



# KS4 Options

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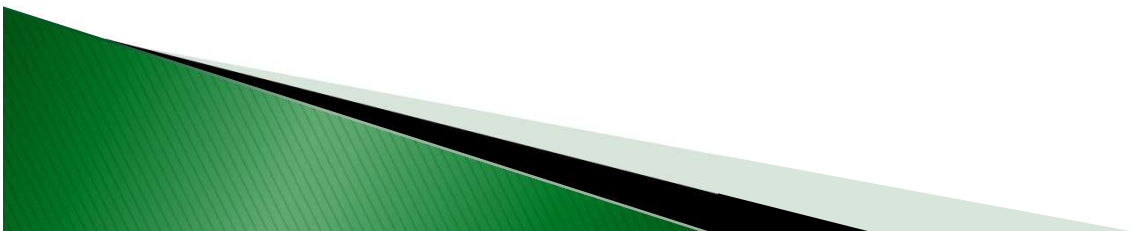
*2018*

Outcomes:

To understand the changes to KS4 exams

To understand the Options process for KS4 and our 3 year structure.

To be able to ask questions, raise concerns, and feedback thoughts.



# Key changes that will apply to all GCSE subjects are:

- ▶ all subjects have revised subject content which is used for all GCSEs in that subject
- ▶ a new grading scale from 9 to 1 instead of A\*–G
- ▶ All exams take place in the summer of Y11 – no early entry option. Retakes are very tightly controlled
- ▶ Post 16 colleges looking for Grade 5 as minimum in subjects to be studied. English and Maths at least grade 4 (could change to 5)



# Key changes that will apply to all GCSE subjects are:

- ▶ Non-exam assessment will only be used where knowledge, skills and understanding cannot be tested in an exam.
- ▶ Tiering will only be used when a single exam cannot assess students across the full ability range in a way that enables them all to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding.






## 3 Year Key Stage 4

- ▶ Significantly increased content benefits from 3 years to cover.
- ▶ Increased focus selecting options in year 8.
- ▶ Time to deliver a varied and interesting curriculum.
- ▶ Mastery and memorisation.



# KEY STAGE 4: 2018

## Types of Courses Offered at BSW

- Full GCSE – terminal exams, coursework in some subjects. New specifications graded 1–9
  - Vocational courses (e.g V–certs) mainly portfolio work but all have an element of exam units. These are equivalent to a GCSE.
  - Study Support – by invitation. Taken instead of one GCSE option with additional English and Maths if needed plus private supervised study and mentoring time.
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# KEY STAGE 4: 2018

## ▶ Core Curriculum

- English
- Mathematics
- Science\*
- PSRE
- Physical Education
- Work-Related Activities
- Careers

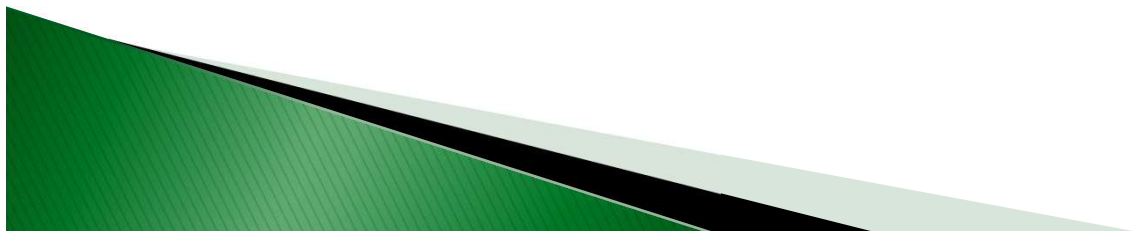
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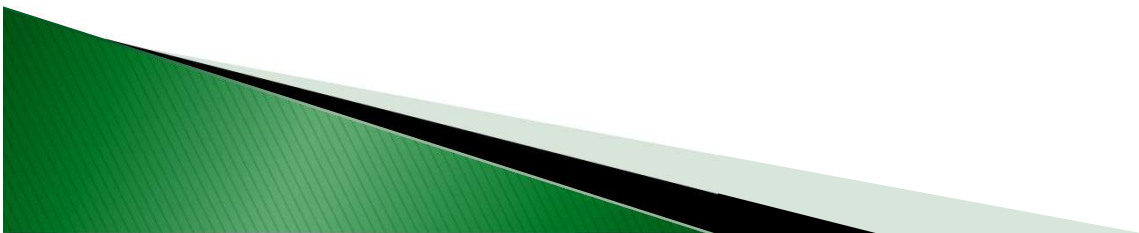




# Core Examined Subjects

- ▶ English: 2 GCSEs Language and Literature
- ▶ Maths: 1 GCSE
- ▶ Science: Based on ability students follow triple science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) or Trilogy Science worth two GCSEs
- ▶ This means there are Four Option choices to make
- ▶ Therefore most students study and sit 9 or 10 qualifications





# Option Choices?

- ▶ Each option subject has 3 periods a week
- ▶ There are 3 Pathways which guide the choices you should make.
- ▶ We will recommend which pathway you should follow based on progress in school.
- ▶ If you wish to choose an option combination that comes from a different pathway it should be discussed with your Achievement Coordinator.
- ▶ Your pathway choices do not affect the classes you are in.



# 16 Options on Offer:

## GCSEs

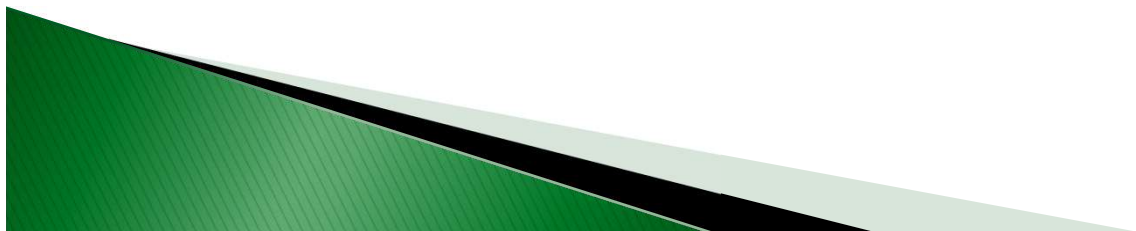
- ▶ Fine Art
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Design and Technology
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ Mandarin

▶ Music

▶ PE

## Vocational:

- ▶ Food and Cookery
- ▶ Health and Fitness
- ▶ Interactive Media
  
- ▶ Study Support (by invitation)





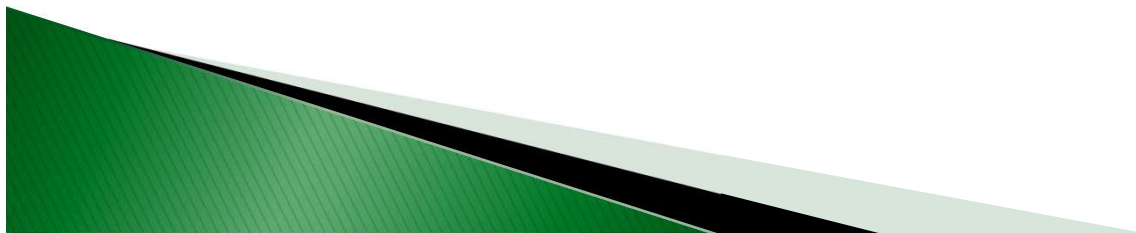
# Pathway 1:

- ▶ This set of choices leads to completion of the English Baccalaureate (E-Bacc)
- ▶ This is not another qualification but a mechanism for identifying a group of students achieving a series of GCSE grades 5 or better in a collection of highly valued subjects – English, Maths, Double Science, History or Geography and a Foreign Language’
- ▶ Two option choices are used to study a Language and either Geography or History in order to gain the E-Bacc set of qualifications. This leaves two open choices.
- ▶ This combination of subjects is becoming increasingly important. They are on the list of Russell Group ‘facilitating subjects’ at Post 16 and if a ‘top end’ university is your goal we strongly recommend this combination to keep your choices as wide as possible.



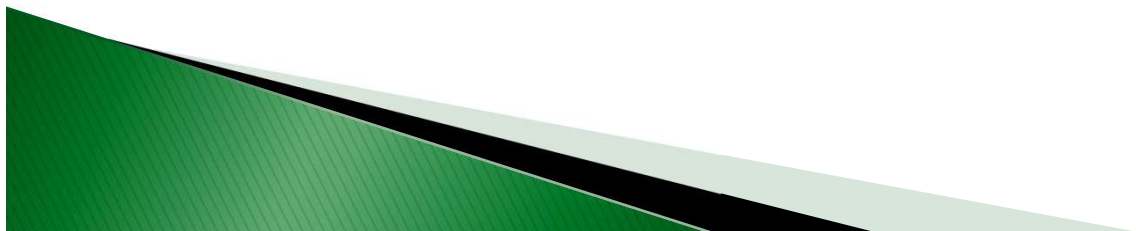
# Pathway 2:

- ▶ You must make one choice from Computing, French, Geography, History or Mandarin This leaves 3 open choices.
- ▶ This combination does not automatically lead to completion of the E-Bacc however you can still choose the required combination of options should you wish
- ▶ Students following this pathway could be considering sixth form A-levels and or vocational qualifications, apprenticeships, University, higher apprenticeships or work post 18.



# Pathway 3:

- ▶ One choice is Study Support leaving three other open choices of which at least one should be a humanity and one is likely to be a vocational qualification
- ▶ This pathway is designed to support students for whom more than 8 GCSEs might be too much.
- ▶ It allows them to get some extra support in English and Maths if needed
- ▶ They still choose from the same option subjects as other students but it is recommended they pick at least one vocational course.
- ▶ Post sixteen they would be able to attend College for A-levels, Vocational and Apprenticeship courses leading to the work place and higher apprenticeships post 18.

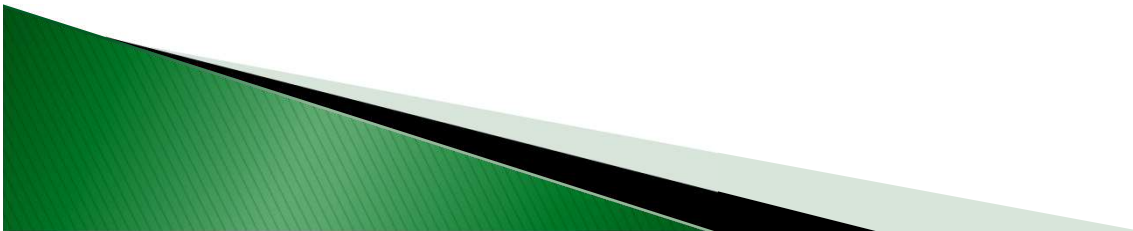






# How do I Choose?!

- We will recommend which pathway you should be on.
- Think about where your options will take you:
  - Sixth-form subjects → College/University → Career
  - Further Education College → Employment
  - Employment
- Make sure you opt into something you enjoy!
- Talk to your parents, carers, teachers, tutors, tutor group. Read the information in the booklet and follow the QR code to find out more.
- Opt for the kind of course that suits the way you learn.



# How not to make decisions:

- “It’s what all my friends are doing...”
- “Joe said I should do this so I might as well...”
- “I can’t think of anything else to do...”
- “I like Mr/Mrs/Miss ... so I’ll do his/her subject”
- “I don’t like Mr/Mrs/Miss ... so I’m not doing his/her subject”



# Other things to remember...

- More than four choices are essential in case a subject does not run. You must have a reserve choice.
- Your choices should be broad and balanced not concentrated in one curriculum area.
- We will do our best to meet your choices and will discuss with you any clashes that occur.
- If a subject does not recruit enough students there is a chance it will not run.
- After October half term option changes are not possible due to the amount of work covered.



# KEY STAGE 4: 2018

## ▶ Key Dates

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** Options Assembly talk.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January:** ERA day linked to careers
- **w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January:** PSRE lessons on making choices for GCSE options.
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** Consultation afternoon and Options presentation.
- **6<sup>th</sup> February:** After school drop in session to speak to your AC
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Options forms in to Form Tutors



# FAQ:

- If a subject is oversubscribed how do you decide who is chosen?
- What happens if there are not enough courses that I like?
- Can I only choose one Humanity or only one language?
- Do I really need to pick a reserve choice?
- Can I change my mind as to the subjects I have chosen after the options deadline?
- When will I find out if I have my choices?
- What happens if I get to September and do not like the course?



# Filling In Your Form

- Do it carefully
- Ask your form tutor for help
- Ask your parents for help
- Make sure it is SIGNED and handed in to your Form Tutor by **Wednesday 21st February**



# Contact details

For queries if you do not get answers tonight please contact:-

[info@bohuntworthing.com](mailto:info@bohuntworthing.com) – for general enquiries or the direct email of the subject teacher identified in booklet on p.5

- ▶ Thank you for your support
- ▶ Copies of the presentation and booklet are available on the school website under the Faculty Area tab.

