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Curriculum and options evening

- **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<br>(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, language, computing & RE 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, drama and PE are mixed ability groupings.

# Options

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

# Preparing for Key Stage 4

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



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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
- 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





# Choosing courses

Your daughter must consider:

- Which subjects she enjoys and why
- Which subjects she is good at
- Her career aspirations
- Support progression at Post 16 and 18



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# 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



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# Pathway

Traditional/vocational route – combination 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



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|                   |           |          |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
|                   |           | 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<br>(tick one) | Reserve<br>Choice<br>(tick one) |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Option 1 | Art                    |                            |                                 |
|          | Business               |                            |                                 |
|          | Business Studies       |                            |                                 |
|          | Citizenship            |                            |                                 |
|          | Computer Science       |                            |                                 |
|          | Health & Social Care   |                            |                                 |
|          | Hospitality & Catering |                            |                                 |
|          | PE                     |                            |                                 |

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

# Example of completed options form



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|                          |           |          |
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|                          | History   |          |

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|                 | Business Studies       |                            |                              |
|                 | Citizenship            |                            | ✓                            |
|                 | Computer Science       | ✓                          |                              |
|                 | Health & Social Care   |                            |                              |
|                 | Hospitality & Catering |                            |                              |
|                 | Music                  |                            |                              |
|                 | PE                     |                            |                              |

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|                 | Business Studies     |                            |                              |
|                 | Creative iMedia      |                            |                              |
|                 | Drama                | ✓                          |                              |
|                 | Health & Social Care |                            |                              |
|                 | Photography          |                            | ✓                            |
|                 | Separate Science     |                            |                              |

# Key dates

**29/01/25** Information and Options Evening

**05/02/25** Parents/Carers evening

**07/02/25** Deadline for completion and return of option form

**03/09/25** Start key stage 4 studies



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# Key staff

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



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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 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



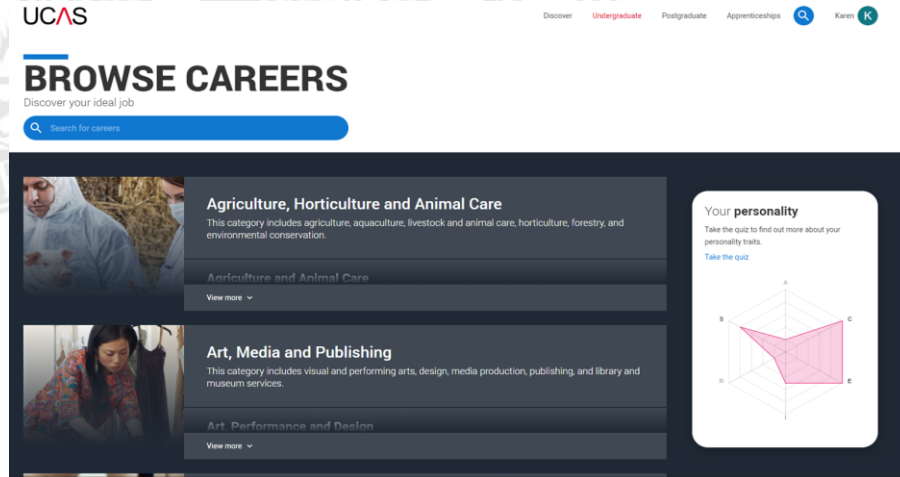
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| Degree level course | A level subjects often required  |
|---------------------|--|
| Biology             | Biology and another science or maths   |
| Chemistry           | Chemistry and sometimes maths and/or another science                             |
| 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.



**UCAS** Discover Undergraduate Postgraduate Apprenticeships Karen

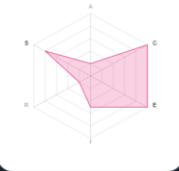
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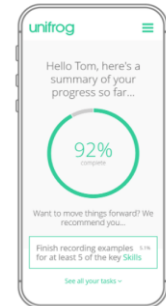
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# About our Sixth Form

Co-educational

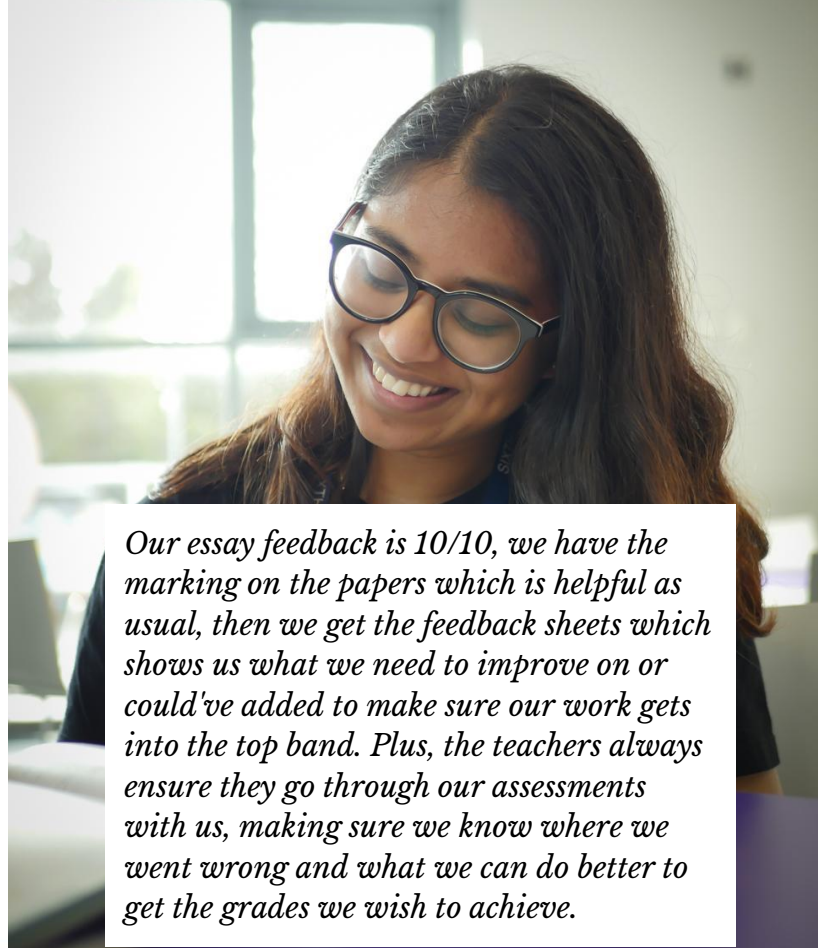
300 student capacity

Mixture of internal and joining students

# Excellent outcomes

Average grade C+ at A Level  
including  
16 Grade A\*  
40 Grade A  
83 Grade B

Average grade Distinction + at  
BTEC



*Our essay feedback is 10/10, we have the marking on the papers which is helpful as usual, then we get the feedback sheets which shows us what we need to improve on or could've added to make sure our work gets into the top band. Plus, the teachers always ensure they go through our assessments with us, making sure we know where we went wrong and what we can do better to get the grades we wish to achieve.*

# Excellent outcomes

100% students in university, jobs or training

70% reached top universities

Including 3 x medicine

13 x health related degrees

1 x Cambridge

9 x Law

Progression to top universities, including Russell Group:

2024 - Birmingham, Cambridge, Cardiff, Leeds, Warwick



*I found university applications were much easier for me than my friends who do not attend sixth form, so the support was helpful.*



# Our Subjects

## A Level

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

Drama and Theatre

Economics

English Literature

Film Studies

Fine Art

Geography

History

Law

Mathematics

Media Studies

Photography

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

## Vocational

Business Extended Certificate

Criminology Diploma

Early Childhood Development Extended Certificate

Health and Social Care Extended Certificate

IT Introductory Diploma

Medical Science Extended Diploma



26 courses  
to choose  
from

# 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

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