

# Yr 9 Options Information



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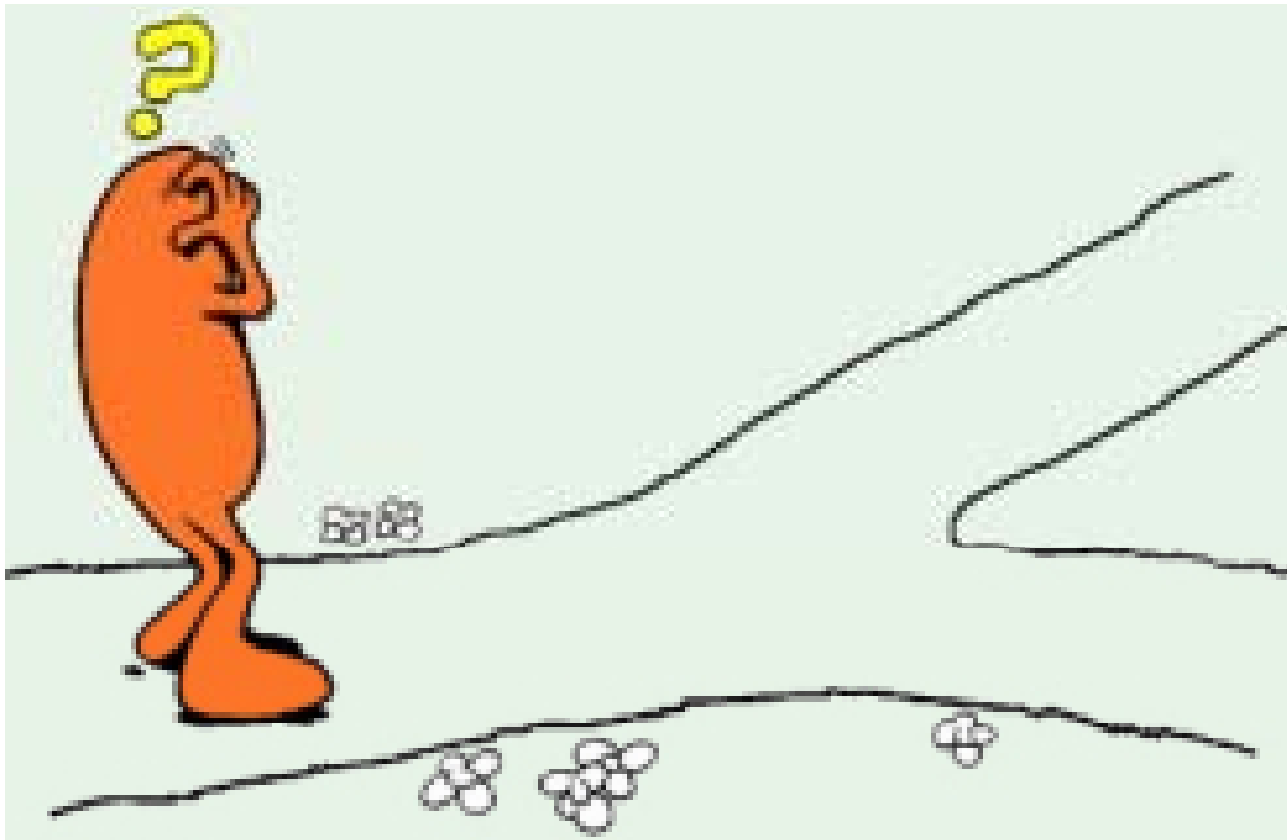


# Aims of this session

- To provide you with an insight into your Key Stage 4 Curriculum choices.
- To inform you of the process that you will go through and the support provided.
- To introduce you to some new courses, that are on offer for you to study in Yr 10.



# Which way will you lead your life?



# Key Stage 4- What's different?

- You don't have to study all of the same subjects as other people in your year.
- You are able to select the subjects that interest you.
- It is a time for a new start.



# Some things stay the same...

You will continue to study

- English Language (1 GCSE)
- English Literature (1 GCSE)
- Maths (1 GCSE)
- Core & Additional Science (2 GCSE's)

This will gain you **5** GCSEs.



# Key stage 4 Curriculum

*Plus , additional qualifications in subject areas of your choice  
= further 4-6 grades*

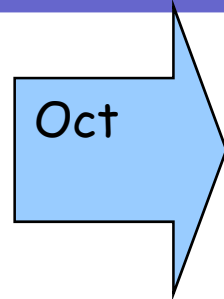
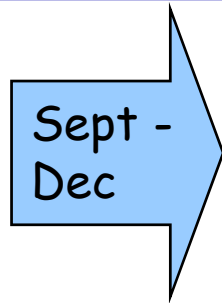


# Different types of qualifications on offer to you-

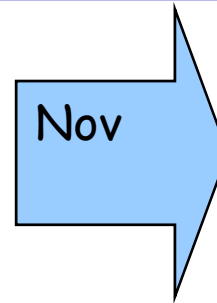
- GCSE - a single qualification based around facts, assessed with an examination.
- Applied GCSE - a single qualification based around facts, can be a combination of coursework and/or examination.
- BTEC Certificate - a double qualification, usually vocational based, relating the content to the world of work. Course work based.
- NVQ L1 - practical based subject that usually leads to one specific line of employment.



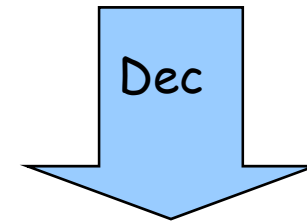
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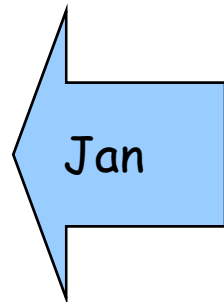
Life  
skills



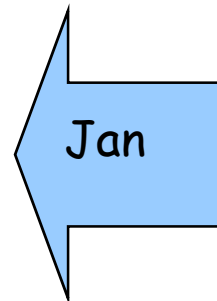
Senior Teacher Interviews  
Tracker issued  
Life skills lesson - Options



Option  
choices  
made on  
VLE



Options Fair  
Yr 9 Parents  
Evening



Aim Higher Day  
Options booklet issued



# Option choice planning

- Complete the first section on your sheet  
*Which subjects do you enjoy the most?*

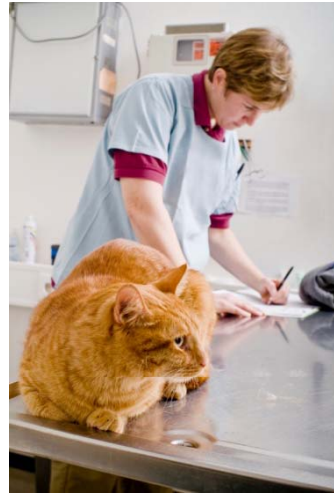
Complete the next section on your sheet  
*How well are you achieving in your subjects? Enter your KS3 Target level.*



# Future aspiration????



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Perhaps your not sure yet?



# Senior Teacher Interview

- You will complete a Futures Information Sheet.
- You will discuss...
  - ... what subjects you enjoy,
  - ... do you have any career aspirations?
  - ... prior achievement and tracker information,
  - ... suggested pathways.



# Pathways - success to 8 GCSE's

- We will recommend a different combination of qualifications with a range assessment methods to enable you to achieve your potential.
- You do not have to stick to this pathway, we are suggesting that you select at least one subject from your pathway.



# Pathways

Students must select one subject from each column.

- It is recommended that students who have been identified as the

**Green pathway** - select a combination of **green** subjects

**Blue pathway** - select a combination of **blue** and **green** subjects

**Purple pathway** - select a combination of **purple** and **blue** subjects



# Courses on offer at Tring

## GCSE

Exam based

Art, Business Studies, Drama, Electronic Products,  
Food Technology, French, Geography, German, Graphics, History,  
Music, PE, Resistant Materials, Sociology, Textiles

## Applied GCSE

Coursework and exam

Leisure & Tourism

Health & Social Care

Humanities

## BTEC

All coursework with regular feedback.

ASDAN, Media Studies, Music, Sport, Workskills



# National Vocational Qualification

- Hair and Beauty
- Construction
- Catering
- Motor Vehicle



# The process...



# Option blocks

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D

- You will have to select one subject from 4 option blocks.
- You are only allowed to do one Design and Technology subject.
- You cannot do BTEC Sport and GCSE PE.



# Things to consider...

You will be making some subject selections for next year and they must...

- reflect subjects that you already enjoy.
- allow you to achieve the most that you are capable of.
- be able to be continued onto higher courses in the Partnership or at college.
- allow for you to enter the career of your choice.



# New Subjects

- There are *SOME NEW* courses on offer to you in Yr 10
  - ASDAN - Certificate of Professional Effectiveness
    - Business Studies
    - Media Studies
    - BTEC Sport
  - Health and Social Care
  - Humanities
  - Leisure and Tourism
    - Sociology
  - Work skills



# Important dates

- 15/11 - - Complete Option Choices
- 21/11- 11/12- Senior Teacher Interview
- 4th January - Options Fair
- 13<sup>th</sup> January - Initial Option form submitted
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 10<sup>th</sup> February -Final adjustments to option choice

Summer term - Begin Yr10 - GCSE  
Courses start



Make the right choices for you!

