

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 students

Year 9 Options Process for Key Stage 4 courses 2022-2024

We would like to warmly welcome you to the Year 9 Options process, where your daughter will choose her courses for Year 10-11. Your daughter has today attended an assembly outlining the options process, and there will be a further assembly on 10th March introducing the new subjects she has not encountered before in KS3.

An outline of our Key Stage 4 curriculum can be found on the following page of this letter, and full information about all the subjects available can be found [here](#). **We build our timetable around the subjects that our students choose from those available, so our students do not have to pick subjects from different option blocks.**

The Year 9 Information Evening is on Thursday 10th March 2021, and we would like to invite you and your daughter to attend. We will explain the core curriculum and the option choices available. The evening will commence at 6.30pm when there will be an opportunity for students and parents to visit the subjects they are interested in. This will be followed by a presentation in the Main Hall at 7.30pm, and the evening will finish at 8.00pm.

The timescale is as follows:

Thursday 3 rd February	Assembly on the options process and letter to parents.
Wednesday 9 th February	Y9 Careers Event – students will be off timetable for periods 1-4 to take part in this online event from home. Information has been sent home separately.
Thursday 24 th February	Y9 Parents' and Carers' Evening. Separate letter to follow.
Thursday 3 rd March	Options letter sent to parents with link to online Options Form
Thursday 10 th March	Assembly about new subjects available. Y9 Options Information Evening
Friday 18th March	Deadline for submission of Options Form

We aim to provide all the information you need to make decisions at the Information Evening. We have created a Frequently Asked Questions document which you can find [here](#). You will also have the opportunity to ask questions at both the Information Evening and the Parents' and Carers' evenings.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Giacopazzi
Head of Year 9

Mrs J C Lile
Deputy Headteacher

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Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2022-2024

All students follow our core curriculum consisting of:

GCSE	Non-GCSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Language English Literature Mathematics Combined Science (2 GCSEs) or Triple Science – separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics (3 GCSEs) History or Geography (selected by the student) Religious Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education Core – with the possibility of studying Sports Leadership Character Development (Community, Communication, Careers, Citizenship, Celebrate and Care)

In addition, the majority of students will be encouraged to follow the English Baccalaureate which also includes a GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language (French, German, or Spanish). We recognise that this academic EBacc route may not be a suitable pathway for some students and these students will not be expected to study a language, although they can choose this option. You will receive an options letter for your daughter in due course outlining the route that we believe she is most suited to follow. If you have any queries please contact Miss Giacomazzi or Mrs Lile at school.

The subjects on offer in addition to our core curriculum are shown below:

EBacc students	Non-EBacc students
GCSE MFL (from the list below)	Three options from the list below
Two other options from the list below	

- GCSE Art and Design
- GCSE Business Studies
- GCSE Computer Science
- GCSE Dance
- GCSE Design and Technology
- GCSE Drama
- GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition or WJEC Level 1/2 award in Hospitality and Catering
- GCSE French
- GCSE Geography
- GCSE German
- BTEC Health and Social Care or BTEC Children's Play, Learning & Development
- GCSE History
- GCSE Media Studies
- GCSE Music
- GCSE PE
- GCSE Spanish
- GCSE Triple Science (Please email your science teacher if you wish to do Triple Science to check that it is a suitable course for you.)