

# CANON SLADE SCHOOL YEAR 8 OPTIONS 2021



## WELCOME



# THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND OPTIONS

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# OPTIONS DATES YEAR 8

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Year 8 Consultation Evening
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb-12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Progress meetings
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – WOW week, careers
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 8 Options Forms returned



# KEY STAGES (SECONDARY SCHOOL)

- KS3      Years 7 - 8
- KS4      Years 9 - 11
- KS5      Years 12 - 13



# KS3 YEARS 7 – 8

- Broad base of subjects including:

English / Maths / Science / RS / PSHE

Languages

Humanities

Arts

Technology

ICT

PE



# 3 YEAR KEY STAGE 4

- At Canon Slade we have a 3 year key stage 4.
- One of the main reasons for this is the increased content of the new specifications
- It gives subjects more time to enjoy the subject, consolidate progress and to re-visit key concepts and ideas to ensure that these become part of long term memory
- More opportunity for interleaved learning
- More opportunity for examination preparation



# THE GCSE CURRICULUM

The curriculum will be:

**CHALLENGING and AMBITIOUS**

It will provide the best opportunities:

**FOR SIXTH FORM STUDY  
TO GAIN A PLACE AT UNIVERSITY  
TO GAIN A PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIP**



# YEARS 9 TO 11

- A number of compulsory subjects but....
- More choice!





# COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

- ....leading to exams

Mathematics

English Language

English literature

Science

RS

- NO exam

PE (Core)

PSHE Curriculum



# OPTIONS

- A maximum of 3 additional subjects.
- In total, leading to 9 or 10 GCSEs or Level 2 Qualifications.



# IMPLICATION OF CHANGES TO GCSE

- Modular courses have now been discontinued.
- Students will do all their examination papers at the end of Year 11.
- Any resit will have to be the whole assessment, not just individual papers and would have to be the following summer.



# NEW GCSEs

- All subjects are on the new 9-1 grading system.

English Language, English Literature, Mathematics – these will be studied by all students and require more teaching time at Key stage 4 than they have had at KS3.



# GRADING FOR GCSEs

- All subjects will be graded 9 to 1 instead of A\* to G

New GCSE Grading Structure								
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
A*		A	B		C	D	E	F & G
Old GCSE Grading Structure								



# PREPARATION FOR CHOOSING GCSE OPTIONS

- Information on website - options booklet
- Conversations with the Pastoral Team during form time via Microsoft Teams
- **W**orld **O**f **W**ork week



# YEARS 9 TO 11



Be flexible in your choices  
Do not close any doors to potential future study at this stage

# ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE

- The E-Bacc is obtained by students who achieve a minimum of a grade 4 in all of the following GCSEs:
- English
- Mathematics
- Two Sciences
- A Language (includes Latin)
- Ancient History, Geography or History

Please note – Exam boards do not provide a Certificate for this qualification. The Government target is that 75% of students nationally will be studying Ebacc by 2022. However, we want our students to do the subjects that will best allow them to show their potential and allow them to access their chosen career.





# FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Implications for further study
  - including University / College
- Implications for possible careers
- Balance of subjects
- Liking for subjects
- Academic load



1. In order to study a broad range of subjects you are **recommended to study subjects from at least 2 different areas**  
e.g. Arts, Humanities, Languages, Technology,
2. Please bear in mind that so far this year you will not have studied all of the Technology subjects, however you did study all of them last year.



- ALL SUBJECTS ARE OFFERED AND OPTION CHOICES ARE INVITED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CONSTRAINTS OF TEACHING STAFF, ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT MAY NECESSITATE THE CANCELLATION OF A COURSE OR LIMITS BEING PLACED ON THE NUMBERS WHO MAY TAKE A COURSE.



Please submit your son/daughter's online form no later than **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

You have been sent a link in an email to Microsoft Forms to enter the preferences for your child.

Please ensure that you put these in preference order, as that is how we will make adjustments if courses are oversubscribed or unable to run



Therefore, when giving two reserve choices, **please make sure that they are subjects you would wish to study.** It is by using reserve choices that the administrative problem may be solved.

These are my choices – your form will look different to this, but is providing the same information.

1. <b>Car Maintenance</b>	2. <b>Knitting</b>
3. <b>Underwater basket weaving</b>	
Reserve 1 <b>Flower Arranging</b>	Reserve 2 <b>Graphics</b>



# Preferences

- If Underwater Basket Weaving is oversubscribed, I would be asked to change to a reserve, as it is my third preference.
- I would be offered Flower Arranging or Graphics if they had space.
- This change will be discussed with your son/daughter, and you will be informed.



# OPTION SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

- **Arts:** Art & Design, Dance, Drama, Music, Music Technology (NCFE Level2)
- **Humanities:** Ancient History, Geography, History
- **Languages:** French, Spanish, Latin
- **Technology:** Digital Electronics & Systems, Graphic Products, Product Design, Textiles
- **Additional:** Computer Science, Creative Imedia (Cambridge National), Food Preparation & Nutrition, Geology, Media Studies, Physical Education (GCSE & Btec Level 2)



# DON'T

- choose an option because your friends have – you may not be in the same group, or your lessons may not be on at the same time.
- choose a subject if you don't know what it is about – seek advice first.
- put a reserve down that you are not prepared to do.





# Do

- Ensure your choices are suitable for your chosen career path – if you are not sure **please ASK** – Connexions, Mrs Cullum (Careers), Mrs Colley, Mrs Iles (Assistant Head KS3), form tutor and any of your subject teachers.
- Be prepared to be flexible and keep your options open.
- Get your forms in on time (No advantage to being very early!)



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