

Key Stage 4 Options



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Our mission

We are a Catholic community dedicated to providing an excellent education to all of our pupils so that they fulfil their ambitions and exceed their expectations.

We work together as a family through mutual respect so that everyone succeeds academically and grows spiritually.

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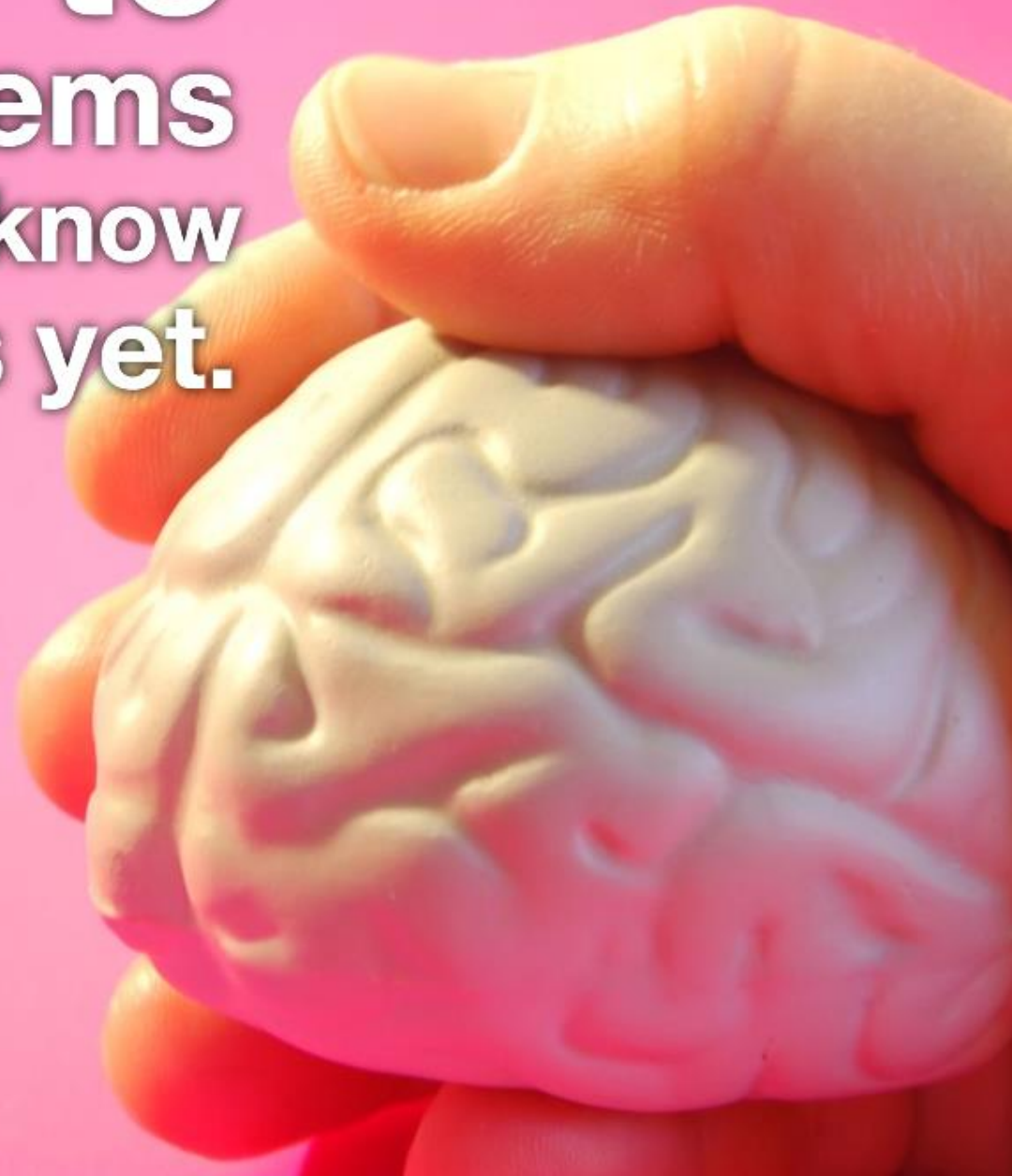
**We are currently
preparing students
for jobs that
don't yet exist...**



using technologies
that haven't
been invented...



**in order to
solve problems
we don't even know
are problems yet.**



Overview

- Core Curriculum that all pupils will study
- Option Subjects
- English Baccalaureate
- New GCSE Grades



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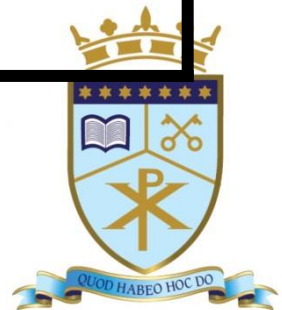


Core subjects - all pupils

Subject	Hours per week
GCSE English Language	2
GCSE English Literature	2
GCSE Combined Science	4
GCSE Mathematics	4
GCSE Religious Education	3
Core Physical Education	1

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Core qualifications – all pupils

Subject	Qualification
GCSE English Language	GCSE English language
GCSE English Literature	GCSE English literature
GCSE Combined Science	GCSE combined Science (2)
GCSE Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics
GCSE Religious Education	GCSE RE
Core Physical Education	No qualification

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Timetable - all pupils

Subject	Curriculum hours per week
GCSE English Language	2
GCSE English Literature	2
GCSE Combined Science	4
GCSE Mathematics	4
GCSE Religious Education	3
Core Physical Education	1
Option A	3
Option B	3
Option C	3

Option subjects

Pupils have the choice of three subjects to study.

This is 9 hours worth of lessons.

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A broad and balanced curriculum

- At KS3 pupils study around **17 different subjects** as part of our 'broad and balanced' curriculum. We believe this is key to helping pupils develop as well rounded, successful individuals.
- In Year 9, the GCSE/Level 2 qualifications begin, allowing pupils nearly three years of study, especially for more challenging EBacc qualifications. We provide this additional time so that our teachers can embed deeper more meaningful knowledge and a love of learning whilst ensuring the curriculum offer is not narrowed.
- Choosing the right GCSEs will help to keep the right doors open for pupils in their further study.



Reserve subjects

Some subjects may be over-subscribed, under-subscribed or clash with another subject.

Some pupils will study a reserve choice.

They will be informed at interview with Mr Garvey.

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Ebacc.

For pupils wishing to go to university we strongly advise that you pick a Language and a Humanity as part of your options.

- ✓ English
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ 2 Sciences
 - Modern Foreign Language (French/Spanish)
 - Humanity (Geography/History)



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New GCSE Grading

New GCSE grading structure

New structure

Current structure

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B

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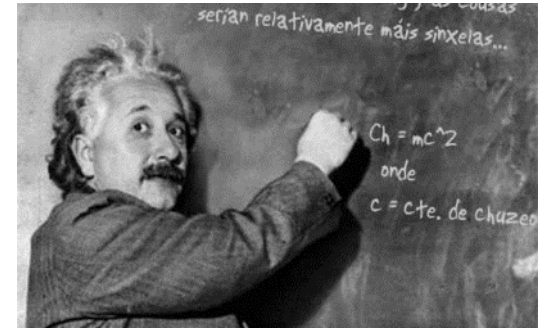
'Good pass'

Comparable to the standard aimed for
by pupils in top-performing countries



Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

- Most students will study Combined Science and achieve two science GCSEs. This is sufficient to continue to study any science at A-level and university.
- All of the new GCSEs are more challenging and have an increased amount of content to learn. We need to make sure your workload is manageable.
- If you wish to study for three separate science GCSEs in Biology, Physics and Chemistry, you will have to choose it as ONE of your GCSE options.
- You will then work towards these Three GCSEs in your core science time and one option block.



Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

If you wish to study three separate science GCSEs you should:

- Have a strong passion for the study of science
- Have a clear rationale for wanting to study three science GCSEs
- Demonstrate an aptitude for science on the January science assessment.
- Be prepared to use one of your remaining three option choices.







Option subjects

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Hours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Year 9 Triple	Maths				English Lang		English Lit		Physics			Biology		Chemistry		PE	RE			Option 1			Option 2		
Year 9 Combined	Maths				English Lang		English Lit		Combined Sci			PE	RE			Option 1			Option 2		Option 3				

Subject Choices
Triple Science
Spanish
French
Geography
History
Art
Graphics
Catering and Hospitality
Creative iMedia
Music
Statistics
Performing Arts
Cambridge National Sport

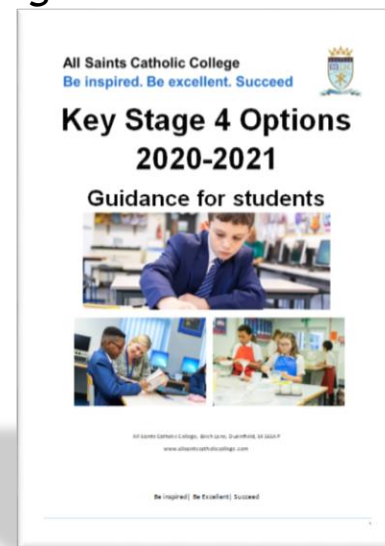


Subject Choices	Options (four)	Priority Number (1-4)
Triple Science		1
Spanish		
French		3
Geography		
History		2
Art		
Graphics		
Catering and Hospitality		
Creative iMedia		
Music		
Statistics		4
Performing Arts		
Cambridge National Sport		

* Subjects highlighted in grey are those that contribute to the full English Baccalaureate.

When making your decisions consult your options booklets to help guide you.

Speak to teachers after this presentation.



Launch assembly

**Individual
interviews with
Mr Garvey**

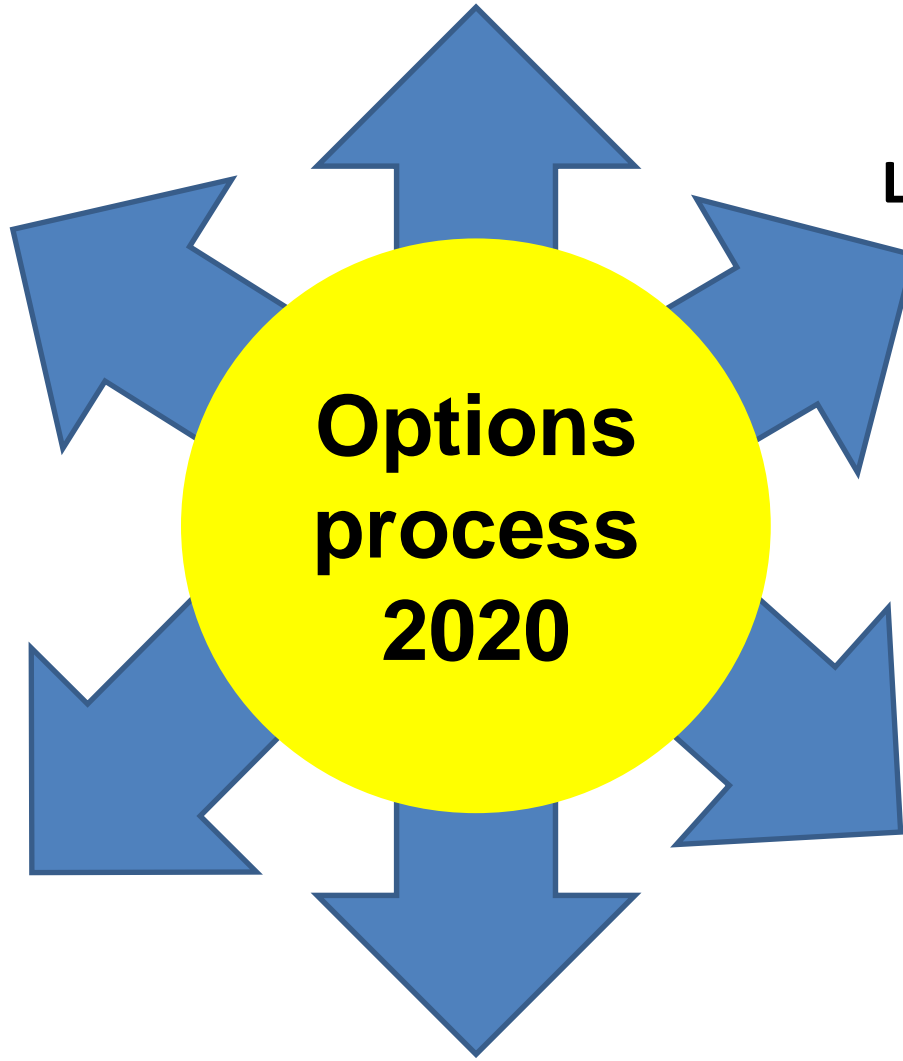
**Launch assembly
with
presentations
from option
subjects**

**Options
process
2020**

**Careers
guidance**

**Parents evening
to discuss
options and
progress**

**Options
evening**



Don't Rush!!!

Do not rush to get your form completed.
Options are not first come first served.



Deadline March 6th –

Please return your forms to your form tutor.