

Curriculum Presentation



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Aims

To *Understand*:

- *The different qualification and grades*
- *The compulsory core curriculum*
- *What courses are available to you*
- *Factors that influence your choice*
- *How to navigate the site and complete the options form*



Year 9 Options Evening Presentation



Tutor Groups FERNWD

6.00 – 6.30pm (School Hall) – Presentation on Key Stage 4 Curriculum with

6.35 – 7.15pm (Drama Studio/Art/Music/DT) – ‘Market Place’ with Curriculum Departments to answer any questions

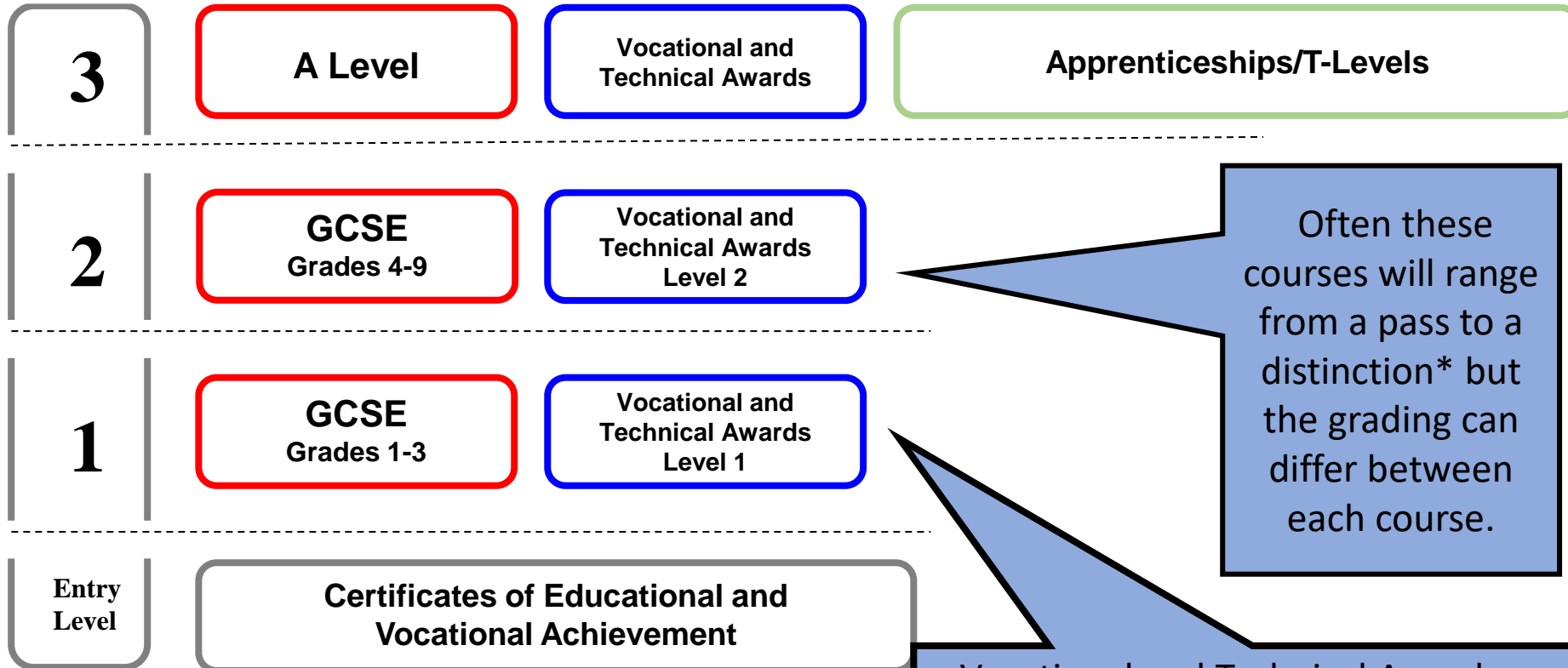
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6.20 – 6.40pm Parents/Carers can peruse the ‘Market Place’ prior to the presentation

6.45 – 7.15pm (School Hall) – Presentation on Key Stage 4 Curriculum with Mr Crandley

7.20 – 7.45pm (Drama Studio/Art/Music/DT) - ‘Market Place’ with Curriculum Departments to answer any questions.

The Qualification Framework



Often these courses will range from a pass to a distinction* but the grading can differ between each course.

Vocational and Technical Awards are broad, high quality level 1 and level 2 qualifications that equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills not usually acquired through general education.

Grading Structure



Old grading	
A* A	
B C	
D E F G	

New Grading	
9	
8	
7 (A)	
6	
5 (SP)	
4 (P)	
3	
2	
1	

Level 1 & 2 Qualifications	
L2 Distinction *	8.5
L2 Distinction	7
L2 Merit	5.5
L2 Pass	4
Level 1 Scheme	1-3

The Compulsory Core Curriculum



At the Fernwood School we are proud to offer a high quality curriculum with academic rigour (Progress 0.43), breadth, balance and a blend of both traditional & new GCSEs as well as practical, vocational & technical awards.

The compulsory core curriculum shows a commitment and determination to providing all students with a broad and balanced curriculum to the end of their learning journey here at Fernwood. It consists of:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science (Students can choose as an option to take Triple Science)
- Religious Education (1 hour per week)
- Personal Development (1 hour per week)
- Core PE

Students will then have up to 4 choices, depending on which Pathway they have been designated.

The EBacc - ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE



The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. These are highly regarded, traditionally academic subjects which lend themselves well to A-Level, further education, vocational courses and university studies.

These subjects complement other GCSE options courses including practical and vocational courses.

The EBacc recognises where students have achieved a grade 5 or above at GCSE in English, Maths, Sciences, a language **and** a humanities subject.

The subjects that are included in the EBacc are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science / Computer Science
- **French or German (a modern foreign language)**
- **Geography or History (a humanities subject)**

Our attainment and progress in these subjects is strong and significantly above the national average.

The demographic of our intake suggests we should have above 50% of our students qualifying for the Ebacc.

Whilst the government are targeting a high proportion of students to qualify for the EBacc, the school does not insist on students fulfilling the complete EBacc qualification, but should you wish to **qualify you should choose a language and a humanities subject.**

Option Choices 2022-23



- At Fernwood we continue to be able to offer a fantastic choice to our students with a total of 21 different courses available.
- Offering breadth, depth and accessibility to suit our students' needs, aspirations and learning styles.
- The choices are set up in blocks with **many** combinations of courses available. Experience has led us to set these up in this way to ensure a greater proportion of students get all of their option choices.

Options Conditions



- However, whilst there are many choices available; staffing, resources, facilities and rooms need to be considered. To be able to continue to offer the wealth of options to students and to enable more students to receive their first choices, students will be required to choose from a smaller group of subjects first.
- These subjects are highly regarded for further study, both at college and university, offering a strong foundation, breadth, depth and balance, particularly when taken in combination with other practical, written and vocational subjects.
- The subject performance in each of these subjects is very strong.

Options Conditions



- **Pathway 1** students will therefore **choose 2 options** from (Triple Science, History, Geography, French and German) then **2 free options**.
- **Pathway 2** students will therefore **choose 1 option** from (Triple Science, History, Geography, French and German) then **2 free options**.
- This gives both pathways an equal amount of free option choices.
- There is still choice within this set of subjects, as well as a great deal of choice after these choices are made.

The Process



Compulsory	Option Choices			
Compulsory Core	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
GCSEs English English Literature Combined Science Mathematics Religious Education				
Non GCSEs Personal Development Physical Education				

Questions to consider...

**Combined Science or
Triple Science?**

Which 1 or 2 subjects?

You must include 1 or 2 subjects from the following options:
Triple Science, French, German, Geography and History.

Do I want to qualify for the EBacc?

If you want to qualify for the EBacc you must include:
French or German
And
Geography or History

Do I want a blend of GCSE and Non GCSE courses?

Will I have a balanced curriculum?
e.g. academic v practical
Are my choices good preparation for A level / my future career choice?

Why Study a language?



GCSE French & German

A language GCSE is an important component of the EBac qualification, which many universities look at to give them an indication of what can set one student apart from another. Aside from that, languages are becoming ever more essential in today's world market, whatever your speciality, and are a skill for life which employers value highly.

At Fernwood, we offer a choice of two European languages, French or German. These are the languages most in demand by UK businesses. You can choose one of them, or you can take both! Students will follow a full GCSE course in French and/or German.



- Very strong skill set
- Highly regarded at university
- Benefits to employability

Whatever you choose, the course will be very similar – the only big difference will be the language you

Why should I study this course?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different cultures, studying GCSE French and German is an excellent choice for you. Of course you will learn to understand French and German when you hear it or read it and be able to say and write a lot more in French and German. There are many other reasons for taking this GCSE course:

- Learn about different cultures
- Opportunities for trips

Options – GCSE French & German FAQs

- + Are languages compulsory?
- + Will I be taught in sets?
- + What exams will I have?
- + Are there tiers of entry in MFL?
- + What topics will I cover at GCSE?

The Option Blocks – Pathway 1



- You must choose 2 or more subjects from the underlined subjects (Triple Science, History, Geography, French and German)
- 2 free choices from any block

PATHWAYS



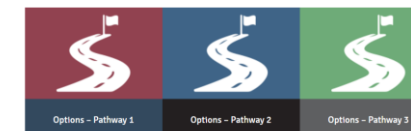
Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
<u>Triple Science</u>	<u>Triple Science</u>	<u>Triple Science</u>	<u>Triple Science</u>
<u>French</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>French</u>
<u>German</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>German</u>
<u>Geography</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>Geography</u>
<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>
Art	Art	Business Studies	Computer Sci
Business Studies	Business Studies	Drama	Drama
PE	Computer Sci	DT: Graphic Design	DT: Graphic Design
Sports Studies*	Music	DT: Product Design	DT: Product Design
Music Technology*	Creative iMedia*	Food Prep & Nutrition	Food Prep & Nutrition
	Engineering*	Photography	Photography
	Health & Social Care*		PE

The Option Blocks – Pathway 2



- You must choose 1 or more subject from the underlined subjects (Triple Science, History, Geography, French and German)
- 2 free choices from any block

PATHWAYS



Option A	Option B	Option C
<u>Triple Science</u>	<u>Triple Science</u>	<u>French</u>
<u>French</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>
<u>German</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Geography</u>
<u>Geography</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>History</u>
<u>History</u>	<u>History</u>	Business Studies
Art	Art	Drama
PE	Music	DT: Graphic Design
Sports Studies*	Creative iMedia*	DT: Product Design
Music Technology*	Engineering*	Food Prep & Nutrition
	Health & Social Care*	Photography
	Information Technology*	Business & Enterprise*

How should I choose?



Choose Courses that.....

- ...you enjoy, that engages you and you are interested in.
- ...support how you prefer to learn.
- ...you are good at.
- ...give your week variety.
- ...give you a greater choice at Post-16.
- ...you need to enable you to study beyond Fernwood.

Why not?



Don't choose subjects....

...because your friend is doing it.

...because you like the teacher.

...that are too similar - select a range of subjects to keep the week
...varied and that allows a greater choice at Post-16.

These are your choices, for your future!

Misconceptions



- First come, first served
- All medical professions **need** triple science
- I can't do triple science on Pathway 2
- Some subjects are easy
- Computer Science is playing on computers
- I like business so I'll be good at it
- Vocational qualifications aren't very good

College Requirements



COURSE DETAILS

Qualification Level 1 Certificate in Engineering

Duration 1 year

Level Level 1

Entry requirements You'll need 4 GCSEs at grades 3-1 (D-G), including English Language and Maths at grades 3-1 (D-G) or a relevant Entry 3 vocational qualification, and you will also be asked to sit an initial assessment. The initial assessment must show that you are ready to study English and maths at Level 1. If your results are lower than this, don't worry, we'll find the right course for you.

Qualification	BTEC	4	4	Previous studies
Chemistry	A Level	6	5	66 in D
Computer Science	A Level	4	4	
Criminology	L3 Applied	4	5	
Dance	A Level	4	4	G



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Criteria for all courses

Additional Requirements	Comments
Grade 4 if studied at GCSE	

COURSE DETAILS

Qualification Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering

Duration 2 years

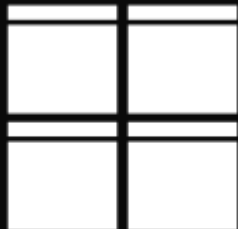
Level Level 3

Entry requirements You'll need 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C), including English Language and Maths – both of these must be grades 9-4 (A*-C), or a relevant Level 2 vocational qualification with English and Maths GCSE grades 9-4 (A*-C).

Website - Pathways



Pathway 1 Booklet



Pathway 1 Option Block Overview



Pathway 1 Options Form

History and your career

Studying history enables student to develop critical thinking skills like no other subject and employers value it as a qualification. History teaches you to challenge, analyse and make judgements about information. It enables you to think for yourself, to understand a wide range of opinions and interpretations, to formulate ideas and opinions and to use a wide range of literacy and personal skills.

Studying history gives you the opportunity to study a wide range of courses post GCSE including History, English Literature, Law, Drama, History of Art, Politics, Economics, Accountancy, Business, Sociology, Psychology and Management Studies.

Routes to employment

Students who have studied history have access to a wide range of careers and employment opportunities such as in law, politics, the media, accountancy, corporate management, teaching, work in museums and research, archaeology, the civil service, lecturing, personnel and many more that require skills in organising information, working with people and expressing your ideas in a logical and ordered way.

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Time to Choose - Introduction

Choosing which subjects you are hoping to study and which subjects you intend to leave behind is perhaps the first really important decision you have made in your life. It is important not only because it is going to affect your timetable at Fernwood over the next two years, but your decisions now are also going to affect your future career.

Choosing subjects opens doors to certain careers; dropping subjects closes doors to other careers. So how are you going to make this important decision?

This booklet was written for you, because it is you who will have to live with the choices made, but we hope that your parents will play a large part in the decision-making process. We hope that you will read this booklet together, and make the most of every opportunity to find out more about what is involved for each course. Perhaps your parents will help you to think of some of the additional questions you need to ask.

Firstly, you will need to know which subjects are options (you can choose to study them or you can choose to drop them!) and which subjects are compulsory (you have to continue with them).

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

The Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11) Curriculum has been very carefully designed to:

- Allow you to complete the National Curriculum
- Provide flexible pathways leading to new and traditional qualifications and progression onto meaningful courses or training, when you leave Fernwood at 16.
- Give you maximum choice of subjects.

The curriculum is divided into two main areas. These are:

- The Core Curriculum - This is a group of compulsory subjects which all students study.
- The Optional Curriculum - This is a set of Option blocks, lists of subjects, from which you can make your preferred choices.

Year 9 OPTIONS 2021/22- Pathway 1 - THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE OPTION BLOCKS

The **Online Options Form** must be completed by **Monday 14th March 2022**. <https://forms.gle/jcBqnfRZhLYZk6>

Rules and instructions for the online form:

- Fill in your surname, forename and form
- You must include at least one EBacc subject, these are the subjects underlined.
- If you want to achieve the EBacc qualification you must include the following:
French or German and Geography or History; i.e. one Language and one Humanities subject.
- Add your two reserve subjects, in preferential order, in the space provided. These are just in case we cannot offer you one of your option choices.
- Do not select the same subject twice.
- Courses with a * next to it are Level 1/2 vocational and technical awards

I know that I will continue to study the compulsory subjects below.

Compulsory Core
GCSEs English Language English Literature Combined Science Mathematics Religious Education
Non GCSEs Personal Development Core PE

Option A
Triple Science <u>French</u> <u>German</u> <u>Geography</u> <u>History</u> Computer Sci Art Business Studies PE Sports Studies* Music Technology*

Option B
Triple Science <u>French</u> <u>German</u> <u>Geography</u> <u>History</u> Computer Sci Art Business Studies Music Creative iMedia* Engineering* Health & Social Care*

Option C
Triple Science <u>French</u> <u>German</u> <u>Geography</u> Business Studies Drama DT: Graphic Design DT: Product Design Food Prep & Nutrition Photography Information Technology*

Option D
Triple Science <u>French</u> <u>German</u> <u>Geography</u> <u>History</u> Computer Sci Drama DT: Graphic Design DT: Product Design Food Prep & Nutrition Photography Information Technology*

Reserve Choices

My first reserve choice is _____
My second reserve choice is _____

Remember, if you want to work towards the English (School) Baccalaureate you must take either French or German and Geography or History.

Online Form

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	Engineering*	Photography	Photography
	Health & Social Care*		PE

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Triple Science	Triple Science	French
French	French	German
German	German	Geography
Geography	Geography	History
History	History	Business Studies
Art	Art	Drama
PE	Music	DT: Graphic Design
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	Information Technology*	Business & Enterprise*



Pathway 1

Pathway 2

Pathway 3

First name *

Your answer

KS4 Courses - Option Block A *

Choose

KS4 Courses - Reserve Choice 1 *

Choose

Surname *

Your answer

KS4 Courses - Option Block B *

Choose

KS4 Courses - Reserve Choice 2 *

Choose

Form *

KS4 Courses - Option Block C *

Choose

Future Pathway 16 -18 Destination - if you know where you would like to go after year 11 then please write it here (eg Bilborough, Bluecoat, apprenticeship)

Your answer

KS4 Courses - Option Block D *

Choose

Future Pathway beyond 18 - if you know where you would like to go after college/6th form then please write it here (eg University, Employment, further training)

- ☐ 9F
- ☐ 9E
- ☐ 9R
- ☐ 9N
- ☐ 9W
- ☐ 9D
- ☐ 9S
- ☐ 9H
- ☐ 9C
- ☐ 9M
- ☐ 9T
- ☐ 9Y

Preferences

Preferred Choices

Preferred Choices - now put your courses in order from Option Block C is your first choice then tick

1st

☐

2nd

☐

3rd

☐

4th

☐

A

KS4 Courses - Option Block A *

GCSE Geography - EBacc



KS4 Courses - Option Block C *

GCSE DT - Graphics



KS4 Courses - Option Block B *

GCSE Business Studies



KS4 Courses - Option Block D *

GCSE History - EBacc



Preferred Choices - now put your courses in order of preference. For example, if your choice from Option Block C is your first choice then tick C on the first row. *

	A	B	C	D
1st	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2nd	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3rd	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4th	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Q & A



When considering your questions,

- Are you likely to find the answer on the website?
- Is it a question that requires more time to respond?
- Is it a personal question?

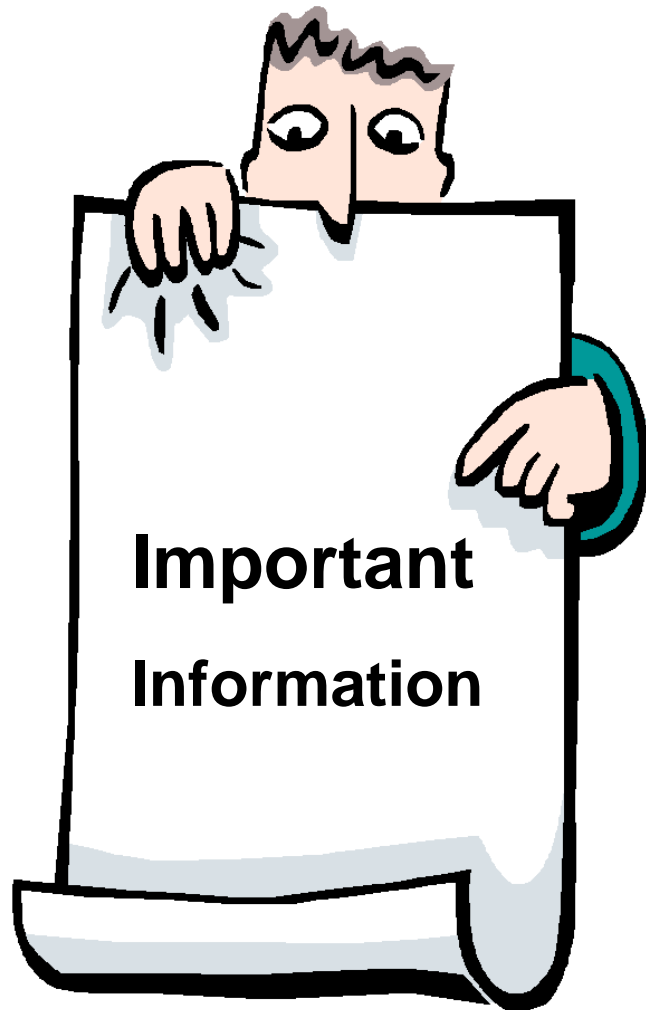


In the latter 2 situations you may consider emailing options@fernwoodschool.org.uk

Or, a number of staff will be around briefly after the first presentation and after the second presentation.



Deadline



Year 9 Options Page

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YOUR ONLINE OPTIONS
FORM MUST BE
COMPLETED BY

Monday 20th March 2023