

# The Cherwell School

Opportunity

Responsibility

Excellence

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Assistant Headteacher (Transitions and Progression)

- Mr Tom Hilton

Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum and Faculties)

# Advice and Guidance for students

- Assemblies

## Year 9 Options Assembly Rota – 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Faculty</b>
<b>Friday 24th Jan</b>	Sociology and Health and Social Care
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Computer Science
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	Humanities
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Performing Arts
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	MFL
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Sports Science / Health&Fitness
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Business Studies
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (RPE)

# Advice and Guidance for students

- Assemblies
- Taster Sessions

## Year 9 Afterschool Taster Sessions 2020

<b>February</b>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
3	4 Hospitality and catering T5 3.25-3.55 SBW	5	6	7
10	11 GCSE Music taster session Music 1 3.25-3.55 pm EHE	12	13  GCSE Textile Design Room 33 (South Site) 3.25 - 3.55 S Taken	14
<b>Half term</b>				
24  Sociology Taster Session Room 20 3.25 - 3.55 LDorn	25  RPE Taster Session Room 20 3.25 - 3.55 LDorn	26  GCSE Fine Art taster session Room AR2 3.25 - 3.55 G Martin	27  Year 9 PCE	28
<b>March</b>				
2 GCSE drama - KW/KS NSite Drama studio	3 GCSE Business - DH/JMv HALL 3.25 to 4.10	4 GCSE Design and Technology T4 3.25 - 3.55	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All taster sessions will take place on North site and will start at 3:25, lasting around 30-45 minutes.</li> </ul>				13

# Advice and Guidance for students

- Assemblies
- Taster Sessions
- Subject carousel
- 1:1 meetings with tutors / other staff
- Discussion with parents / carers
- Parents Evening – 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Options form deadline 13<sup>th</sup> March

# Jason Davis

- School Careers Adviser
- Available Monday lunchtimes – Mr Jarvis' office



# Cherwell KS4 Recent Results

	Grade 4 +	Grade 5+
<b>Overall</b>	5x Grade 4+ 80% (incl En and Ma 76%)	5x Grade 5+ 70% (incl En and Ma 63%)
<b>English</b>	88%	81%
<b>Maths</b>	84%	70%
<b>Science</b>	82%	69%
<b>Languages</b>	92%	80%
<b>Humanities</b>	83%	75%

**Last  
Year's  
GCSE  
Results**



**The  
Cherwell  
School**

**Why?**

**Culture of  
learning**

**Organised**

**Team ethos**

**Strong ATL**

# Courses for Years 10 & 11

2020-22

# Types of Courses at Cherwell

**GCSE**

**NCFE VCert**

**WJEC Level 2**

**Cambridge  
Nationals**

# Understanding the offer – types of courses

**GCSE**

**Most common form of qualification**

**2 year courses; graded 1-9**

# Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

**GOOD PASS (DfE)**  
5 and above = top of C and above

**AWARDING**  
4 and above = bottom of C and above

# GCSE

Usually examined at the  
end of the course

Some practical elements,  
eg Drama, Art, Music

Some coursework / Non-  
Examined Assessment

**NCFE VCert**

**WJEC Level 2**

**+**

**Cambridge  
Nationals**

**More coursework; less  
exam**

**More vocational – aimed  
at the world of work**

**Equivalent in value to a  
GCSE**



Cambridge  
Nationals

Health and Fitness

Engineering

**WJEC Level 2**

**Hospitality and Catering**

**NCFE VCert**

**Health and Social Care**

**EAL / VRQ Cert**

**Cycle Maintenance**

# Courses for Years 10 and 11

A combination of core  
courses and options

# Core Curriculum

CITIZENSHIP (1 GCSE – completed in Year 10)	ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1 GCSE)	ENGLISH LITERATURE (1 GCSE)
MATHEMATICS (1 GCSE)	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SCIENCE (2 or 3 GCSE)

# Science

## Triple

3 GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry,  
Biology

12 lessons per fortnight

## Combined

2 GCSEs in Combined Science

10 lessons per fortnight

# Why opt for Triple?

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Interest and ability are key

Y9 Performance in science end of unit tests over the  
year used to assess suitability

# Why opt for Combined?

## Triple

3 GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry,  
Biology

12 lessons per fortnight

## Combined

2 GCSEs in Combined Science

10 lessons per fortnight

Can lead to higher achievement for some  
students – do less, do it better

Does give access to 6<sup>th</sup> Form Science  
courses here and elsewhere

# Where to get advice

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Biology

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Advice and guidance for all available  
through tutors, Science teachers, YL / DYL



# OPTIONS

- 4 Option Subjects need to be chosen
- Note - These are entered on the Options Form in **ORDER OF PREFERENCE**
- Looking for a balance of subjects to keep future options open, but we take an **individual approach** to student choices.

# How to make option choices?





# Reporting at PR3

New grading structure	
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7-9

5-6

3-4

1-2

# The English Baccalaureate - Ebacc

- **Not a qualification but a measure used by the government**
- **Promoted by the government because of their perceived link with greater opportunities in later life and students' likelihood of continuing in Education**
- **Ambition for majority of students to access the Ebacc**
- **The right choices for individuals is our priority**

# The English Baccalaureate - Ebacc

## Ebacc subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science (either triple or combined)
- Modern Foreign Languages (At Cherwell, French, Spanish and German)
- History
- Geography
- Computer Science (in the absence of science GCSE)

# Language Options

**FRENCH**

**GERMAN**

**SPANISH**

**Recommended for  
many students**

**Some students take  
2 languages**

# Humanities Options

**HISTORY**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Recommended for  
many students**

**Some students take  
2 humanities subj.**



# Technology and Creative Options

RESISTANT MATERIALS  
(GCSE)

FOOD & CATERING  
(NCFE VCert)

ENGINEERING  
(NCFE VCert)

If students do not choose to take one of the above options they are encouraged to take one from the following creative subjects.

<b>ART (GCSE)</b>	<b>TEXTILES ART (GCSE)</b>	<b>MUSIC (GCSE)</b>
<b>DANCE (GCSE)</b>	<b>DRAMA (GCSE)</b>	

# Additional Options

COMPUTER SCIENCE  
(GCSE)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES,  
PHILOSOPHY & APPLIED  
ETHICS (GCSE)

SPORT SCIENCE  
(GCSE)

HEALTH & FITNESS  
(NCFE VCert)

BUSINESS  
(GCSE)

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE  
(Cambridge National)

SOCIOLOGY  
(GCSE)

# Extra-Curricular Option

ASTRONOMY

- After School, once per week for 90 minutes
- Please tick the relevant box on the Option Form

# Top FAQs

- Is this the right number of courses?
- What if my child changes their mind?
- Are GCSE courses more highly-regarded?
- Can more than one subject be taken from one area?
- What is the best way for me to support my child through this process?

# Is this the right number of courses?

**Not enough?**

**Most students do  
10 / 11 GCSEs**

**Performance  
measures are on top 8**

**High achievement and  
clear progression routes**

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**Too many?**

**Strong support and  
high expectations**

**Potential to do one  
less option**

**Will discuss if felt to  
be sensible**

What if my child changes their mind?

Are GCSE courses more highly-regarded?

**Courses have genuine 'Level 2' equivalency**

**Provide valid route into post-16 education and  
University**

**Non-GCSE do give access to our 6<sup>th</sup> form**



Can more than one subject be taken from one area?

**Yes – but with some caution**

**Avoid taking courses that are too similar**

**Health and Fitness**

**Sport Science**

# Options Timeline

**March 13th –  
hand form in**

**Choices confirmed**

**Courses  
start**



Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Summer | September

Advice and  
Guidance

Time to reflect

Changes possible

No further changes

# OPTIONS FORM

- Please complete the Four Option boxes in Order of Preference
  - Options booklet can be found on our website
- Please also add a reserve choice
- Please tick any relevant boxes (Triple Science or Astronomy)
- **Please return the Options Form by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** *(not before the 9<sup>th</sup> March please)*

# OPTIONS FORM

SINGLE OPTIONS (1 option choice) GCSE course unless otherwise stated		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Bike Maintenance (EAL VRQ Cert)</li> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Engineering – (NCFE VCert)</li> <li>• French</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Health &amp; Fitness(NCFE VCert)</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care – (Cambridge National)</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Hospitality and Catering – (NCFE VCert)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Religion, Philosophy &amp; Ethics</li> <li>• Resistant Materials</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• Sport Science</li> <li>• Textiles</li> </ul>
ADDITIONAL COURSE (Does not count as an option)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astronomy GCSE (extra course after school)</li> </ul>		

Now make your set of four choices, those you would really like to take, and fill the names of the subjects in the boxes below with number **1** being your first preference and number **4** being your fourth choice. Also let us have a reserve choice of subject in case it becomes impossible for us to timetable your four choices.

1 French	2 History	3 Drama	4 Textiles	RESERVE Spanish
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If you would like to be considered for **Triple Science at GCSE** in Years 10 & 11, please tick this box.

If you think you might want to take **Astronomy** after school, please tick this box.

# Year 9 – Pre-GCSE Year

**Citizenship**

**English**

**Maths**

**Science**

**Macbeth**

**Maths!**

**Some core concepts  
from GCSE**

**Writing non-  
fiction**

**Romantic Poetry**

# Who to contact

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