



# **KING EDWARD VI LORDSWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

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Curriculum and options evening



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# Year 9

## Curriculum Information and Options Evening

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- **Year 9 curriculum**

Mrs Adamson- Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)

- **Options**

Mrs Verma - Assistant Headteacher (Assessment, Outcomes and Data)

- **Next steps- Post 16**

Mrs Leadbetter – Director of Post 16



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# Year 9 curriculum

Mrs Adamson- Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education)

Subject	Number of lessons (every 2 weeks)
English	8
Mathematics	8
Science	6
Art	2
Computing	2
Design Technology	2
Drama	2
Geography	3
History	3
Modern Foreign Language	4
Music	2
PE	4
PSHCE	2
RE	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

## Groupings in subjects

English, mathematics, science, computing, language, RE & PE groups are based upon prior attainment.

Grouping in history, geography, PSHCE & DT are less strictly based on prior attainment and are agreed between subject groups.

Music, art and drama are mixed ability groupings.



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# Options

Mrs Verma - Assistant Headteacher (Assessment, Outcomes and Data)

# Preparing for Key Stage 4

- Assembly
- Information in lessons
- Discussions with review tutor
- Curriculum information on website

# Progress 8

- Measure introduced by the government
- Progress across 8 qualifications including: English Language, English Literature, mathematics, science, computer science, humanities, MFL and up to three vocational subjects
- Progress in all subjects





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# The English Baccalaureate

- *(English, mathematics, double science, or two from biology, chemistry, physics, computing, geography or history and a foreign language)*
- *All students to access the Ebacc*



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# Core subjects

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# Core subjects

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- French or Spanish
- Geography or history
- Religious Studies
- Science \*
- PSHCE (non-GCSE)
- PE\*(non-GCSE)

\* Options within these subjects



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# Science

- Combined Science -Trilogy (Double Award)
- Separate Sciences (option)



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# Modern foreign language

- French
- Spanish



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# Humanities

- Geography
- History



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# Physical Education

- All students will participate in physical activities
- Vary according to the season
- GCSE PE is an option



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# Religious Studies

- All students will complete the full course GCSE





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## PSHCE

- Incorporated into the curriculum
- Assemblies
- Review Tutor programme
- Discrete days off timetable



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# Option subjects

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# Choosing courses

Your daughter must consider:

- Which subjects she enjoys and why
- Which subjects is she good at
- Her career aspirations
- Keeping her options open to support progression at post 16 and 18

# Choosing courses

Your daughter must not choose her options:

- Based on what her friends have chosen
- Because she likes the teacher
- Because it is what 'XX' wants her to do

# Pathway

Traditional/vocational route – mixture of GCSE and vocational qualifications with a choice of **two** subjects studied over 2 years including French or Spanish and geography or history

# Option subjects

Art

Business Studies

Citizenship

Computer Science

Creative iMedia

Drama

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

Hospitality & Catering

Music

PE

Photography

Separate Science

Courses will only run if they are viable (minimum of 15 students)

# Broad and balanced curriculum

- Inclusive and caters for all students
- Wider range of experiences/activities- music lessons, theatre trips, field trips etc.
- Limiting financial restrictions



# Options form

		Tick one
Humanities option	Geography	
	History	

Please complete the table below by ticking **one** first choice and a reserve choice for each option block:-

		First choice (tick one)	Reserve Choice (tick one)
Option 1	Art		
	Business		
	Business Studies		
	Citizenship		
	Computer Science		
	Health & Social Care		
	Hospitality & Catering		
	Music		
	PE		

		First choice (tick one)	Reserve Choice (tick one)
Option 2	Art		
	Business Studies		
	Creative iMedia		
	Drama		
	Health & Social Care		
	Photography		
	Separate Science		



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# Example of completed options form



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		Tick one
<b>Humanities option</b>	Geography	✓
	History	

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		First choice (tick one)	Reserve choice (tick one)
<b>Option 1</b>	Art		
	Business Studies		
	Citizenship		✓
	Computer Science	✓	
	Health & Social Care		
	Hospitality & Catering		
	Music		
	PE		

		First choice (tick one)	Reserve choice (tick one)
<b>Option 2</b>	Art		
	Business Studies		
	Creative iMedia		
	Drama	✓	
	Health & Social Care		
	Photography		✓
	Separate Science		

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# Key dates

**24/01/24** Information and Options

**31/01/24** Parents/Carers evening

**07/02/24** Deadline for completion and return of option form

**03/09/24** Start key stage 4 studies

# Key personnel

- Review tutors
- Ms Briggs – Achievement Coordinator for Yr8 & Yr9
- Ms Siviter - Achievement Coordinator for Yr10 & Yr11
- Mrs Verma – Assistant Headteacher (Assessment, Outcomes and Data)
- Mrs Clews – Associate Assistant Headteacher (SENCO)
- Mrs Hughes- Director of Raising Achievement
- Mrs O'Neill - Lead Professional in PSHCE & Careers (CEIAG) Lead



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# Next steps- Post 16

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# Post 16 Progression

Education, Apprenticeships or Training until 18

Pathways: FE - sixth form or College

A Level or Technical courses.

T Levels: T Levels are new 2-year courses which are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels.

# Making the right GCSE Choices

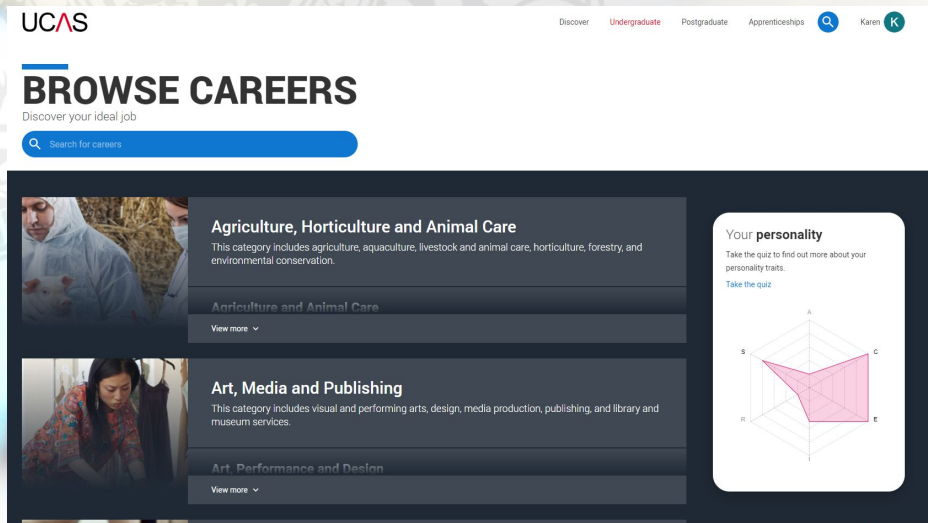
LONG TERM GOALS - certain degree courses require specific A levels

Degree level course	A level subjects often required
Biology	Biology and another science or maths
Chemistry	Chemistry and sometimes maths and/or another science
Dentistry	Chemistry and one or two other sciences
Engineering	Maths and physics (or maths and chemistry for chemical engineering)
Maths	Maths
Medicine	Chemistry and usually one or two other sciences. Some require biology
Modern languages	Usually the language to be studied – but this may vary for less common languages
Veterinary Science	Chemistry and one or two other sciences

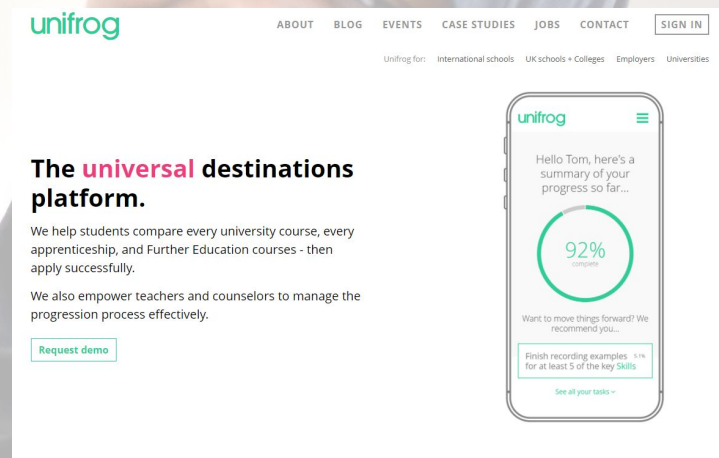


# Making the right GCSE Choices

LONG TERM GOALS - UCAS and UNIFROG offer lots of useful information - go to [ucas.com](https://ucas.com). Students all have Unifrog accounts.



The screenshot shows the UCAS 'Browse Careers' page. At the top, the UCAS logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Discover', 'Undergraduate', 'Postgraduate', 'Apprenticeships', a search icon, and a user profile 'Karen K' are on the right. The main heading is 'BROWSE CAREERS' with the subtext 'Discover your ideal job'. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search for careers'. The page features two main category cards: 'Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care' and 'Art, Media and Publishing'. Each card includes a representative image, a brief description of the category, and a 'View more' link. To the right of these cards is a 'Your personality' section with a radar chart and a 'Take the quiz' link.



The screenshot shows the Unifrog website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'ABOUT', 'BLOG', 'EVENTS', 'CASE STUDIES', 'JOBS', 'CONTACT', and a 'SIGN IN' button. Below the navigation bar, there's a sub-header 'Unifrog for:' followed by links for 'International schools', 'UK schools', 'Colleges', 'Employers', and 'Universities'. The main content area features the heading 'The universal destinations platform.' followed by two paragraphs explaining how the platform helps students compare university courses, apprenticeships, and further education courses, and how it empowers teachers and counselors. A 'Request demo' button is located below the text. On the right side, there's a mobile app interface preview showing a progress summary for a user named Tom, with a 92% completion rate and a recommendation to finish recording examples for at least 5 of the key skills.

# About our Sixth Form

Co-educational  
300 student capacity  
Mixture of internal and  
external students



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# Excellent Outcomes

Average grade C at A Level

Average grade Distinction + at BTEC

100% students in university, jobs or training

Progression to top universities, including  
Russell Group:

2023 - Birmingham, Nottingham, Kings  
College, London, Cardiff, Bristol, Liverpool



## A Level

Biology  
Business Studies  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
English Literature  
Film Studies  
Fine Art  
Geography  
Government and Politics  
History

## Law\*

Mathematics  
Media Studies  
Music  
Philosophy of Religion & Ethics  
Photography  
Physics  
PE  
Psychology  
Sociology

# Our Subjects

Lots of  
courses to  
choose  
from

## Vocational

Applied Science Extended Diploma or Extended Certificate  
Business Extended Certificate  
Criminology Diploma  
Health and Social Care Extended Certificate  
IT Diploma  
T Level Education and Childcare



# Our Entry Requirements

Full entry requirements can be found on the website:

[Sixth Form Pathways & Entry Requirements | King Edward VI Lordswood School](#)

## **Courses with essential optional GCSEs**

**A Level Geography** GCSE Geography 5 or above

**A Level History** GCSE History Grade 5

**A Level French** GCSE French Grade 6 or above

**A Level Spanish** GCSE Spanish Grade 6 or above

**A Level Physical Education** GCSE PE Grade 5 or above

**A Level Music** GCSE Music Grade 6 or above AND grade 5 or above in instrument or voice