

# **Key Stage 4 Options May 2022**



# KS3 Curriculum

## Core Subjects

Mathematics

English

Balanced Science

Physical Education

Religious Education

Computer Science

PSHE

## Foundation Subjects

Design and Technology

French and German

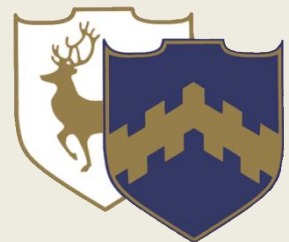
History

Geography

Music

Art

Drama



# KS4 Curriculum

## Core

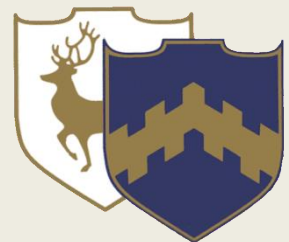
60% timetable

Studied by all pupils

## Options

40% timetable

Foundation subjects



# Core Curriculum

## Examined courses

- Mathematics
- English Language & English Literature
- Sciences
- Modern Foreign Language

## Non- examined courses

- Physical Education
- PSHE / Citizenship
- Religious Education (Year 9 only)

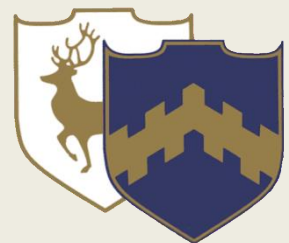


# Mathematics

- Two tiers of entry: Foundation or Higher
- Teaching groups in ability sets

# English

- Boys will follow a course leading to two GCSE's - English Language and English Literature



# Science

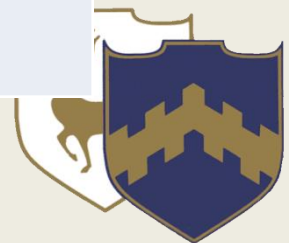
## GCSE Triple Science

- 3 separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Ability bands, movement between
- Practical skills tested in examinations, no controlled assessments
- Best possible preparation for Sixth Form science
- End of Year 10 we make a decision whether to continue with Triple Science or move to the Trilogy course. This is based on students progress and what we believe will give students the best outcomes in Science.



# GCSE Choices – one per block

A	B	C	D
Art	Business Studies	Business Studies	Art
Design Technology	Computer Science	Engineering	Design Technology
Engineering	Drama	French	Geography
Food Preparation and Nutrition	History	Geography	German
History	Music	PE	Music
PE	Religious Studies	Computer Science	Geology



# Modern Foreign Languages and Humanities

**French or German**

Whichever language was studied in Year 8

**Humanity**

History or Geography





# Technology

## Engineering

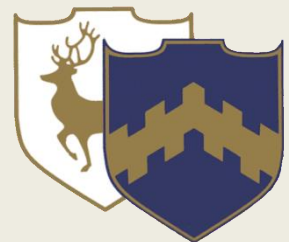
- Core engineering skills – can lead to further study
- Cannot choose Design Technology as well

## Design Technology

- Incorporates graphics and resistant materials
- Practical assessment and examination elements

## Food Preparation and Nutrition

- Higher and foundation tier
- Portfolio and examination



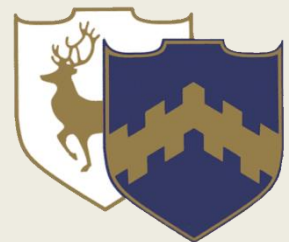
# Course Viability

- Economic considerations
- Small classes may not run
- Boys will be helped to re-select if necessary
- Attitude and effort



# Our Aim

To provide a broad and balanced curriculum appropriate to the needs of the individual student.



# Deciding which subject

## Good reasons

- career aspirations
- particular talent
- enjoy the subject
- good at it!

## Poor reasons

- peer influence
- the KS3 teacher
- poorly informed



# Sources of information

- RHS [options booklet](#) – on website tomorrow
- Talk by subject teachers during lessons
- Own research on careers requirements
- Year 8 progress report are issued tomorrow (6<sup>th</sup> May) :  
*include GCSE Indicator grades*
- Parents' consultation evening – appointments for video calls - Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Please prioritise staff who you book appointments with



# The selection of options

- An email will be sent to you on 17<sup>th</sup> May, asking for 4 choices, one from each column A-D. Go to the survey link in the email and complete the form to inform us of your son's options.
- **Choose one MFL (French or German) and 3 other options**
  - MFL is compulsory for all students, unless you receive an email informing you that your son does not need to select it.
  - Only those who do not need to choose MFL will receive an email
- **You must choose History or Geography (you may choose both)**
- **Deadline** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022



# Next steps ...

Look at Options booklet on school website (Parental Information > KS4 Options)

Look at Year 8 progress report - discuss options with son

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May

Assembly for boys

*Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May*

*email sent to all parents – use the reply to this to inform the school of your son's options choices*

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May

Parents consultation evening by video call

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May

Deadline for reply to options email

Early-mid July

choices will be confirmed by email



# Key Points – for pupils

- Read options booklet carefully
- Research if you have a career in mind
- Talk to your parents
- Speak to your subject teachers about GCSE courses
- If possible, choose the subjects you prefer  
... and the subjects you enjoy!







**Don't  
panic ...**

**Ask!**

