

Year 8 Options

Parent Afternoon & Evening 23rd Jan 2019

Choosing the right
pathway for your child



Key Features Of Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum

8 periods per fortnight	8 periods per fortnight	8 periods per fortnight	5 periods	5 periods	5 periods	5 periods	2 periods	2 periods	2 periods
English Language and English Literature	Mathematics	Double and Triple Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Core PE	Elements of RSC	Enrichment

- A three year KS4 to allow for skills acquisition in Year 9, in-depth study and mastery of subjects
- Four options, with few limitations, giving a high degree of individuality
- Second highest number of option subjects in Bedford Borough
- Unique Enrichment lessons
- A principle of 'Personalisation', tailoring to individual needs

All

Students

Follow courses in the 'core' subjects

English (x2)

Maths

Science (x2)

= 5
GCSEs

Non-Exam:

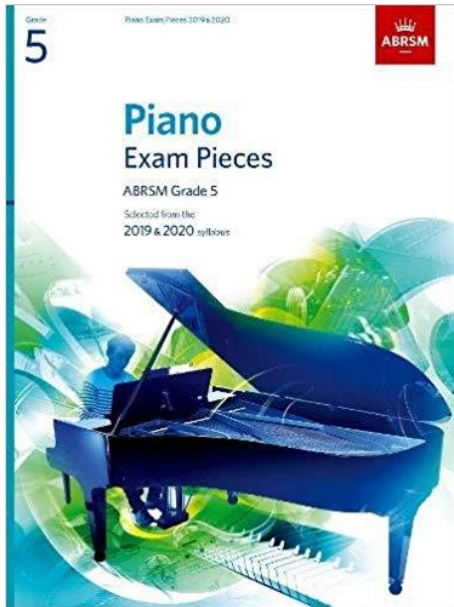
RSC

PE

Enrichment

RSC covers elements of
**Religious, Social and
Citizenship** education

Our Unique Enrichment Curriculum



All

Students

'core' subjects + 4 options

English (x2)
Maths
Science (x2)

+ 4 Option
subjects

Non-Exam:
RSC
PE
Enrichment

= 9 GCSEs
or 10 with
Triple
Science*

* Triple science
selected at end of
Year 9

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Your Children Are Our First KS4 Cohort

This means:

- A slightly earlier options process this year
- Not all teachers or subjects are *here* yet

But on the other hand:

- We are designing our curriculum around your children
- We are offering one of the broadest choices in Bedford
- The Academy has enjoyed exceptional staff recruitment



The Option Choices

Option A	1 st or 2 nd choice
French	
Geography	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Art & Design: Textiles	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Health & Social Care	
Spanish	

Option B	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
History	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Business Studies	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Music	

Option C	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
French	
Geography	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Hospitality and Catering	
Physical Education	

Option D	1 st or 2 nd choice
History	
Business Award	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Drama	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Media Studies	
Physical Education	
Religious Studies	

	GCSE
	L2 Vocational Qualification

Option A	1 st or 2 nd choice	Option B	1 st or 2 nd choice	Option C	1 st or 2 nd choice	Option D	1 st or 2 nd choice
French		Computer Science		Computer Science		History	
Geography		History		French		Business Award	
Art & Design: Fine Art		Art & Design: Fine Art		Geography		Design Technology: Product Design	
Art & Design: Textiles		Business Studies		Dance		Drama	
Design Technology: Product Design		Dance		Digital Applications		Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Health & Social Care		Digital Applications		Hospitality and Catering		Media Studies	
Spanish		Music		Physical Education		Physical Education	
						Religious Studies	

A possible 'traditional/Ebacc' selection....

Option A	1 st or 2 nd choice
French	
Geography	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Art & Design: Textiles	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Health & Social Care	
Spanish	

Option B	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
History	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Business Studies	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Music	

Option C	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
French	
Geography	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Hospitality and Catering	
Physical Education	

Option D	1 st or 2 nd choice
History	
Business Award	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Drama	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Media Studies	
Physical Education	
Religious Studies	

A more vocational selection....

Option A	1 st or 2 nd choice
French	
Geography	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Art & Design: Textiles	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Health & Social Care	
Spanish	

Option B	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
History	
Art & Design: Fine Art	
Business Studies	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Music	

Option C	1 st or 2 nd choice
Computer Science	
French	
Geography	
Dance	
Digital Applications	
Hospitality and Catering	
Physical Education	

Option D	1 st or 2 nd choice
History	
Business Award	
Design Technology: Product Design	
Drama	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	
Media Studies	
Physical Education	
Religious Studies	

A specialist selection....

Personalisation

- A core principle of personalisation at Wixams Academy
- We will continually assess the suitability of each student's curriculum
- Our Option Choices allow for a high degree of choice, including GCSE and Vocational qualifications
- An ability to reduce the number of subjects studied, with parental agreement, allowing for bespoke interventions in:
 - English
 - Reading
 - Maths
 - Homework and Coursework support

One size
doesn't fit all.



Post 16 and Careers Progression

Our Curriculum Allows for:

- Top Sixth Form Entry
- A-Levels
- Vocational Courses
- An enormous range of careers
- Breadth or ability to specialise
- Russell Group University entry



Next steps

- Return the Option Form by the 4th February
- If your child's preferred option choices were not possible, please note them clearly on the back of the form
- After the 4th February, we may well speak to you and your child to discuss their choices and give further guidance
- We reserve the right to withdraw courses if necessary
- Option choices will be confirmed in April
- Staff recruitment will begin in February
- In some cases, changes may be made after this date

Q&A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers

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