

KS3 -> KS4 Curriculum Transition

The transition from KS3 to KS4 is an important one as this is the first real opportunity our pupils have to select subjects that they are both more interested in and that provide a platform to access further study or vocational post-16 opportunities.

Ultimately we want our pupils to study subjects that they are both passionate about and propel them on an aspirational journey towards their chosen career.

Therefore, our options process is centred around three core principals; high quality CAIG (Careers Advice, Information and Guidance), an abundance of choice and no restrictions in terms of selection.

CAIG commences in Year 7 where, ahead of making these important decisions, our pupils are exposed to an abundance of careers related material and experiences that are designed to agitate their curiosity and ambition in careers and reverse engineer a pathway toward it. Such examples include:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	STEM Roadshow (BAE)	Year 7 Futures day	STEM Club
	PSHE Form Activities	STEM Club	Subject Based Career lessons
	STEM Club	Careers Form Activity Week	
	Careers Form Activity Week	Enterprise Chocotastic Challenge	
	Subject Based Career lessons	Subject Based Career lessons	
Year 8	PSHE Form Activities	Year 8 Futures Day	Subject Based Career lessons
	BBC Careers Roadshow	Careers Form Activity Week	
	Careers Form Activity Week	STEM Energy Quest (Tomorrow's Engineers)	
	Subject Based Career lessons	Enterprise Entrepreneur Challenge	
		Subject Based Career lessons	
Year 9	STEM Roadshow BAE	STEM Day Medical Careers	Careers Drop In
	Careers Form Activity Week	Y9 Futures Day	Subject Based Career lessons
	BBC Careers Roadshow	KS4 Information Evening	STEM Science Live
	Careers Drop In	Careers Drop In	
	Subject Based Career lessons	Careers Form Activity Week	
		College Taster Sessions	
	Young Enterprise Competition		

Our Year 9 Futures Day and KS4 Information evening are further opportunities for our pupils and their families to receive valuable information, but more importantly to learn about their subjects, research learning and career pathways, bury down into the Labour Market Information, discover demandable skills and learn from employers and employees.

Compulsory KS4 subjects:

- Religious Education
- English language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (minimum of ELC or Combined Science)

Optional KS4 subjects:

- Art
- Business Studies
- BTEC Health & Social Care

Computer Science

ICT

Construction

Hair and Beauty

Life Skills

Motor Vehicle Engineering

Drama

D&T Graphics

D&T Resistant Materials

D&T Textiles

Food and Nutrition

French

Spanish

Geography

History

Sociology

Sports Studies

Music

GCSE PE

Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)

Work Skills