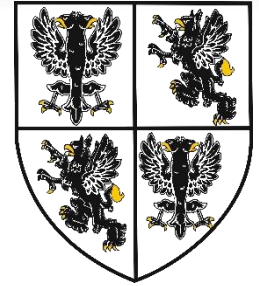


Y8 Information, Advice and Guidance Evening



7th February 2018

Introduction

Mr Moore (Headteacher)

Option Choices

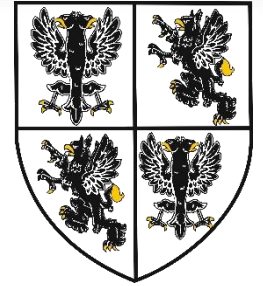
Mr Wright (Assistant Headteacher)

Guidance

Mrs Fraser-Orr (Assistant Headteacher)

Changes to GCSEs that affect your child

- New GCSE courses in all subjects.
- For all the new courses the grades will be expressed as 9 to 1 with 9 being the highest and 5 being equivalent to a current grade C.
- All new GCSEs will be fully linear with assessment at the end of the course and content not divided into modules. Controlled Assessment has been removed or significantly reduced across all subjects.



Options Choices

Years 9-11 at Stanley from September 2018

Students will be following their GCSE courses
from Year 9 onwards

New courses require a longer preparation time
for exams

All assessment grades will be based on **numbers**
not lettered grades

The Timetable from September 2018

Two week timetable

Option subjects will have **5 hours** spread
over two weeks – for **three years**

Balance Matters



The English Baccalaureate (EBacc)

**English, Mathematics, History or Geography,
The Sciences and a Modern Foreign Language**

90% of Students are expected to follow the
EBacc – however we will be sensible about this

The Core Curriculum

English & English Literature

Maths

Combined Science

Religious Education

Physical Education

PSHE/Careers

The Optional Subjects

3 years of study from Year 9,

Students should choose a **minimum of one Humanities options** – they then choose two other options. They can then choose three reserves if they wish but students will only **be allocated three options in total**

For some of we will explore other pathways which will be done on an **individual basis**

The EBacc Option subjects

Geography

History

Separate Science

(MFL)

The Non EBacc Option Subjects

GCSE Dance

GCSE Drama

GCSE Fine Art

GCSE Food & Nutrition

GCSE Music

GCSE PE

Cambridge National in ICT

Materials Technology Technical award

Music BTEC

Sport BTEC

Visual Communication Technical award

TASTING MENU

Choose three starters and two mains each Lunch Friday/Saturday £17.95
Evenings, Wednesday/Thursday/Sunday £18.95, Friday £19.95, Saturday £23.95

Starters

Haggis & Black Pudding Bon Bon

Deep fried in panko breadcrumb, braised red cabbage, butternut squash puree

Asparagus

Parma ham, filo pastry, red pepper coulis

Risotto

Han hock, pea, parmesan, piccalilli

Salmon Rillette

Poached, crème fraiche, caper gherkin dressing, toasted ciabatta

Beef Carpaccio

Thinly slice raw fillet, lambs leaf, radish, mustard dressing

Octopus Salad

Poached, roasted melon, cucumber salsa, salad

Chef's Soup of the Day

Croutons, micro herbs, herb oil.

Main

Wood Pigeon

Braised baby gem, pea puree, bacon, petit pois

King Prawns

Pan fried, garlic butter, basmati rice, salad

Fillet Steak

Wild mushroom, Madeira sauce, chunky chips

Stone Bass

Celeriac puree, red chicory, bacon, red wine dressing

Lamb Shoulder

slow braised, anchovies, capers, herbs, garlic, broad bean, leek emulsion

Sword Fish

Olives, pine nuts, capers, raisins, tomato salsa

Side orders £3 per portion - chips, onion rings, mash potato, side salad

EBacc	Non EBacc
GCSE Geography	GCSE Dance
GCSE History	GCSE Drama
GCSE Separate Science	GCSE Fine Art
(must pick Geography or History or both)	GCSE Food and Nutrition
	GCSE Music
	GCSE PE
	Cambridge National in ICT
	BTEC Music
	BTEC Sport
	Technical Award Materials Technology
	Technical Award Visual Communication

You need to make 3 choices; at least 1 choice must be either History or Geography.

Please list your preferences in order.

Options	
	1.
	2.
	3.
Reserve Choices	4.
	5.
	6.

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Options	
	1. Geography
	2. GCSE PE
	3. GCSE Fine Art
Reserve Choices	4. GCSE Drama
	5. BTEC Sport
	5. IA: Materials Technology

What about if you are struggling with
English Maths or Science ?

If you **are not** making good progress **in English,
Maths and Science** we will offer a booster
option to help you improve and ensure you
achieve these key qualifications – this will take
up **one of your options**

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Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

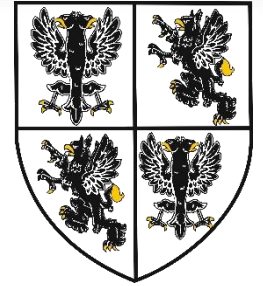
Key Factors in allocating options

We will consider what subjects you **opt for**

We will consider **your progress and attitude to learning** in those subjects

We will advise and guide students before finally allocating the options on 2nd April

We will inform parents and carers by **9th April**



Guidance

Choosing your Options makes you feel?

Anxious? Excited? Confused?

Nervous? Hopeful? Uninformed?

Worried? Ambitious? A bit lost?

Key Questions

Are you **good** at the subjects you are choosing?

Do you **enjoy** the subjects you are choosing?

Will choosing these subjects help you achieve what you want to in the **future?**

Have **you spoken** to parents/carers about your choices?

Don't choose subjects




Because **your friends** want to study them

Because **you like the teacher or don't like the teacher** – there are often staff changes and you may be taught by a teacher you didn't expect




You think they are easier than other subjects – **no GCSE or other KS4 courses are easy** – all of them require you to work hard

How do I help my child decide?

The students
need to
consider these
questions:

-  What am I good at?
-  What do I enjoy?
-  What do I need?

They need to
talk to:

-  Parents
-  Form teacher
-  Subject teachers

Carry out
research:

-  Careers room
-  Internet

Next Steps

Work on your Option Choices with your Form
tutor and family

You can take your booklet home at Half term

Return your Option Form

Monday 5th March 2018