language other than English, French, German or Spanish sufficiently well to gain a GCSE at a C/(4) Grade or above, please indicate the language	Language spoken .....
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# Possible Restrictions

- ▶ Courses from the same subject area should not be chosen  
eg Art and Graphics OR Btec PE and GCSE PE
- ▶ Option Blocking
- ▶ Curriculum Provision is affected by many factors (Staffing, pupil numbers, timetabling restrictions).
- ▶ Over-subscribed subjects – Order of preference then random selection
- ▶ No guarantee of first choices. We will look at each case individually but the final decision is made by the school.

# Making Good Choices

- ▶ Do think about your future  
Career, University, Apprenticeships
- ▶ What subjects do I need for the future?
- ▶ Do you have a balanced combination of subjects?
- ▶ What subjects are you good at?
- ▶ Which subjects do you enjoy?
- ▶ How do you prefer to study and learn?





# How NOT to choose?

- ▶ What subjects are my friends doing
- ▶ It looks an easy option
- ▶ I like my teacher in that subject
- ▶ Gender Stereotypes



# Where to get more information?

- ▶ Subject Teachers and Form Tutor
- ▶ Options Booklet
- ▶ JED – Job Explorer Database (access via VLE)
- ▶ Career Advice – Miss Brennan
- ▶ Key Staff - Mr Bradford, Mr Hoverd, Senior Team

All email addresses are on the school website

# Curriculum Choice Form

- ▶ Fully completed forms must be returned by **Friday 8th February**

**Thankyou for attending the evening!**

