



VERULAM
SCHOOL

Year 9 Options Team

Mr Freakley – Deputy Head Curriculum. Overview of options.

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Mr Halsall – Head of Year 9. Process, support and guidance.

Year 9 Form tutors. Support and guidance.

What are options?

- Verulam School students follow a broad and balanced curriculum
 - KS3 students study 14 different subjects each week
 - KS4 enables students to spend more time on subjects they enjoy
 - Compulsory subjects plus four option subjects
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Compulsory subjects

English – English Literature and English Language

Maths – GCSE and Edexcel Award in January of Y11

Science – Combined Science or 3 Separate Sciences.

PSHE – not examined.

Core PE – not examined

Options subjects

Choose 4 plus 2 reserves:

GCSE Art and Design

GCSE Business

GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Design & Technology

GCSE Drama

GCSE Economics

GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition

GCSE French

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

GCSE Media Studies

GCSE Physical Education

GCSE Religious Studies

GCSE Spanish

BTEC Enterprise

BTEC Media

BTEC Sport

EBacc – English Baccalaureate

EBacc is a combination of GCSE subjects that offer an important range of knowledge and skills

EBacc is recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities and gives access to a full range of employment options.

- English, Maths, and Science
 - Geography, History or Computer Science
 - French or Spanish
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Thinking about your choices

Is the EBACC for you?

Get a full understanding of the subjects.

What type of learner are you?

Is having a practical element/coursework aspect good for you?

Think about the combination of the subjects and how they are assessed, is this type of assessment overall going to help you?

Do you have an idea of what you want to do post 16 and do these subject choices give you the best route to this?

Timeline

26th January 2024 - Options booklet shared

6th February 2024 - Options evening and Google form shared

Discussions at home, with teachers, with Options Team

26th February 2024 - Deadline for completion of Google form
