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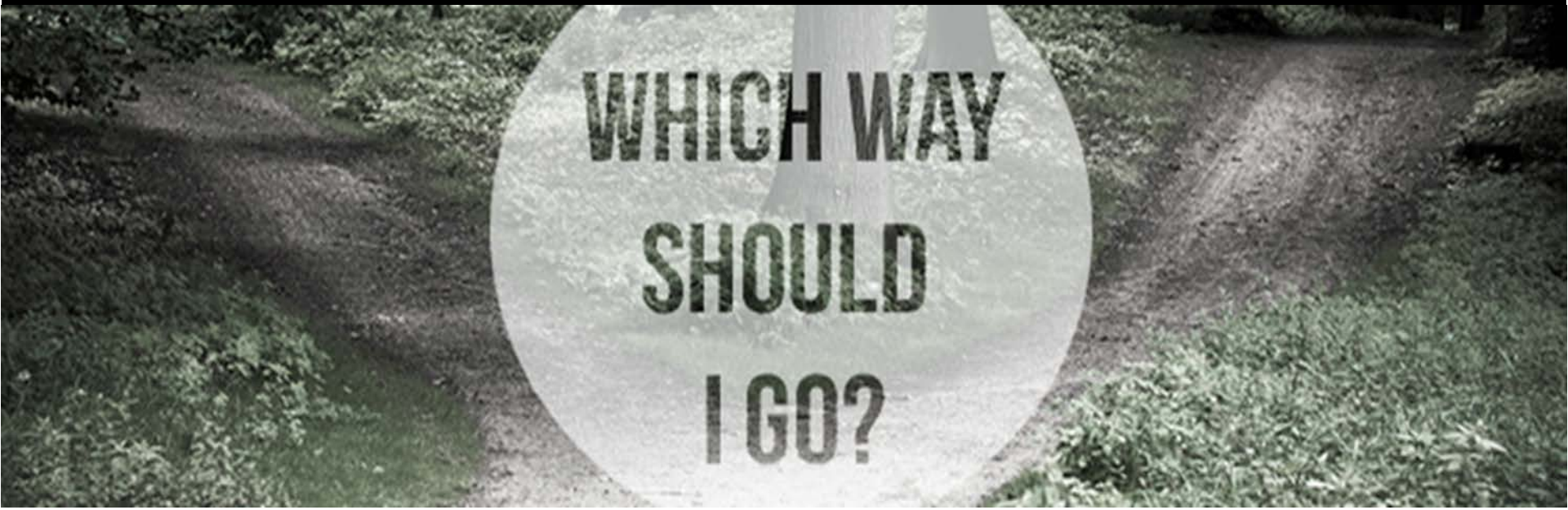
WHAT PATHWAYS WILL YOU TAKE?

YEAR 9 PRE-OPTIONS EVENING

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY ★ 6 - 7PM

HIGH EXPECTATIONS
HIGH ASPIRATIONS
HIGH STANDARDS
YOU WILL SUCCEED

YEAR 9 – PRE OPTIONS EVENING



- A very important transition in education
- The choices and decisions your son/daughter makes will affect their future and career paths
- This needs to be taken very seriously. Enjoy researching potential subjects and careers

KEY DATES

- Friday 24th November – Careers Fair
- Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th December – Options Taster Sessions
- Monday 15th January – Pre Options Evening
- Monday 22nd January – Options booklet released
- Thursday 1st February – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- WB Monday 26th February – Triple Science Access Exam
- Friday 16th March – Option forms completed and submitted to form tutors
- Friday 27th April – Option choices confirmed
- Tuesday 4th September – Year 10 Options lessons begin

CORE SUBJECTS

THE CORE CURRICULUM SUBJECTS ARE:

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE
- ENGLISH LITERATURE GCSE
- MATHEMATICS GCSE
- GCSE DUAL AWARD SCIENCE (TRIPLE AWARD FOR SOME STUDENTS)
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES GCSE
- CORE PE (NOT EXAMINED)

THE OPTION SUBJECTS

STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE **ONE** HUMANITY SUBJECT WHICH IS CHOSEN FROM EITHER **GCSE HISTORY OR GEOGRAPHY**

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF **THREE** SUBJECTS FROM THE OPTIONS LISTED BELOW.

3 OPTIONS FROM:

- ACTING BTEC
- ART GCSE
- COMPUTING GCSE
- CREATIVE I-MEDIA (GCSE EQUIVALENT)
- DANCE BTEC
- DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY GCSE
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION (GCSE EQUIVALENT)
- FRENCH GCSE
- HOSPITALITY BTEC
- MUSIC BTEC
- SPORT BTEC
- TRAVEL AND TOURISM BTEC
- *TRIPLE SCIENCE*

What are BTECs?

- BTECs are work related qualifications providing a more practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a key theoretical background
- Students complete units of work which are internally assessed and verified
- You will also be required to complete an external exam component
- Students are graded with a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. Each of our BTEC courses are equivalent to one GCSE

BTECS FOR 2018-2020:

- BTEC Dance
- BTEC Acting
- BTEC Hospitality
- BTEC Music
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Travel and Tourism

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

LIBF CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION (GCSE EQUIVALENT)

AS A TECHNICAL AWARD, THE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION (CEFE) IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS AGED 14–16 AND PROVIDES AN INTRODUCTION TO, AND PREPARATION FOR, FURTHER STUDY THROUGH DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMY, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS, EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTERPRISE.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY:

- PUBLIC FINANCE AND THE ECONOMY
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- EMPLOYABILITY, ENTERPRISE AND BUSINESS
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- EMPLOYABILITY, ENTERPRISE AND BUSINESS

STUDENTS MAY NOT TAKE SOME COMBINATIONS OF OPTION SUBJECTS TOGETHER:

- GCSE Computing and i-Media
- BTEC Dance and BTEC Acting

Year 9 Curriculum 2017-2019
Option Choices
Return Options Form to Form Tutor by Friday 16th March at the latest

Name: _____ Form: _____

All students will study the compulsory core curriculum subjects of:

English Language GCSE
English Literature GCSE
Mathematics GCSE
Religious Education GCSE
Science GCSE
Core PE (not examined)

Compulsory Humanity Choice: **(Please tick one)**

History ☐

Geography ☐

OPTION CHOICES – Choose three subjects and complete the table below. Every effort will be made to give you your option choices. However, this may not always be possible. Please indicate one reserve choice.

Acting BTEC
Art GCSE
Computing GCSE
Dance BTEC
Design and Technology GCSE
Financial Education BTEC
French GCSE
Hospitality BTEC
i-Media GCSE
Music BTEC
Sport BTEC
Travel and Tourism BTEC
Triple Science (This will count as one option choice)

Please complete the table below with your preferred option choices and your reserve option choice.

First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Reserve Choice

BUILDING THE TIMETABLE

- The 4 option blocks will be designed around students' choices.
- We will do our best to give students the option subjects they have chosen.
- We ask students to also select a reserve option choice.
- In the event that a student cannot start an option subject chosen, both student and parents will be consulted about further choices.
- In certain cases, students may be required to have an options meeting with Mrs Butcher (Progress Leader) or a member of the senior leadership team for further advice and guidance.

THE OPTION BLOCKS – CURRENT YEAR 10

A	B	C	D
Hi	Fr	Geog	PE
Hi	Dr	Art	Sport
Geog	I Med	Sport	Music
Geog	Mat Tech	Dance	Art
Ct	Ct	Comp	Trav/tour
	Food	I Med	Fin Ed
		Mat Tech	Ct
		Food	

GUIDANCE FROM PAST STUDENTS

- Do something you enjoy. You will be studying the subject for five hours every fortnight for the rest of your time at secondary school.
- Don’t choose something just because your friends are as you are not guaranteed you will be in the same group.
- Don’t choose a subject because you like the teacher as the teacher may re-locate to another part of the country.
- Try to think about a possible career that interests you and you would like to do when you are older. Then research what subjects are needed to allow you to be successful in working towards your career goal.

GUIDANCE FROM PAST STUDENTS

- Think about picking a subject with a practical element (Design and Technology, Hospitality, Sport, Music, Art, Acting) to allow you to have variety in learning that is not just theoretical.
- Choose subjects you are good at to prevent as much stress as possible. You need to be able to do well in the subjects you pick at they will be your stepping stones to your future career as an adult.
- Consider studying French as employers and Universities look at students who have studied a language favourably.

WHAT IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT A FUTURE CAREER OR FURTHER STUDY?

- Speak to Careers Connect – here tonight
- Speak to Priestley College – here tonight
- Warrington & Vale Royal College – here tonight
- Pick a broad and balanced mix of subjects that will give you the most choices for study, training and employment after the age of 16
- Speak to Mrs Butcher (Progress Leader)
- If you have a specific career in mind, check with your subject teachers or Mr Antrobus for guidance about what is required at GCSE and beyond

CARRY OUT SOME RESEARCH

Useful websites for guidance:

* http://icould.com/watch-career-videos/by-job-type/
* www.careerpilot.org.uk/
* https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/
* www.ucas.co.uk/
* https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships

- Enjoy investigating and researching your option choices
- If you have any queries at all, please speak to staff this evening who are happy to help