

Curriculum Review

Q. Why will students be doing single Sciences (i.e. Physics, Chemistry, Biology) in Yr9?

A. As the Government moves towards this, we also think that it is in their best interests, to give students the initial opportunity. Decisions as to which students follow the full GCSE or BTEC courses taken at the end of Yr9 will be made by the Science Department.

Q. Why have there been changes to the curriculum?

A. In response to our review, we have sought to ensure personalised curriculum for KS4 which is in keeping with each student's academic profile. In doing so, we have sought to 'future-proof' each child's curriculum in line with current Government thinking.

Q. Are the students starting their GCSEs in Yr9?

A. As per previous communication, Science will begin studying GCSE work in Yr9. Core subjects will essentially, begin their preparations for GCSE.

Q. Is the English Baccalaureate a qualification?

A. No. It is a term developed by the Government which describes a group of GCSEs(Maths, English etc..). If a student achieves C+ in all of these subjects, then they can be described as having achieved the English Baccalaureate (despite this not being a qualification in its own right).

Q. Universities only want A level results-that's right, isn't it?

A. Historically, yes but now, at least one university is asking for C+ in a Modern Foreign Language. Although universities are not saying that the English Baccalaureate will be required in the future, they are not saying it won't be either.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Keynes-Youngman.