



Welcome

**Year 8 Options
Information Evening
27th February 2024**

**Simon Stocks
Deputy Headteacher**

In this session

- Explain the rationale behind Wyvern's curriculum
- Explain 'E-Bacc'
- Describe your son/daughter's curriculum next year
- Explain how to complete the options form
- Describe what we do with the responses





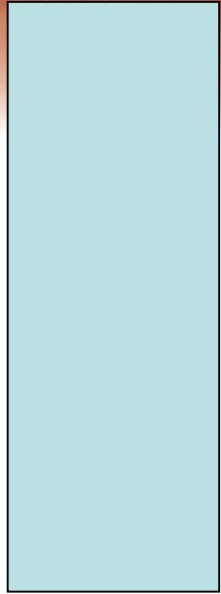
- 60 minute lessons
- 2 week timetable
- Changes to subject allocations
- Depth rather than breadth
- Single option 'window'
- No fast track / early entry examinations

What students study in Year 8

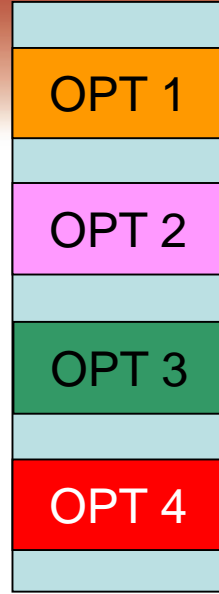


- English
- Maths
- Science
- Technology
- PE - core
- RPS – core
- French or German
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- ICT

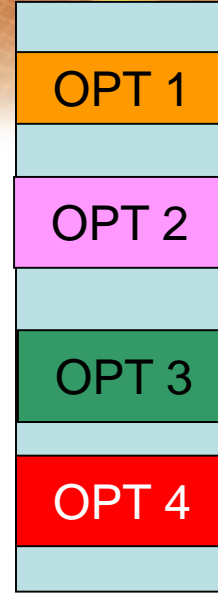
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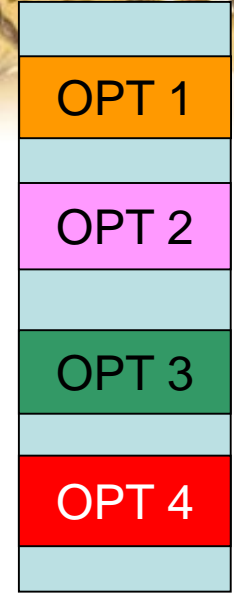
Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



GCSE's
Maths
English Language
English Literature
Science

PE
RPS
Elective

What students study in Year 9



- English X 4
 - Maths X 4
 - Science X 4
 - PE – core X1
 - RPS – core X1
 - Elective X 1
- =15hrs

Option A X 2.5

Option B X 2.5

Option C X 2.5

Option D X 2.5

=10hrs

New GCSE Grading Structure

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NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



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- Meet individual subject requirements (see course pages).



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GCSE Mathematics and English

If you have not achieved Grade 4s in Mathematics and English at school, you will be expected to study these subjects as part of your programme at Barton Peveril.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 4 in Mathematics and English
- Minimum of a Merit Grade if you have completed a Level 2 course in Business.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

- 60% Coursework
- 40% Examination

BUSINESS

LEVEL 3 BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA EQUIVALENT TO TAKING TWO A LEVELS

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

This course gives students an understanding of how businesses of all shapes and sizes are run locally, nationally and internationally. You will gain a wide understanding of businesses and how they operate, with the practical skills required to work in this sector or to study at a higher level.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 6 in French
- Minimum average GCSE score of 5.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

- 50% Listening, Reading and Writing
- 20% Writing
- 30% Speaking

FRENCH

A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

French will help you build your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills to a high level of fluency and accuracy. You will acquire a very broad vocabulary and understanding of French grammar as well as a knowledge of the French-speaking world (through the topics, the film and the novel).

INSIGHT INTO TOPICS:

- The changing nature of family life, the cyber
- France as a diverse society, social

ECONOMICS

A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Economics lets you explore society's production of goods on a local, national and international level. You will explore, assess and comment on the current economic climate, tackling questions such as:

- How do we solve the problem of single-use plastic?
- What happens in a recession?
- What makes Google so powerful?

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 5 in Maths and English
- Minimum average GCSE score of 5.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

- 100% Examination

GERMAN

A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

German offers a fantastic opportunity to develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills within the context of the German speaking world, broadening your vocabulary and learning more complex grammar.

In the first year you will learn about the changing state of family life, the digital world and youth culture, as well as traditions, festivals, life in Berlin and the world of the Arts within the German speaking world. In the second year you will broaden your studies looking at multiculturalism, politics and reunification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 6 in German
- Minimum average GCSE score of 4.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED:

- 50% Listening, Reading and Writing
- 20% Writing
- 30% Speaking

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 6 in either Combined Science or Chemistry, a Grade 6 in Mathematics and a Grade 5 in English
- Minimum average GCSE score of 5.5.

CHEMISTRY

OCR A CHEMISTRY A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Chemistry is a practical subject and experimental work provides you with important practical skills, as well as enhancing your understanding of chemical theory. You will begin by learning about fundamentals of chemistry and then progress to developing important chemical ideas for inorganic and physical chemistry and the basic concepts of

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- GCSEs to include a minimum Grade 6 in Mathematics (Grade 7 recommended)
- Minimum average GCSE score of Grade 5.5.

MATHEMATICS

A LEVEL

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Having the logical and analytical skills to understand and comprehend the world we live in is more important than ever.



Accountancy



Art and Design



Beauty



**Business &
Management**



Carpentry & Joinery



**Construction & Built
Environment**



Construction (general)



Digital Industries



Early Years (Childcare)

Business Management and Skills Level 2

What do I need to sign up?

You will need 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or higher including English and Maths.

All learners without a GCSE at grade A*-C or 9-4 in English or Maths will be required, as a condition of the programme, to undertake either a GCSE or Functional Skills programme. Therefore, if you enter a programme with a Grade 3 in English or Maths, you will be required to take English or Maths as well.



Site Carpentry Level 2

Full-Time

What do I need to sign up?

You must have completed a level 1 course (IIAF at E.C.) in carpentry and joinery.

You will need 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and mathematics.

For internal progression, you should have achieved L1 in the relevant area as well as progressing your GCSE English and mathematics (if below a Grade 4) as well as demonstrating that you have upheld the college values.

Some key principles



Think broad and balanced

E-Bacc

Language option/s

We will check each option combination to ensure they are appropriate

The English Baccalaureate



Which subjects are included?

1. English
2. Maths
3. Science x2
4. History or Geography
5. A Modern Foreign Language



Guidance

English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

Updated 20 August 2019

The EBacc is made up of the subjects which are considered essential to many degrees and open up lots of doors.

Research shows that a pupil's socio-economic background impacts the subjects they choose at GCSE, and that this determines their opportunities beyond school.

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

The government's ambition is to see 75% of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and 90% by 2025.

Wyvern's perspective

- **ALL** students should consider studying the E-Bacc subjects
- It ensures a broad, balanced and academic suite of GCSE qualifications
- It will ensure the widest possible range of opportunities Post 16
- It will be compulsory for Wyvern students whose Minimum Expected Grade is 5 or above

Option subjects

Art or Photography

Citizenship

Computing

Core Premium (Extra Eng. / Maths)

Creative i-Media

Dance

Design & Technology

Drama

Enterprise & Marketing

Film Studies

Food Preparation & Nutrition

French / German

Geography

Health & Social Care

History

Hospitality & Catering

ICT

Media Studies

Music

Music Technology

GCSE PE

Religious Studies

Spanish

Sports Studies



No more than two

Try not to select more than two GCSEs from any one subject area

Languages

- French
- German
- Spanish

Vocational

- Enterprise & Marketing
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering

ICT

- Computing
- Creative i-media
- ICT – Cambridge National
- Music Technology

Humanities

- Citizenship
- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies

Media

- Creative i-media
- Film Studies
- Media Studies

Arts

- Art or Photography
- Dance
- Drama
- Music
- PE or Sports Studies
- Music Technology

Technologies

- Food & Nutrition
- Music Technology
- Design & Technology



Science

Almost everyone will follow a standard Science pathway in Y9/10/11

This leads to a **Combined Science(2 GCSE's)** qualification in Y11.

It will cover Physics, Biology and Chemistry and will be worth two GCSEs.



Triple Science



At the start of Y9 approx. 90 students will follow the **Triple Science pathway** which will consist of Biology, Chemistry and Physics – each a separate GCSE.

Entry onto Triple Science will be determined at the end of Y8 and will be based on the attainment level / PFG achieved during Y8 and PRIDe score.

Triple Science (Biol/Chem/Physics)



Who it's for?

Students who:

- PFG/MEG of 7-9 in Science
- Love science lessons
- Strong PRIDE
- Want to pursue a career in science

**YOU DO NOT NEED IT
TO ACCESS A-LEVEL COURSES**

Pros / Cons

- Greater depth
- Faster pace
- More exams (9 v 6)
- No elective in Y9

NB: It is not compulsory to pursue a career in either medical or veterinary profession but would be advantageous.

Two solid GCSE in Science are better than three average ones.

Triple Science (Biol/Chem/Physics)



Who it's

It is NOT
part of the
options
process

- PFG/M
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CORE PREMIUM

5 lessons per fortnight in Y9

In the place of an option (1 fewer GCSE's)

Study some additional English / Maths

Invite only (or by request)

RPS lesson



OPTIONS 2023/24 YEAR 8 – YEAR 9 <u>Overview Help Sheet</u>
E-Bacc – YES
French
History or Geography ←
<u>Select two from:</u> Art, Citizenship, Computing, Creative i-Media, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Enterprise & Marketing, Film Studies, Food & Nutrition, Geography, Health & Social Studies, History, Hospitality & Catering, ICT, Media, Music, Music Technology, GCSE PE, Photography, Religious Studies, Spanish, Sports Studies

1

My choice(s):

1)

2)

Reasons:

My choice:

My reserve choice(s):

1)

2)

Reasons:

RPS lesson



OPTIONS 2023/24 YEAR 8 – YEAR 9

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2

My choice:

My choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)

Reasons:

My reserve choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)

Reasons:

RPS lesson



My choice (Pick 1):



OPTIONS 2023/24 YEAR 8 – YEAR 9
Overview Help Sheet

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French, Geography or History

My choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Reasons:

Select three from:

Art, Citizenship, Computing, Creative i-Media, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Enterprise & Marketing, Film Studies, Food & Nutrition, French, Geography, Health & Social Studies, History, Hospitality & Catering, ICT, Media, Music, Music Technology, GCSE PE, Photography, Religious Studies, Sports Studies

My reserve choice(s):

- 1)
- 2)

Reasons:

RPS lesson



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My choice (Pick 1):

4

My choice(s):
1)
2)
Reasons:

My reserve choice(s):
1)
2)
Reasons:

FINAL OPTIONS FORM



Year 8 GCSE Options form for 2024

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Student name	<i>NAME Pre-populated</i>	Tutor	Pre-populated
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Welcome to your options form for 2024.

Information about the options process and all subjects is available on the college website

[Options for Key Stage 4 - Wyvern College - Think Grow Care](#)

This form should be completed after:

- Year 8 Options Assembly: Tuesday 30th January 2024
- Options Evening: Tuesday 27th February 2024
- Subject Parents evening: Wednesday 13th March

Your choices need to be made on the reverse of this form, signed by both parent/carer and student, and the deadline is Monday 25th March 2024.

Choices received after this date will be processed after those handed in prior to the deadline.

Compulsory GCSE Subjects:

Maths	English Language	English Literature	Combined Science (2 GCSEs)	French
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Please choose 1 from:

GCSE Geography	GCSE History
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Please select 2 from:

Courses in bold italics are GCSE equivalent courses – see details on the website

GCSE Art <i>Creative I-Media</i>	GCSE Citizenship GCSE Dance	GCSE Computing GCSE Drama
GCSE Design & Technology (Electronics)		GCSE Design & Technology (Textiles)
GCSE Design & Technology (Timbers)		<i>Enterprise & Marketing</i>
GCSE Film Studies	GCSE Food & Nutrition	GCSE Geography
<i>Health & Social Studies</i>	GCSE History	<i>Hospitality & Catering</i>
<i>ICT</i>	GCSE Media Studies	GCSE Music
<i>Music Technology</i>	GCSE PE	GCSE Photography
GCSE Religious Studies	<i>Sports Studies</i>	

Choices in preference order:

1st	2 nd	3 rd
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Please choose 1 reserve choice: _____



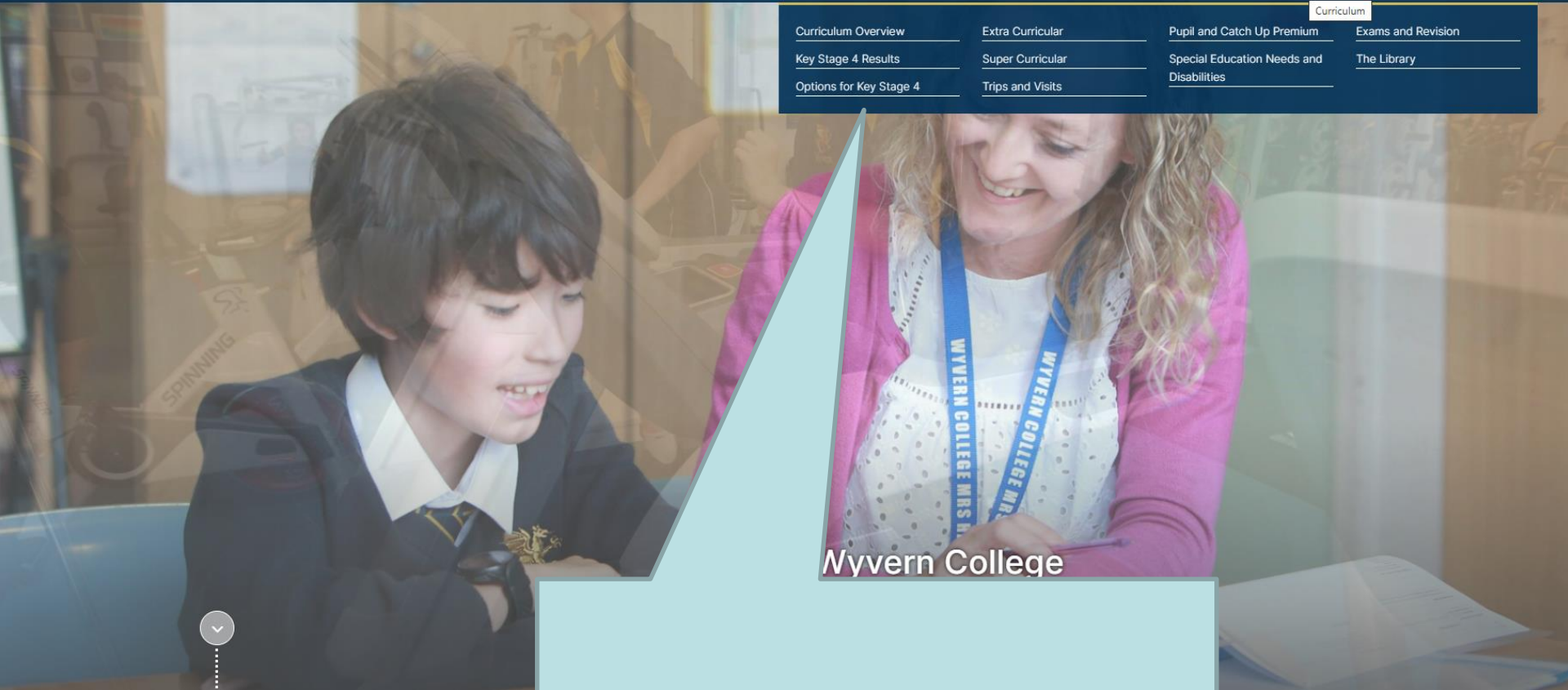
Please sign in the box below to ensure both parent / carer and student agree with option choices submitted:

Parent/Carer	Student

If there is an issue with the combination of choices selected you will be contacted shortly.

Curriculum

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Curriculum Overview | Extra Curricular | Pupil and Catch Up Premium | Exams and Revision |
| Key Stage 4 Results | Super Curricular | Special Education Needs and Disabilities | The Library |
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Information posted
here.....



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Options for Key Stage 4

ALL STUDENTS SELECT THEIR KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECTS DURING THE SECOND TERM OF THEIR YEAR 8.

Below is information for students and parents about all the Key 4 subjects.

[HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS](#)



[YEAR 8 OPTIONS SUBJECTS](#)



Quality of Education Statements can be found by [clicking here](#).

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Important Information

- As a large comprehensive school we have a wider choice than most schools and as a result most students will be allocated the courses they opt for.
- However, there may be cases whereby a course may not run owing to a low take up.

What if...

- **You want to change your choice before the end of this year?**
- *Let Mr Stocks know as soon as possible and he will do his best to accommodate your request*

- **You want to change the option after you have started the course?**
- *Contact the college as soon as possible*
- *Reason needs to be supported by all parties involved*
- *Can only do this in September of 2024*

- **There are too few students wanting to study a subject?**
- *The subject will not run*

- **A course is over-subscribed?**
- *We will review the order of preference on each option form*



Planned Support

- Wyvern Options Website –
- Options Assembly (Tuesday 30th January)
- Options Information via RPS lessons (Wb 29th Jan)
 - New subjects
 - Decision making activities
- Subject based parents' evening – Wednesday 13th March
- Options form issued Thursday 14th March



Want to know more?

- Tutor
- Subject teacher
- Curriculum Leader
- Pastoral Leader
- Mrs J Gough [Careers]





New subjects advice: ask -

Computer Science – Dr Walker
Citizenship – Mrs Wiseman
Creative i-Media – Mrs Hooper
Enterprise & Marketing – Ms Read
Film Studies – Mrs Bartlett
Health & Social Care – Mrs Barclay
Hospitality & Catering – Miss Hussey
Media Studies – Mrs Bartlett
Music Technology – Mrs Wood
Photography – Mr Fulford
Sports Studies – Miss Fitzgerald



Want to know more?

Book a consultation with Mr Stocks or Mrs Gough on Parents Evening - Wednesday 13th March.

Key Dates



**OPTION FORM
DEADLINE
MONDAY 25th March
2024**

Question to ask?



Please contact the school if you have any questions

- Son/daughter make direct approach
- Email relevant staff member – information on Options Website
- s.stocks@wyvern.hants.sch.uk
- Phone the school 02380 692679
- These will be directed to Mr Stocks

Option subjects

Art or Photography **A1**

Citizenship **RE2**

Computing **IT2**

Creative i-Media **IT2**

Dance **E7**

Design & Technology **T6**

Drama **E3**

Enterprise & Marketing **IT1**

Film / Media Studies **E9**

Food Preparation & Nutrition **E8**

French / German / Spanish **L1**

Geography **G2**

Health & Social Care **E1**

History **H3**

Hospitality & Catering **E8**

ICT **IT2**

Music **MCR**

Music Technology **MCR**

GCSE PE **E5**

Religious Studies **RE2**

Sports Studies **E6**

Careers / Questions **Reception area**