

January 2021

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Third Year Parents' Evening on 24 February, it is time to for pupils to start the process of deciding on their subject options for the Fourth and Fifth Years to start September 2021. All Third Year pupils have been advised to consult as widely as possible about their options: tutors, senior pastoral and student guidance staff, and subject teachers are ready to offer guidance where necessary. The majority of subjects studied culminate in IGCSE or GCSE examinations in 2023. However, the GCSE (short course) in Religious Studies will be taken in June 2022.

The number of subjects offered at IGCSE or GCSE in 2021-23 will be 10:

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics

Modern Language
Physics
Chemistry

Biology

plus three options

In addition, all pupils will take an additional qualification worth half a GCSE in either Religious Studies or the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) in the Fourth Year.

The Third Year pupils have been emailed an options booklet with all the option subjects and guidance in it. This is also accessible on the School's website in either the Pupil or the Parent portals via [Resources and the Options tab](#).

I would be grateful if you would complete the online options form with your son / daughter by **Friday 05 March**. The form is available on the School [website](#). Your son / daughter should log in to the website and ensure that your email address is entered at the end of the form by overwriting theirs. A confirmation copy of the options will then be sent to you. When I have all the information, I will be able to determine the combinations of courses which will be available.

I hope that you will appreciate, however, that while we do attempt to be as flexible as possible in meeting individual requests, I must ensure that there are viable numbers in each of the teaching groups. It is anticipated that courses will be finalised early in the Summer Term, and I will write to you again then to confirm subject choices.

If you have any questions about the option choices please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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