

# Year 9 Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010

## **Welcome**

*Mrs Hilton (Headteacher)*

## **Curriculum Options for Year 9**

*Mr Taylor (Deputy Headteacher)*

## **English Courses from Year 10 to Year 11**

*Mrs Browne (Head of English Department)*

## **Mathematics Courses from Year 10 to Year 11**

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**All Year 9 students will begin GCSE, BTEC, and Diploma courses from September 2010.**

## **Subjects that remain non-optional...**

- *English*
- *Mathematics*
- *Some Science*
- *Some MFL*
- *I.C.T.*
- *Citizenship*
- *Some P.E and R.E*

# Colour Coded Options Pathways

- Mixture of BTEC and GCSE courses

- Conventional GCSE courses

..OR..

BELOW

LEVEL 5b in  
English and Maths?

ABOVE

..OR..

- Off-site vocational courses, with BTEC /GCSE courses

- Creative and Media Diploma

# Yellow Pathway

## BTEC Courses and GCSEs

Including..

- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Science
- BTEC Travel and Tourism
- BTEC Health and Social Care

All BTEC courses are at least the equivalent of 2 high grade GCSEs.

All BTEC courses go through to higher level courses at the local colleges.

# Blue Pathway

Including...

1. BTEC Sport and GCSEs
2. Offsite Vocational Courses (e.g. Construction, Hair and Beauty, Catering, Car Mechanics) These courses will begin in Year 10 with a pre-vocational course being completed through Year 9.

# Red Pathway

Traditional range of GCSE's

Including...

Art

Astronomy

Business Studies

Citizenship

Dance

Drama

Food Technology

Graphics

Geography

History

Japanese

Media Studies

Music

P.E

Resistant Materials

Religious Studies

Russian

Science: BTEC,

Double & Triple

Award

Sociology

Spanish

Textiles

# Green Pathway

## New Diploma course in Creative Arts and Media

- a) worth 6 GCSEs  
(6 A\*s down to 6 Cs but nothing below)
- b) Covers 3 Option Slots

+

8 GCSEs from English, English Lit., Maths, Modern Language, Double Science, 2 ICT GCSEs (at least)

# Diploma Course in Creative Art Sound Media

## **Features**

- Top creative artists and media people
- Two week relevant work experience
- Tasks will simulate real life situations

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## Next steps...

- *Read through 'Options Booklet', and 'Guidance Booklet' (both will be available on website)*
- *Tomorrow – Options sheets distributed to all Year 9 students.*
- *RETURN by WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.*
- *Options Counselling Interviews if needed.*

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**Making the right choice....**

*What do I enjoy learning?*

*How do I enjoy learning?*

*What might I want for my future?*

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# GCSE English Language and English Literature

## English Language

Unit 1 – 1 X 2hr exam on response to reading and two writing tasks

Unit 2 – 3 x Speaking and Listening tasks

Unit 3 – a) Extended Reading on a literature text

b) 2 X Creative writing tasks

c) Spoken Language task

Exam = 40% Controlled Assessment = 60%

# English Literature

Unit 1 – 1 x 1 1/2 hour exam on two literature texts

Unit 2 – 1 x 1hr 15 minute exam on poetry

Unit 3 – 1 task on Shakespeare and one other text

Exam = 75%    Controlled Assessment  
= 25%

# Controlled Assessment

Not like current GCSE where draft essays can be done, commented on and returned.

Now pupils will have a set time, usually 2 – 3 hours to complete the task in controlled conditions.

THIS MEANS –

- Total concentration in all lessons
- Attendance in all lessons
- Taking notes in all lessons
- Being organised!

# Year 9

The GCSE course will begin after Easter.

Pupils will take two of the Controlled Assessment elements :

- Spoken Language Study
- Speaking and Listening – individual presentation

# Mathematics

Miss G Watford

Head of Maths

# GCSE Maths - Sept 2010

- Follow Edexcel courses
- Most sets will follow modular course
- Modular either at Higher (A\*, A, B, C, D) and Foundation (C, D, E, F, G)
- Top set follow a linear course
- Top set will be doing Higher

# Linear Course

- One set of exams in Summer 2012 (Year 11)
- Option of early entry in November 2011 (Year 11)
- No coursework
- Possibility of doing GCSE Statistics or Additional Maths

# Modular Course

## Three exam periods

- March (Year 10) 30%
- June (Year 10) or November (Year 11) 30%
- Summer (Year 11) 40%
- Some possibility of re-sitting

# Modular Course

- Unit 1 – Statistics and Probability, Number and Algebra and Geometry and Measures
- Unit 2 - Number and Algebra and Geometry and Measures
- Unit 3 - Number and Algebra and Geometry and Measures
- The units will probably be completed in the order of 2, 1 and 3 is the terminal exam.

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