

Year 9 Options Evening

Thursday 11th January 2024



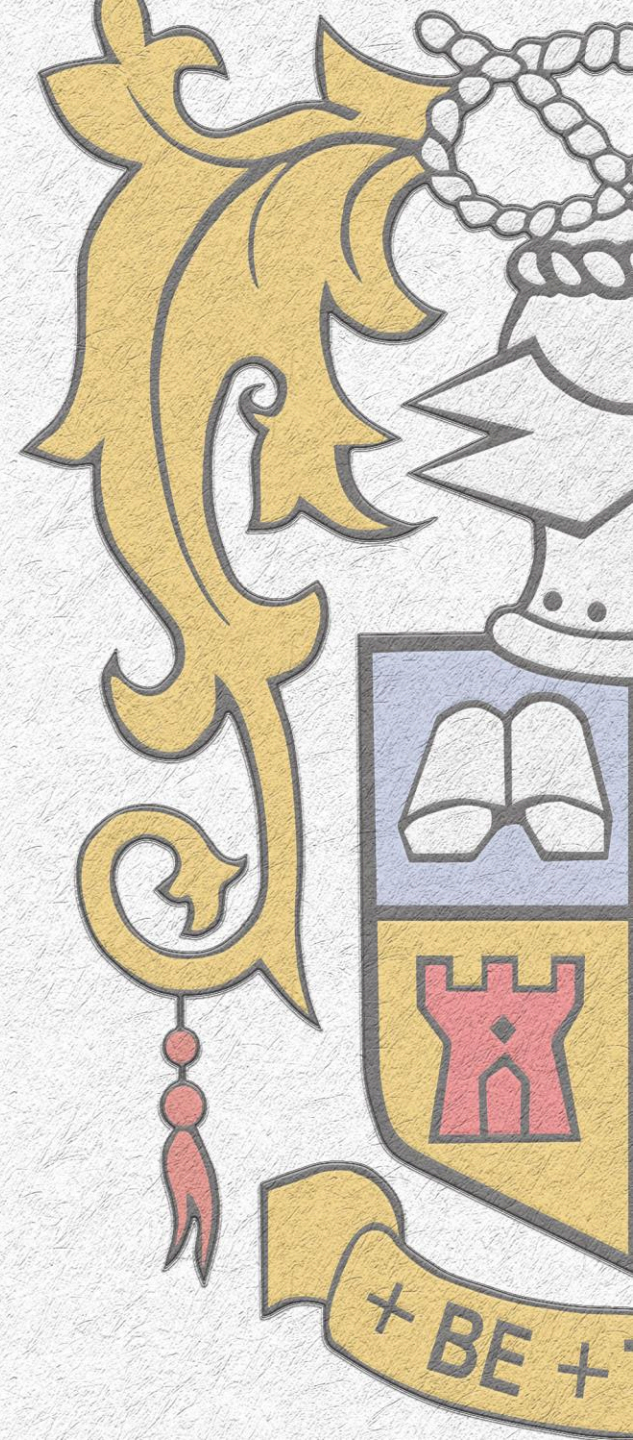
School Vision

Proud

Ambitious

Respectful

Kind





Options at The Wilnecote School

Changes to Key 4 for September 2024

- Curriculum review Key stage 4 based on staff and student consultation, historic outcomes – basics, EBACC, subject performance, pupil progress.
- Additional time for English
- Additional time for Science
- Three options blocks instead of four
- Maintain the academic rigour expected of a school that is ambitious for its students and the importance of non-core subjects and choice
- Further enhance the wider development of our students



Options at The Wilnecote School

- As a school we are committed to providing our students with a **broad and balanced key stage 4** curriculum which builds upon skills and knowledge developed and gives them **effective progression routes into post-16** education or training.
- Our options process gives students a **certain amount of flexibility and choice** about the subjects they can study. We encourage students to consider all of the subjects that we offer and to make an informed choice based on their **own strengths and interests**.
- We want students to choose a range of subjects that will **motivate them** and provide them with an enjoyable experience suited to their individual learning needs.





Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum

Our Core curriculum is as follows:

- English Language and Literature
- Mathematics
- Trilogy Science (2 GCSE's)
- Physical Education (statutory)
- PSHE (statutory)





The English Baccalaureate - EBACC

The English Baccalaureate (EBACC) is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers. To be eligible for the EBACC students must study:

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- The Sciences
- Geography or History
- A modern foreign language (French or German)



The EBACC is made up of subjects which are academic in profile

A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBACC provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education. Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBACC can help improve a young person's performance in English and Maths.

The government's ambition is to see 90% of pupils studying the EBACC subject combination at GCSE by 2025.



Key Stage 4 Option Subjects

- Students will need to choose **3** optional subjects
- Student **must** choose one option from **Option Block A**
- Students must then choose **an additional 2 subjects from Options Block B**
- Students must then choose **two reserves for option block B, ordering them in preference.**
- Whilst we make every effort to give all students the opportunity to study their first option choices, this is not always possible due to class sizes and numbers opting for certain subjects.
- Therefore, we encourage all students to put a reserve choices that they would be interested in studying.





What subjects can students choose from?

Option Block A: Choose 1 subject from here:	Option Block B: Choose 2 Subjects from here:	
Triple Science	Art **	Geography
Computer Science	Food	RE
History	3D Product Design**	PE
Geography	Photography	ICT
French	Music	Computer Science
German	Drama	French
	History	German

****Please note: You cannot choose both Art and 3D Product Design****



What advice should students consider?

- What subjects do I enjoy?
- What subjects am I best at?
- Should I pick certain subjects as I think I know my future career??
- Am I taking enough care with my preferences?



There are more questions on the Options page of the website:

“Advice on choosing my options”



How do students choose their options?

- Using the Options Form you have been given this evening and hand in to Mr Foskett's office by **Friday 2nd February 2023**.
- **Things to remember:**
 - Choose **one** choice from **Option Block A** and then **two** choices from the **Option Block B**
 - Select **two** reserve options – remember to be secure in your choice
 - **Both parent and student MUST sign.**





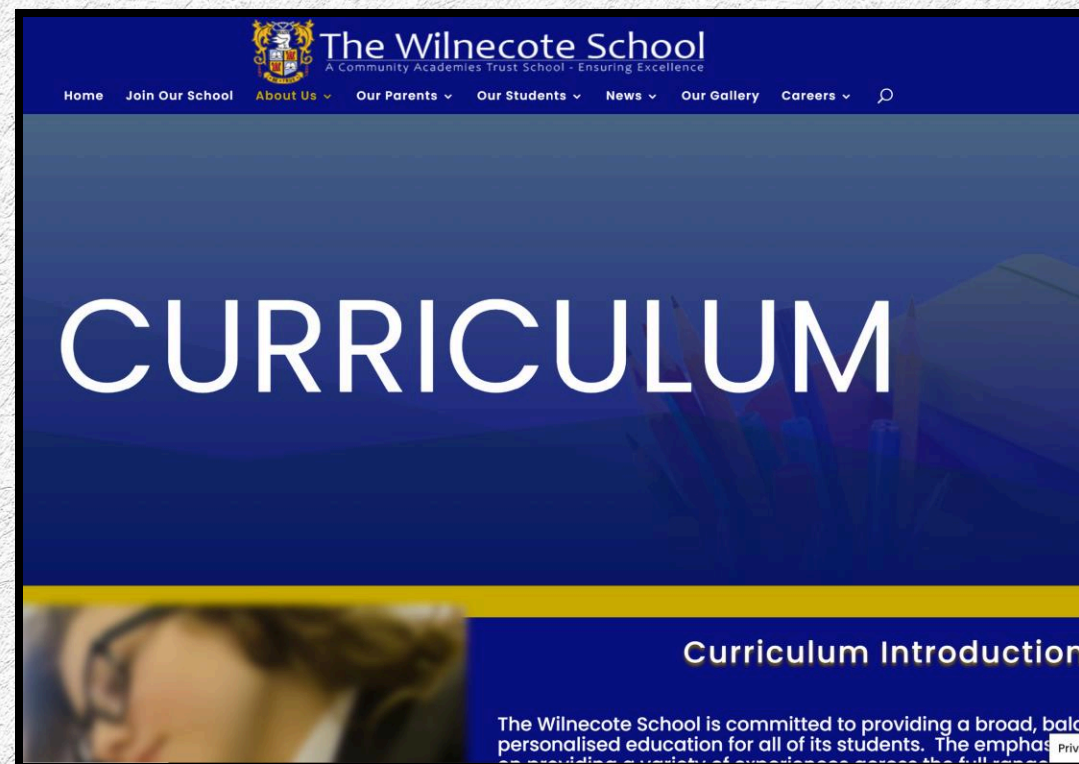
Where can I find information & Support?

The options booklet and additional information is available online, and can be found on our school website:

[options - The Wilnecote School](#)

Key Information:

- Year 9 options presentation from Mr Foskett and Mr Croydon
- Options Booklet and FAQs
- Advice on choosing my options
- Links to our career's information
- Contact us:
options@wilnecotehighschool.org





What should we do now?

- Have a conversation with our Heads of Department this evening, if you have time.
- Set aside time to read the course information together at home. Each subject has a section on our website, including a set of FAQs and a page in the options booklet.
- Consider the questions posed in “Advice on choosing my options”.
- Discuss your strengths, possible subjects you are interested in and your future interests. Look at your monitoring report, consider any feedback received from parents evening on the 25th January. Do the subjects you have chosen offer you a broad and balanced curriculum?
- Make the most of your lessons during the next few weeks, listen to the information given by your teachers and ask questions.
- Any further questions you may have, parents can email if you’d prefer – we are here to help!
- Submit your options (via the form) no later than **Friday 2nd February 2024**.



The following staff are now available to answer any questions you may have:

- Mr Foskett and Mr Croydon: If you have any questions regarding the 2024 Options process.

Heads of Department: if you have any course specific questions:

-Drama Studio: Triple Science, Art, Food, 3D Product Design, Photography, Computer Science, ICT and PE

-Library: Geography, History and RE

-Student Services: French and German

Room 58: Drama

Room 59: Music

- Mrs Ager: if you have any careers-based questions.

