

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



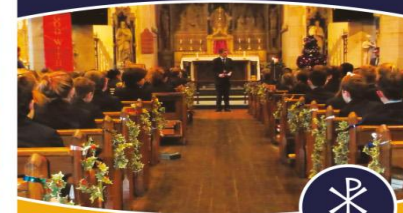
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

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 have changed...



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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Schedule

-  21st February – Options Launched
-  23rd February – Options Pilot 1
-  28th February – Options Evening for Parents
-  21st March – Year 8 Progress Grade issued
-  22nd March – Year 8 Parents’ Evening
-  23rd March – Final Options Sheet issued
-  26th March – Final Options Form handed in

Compulsory Subjects



English and English Literature



Maths



Science



RE



Core PE



PHSCE



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.

Your first and second choices should be your preferred options, please tick a reserve choice as well.

You can only study ONE TECHNOLOGY option in this column.

You may only choose IT or Computing, not both.

Subject	1 st choice	2 nd choice	Reserve Choice
Art & Design			
Business Studies			
Computer Science (only available to students in Sets 1, 2 and 3 in Maths)			
Dance			
Drama			
DT – Electronic Products			
DT – Product Design			
DT – Textiles			
DT – Food Preparation & Nutrition			
Geography			
History			
ICT (CIDA)			
Second Language option (only available to students in Sets 1 or 2 for French)			
Media Studies			
Music			
PE			

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 in French in current year)	

Subject	1 st portfolio choice	Reserve Choice	Additional Reserve Choice
GCSE PE (do not select if you have already selected this in A or B)			
Health and Social Care			
ICT (do not select if you have already selected this in A or B)			
Technical Award in Materials Technology			

Why is important to make the right choices?



The options you choose will affect how you spend your time at school for the next three years.

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



Good reasons for choosing an option

- You are good at the subject
- You think you will enjoy the course
- It fits your career ideas and plans
- It goes well with your other choices
- It helps to give you plenty of choice post 16
- You think you might want to continue studying it post 16
- Your research shows that it will interest you and motivate you to learn.





Bad reasons for choosing an option

- Your friends have chosen it
- You think it will be easy
- You think it's a good option for a boy/girl
- Someone else thinks it is a good idea
- You like the teacher you have now
- You did not have time to research your options properly

Where can I get advice at St. John Fisher?



- Head of Year
- Mr Sharpe
- Subject Teachers
- Head of Department



Information available this afternoon

- Each options subject has pupil representatives who will talk to you about the GCSE course
- There may be hand outs
- There may be examples of work
- There might be examples of text books
- Don't just follow your friends around.
- Focus on the subjects you think you need to know more about.
- Don't visit options subjects if you know you are not going to choose that subject.