

# Meopham School

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Dear parents and carers,

We hope this letter finds you well.

Our thanks to everyone who has provided their feedback on their options preferences for Key Stage Four, both via the Options Preferences Survey and in face-to-face discussions at our recent Year 9 Parent and Carer Evening. Your input was invaluable in helping us shape the options process.

**Students and families are now able to make the final options preferences via the following form:** <https://forms.gle/WojgvJgS7CKhNPsv6>

Please complete this form with your child to confirm what their preferences are for their final options choices. The available options have now been grouped into blocks based on the feedback from students and families. **The deadline for completing the options form is 27th February.**

### ***How will the curriculum be structured?***

All students will study the following subjects as part of the core curriculum:

- English Language (GCSE)
- English Literature (GCSE)
- Mathematics (GCSE)
- Statistics (GCSE)
- Combined Science (GCSE) *i.e. "Double" Science - an additional Triple Science option is available*
- Core PE (this will include a number of competitive inter-House sports events)
- TRUE Values - our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Students will then study **THREE** additional options subjects.

Students must study **ONE** subject from **BLOCK A** to meet national government requirements.

Students then study **TWO** additional subjects: one to fill up **BLOCK B** and one to fill up **BLOCK C** (both blocks are identical). Students can study any two subjects for BLOCKS B and C, with a few exceptions (please see the table below).

**Students should rank all subjects from top choice (1) to bottom choice so the school knows what their preferences are.** The school will then aim to provide students some of their top preferences for their options subjects.

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Block A	Block B*	Block C*
History (GCSE)	History (GCSE)	History (GCSE)
Geography (GCSE)	Geography (GCSE)	Geography (GCSE)
French (GCSE)	French (GCSE)	French (GCSE)
Triple Science (GCSE)	Triple Science (GCSE)	Triple Science (GCSE)
Computer Science (GCSE)	Computer Science (GCSE)	Computer Science (GCSE)
	Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (GCSE)	Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (GCSE)
	Design and Technology (GCSE)	Design and Technology (GCSE)
	Drama (GCSE)	Drama (GCSE)
	Art (GCSE)	Art (GCSE)
	Sociology (GCSE)	Sociology (GCSE)
	Music Technology (B-Tec)	Music Technology (B-Tec)
	Sport (B-Tec)	Sport (B-Tec)
	Business (B-Tec)	Business (B-Tec)
	Catering (B-Tec equivalent)	Catering (B-Tec equivalent)
	Health and Social Care (B-Tec)	Health and Social Care (B-Tec)
	Digital Information Technology (B-Tec)	Digital Information Technology (B-Tec)

\*There are two restrictions to the subjects that can be selected for Block B and C:

**i) students can only study one B-Tec subject** (this is because these courses have formal assessments during Year 10, so studying more than one is very demanding on a student very early on in their KS4 study, which could impact the grades they achieve).

**ii) students cannot study both Computer Science and Digital Information Technology** (this is because the government deems these courses to be too similar to be awarded as separate qualifications).

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## **What is the rationale for our curriculum?**

- *Core academic focus:* our curriculum provides more lesson time for the core subjects of English, Maths and Science to ensure students maximise their potential in these crucial subjects, whose qualifications are pivotal for post-16 destinations.
- *Greater flexibility:* following feedback from families, we have ensured students can study a variety of combinations of subjects. We have removed the need for all students to necessarily study a mixture of Humanities, Languages and Creative subjects. This will allow our students to have a freer choice.
- *Triple Science:* lots of families stated this was something they would be interested in pursuing, so we have ensured this is available in all three blocks.
- *Humanities:* a number of families fed back that their child would be interested in studying both History and Geography. This is possible within our options blocks.
- *Expanded range of subjects:* a number of new and exciting subjects are on offer for our young people at Key Stage Four, with several being added to the KS4 curriculum for the first time, including Triple Science, Drama, Sociology and Design and Technology.

## **What further support and information will my child and I receive?**

Beginning next week, students will have a programme of Options Assemblies where staff will introduce them to their subjects at Key Stage Four.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subjects Providing Assembly</b>
Mon 2nd Feb	History and Geography
Tues 3rd Feb	Philosophy, Religion & Ethics and Triple Science
Wed 4th Feb	French and Sociology
Thurs 5th Feb	N/A
Fri 6th Feb	Art and Design & Technology
Mon 9th Feb	Catering and Business
Tues 10th Feb	Sport and Health and Social Care
Wed 11th Feb	Drama and Music Technology
Thurs 12th Feb	Computing and Digital Information Technology

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To complement this, teachers will also be providing Options Taster Sessions either in student's normal timetabled lessons, or sometimes at Lunchtimes for those subjects that students do not currently study. Students will be informed when these additional Taster Sessions will take place in school.

A reminder that our Options Booklet is available on our school website:

<https://www.meophamschool.org.uk/page/?title=Year+9+Options+2026&pid=339>

Should you require any further information, please contact the **Raising Standards Lead - Ms Bland** using the Academic Enquiry contact form found on the school website: [Academic Enquiry Form](#)

Further information and advice can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/>

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/your-choices-at-14>

We are very excited to be embarking on this journey with Year 9 students, who will begin to shape their education and take their first steps towards their future aspirations and careers.

Yours faithfully

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