

Options at KS4

COMPASSION



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

HUMILITY



"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"

RESPECT



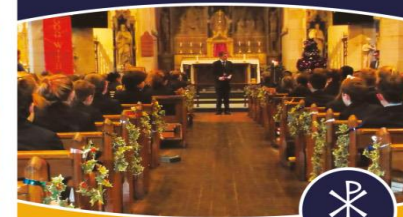
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

INTEGRITY



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

SERVICE



"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

TOLERANCE



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"

GCSEs are changing...

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
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

Schedule

-  28th February – Options Launched
-  3rd March – Options Pilot 1
-  30th March – Parents’ Evening
-  31st March – Options Sheets issued
-  3rd April – Options Sheets returned

Compulsory Subjects

 English and English Literature

 Maths

 Science

 RE

 Core PE

 PHSCE

Y8 GCSE Options Pilot 1: Example

Option blocks A and B

From the list of GCSE option subjects below select the **two** GCSE subjects you would like to study. Your choices will be used to construct option blocks A and B. You can only study one technology option in this column. You may only choose IT or Computing, not both.

Subject	√ the two GCSE options you would like to study.
Art & Design	
Business Studies	
Computing	
Drama	
Dance	
DT – Electronics	
DT – Product Design	
DT – Food Preparation and Nutrition	
DT – Textiles	
Geography	
History	
ICT (CIDA)	
Media	
Music	
PE	
Second Language option (only available to students in Sets 1 or 2 for French)	

Option block C

Select the humanity subject you would like to study – you may choose the other humanity as part of your choices in option block A and B above.

Option block L

Select the language you would like to study.

OR:

You may choose a portfolio option instead of a language if you were offered an interview. NB these subjects will only run if there is sufficient demand

Subject	✓ the GCSE subject you would like to study.
Geography	
History	

Subject	✓ the GCSE language you would like to study.
French	
Spanish (only available to students in Sets 1 or 2 for French)	

Subject	✓ the portfolio option you would like to study.
GCSE: Photography (do not select if you have chosen Art & Design in option block A & B)	
BTEC : Engineering	
Health and Social Care	
ICT (Do not select if you have already selected this in A or B)	
Performing Arts Level 2 Qualification	

Why is important to make the right choices?

The options your child chooses will affect how they spend their time at school for the next three years.

The choices they make will also influence their options beyond GCSE, what A-Levels they can study, what courses will be available to them at College or University, and potentially what career paths they can follow.

Good reasons for choosing an option

They are good at the subject

They think they will enjoy the course

It fits career ideas and plans

They think they might want to continue studying it post 16

Their research shows that it will interest them and motivate them to learn



Bad reasons for choosing an option

Their friends have chosen it

They think it will be easy

They think it's a good option for a boy/girl

Someone else thinks it is a good idea

They like the teacher they have now

Where else can I get advice at St. John Fisher?

Head of Year

Mr Sharpe

Subject Teachers

Head of Department

Information available this evening

Department representatives in the Sixth Form Dining Room

In many cases, handouts on the courses are available

Interviews with SLT by invitation (you will have received a letter)

Don't try and see everyone

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