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Curriculum 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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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
TOTAL	50

Groupings in subjects

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

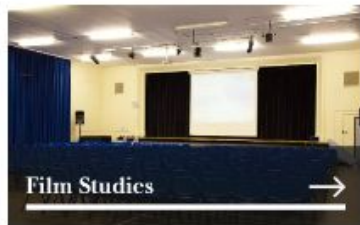
Grouping in history, geography, PSHCE & DT are less strictly based on prior attainment and are agreed between subject groups.

Music, art, drama and PE are mixed ability groupings.



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<https://lsg.kevibham.org/the-curriculum/>

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The Curriculum

English

As a department, our vision is to instil in each of our students a love of reading and writing, and to promote a genuine sense of intellectual curiosity.

By exploring a range of texts from different eras, genres and backgrounds, we aim to broaden students' horizons and open minds: that is, to encourage an appreciation of different ideas, viewpoints and beliefs, as well as an understanding of the ways that language and structure can be used to create meaning and shape messages.

Our hope is that learners become confident readers, writers and speakers, with discussion and debate forming the heart of English lessons. Ultimately, we want students to discover the same passion for our subject – a love of reading, writing, and discussing ideas – that their teachers feel.



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Preparing for Key Stage 4

- Assemblies
- Information in lessons
- Discussions with form 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
- Form 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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Humanities option	GCSE humanities option (tick one)	
	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 Studies		
	Citizenship		
	Computer Science		
	Drama		
	Health & Social Care		
	Hospitality & Catering		
	PE		

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

Example of completed options form



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	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 Studies	✓	
	Citizenship		✓
	Computer Science		
	Drama		
	Health & Social Care		
	Hospitality & Catering		
	PE		

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

Key dates

28/01/26 Information and Options Evening

04/02/26 Parents/Carers evening (online)

06/02/26 Deadline for completion and return of option form

02/09/26 Start key stage 4 studies



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Key staff

- Form tutors
- Mrs Clarke – Head of Year for Yr8 & Yr9
- Ms Siviter - Head of Year for Yr10 & Yr11
- Mrs Verma – Assistant Headteacher (Assessment, Outcomes and Data)
- Miss Cross – Associate Assistant Headteacher (SENCO)
- Mr Goetschel- Director of Raising Achievement
- Mrs McInerney - Careers Advisor & CEIAG Coordinator

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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

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. Students all have Unifrog accounts.



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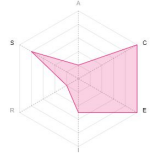
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Your personality
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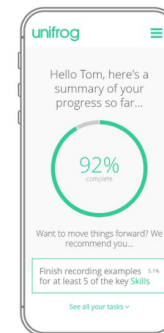
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About our Sixth Form

Co-educational

300 student capacity

Mixture of internal and joining students

Excellent outcomes



Progress score of 0.27

Average grade C at A Level

Average grade Distinction at BTEC

Excellent outcomes

100% students in university, jobs or training

70% reached top universities

Progression to top universities, including Russell Group

Wide range of courses followed:

Medical/Science, Humanities, Computing/Engineering,
Education, Business and Finance, Law, Engineering

2026 - 85% students, including 81% PP and SEN students have
applied to university



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Our Subjects

A Level

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

Drama and Theatre

English Literature

Film Studies

Fine Art

Geography

History

Law

Mathematics

Media Studies

Photography

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Vocational

Business Extended Certificate

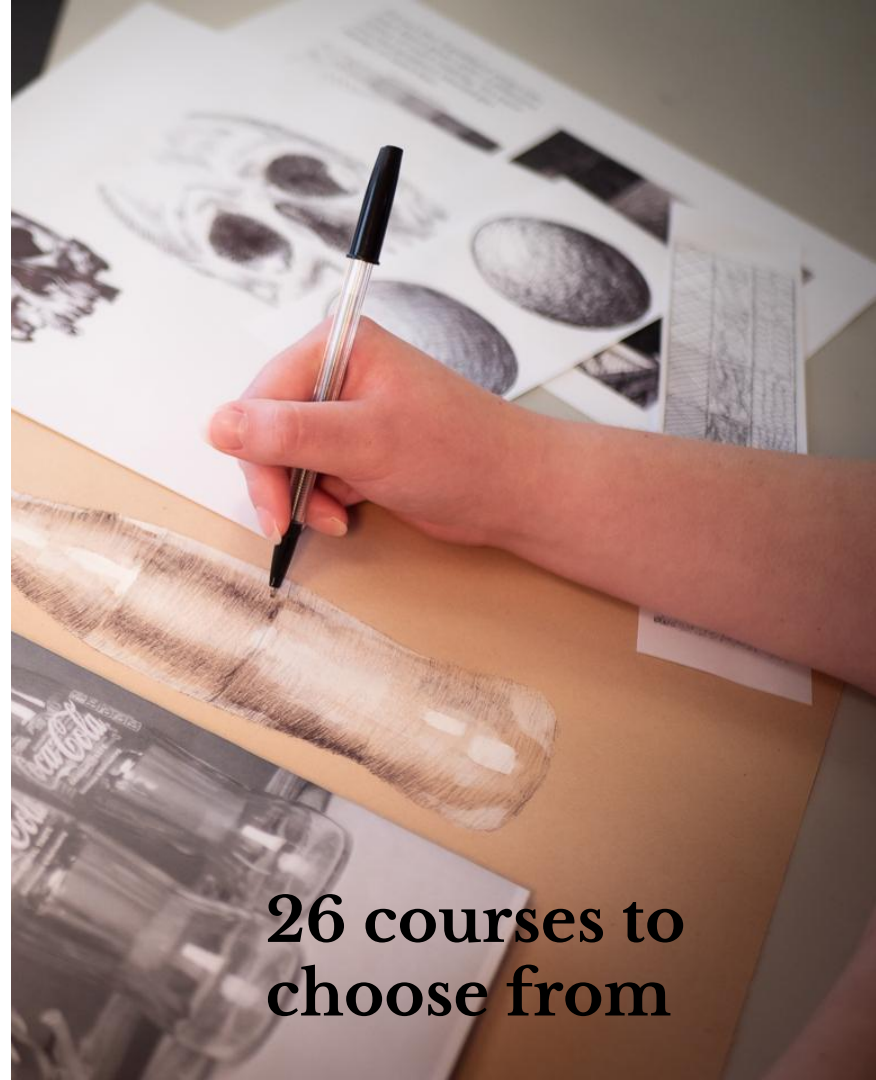
Criminology Diploma

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