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**Thursday November 8 2018**

**Welcome to the Year 8 Pre-Options  
briefing**

## Key Aims

Initial information about options process  
(first of 3 parts)

Explanation of pathway opportunities

Support available

# Purpose of the curriculum

Aspirational

Challenging

Engaging

Fully inclusive



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# Each pathway

**Applied** – GCSEs, Technical Awards and  
Technical Learning

**Enhanced** – GCSEs

**Focused** – GCSEs and Technical Awards



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# Learning & Assessment

GCSE/Vocational learning in some subjects may change for delivery in September 2018

Grades 9-1 will be used (9 being the highest grade awarded)

Progress is now crucial as well as Mathematics & English grades

A move away from the key crucial 'C' grades ► targeting 4 or 5 and higher

Home learning completion and resilience to overcome challenging work is essential

Full attendance at school expected and will support success

3 year Key Stage 4 requires full commitment



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GCSE OPTIONS BOOKLET  
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### **Options 2019**

#### **How will the new GCSEs be graded?**

As you and your child/ward are already aware Woodlands School is now using the new GCSE grades 9-1 as opposed to A\*-G; this is a process pupils now follow from the beginning of their time with us in Year 7. The government introduced new GCSEs with the aim of increasing their rigour and further developing the literacy and numeracy skills of young people nationally to better prepare them for further study or the workplace.

Some of the key changes are:

All assessments will be at the end of all the courses in Year 11. There will be no more modules and pupils will not be able to take some exams early.

Exams will form 100% of the assessments in nearly every subject. Coursework and Controlled Assessments will cease in most subjects.

The new grading system used for GCSE will be 9-1, with 9 being the highest.

Fewer subjects will offer tiered exam papers i.e. foundation or higher, which currently exist in some subjects.



New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A <sup>+</sup>
7	A
6	B
5 <b>STRONG PASS</b>	
4 <b>STANDARD PASS</b>	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U



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# Recommended pathway

**Key Stage 2 average points score**

**Current pupil progress grades**

**Predicted pupil progress grades**

**Pastoral information including learning engagement**



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# Recommended pathway

**The option choices are subject to change, dependent on pupil numbers & government advice**

PSHRE – Personal, Social, Health and Religious Education

Technical Awards/Learning– to be agreed on an annual basis which best suits the pupils' needs

The English Baccalaureate (EB) is seen as a pre-requisite for many Higher Education courses; also, entry to some sixth forms already requires a foreign language GCSE.

To achieve EB, pupils have achieved Grade 5 or higher in English Language, Maths, Two Sciences, a Modern Language, and Geography or History.

## Options: Applied Pathway

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
English Language & Literature				Mathematics				Science (Double)				P.E core		PSHRE	ICT		Vocational Qualification		Vocational Learning Hair & Beauty Construction					

### Vocational Qualifications

Business

OCR Sports Science

Level 2 Music

### Vocational Learning

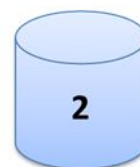
Hair & Beauty

Construction

### Progress 8 measure



**English**  
Double-weighted\*



**Maths**  
Double-weighted



**EBacc qualifications**  
(sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages)



**'Open group'**  
**Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications**  
(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)

\*Higher score of English Language or English Literature double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications



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# Applied pathway

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science – Double

ICT Qualification

Core Physical Education (PE)

Personal, Social, Health & Religious  
Education (PSHRE)

**Either:**

Hair & Beauty or  
Construction

**One of the following:**

Business

OCR Sports Science

Level 2 Music

Mock Options Form 2018  
Applied Pathway

PUPIL:

TUTOR GROUP:

**You will study the following core subjects:**

GCSE English Language  
GCSE English Literature  
GCSE Maths  
GCSE Science  
BTEC level 2 Tech Award in Digital Information Technology  
Core Physical Education (PE)  
Personal, Social, Health & Religious Education (PSHRE)

**You must choose one of the following vocational learning subjects.**

**Please tick:**

Construction

Hair & Beauty

**You must choose one of the following subjects.**

**Please tick:**

OCR Sports Science  Business

L2 Music

## Options: Focused Pathway

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English Language & Literature				Maths				Science (Double)				P.E core		PSHRE	Art/Photo Drama Sports Science		Voc Qual		Option A		Option B		ICT Qualification	

### Vocational Qualifications

Business  
OCR Sports Science  
Level 2 Music

### Option A

Art/Photography  
Citizenship  
Drama  
Film Studies  
Level 2 Music  
Level 2 Sports Courses  
Level 2 Built Environment  
Spanish

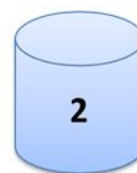
### Option B

Art/photography  
Business Studies  
Drama  
Media Studies  
Level 2 Music  
Level 2 Hospitality and Catering  
Level 2 Sports Courses

### Progress 8 measure



**English**  
Double-weighted\*



**Maths**  
Double-weighted



**EBacc qualifications**  
(sciences, computer science, geography, history and languages)



**4**



**5**



**'Open group'**  
**Remaining EBacc qualifications and other approved qualifications**

(GCSEs and other approved academic, arts or vocational qualifications)



**7**



**8**

\*Higher score of English Language or English Literature double-weighted if a student has taken both qualifications

# Focused pathway

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science – Double

BTEC Level 2 ICT (DIDA)

Core Physical Education (PE)

Personal, Social, Health & Religious  
Education (PSHRE)

**One of the following:**

GCSE Art/Photography

GCSE Drama

OCR Sports Science

**One of the following:**

Business

OCR Sports Science

Level 2 Music

**Two options:**

One from each block





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# Options blocks – Focused

## Option A

GCSE Art/Photography  
GCSE Citizenship  
GCSE Drama  
GCSE Film Studies  
Level 2 Music  
Level 2 Sports Courses  
Level 2 Built Environment

## Option B

GCSE Art/Photography  
GCSE Business Studies  
GCSE Drama  
GCSE Media Studies  
Level 2 Music  
Level 2 Hospitality &  
Catering Award  
Level 2 Sports Courses

## Options: Enhanced Pathway

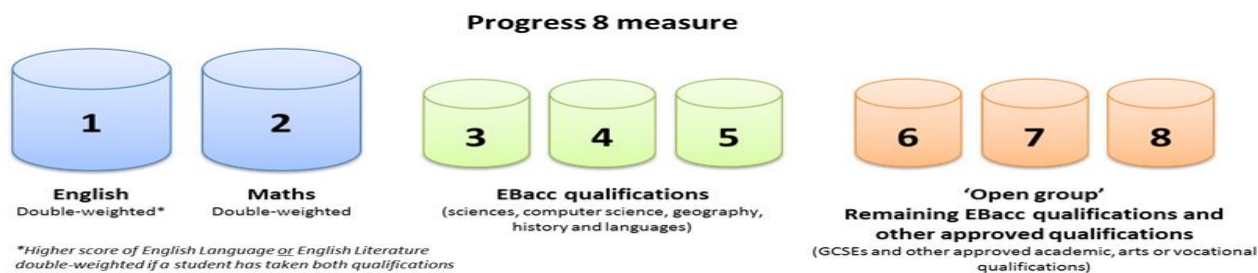
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
English Language & Literature				Mathematics				Science (Triple or Double)				P.E core		PSH RE	French or German = 3 hrs			Geography or History = 3 hrs			Option A		Option B		

### Option A

Art/Photography  
Citizenship  
Drama  
Film Studies  
Geography  
History  
Level 2 Music  
L2 Sports courses  
L2 Built Environment  
Spanish

### Option B

Art/Photography  
Business Studies  
Drama  
Media Studies  
Level 2 Music  
L2 Hospitality and Catering Award  
L2 Sports courses  
Computer Science  
French  
German



# Enhanced pathway

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

GCSE Maths

GCSE Science – Double or Triple

Core Physical Education (PE)

Personal, Social, Health & Religious  
Education (PSHRE)

**One of the following Languages:**

GCSE French

GCSE German

**One of the following Humanities:**

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

**Two options:**

One from each  
block

# Options blocks – Enhanced

## Option A

GCSE Art/Photography

GCSE Citizenship

GCSE Drama

GCSE Film Studies

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

L2 Music

L2 Sports courses

L2 Built Environment

GCSE Spanish

## Option B

GCSE Art/Photography

GCSE Business Studies

GCSE Drama

GCSE Media Studies

L2 Music

L2 Sports courses

GCSE French

GCSE German

GCSE Computer Science

# Taster sessions

## Monday 19 – Friday 23 November

- Business Studies – Wednesday 21 November Te 8 at 1.30 pm (take lunch) & Friday 23 November in Te 8
- Film Studies – This session will take place in your drama lesson
- Media Studies – This session will take place in your drama lesson
- Citizenship – The session will take place during your PSHRE lesson
- Computer Science – The session will take place during your ICT lesson
- Photography – The session will take place during your Art lesson
- Spanish – The session will take place during your languages lesson
- All other subjects have taster sessions in lessons i.e. History in one of your History lessons



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## Next Steps

- Pupils are not guaranteed their first choices. Current subject options *may not* be available if the groups are not viable
- However, we will do our best to suit as many pupils as possible (99% +)
- Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> pupils given Options Booklets (to take home)
- Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup> pupils to receive Options information in assembly
- Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Taster Sessions to take place in school
- Individual option forms due in by Friday 30 November 2018

## Next steps

- Careers dialogue – connexions visits to tutor periods in Spring Term 2019.
- Family Consultation Evening for Year 8 Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 3.30-7.00. Real Options Forms issued upon arrival
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019** deadline for all Options Forms to be returned