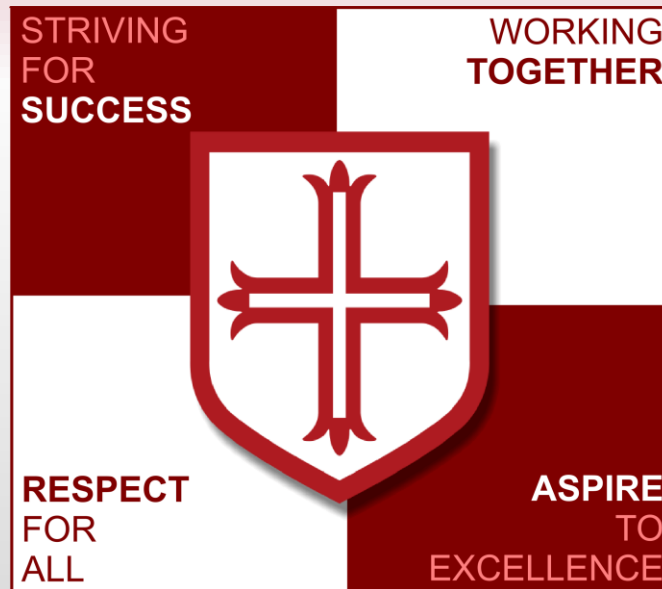


YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING 2019



AIMS

1. To help you and your child make the right choices.
2. To provide information about the available options.
3. To answer any questions you may have.

*The Presentation will be available
on the school website*

CONTEXT

- Biggest changes in Education for 30 years
- New exams much more difficult
- More exams – less coursework – “A” Level content
- New measuring system: Pr 8
- New primary tests and scores
- Ebacc being made compulsory for 75%
- Ofsted & Government changing goal posts
- Budgets poor

CURRENT ISSUES AT PHILIPS

- MFL/Geography/History Numbers
- Lack of Choice
- Too academic for some
- Not personalised
- Low numbers in some options groups so they can't run or very expensive to run
- Alternative Provision (AP) eg. work experience is "adhoc" and not built into timetable

DECISIONS

- Our pupils FIRST not Politicians or Ofsted but we need to be mindful
- Not forcing pupils to do Ebacc
- Keep curriculum wide at KS3
- More choice at KS4
- More links to college & universities
- More Alternative Provision may not count on tables but good for pupils and what employers want

NEW PATHWAYS

4 Pathways

- **ASPIRE** Pathway do 9 GCSEs
- **INSPIRE** do 8 GCSEs
- **EXPLORE** do 7GCSEs
- **THRIVE** have a bespoke package

Pupils are allocated Pathways based on KS2 scores/current effort & attainment

KS4 Pathways

ASPIRE 9 GCSEs	Eng x 2	Maths	Science x 2	MFL	Geog/Hist	Option 1	Option 2
INSPIRE 8 GCSEs	Eng x 2	Maths	Science x 2	<i>More time for Geog/Hist /options</i>	Geog/Hist	Option 1	Option 2
EXPLORE 7 GCSEs	Eng x 2	Maths	Science x 2	<i>Personal Development Qualifications eg. Cadets / D of E /Work Exp / AP etc.</i>		Option 1	Option 2
THRIVE	Eng	Maths	Science	<i>Internal & External work experience / Alternative Provision / Sports / Cadets / D of E /Asdan/COPE/Citizenship etc.</i>			

ASPIRE (TRIPLE)

Name of Pupil Form

KEY STAGE 4 2019: OPTIONS CHOICE FORM **ASPIRE**

which will award the pupil the English Baccalaureate.

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PE	French	Tick one only	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Geography	
					History	

Aspire Option: You will study 2; choose 3, rank order 1 (most preferred) to 3 (reserved choice) as some combinations may not be possible.

SUBJECT	Choices 1· 2 & 3
Art	
Business	
Child Development	
Computer Science	
Drama & Performing Arts	
Engineering	
Geography*	
History*	
Hospitality & Catering	
ICT-Digital Information Technology	
ICT- iMedia **	
ICT- Media Production**	
Music	
Photography	
Physical Education/Sports Studies/Sports Science	
Psychology	
Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics	
Triple Science	

* You can only choose one of these, not both

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Signature of Parent/Carer.....

Date.....

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Date received:
Form Tutor Initials:

ASPIRE

Name of Pupil Form

KEY STAGE 4 2019: OPTIONS CHOICE FORM **ASPIRE**

This will award the pupil the English Baccalaureate.

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PE	French	Tick one only	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Geography	
					History	

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SUBJECT	Choices 1· 2 & 3
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Business	
Child Development	
Computer Science	
Drama & Performing Arts	
Engineering	
Geography*	
History*	
Hospitality & Catering	
ICT-Digital Information Technology	
ICT- iMedia **	
ICT- Media Production**	
Music	
Photography	
Physical Education/Sports Studies/Sports Science	
Psychology	
Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics	

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INSPIRE

Name of Pupil Form

KEY STAGE 4 2019: OPTIONS CHOICE FORM INSPIRE

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PE	Tick one only	
✓	✓	✓	✓	Geography	
				History	

Inspire Option: You will study 2; choose 3, rank order 1 (most preferred) to 3 (reserved choice) as some combinations may not be possible.

SUBJECT	Choices 1· 2 & 3
Art	
Business	
Child Development	
Computer Science	
Drama & Performing Arts	
Engineering	
French	
Geography*	
History*	
Hospitality & Catering	
ICT-Digital Information Technology	
ICT- iMedia **	
ICT- Media Production**	
Music	
Photography	
Physical Education/Sports Studies/Sports Science	
Psychology	
Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics	

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We may be offering the following courses at Bury College. If you would be interested in studying any, then please tick one only. These will be offered to a small number of pupils only.

Bury College Courses	Tick one only
Animal Care	
Hair & Beauty	
Health & Social Care	
Construction	

← Bury College Offer

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EXPLORE

Name of Pupil Form

YEAR STAGE 4 2019: OPTIONS CHOICE FORM EXPLORE

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PE	Personal Development Qualification E.g.: Duke of Edinburgh Award, Army Cadets, Work Experience, Alternative Provision
✓	✓	✓	✓	

Explore Option: You will study 2; choose 3, rank order 1 (most preferred) to 3 (reserved choice) as some combinations may not be possible.

SUBJECT	Choices 1, 2 & 3
Art	
Business	
Child Development	
Drama & Performing Arts	
Engineering	
Geography*	
History*	
Hospitality & Catering	
ICT-Digital Information Technology	
ICT- iMedia **	
ICT- Media Production**	
Music	
Photography	
Physical Education/Sports Studies/Sports Science	
Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics	

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Bury College Offer

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Date.....

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THRIVE

Name of Pupil Form

KEY STAGE 4 2019: OPTIONS CHOICE FORM THRIVE

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	PE	Personal Development Qualification
✓	✓	✓	✓	E.g.: Duke of Edinburgh Award, Cadets, Work Experience, Alternative Provision, Music BTEC.

Thrive Option: You will study a range of courses over the two years. Tick your three most preferred courses.

ALTERNATIVE COURSES	Tick 1, 2 & 3
Art & Design	
Computer Science	
Physical Education	
Short Course In Animal Care	
Short Course In Independent Living	
Short Course In The Environment	
BTEC Home Cooking Skills	

More courses will be added in Year 11

Signature of Parent/Carer.....

Date.....

Date received:

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PUPILS SHOULD CHOOSE A SUBJECT BECAUSE

- They like it
- They are good at it
- They do well in the exams in it
- They need it for their next move

PUPILS SHOULD *NOT* CHOOSE A SUBJECT BECAUSE.....

- Their friends are doing it
- They like the teacher

CHANGES TO EXAMINATIONS

- New GCSEs with new specifications
- Linear GCSEs with assessment at the end of the two year course
- Tiering in certain subjects only
- Assessment predominantly by external exam only
- A new 1–9 grading system (9 = top level, 4 Standard Pass)

KEY DATES FOR THE OPTION PROCESS

- *1 February to 14 February* - Year 9 pupils meet with Senior Leadership Team/Head of Year to discuss their possible options.
- *Thursday 31st January* Year 9 Parents Evening (5pm-7pm).
- *Friday 15th February* – Deadline to submit completed Option choice forms. These must be handed in to your form tutor.

GCSE OVERVIEW FOR **CORE COMPULSORY** **SUBJECTS**

- Mrs Hazzelby-Owens – Second in English
- Mrs Thompson - Head of Mathematics

ENGLISH AT GCSE

- Untiered – All pupils will sit the same exam papers
- The exams are at the end of Year 11. There will be end of module assessments each half term. These inform staff and pupils about progress and understanding; however, they do not go towards the final GCSE result.
- No controlled assessment – The final grade achieved is based on the exams that the pupils sit at the end of Year 11.

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Pupils sit two papers, which both assess Reading and Writing. Reading and Writing are each worth 50% of the GCSE.
- Paper One focuses on fiction. The first section requires them to read and answer questions a fiction extract. Pupils are then required to produce their own piece of narrative writing.
- Paper Two focuses on non-fiction. The first section requires them to read and answer questions a non-fiction extract. Pupils are then required to produce their own piece of transactional writing such as a letter, a speech or an article.

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

- Pupils sit two papers for English Literature.
- They will study a range of texts including: Shakespeare, Post-1914 literature (including plays), 19th century fiction and poetry since 1789. On the exam, they are also required to compare unseen contemporary poems.
- Both papers require the pupils to analyse an extract from the texts studied and write an essay on the whole text.

SPOKEN LANGUAGE

- Pupils receive a separate grade for spoken language (although this is not a full GCSE).
- Pupils are to:
 - Demonstrate the ability to present in a formal setting;
 - Listen and respond to spoken language;
 - Use Standard English effectively.
- The content is much greater than previous GCSE courses and all pupils will study English five periods per week.

MATHEMATICS GCSEs

Key Changes

- Foundation Papers will be graded 1 – 5 and Higher Papers will be graded 4 – 9.
- More subject content has been added to both the Higher and Foundation Tier.
- More emphasis has been placed on problem solving questions. These are multi step questions that require working out to be shown.
- As a result of the greater subject content, pupils in years 9,10 and 11 receive 4 hours of maths per week.

CONTENT SUMMARY

<u>Content</u>	<u>Foundation %</u>	<u>Higher %</u>
Number	25	15
Algebra	20	30
Ratio and Proportion	25	20
Geometry	15	20
Probability	15	15

ASSESSMENTS

- Each Tier is tested by 3 exam papers. There is no coursework.
- Each exam paper is 1 hour and 30 minutes long.
- There is **one** non-calculator paper and **two** calculator papers.
- **All** pupils require a scientific calculator.
- The new GCSE is demanding and pupils will need resilience and a “can do attitude” to be successful.

SUBJECT INFORMATION

Subject	Room	Teacher
English	9	Mr P <u>Kellett</u>
Maths		Mrs Thompson
Science / Psychology	Dining Hall	Mr Howarth / Mr Clayton
Humanities: Geography		Mr Anderson
History		Mr Fleming
Religious Studies		Mrs Makin / Miss Rothwell
Careers		Mr Duxbury / Mr Welch (Realistic Choices)
Computer Science / IT / Business	7	Mr Coldwell/ Mr Stacey/Mr Khalil/ Mr <u>Hibbert</u>
French	43	Mrs Wightman
Engineering	44	Mr M Grundy
Hospitality & Catering	16	Mrs Sheppard
Child Development		Mrs Chapple
Art & Photography	10	Miss Craig
Drama		Mrs Dunn
Music	8	Mrs Dalziel / Miss Williams
Physical Education		Mr <u>Carinci</u> / Mrs Davies / Mr Barlow

OPTIONS – IMPORTANT POINTS

- Option packs are personalised, not all subjects are available to everyone
- Some options may not run if numbers are low.
- If you wish to discuss changing your child's pathway you need to discuss this with a member of SLT
- A small number of college courses may be offered but again this needs to be by agreement– please discuss with SLT.
- School will make the final decision about all courses that are offered to pupils – this could change.

SURVEY

- Parents are kindly asked to complete the survey – this will be available via Prefects with tablets or
- Via computers in all the IT Rooms